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“IT ALL STARTS HERE”

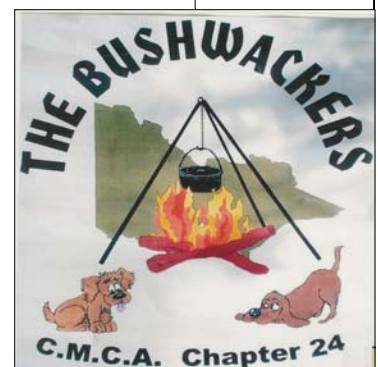
Hi everyone this weekend as we all know is Easter which means it's Safari time again and in the usual Bushwacker tradition the turn out was outstanding to say the least “WHAT'S WRONG DON'T YOU HAVE FAMILIES TO ATTEND TO??” Anyway it's nice to see so many smiling faces, maybe

it's because you're not with your families we will never know. OK before we start this epic journey with those that couldn't get here special thanks goes to Robbo and George for their Valiant efforts to keep us all entertained over this trek around Bendigo and surrounding areas.

TA . 5 = Steel caped work boots



To test your powers of observation over the week end one of our intrepid travelers gave me these questions for you to answer see how you go. **TRIVIA QUESTION : 1** At the Laanecoorie weir picnic ground how many steps were there to the top of the dam wall ??? The answers IF you need them are somewhere in this newsletter .you find them.!



ATTENDANCES FOR THE WEEK-END

The attendees for this Safari were:-

The Appleford's, Mr Barnes, the Bishop's, the Callander's the Hodges's also the Kraus's, and Mrs Livingstone and tent not to mention the Lowes, the McLennan's the MacDonald's the McKay's as well as the Newton\ Pettigrew camp plus the Quail contingent the

Robertson's the Trask's and the Van der Penn's the other Robertson's Then there are the visitors, Pam, John mc, with the S.E.Xplorers troop consisting of Kevin and Ila, Ross and Donna, Dot and ken. Last but not least W.P.Drifters Karin and Konrad with her ladyship Sharon and Graham made up the

group. A big welcome to you all.

T.Q : 1 = 102 .

TQ :3 =Garage sale sat / sun

TRIVIA QUESTION : 2 .There was a second mullock heap on the left over the railway xing near Baringhup .what was written on the sign on the roadside near the heap ??????

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TQ : 2 = STEWARTS FREEHOLD MINE

COOKS ON THE DAY WERE !!!

*Alan Mac, George, Steve, Robbo, Ken, and Rob.
The Toast Masters were Lynda, Denise, and Sue
and supervised by none other than Margaret.
Also thanks go to Julie for the tomatoes. A big
thanks you to all of them.*



Ok Day one

Most parties turned up at the first point at happy jacks near raven's wood ready to start the wanderings. I was told that the evening was a trifle cool to say the least.

The rally packs were dished out and a drivers briefing took place all common sense items were raised and some not so common which all helps every one survive this weekend trouble free. After a hearty breakfast and HI HO Silver the group headed off to the next stop (the mary-bourgh harness club) at Carisbrook.

TRIVIA QUESTION : 3 What event was being held in the old NATIONAL BANK in Dunolly. ???

Day two

Yours truly, turned up at the site early morning to be greeted with a cool wind and an empty site and set up the chuck wagon awaiting the arrival of the group. after a short spell the group started to filter in come 2pm most were set up and rearing to go .the collectors were out in force to I hope they received a lot of donations from every one.

A couple of courageous couples decided to tackle the local golf course, while some opted for sightseeing and some just crashed for the day.

By 5.30 all the pigeons came home to roost. And with the kind permission of the local CFA a small but inviting fire was erected and happy hour commenced.

The coolness of the evening sent a few people scuttling for the warmth of their vans.

The morning greeted us with cool conditions but plenty of sun. After brekkie the drivers briefing concluded and the packing up tradition continued in earnest. Finally the group filtered out to their sightseeing trek ending up at the Dunolly rec reserve where we acquired the cricket ground for the next stop. After a powwow with the local CFA we were allowed to have a contained fire yah hoo.

DAY THREE

Some of the group entered Dunolly with great gusto adding to the town's coffers some what would say a spending spree of sorts. Others made their way to the rec ground and the set up trials began. Later that day the local pub (the railway hotel) had an order for 25 for tea and I might add they handled it with the professionalism of a city hotel, full marks to them. Paul the owner couldn't be more helpful along with their staff as there were more for tea than first ordered, also I don't think any complained about the food it was cooked to perfection.

The tour of the old buildings was done during the day thanks to the transportation bus of Alan Hodges . as well as the wine tasting in town " the tasters did not have far to roll to the pub for tea that's for sure". When we all made our way back to the campsite the NOT so traditional Bushwacker fire was lit. And like moths to a flame the hordes came to sample the warmth as it was getting a might cool. Slowly but surely the events of the day took its toll on some who hit the hay after they warmed up.

TRIVIA QUESTION : 4 At the Maryborough Railway station "the collectables shop" had a re-stored pedal car for sale . What was the price of the car ????

DAY FOUR

After what seemed to be a good nights sleep by most we awakened to a pleasant sunny morning after a slight frost" so I am told" My dooner would not allow me to rise that early ,and the Sunday breakfast tango began, people dancing around with their tables and chairs attempting to secure a good spot for the meal while the cooks donned the appropriate attire ready for the cook off .Hot plate at the ready the bacon cut eggs were ready to cook themselves well nearly, the signal was given and breakfast was underway. I must say the NEW hotplate worked well thanks to the efforts of robbo who's time was taken up quite a lot by this project. Which I might add is not quite finished yet.

FEW" after all that it was pack up time oppps sorry robbo had a drivers briefing while he had an captive audience then it was time to pack up and move to the next spot on the map which was Fenton's creek hall.

DAY FIVE

After a short drive about 50 odd ks we arrived at a very apt spot plenty of shade and spots for those who had sun light power. And the chuck wagon was erected and the rest of the group started to filter in after their stint behind the wheel and all proceeded to settle down for the afternoon.

The Hall was opened and bugger me those card players dove in like Crows to a dead carcass "God help anyone that got in the way". Unfortunately there was to be no fires at this venue much to the disappointment of some but that's the way it goes.

This evening the raffles will be held because there are so many we thought we had better do them separate from the breakfast as usual. There were quite a few winners and they were Shelly, Alan Barnes, Donna, all the kids of course Andrew , Maurie for his rendition of the mullock heaps left by the gold rush days.

ALSO a special mention about Donna and Ross Henderson leaving for their home in Canada for their summer. We all wish them well and have a safe trip. after the speeches were over the music box came out and that was it for the rest of the evening. A good time was had by all " I was told that there was a flasher??? Nah not our group? Mmmmm ok .

TQ. 4 = \$525.00

DAY FIVE

We awoke to the sound s of crushing eggs under foot as we got up for another great day THE EASTER BUNNY HAD BEEN ' much to the delight of the kids. After breakfast we organized a egg hunt for the kids they seemed to enjoy it. I know the night before went well by the dead glass containers still on the tables . The hall was cleaned up and Then like so many times before we gathered our traps and kids and headed for our final leg at the Bendigo Race course . A lot of us went sight seeing some called it a week end due to other commitments the rest went on.

Trivia question .5 What was the type of footwear that the attendant was wearing at the dunolly historic court house .??

DAY SIX

By the time we got to the Bendigo race course sue and george had made camp under the trees in the shade as it was still quite warm .we set up the chuck wagon and waited for the rest to arrive. the last count 8 vans shared the last day we all just relaxed after what was quite an eventful weekend a big thank you to all that came we hope you had a good time and had a safe journey home .some of you won't be at the next rally at Inverleigh on May 18 - 20th due to your traveling commitments so the committee wishes you a safe journey and return and we will see you whenever.....the rest of you be good cu soon .

