

NEWSLETTER No 37 – September 2009 PO BOX 4028 Lake Haven 2263

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Use of Ladders; Over the past couple of years we have had reports of members being injured by falling off ladders and receiving varying levels of injuries. At our August meeting during the Welfare Officers report it appears there have been a number (too many) of ladder injuries. Even a report of one of our ladies climbing on a swivel type chair to change light bulbs or something. Please just be careful

Elvis Presley Trip- Parkes: At the August meeting we discussed attending the Elvis Presley Festival next January 2010. Rhonda Webb contacted Parkes Council and they have confirmed our club now has 10 sites in the Council Showground. A flyer had been pinned to the notice board with all information. Dates 6 -10 Jan 2010, costs for three nights \$10/ night. All other additional nights \$15 per night Power, showers and toilets are all available. Dogs are permitted. OK let's all sing --- Love me tender--- love me true-- take me to your heart

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REMINDER SAFETY-CHECK BOX

Run Air Conditioner once a month to lubricate seals

Dogs allowed at Happy Holladay's In the August Newsletter we indicated that dogs were not allowed at Happy Holladay's. We are very happy to say that this advice was wrong and dogs are permitted.

WHERE ARE THEY

		
No1	First Aid Kit	R/R Stewart
No2	First Aid Kit	D/A Cooper
No1	Disc Bowls	R/R Stewart
No2	Disc Bowls	??????

Caravan Fire CD: A feature of our club is that we try to share as much information on caravanning and safety as possible. Ken and Rhonda Cooper provided the club with a CD which we played at 12.45 prior to the August meeting starting. The CD last about (10) minutes and it showed a very graphic display of how quickly fire and smoke

occurs and destroys a caravan also how little time we have to act. It was agreed that the CD be replayed at the **September and November meetings.** So if you want to see a caravan fire be in attendance by 12.40pm

Wonderful Woody Head We have just spent a great week in the upmarket National Park at Woody Head with the Stewarts, Lee-Sings also Tony and Diane Hamlyn (Qld), Ralph Teesson and David Gross. We were a stones throw from a lovely long beach with a rocky point. There was lots of wild life like - goannas, kookaburras. magpies, currawonas. plovers, pelicans, seagulls, sea eagles, butcher birds, bush turkeys and dolphins. We had lovely campfires at night and one night we had a communal baked dinner cooked in our camp ovens. We also had dampers for morning tea. Happy hour was well attended every afternoon and Rhonda produced the white board for people to add suggestions for activities. We made up a roster for collecting our rubbish and recyclables. That way we all got a turn and

it was not left to just a few. We were camped not far from the amenities block which consisted of flush toilets and lovely hot showers. We were only 6K from Iluka and went fishing at the wharves near the Fishing Co-op. Sandra caught the most fish, Will caught a flathead, Rhonda caught a nice bream and Bob caught his first fish with his new rod. We had a pleasant day catching the ferry from Iluka over to Yamba, where we looked at the sights and shops and ended up at the Bowling Club for lunch. One night the courtesy bus picked us all up and took us to Iluka Bowling Club where we had a lovely Chinese dinner All in all we had a fun time with lots of laughs. We enjoyed having a small group with only six vans and ten people. The Beesleys xx

First Aid Course Graduate in Action We were staying at Brooms Head with the Stewarts and Lee-Sings. Rhonda and Sandra were at the shop when a surfboard rider hobbled in telling everyone he had trodden on a **sting ray**. His foot was very swollen and he had a gash on the instep. The lady who owned the shop rang an information line which advised cold water and vinegar--- which made things worse. Rhonda then said that she had just done a first aid course and was quite certain the treatment was hot water. On checking her First Aid book she was right. On returning to the shop Rhonda then placed his foot in warm water. Rhonda drove the boy who was camping on his own to Maclean Hospital in his car and Sandra followed in hers. The pain in his foot was almost gone when they arrived at the hospital. His foot was x-raved to make sure none of the barb was still in his foot. This poor boy was having a bad day. His girl friend had left him, he lost his key card and to top it all off he trod on a sting ray. Of course, his luck changed when he met the dynamic duo -

