



The Bush Telegraph

The official newsletter of the
BUSHWACKERS
 CMCA Chapter 24



January '08

Elmore

MEETING;

Date:
 25th-28th January 2008

Location:
 Elmore Old Field Days Site

Weather:
 Fine & Warm (to Hot)



ATTENDEES

Members;

Name	CMCA	Vehicle (AKA)
Christine and Gary Appleford	V29741	SZT 790
Karin & Hal Kraus	V18316	TUX 207
Alan James & Teryl Boyce	V 15119	LCW 778
Alan Barnes	V18917	ILV 107
Lois and Daryl Crouch	V15223	WHEREVER
John Dadd and Jan Pickard	V22694	DADD
Lyn and Alan Hodges	V25046	LCW 778
Val and Alan McDonald	V20770	ED 043
Sue and George McKay	S4695	SOJOURNER 2
Margaret Quail	V23329	KANDU
Gleness and Amos Trask	V14843	RQV 163
Pam Snelling	V50215	SYD 960
Nini and Wayne Priestly	N0390	BPI 997
Lyn Clarke	V42757	SZY 618

Ian (Robbo) and Julie Robertson came for breakfast and remained until evening.



Visitors;

Name	CMCA	Vehicle (AKA)	From
Ila and Kevin Hughes	V19534	6215.B	Southern Explorer
Maree and Ray Treacy	V42717	TVM 585	Southern Explorer
Dot and Ken Rice	V13502	DRI 944	Southern Explorer
Shirley and Peter Eades	V40991	PZF 931	Southern Explorer
Donna and Ross Henderson	V17021	NCK 364	Southern Explorer
Barry Smith	V43420	UUC 498	
Lyn and Bill Roberts	V45792	THE 349	Nepean Nomads
Jean and Ron Schliefert	V36223	RS. 076	
Erica Musgrove	V28359	TCK 837	Southern Explorer
Kaye and Terry Pitman	V28914	RHY 159	
Sharon, Alan and Lachlan White	V12861	NZG 279	
Faye Blainey	V39122	OZJ 665	Rosellas

ATTACHMENTS

Suggest a 'Bushwacker' Site form.

I have 3 'Motorhome Stays Australia' booklets to give away for the first 3 suggestions for new Bushwacker Sites.

These booklets provide free stays in various sites (mainly wineries) around Australia, valid for self-contained motorhomes until June 2008. <http://www.motorhomestays.com.au/>

ACTIVITIES

As usual our Elmore weekend attracted a large number of members and visitors. In addition a large number of campers and itinerant workers were sharing the large site. The state of the Campaspe River (dark black and murky) deterred any of our group from entering the water to cool off.

On arrival Friday I was surprised to see the large number of vehicles. There was hardly a spare place on the bank of the river. Happy hour was already underway. It was very warm, a bit of a surprise as it was raining when we left Melbourne. The early arrivals had had some rain on Thursday. The site is well grassed, and was almost lawn like. All it needed was for Darryl to get the mower out (he's bound to have one in there somewhere)! Eventually it cooled down for a good sleep.

It was great to see some faces that have been away for a time, notably Nini and Wayne Priestly early Bushwackers from Tocumwal and the Canadians Donna and Ross (S.EX) back for the summer season. NOTE: S.EX stands for Southern Explorers...

Being a long weekend there was plenty of time to laze around. The odd member went off to Elmore or Rochester to ensure that some cash was left in the area, I expect that there is now a world shortage of the famous Elmore Oil. Darryl's boat was extracted from his trailer and was seen putt-putting up and down the river testing various motors and with a variety of occupants. Needless to say the fish were quite safe.

As it was the Australia Day weekend, members were encouraged to get into the mood by displaying Australiana. Flags, lamingtons and meat pies, stubbies (shorts) and blue singlets were the go, but I don't know about John Dadd's pink T-Shirt!!! The trailer, some vehicles (and members) sported the Flag, none more so that John and Jan's 5th wheeler which also attracted a large number of bugs and spiders.

Trivia: George McKay (a Crow Eater) advised that South Australia had a different national anthem until the National Anthem Referendum in 1977 – 'Song of Australia'
<http://www.southeasternhistory.com.au/song.htm>



The weekend was marked by the activities of Lois & Darryl and John & Jan whose friendly feud caused much laughter as each tried to outdo each others dastardly tricks.

