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Narrabeen Rally: This is a big gathering of vans. Clarrie has just advised we have over 60 vans attending. The Organising Committee is busy developing a program of activities. A copy of the program will be sent out/ made available ASAP. The Park will allow an open gate policy for our club so you will be able to arrive anytime between 10am - 4pm. A Committee member will direct you to your site.



The Committee wishes all members a Happy Xmas and a Prosperous New Year

Murray River and Mildura Trip:

Well, what a trip we all had. Too much to put in the newsletter. A few happenings:- A funny little junk shop at Yackandandah had stuff everywhere in the front yard. It was closed but had a sign on the front door stating if you want anything, just take it and push your money under the door. One person who shall be nameless went to the amenities one very cold night and forgot to take her towel so dried herself on a T-shirt and bath mat. Another couple locked themselves inside their van and had to pass their keys out the window to a passing T.L.C. member who let them out. *Oh dear* Another couple were locked out of their van as something inside had slid open and locked their door from inside, so a few men had to help them break in. *bugger.*

Another member, who shall also be nameless was standing by his van on the side of the road when we were on the way to Mildura and as we passed by a voice came over the CB "I don't think I have any diesel--- my car just stopped????". Someone pulled over and then flagged a passing police car to help him. We saw and did lots and lots of things. Thanks Des for putting it together and thanks to the couples who organised our trips at each town. The golfers thank Len Field for his organisation. I know Roy and I had a great time. Clarrie said on Sunday that we must be the friendliest club and I agree. We left Mildura after 5 days and were ready to pull out at 7.45am, but by the time everyone came to say 'bye, take photos, give us hugs it was 8.30am. It truly makes you feel special. *Laurel C.*

Name Badges: We have just returned from Mildura and we had a most wonderful time. Even on the month long trip it became very-very clear that we must wear our name badges at all club functions and trips due to a number of reasons. The first being there is always a new member present and at times some of us have a “senior’s moment” where we forget. *So friends please do the right thing and leave your name badge in your vehicle so its handy for meetings etc..*

Club Numbers: So our numbers continue to increase with three (3) new vans joining at the September meeting. Five (5) joined at the October meeting and we now have 107 registered van membership.

Trainee Trip Leaders: At each of the five river towns Des called for four (4) members to volunteer to go to the Information Centre and gather relevant information to entertain the club members for the three (3) day stay. Des was very impressed how the members flew into the task and briefed us each evening. Again a program was set down but members still had the choice to participate or do their own thing. So Des said we now have about 24/28 trained trip leaders so get ready for a lot of trips. The Bullock/Brownings conducted a wonderful day tour of Mildura and members saw just about all the main sites/features in one day.

2008 Mildura Country Music Festival: We have again booked our eight (8) powered sites at Buronga Caravan Park for next year. These (8) powered sites allow us to locate 16/24 vans on site by linking power and water. It actually worked out

that members had all the power and water they needed. Next year we suggest those who wish to go to the festival go to Mildura first. Then maybe go back down along the river as this will be outside the Victorian School holiday period.

NOTE: If you are interested you MUST take action by 15th December or TLC will lose it’s sites. *The trip sheet will be removed from the board on the 15th December 07*

CHANGE OF MEETING DATES:
Remember from January 2008 we will meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month

Xmas Dinner: We need to know numbers **now** so please ring me if you intend to attend. Treasurer Robyn is now collecting money so please assist Robyn by paying early we do not want to collect money at the Dinner. Our dinner this year will be held on *Sunday 9th December*. Please arrive by 11am and wear your colourful Xmas hats, dresses, shirts, ties etc but just be colourful. Please bring your best smiles and let us really celebrate a wonderful year.

No Newsletter December: We do not hold a general meeting in December.. Accordingly there will be **no Newsletter published for the month of December.**

Purchase of Disc Bowls:: The club has resolved to purchase a second set of Club Disc Bowls. So Trip Leaders when you go on a trip make sure you take a set of club discs with you. We now need someone to put their hand up to keep a record of where the bowls are located (not to store them) just to keep a record of their location.

