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The Committee of
Management wish all
members a Happy
Xmas and a Prosperous
New Year

Gas Flexi Hoses: Club members may be aware that there has been a problem with the failure of Gas regulators. I recommended that all your members check their gas flex hoses on their caravan gas bottles. If they currently have Braided Flex hoses from their gas bottles I would recommend they consider changing them to copper piggy tails. It appears the problem with the regulator is that the gas regulators are filling up with small particles of rubber from the internals of the flex hose. We have replaced these in the past due to the rubber reacting with the gas and clogging up the regulators. The cost to

replace them is \$25.00 fitted or \$15.00 to supply. They can be purchased at a number of places This beats the replacement cost of a new regulator which will cost you about \$85.00. Members need to also consider the inconvenience of being without a gas supply if located in a bush camp. *Regards to members Cameron Cole*

Canberra Trip: Well folks this trip was to our national capitol with lots of things to see combined with the problem of keeping us all together through the traffic to our many destinations. One lesson learned from this was a satnav is a most handy addition to your vehicle. A UHF radio also was very helpful when we were split up by the many traffic lights. (You can buy them for as little as \$30 for a hand held model with a range of about 5 kilometres). Now mind you, while the Satnav can be incredibly accurate, but on rare occasions they will send you into a wrong street. Satnavs can also be very stern with the driver if you take a turn against their

advice. Usually around this time the passenger also lets you know you have got it wrong resulting in stereo communication. I believe this may have been the situation when Des led us to a lookout behind Duntroon Military College. Round and round our procession went (didn't we pass that church before). One must admit we really saw all of Duntroon which was quite interesting and they obviously thought we were not a security risk. At various times, most visited the war memorial which is a given as being most worthwhile as were the Glassworks, the National Museum, both houses of parliament (where the Prime Minister spoke at question time), the Film Archives, Gold creek, Cockington Green, Kingston Markets and the National Mint. I won't describe these as most of our members are already aware of most of them and if not will see for themselves when we visit again, which we surely will. We camped at the EPIC centre, which is inexpensive with large sites but limited amenities. Most of

our happy hours were outdoors with a convivial atmosphere and on one occasion, high winds. For this particular evening we commandeered the laundry and none of the other guests seemed to mind. On this occasion a toast was drunk to Ada and Ken for their 53rd wedding anniversary. Well done! During the evening some played cards and Stella claims that Greta seems to have renamed one of the games "Oh S*^t". A surprising number of activities actually happen at the centre, which is also the showground. Tuesday night saw us wandering, rugged up, over to the trots or pacers. Now Laurie is regarded as something of a guru when it comes to picking winners. He confided in me that one of the owners fancied his horse in the fourth race. For my first bet in twenty years I put twenty dollars on the Neddy. It's drivers colours were green and brown, the colours of Newcastle, my wife's high school, and her grandfather's battalion colours in World War 1. I was enthused, how could it lose. Naturally the donkey finished dead last. Each Saturday a huge farmers market is held next to our camp and many of us bought beautiful fresh produce. Across the road from the market a private owner's car fair is also held. I observed Ralph heading up there although I don't think he upgraded his vehicle on that occasion. The Telstra tower is another must and most of the group took the fast ride to the top.

For my money the top day was organised by Mick and Stella. We set out on a cool and windy day to Mt. Stromlo observatory, which was burnt out in the Canberra fires and is now being rebuilt. Following a short tour the cars proceeded to a lovely morning tea spot on the river

and then on to Tidbinbilla deep space tracking station where the dish was tracking the Indian moon satellite. It was quite cool there and Laurie (I always wear shorts and ugh boots no matter how cold it is) was claiming he wasn't cold. After lunch at Tidbinbilla a visit to a nature reserve which had also suffered a lot of fire damage. There were live pythons in the glass display boxes but I think most of the ladies preferred the souvenir shop. I think the last major attraction was the caravan, leisure, camping and home show (yes once more just walk over). The show was smaller than the one held in Sydney but I thoroughly enjoyed it apart from the fact that Claudia bought a new lounge suite which she has been shopping around for a year. Well enough, and even though my preference is to try not to visit the same place twice, Canberra has so much to offer so that perhaps we may do this one again at some time in the future. *Roland Davies*

A La Carte International School of Catering" Manly: The booking is for Monday night 24th November at 6.15pm.. The cost for the 3 course dinner will be \$30 per person. Drinks will be available for purchase and we have been advised they are reasonable prices. **IF YOU INTEND TO ATTEND** then you must pay your money to the Treasurer **before or at the November meeting. We have a booking for 80 people currently (39) have paid the Treasurer. NO LATE BOOKING**

Tuesday Night Entertainment at Narrabeen This will be a special night with emphasis on a **Fancy Dress-- Sixties (60's) Night**. PLEASE COME DRESSED UP. ----BYO drinks and nibbles.