The group celebrated Nini's upcoming 70th birthday, congratulations and cake were in abundance.



The committee met to thrash out the years meeting venues, but alas some remain 'TBA'.

Robbo and Julie turned up for Sunday breakfast to enlighten us on the Easter Safari, but Robbo was keeping details close to his chest. The Breakfast Guys and Gals catered well given there were about 50 waiting in the line.

Alan James won the Bushwacker members prize, a 12volt fan/cooler. By the time Alan was ready to do the breakfast cleanup, others had almost completed the job, thanks to those that helped with cooking and cleanup. Thanks to Lois and Darryl for use of their vehicle for the toast.

As a reminder to those that park under Gum Trees, a tree branch dropped, at 6am, where members were enjoying the previous night's star show. Only a table and chair or two received damage.

Trailer;

Thanks must go to Alan & Teryl for bringing the trailer and to Darryl and John for taking it to Rob & Denise ready for next meeting.

Any assistance that can be provided by members to transport and store the trailer is greatly appreciated. Please advise us if you are able to provide this assistance at any of our rallies..

RECEIVED ON THE 'BUSH TELEGRAPH'

Feedback

From Ray and Maree Treacy (S.Ex) – 'Thanks for a great weekend at Elmore - we felt most welcome.'

Where are they?

From the Manners...

December – I am much better than when I was at Fentons Creek. The hospital diagnosed Dilated Cardiomyopathy, or an enlarged heart probably caused by a virus. Mandy & I elected to cancel our commitments in Tasmania and headed for Bathurst to recuperate. Just waiting now for specialists etc but feeling a lot stronger. We will probably stay here for a few months before deciding where to move onto.

January - Just a line to let Bushwackers know that Sean's health is a lot better and goes to see the Cardiologist in a couple of weeks to measure the damage to the heart etc. Yet again thanks to all the Bushwackers for the concern and help that was offered.

Bob McNamara will be off to Adelaide for the WomAdelaide Music Festival in March with friend Martin...

Martin and I are both carers for our wives and he has an opportunity to grab a few days and they are like gold when they come along.

I hope to make it to the Elmore weekend but my youngest daughter is heading off to Jervis Bay on the 29th to join the Navy as an Aviation Officer and it may be our last weekend together for quite awhile. She's been accepted to start her Officer training at HMAS Cresswell prior to becoming a Helicopter Pilot, I'm still shaking my head, I think she's the boy I didn't have..

Contact notes;

From Gleness...

Sorry that we have been out of touch for a while but as you probably know by now about the "Lurve Shack" us selling it and the guy going for 4 klms then a hose bursting emptying out the sump and seizing the motor anyway to cut a long story short we gave him his money back even (though we didn't have to) and are having a new reconditioned motor put in it then we will decide whether to keep it or add another \$10,000 to the price and still sell it but it is a bit close to Christmas to worry to much about it.

From Sharon Gibbons - *Hope to catch up soon. Have started back nursing in Ballarat so will wait for roster to come out.*

From Rod & Claire Taylor – *We have not been very active over the last couple of years but intend doing something about the problem very soon. We still have our little wiz-bang and still enjoy going on trips with it. It is just that we have been involved in bushwalking and fishing for some time now. We will try and balance our events a little better.*

From Doug & Gill Lavers – *We are still very lax attendees as illness and travel have severely handicapped us.*

Whatever happened to;

Wayne & Nini Priestly – *well they were at Elmore, and you could have caught up with them then....*

George & Roz McMurty - *have separated, sold their vehicle and resigned from the CMCA.*

Darryl Jeffs & Lorraine Robinson - *resigned from the Bushwackers, joined Nepean Nomads*

CHAPTER NOTICES:

Bass Valley Campground – Poowong

The space is at a premium at our next site, please reverse park in an orderly fashion to conserve the limited space.

New Members;

None this month...

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 racking their brains trying to remember people's names, and providing the committee with proof that members are financial.

Member Listing;

PLEASE advise any changes to your MEMBERS DETAILS to;
Marg Quail

Newsletter Fees;

You have obviously paid your fees, if you know of any members not receiving the newsletter get them to make their \$10 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 spent a memorable, but hot, New Years Eve at Murchison. The river was cool and apparently high enough for boating activities.