The “Thank You” Presentation: Des was taken by surprise with the presentation of the “ Gift of Appreciation” in the form of a beautifully framed poem. The artwork and poetry is wonderful and Des said he will take the “Plaque” and “Book of Cartoons” to the next few meetings. The Cartoons are a **MUST** read because it’s about us TLC people. A special thanks to Terry Mackay for the hours of work that he must have put in to make such a wonderful gift. It will hang in our lounge room and be a forever talking piece.

The Holland Report: The Murray River trip was our first outing with the club. We were a little unsure of what it would be about. But from the first day we enjoyed ourselves so much. We loved the organized tours in fact we ended up being tour arrangers at one stop. We went on so many tours and trips and saw and did so much it was a wonderful experience. We wish to thank all the members on that trip for being so friendly and providing so much friendship and fun. John especially enjoyed the company of a few happy golfers playing all those river courses. We are now busy booking and looking forward to other trips. *Greta H*

Caravan TV Reception: We have all gone through the search for the perfect TV antenna. But as Terry Mackay states in his TLC club book “There isn’t one”. **BUT** do not fear as help is at hand. So if you are experiencing poor TV reception with your vans then you should speak to Barry Lambert, Mick Roberts or John Holland. During our stay at Mildura members were introduced to a “**Set Top Box**” which has a dramatic effect on TV reception. In fact

our crew depleted all stocks in Mildura.
OK now you have the good oil

This is an Extract from Terry MacKay's Book
"Out on the Highway and Turn Left"
Glossary- "Happy Hour".
Daily corroboree held by tribal groups about 4pm to 5pm. copious amounts of beer and cask wine are consumed and tales of past and planned "walkabouts" are told in loud but reverent voices. Plans for raids on local attractions are also made, with the possible deals available high on the agenda. Meetings generally close by about 6pm as tuning in to the TV weather to be ready for the next day contingencies is considered important. The tribe members are also aware that while they can still do most things they could do when they were in their 20's, the recovery time is longer.

Narooma Trip: Lloyd and Anne Purnell/Filmer have put a trip on the board to Narooma. It will be a 14 day trip but you can book in for as long as you wish. The C/Park is adjacent to a golf course. Fishing will most probably be on the agenda every night and there will be a program of local tours. As always it's your choice what you participate in. Talk to Anne and Lloyd for further information

PA System: Well we have finally decided on a PA system. It will have its debut at our Narrabeen Rally. We will no doubt hear a few of our members utilizing the equipment at our Wine and Cheese night. The Committee were of two minds that is to purchase a compact unit (easy to carry and store) or a four piece unit that has better sound etc. The four piece unit won the day. So when we hear members singing

we will not be able to blame poor equipment.

Trade Table: It's that time again. We are holding a "Trading Table" at next **Sundays November meeting** Members please bring any article that you wish to dispose of i.e. books, magazines and "other stuff" and place a price on it or them. Its many months since the last effort so lets give the Trading Table another try. But please remember **IF** an item is not sold then would you take it back home. *So just be in it if you can.*

Original Resolutions: At the October meeting Des revisited our original resolutions determined when we founded the club in June 2006. He considered it necessary that new members be briefed on our start, what we envisaged and the general direction which the club should proceed.

Picnic Day: Members are aware that commencing January next year we have changed our meeting date to the third Sunday of the month. This clashes with our clubs Picnic Day accordingly the Committee have changed the Picnic date to **SATURDAY 12th JANUARY**. So please check your name on the Picnic list

Charity Donation: We will discuss this matter at our next meeting. Des wants to ensure that all members in attendance have a say in the final decision. So he intends to provide every member with a ballot paper and you will be asked to write Yes or No to the question should we give a donation to charity. The count of returns will determine our clubs position. If it is a Yes

vote then a list of charities will be available and again members will be asked to nominate their choice. The count will determine our choice.

