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Wanted : The NSW State Government in March and November each year put on a Seniors Concert at the Entertainment Centre in Sydney. I have been to a couple of concerts and it has been an excellent day out. We now need a person or a couple of people to get together and co-ordinate and organize the supply of tickets and a trip for our club members to go down as a group.

Filling of Water Tanks; Members are advised to be careful when filling caravan water tanks. Two of our members have just had a nasty experience as they proceeded to fill their tanks. They apparently pushed the filling hose in a little too hard and forced the inside filler hose (which is not clamped) off. Thus a large volume of water quickly gathered in the van. So fellows it may pay you to check how secure your water supply system is.

TLC Birthdays. APRIL 2007

Beris Graham	2nd
Caroline Fraser	4 th
Beryl Howard	4 th
Lee Green	14th
Barry Green	14th
Alan Smithers	13th
Colin Chambers	18 th
Allan Courts	24 th
Meryl Wardrop	25 th
Bob Fraser	25 th
Mick Roberts	30th

2007 Annual Fee's: Our fees of \$10 per person are due to be paid by the June meeting. A number of members will head North on a winter trip so please pay your fee's before hitting the road. The

Treasurer has confirmed he is available and ready to receive your payments.

Caravan Wheel Bearings: One of our members has commented that when you see a caravan or trailer broken down on the side of the road it is usually a wheel bearing problem. So folks it may pay you to think about buying a spare set of bearings appropriate to your van. Mmmm

7th Street Caravans: A lot of very good information came from the March meeting where we had Q & A with the three representatives from 7th Street. One that I noted early was the fact that **IF** we are not using our vans for a period of time then we should run the fridge and air conditioner for a ½ hour or so every couple of months to keep everything operating satisfactorily.

Reversing your Van: Place your hands on the bottom of the steering wheel while reversing. This way the van will go in the

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direction you turn your hands but do small hand movements and proceed slowly. The back of the caravan will go in the opposite direction to the back of the car. Yippee and good backing

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CLUBS MONTHLY RAFFLE

The gift should be of a value up to \$20. The listed members will need to purchase a gift for the following month.

J.C Burnapp	April
F.D.B.Burrows	May
N.W Cannard	June

Would you please supply the gift to Katie Patterson. If you are unable to attend the meeting contact Katie so that she can arrange for the next names on the list.

Name Badges: Due to so many people joining the club members are requested to wear name badges at all times. Not only does it assist the new members it helps our committee and your friends.

Auditors: Thank you to Irene Woods and Stella Roberts who have agreed to take on the position of auditors of our club. We greatly appreciate you volunteering to be our auditors for the necessary task of checking the clubs Financial Records.

Attendance March Meeting: Well we passed the 100 member attendance mark with an attendance of 102 members (who signed the attendance book) plus 10 visitors. Now each Sunday we meet we book the club for min.100 members.

UHF Radios: Members as we travel to destinations with other vans its great to be able to talk by UHF radio. Especially when you are on a trip and the members decide to go somewhere in a car pool its

really helpful for all members to hear what is happening. At the March meeting members by a show of hands indicated about 14 wish to investigate purchasing prices to buy a UHF Radio. So if you want to be a part of the program ring Roy Curnow on 43695954 or Des. (I understand we now have 17 people interested)

Membership Numbers: On Sunday 11th March another 5 vans joined and we now have a membership of 89 vans. That is a quick growth from 40 vans last June.

Minutes of First Meeting: One of the things Des emphasized at the first and second meeting was “Your Role as a Club Member” and that was “*Be an active member of the club by going on trips and attending meetings as often as you can. Be involved as much as possible. But most importantly always remember we are members of a caravan club and we are here to enjoy each others company and just enjoy life and have fun*”

Social Director: The time is quickly approaching where we need to appoint a Social Director. The Social Directors role would be assisted by about 8 people on the Social Committee. We need to organize luncheons, day trips, day tours, picnics, theatre groups etc. So if you are interested in volunteering for the position please put your hand up.

New members Information Sheet: The committee is in the process of developing a “New Members Information Sheet” That will be

handed to all new members also people requesting information about joining the club. If you have any suggestions to improve the sheet please let us know.



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Division of Murray River Trip: Due to a number of changes to the trip Des has now divided the trip into two trips.

Murray River Trip Please look at the trip sheet at the rear of the newsletter and confirm that your name is on the trip along the Murray River. We have booked 30 sites at each of the (5) locations along the river and by now all members should have phoned and booked into the parks.