Thursday Night Entertainment Another exciting night of **Comedy Type entertainment**. BYO drinks and nibbles
Saturday Night Entertainment. Tonight the entertainment will be in the form of a **Cabaret Night** with nibbles supplied ---- please remember to BYO drinks.

REMINDER

GRANDPARENTS PICNIC DAY: It will be held at Canton Beach Shelter Shed Sunday 11th January 2009 commencing 9-30 am. **To enable the organisers to plan the day, could you please contact LYN PURCELL on 43963154**, with the number of adults and children. Its B.Y.O. lunch, drink & fold up chairs. The Xmas present is to be supplied by the parents, wrapped and name tagged and put in the Santa Bag on arrival. (only spend up to \$10 as they have already had Xmas)*Lyn Purcell (43963154)*

Norah Head Trip:

Thursday –We had afternoon tea in the Marquee with lots of catching up and laughter by all. (The Marquee was supplied for free and was erected by park management)

Friday – At morning tea it was decided this trip would be a "chill out" "do your own any thing". Dinner was at the Sporties Club and the entertainment was provided by Stephen R Cheney in the bar –lounge area. There were many requests from TLC members for special country songs – we had lots of fun, music and dancing. Everybody had a great night and went to bed late.

Saturday: A group of us toured the Norah Head Lighthouse and our guide Terry informed us about the history, how it was

built, its purpose etc. We then had a guided tour of the tower.. After lunch it was laughter and Disc Bowls followed by a group B-B-Q dinner. This was followed by an evening of karaoke in the marquee starring "Rocking Robyn" and her side kicks.

Sunday: Windy night and a bit more light rain – cloudy day which gave us a chance to shop. Etc. It was a bit chilly at afternoon tea then early retirement to the warmth of our vans.

Monday: Ray Sutton invited our members to inspect the rescue station at Norah head Cabbage tree bay. A grand tour of the base included the radio room, rest rooms, kitchen, then downstairs to learn about the workshop tractor used to get the boat into the water then of course the boat itself. By all accounts it was very worthwhile visit and everybody came away the better for the visit—Thanks Ray, much appreciated.

Tuesday: Melbourne cup day. Lunch was in the marquee with the days visitors arriving through the morning. More catching up and laughter could be heard. After lunch there were some jokes, disc bowls. Then the sweepstakes were drawn and it was fine for the big race. The wind had dropped and the rain stayed away but In the true aussie spirit we made the most of it. Thanks to everybody for a great day.

Wednesday: We travelled to a restaurant at Budgewoi creek where had a group lunch. Members were full of praise for the nice fish and good time. Our afternoon tea/happy hour included disc bowls and more laughter. Thanks you everybody for a wonderful friendly trip. PS *If it was up to us to collect the HAPPY TAX we would have been rich. Rhonda/Ken Cooper*

Touring trip proposed by David Gross

I would like to depart early in 2009 the approximate dates being, Jan, Feb or March. I would like to travel via Central Coast to Cann River in Victoria, then Cann River to Mt Gambia via ferry and Great Ocean Road, then Mt Gambia to Adelaide and return Adelaide to Central Coast. General action - Kosciuszko NP area, Croajingalong NP, Great Ocean Road, Mount Gambia., Coorong NP, Adelaide, home via Halls Gap. Etc. May involve some possible 4 wheel shared driving on some outings. Possibly some easy camping. Length of trip possible 3 weeks. Please contact me on 4325 0668 to discuss planning details David Gross marnat@inet.net.au.

