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2008 January Meeting Date: Just a gentle reminder that all our club meeting dates will be the 3rd Sunday of each month—so see you on Sunday 20th January

2008 Picnic Day: (SATURDAY 12th JANUARY 08) At the time of going to press we have 58 club members and 44 children coming to the picnic. So folks if you are not doing anything important come along and start the year off with your caravan friends. Just buy a chicken, bit of salad and a few light beers and come along and have a lot of fun. Remember it starts at 9.30am and the games for the kids will finish at about 3.00pm. There will be heaps of entertainment the best the kids will ever experience.

What tyre pressure should I put in my caravan tyres? (*I think this came from a*

member of the Canberra Club) Generally caravanners do not put sufficient air pressure in their tyres. Unlike your car, caravan tyres tend not to scrub out or wear unevenly. Wheel alignment is usually not a problem and caravans tend to be light on tread wear. Therefore tyres still look OK long after they should be replaced. Old tyres get hard and stiff and therefore are more susceptible to wall damage if the air pressure is too low. Soft tyres work harder requiring the walls to flex more than necessary. Caravans should be fitted with light truck tyres which have stronger walls and tyre pressure should be **400 to 450 kpa (60 to 65 ppi)** for single axle vans and **275 to 300 kpa (40 to 45 ppi)** for dual axle models. This is probably more than you are used to using and will make the caravans ride a little harder but it will protect your tyres and give you better fuel

economy as a bonus. The weight your van is exerting on the tyres also is a factor. If your van is lighter than the average two or four wheel model of a similar size, pressures can be reduced from those recommended. Check your tyres regularly and also put your hand on the centre of the wheel hub after a long trip to see if it is hot. This could be a sign your bearings need servicing, but that is another topic. © *Chris Meadham July 2007*

Alaska/Canada 21 day Trip: A trip to Alaska/Canada is currently being discussed/planned by Stella & Mick Roberts. They are looking at the trip taking possibly 21 days around May 08. So if you are a little bit interested in getting further information give Stella a ring or have a yarn to Stella & Mick at the meeting.



Safari to the Red Centre:- Anybody interested in an adventure type trip?
WHERE:- TO THE RED CENTRE,
DATE:- May/June 2008
TEMPERATURES 25C to 10 C,
humidity 50% to 60%
Travelling to and around Alice with stops on the way combined with the remote and rugged beauty of Central Australia and with the challenge of some mild 4 wheel adventures, and possible some easy camping out. You don't need to have a 4 wheel as there will be a system of sharing of vehicles. The activities will include general sight seeing we will stay at Alice Springs as our main base but with periods at other selected suitable designations. General possible itinerary :- From Central Coast - Mildura - Port Augusta, possible trip to Flinders Ranges Nat Park possible stay one nights - Coober Pedy possible stay two nights - Ayers Rock possible stay two nights - Kings Canyon possible stay one night - Alice Springs main base - McDonald Ranges etc. Total time probable three weeks. Then you can do your own thing If remotely interested , Contact David Gross marnat@iinet.net.au or 43250668

Purchase of Disc Bowls: The club now has two (2) sets of **Club Disc Bowls**. Roy Curnow has volunteered to watch over or

manage the bowls. This means Roy will always know where each set of disc bowls are located So Trip Leaders when you go on a trip make sure you take a set of club discs with you.

2007 Xmas Dinner: Well our second Xmas dinner has come and gone. The past year just passed so quickly. We had 128 people attend our Xmas dinner and it was a very colourful and happy day. It was a surprise that we could not “get into the room” until after 11.00am. But once we entered the meeting room the noise then certainly told the story of how our members enjoyed the day. Our seven prize raffle which included 4 hams was very popular with the members. Winners of the hams were Cecily Ranse, Katie Patterson, Lynne Purcell and Lee Chambers.

