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NEXT MEETING - Sunday 19th November 2023



Meeting Held 15th October 2023

This was a General Meeting

Members attended 64 and two visitors Wes & Brenda Kirk

Raffle Winners

Pat Rohwer	\$50.00
Carol Wilkinson	\$30.00
Laurel Curnow	\$20.00

Winners of Gift Cards donated by **Creightons**

Roy Curnow	\$30.00
Bill O'Brien	\$20.00

Winners of \$10.00 Gift Cards supplied by **The Doylo**

Ron Belshaw and Max Eadie.

Birthdays for November

Lindsay Allen	3-Nov	Tanner Helen	1-Nov
Latham Barry	9-Nov	Barnes Susan	2-Nov
Kane Peter	12-Nov	Baker Robyn	4-Nov
Collins Mike	13-Nov	Lindsay Fran	5-Nov
Dew Al	19-Nov	Schultz Barbara	7-Nov
Rohwer Peter	28-Nov	Wells Julie	12-Nov
		Pollard Christine	17-Nov
		Evernden Fay	20-Nov
		Latham Deborah	25-Nov



REMINDER ALL THOSE GOING TO DARLINGTON YOUR NAME MUST BE ON THE LUNCH LIST OR YOU WILL MISS OUT ON BEING FED.
PLEASE CONTACT JANIS IF YOU WANT MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH BEFORE FRIDAY 20TH OF OCTOBER.

All About Caravans

It was great to have Mitch and Mark come to talk at the meeting today. Mark took over the company about two and half years ago and has been working on raising customer satisfaction. They still face the same as other companies with supply for example getting aluminium to repair hail damage but are communicating these problems and trying to make sure all the customers' needs are met. They have moved away from warranty work and will no longer take it on due to problems with manufacturers.

They have upgraded all facilities and the purchase of large machines; hydraulic lifts have helped with servicing and the repairs of the caravans. At this point in time, servicing can be done and slotted in to their work schedule but with major repairs there is over a three month waiting list. If you mention our club, they will do the pink slip for free during the servicing.

They were excited to announce a \$500 donation to TLC towards services or repairs. We will hold a **“100 club”** to determine the winner of this great prize. Numbers will be available at the November meeting and the Christmas lunch at \$5 per number.



Information from Ian

First topic.

Home earth electrodes. A 1.2m copper covered steel electrode installed 900-1000mm into the ground.

Dry seasonal weather reduces the effective low resistance connection to ground due to;

- Expansive clay. The ground dries out and contracts away from the electrode (the top 300mm is now in-effective)
- Dry soil. The dry soil has no effective electrical contact with the electrode (the next 300mm is also in-effective)
- The lower 300-400mm is in damp soil that has some electrical conductivity. A heavy electrical discharge will heat the damp soil, and “boil off “the moisture (as in steam which is not conductive)

You are now relying on the earth connections of adjacent properties for your electrical safety.

So please water the electrode and surrounding soil on a regular basis during summer periods.



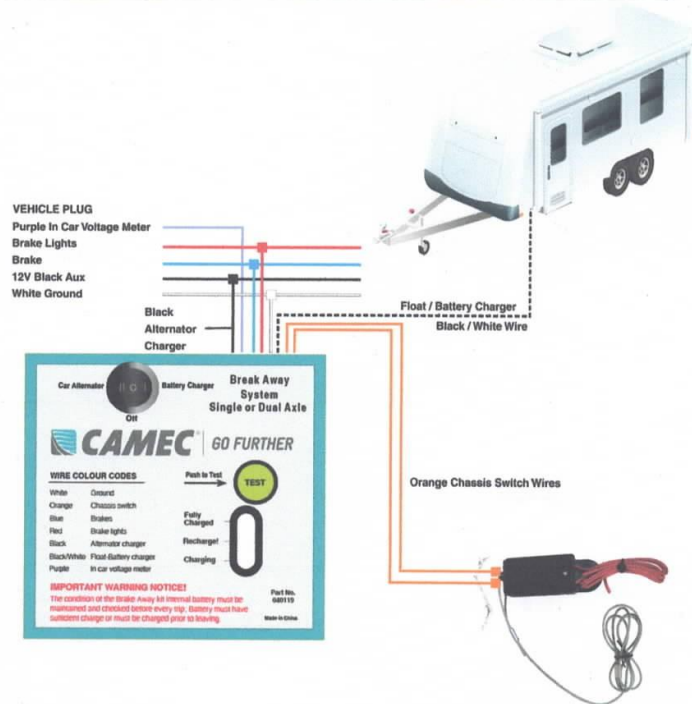
Second topic

Break-safe battery charging systems. Shown is the Camac system (attached). Check your own van, locate, identify, and download the manufacturers installation and maintenance instructions.



