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TRIPS

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR EDITION

Trips have been arranged as follows bookings essential The office will provide pick up times so that you will be ready when the bus arrives however members should make the initial contact with the office if interested in the trip.

- A. On March 3 a trip has been arranged for 20 members to visit the Burdekin Dam with lunch at Ravenswood. Early bookings are essential and costs and particulars will be advised by 28th January 2008.
- B. On April 14 a trip for 20 members will picnic at Murray Falls near Cardwell. Particulars to follow.

Both these trips are arranged to visit following the wet season when the dam should be full and the falls should be quite spectacular.

BARBEQUE



Barbeques priced at \$10 starting at 12 Noon and finishing at 2.30 PM have been scheduled at Riverside Gardens Community Centre at 55 Riverside Boulevard Douglas as follows.

MONDAY	28TH	JANUARY
MONDAY	25TH	FEBRUARY
MONDAY	31ST	MARCH
SATURDAY	26TH	APRIL

DEVELOPMENTS

MOVING FORWARD



1. Members would have noticed that Office Staff use the name “NQ Community Transport “. To explain this TOTTS INC is our Legal Name but our registered Business Name is NQ Community Transport and our slogan is “SOS” which is Serving Our Seniors.
2. Our requested grant of nearly \$30,000 from the Gaming Fund has been approved and this allows us to buy modern computers for the office and allow us to have a website on the Internet. Our thanks go to Izza Harrigan for her expertise and voluntary time spent on developing the web site. The web page is under development. We will also be able to pension off the old computers that were given to us. Our web site will be www.nqcommtransport.org.au
3. We have also signed a contract with the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations to enable us to employ and train staff for 6 Months so that as we expand we will have staff to support the volunteers who work so hard for the organisation.
- 4 Our membership continues to grow and in some cases membership renewals are taken place indicating some members have already enjoyed being a member for more than a year.
- 5 Barbeques and trips have proved popular as these help to support our Allied Health Trips to take members to their Doctor, Hospital, Events, Hairdresser and Shopping. Raffles have proved popular and members can assist if they were able to donate some small object for the raffle.
6. Management have decided with approval from members that we hold 2 general meetings per year, with the AGM in April and the other meeting in October. Should we require extra meetings we could incorporate one or more with our monthly barbeques.
7. Management meetings will continue on a monthly basis usually on the second Tuesday of the month.
- 8 Our trips are infrequent and we would like to increase these if we had someone prepared to volunteer to assist John in planning them. Any takers?
9. We must also thank our volunteer drivers and Duncan Clark who runs the Barbeque for all their help for without them we could not operate.
10. More development is about to take place, which will be detailed in our New Year Edition of Tattler.
11. Management would like to wish all members a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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12. Barbeques have been planned for the whole year and these have been scheduled as follows to follow on from the 4 on page 1.

26th May
 28th June
 28th July,
 25th August,
 29th September,
 25th October,
 24th November
 22nd December

13. Tentative trips have been suggested for 2008 and one includes a 3 day tour to Hughenden, Winton and Richmond in September. 19,20,21 Others are

Burdekin Dam, March 3
 Murray Falls, April 14
 Magnetic Island, May 12
 Hervey range, June 6 & November 3
 Bowen, July 14
 Wallaman Falls August 4
 Charters Towers, October 6
 Northern Beaches, December 19

STAFF IN TRAINING

Management has pleasure in welcoming the following staff to assist with office work and learn to be bus drivers over the next 6 months with support from the Department of Employment and Industrial relations:

Doug Walsh,
 Richard Wheway,
 Dylan Kelly,
 Vicky Dunmore,
 Margaret Knight,
 Jeanette Hawes,
 Laurelle Plate,
 Lynette Kanua,
 Patrick Holmes,
 Vicky Van Ruth.

PAUL NEWMAN'S FOUNDATION

Management have received a donation from Newman's Own Foundation to support the work of TOTTS INC in Townsville and in addition has recognised John Gilhome as an unsung hero. This money is welcome as it will assist TOTTS INC trading as NQ COMMUNITY TRANSPORT in furthering the important work supplying transport to the socially isolated Seniors in Townsville. Well done John and I am sure our members share your honour for the great work you do for our seniors.



Merry Christmas and happy New Year 2008 to all our members, volunteers and workers may you enjoy Christmas with your families and enter into the new Year with solid resolutions which you can keep. You will know that NQ COMMUNITY TRANSPORT will continue to prosper with your membership and others yet to join and with a strong Volunteer Management Team to lead and explore new avenues. You will have noticed that we have planned a 3 day tour in September and we trust you will make use of it so that we will feel confident to arrange other tours of equal duration. You will also note we have continued our monthly barbeques where we have about 60 members attending and we have arranged monthly trips as well.

YOUR MANAGEMENT TEAM