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Presidents Comments on the Breakaway Group:

At the November meeting I was very surprised when Katie Patterson and Mick Woods spoke in general business and informed members present about a new caravan club being formed from within our club. The immediate reaction from members was very hostile. It also appeared that nobody supported them -not even their other breakaway members. This poorly presented proposal has caused a lot of anxiety within our club. I have received many phone calls, letters and emails from our loyal members violently opposed to this breakaway group. Yes I agree with the clear comments from all members that if you breakaway people are unhappy GET OUT OF OUR CLUB NOW –GO-GO-GO QUICKLEY.

So as President I invite these dissatisfied members to do the right thing by TLC and form their club as quickly as possible. I would then also

like them to consider resigning from our club and allow us to repair the damage they have caused but of course they can stay as members if they are silly enough. I wish you breakaway people well mixing with your own happy group.

Folks the above was written four days ago. It is now 5.00am Friday 30th November and still no word or any action of any kind from the five (5) main couples plus Mr.X?. It is over four weeks since they first met at One Mile. Still no committee formed -what are they doing?

I am very much afraid that one of our astute members in an email summed it all up. I now quote
“ But to date those involved are either not sure of what they are up to and/or don't have the full backing of their alleged followers.

Or they lack the back bone to come out do something constructive.

As of this date they appear to be a confused disruptive and gutless rabble.

It would appear to us that their agenda is to cause as much unrest and disharmony as possible to our happy and well run club. End of quote.

I as President agree and wish to highlight the last part for you all to reflect on i.e. ” that their agenda is to cause as much unrest and disharmony as possible”

Folks I have already written the third Presidents message document but I intend to hold it until the middle of next week. I am now getting very angry with this group and I put them on notice to act now and do something. For if they do not then I backed by the Committee of Management and all loyal members

will most certainly take action to "clear the air".

Des Cooper President

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Narrabeen Report. The first week in November saw close to 100 members gather at the Sydney site for the Club's annual rally. As usual the Disc Bowls Championship was contested over 3 sessions (Fri. & Sat.) with Sue/R and Joe/R winning the mixed tournament and Sue/R and John/H the singles – BUT not without controversy (reported elsewhere). This years Concert reflected the era of the Baby Boomers – What a SMASH! Celebrity artists included Sony & Cher, Chad Morgan & Co, Millie Small and a sizzling hot Dolly Parton. Peter provided his usual flippant Pantomime with his company of highly animated assistants (???). It was a night when

everyone got on to the stage as each table group performed a song from the era – Karaoke style. In between "The Entertainers" the MC (Pres/Des) narrated "The History of the Baby Boomers – from the Cradle to the Caravan" and at the end of the night – not only did he bring the curtain down – he brought the house down when he recited a poem (writer unknown) about "the Fifty Shades of Grey".....And then there was Melbourne Cup Day – always the highlight of the week. The day before our "Bookies" were swamped with members anxious to secure an interest in the Big race – 15 Sweeps were filled. On the day the TLC Marquee was the focal point for events – commencing with Group Photos followed by the Men and Ladies Hat Parade. This year the guest judge was 94 yr old Rita Laney (Richard's mother). As she "stealed" herself for the daunting task, the parade of petals, poise and plumage progressed to its conclusion - she announced the winners to be Linda Steel and Charlie Steell – Congratulations. While Bar staff quenched thirsts our Master Chef and team ensured that no one faced The Great Race on an empty stomach. We then adjourned to our own Race Track outside the Marquee for the running of the Menopause Handicap and the Old Farts Gallop – great fun with money to be won. The Melbourne Cup was run with the inevitable result – some winners and lotsa losers. What a fun day. Also worthy of mention were the Classes – jewelery. card making and flower arrangement; Club Brekkie and Pikelet

M/T. On Wednesday afternoon the local distributors for Nova Caravans provided 5 new vans for our inspection (parked in the road outside where the Marquee had been). They also put on Happy Hour and a BBQ tea – pity is for them – just as a couple of our members were about to reach for their cheque books and the rest of us were being served dinner - the heavens opened and the rain bucketed down. We all fled the scene – with soggy sausages, wet wings and cheque books intact. Apart from this downpour the weather was – the usual – whether to roll the awning out or in (occasional strong winds) but otherwise fine. On behalf of the attending members – to the organisers and others who made the week the success that it was – Thank you. Alan/Wendy Angell xx