2008 Premiers Gala Concert Tuesday 8th April 2008: As you are aware each year the State Government puts on a Premiers Concert for seniors which is free to attend. Our Social Director Betty has been in contact with the Premiers Dept and has taken a booking for 40 tickets. More information will be provided as it comes to hand. Betty will have a list on the board at the next meeting so either ring Betty or wait and put your name on the list. Remember first in best dressed rules

Hayman Reese Weight Distribution Hitch: As experienced caravanners we know how important it is to have our van and car balanced for towing safety. A lot of us have a Haymen Reese outfit--- but has yours been fitted to your van by a person who knows what he was doing or was it done by eyesight. It is very interesting to

go on the web to www.haymanreese.com.au or www.towbars.com.au and see how simple it is to do it by measurement. An incorrectly balanced van is very open to sway. A section of their documentation states that a properly fitted weight distribution hitch will

- Distribute weight to all wheels
- Restores steering geometry
- Reduces tyre wear
- Ensures positive towing control
- Improves braking
- Reduces movement between van and vehicle
- Reduces sway.

Des read the information and on checking found that he had to adjust the ball height by one hole.

Original Booking in Resolution: We as a club agreed that when you wish to go on a trip you put your name on the Trip List. Then you ring the park and book yourself in and pay your own deposit. The park will allocate you a site close to the trip leader. All attendees will be grouped around the Trip leader and so if you are the last to ring in then you will most probably be a fair distance from the Trip Leader. We also agreed no one was to go to a park and select their site.

2008 Narrabeen Rally. It's hard to believe but we have rebooked Narrabeen for our 2008 November Rally. Committee members are already having preliminary discussions regarding activities for the week. Due to our meeting date change to the 3rd Sunday we have had to move our week at Narrabeen back one week to 23rd

to 30th November 2008 so put that date in your trip program.

OH&S Officer. The State Association has advised us that to comply with new rules we needed to appoint a person, independent of C of M, to be our OH & S officer. I am happy to advise that Bob Beesley has agreed to take on that responsibility.

3 Month Raffle Prize Trial: Well we have just completed our 3 month trial of our new system of raffles. Members have clearly shown that they favor the \$50 prize in our monthly raffle. Accordingly the C of M has confirmed that we will continue with this new raffle prize of \$50 each month.

2008 Meet and Greet: The 2008 Meet & Greet will be held at Morisett on the weekend of 4th 5th April. We will have three full days and two nights of fun and entertainment. We encourage all members to attend but in particular those members who have not attended many trips. This is the time to come along and spend a bit of time together and find out what we are about. We had a really wonderful time at the last Meet & Greet. A lot of us will attend from the Thursday until Monday but you can stay only two nights if you wish.

Castor Oil (Yuk!!) Castor oil is one of the best emergency remedies for drawing out foreign bodies from wounds. It will draw up to 10cms deep (4inches), thoroughly removing all the nasties. Use it as a poultice after stepping on a rusty nail, to draw an abscess, boils or any infection from any part of the body. Use it to draw out the infection from tick bites (including

any part of the head that was left behind). The drawing action of castor oil is also very useful for removing splinters or other foreign bodies to be removed along natural channels. (*This is the good oil Ed*)

In the Long Paddock. A few of our members are off on a long trip. Pam & Doug McCorriston have left on a 12 month trip around and about Aussie. Fred & Dennice Burrows have also left on a long trip and will not return until July. Bob & Veronica Williams are also off and will not return until August, We wish you all a safe journey and don't forget to send us a card now and then.

State Association Report: Our representatives Bill P reports:

A new Caravan Parks group called Aussie Parks will soon be around-- it is similar to the Big 4 and Family Parks Association. Registration fees of \$50 are required to be paid to the NSW State Association. Narrabeen State Rally costs are \$58 for the three days and \$20 per night for the two nights. Total \$98

There are currently discussions under way to bring the Caravan Clubs and Motorhome Association under the one umbrella.

The State Association has advised all clubs they need to have their own website.