Mildura Country Music Trip: Again please look at the trip sheet and check your name and attendance. We have just received a letter from Buronga C/Park which confirms we now have 11 powered sites and a number of Powerheads so power should not be a problem. We have also organized a power board with 8 outlets. The park will also supply a B-B-Q, hot water urn, a fire bucket and wood.

Change of Meeting Date: Mothers Day falls on the 2nd Sunday in May and Halekulani Club has a large gathering of people on that date which would affect our meeting. So we have agreed that we will meet on the 3rd Sunday in May. It appears we may have to look at changing our meeting dates. The C of M will discuss future meeting dates and report back to a later general meeting.

Queensland Trip in Winter: Is anyone going North this winter? Des and I will leave the day after the June meeting and will be in Queensland about 6 weeks. We are doing a relation and friends trip but will spend the last 2 weeks at Tullabudgeria Caravan Park might see you there.

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Meet and Greet Members: Friends we average 6.4 new vans joining per meeting. At the moment when a new member or

visitor attends they sort of sit with their friends or just look after themselves. The Committee is now in the process of looking for members to volunteer to look after new members or visitors. What is proposed is that a new member or visitor will be introduced to four people at a table the members will talk to them about the club and discuss the New Members Information sheet and ensure they pick up their van stickers etc.also go with them to order lunch..

WANGI WANGI - 20 – 27 MARCH 2007

Wangi Wangi is a lovely fishing village on the point at Lake Macquarie far away from traffic noise and commercialism. We all had a lovely time flat out doing not much at all most of the time. We were all amazed that such a small place had a big RSL and Workers Club where we had lovely evening meals. Who was it that nearly ended up at Newcastle and took an hour longer to get to Wangi? Was it the Mexicans who made a grand entrance with their new caravan and car? Thanks to all the people who brought their boats along and were so generous in taking us land lovers fishing. It was certainly an experience fishing with Des who is now called Des "Don't Play With it, Get it On Board" Cooper. The fishermen caught enough whiting to have a fantastic beer battered fish dinner one night (360 fillets). Alice gets a special award for putting her life on the line to save her caravan. Luckily her little finger survived being crushed between a pole and the caravan and due to medical science she is going to make a full recovery. David Evans and Noel Cannard get the show offs award for parking their vans in the most difficult sites. They had to park between a pole and a palm tree, negotiate the concrete

slab and avoid the permanent van opposite.. Kevin and Linda's luck should be changing after sitting under the trees by the lake where the corellas from above left their calling card. Who were the people playing cards into the wee small hours, calling out at the top of their voices "I've trumped you"? It is amazing how their voices floated around the park. A new game called Uno Rummy Up was taught to us by Beverley Jones but we didn't realise how competitive she is. We must be kind as Beverley is having a hip replacement operation on Monday, 2nd April. We all wish you a speedy recovery so you can come back and thrash us again at Uno. Des and Alice were very generous to let us try their home brew (It was a Spirits and Alcohol evening with lots of laughter) which we all enjoyed immensely. Did anyone have trouble finding their van afterwards as has happened a couple of times before on previous trips? At night all vans look the same! Those who weren't into fishing did some retail therapy at Toronto and later at Morrisett Markets. We all managed to sprinkle a bit of money around and lift the economy of the area marginally. We were all excited to meet our 90th club members Noel & Lynette Clarke. They should fit in well as Noel seems to have the same sense of humour that many of our members have. Packing up in the rain at the end of the week was a joy for all. Clarrie looked especially fetching in his green and yellow creation also referred to as his Batman outfit. He could have easily flown away in a gust of wind. All in all we enjoyed our stay at Wangi and look forward to a repeat trip next year. **The Beesleys**

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State Ass. Report:

Annual fee's of \$50 for the State Assoc. are now due for payment. The \$3.50 Insurance fee's are also due. We have paid for coverage of 90 van membership. A First Aid Course of two days was available for two members from each club. Total cost per person \$107. Payment would be \$20 from each club, \$20 from the applicant and the State would pay the rest A new club is being formed at Coffs

Harbour. People bush camping in National Parks will need to have a grey water and black water tank and this will determine how long you can stop. (See Bill if you intend staying in N/Parks)