Events Calendar;

The review of the events calendar is continuing, particular attention being required for the Christmas meeting which requires a hall. If you are aware of such a facility, particularly in a cooler area south of the Western Highway, please inform us. The latest calendar is attached for your review. Although published in the newsletter the latest information will always be available online from www.bushwacker.com.au

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.

QUOTABLE QUOTES:

Robert Graves, English poet and author of 'I Claudius';

If I were a girl, I'd despair. The supply of good women far exceeds that of men who deserve them.

Submitted by our President, Christine Appleford.

CMCA NOTICES;

3rd Annual Australian Disc Bowls Festival (this is not a joke).

The FUN! FUN! FUN! Team of Keith and Robyn Procter (Competition Organisers) and Ron Penfold (MC) are back to stage a happy enjoyable and entertaining competition.

Don't miss out on the Fun!

Make up your own team, or just sign up and we will place you in a team.

Get your site at The Village booked and your name registered for the comp ASAP as numbers are limited.

Competition categories are: -

MEN'S TRIPLES
LADIES TRIPLES
MIXED PAIRS

Teams and Individuals must confirm their registration at Reception on arrival or no later than 11.30am Monday 19 May 2008.

BOOK EARLY ~ BOOK NOW

Tel: (02) 6662 1069

Fax: (02) 6662 3222

Email: office@casinovillage.com.au

BUSHWACKER RECIPES;

Carrot Salad – submitted by our President, Christine Appleford.

3 finely grated carrots
125 grams shredded coconut
3 tablespoons poppy seed
½ cup sultanas or currents
½ cup chopped cashews
¼ cup oil
1 teaspoon mild curry powder

Place top 5 items in a bowl. Whisk oil, lemon juice & curry powder together and tip over the salad. Toss well.

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.

For Sale;

Aussie-Traveller anti-flap awning kit \$150

This item is brand new – selling for half price.

(as used and recommended by the Editor...)

Phone Gary or Christine – (03) 9434 0186 or 0427 939 934

Bushwacker Website (George McKay S4695);

The development of the Bushwacker website www.bushwacker.com.au is progressing, this month's userid/password to gain access to the member's area is bush/camping.

The members section includes;

- Downloads - All newsletters for 2007, and new newsletters for 2008
- Forums - an area for general discussion between members
- Journal - publish info on your travels
- Private Messages - send a registered member a private message

Some Notable Internet Sites (George McKay S4695);

<http://www.toiletmap.gov.au/>

<http://www.caravanqld.com.au/>

<http://www.housetrucks.com/foreigndex/foreigndex.html>

These are all from New Zealand.

Make sure you click on the next button at the bottom and look through them, it gets better as you go through the pages.

http://www.unicatamericas.com/photos_ex70.html

EVENT CALENDAR;

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 24th Easter Safari

Bookings Essential - Contact Robbo 59983614 or 0428 983 614.

To be held in the Yea/Yarra Valley area – The start is at 350 Whanregarwen Rd. Alexandra.

To get there from Alexandra;

- follow the Maroondah Hwy towards Healesville.
- At approx 2K turn right into Whanregarwen Rd. The entrance is approx 3.5km on right just past house, there is a large hay shed on left just before driveway.
- If you miss the turn go down the road about 500 metres and turn there.
- This is private property and dogs must be on a lead.
- Fishing OK, but the owner has requested that no carp be left on the bank.
- No fires as restrictions apply.
- Swimming is OK but no diving from bank as there are snags.

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.

ANY TRUTH IN THE RUMOUR?

That ex-presidents go this way????



Submitted by John Dadd

CAMPSITE FEEDBACK;

Alan Barnes provided the following feedback on prospective sites;

- Brooks Reserve off Swanns Rd, Alexandra, on Goulburn River is fine.
- Loch Valley - 'The Poplars' - Alan saw it Easter 2006 - thought it was fine. He didn't see sign saying 'Closed May-Oct' and wondered if that was correct.
- Major's Creek much improved (2 nights early 2008). Now has new pit toilets and new post and wire fencing. There's 1 small area and 1 large area (suitable for Bushwackers). 8 tonne limit on bridge from Mitchelton, but big rigs use Wattle Vale rd.

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

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: