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Webpage Viewers: We average around thirty (30) people viewing our website over a seven day period. On Tuesday 27th May an email was sent out at 5.00pm letting members know that the May Newsletter had just been posted on the Website. By midnight 53 people had accessed the site. The following day a further 25 logged on making a total of 78 viewings in 24 hours.

2010 Grey Nomad Survey: A 2010 survey found grey nomads spend an average of 163 days per year on the road. They spend three days at each stopover, and nearly 88 per cent of participants indicated they had travelled (or intended to travel) to rural and remote parts of Australia.

Wheel Bearing Check: It is time to again remind you to have your wheel bearings and tyres checked. We have been up and down the expressway a few times since the Xmas

period and every trailer, boat or van on the side of the road had a wheel off---with people just waiting for something. Ed We had our caravan tyres balanced five years ago however when they were rebalanced recently they were all out. Mmmmmm

TEN INDIAN COMMANDMENTS

Treat the Earth and all that dwell thereon with respect.
Remain close to the Great Spirit
Show great respect for your fellow beings
Work together for the benefit of all mankind
Give assistance and kindness wherever needed
Do what you know to be right
Look after the well being of mind and body
Dedicate a share of your efforts to the greater good
Be truthful and honest at all times
Take full responsibility for your actions

Low Cost Camping Information: Here are some links to new Qld policy for free and low cost camping. Some of our members may be interested. Regards PeterD

http://www.dtesb.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0015/31605/qld-drive-tourism-strategy.pdf

http://www.dtesb.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0008/148319/qdts-camping-options-toolkit.pdf

Illegal camping is an issue in some parts of Queensland. In some places, rest areas and heavy vehicle rest areas are so congested with campers there is inadequate space for drivers who genuinely need to rest along their journey.

Rest areas are not long term camping sites and camping is either prohibited or limited to short stays. Rules on the length of stay at rest areas vary between

controlling authorities. Regulation allows for enforcement; however enforcement is often difficult and impractical, particularly in more remote areas. Caravans and motorhomes are not considered heavy vehicles, and are not permitted to stop at heavy vehicle locations.

The Richmond Club: Located a Richmond on the north-west fringe of the city is Wanderest, a short term park operated by The Richmond Club.

Here you can stay for up to 4 nights free of charge for unpowered sites and \$10 per night if you require power. But there is a catch. You must be a member of The Richmond Club to use this facility. Membership will set you back \$5 per year. There are accessible amenities with hot showers and a dump point. The bowling club has excellent meals and low cost refreshments. Richmond is on the Sydney rail network and the station is walking distance from the club.

Carvancaravan Newsletter: Folks I along with a few members have been receiving this four page newsletter each month. It has quite a few interesting items. I suggest all members go to this website and have a browse. If you wish you can subscribe for the monthly newsletter. Remember you can always unsubscribe.

<http://www.caravancaravan.com.au>

Cherokee Saying

Only after the Last Tree has been cut down,
Only after the Last River has been poisoned,
Only after the Last Fish has been caught,
Only then will you find that Money Cannot be
Eaton

WE BOUGHT A JEEP



Freedom Campsite List: At Sunday's meeting a member suggested TLC compile a list of member's favorite free campsites. It was acknowledged that there are a lot of sites that already list ooo's of free sites. We propose to compile a list and post it on the Website. So folks would you email in your favorite free site so we can start the list. (Do it now please)

Did You Know By Flippo: Did you know that on the end of the box of cling-wrap and Aluminum foil there is a tab on each end that you push in to stop the roll from coming out of the box.
(Ed comments—This is the first item of "Did you know by Flippo" so watch this space next month for more hot tips)

June Meeting: We had one hundred and six 106 members and 7 seven visitors attend the June meeting.

New membership applications were received from:

- Trevor Rance - Anne Coates
 - Andy/Vickie Barker
 - Aado & Dorothy Maranik
- A warm welcome to our newest members

The Coopers Early Days: Following the purchase of our first van we had a bit of excitement on our first few trips. So I have kinda condensed them into one trip but please remember there is a lotta truth written here. So come with us on our first trip to "The North"

THE CARAVAN TRIP Des Cooper 2006

We were new caravan owners – not yet on the road,
We had retired early- to try out our new abode,
Now with six months of planning -and packing our stuff
We felt we were ready – to leave where winters are tough.

Winter was coming - it was time for some fun,
So with the van packed with goodies- it's North for the sun,
We first stopped for some food – I needed a pie,
Then we looked to The North -to that great big blue sky.

With battened down hatches- and fuel we had bought,
We started off driving- to our destiny- The North,
For it's a must in the winter- to go meet the sun,
If you stay in the cold- you can't have much fun.

After one hour of driving -I said to my wife,
Something feels funny- I think the car is in strife,
There's a feeling like bumping – I think something's not right
But then it may be thumping- I hope the motors not tight.

So we looked and we looked -for a safe place to stop,
Then into a lay-by and -around the van I did flop,
I stopped at the tow-bar -and slapped my hand to my head
For there on the brackets -was the jockey wheel- red.

The rubber tyre was gone – the jockey wheel was so hot,
My wife looking sad - said I hope that this is the lot,
I removed the remains -and chucked it off in the scrub,
I was not a happy vanner -I felt like -a bloody mug.

Soon we're rolling again -and everything looking sunny,
Till my wife says please stop- I feel a wee funny,
I stopped the outfit again -in the first safe lay-by
And looked at my wife- who had tears in her eyes.

