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## UPDATE

Hello my dear GASSies!

It's been a while! And no wonder. Oblivious to the outside world, the First Years are yet to emerge from the HSC. Meanwhile, Second Years are slowly descending from the euphoria of their first year at university and, one month ago, in true Harold Holt fashion, our president just disappeared off the face of the Earth!

Over the last little while, I've realised that our president wasn't the only thing we lost. I've found myself asking, 'Where did those good times go?' Indeed, did we leave them behind in Germany? Or are they perhaps lying in hiding, just waiting to be rediscovered?

In light of a new GASS year, I thought it was about time you were all notified of recent and upcoming events. I'm doing so with the best intentions at heart: I want to reinvigorate GASS by bringing back some of that old goodwill and immense FUN.

## The AGM

First and foremost, the AGM was held last month and a brand new committee has been elected, which is comprised as follows:

Lachlan Howe – President;  
Ada Yu – Treasurer;  
Greta McLeod – Secretary;  
Ben Garrard – Fundraising Co-ordinator and GASSBag Editor;  
Phillipa Freeman – GASSBag Author;  
Tara Donnelly – Host Family Co-ordinator;  
Isabelle Barrett-Meyering – Social Co-ordinator;  
Stacey Curtis – Winter Camp Co-ordinator;  
Helen Chaffe and Naomi Fallon – Canberra Camp Co-ordinators;  
Kit Senior – IT Co-ordinator.

Three major motions, which will alter the functioning of GASS, were passed. First, a call network will be established over the coming month, which will enable all active GASSies to receive telephone notification about upcoming events. Second, an e-group has been created through MSN, which will allow all active GASSies to receive email notification about upcoming events. Third, fundraising, host-family and social co-ordinators and GASSBag editor will run a small team, delegating specific tasks to their team members. Through these three systems, our committee aims to encourage greater involvement in GASS. Most importantly, this team will be used in order to make GASS really FUN. Just wait and see!

## SAGSE Annual Ball

The night was an immense success. As you probably read in the invitation, it was attended by the German Ambassador, Dr Klaus-Peter Klaiber, and the Governor of NSW, HE Professor Marie Bashir AC. We



spent the greater part of the evening speculating on the meaning of AC. I suggested 'Air Conditioning', but alas, we could not come to a consensus on the matter.

Our congratulations go Detlef Kramer, who was awarded an Order of Merit First Class by the President of the Federal Republic of Germany. In case you're a bit slow on the uptake, that's the highest civilian award one can ever hope to receive in his/her lifetime.

Also noteworthy is the result of the Tombola, which was run by Ada, Ben and Tara. With the help of other GASSies in attendance, we managed to raise ONE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY FOUR DOLLARS!!! What a mammoth effort! Now we'll be able to sponsor a Stipi next year. Thankyou to everyone involved.

### SAGSE Meeting

To be held at 5p.m. on Thursday 18 November. I want to see all the First Years there so I can sort you into teams on the committee. If you come along, then you will be rewarded with a night of fun in Darling Harbour afterwards.

### GASS Social 1

Our next social event will be held at Blackbird Café (Darling Harbour) on November 18 at 7p.m. All are most welcome! Expect good food, wine and dance. Bring \$30.

### Summer Camp

Don't tell me you've FORGOTTEN! Yes it's that time of the year again. We'll be heading up to Hawks Nest between the 20<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of November. Hawks Nest is about 2.5hrs North of the CBD (in good traffic), near Port Stevens. I have a holiday house there, so you will not be paying any rent, but you will need to pay for food and petrol. The house is situated in a position that's a 5 min walk from either of two beaches, 300m from the river, 100m from the shops, 10m from the bush, 50m from the tennis courts, 100 from the oval and 20min from the sanddunes. It has television and cooking facilities. We will need to take up my N64 and my fat stereo. Other than that, we're set. It can sleep about 30 ppl. You can bus or drive up there.

Please RSVP on 9987 4673 in the next week. You will need to bring a sleeping bag and pillow, clothes (only if you really want to...) and about \$25.00/day of your stay. Please feel free to bring good music, board games and junkfood.

### Stipi Departure

On the 24<sup>th</sup> the Stipis will be leaving, so I'll be heading back to Sydney on that day to say goodbye to my sister. You are more than welcome to accompany me. The plane leaves at 5.00p.m.

Kind Regards,

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