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Cessnock Getaway Week Cancelled: The President of the Cessnock Showground has advised us that due to a change in Cessnock Council Policy they can no longer allow caravans to stay in their showground. Full report at next meeting.

Tour Director On the Job: Following advice that Cessnock had been cancelled the next day our Tour Director (and Bill) drove to Swansea Gardens and found major changes. A big meeting room has been constructed and they will be happy for us to return. Next she visited Belmont Pines and again a trip will be scheduled for a later date. Next on the list was Blacksmiths C/Park. They now have a Pool and have erected a large covered area adjacent to the Camp Kitchen it is all ideal for our purpose. Katie will look at listing trips later in the year. Please assist our Tour Director by giving her suggestions for trips.

Xmas in July at Swansea Gardens:

Due to the cancellation of Cessnock the organizers have decided to introduce a major change. The Kanes/Coopers have visited Swansea Gardens and inspected a brand new Kitchen plus big B-B-Q area plus a large games room. We have had discussions with park management and have booked 30 sites for our club and the park does not require a deposit. So members need to ring or visit the park and book a site ASAP. Remember the earlier you book the more likely you will get a better site closer to the action. At this stage site costs are \$25/night but we will receive the 7th night free therefore we will pay \$150 for the week (subject to a small increase if/when Council adjusts prices. This trip will replace the Cessnock trip. We have already commenced drafting a program for the week and we expect it to be a popular trip so act now !!! More information will be sent out as it becomes available.

TLC First Club Trip: Our first club trip was to Swansea Gardens C/Park in August 2006. We had some 27 plus caravans and it was a very successful trip. Remember that because it is cooler weather we had no sandflies, midgies, mozzies etc. We even finished a game of disc bowls by torchlight or vehicle headlights (I cannot remember). We have had many members requesting we have a return visit. So lets go !!!!

Trips: The organizers of the following three trips; Narrabeen Rally, Happy Hallidays and Xmas in July at Swansea Gardens have confirmed that these three trips will be trips with a Prepared Program of Events. This same organizational process may not occur on other trips. Members who go on such other trips will decide what happens as they develop their trip itinerary.

Boggabri Drivers Campfire: One of our members Bruce Somerville wrote in to say he thought members might like to know

about The Boggabri Drovers Campfire Weekend which is held the weekend after Hartwood. They went in 2009 it was a great show, fantastic campfire cooking and great entertainment. The dinner on the Saturday night was excellent Go to Google and type in Boggabri Drovers Campfire and have a look Also <http://www.boggabri.com.au/> How about we go for a visit in 2011 or 2012 ???

The Boggabri Drovers Campfire. The Boggabri Lions Club held the 5th Drovers campfire in April 2010 and again was a great success with 250 caravans, motorhomes and campers attending. From feedback we received from our survey forms they had a great weekend. For an site fee of \$12 dollars per site per night visitors were treated to a host of things to do on site ranging from damper cooking, sheep handling demonstrations, sheep shearing, whip cracking by Australia's champions as well as a hitching comp, pony club display and local stalls. Friday Night saw an up and coming country artist Dan Murphy do a show and on Saturday night skits by locals with proceeds to our local schools. The Drovers Campfire is now making an impact on the community by bringing much needed dollars in. We had tours around the district to mines, cotton farms, cotton gin and an old homestead where they were treated to morning tea and demonstrations of sheep and cattle handling. An auctioneer showed how a stock auction works and also told of what happens after stock leave the farm gate until it arrives on our plates. Next year we are holding the Drovers Campfire the weekend 29th, 30th April and 1st May 2011. We will be happy to have visitors on site from early in the week so they can explore the area.

