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2015 Renewal of Membership; We need to pay our Annual Fee's by the 30th April. Our Treasurer Philip must send our official membership numbers to the State Association along with \$7 per van Public Liability Insurance on the 1st MAY 2015. The Annual membership Fee's are \$20 per person

Valla Beach Rally: The Club Rally dates are Mon. 2nd - Mon 9th November 2015. This trip should be very exciting as it is our first trip to this new venue. Planning is well under way for this "Special Week". The Committee has booked 50 sites for our club members Member's wishing to attend need to ring the Park and book in and pay your own \$26 deposit. This is very important as Bev will not take your booking you are responsible for your own bookings.

It is important you advise the park that you are a member of the **Tuggerah Lakes Caravan Club** otherwise the charges are much higher Just a reminder powered sites are \$26 per night and if you stay seven (7) nights you only pay for six. To book phone 1800 800 447 or 65 695 555. If you wish to have a look at the park go to:

www.vallabeachtouristpark.com.au

Sandbar Fishing Trip: Nine caravanners from TLC club headed north for the 2015 fishing comp. and fun week. The weather was kind to us that week as the temperature was great for swimming, fishing and Golf. Ma and Pa got the fishing comp under way with the weigh in at 12pm and 5pm, Next morning saw more great weather, more swimming and fishing. Fran caught the most fish again today Bream, Flathead and Taylor, although I did manage to catch

the biggest bream. Some wonderful story's were told by Des, Trevor and Mac at happy hour each evening. What a great way to spend time with good people good weather and wonderful surroundings. Next day Mac and I "hit the water" literally speaking, he put one foot into the canoe then the other with a rock this way then that, it had to happen, Mac hit the water with a splash much to the delight of others.. It's funny how you always laugh at someone else's misfortune. I've heard of fisherman coming home with a wet ass and no fish, but starting off with a wet ass and no fish is ridiculous. That day produced two nice Flathead, one each. At the weigh in Mac beat mine by half a centimetre however mine weighed in heavier, amazing what a couple of lead sinkers down the throat can achieve.

Big trip out on the bus to the bowling club for dinner, picked up from the park and returned home.

Entertainment was organised by Ma and Pa at huge expense, We would love to thank them for the dancers and ukulele players who came all the way from Hawaii. This was followed by Mac and Allan playing on their guitars and singing. Des did a great job as MC filling in with jokes and story's while the costume changes happened. We carried on with "Songs by Torch Light". Song sheets were handed out to help with the words we couldn't remember, so with torches held high we sang in our best croaky and squeaky voices just like a group in an old folks home, a lot of fun and a night to remember. The life of a Nomad really takes it out of you.

Thanks Ma and Pa for the BBQ night that was great. However all this would not have happened if wasn't for the support from Barry and Deb and volunteers. Allan Lindsay.



Wearing of Name Badges: It is great to see members wearing their name badge to meetings. It makes it easy on all of us to remember your name??? So far only one member has won the Free Lunch and was not been wearing their badge. (The free lunch was forfeited of course)

Beware of Attacking Twig's: Rod and I were having a great time at Happy Halliday's and were making our way to happy hour and I happened to stand on a twig which bounced back and dug into my foot. It hurt and bled a little so when we got back to our caravan I cleaned it up with disinfectant and thought nothing more of it. I kept complaining of how bad it felt and that I couldn't get shoes on. By the end of our second week away with my foot still swollen and sore and we were heading home I rang to see my doctor but he was fully booked I decided to go to a doctor closer to home and he gave me a prescription for antibiotics. I went back the following week and he prescribed another antibiotic with a repeat. Having taken 3 lots of antibiotics with no improvement I went back to my normal doctor who then told me the antibiotic that I had been taking was not strong enough. He proceeded to say you need a penicillin shot today and one again tomorrow, here is a prescription for 2 different antibiotics with a repeat.

After 6 weeks with a swollen foot, 6 lots of antibiotics, 2 penicillin injections, 4 visits to the doctor, my foot has finally started to heal and I am finally able to get normal shoes on. So when you are out walking please be aware of twigs they really, really hurt when they get stuck in your foot (LOL).
Fay Thomas

Lake Conjola Trip: This park is about five (5) hours drive from the central Coast. With lots of roadwork's South of Kiama. It is a very large park located about 20k North of Ulladulla and 50K South of Nowra. The park has possibly 100 Kangaroo's, lots of possums and also friendly bird life. A really nice boardwalk progresses from the park through the bush reserve to the beach

about 750M way. The park is located on the foreshore of the lake entrance and would possibly be one of the largest parks with waterfront sites we have seen. It was wonderful to see the very clean clear flow of water at each change of tide. About six of our club members with floating device drifted past our van on the incoming tide (it was suggested they may have been mermaid-ladies). There are many nice drives in the area and lots of great eating places. It would be very easy to return to this park. The Duckers/Henry's gave us a wonderful week of fun. The "Old English Pub Night" provided excellent "Bangers & Mash with squashie pea's then followed much singing, drinking and lots of laughter. It would be reasonable to suggest that if all our members were around 20 years of age some would be likely contenders for "New Talent Contests". The Duckers/Henrys organised a full week of participation even a drive to Pidgeon House Mountain for a Cattleman's Breakfast. Well done many thanks from all of us attendees.

Membership of Halekulani Bowling Club: Members should give thought to joining the club. There are a number of benefits such as 10% off most things like drinks, food etc. Also when you buy tea or coffee you get a bottomless cup. It is a good deal

Lake Conjola: After ending a fantastic week at Kiama we headed south to Lake Conjola I must say a lot of kangaroos and rabbits were there but once I got over that and used of them everywhere we had a fantastic week Cheryl and Blue were

fantastic as were Vicki and Mac. The park was very good and quiet the Manager very nice could not fault it. The Pub night went of very well with everyone having a great time and I must say Cheryl was in fine voice. Food was great and everyone enjoyed the whole atmosphere was very relaxed. There was a lot of fishing done with Mac and Allan Lindsay caught rather large Salmon while beach fishing, Allan used Ron Stewart's smoker and cooked the fish yummy very nice. We drove to Robertson one morning and had pies and coffee then went to Berry for lunch \$10 at the pub then drove back to Lake Conjola a great day. Cheryl organised Bare Foot bowls at the local club what a friendly lot except for the lady in the bistro she was very nice but had no chicken or oysters must have forgotten we were coming OOPS

d the park and were sorry we had to go home, could have stayed another couple of weeks. Lots of laughter, lots of drinking a great time.. Thank You Cheryl and Bluey for all your hard work hope it's on again soon, only longer next time great place. William and Sandra Lee-Sing

Always Remember: "Put your hand on a hot stove for one minute and it seems like an hour. Sit with a pretty girl for an hour and it seems like a minute. "THAT'S relativity" *Albert Einstein*

Kiama Report: Had lunch at Partrich VC a couple of meat pies from the mobile pie and coffee van then down to the Big 4 Easts Beach Caravan Park .

All booked in and set up then down came the rain, very heavy easing off enough to make it down for the BBQ that evening.

Next morning saw the weather a little kinder but very windy and a little bit chilly. Mac ran a convoy up into the Hinterlands to a couple

of look outs then to Richmond for a taste of the best pies in Australia. Then off to a couple of water falls and lookouts. At this point the convoy became a bit disjointed with some people missing turn off's or going the wrong way, however we all came together again in Berry for lunch and a wander around the town.

That day also turned out to be St. Patricks Day so in the evening we celebrated St. Pats with lots of green.

There were some very inventive costumes with plenty of green hats and shirts being the main, however some people really put there thinking caps on and came up with outfits that were very clever, like Rhonda and Sandra who came up with the idea of using a glad bag with holes for head and arms, green of coarse. Then there was Carol with her version of a mini skirt made from a Green shopping bag, cut the bottom out and slide it on, very clever..

The food for that night was BYO. BBQ, and not to be outdone Bluey Ducker turned up with what he said was a Lamb chop, however I think it may have come from a Dinosaur it wouldn't even fit on his plate.

Later that night Fran Lindsay was Dancing among many others when she banged her foot. Then 4:30 the next morning saw us doing a quick trip to Shell Harbour Hospital.

This trip was the result of pains also developing in her chest, so with chest pains and foot pain there was no alternative. After five hours in Hospital X-rays on both chest and foot, blood test and heart monitoring showed nothing.

Two and a half weeks later with no improvement a Bone Scan was ordered which showed three fractures in the foot, result moon boot, crutches and no weight bearing for six to eight weeks.