Rhonda and Sandra. Maybe this story will encourage our members to do a first aid course. Ignorance is not bliss and knowing what to do helped. Rhonda was cool headed and decisive. *Robyn Beesley*

MONTHLY RAFFLE LIST

Holmes Jim/Lorraine September
Howard Alan/Beryl October
Hunt/Holly Les/Jane November
Would you please supply the \$20
direct to Treasurer Bill Patterson

Raffle Support: The C of M some months ago determined to limit the number of raffles conducted in the club and run only the monthly raffle. This has proved very successful and members are congratulated on their support of the monthly raffle

Selling Raffle Tickets: Since our clubs formation we have had a number of couples take turns selling Raffle Tickets at our Sunday meetings. The Committee have decided to introduce a sharing of the workload and list a new couple to sell raffle tickets each month. If you cannot do it please arrange with someone to fill in your month. It was suggested we start from the end of the A-Z. What a good idea Ed

RAFFLE TICKET SELLERS

September K/P Woolfe
October M/I Woods
November G/S Williamson
January R/V Williams

City2Surf Veteran: George Benger from Blackheath is one of our club members and he has just run his 39th City2 Surf. Only 39 other people have completed every race. He ran barefoot for the first three years and his best time was 60 mins 18 sec. Age is no barrier to George, who still plays tennis three times a week and often goes to the hydrotherapy pool in Katoomba for a dip. He is proud to say he

just turned 80 and is now looking forward to the 40th City2Surf anniversary next year. In 1971 2% of the 2107 runners were female this year 53% of the 70000 runners were female Kay is very proud of his achievements. See Notice Board for full story Ed

Lightning Ridge Report: We are currently enjoying the lovely sunny days at Lightning Ridge a bustling little town of 2000 people. We happened to lob in during the Annual Opal Festival and have been amazed at the prices ask for a lump of rock containing opals --\$2000 a rock!!! The town is surprising as its green and seems to be quite prosperous with no closed shops, a hospital and two (2) schools. There are three (3) caravan parks, all full with grey nomads like us, escaping the drizzly winter we had on the central coast. We thought the enclosed picture which was painted by a local artist should make the next newsletter. (Postcard will be on Notice Board Ed) We will travel due north to St George and ultimately Longreach before heading to Townsville then dribbling down the coast. Life is good ---our rig is travelling well and we look forward to meeting up with members of TLC at the Jacaranda Festival xx Sandy & Garry Williamson

Barefoot Bowls: We just had another great day at the barefoot bowls. We experienced beautiful weather and the day included a superb lunch. What was unexpected was the impromptu and unexpected entertainment. This time we had a lot of members attend for the first time. But wasn't it a wonderful day with a new attendee winning the spider and 15 members winning scratchies and all members receiving a Pedometer. I think we will need to limit the numbers to 50 only at our next outing due to green availability.

The next bowls date is set for 9th October 2009 put it in your diary

Steeles Around Aussie Report continued From Geraldton.

10/06/09.Kalbarri is a small seaside town we were hoping to do a little fishing. We visited a Sea Horse farm where they are breeding them to survive and thrive as pets they were all different colors it was very interesting.

12/06/09. Denham is a small fishing village there is a great Ocean Park where they take you on a tour of all different types of fish from sharks to sea snakes and it was very informative.

13/06/09. Monkey Mia is 20min drive from Denham a lot has changed since they first started feeding the Dolphins they only feed them 3 times a day and 1 fish per feed it is very controlled because they found the mothers stopped teaching their babies how to catch fish and the babies were dying. There are only 15 Dolphins come in now including their babies and only 8 came in today they all have names but you must not touch them, but it still was a wonderful experience.

15/06/09. On road to Carnarvon we decided to bush camp at Bush Bay which is 10klm on a dirt road off the hwy we were hoping there would be another van there to our amazement there were at least 25 vans there Kevin said he now knows what the baby boomers do in the winter and that is find a quite spot beside the ocean with plenty of fishing, campfires and happy hour and its all free.

16/06/09. Next stop was Coral Bay but on the way we came across a car that had hit a cow and had completely wiped out the whole front of the car. **17/06/09**. We arrived at Coral bay early and when we saw how beautiful it was we decided to book in to a Caravan Park and stay the night. Coral beach water was flat and crystal clear and it was a Marine park so no fishing allowed in a certain area but you could snorkel or swim. We went snorkeling it was amazing to see all the colored fish small and large they also have fish feeding at 3.30pm every day.