A further St Johns First Aid Course will be conducted in 2008. It will include pre study and entry exam before attendance at the course and then a one day practical. The course will be run at Gosford

Strathfield Car Radio Westfield Tuggerah: I am pleased to report that we have a new sponsor of our club. Des has been talking to Tangi Leef, Manager of

Strathfield Car Radios, Westfield's Tuggerah. As you would be aware they have a wide range of radio's, gps's, play stations, cameras, electronic keyboards, mobile phones and lots of other great offers. Make sure you show you TLC club identification to receive a nice discount.

Lunch at Entrance Bowling Club: Betty and her committee have decided to start the social activities for 2008 with a luncheon at the Entrance Bowling Club on Wednesday 30th January. We will meet in the club at 1130am and then have a leisurely lunch. We have visited the club and can confirm that the food is scrumptious.

The For Sale Page; This page has been very active with a lot of articles passing hands. But a number of items have not sold after being in the page for some time. So we are going to trial adverts. being printed for say 4 months then removed. Then we will reintroduce the article at a later date if you wish. So for now your add will appear for 4 months only. But please remember to let Margery or me know if you sell an item.

Social Directors Page: The Social Committee held a meeting and a number of activities are on the planning board. To accommodate these activities we plan to attach a page to the Newsletter headed "Social Events Page" so keep your eyes open and support Betty and her committee.

Hope to see you at the Picnic Day on Saturday 12th also at the general meeting on Sunday 20th January 08

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*The TLC will hold its
monthly meeting at
Halekulani Bowling
Club at 1pm on Sunday
20th January 2008.*

TLC Birthdays. January

Cooper Des	1-Jan
Ducker George	1-Jan
Lanci Margaret	1-Jan
Steel Kevin	1-Jan
Wildman Michael	4-Jan
Burnapp John	5-Jan
Johnson Peter	6-Jan
Stewart Ron	12-Jan
Linfoot Russell	15-Jan
Farrel June	16-Jan
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Fabien John	19-Jan
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CLUBS MONTHLY RAFFLE

The club have agreed to trial a new raffle during Sept. Oct. Nov consisting of \$20 from the member and \$30 from the club making a prize of \$50

R.L. Curnow **February**

C.C Davies **March**

C.A Dew **April**

Would you please supply the \$20 to our Treasurer Robyn Rigger. If you are unable to attend the meeting contact Robyn so that she can arrange for the next names on the list.

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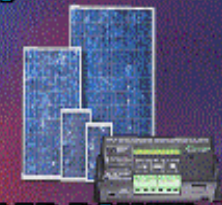
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TRIPS ON THE BOARD