Late Newsletter: This edition is late sorry about that. Lots of things have been happening. New kitchen, new floor and the new club. Exciting times-- Happy Xmas Alice the Editor xxxx

2012 DISC BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP	
Mens Winner	John Holland
Runner up	John Oaks
Ladies Winner	Sue Reilly
Runner up	Chris Pollard
Winner Mixed Pairs	
Sue Reilly /Joe Reineker	
Runner up	
Rhonda Stewart/ Al Dew	

Teck Talk:: At Narrabeen a new "forum" was launched. Whilst the ladies

were busy card making the men gathered to discuss matters of a technical nature, which, on this first occasion mainly centered around batteries and solar power applications in our caravans and tow vehicles. The forum proved to be most interesting and informative as all present had at least some concerns relative to their own experiences and were able to gain some knowledge from others. You can be certain that no matter what issues you may have confronted in your travels, someone else has done likewise and been able to find a solution which they are more than willing to share. It was agreed that at each Club event a similar gathering would become a regular part of the program and perhaps a supplier to the RV industry would be invited to attend and talk about their particular products and services. Chris Arcus, of Battery World Brookvale, has agreed to set up a display and talk to us about battery systems and solar next year at Narrabeen. He is also a qualified auto electrician and will be able to cover off any problems we may have with 12v power. Any thoughts on a subject that could be the key topic to be discussed at Halliday's would be appreciated and perhaps we can find an appropriate presenter from the Taree area ? John Oaks

Presidents Comments: Sometimes things happen that make you very proud. On arrival at Narrabeen this year we were greeted by the lease holders Michelle/James and office staff. The first comments were from Michelle that TLC was their favorite caravan club. That our members were always polite when requesting help, items or information—that we never demanded assistance as other clubs tended to do. Michelle said that park

management and staff would go the extra yards and would give any reasonable assistance to TLC members. For the past couple of years Peter/Coral Kane have tried to hire, rent and borrow a TV for members to watch the Melbourne Cup. This year the Kane's were presented with a large screen TV (still in the box) for our use for the week. The only request was we return it in the box for storage till next year. The park management actually purchased it for use by our club but said they may be able to use it on other occasions during the year. On three separate occasions both Michelle and James repeated their comments in front of their office staff and down at the marquee with a number of our members present. Again I was very proud to hear the comments. thank you members
Des Cooper President

Snippets from Narrabeen:

Who was it that inserted their ferry ticket into the slot at the top of the box and wondered why the barrier gate wouldn't open.....

Who was it that said to the sales lady that she couldn't find her Millers card. The sales lady replied that it was okay as Suzanne Grae didn't accept Millers cards anyway.....

Who was it while waiting for the ferry back to Manly decided to buy a Maccas ice cream. Trotted off in the right direction and some time later, getting very close to ferry time, back she comes with a bottle of wine in a brown bag. "Where's the ice cream?"

"There was a long queue at Maccas, but no one at Mr Liquor"

Who was it that whilst emptying their toilet cassette at the dump point put the hose in the top and turned it on, but it sprang out and whooshed up the leg of her shorts. Out she came soaking wet, so had to go to van

and change – to add insult to injury it was very cold that day.....

Who lost their walking stick – again – and had to buy another. The new one has a strap that goes around the wrist.....

Played a few games of Phase 10 cards, lots of fun, many wrong hands put down and quickly picked up again as everyone else pointed out their error, (no friends during phase 10). One game didn't finish until 11.45pm (we were tired and cold that night). Val Kinnell came along about 11.15 and asked how many games we'd played – we replied, 1 and still playing.

Lots of coffees (most of them even strong enough for a certain person who was on Clarrie's ramble). We're back amongst the good coffees now Lyn. Mmmmmm delicious. Roy wouldn't know of course, instant coffee tastes the same no matter what town you're in.

