

The Bush Telegraph

The official newsletter of the
BUSHWACKERS
 CMCA Chapter 24



December '07
 Fentons Creek

SPECIAL NOTICE

This will be your LAST newsletter, unless you have paid your \$10.00 fee!!!

Send your fee made payable to 'The Bushwackers' to;

Margaret Quail
 1a River Rd
 Yarrawonga Vic 3730

MEETING;

Date:

1st-2nd December 2007

Location:

Fentons Creek Memorial Hall

Weather:

Fine & Warm (to Hot)



ATTENDEES

Members;

Name	CMCA	Vehicle (AKA)
Theo & Helen Siomos	V31242	SGR 156
George & Sue McKay	S4695	SojournerII
John & Sue Stevens	V21869	Came by 4WD
Elaine & Bruce White	V10433	TRX 367
Andrew, Lara Robertson (& kids)	V?????	WETURN
Pam Snelling	V50215	SYD 960
Ann Forbes	V51836	UKY 243
Christine & Gary Appleford	V29741	SZT 790
John & Lyn Arnott	V10732	RLM 540
Alan Barnes	V18917	ILV 107
Steve & Lynda Bishop	V39458	YDAELLNOT
John Dadd (& Jan Pickard)	V22694	DADD
David & Shirley Gourlay	V9308	RMS 526
Peter Hinkley	V15464	OGB 872
Allan James & Teryl Boyce	V15119	LCW 778
Lola & Tony (Tubby) Cox	V41859	TUBBY
John & Miriam Stokes	V52597	UXM 284
Bob McNamara	V54360	WAC 312

Frank & Marie Keogh	V38023	TDM 631
Maurie & Mary Lowes	V33466	RRX 245
Rob & Denise MacLennan	V9267	SIW 150
Sean & Mandy Manners	N5573	The Puppet Man
Alan & Val McDonald	V20770	ED 043
Ken Newton & Elizabeth Pettigrew	V12229	Happy Hippo
Margaret Quail	V23329	KANDU
Ian (Robbo) Robertson	V18544	PVC 252

Visitors;

Name	CMCA	Vehicle (AKA)
Helen & Bob Smith	V28304	RTI 626
Sandra Gleeson & Max Schultz		
Sue & Peter Rudd		

ATTACHMENTS

Suggest a 'Bushwacker' Site form

ACTIVITIES

The Annual Xmas Dinner Weekend drew a reasonable number of members and visitors to this dry north-western location. A number of regular members were not in attendance, some apologies were received.

Friday;

Friday saw the majority of the attendees on site and settled in. As usual there were a few units that arrived early, and were treated to a peaceful couple of days.

Saturday;

Saturday saw more arrivals and the Annual General Meeting at 2pm in the hall. A swathe of new committee members were proposed, and elected unopposed.

The new chapter representatives are;

President	Christine Appleford	n/a	0407 839 934
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Committee	Darryl Crouch	loiscrouch@netconnect.com.au	0427 524 101

I won't go into details of meeting, as these are in the attached minutes. Also attached are the Financial Report and Member Listing.

One observation though - having a meeting like this at each of our get-togethers would certainly deter all but the most ardent members from attending...

After a brief interlude while members thought about the consequences of their election, and absorbed some alcohol, it was time for the Christmas Dinner.

This years Fancy Dress theme letter was W. Its funny how there's always at least one member whose mind turns to sex for inspiration...

The entrants for the contest were;