THANK YOU RHONDA AND KEN COOPER: They both put in a big effort to make our week at Norah Head Caravan Park a success. The Melbourne Cup luncheon was great. Rhonda (with some help from Ken) organized, ordered, picked up and plated the food. A lot of work, but both campers and day visitors appreciated it. Chicken, prawns, salads, fruit, cheese, biscuits and a \$1 sweep for \$10. Bargain. I think I speak for all who were there, when I say thank you and a great week.
Roy and Laurel Curnow

5 Bridgestone Dueler tyres size 245/70R16 H/T -\$150 the lot ono. 4 have 40000 Kms left on them. 1 has not been used. Set of wing mirrors -\$25. Snow chains to suite EB Ford Falcon. \$20. Grey water pipe 1" dia free to a good home. Caravan cover to suite 16' to 18' caravan \$100.

Phone Bob Beesley 4295 7889 - 0409 043 923.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

**2008 Xmas Dinner Sunday 14th
December; Starting at 11am finish
around 5pm**

**Grandparents Picnic Day Sunday 11th
January 2009 Starts 9.30am Please
contact LYN PURCELL on 43963154**

**If you wish to attend : Ring Coral
Kane on 4333 9738**

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**Brand new (never used)
caravan window protector** to suit window 380h x 1524w. This is a regular 2 Radius corners shade, white powder-coated, purchased from Caravans Plus in Queanbeyan. Cost \$205.25 which included packaging surcharge and courier delivery we would be very happy to accept \$175.

Ring: Pat Ryan Tel: 43629936

Ladies Ken Nagle Golf Clubs R/Hand, includes full set of Irons plus 1 ½, 3, 5 Woods plus Bag. Good Condition \$100
Ring; Coral Kane 4333 9738

**2005 Paramount Golden Eagle Pop-top
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MONTHLY RAFFLE LIST

D. Gordon January (Paid)
J Grady\$10 February
D Gross\$10 February
D/R Hart/Hayes March

Would you please supply the \$20
direct to Treasurer Bill Patterson.

TLC Birthdays.

December/January

Curnow Laurel	3-Dec
Hendy Rodney	5-Dec
Smith Trevor	5-Dec
Smith Leona	5-Dec
Holmes Jim	10-Dec
Steele Robyn	10-Dec
Easter Lindsay	14-Dec
Fletcher Owen	14-Dec
Courts Pat	15-Dec
Curnow Roy	21-Dec
Sutton Ray	22-Dec
Cain Les	23-Dec
Clare	23-Dec
Howard Allan	31-Dec
Cooper Rhonda	31-Dec
Cooper Des	1-Jan
Steel Kevin	1-Jan
Lanci Margaret	1-Jan
Wildman Michael	4-Jan
Johnson Leonie	5-Jan
Johnson Peter	6-Jan
Stewart Ron	12-Jan
Linfoot Russell	15-Jan
Taylor Robert	15-Jan
Murgatroyd Dawn	16-Jan
Carr Jim	17-Jan
Fabien John	19-Jan
Taylor June	21-Jan
Woolfe Pam	21-Jan
Lanci Ricky	22-Jan
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McCorriston Pam	23-Jan
Lalor Margaret	27-Jan
Teesson Ralph	28-Jan