Trip Leaders: Please remember you need to take four things with you on a trip. That is (1) The attendance list from the Tour Director. (2) A set of disc bowls. (3) The musical horn for briefing time at 4.30pm. (4) A notice board

*What is opportunity and when does it knock?
It never knocks. You can wait a whole lifetime, listening and hoping, and you will hear no knocking. None at all. You are opportunity, and you must knock on the door leading to your destiny. You prepare yourself to recognize opportunity as you develop the strength of your personality, and build a self-image with which you are able to live. Maxwell Maltz 1899-1975*

Sewing of Squares: Special thanks from Katie P to all the ladies from TLC who assisted in finishing off the many rugs for CCC plus our TLC club

Halekulani Cabaret: Sixteen people attended the Wednesday cabaret. The entertainment from Rowland Storm was wonderful it was a walk down the 50s and 60s music period The club was packed with 320 people. Rowland recognized our club from our meeting in Mildura. Johnny Lockwood (No. 96 days) sat at our table. The compare Steve Gillespie also ended up at our table he invited us to a free concert on the last Sunday of each month. *Lots more happening shortly watch this space*
Love Betty

Hope to see you on Sunday

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The TLC will hold its monthly meeting at Halekulani Bowling Club at 1pm on Sunday 11th November 2007.

TLC Birthdays.

NOVEMBER

Kent Pidgeon	9 th
Betty Brown	14 th
Heather Spath	16 th
David Gross	16 th
Christine Pollard	17 th
George Bengier	18 th
Al Dew	19 th
Ken Cooper	19 th
Doreen Banck	21 st
Connie Burnapp	22 nd
Laurie Thomas	23 rd
Ross McLean	23 rd
Lynne West	27 th
Jill Makin	27 th

December

Laurel Curnow	3 rd
Rod Hendy	5 th
Leona Smith	5 th
Trevor Smith	5 th
Owen Fletcher	14 th
Lindsay Easter	14 th
Pat Courts	15 th
Roy Curnow	17 th
Ray Sutton	22 nd
Vj Wagner	22 nd
Les Cain	23 rd
Alan Howard	31 st
Rhonda Cooper	31 st



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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..

A.P Courts **January**
R.L. Curnow **February**
C.C Davies **March**

Would you please supply the \$20 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.

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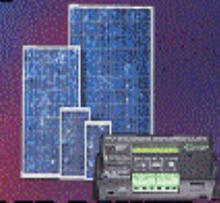
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TRIPS ON THE BOARD