Who was the dunce of the jewellery class? All her beads fell off the wire just as she finished. Then a quick scramble around the grass floor to pick them up. Finally the lanyard was finished and welded – but then it was too small to slip over her head--oops --she was still there one hour later after everyone else had gone home.

Who was the lady that went to the toilet in a shopping centre and came out a different exit and immediately spotted a dress shop sale with 30% off. Hubby was still patiently waiting at the original exit. Laurel C xx

Slim Dusty Country Music Memories

The trip started just like all previous ones, getting away late in the day. The decision to stay at Jimmy's Beach Holiday Park, was as a result of our Tour Director's Report We arrived at the park, just after the office had closed (6:20pm). After a quick look around a Powered Site was selected and we set up for the night. A team of workers were laying turf around the top area of the park. I

caught up with the Manager just after 8:00am and paid for the night, we were offered a deal if we stayed here on our way home. On the road again by 10:00am, with a quick visit to Hawks Nest Beach Holiday Park (not pet friendly. Our next stop was at the Shell Service Station Kempsey, before arriving at Kempsey Showground. then we were directed to the inner grassed area of the showground and shown where to set up. and we were only a couple of Caravans away from the Howard's.

Wednesday's Entertainment commenced at 6:30pm and all was quiet again by 9:30pm.

Thursday Walk-up concert 12:00 in the main hall. BBQ food was available from 5:00pm. At 6:30pm Amos Morris & The Firm performed in the main hall.

Friday: 7:30am Breakfast with poets - featuring Gary Fogarty, Ray Essery & Sam Smyth. 9:00am - 12:00 Slim Dusty Memories; Junior section 15yrs & Under and Open section.12:00 - 2:25pm Invited Artists on main stage. 3:05pm - 4:45pm More Invited Artists.6:00pm-9:50pm Juniors & Open perform before their presentation. Invited Artists perform. Presentation; of the Australasian Living Legend. Awarded to Charley Boyter. followed by more Invited Artists.

Saturday: Invited Artists on main stage from 9:15am. 9:30am Kathryn Jones Ukulele Workshop for Beginners. 12:10pm - 4:15pm Invited Artists on main stage. 5:40pm - 10:10pm Invited Artists including the Mateship Awards Presentation.

Sunday: 7:30am Breakfast with Invited Bush Poets & Walk-Ups. 9:30am Gospel Music featuring the Salvo Country Band and Invited Artists. A number of campers headed home. 6:30pm The remaining campers were invited to a show Put on by Ged & Trudy Hintz, supported by other Invited

Artists We enjoyed the entertainment from start to finish. The Artists are First Rate.

Invited Artists Tom Maxwell, ; Anne Kirkpatrick, Steve Passfield, Dianne Lindsay, Ged & Trudy Hintz, Amos Morris, Clelia Adams, Laura Downing, David Kirkpatrick, Rod Williams, Jeff

Brown, Ken Lindsay, Keith Jamieson & Alisha Smith, Charley Boyter and Kathryn Jones. Monday 29thThe showground was almost empty by 10:00am. We headed out about 10:30am and returned to Jimmy's Beach. Jimmy's Beach has had a first rate re-development and we intend to return By 10:00am Tuesday we were on the road once more, arriving home at midday. Yes it was a slow trip but, 14.6litre per 100km was very surprising. Philip Webb xx

TLC holds Inaugural CMF: On Wednesday 7th November TLC held its inaugural Club Members Forum (CMF) at Narrabeen. It was scheduled for 30 minutes but lasted for about 1½ hours. Around 30/35 members sat in on the Forum. The discussion subjects were very well received with most members asking questions or were involved in putting forward information. The Forum was unanimous that it be scheduled again for Narrabeen 2013. The Forum requested that we also invite a "Specialist" on Solar Power to attend and bring samples /displays and show us the latest in technology. The common question asked was why we had never done this before. Des Cooper

Additional Newsletter: Due to a lot of reports and information flowing in we have not been able to fit it all into this last Newsletter for 2012. So to make sure we finish the year with a clean sheet it looks like we may need to publish a further Newsletter. There is no doubt that there will be some exciting progressive information to write about regarding the breakaway club

LUNCH WINNERS

Halakulani lunch winners from the Members Sign in Book.