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CAMEC BREAKAWAY SYSTEM SINGLE OR DUAL AXLE (P/N 040119)



IMPORTANT: PLEASE HAND THIS LEAFLET TO VEHICLE OWNER

The breakaway unit is designed to apply the trailer brakes & brake lights in the unlikely event the trailer is separated (break away) from the tow vehicle.

NOTE: Please make certain that the cable from the breakaway switch is attached to the rear of the tow vehicle using a secure anchor point. Do not hook cable to tow ball or safety chain anchor.

AFTER INSTALLATION

The Camec break-away unit is supplied with the battery disconnected. Once you have completed the installation of the unit as per the wiring diagram above, please ensure you connect the battery.

TESTING THE BATTERY

Following installation, please ensure you check the battery and charge if required (see charging notes below). To test the battery, set the charge switch to the **centre OFF** position to make certain that you are not connected to any external charging or battery sources, then press the test button on the front of the unit to check the battery level. If the Fully Charged green LED illuminates this indicates the battery is charged.

If the red Recharge LED illuminates, please ensure you charge the battery by selecting Battery Charger or Alternator setting. Check the inline external fuses to make sure they are intact before setting off.

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CHARGING

Charging of the break-away battery can be done via the tow vehicle auxiliary line (black wire from the vehicle), connecting the break-away black/white wire to the RV's charging system or to a battery trickle charger. To charge the break-away system, select the appropriate charging method for your RV with the charge selector switch. The yellow Charging LED will illuminate to indicate that the battery is charging.

NOTE. If using a dedicated trickle charger just to charge the break-away system, please ensure that you use a "zero volt pickup" style charger. These are typically advertised as being able to charge a completely flat battery. To ensure the charger is compatible with the break-away system, select Battery Charger on the charge selector switch and confirm that the yellow Charging LED is illuminated. If the Charging LED does not illuminate, check the internal fuse first then check to ensure the charger is working.

Do not over charge the battery, if charging from car during towing, limit the charging time to 5hrs by switching the charge switch to the off position after this time.

It may take several hours for the battery to fully recharge. If the battery has been completely flattened, the car/ alternator charging system may not be able to fully recharge the battery. Should this occur, you can switch the charge selector on the front panel to battery charger.

If the battery does not hold its charge, you may need to replace the break-away battery.

BATTERY LIFE: The break-away battery should be replaced every 2 years regardless of its test condition with the same type 12V 5AH SLA battery. For a replacement battery or information regarding break-away, see your local distributor or contact CAMEC PTY LTD. The Camec replacement battery part number is: 041767

IN VEHICLE BATTERY MONITOR

IN SOME STATES YOUR TOW VEHICLE MUST BE FITTED WITH A REMOTE BATTERY MONITOR TO CHECK THE LEVEL OF CHARGE OF THE INTERNAL BREAK-AWAY BATTERY.

If a Battery Monitor is required, please use the Camec Remote Battery Monitor p/n 041764. To install, connect the purple wire to the in car Battery Monitor and when the brake is depressed, the meter will display the battery status.

BREAK-AWAY SYSTEM TEST

NOTE: this test should be done regularly to ensure the break-away system is working correctly. Disconnect the trailer plug from the tow vehicle. Check all internal and external fuses are ok, pull the break-away pin from the break-away switch attached to the frame. The electric brakes and brake lights of the RV should activate.

NOT A PARKING BRAKE

THIS BREAK-AWAY SYSTEM MUST NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES BE USED AS A PARKING BRAKE. IF USED IN THIS WAY THE BATTERY WILL BE COMPLETELY FLAT AFTER A SHORT TIME AND THIS WILL RELEASE THE TRAILERS BRAKES! USING THE BREAK-AWAY FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN FOR WHICH IT WAS DESIGNED WILL VOID ALL WARRANTY.

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Report of Wine Tasting by Janis:



Little Jenny won the Christmas in July raffle for the winery tasting at Tulloch wines and we were lucky to be invited along with Ian, Fay, Chris, John, Jenny2, Robert and of course myself. We were even more lucky to be able to park our vans on Jenny2's sister's property just out of Singleton. Boy did we get the VIP treatment taken into the private tasting room with cheese platters laid out on the table, with a tasting of 16 different wines. We were there for 2 hours having a wonderful morning. Would strongly recommend this for an outing.