Moree Hot Pools V Burren Junction Bore: Bruce also wrote and commented on the trip listed for Moree C/Park his comments were "Burren Junction Bore is a much much better option. Camping is

completely free and with beautiful hot water and good amenities. We have also spoken to many other people who agree it is a wonderful heated swimming pool. Have a look at the Website. Check it out. Burren Junction is about 80K from Narrabri just past Wee Waa

<http://www.itsyou.com.au/eppwebmember/BurrenJunctionBoreBaths/>

\$20 Raffle Prize Payments: Early in our clubs formation we agreed that members would, in alphabetical order, pay \$20 towards the \$50 Monthly Raffle Prize. The committee has discussed stopping the need for members to continue paying the \$20. But because so many members have paid the \$20 we have no choice but to continue with the payment. The names of members due to pay the \$20 is printed in the Newsletter immediately above the Birthday List. So please make sure you pay the \$20 to the Treasurer.

Tuncurry Trip: We had a mixed bag weather wise, but a good week. Lots of swimming in the rock pool, good company and Beryl and Alan H did a great job organising our week. Dinner at the club, birthday cakes, a bike riding day (thanks Roland) – for those who love to ride, disk bowls and fishing, but not many fish, pikelet morning tea, fish and chip dinner. Then some folk went home, some stayed and the rest of us moved to Happy Hallidays – just 15 minutes further north. Laurel Curnow xx

Tuncurry Trip: When we arrived at Tuncurry on Friday 11th it was very hot. We had a quick set up then to the beach for a swim. Valentines Day started with a Champagne Breakfast and bacon and eggs

(very romantic mmmmm). As it was raining several members went to the movies (Kings Speech & Black Swan). Then we had a pasta night at the Sporties Club. Wednesday at happy hour we had a few games involving ping-pong balls, chopsticks and nuts. Everyone participated and we had a good laugh. We will repeat them at a later date. Thursday we had pikelets jam and cream for morning tea More swimming and fish and chips for tea which are always tasty and plenty for everyone. Thanks to Laurel, Carol and Chris for organizing and delivering. Friday was pack up time with members off to other venues. It was a great week with 15 vans, lots of swimming, an interesting bike ride organised by Roland and Ken. I am sure most will come back next year. We all love it there. Beryl/Alan Howard

Happy Hallidays Point Trip: At the time of writing this we are all still here. We have 48 vans here at HH. As the weather is hot we are all in and out of the beautiful pool. Last night was our cocktail party night. We all arrived wearing our purple outfits, nails, spray dyed hair, wigs, thongs etc. We were entertained by Bob and Dolly Dyer and selected members of the audience, then towards the end of the evening, a special appearance by Dame Edna Everage. A good time was had by all, but quite a few sore heads this morning. As Roy said as were all bobbing around in the pool, 'where else could so many people get so "wobbly" at the same time for \$5 each.' Laurel Curnow xxx

A New View Happy Hallidays Trip: As new members this was our first outing with

the club and Val and I have really enjoyed our two weeks with all of you. At Tuncurry someone let the cat out of the bag by telling everyone it was Dougs 70th birthday and our 49th wedding anniversary. So at the pikelet morning tea we were presented with a lovely cake and a card to Doug. That was so nice -thank you everyone. At Happy Hallidays we have had a fun filled time with all the organised activities that had been arranged. It is a credit to Coral and Peter Kane and their helpers for a really wonderful week. The park is really lovely place and we had a special location called Naughty Corner and we were visited by about 30/40 lorikeets every morning and night. We are very excited and have already booked Swansea Gardens in July and our site at Happy Hallidays next year. Ma & Pa (Val & Doug Kinnell)

Happy Hallidays Another View: Just a short note to say how much we enjoyed our first trip with the club. The first week at Tuncurry was very relaxing with plenty of swimming. Happy Hallidays was a different week altogether with lots of activities planned. It seemed like there was something for everyone to join in and everyday there was something to join with. We really enjoyed our two weeks away.. The Cocktail Party and the Purple theme was fantastic. We have put our names on the list for Swansea Gardens which we are really looking forward to. We have also rebooked and paid our deposit to return to Happies next year. Wow As new members we would like to say a special thank you to all involved in organizing our activities for the two weeks we have spent away with the club. We are looking forward to many

more exciting trips away with the club. Barry/Debbie Latham

Whats Happening? We sometimes receive feedback or hear the comment – *I was never told or informed about that decision-*. Just a reminder folks that a long time ago the committee agreed that members would be fully informed about all matters relating to the club. So immediately following a Committee of Management meeting the next general meeting is provided a briefing on all decisions. This report is then recorded in the Minutes and is again read out at the following General Meeting. So members attending should be up to date on all matters. But to ensure that all club members are briefed on all activities we also print all information in the newsletter. So those members who read the newsletter are fully up to date on all matters