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- * Lorraine Holmes

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**Next ---General Meeting
Sunday 20th January 2013**

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Jan 24 th 5 Days Only	HAPPY HALLIDAYS GRANDPARENTS TRIP 1800 555 454 Cooper, Ducker, , McDonald, Shoobert, Stewart	Contact R/R Stewart
Feb 3rd -???	TUNCURRY CARAVAN PARK 1800 227 275	Contact ????
Feb 7 th for (7) nts	HAPPY HALLIDAYS 1800 555 454 Angell, Brewer, Cannard, Coltman, Cooper D/A, Curnow, Davidson, Dew, Ducker, Eadie, Fabien, Hennessy, Henry, Herod, Hoff, Holmes, Howard, Kane, Kennedy, Kingma, Kinnell, Laney, Luttrell, Majchrowski, Meatheringham, Oakes, Pollard, Reid, Reilly, Reineker, Robinson, Rohwer, Russell, Shoobert, Smith, Stevens, Svensson (37)	Contact P/C Kane 4333 9738
Feb 14 th for 7 nts	SHOAL BAY HOLIDAY PARK 1800600 200 Eadie, Hansell, Henry, Howard, Johnson L/G, Majchrowski, McDonald, Olsen, Steele, Stevens, Thomas L/B 11	Contact C/P Stevens 4369 2759
Mar 5 th - for 7 nts	TERARA COUNTRY MUSIC CAMPOUT	Contact
Mar 8th -28 th	Southern Surfari Belshaw, Coltman, Davidson, Fletcher, Hunt/Holly, McCann, Stevens, Thomas L/B, (8)	Contact
Mar 7- for (7) nts	SANDBAR CARAVAN PARK 6554 4095 Cooper, Crocker, Curnow, Dauncey, Ducker, Flippence, Geale, Henry, Hoff, Kennedy, Kinnell, Latham, LeeSing, Luttrell,, Reilly, Rohwer, Rigger, Majchrowski, Pollard, Smith, Stewart, Teesson, Wallace, Webster, Williams G/K, (25)	Contact D/V Kinnell 4390 8933
Mar ????	STATE RALLY Patterson	Contact K Patterson 4390 5658
Mar 24 - 31st inc	HARTWOOD COUNTRY MUSIC Bromley, Burrows, Cooper D/A, Cooper K/R, Curnow, Eadie, Geale, Hansell, Holmes, Howard, Kane, Latham, Luttrell, Olsen, Majchrowski, Meatheringham, Pollard, Ranse, Reid, Rohwer, Sheehan, Smith, Smyth, Steele, Sutton,, Williams G/K, (26)	Contact P/C Kane 4333 9738
Apr 4 - 8 inc	BRIGADOON AT BUNDANOON 5 nights Bickley, Cannard, Cooper D/A, Curnow, Ducker, Edwards/Williamson, Flippence, Geale, Hansell, Holmes, Howard, Kane, Majchrowski, Moore, Pollard, Reilly, Rohwer, Steele, Smith, Smyth, <u>Niil Power</u> Maslem, Migillicuddy, Steele, 23	Contact A/S Reilly 49720170
Apr 4 -7 th	SNOWY RIVER BUSH FESTIVAL CORRYONG 6076 1992	Contact
May 1 st		Contact M/E Maughan
Jul ?	XMAS in JULY	Contact P/C Kane 4333 9738 Cooper 43933383
Sep 23 - Oct 2 nd	NATIONAL RALLY ROCKHAMPTON QLD. Belshaw, Cooper D/A, Cooper K/R, Davidson, Edwards/Williamson, Meatheringham, Majchrowski, Patterson, Reid, Roberts, Ranse, Shoobert, Sutton, Sheehan/Aylett, (14)	Contact K Patterson 4390 5658

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Smith Trevor	5-Dec
Cannard Noel	8-Dec
Holmes Jim	10-Dec
Fletcher Owen	14-Dec
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