Date	Venue	Phone	Pets	Dep	Cards	Trip Leader	Phone
Jan 12	PICNIC DAY					Mgt Committee	
ATTENDING: Lambert, Kane, Stewart, Cooper, Chambers, Bickley, Woolfe, Grady, Burrows, Woods, Jones, Curnow, Stevens, Cooper KR, Sutton, Holland, Roberts, Patterson, Welland, Lee-Sing, Gordon, Courts, , Browns, Beesleys, Wildmans, Smithers, Duckers, Broadhurst, (Total 30 or more) + 46 kids							
Jan 30 - 27 Feb	TASMANIA	See Trevor	No	No	Yes	Trevor/Sue Capps	0414811803
ATTENDING: Capps, Gross (Total 2)							
Feb 22 - 28	TUNCURRY	1800 227 275		Yes		Tour Director	4369 2759
ATTENDING: Stevens, Lambert, Curnow, Beesley, Mackay, Kane, McNamara, Stewart, LeeSing, Bickley, Ketley, Rigger, Wardrop, McAndrew, Teeson, Woolfe, Johnson, Moore, Green, McGowan, Bullock-Browning, Davies (Total 22)							
Feb 3 - 17	NAROOMA	1800 762 275	YES		Yes	Purnell/Filmers	4357 1022
ATTENDING: Purnell/Filmer, Fletcher, Lusted, Bullock-Browning, Beesley, McGowan, Linfoot (Total 7)							
Mar 7 - 9	STATE RALLY	Ring Katie Patterson	No	Yes	Yes	Katie Patterson	4390 5658
ATTENDING: Patterson, Lambert, Beesley, Broadhurst, Linfoot (Total 5)							
Mar 13 - 17	GULGONG PRIOR TO HARTWOOD	Nil Booking Made			Yes	Peter Kane	0412 605 887
ATTENDING: Kane, Stewart, Lambert, Wardrup, Rigger (Total 5)							
Mar 17 - 24	HARTWOOD	nil	Yes	No	No	B & B Lambert	4324 7049
ATTENDING: Cooper, Lambert, Wardrop, Howard, Stewart, Beesley, Gordon, Kane, Carr, Hennessy, Grady, Woods, Hayes/Hart, Roberts, Maslem, Cooper KR, Webb, Rigger, Teesson, Sutton, Jones, Howey, Sheehan, Rance, Cain, Lanci, Pansini (Total 28)							
Mar 20 - 26	BELMONT PINES		No	Yes	Yes	Clarrie Stevens	4369 2759
ATTENDING: Ketley, Bickley, Steele, Stevens, Lusted, Curnow, Farrell, Williams, Green, Gross, Wallace (Total 12)							
Mar 24 - 28	GULGONG AFTER HARTWOOD	Nil Booking Made			Yes	Des Cooper	4393 3383
ATTENDING: Cooper, Brown (Total 2)							
Mar 24	MOREE	02 6752 2723	No	Yes	Yes	B & R Beesley	4295 7889
ATTENDING: Howard, Beesley, Bickley, Gordon, Easter, Hayes/Hart, Clarke, Bengel (Total 8)							
Apr 3 -5	MEET & GREET	Committee	Yes	Yes	NO	Committee	
ATTENDING: Beesley, Curnow, Webb, Kane, Stewart, Lee-Sing, Cooper, Stevens, Lambert, Easter, Courts, Brown, Farrell, Maslem, Cooper KR, Holland, Moore, Hughes, Broadhurst, Patterson, Steele (Total 21)							
Apr 21 - 30	BEECHWORTH	03 5728 1421	No	Yes	Yes	Clarie Stevens	4369 2759
ATTENDING: Carr, Curnow, Stevens, Lambert, Beesley, Cooper, Rigger, Patterson, Smith, Davies, Howard, Thomas, Cooper K/R, Hendy, Holland, Mackay, Brown, Lanci, Hogan, Bickley, McGowan (Total 21)							

Date	Venue	Phone	Pets	Dep	Cards	Trip Leader	Phone
May/June	TOUR TO THE RED CENTRE		No	No	Yes	David Gross	David
ATTENDING:	Gross, Woolfe, Holland (Total 3)						
Sep 1 - 8	BLACKSMITHS BEACH	4971 2858	Yes	Yes	Yes	C of Mgt	
ATTENDING:	Cooper, Stevens, Beesley, Lambert, Cooper K/R, Chambers, Ketley, Curnow, Kane, Gordon, Stewart, Lee-Sing, Holland, Woods, Johnson, Wardrop, Howey, Carr, McAndrew, Wallace, Hughes, Broadhurst, Grady (Total 25)						
Sep 25 - Oct 5	BURONGA CARAVAN PARK	03 5023 3040	Yes	Yes	Yes	To be Nom.	
ATTENDING:	Lambert, Beesley, Howard, Smith (Total 4)						
Oct 5 - 15	MURRAY RIVER BUSH CAMPING	Nil	No	No	No	????????	
ATTENDING:	Howard, Gross, Courts, Smith, Broadhurst (Total 5)						
Nov 23 - 30	NARRABEEN 2008	DO NOT RING	No	Yes	Yes	Mgt Comm.	
ATTENDING:	Thomas, Howard, Sheehan, Cooper K/R, Sutton, Williams, Linfoot, Thomas R/J, Holland, Woolfe, Chambers, Steele, Cooper, Patterson, Stevens (Total 15)						
TOTAL 17 Trips							

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