18/06/09. Next stop was Exmouth we booked into the Light House Caravan Park.. The Ningaloo Reef runs right along the coastline so the beaches are very protected and crystal clear so it was just right for a swim.

20/06/09 Then off to Tom Price which is a mining town controlled by BHP and Reo Tinto and they own the mines around the town which is hundreds of kilometers from anywhere.

21/06/09. Our next stop was Karajini National Park, and we stayed at Dales camping Ground. On the first day we did the short walk of 2 hours return to Fortescue Falls and Fern Pool, there the Gorge had the most beautiful water fall that went into a crystal pool it was breathtaking. The next day we walked the whole length of the Gorge from Circular Pools to Fern Pools it was classed as a Grade 4 fitness so we were quite pleased with ourselves and it took 4 hours the rock formation and scenery were just amazing. On the way back to the camp a Dingo started following us we don't know who was more scared. The temperature was about 25degrees in the day and dropped to 3 degrees at night.

23/06/09. As we headed up the coast we saw a sign to Pardoo Station little did we know it was a Cattle Station with a Caravan Park in it. The Station was on half a million acres and it had 7 thousand cattle on it and it was situated near the Ocean and was known as a fisherman's paradise, people come up and stay up to 3 months at a time Every night there is a large campfire where every one goes for happy hour and then home for tea and then goes back again

24/06/09. Today we are heading to Eighty Mile Beach it is well known for its fishing and shell collecting we saw heaps of Salmon caught around 18 to 20 lb and heaps of small sharks. Kev decided to go fishing and nothing was caught from then on which is normal. It was a beautiful spot to stay and walk on the Beaches, the tide was over 2 meters everyday.

29/06/09. Today we are going to stop at Barn Hill it was another cattle station and was very rugged place but very friendly. It had a 2 lane bowling green where they played social bowls 01/07/09. We are now on our way to Broome for 2 weeks we were lucky to get into Cable Beach there are over 500 sites but people come back year after year and it is hard to get in. On our way we came across a man with 2 camels pulling a cut down car and a bluey dog walking along the hwy Kev stopped to take a photo and asked him where he was heading too, and his reply was' I am travelling around the Island..

Cable Park is very nice with a lot of shade, but it is the most expensive park we have stayed at it was \$42.00 a night and a min of 2 weeks The beach is beautiful the water temp is 23deg and the daily temp is 32 deg. The first day we went swimming we were told that only 2 days before a saltwater crocodile was seen at the beach. It is common practice to drive down onto the beach and have your glass of wine and nibbles and watch the sun set while the camels go past. Oh yes we did the sunset camel ride. We also went to a Pearling farm they took us on a boat to show us how they were farmed in the water and we were lucky enough to see a 3 meter crocodile on the shore. On Friday night every one goes to the RSL it consist of a roof and no walls and no poker machines and Kev was very relieved at that, but it had a real Bali feel to it, our meal consist of a \$10.00 meat packet with salad which you cooked yourself The 2 weeks have gone so quick but unfortunately it was time to say good bye to all the people we had met, but we still have got a long way to go.

15/07/09. Derby is famous for their high tide, which rises to 11 meters and the famous Boab trees. The next day we headed out along the Gibbs River road to Windjana Gorge it was a very rough corrugated road but worth it, the gorge was unbelievable. Tunnel Creek we were told it was a must see, on arriving we found we had left our torch behind it is a cave of 750 meters long through the mountain with a stream running through so we asked a couple could we tag along with them. There were small fish and a small fresh water crocodile so as we walked through the water I was a bit nervous but it was beautiful experience it reminded us of the Jenolan Caves.

18/07/09.We then headed to Fitzroy Crossing and booked into Riverside Park, that afternoon we went on a boat trip along Geikie Gorge where they showed us the heights of where the water has been and how it has changed the colors of the rock face, and there were plenty of crocs the guide said at least over 600, it was a pleasant afternoon.