2007 State Rally:

What a great weekend it was with most of us arrived on the Thursday . Showers and toilets were nice and clean with plenty of hot wate.. There were about 100 caravans in total on site. Friday morning saw the arrival of the rest of our gang it was good to see them all again. Some of us toured the dam wall and naturally the level was down quite a bit. As usual 4pm was happy hour and because of a total fire ban we could not use our camp ovens to cook our tea. The Australiana quiz started at 7.30 with a good roll up of members. Saturday involved morning tea and paying of fees which was followed by the opening ceremony and the raising of the flags. Some of our members went over to the big hall to decorate our tables in the Australiana Theme which looked pretty good. There were some weird and wonderful creations but there was no air conditioning so the hall was very hot but the meal was nice. We had entertainment and dancing and needless to say none of our members won any of the raffle prizes. On Sunday the State Disc Bowls began and our team was Lloyd Purnell and Robyn Beesley. (we had elimination rounds on Saturday) Unfortunately we were knocked out by Central Coast club by 1 disc We were beaten by Katie Paterson and her partner Ron Sonter. The championship was won by Sydney (we affectionately called them the Red backs on account of their shirts). After the

presentation ceremony we had the closing ceremony and the lowering of the flags. A strange phenomenon took place which no one noticed until now. Someone had raised the flag in the morning. It was only noticed when it was time to bring it down again that the flag had been flying all morning upside down. Ah well, no real harm done. Once again happy hour and the dark clouds rolled in so we all decided to roll up our awnings. Someone was spotted using his nice new white socks as a cleaning rag. Alice was not amused. It started raining so that wiped out our plans for a BBQ so we all piled into the small hall and really enjoyed a great meal, followed by mango and ice cream courtesy of Robyn and Bob Beesley. I hope everyone had a great time I know we certainly did. We have booked in for the National Rally at Forbes later this year , as well as the 2008 State Rally at Narrabeen next March. *The Lamberts.*

Lanatec Presentation: An invitation has been extended to a representative of the above company to attend and show a 10 minute video about their products and then answer questions from the floor. The presentation will start at 12.30 pm

Caps/Hats: Representatives from the Cap/Hat company attended the meeting at 11.30am for members to view caps. The members determined that club members should purchase caps/hats to their own style. The members chose the colors Royal Blue with gold trim with hats having a band of blue with gold writing. Caps/hats /bands to be marked Tuggerah Lakes Caravanners. Samples

will be made available at the April Meeting

Disc Bowls: Just a reminder to all Trip Leaders please make sure that someone takes their disc bowls along on the trip. We all need the practice so that we can be up there with the best.

Members Phone Numbers:

This matter had been discussed on a number of previous occasions. The members at the March meeting agreed that as a first stage of providing names and addresses to all members the

President should produce a "Members List of Names" listing Mobile Phone numbers only. If you wish not to publish your mobile phone number please contact Des.

Ambulance Cover: (*Extract from NSW Seniors*). Most states offer Pensioner Concession Card holders free or subsidised ambulance cover. If you have a P.C.Card and are unsure about whether your state offers card holders ambulance cover, you should check with your state ambulance service. However, even if your state provides ambulance cover, you may not be covered if you travel to another

state. Following recent changes to interstate ambulance cover, some state governments withdrew from the interstate reciprocal arrangements. Therefore, your P C Card may not cover you for ambulance services while you are interstate. *It is recommended that, before going on an interstate holiday, you obtain advice from the ambulance service in the state you are visiting.*

REMEMBER: *The May meeting has also been changed to the 3rd Sunday.*

The next meeting will be held at Halekulani Bowling Club at 1pm on Sunday 20th May 2007. Please arrive by 11.30am so that we can have lunch but please remember you do not have to attend the lunch - just be at the meeting at 1.00pm. Hope to see you.

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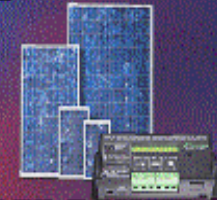
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TRIPS ON THE BOARD