Date	Venue	Phone	Pets	Dep	Cards	Trip Leader	Phone
Nov 2 - 9	NORAH HEAD	1800 241 342	Yes	Yes	Yes	TBA	
ATTENDING: Lambert, Ketley, Purnell/Filmer, Cooper K&R, Bickley, Beesley, Curnow (total7)							
Nov 18 - 25	NARRABEEN RALLY	DONOTPHONE	No	No	Yes	MGT Committee	
ATTENDING: Evans, Cooper, West, Cannard, Burrows, Howard, Woods, Roberts, Bickley, Carr, Wardrop, Beesley, Curnow, Stevens, Dew, Holland, Lambert, Kane, Stewart, Patterson, Klumpp, Thomas Snr, Chambers, Williams, Woolfe, Grady, Wildman, McAndrew, McNamara, Fletcher, Steele, Burns, Clarke, Gordon, N Moore, Thomas, Pidgeon, Bullock/Browning, Webb, Rigger, Hendy, McCorrison, Maslem, Hayes/Hart, McLean, Sutton, Cooper KR, Filmer/Purnell, Williamson, Purcell, Bengel, Field, Hogan, Jones, Lanci, Lusted, McNamara, Pollard, Teesson, Wagner (Total 59)							
Dec 28 - Jan 6	NAT/RALLY FORBES	4390 5658	?	yes	no	Katie Patterson	43905658
ATTENDING: Cooper, Patterson, Lambert, Roberts, Beesley, McCorrison, Purnell/Filmer (Total 7)							
Jan 12	PICNIC DAY					Mgt Committee	
ATTENDING: Lambert, Kane, Stewart, Cooper, Chambers, Bickley, Woolfe, Grady, Burrows, McNamara/Banck, Woods, Jones, Curnow, Stevens Cooper KR, Sutton, Holland, Roberts, Patterson, Welland, Lee-Sing, Gordon (Total 22)							
Jan 30- Feb 27	TASMANIA	See Trevor	No	yes	Yes	Trevor/Sue Capps	43897202
ATTENDING: Capps, Gross (Total 2)							
Feb 22 - 28	TUNCURRY	1800 227 275		Yes		Tour Director	
ATTENDING: Stevens, Lambert, Curnow, Beesley, Mackay, Evans, Kane, McNamara, Stewart, LeeSing, Thomas, Bickley, Ketley, Rigger, Wardrop, Burns, McAndrew, Teeson, Woolfe, Johnson (Total 20)							
Feb 3 -17	NAROOMA	1800 762 275	YES		Yes	Purnell/Filmers	4357 1022
ATTENDING: Purnell/Filmers,							
Mar 7 - 9	STATE RALLY NARRABEEN	Katie Patterson	No	Yes	Yes	Katie Patterson	
ATTENDING: Curnow, Stevens, Patterson, Lambert, Beesley (Total 5)							
Mar 13 - 17	GULGONG TO HARTWOOD						
ATTENDING:							
Mar 17 - 24	HARTWOOD	nil	Yes	No	No	B & B Lambert	43933383
ATTENDING: Cooper, Lambert, Wardrop, Howard, Stewart, Beesley, Purnell/Filmer, Burrows, Gordon, Kane, Carr, Hennessy, Laney, Grady, Woods, Hayes/Hart, Roberts, Maslem, Cooper KR, Webb, Rigger, Teesson, Sutton, Jones (Total 25) Hanley (Friend of Lamberts)							
Mar 20 - 26	BELMONT PINES		No	Yes	Yes	Tour Director	
Attending: Ketley, Courts, Bickley, Steele, Chambers, Stevens, Lusted, Curnow, Chambers, Farrell (Total 10)							
Mar 24 - 28	GULGONG AFTER HARTWOOD						
ATTENDING: Cooper							
Mar 24	MOREE HOT POOLS	6752 2723	No	Yes	Yes	B & R Beesley	43933383
ATTENDING: Howard, Beesley, Bickley, Gordon, Sheehan, Ransie (Total 6)							
Apr 3 -5	MEET & GREET MORRISET	Committee	Yes	Yes	NO	COMMITTEE	

ATTENDING: Cooper							
Apr 21 - 30	BEECHWORTH	03 5728 1421	No	Yes	Yes	Tour Director	
ATTENDING: Carr, Curnow, Stevens, Lambert, Kane, Beesley, Cooper, Rigger, Patterson, Smith, Bullock-Browning, Bickley, Davies, Howard, Thomas, Evans, Cooper K/R, Hendy, Holland (Total 19)							
May 9 -+ Weeks	SCONE NTH RAMBLE		No	???	???	Tour Director	
ATTENDING:							
Sep 1 - 8	BLACKSMITHS BEACH	4971 2858	Yes	Yes	Yes	TBA	
ATTENDING: Cooper, Stevens, Beesley, Lambert, Cooper K/R, Chambers, Ketley, Curnow, Kane, Gordon, Stewart, Lee-Sing, Mackay, Holland, Woods, Johnson (Total 16)							
Sep 25 - Oct 5	BURONGA (MILDURA)		Yes	Yes	Yes	To be Nom.	
ATTENDING: Lambert, Beesley, Howard (Total 3)							
Oct 5 - 15	MURRAY RIVER TRIP		No	?	?	?????????	
ATTENDING: Howard (Total 1)							

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