19/07/09.Today we are heading to Mary Pools, only 100klm. Sad to say the river was dry but there were a lot of vans parked but we found a nice shady spot. Kev spoke to our neighbors 'what a surprise' we found out he was 89 and

travelling with his wife around Australia and still playing competitive tennis it was amazing to see such a fit 89 year old.

20/07/09. Today we are passing through Halls Creek and heading to Turkey Creek to see about getting a flight over the Bungle Bungles. The flight was spectacular it was as beautiful as a postcard; it had the most unusual rock formation with all the different colors. We headed towards Kununurra but because it was getting late in the afternoon we stayed at a free camp just short of town

21/07/09 .We booked in for 5 nights it is right on Kununurra Lake. The temp has been around 35 and 36 deg but no humidity so very comfortable. We bumped into Gail and Len Field from the caravan club they were on a 13-day tour through the Kimberley's .We then decided to go on the sunset cruise. The guide told us all about the history of the dam and showed us a lovely spot at sunset where we went swimming with a foam noodle and were handed a glass of champagne it was an unusual experience but an absolute delight.

25/07/09. The weather has been warm around 30 degrees; we took a drive out to El Questro off the Gibbs River road where we had our first puncher. We also visited Emma Gorge the movie Australian had a lot of scenes taken out there. We also went to Wyndham it was the main town and port before Kununrra was built, but now they still use the port for exporting live cattle and grain but most of the industry has been moved to Kununrra. They do have a magnificent look out called Five Rivers Lookout .01/08/09 We are off to Katherine. We stopped at a bush camp just past Victoria River. We stayed at the big 4 park they had a bistro and every night they had happy hour with a Bush Poet who was excellent and twice a week they had an out side movie where we saw the Australian movie.. We also went on a lunch cruise of 2 gorges at Nitmiluk which was very pleasant, as well as visiting The School of the Air where they broadcast to children over 800,000 sq klm of the Northern Territory., Katherine is a large town and is a main distributor town of the region, we also visited the Hot Springs which is located 5 mins from town we really did enjoy the 32degrees temp of the water.

07/08/09 Today we are heading south, not as scenic as we have been use to. Stopped for morning tea at Mataranka where the story of the Never Never was written, and now we are off to Daly Waters to see the famous Hotel where the cattle drovers stopped on their way to Darwin. In the Hotel there are Ladies underwear and all sorts of odd bits and pieces hanging from the rafters, which include currency, thongs, teeshirts men's undies you name it and its there. That night we stopped and had a bush camp near Newcastle Waters were we had a fire and watched the moon come up over the plains with other travelers and all agreed what a wonderful life we are having.

08/08/09 Still heading South we stopped at Tennant Creek and then down Barkley Homestead which is a Petrol Station, Caravan Park, Motel and as well has a Bar and Restaurant it is a very large place in the middle of nowhere. We decided to go and have their \$12.00 Roast for dinner and to our amazement we saw a 4 seater plane being pushed up to the Bowser by 1 man and he filled it with fuel, these are the things you would never see at home.

09/08/09 In the morning Kev started talking to an 80 year old man travelling with his wife from Perth, who was driving a 1981 Ford Falcon Panel Van, he had travelled across country through Kalgoorlie to Alice Springs on 700klm of dirt road with no problems at al. He was so proud because they did it when they were 70 and now they are 80. People said they were mad as the car had done over 400,000 kl and they also slept on the ground under the stars, but he did buy her a stretcher because her arthritis was playing up [what a man]. He said, [who said you needed a 4 wheel drive]. At Mount Isa we booked into the Big 4 (Con next month) XXXX Lynda & Kevin

Barefoot Bowls: The Diggers Memorial Club The Entrance.

Friday 9thth October. **Arrive by 9am sharp**. Open B-B-Q Sandwich Lunch \$12. It was lots of fun last month.

Please notify me of attendance Social Director Coral Kane 4333 9738

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Contact Noel Cannard on 43923375.