The next evening saw a Mexican theme night, There where Mexicans from all walks of life, some I think had taken anything from beach towels to table clothes to make poncho's, Mexican hats were the theme with all shapes and colours, even a bright green one left over from St. Patricks Day. A large amount of the grey headed males where sporting jet black moustaches with not a grey hair to be seen.

Mac started the evening off with a Pinyarta which hung in a tree next to the camp kitchen our venue for the night this created a lot of laughs with all the girls having a go trying to destroy the Pinyarta with a plastic cricket bat Finally it happened with the bounty of chocolates spilling in all directions on the ground.

Vicki Henry and Cheryl Ducker cooked up enough food to feed a thousand starving Mexicans for a week, starting off with margaritas then shot glasses with a prawn cocktail thingy in it,

Boy did we have some hot Mexican food. Funny how everyone was walking around the park the next morning singing that Johnny Cash song "BURNING RING OF FIRE".

Barry Latham went fishing the next afternoon only to return at happy hour, wet to the neck and water running out of his mobile phone, Debbie was not happy and I think besides her he coped a bit of stick about the dangers of rock fishing from most members.

Another night saw us head off to the Kiama Leagues Club for a great meal followed by a look and listen to the band. The band was an all girl group and a lead singer in some really way out skimpy gear, they were great.

On the way we dropped off a couple who had also been clubbing which was obvious by their condition, both dressed to the nines and very full of beverage, the gentleman alighting first almost hitting the ground on the way out, followed by the Lady giving the Royal wave and in her best Queen Elizabeth English thanking Ron who was the driver of the bus who we now realised was not racing car driver after all. She also went on to thank us all for dropping them home in her best spoken English much to Jill's amusement who did a great impression of her once we left the scene. Everybody enjoyed Kiama and what it had to offer and will surely put it on their trip list for the future. Thanks again to Vicki and Mac Henry for a great week. Allan Lindsay

No Trips Listed For Months of:

May, June, August, September and October. The Trip Sheet is very light on with no trips listed for the above months. In fact the sheet records only three (3) trips. Bev is doing sterling work but she needs your assistance in listing trips. Remember you can organise a trip to your favourite location for say four or five vans and close the trip off if you wish. The location your five vans go to may then cause others to follow a few weeks later.

Help our club—list a trip please

Oberon Report: Oberon is about four hours drive from the coast. The road through the Blue Mountains is really good with a small section of new roadworks at the bottom of Mt Victoria. It is a beautiful drive into Oberon along the ridgetops looking into the rolling valleys. It had snowed there the previous week however for the period we were there it was shorts and jumper weather with beautiful days. Oberon Caravan Park is an excellent park with big sites and new

amenities extremely friendly staff and site costs were \$25/night. We had a wonderful four nights in Oberon with Sue/Alan Reilly organising a great trip. A street parade on the Saturday afternoon saw heaps of old vehicles plus a Tank and Armoured cars. The Chinese meal at the RSL was excellent food with huge servings in a lovely setting (highly recommended). Mayfield Gardens at Oberon is/are being established on around 150 acre's with a staff of around 30 people. The Gardens open to the public commencing Saturday 18th April however Sue organised for them to open the garden on the Monday prior for a private viewing just for our club all this plus a 10% discount. The gardens are spectacular and would take around 3-4 hours to see. We will return in the spring of 2016 to see the progress of expansion. Beautiful garden too hard to describe. On the Sunday members separated going to visit Bathurst, Jenolan Caves or the local Museum. The local museum has the first "Kit Home" which was built by Hudson's Homes in about 1915. Thanks Sue and Alan for a great trip plus "best ever" nibbles at Happy Hour.

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April Meeting: We had (71) members also (2) visitors attend the April meeting

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Marsland Peter	8-May
Lalor Bob	9-May
Bickley Carole	11-May
Lewis Patricia	13-May
Smyth John	13-May
Laney Richard	14-May
Russell Meg	14-May
Field Gail	19-May
Field Len	20-May
Kingma Tim	20-May
Lusted Joy	21-May
Stevens Pam	22-May
White Perc	23-May
Reilly Sue	24-May
Russell Ray	28-May
Kelly Terry	28-May
Jones Beverly	29-May
McDonald Elizabeth	29-May
Williamson Graham	30-May

WINNERS of FREE LUNCH

Barry Latham
Janice Tracey

MONTHLY CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS

\$50 Janice Tracey
\$30 Lynne Belshaw
\$20 Fay Thomas

**Next ---General Meeting
Sunday 17th May 2015**

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