Ourimbah Lunch: What a roll up of members and visitors we had about 43 people in attendance. They all arrived around 11.30 and left after 2.00pm. The members certainly enjoyed themselves and I think they were by far the noisiest group in the room

Disc Bowls Training: The Bowls Committee have agreed to meet and develop clubs rules for Refereeing and Playing of Disc Bowls. This group of members will meet at Norm Moore's residence on the 9th March. They currently have around 8 members who are willing to assist as Disc Bowls Officials at Narrabeen but they need at least 4/6 more people. So if you are interested in volunteering to be a

bowls Official at Narrabeen please ring Roy Curnow on 4369 5954 or 0417 656 264. This is very important so please ring Roy as soon as you finish reading this.

Social Director Report: I would like to thank all the members who assisted me in all those necessary jobs at Happy Halliday's. I will not name anyone there are too many of you who jumped in to assist. Thank you for getting so involved in the Purple theme night the group photograph tells it all. Park Management were very impressed with our members and said we are one of the best groups attending their park. The B-B-Q night was very successful and there was a quantity of food left over. The decision was made to supply the food to the 15 vans going to Port Macquarie so they can finish it off. The Barefoot Bowls saw about 50 members participating in the afternoons bowls activity. We then had around 90 plus members for dinner. Two of the Bowling Club Directors spoke to us and were most impressed with our group. The Directors gave us two bottles of wine to be raffled. This raffle will be conducted at the March meeting and the names of those attending HH will go in a draw for free. We will shortly be having discussions with the Bowling Clubs Board re our activities next February.

REMEMBER Premiers--- Concert 22nd March
Next Luncheon ---- Wyong RSL 23rd March

French Vanilla Slice

This was introduced to members at Happy Hallidays. It is heaven to eat
600ml Thickened Cream
1pkt 100g Cottee's Instant Vanilla Pudding

1 or 2 tsp Vanilla essence (to taste) I use 3 caps full, 2 sheets Puff Pastry
 Sprinkle pastry with castor sugar, place on tray between 2 sheets of baking paper and place cake cooling tray on top of pastry to stop it raising too much, or you can try pricking it all over with a fork.
 When checking on pastry I squash it down, cook for approx 25min on 160c or until really really golden brown, I check every 7 min and push down. You can also use Lattice biscuits instead of pastry
 Lightly stir vanilla into cream, if you pour vanilla on top of dry vanilla pudding it tends to get lumps, Whip cream, instant pudding and vanilla essence together until thick.
 Allow the pastry to cool before putting the mixture between the sheets of pastry.
 You can top with passion fruit icing or sift on icing sugar (my preference).
Vanilla icing , 1 cup icing sugar, 1 tsp butter softened, 4 tbs passionfruit pulp
 If using icing sugar cut into squares first, then sprinkle with icing sugar otherwise all the icing sugar falls off while cutting.
 I found the best thing to cut it with was a bread knife, but an electric knife is also OK but it makes the pastry fall apart a bit with the vibration. Ed Comment Yummmmy!!!!

Remember to let me know if you buy or sell any item. Alice xx

Next ---General Meeting

Sunday 20th March 2011

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This is a joke I read on the Internet and the words just jumped into rhyme. So I apologies for the content but I could not stop in the writing. DC

LITTLE BILLY SIMPSON

Des Cooper

Now the Simpson's had no children- though they had tried for years
 They had been married a real long time- and there'd been lots of tears
 Then one day Jacco Simpson- raced into the pub and yelled
 I've done it boys the big news is -I have rung the bloody bell.

The pregnancy it was easy -of course for men they always are
 But Jacco's darling wife- went through the months on par,
 There was all the standard problems -such as sickness every morn
 But for our old mate Jacco- it was just another dawn.