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Sept. 23 - 29	Historic Nundle 130	00366676	Pets/N	Dep/Y	Cards/Y T	?L- G & L Johnson	Ph43283743		
ATTENDING:	Henry, Johnson G&L Tat	tham (Total 3)							
Oct 9 -Nov 1	New England Ramble (N	lil,Ph)	Pets/N	Dep/N	Cards/?	T/L -C Stevens	Ph 4369 2759		
ATTENDING:	BrownJ/L, Newbold, Payne, Ranse, Webb, Stevens, (Total 6)								
Nov 1 -7	Norah Head (Melb. Cup)		Pets/ YES	Dep/Y	Cards/Y	T/L K/R Cooper	Ph. 4397 2285		
ATTENDING:	Clarke, Cooper R/K, Curnow, Ducker, Grady, Holland, Smith, Wallace (Total 8)								
Nov 2 – 8	Grafton Jacaranda Festiv		Pets/N	Dep/\$50	Cards/Y	T/LTour Director			
ATTENDING:	Bickley, Broadhurst, Br Stevens, Thomas B/L, V			Fletcher, H	endy, Ketley, M	urgatroyd, Payne, I	Ranse, Reynolds, Shawcross,		
Nov 22 – 29		O NOT PHONE)	Pets/N	Dep/\$15	Cards/Y	T/L C of M	Ph Tour Director		
ATTENDING:	Beesley, Benger, Bickley, Broadhurst/Hoye, Brown J/L,Burrows, Cannard, Chambers, Cooper D/A, Cooper R/K, Curnow, Dew, Ducker, Easter, Field, Fisher, Fletcher, Fuller, Grady, Hart/Hayes, Henry, Hogan, Holland, Holmes, Howard, Johnson G/L, Kane, Lanci, Lewis, Luthje, Lusted, Maclean, McDonald P/E, Moore, Murgatroyd, Patterson, Payne, Pollard, Purcell, Purnell/Filmer, Reynolds, Rigger, Shawcross, Smith, Steele, Stevens, Stewart, Thomas L/B, Thomas R/J, Wallace, Webb, Wildman, Williamson, Woolfe (Total 55)								
<u>Jan 5 – 10</u>	Elvis Festival - Parkes S	howground	Pets/ YES	Dep/N	Cards/N	T/L R Webb	Phone; 4352 1403		
ATTENDING:	Capps, Delaforce N/G, De	Capps, Delaforce N/G, Delaforce R/S, Ducker, Grady, Howard, Payne, Webb (Total 8)							
Jan 16 – 26	Tamworth Country Music	r Fast	Pets/ YES	(\$60 for 10	nights)	T/L L Purnell	Phone 4357 1022		
ATTENDING:	Nil	 	1 0.0/1 = 0		mgmo _j	1/2 2 1 4111011	- HOHO 1001 10EE		
Feb 12 - 19	Tuncurry/Forster (6554 6	6440)	Pets/N	Dep/\$30	Cards/Y	T/L Tour Director	Ph 4369 2759		
ATTENDING:	Bickley, Bunnett, Clarke, Curnow, Davies, Dew Ducker, Easter, Fisher, Fletcher, Hayes/Hart, Howard, McNamara/Banck, Murgatroyd, Patterson, Reynolds, Stevens, L/B Thomas, Webster (Total 19)								
Feb 19 -26	Happy Halladays Point (1		Pets/ Yes	Dep/\$50	Card				
ATTENDING:	Broadhurst/Hoye, Bunnett, T/S Capps, Cooper D/A, Curnow, Davies, Dew, Ducker, Easter ,Evans, Fletcher, Grady, Howard, Johnson G/L, Kane, Lee Sing, McDonald P/E, Moore, Rigger, Smith, Stevens, Stewart, L/B Thomas, Wallace, Woolfe (Total 25)								
Mar 12 – 14	State Rally Lennox Hea	nd	Pets/N	Dep/\$20	Cards/N	T/L K. Patterson	Ph. 4390 5658		
ATTENDING:	Patterson, Holland, (To	otal 2)							
Mar 29 -Apr 6	Hartwood		Pets/YES	Dep/\$5	Cards/Cash	T/L D Cooper	Ph. 4393 3383		
ATTENDING:	Kane P/C, Cooper D/A,	(Total 2)							
Apr 28 -2 May	M & G Cessnock		Pets/ YES	Dep/\$15	Card/Cash	T/L C of M. Ph			
ATTENDING:									