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Pets</u>	<u>Cards</u>	<u>Trip Leader</u>
May 10 – 16	Belmont Pines Ph 49454750	No	Yes	
May 27- 2 nd June	Shoal Bay Ph 1800 600 200	No	Yes	
May 25 -26	Morisset Meet and Greet Ph Katie	Yes	Dep Req.	Mike Wildman 43973111
Wildman,Bullock/Browning,Teesson,Burns,Kane,Price,Lambert,Burrows,Beesley,Roberts, Curnow,Wardrop,Stevens,Rigger,Holland,Cooper,Patterson,McCorriston., Ketley, McGowan, Hogan, (Total 21)				
June 11-21	Moree (Hot Pools) Gwyder C/Park Ph67522723	No	Yes	
June 20 -26	Umina Beach C/Park Ph 43414855	No	Yes	
July 10 – 16	Lake Congola (9 hole golf course) 44561407	No	Yes	
August 21-27	Swansea Gardens Ph 4971 2869	No	Yes	To be nom.
E vans,Hennessey,Bank/McNamara,Wardop,West,Laney,Burrows,Carr,Curnow,Pollard,Stevens,Rigger, Lambert, Stewart, Kane, Woolfe, Roberts, Morrison, Beesley, Chambers, Cannard, Ketley, Steele,Grady, Cooper, Johnson (Total 26)				
Aug 27 -31	Lostock Dam Ph 49317118	No	Cash	
Sept 10 – 26 Sept	Murray River Trip (Only) Phone Des	No Pets	Deposit Req'd	Des Cooper 43933383
Cooper,Eastley,McNamara/Banck,Beesley,Purnell/Filmer,Lusted,Hennessey,(Laney not Wodonga),Holland, Williamson,Curnow,Bulloch/Browning,McGowan,Woolfe,Pidgeon,Field,Carr,Steele, ,Pfyeld, Spath, Jones, Howard, N.Moore, Gross, Price, Roberts, Woods, Teesson. (Total 28)				
Sept 26 - Oct 7	Mildura Country Music Phone Des	No Pets	Deposit Req'd	Des Cooper 43933383
Cooper,Eastley,Beesley,Purnell/Filmer,Lusted,Hennessey,Laney,Holland,Lambert, Williamson,(Curnow 5 days) ,Bulloch/Browning,McGowan,Woolfe,Pidgeon,Field,Carr,Chambers,(Steele 5 days) ,Pfyeld, Spath, Jones, Howard, N.Moore, Gross, Price, Roberts, Woods, Teesson. (Total 29)				
Sept 25- Oct 1	Floriade & Canberra Tour Ph 1800 883 310	No	Yes	
(Booked at Queenbeyan --Crestview Tourist Park)				
Oct 15 th – 22 nd	Bathurst Ph	No	Yes	Clarrie Stevens 43692759
Stevens, Fraser, Lambert, Courts, Fletcher, Kane, Wardrop, Stewart Burns (Total 9)				

Oct 27th Nov-3rd Grafton Jacaranda *Phone 1800 012 019* No Yes **To be nom.**
 Evans, West, Howard, Burrows, Roberts, Curnow, Spath, Stevens, Woods, Lambert, Kane, Cooper, Patterson. Gordon, Courts, McCorrison, Johnson (**Total 17**)

Oct 31 – Nov 6 Tuncurry Beach C/Park No Yes

Nov 18th -25th TLC CLUB RALLY NARRABEEN *DO NOT PHONE* No Yes **Mgt. Committee**
 Evans, Cooper, West, Cannard, Burrows, Howard, Woods, Roberts, Bickley, Carr, Wardrop, Beesley, Curnow, Stevens, Dew, Rigger, Holland, Lambert, Kane, Stewart. Patterson, Klumpp, Thomas Snr, Chambers, Morrison, Williams, Ketley, Woolfe, Grady, Wildman, Hennessy, Fraser, McAndrew, McNamara, Laney, Fletcher, Steele, Burns, Clarke, (**Total 39**)

Nov 26th – Dec 2nd Bright Vic No Yes

Dec 28- Jan 6 2008 National Rally Forbes *Phone Katie P 4390 5658* ??? ???? **Katie Patterson 43905658**
 Cooper, Patterson, Lambert, Roberts, Beesley, McCorrison (**Total 6**)

Jan 20th 2008 TLC Annual Picnic Day Plus Grandkids and Games Day **Mgt Committee**
 Lambert, Kane, Stewart, Cooper, Chambers, Bickley, Woolfe, Grady, Burrows (**Total 8**)

Jan 30th -27th Feb 2008 Tasmania Touring Trip No yes **Trevor/Sue Capps Ph 43897202**
 Capps, Purnell/Filmer, Patterson, Chambers, Steele, Marsh, Fletcher, Thomas Snr, Thomas Jnr, Rigger (**Total 10**)

Mar 17th -24th 2008 Hartwood Country Music Yes No **Des Cooper 43933383**
 Lambert, Wardrop, Beesley, Howard, Purnell/Filmer, Cooper, Gordon, Stewart, Kane, Burrows, (**Total 10**)

Mar 24th – 30th 2008 Moree (Hot Pools) Gwyder C/Park *Ph 6752 2723* No Yes
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