Now the great day soon arrived -it was time to leave the pub
 For Jacco's dear sweet wife- was to give birth to a new bub
 The birthing was a full day event - but Jacco took it well,
 His sweetie doing all the work- while Jacco took a spell.

Then quietly into the world- the little baby came,
 His arrival was quite normal- as we all came the same,
 The Doctor then saw his head -and felt his greatest fears,
 Because the little Simpson baby- was born without his ears

The months rolled past so slowly- the Simpson's were in shock
 They never ventured outside their house- they never left the block,
 Till one day a kindly neighbor- to the Simpson's house she went
 With a cake and little present- to bless the great event.

Then slowly the Simpson's family - invited the neighbors in for tea,
 They loved little Billy - and gave great praise you see
 But no one ever mentioned - that which we all fear
 That Billy Simpson was so cute- but still he had no ears,

Then the final invitation -to the Wilson's in the street,
 Were invited to the babies house - and be part of the treat
 But the Wilson's had a young'un -who was just four year old,
 He was a little bugger - and his father oft did scold

The father said to Willie- when to Simpson's house we tread
 You are not to mention – that Billy has no ears upon his head
 For if you make a comment- or speak of Billy's ears,
 Then you will get a smacking -that will cause you great big tears,

Well the visit it was wonderful- there was praise for little Bill
 Then came the moment when young Will- looked in through the grill
 “Does he have two feet and two good hands- and can he see real clear
 I need a mate for football - that we can play and cheer”.

Mrs Simpson beaming proudly - said yes! he has all those things,
 And his visions twenty twenty - for that blessing we do sing
 Willie said --that's good about his eyesight- that is good sure enough
 Cause if needed glasses- he would certainly be stuffed. -
Oh dear

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TLC TRIPS ON THE BOARD

Mar 4 – 8 State Rally Cowra Contact The Pattersons 4390 5658

ATTENDING: Brown G/J, Fisher, Purnell/Filmer, Roberts, Patterson, Sutton, Sheehan, Teesson **TOTAL 8**

Mar 7 – 18 Home from State Rally via Cowra, Bathurst, Orange, Wellington, Mudgee, Denman Contact Stella Roberts 4392 2428

ATTENDING: Roberts, Patterson, Teesson

Mar 31 – Apr 3 Snowy River Bush Feativa Corroyong I 6076 1992 Contact The Paynes/Webbs

ATTENDING Bickley, Brown B/J, Brown L/J, Bunnett, Bullock/Browning, Cannard, Cooper, Coltman, Curnow, D/A, Chambers, Davies, Eadie, Howard, Holmes, Holland, Johnson P/G, Kane, Lalor, McCann, McGowan, Maughan, Majchrowski, Moore, Payne, Pollard, Smith, Steele, Stewart, Webb, Woods, **TOTAL 31**

Apr 4 – 11 HARTWOOD From The Snowy River Bush Fest. via Murray River Towns (Bush Camping) Contact

ATTENDING: Curnow, Eadie, Holmes, Howard, Kane, Pollard, Steele, Stewart, Maughan **TOTAL 9**

Apr 8 – 2 May Lightning Ridge Gemfest Contact Stella Roberts.

ATTENDING: Coltman, Fletcher, Gordon, Hennessy, Purnell/Filmer, Roberts, Rumble, Thomas L/B **TOTAL 7**

Apr 17 – 25 HARTWOOD COUNTRY MUSIC Contact The Kanes 4333 9738

ATTENDING: Carr, Cooper D/A, Cooper R/K, Eadie, Howard, Holmes, Jones, Kane, Lalor, McGowan, Maughan, Pollard, Ranse, Rigger, Sheehan, Somerville, Steele, Woods, **TOTAL 18**

Jul 21 - 28 Xmas in July at Swansea Gardens CLUB SPECIAL XMAS Contact Kanes/Coopers

ATTENDING: Angell, Brown L/J, Bickley, Cooper D/A, Fabien, Flippence, Henry M/V, Hennessy, Howard, Hunt/Holly, Johnson G/L, Kane, Laney, Latham, Kinnell, McDonald, Majchrowski, Shoober, Stevens, Smith, **Total 20**