Quickly leaving the car- to the van she did run,
And opened the van door -an there lay our new fun,
For the fridge door was open – it was swinging a breeze,
And there on the floor- mixed the contents with ease.

There was two dozen eggs -and lots of other stuff,
An open carton of milk -that made things wet and rough,
Now we always travel light- to save on petrol no less,
So we had no water- to clean up the blinking mess

The only liquid on board- was my carton of grog,
So crying and laughing- we just cleaned up the blob,
With the floor all clear -and no sign of a mess,
Some two hours later -we joined back in with the rest.

We started rolling again- the white line going past,
But we were not in a hurry -we were not going fast,
On checking my rear mirror- I saw with dismay,
That a van tyre had left -the van was in sway.

We were on a main road- there was no safe place stop,
So I kept the rig rolling- I kept looked for a cop,
Then a lay-by appeared – there's safety with a shout,
So we stopped and we checked- our bloody blowout.

Then with jacks in position- and the van in the air,
I removed the wheel- which had not much tyre there,
Then I went to the rear- for the spare wheel to bring,
But no spanner –to fit the securing nut bloody thing.

Disaster, disaster -now no one would stop,
Till onto the scene- came this friendly old cop,

No problem my friend- you'll soon be on your way,
I'll just put in a call -to the old NRMA.

Soon we are rolling -BUT we're heading back home
Too much excitement - maybe next year we will roam,
We have plans for next winter- but first we must find
A caravan club to join -as we need others in kind
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Caravan Registration in NSW: I have just received an email from the State Association of NSW containing a lot of information confirming that caravan registration will soon be discussed in Parliament. One part of the document requests that we (club members) complete an online survey. It is not long and I recommend all members complete the survey.

BIRTHDAYS JULY

Thomas Betty	3-Jul
Collins Leonie	4-Jul
Sansom Philip	6-Jul
Dew Cheryl	12-Jul
McDonald Philip	13-Jul
Geale Wendy	14-Jul
Brewer Denise	15-Jul
Lavis Lorraine	17-Jul
Kains Barbara	20-Jul
Lapington Lorraine	20-Jul
Hassal Rod	23-Jul
Fletcher Margaret	4-Jul
Hendy Jennie	26-Jul
Zammit Helen	28-Jul

“D” Shackles: Earlier this week I sent out an email from The State Association showing a busted tow hitch coupling. What I did not highlight was the fact that the caravanner had used about 3 - 4 “D”

shackles at one end of the chain and at least one shackle on the other end.
Mmmmmm.

Changing Times: When we started the club in 2006 we used to print, fold, pack and post thirty nine (39) newsletters each month. Now due to technology we are down to thirteen (13).

WINNERS of FREE LUNCH

Sandra LeeSing
James Denny

MONTHLY CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS

\$50 Carol Bickley
\$30 Peter Flippence
\$20 Alice Cooper

FOR SALE

Brand new **Webber Baby Q Barbecue** for sale never been used still in the box price \$259. Ph Robert/Josie. 43322421 or mobile 0413262421 6/14

One pair of **Enzo magnetic mirrors** \$100
Ring Richard 0414 691 738 Mar 14

Caravan Cover: Pre-loved 19ft caravan cover **free** to a good home. Ring James 0427 917 520 6/14

Coleman Hot Water on Demand system.
Excellent condition. All accessories . Plus shower tent, 12v shower. Sold as package or separately. \$150 Contact Rod Hassall 0418622348

**Next ---General Meeting
Sunday 20th July 2014**

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2014 LIST OF TRIPS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TRIP</u>	<u>NAMES</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Jul 4 - 11	PATONGA CARAVAN CAMPING	Coltman,Crocker,Hassall,Luttrell,Stevens 5 vans	C/P Stevens	43692759
Jul 23rd – 30th	XMAS IN JULY HAPPY HALLIDAYS 1800 555 454	Angell,Baird,Bickley,Brewer,Brooks,Clarke F/J,Curnow, Davies,Denny,Dew,Ducker,Hansell,,Herod,Henry,Hoff, Holland,Howard,Insull,Jager,Jones,Kains,Kane,Kinnet,Latham, Laney,LeeSing,Lindsay, Maranik, McDonnald,Oakes,Olesen,Rohwer, Ross, Russell MR,Shawcross,Shoobert,Smith,Stewart, Thomas B/L, White,Williams,Zammit 42 ,	C/P Kane	4333 9738
Jul 30 – Sep 29	QUEENSLAND WINTER ESCAPE	Brewer	D/B Brewer	43929734
Aug 18 –Sept 10	EXPLORE THE MURRY/MURRUMBIDGE	Belshaw,Cannard,Channon,Cooper,Curnow,D'Adam,Delvlin,Herod, Hoff,Holland,Kingma,Luttrell,Russell M/R,Sansom,Shoobert, Steell/Bickley,Stevens,Svensson,Thomas B/L, 19	B/B Shoobert	4390 2277
Oct 30 – Nov5 inc	NARRABEEN RALLY	Angell,Baird,Bickley,Brewer,Chambers,Coates,Cooper,Crocker, Curnow,Davidson,Dew,Eadie,Hansell,Holland,Holmes,Howard Insull,Kains,Kane,LeeSing,Lindsay,Luttrell,Marsland,Merrett/Wright Oaks,Roberts,Rohwer,Sansom,Shawcross,Shoobert,Smith,Smyth, Stewart,Thomas B/L,Wells,Williams,Williamson 37	C/P Kane	4333 9738

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