It was then off to Harrigan's Irish pub for lunch. After our lunch Jenny2's sister works for another winery called Pepper Tree and had arranged a tasting there for us. This again included VIP treatment, cheese platters and 16 different wines again to taste. What a wonderful day. Thanks, little Jenny for inviting us. It was such a shame you were unable to join us as something had come up at the last minute but we appreciated the day out.



Hi Members

We are in the process of finalizing the Christmas Lunch which will be held at The Doylo on Sunday 10th December.

If you have not put your name on the list but would like to attend, please advise me so I can add your name.

The cost is \$35.00 per person for a 2-course meal. You can pay directly into the club account or you can pay our treasurer Robyn Nutter by the November meeting.

Fay Thomas

Secretary



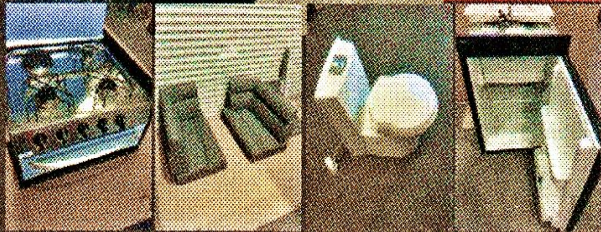
From Susan

If anyone has club shirts that they no longer want, could they please bring them in as there are members who are interested in obtaining them. Thank you.



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TRIP SHEETS 2023 - 2024				
DATES	DESTINATION	MEMBERS ATTENDING	CONTACT	PARK
2 – 9 Nov 2023	Darlington Beach Caravan Park Arrawarra	Barnes D/Gosper G, Collins M/L, Cooper D, Cousins/Kennedy D/M, Curtis M/D, Dick/Moore M/T, Eadie M/H, Field L, Howard B/A, Insull B, Latham B/D, Lee-Sing S/W, Lindsay F/A, Miles C/A, Newell G/M, O'Brien D/B, Olesen P/C, Palmer/Evernden I/F, Rogers R/R, Rohwer P/P, Sherwood R/C, Smyth J/H, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Wilcox/Richardson G/J 24 + visitors Val Wall/Ron Campbell, & Russell (with Len Field)	CLUB ORGANISED	Darlington Beach 6640 7444
12 – 26 Nov 2023	Narrabeen Leisure Trip	Bickley/Barid C/C, Bryce/Tanner J/H, Davidson P/Y, Dew A/C, Fraser A/T, Leotta A/L, Maranik D/A, Newell G/M, Wells J/J 10	John Bryce 0424 963 954 or Helen Tanner 0468 637 711	Big 4 Lakeside
22 – 30 Nov 2023	Belmont Lakeside	Barnes D, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Fraser T/A, Howard B/A, Laney R/L, Leotta A/L, Wall/Campbell V/R 7	Susan Edwards 0414 452 317	Belmont Lakeside 4945 4750
29 Jan 2024 10 days?	Big 4 Great Lakes Tuncurry	Bryce/Tanner J/H, Cooper D, Eadie M/H, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Howard A/B, Insull B, Kane C/P, Latham D/B, Lee-Sing S/W, Maranik D/A, Marsland P/E, Rohwer P/P, Rogers R/R, Ryan R/J, Shoobert B, Smyth J/H, Williams K, Wright/Merrett P/J 18	Coral & Peter Kane 0412 605 887	Big 4 Great Lakes 65546827
5 – 12 Mar 2024	Armidale Tourist Park	Barnes D, Cooper D, Dick/Moore M/T, Edwards/Williamson S/G, Howard B/A, Knight C/J, Nutter/Pryde R/F, Palmer/Evernden I/F, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Wilcox/Richardson G/J, Wilkinson C 11	Club Organised	Armidale Tourist Park 6772 6470
12 Mar – 19 Mar	Grumpy Old Men Trip to Cranky Rock THIS TRIP IS LIMITED TO 10 VANS BUT WITH RESERVES	Dick/Moore M/T, Knight C/J, Latham D/B, Palmer/Evernden I/F, Treacy/Wenning J/R, Wilcox/Richardson G/J, Wilkinson C, Wright/Merritt P/M 8	Chris & John Knight 0432 665 841 or 0402 593 873	
18 – 31 Mar 2024	Hartwood Campfire & Country Music Festival	Cooper D, Eadie H/M, Howard B/A, Kane P/C, Rogers R/R, Ryan J/R, Sherwood R/C, Thomas F/R 8	Coral & Peter Kane 0412 605 887	Hartwood Campfire 0456 780 824