John was a wombat
(eats roots and leaves)
Jan was Wanted 24x7



Bob - Wildman



Maree – Watch-her



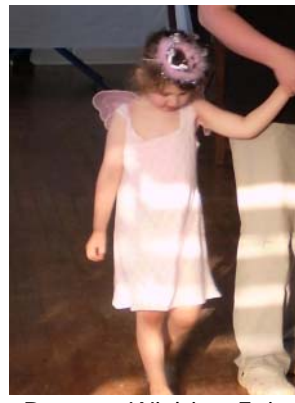
Max - Warlock



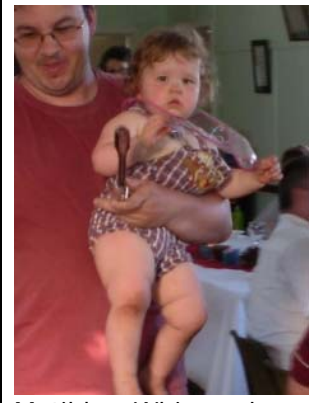
Pam and Garry
Wanderers



Tubby – The Wild One



Darcy – Wishing Fairy

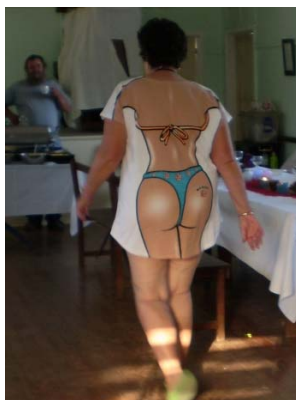


Matilda - Whipcracker

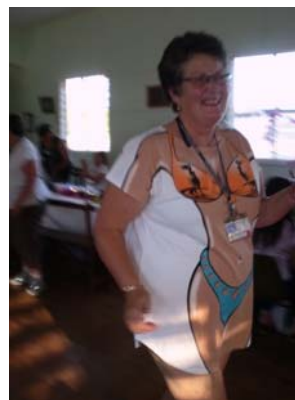
After due deliberation the prize was awarded to Margaret as Wahine Woman,
certainly the most risqué of the contestants.



front



rear



A winning smile



Robbo with his hands
full

Many thanks go to Simon the pelican (Sean Manners - The Puppet Man) for handing out the Kris Kringle presents. Sean was suffering from double pneumonia and went to hospital early in the morning. Sean and Mandy missed their scheduled cruise to Tasmania, and have returned to Bathurst for further tests etc.



This was closely followed by the drawing of the Christmas Raffle. The members-only raffle was for a hand-decorated Bushwacker Tray kindly donated by Karen & Hal. This was won by Teryl. The Annual Christmas raffle was for a WAECO fridge, donated by Sean and was won by Denise. Congratulations...



The dinner was catered by Fabulous Feasts of Bendigo (and it was indeed fabulous) and was eaten with vigour. The party lasted well into the night with those inside dancing to the music, and those outside revelling in quiet conversation under the stars.

Sunday;

The breakfast time of 9:30 allowed for even the most inebriated to sober up and attend. The organisers did a fine job and there were enough seconds for all that desired them.



On the BBQ;

- Theo
- Rob
- John
- Tubby

On the Toaster;

- Sue
- Denise
- Helen

On the Tomatos;

- Christine

Power;

- Hall

Denise MacLennan won the Bushwacker members prize, and was a little surprised to find that it included having to do the breakfast 'clean-up'. The lucky dip lottery was drawn without drama and people dispersed.



The committee met to review and adjust the Events Calendar (see attached). The remainder of the day was spent in quiet conversation, units left the site in dribs and drabs, leaving just a couple of units to enjoy the serenity of Fentons Creek overnight.

Trailer;

Thanks must go to Steve & Lynda (V39458 - YDAELLNOT) for bringing the trailer and dropping it off at Bruce and Elaine's place on their way home...

Welcomed New Members;



Ann Forbes – provided the traditional chocolate cake. Anns 5th wheeler is under construction.

Bob McNamara – in a great little Winnebago MotorHome (Cake pending). Bob is just a learner, and received a great deal of advice and assistance from other members during the weekend.

Welcomed Visitors;

Sandra Gleeson & Max Schultz – Max was involved with the Bushwackers way back, and has come along to check whether they should re-join.

Sue & Peter Rudd – from Queensland, waiting to see how their relative (newly adopted), the Prime Minister will perform. Perhaps the relationship won't last...

RECEIVED ON THE 'BUSH TELEGRAPH'

Feedback (for discussion);

Anon - why do we have to have so many meetings in the 'East'?

Anon - why do we have to have meetings at Recreation Grounds etc?

Where are they?

Glenis & Amos have sold their vehicle, and are now looking for a 5th Wheeler.

Contact notes;

Gary & Mina (V4785) are still battling to get their new vehicle completed.

Whatever happened to;

Miriam van Bakel – an early member of the Bushwackers. Well wonder no more, now Miriam Stokes, she's back as a Bushwacker with husband John.

CHAPTER NOTICES:

New Members;

A great big welcome must go to our most recent new members;

Members Badges;

REMINDER: Chapter membership is only open to FINANCIAL CMCA members. It is chapter policy to WEAR your CMCA Membership Card. This has the double advantage of saving those like me from wracking their brains trying to remember peoples names, and providing the committee with proof that members are financial.

Member Listing;

PLEASE check your entry in the MEMBER LISTING and provide corrections ASAP to;
Marg Quail

Newsletter Fees;

FEES ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE for the year to come. If you want to continue to receive the chapter newsletter then **PAY UP NOW!**

The fees for this fine epistle remain at \$10.00 p.a.