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CURRENT TRIPS

Date	Venue	Phone	Pets	Dep	Cards	Trip Leader	Phone
Jan 17 – 27- 09	Tamworth Country Music Festival	Ring Lloyd	Yes	No	NO	Lloyd Purnell	43571022
ATTENDING: Purnell/Filmer, Stewart, Gordon Total (3)							
Mid Jan - 09	Great Southern Trek	Ring David	No	No	Maybe	David Gross	43250668
ATTENDING: Gross, Cain Totl (2)							
Nov 23 - 30	NARRABEEN 2008	DO NOT PHONE	No	Yes \$10/person	Yes	Committee	Committee
ATTENDING Thomas, Howard, Sheehan, Cooper K/R, Sutton, Linfoot, Thomas R/J, Holland, Woolfe, Chambers, Steele, Cooper A/D, Patterson, Stevens, Curnow, Roberts, Broadhurst/Hoye, Hayes, Kane, Purcell, Moore J & M, Rigger, Dew, Fletcher, Ducker, McAndrew, Stewart, Johnson G&L, Jones, Murgatroyd, McDonald, Beesley, Benger, Wildman, Holmes, Fuller, Evans, Bullock/Browning,, Wallace, Burns, Field, Johnson P&G, Reynolds, Cannard, Lanci, Hogan, Pansini, Easter, Webb, Ranse, Lusted, Morris, Gordon, Eadie, Pollard, Brown, Maclean, Teesson, Howell (Total 59)							
Feb 1st - 7th 2009	BLACKHEATH	4787 8101	No	\$29.50	Yes	Clarrie Stevens	43692759
ATTENDING Cooper K&R, Courts, Davies, Stevens, Curnow, Gordon, Brown D&B, Courts, Cook (Total 9)							
Feb 21 ST -27 2009	TUNCURRY BEACH	1800 227 275	No	Yes \$30.00	Yes		43692759
ATTENDING Clarke, Curnow, Stevens, Lambert, Kane, LeeSing, Stewart, Evans, Fletcher, Murgatroyd, Thomas, Woolfe, Wallace, Wardrup, Broadhurst/Hoye, Easter, Moore, Bickley, Bullock/Browning, McGowan, Grady, Davies, Mackay, Smith, Reynolds, Dew, Howard, McNamara, Fisher, Eadie, McAndrew, Grady, Rigger (Total 33)							
Mar 8 th -15	STATE RALLY – BERRY	Katie Patterson	NO	\$15.00 with	No	Katie Patterson	4390 5658
ATTENDING: Cooper D/A, Stevens, Curnow , Roberts, Patterson, Holland, Beesley, Ryan, Lambert, Fletcher, Purnell/Filmer, McCorrison (Total 12)							
Mar 15 th -21	GERROA SHORES	4234 1233	No	Yes	Yes	Clarrie Srevens	43692759
ATTENDING: Stevens, Curnow, Beesley, Lambert, Easter, Cannard, Roberts, Bickley, Holland, Fletcher.Woolfe, Ryan, Benger (Total 13)							
Mar 24th - 30th	MEET & GREET CESSNOCK	Des Cooper	Yes	\$15 to Treasurer	Cash/Cheques	Committee	Committee
ATTENDING Cooper R&K, Cooper A&D, Webb, Sutton, Sheehan/Ranse, Courts, Holland, Curnow, Howard, Grady, Kane, Maclean, Eadie, Stevens, Paterson, Stewart (Total 16)							
Apr 6 th -13	HARTWOOD 2009	Des Cooper	Yes	No	CASH	Des Cooper	43933383
ATTENDING: Cooper D/A, Carr, Sheehan, Bickley, Kane, Lambert, Beesley, Cooper K/R, Sutton, Rigger, Broadhurst/Hoye, Mackay, Howard, Holmes, Brown, Fuller, Fletcher, Burrows, Gordon, Courts, Coles (visitors), Fenning (visitors), Lamrock, Ranse, McGowan, Eadie, Filmer/Purnell, Webb (Total 28)							
Apr 13 th -18	WARRUMBUNGLE	DO NOT PHONE	No	No	Not Sure	????	??
ATTENDING: Howard, Fuller, Holmes (Total 3)							

Date	Venue	Phone	Pets	Dep	Cards	Trip Leader	Phone
April 20th - 23rd	GUNDAGAI	DO NOT PHONE	No	No	Cash only	Clarrie Stevens	4369 2759
ATTENDING: Clarke, Green, Evans (Total 3)							
April 24th - 30th	BEECHWORTH	03 57 28 1421	No	\$25.00	Yes	Clarrie Stevens	4369 2759
ATTENDING: Clarke, Linfoot, Fisher, Reynolds, Cooper D/A, Green, Howard, Holmes, Fuller, Carr, Evans, Dew, Cannard, Murgatroyd, Patterson (Total 15)							
2nd - 8th June	NELSON BAY Ctry Music	1800 600 200	No	\$50.00	Yes		
ATTENDING: Lambert, Beesley, Hughes, Moore, Rigger, Grady, Holland, Fletcher, Mackay, Thomas, Morris, Holmes, Filmer/Purnell, Curnow, Reynolds, Woolfe, Ducker, Brown D&B, Marsh, Cannard, (Total 20)							
July 09 (Sometime)			Yes	Yes	Yes	Committee	Tour Director

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