Please make your cheque payable to;

The Bushwackers

and send to;

Margaret Quail

1A River Road

Yarrawonga Vic 3730

Water Buckets;

REMINDER - At this time of year it is doubly important to place your FILLED water bucket by the front passenger wheel.

New Years Eve;

A number of members will be following the tradition set by Denise and Rob McLennan and spending New Years Eve at Murchison.

This is not a Chapter event and is not covered by CMCA insurance etc.

Events Calendar;

A new 'proposed' event calendar is attached for your review. The committee has attempted to provide sites appropriate for the time of year, and activities. Some sites require verification before becoming 'final', you can expect this to be published with the newsletter regularly, but will always be available online from

www.bushwacker.com.au/events/ (see below).

Photographs;

Members and their vehicles photographed at chapter meetings may be published from time to time. Individual objections can be raised with the committee and noted in the member register.

CMCA NOTICES;

none

MEMBERS NOTICES;

Entries here come from members, and can include FOR SALE, WANTED, and anything else received deemed applicable for inclusion for publication by the editor.

Bushwacker Website (George McKay S4695);

A new website www.bushwacker.com.au is being setup with information about our chapter. Additionally, a PRIVATE area will be set aside for those that are technologically advanced for forum discussion, retrieval of past newsletters, lodgement of photos to our private photo gallery etc.

The website has been kindly donated by members Hal & Karin Kraus, I will set it up for use.

The opportunity now arises for members to have a bushwacker email address
e.g. fred.nurk@bushwacker.com.au
Email your request to editor@bushwacker.com.au or call me on 0417 845 680.

The private area can be accessed via the link on the home page, or directly at www.bushwacker.com.au/members-only. This month's members only Userid and Password are bush/telegraph. Keep an eye on this area, as new features are planned (Members BLOGs etc).

Those with a bushwacker email address can access their email via the link on the home page, or directly at www.bushwacker.com.au/webmail.

EVENT CALENDAR;

Jan 25th to 27th Old Elmore Field Day Site.

Proceed to Elmore, turn right towards Shepparton. Proceed past new Field Day site. Keep left at "Y" Junction. Proceed to camp on left side approx. 4 km. Toilets, shade, brick shelter. Bring firewood. Dogs OK.

Feb 22nd to 25th Bass Valley Camping Ground.

Camp Spot 8 km N of Bena or 1 km S of Poowong on Bass Valley Rd. Beside Bass River.

March 20th to 14th Easter Safari – TBA

April 25th to 28th Hunts Bridge Camping Area – Lal Lal State Forest.

Camp area 13 km NE of Elaine. From N side of town take Settlement Rd for 5.6 km, right at T junction onto Doran-Egerton Rd for 5.3 km, left at T junction for 400 m, left at junction for 1.7 km. Beside river. 6 km dirt road.

MEMBERS CONTENT IS APPRECIATED, please email your content to;

editor@bushwacker.com.au or post it to;
George McKay, P.O. Box 520 Hawthorn Vic 3122

E. & O. E. (errors and omissions excepted)

Bushwackers Campsite Register

www.bushwacker.com.au/campsites

Please review the proposed sites below and send your opinions to;
editor@bushwacker.com.au or post it to;
George McKay, P.O. Box 520 Hawthorn Vic 3122
The site will/won't be included in the register based on your reviews.

English Bridge (nr Goornong)

On the banks of the Campaspe River. Dogs OK.

StringyBark Creek (nr Benalla)

Historic site of Ned Kelly shooting of 3 Troopers. Creek, Dogs OK.

Lock Valley Camping Area (nr Noojee)

Logging trucks use the road. Closed May-Oct, River, Dogs OK.

Brooks Reserve off Swanns Rd (nr Alexandra)

Vic Roads 62-C4. On the Goulburn River.



Marysville Area

Andersons Mill (State Forest) & Keppels Creek (State Forest)

Dogs OK.

BUSHWACKERS CAMPSITE REGISTER

Suggestion Form

Member Name:	
CMCA Number:	
Phone:	

Campsite Name:	
Closest Town:	
# of Motorhomes:	

FACILITIES	y/n
Hall	
Fees	
Shelter	
Drinking Water	
Fire Pit	
Wood	
Pit Toilets	
Flushing Toilets	
Picnic Tables	
WATERWAYS	y/n
Lake	
Dam	
River	
Creek	

NOTES:

AREA	y/n
Level Site	
Undulating	
Large Vehicles	
Grassed	
Gravel	
Tree Cover	
Open	
Walking tracks	
DOGS?	
WATERWAYS	y/n
Lake	
Dam	
River	
Creek	

OTHER: