



The Bush Telegraph

The official newsletter of the
BUSHWACKERS
CMCA Chapter 24



February '08
Poowong

MEETING;

Date:
22nd-25th February 2008

Location:
Bass Valley Campground

Weather:
Cool, windy
with occasional showers



Special Note:

EASTER RALLY - If you have a musical instrument and you can sort of play it, bring it along.

How many would be interested in a dinner at the SMALL local pub on Sunday night? Numbers are limited so if you could let Robbo know by phone as soon as possible (prior to 10/3) he will try to organize something.

Fees for the Rally are \$10.00pp. This includes camp fees and breakfast irrespective of whether you have breakfast or not.



ATTENDEES

Members;

Name	CMCA	Vehicle (AKA)
Christine and Gary Appleford	V29741	SZT 790
Alan Barnes	V18917	ILV 107
Karin & Konrad Braun	V25988	QCI 166
Steve & Linda Bishop	V39458	YDAELLNOT
Ian & Sylvia Callander	V6930	SRV 732
John Dadd and Jan Pickard	V22694	DADD
Bob & Chrissy Eustace	N23798	925 JX2
Karin & Hal Kraus	V18316	TUX 207
Heather Livingstone	V5237	EZC 609
Rob & Denise McLennan	V9267	SIW 150
Sue and George McKay	S4695	SOJOURNER 2
Margaret Quail	V23329	KANDU
Ian(Robbo) & Julie Robertson	V18544	Robbo's Rambler
Theo & Helen Siomos	V31242	SGR 156
Pam Snelling	V50215	SYD 960
Glenness and Amos Trask	V14843	The Lurve Shack
Neil & Lynn McNabb	V14727	UKF679
Bob McNamara	V54360	WAC 312
Bruce & Elaine White	V10433	TRX 237
Ann Forbes	V51836	UKY 243
Lyn Clarke	V42757	SZY 618

Sue & John Stevens, Norma Stack & John Robinson came for a fleeting visit.

Visitors;

Name	CMCA	Vehicle (AKA)	From
Vic & Rosemary Trudeau	V55352	OAD933	
Peter & Carmen Tait	Q29089	REM522	
Lyn and Bill Roberts	V45792	THE 349	Nepean Nomads

ACTIVITIES

After almost being blown off the road, and being sent down a steep dead-end by the GPS, we arrived to find a super turnout for an 'eastern' meeting. Vehicles were, for the most part, parked in an orderly manner as requested.

Very cold and windy but that didn't deter the die-hards from sitting around the campfire. Saturday morning it was decided that to make the most of the weekend we would put the marquee up. Most pitched in to help with the erection, which gave Amos much soil for his fertile imagination (see his poem later).

The girls soon had a table and chairs set up for cards. Bob enlightened several members with the de-'lights' of LED lighting, and in particular the benefits of [Deal Extreme](http://www.dealextrême.com), a great source for very cheap 'boys toys' - www.dealextrême.com



After happy hour, which saw us enjoying a Chocolate cake from Chrissy and Bob, the music box was employed to keep the dancers in a warm mood. Many had needed to resurrect their winter woollies.

Sunday's breakfast was cooked in the lee of the tent under the verandah flap, and all had to shelter from the rain during the meeting.



Heather Livingstone is bravely participating in "[Shave for a Cure](http://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/)" and has asked for sponsors, we will see her at Easter sporting her new beanies - <http://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/>

Daryl and Lois' daughter Giselle has been diagnosed with skin cancer and is participating in the "[Relay for Life](http://www.relayforlife.org.au/)". The Club is donating \$20 to the cause - <http://www.relayforlife.org.au/>

Konrad won the members prize and was very effective indeed in doing the BBQ cleanup. This month's prize was two containers, one for water the other petrol.

After the meeting the tent came down in a flurry of activity and people began dispersing. Those lucky enough to stay an extra night, were able to sit around the campfire and enjoy the tranquility of this lovely camp ground, unfortunately the Bass River was dry.

Sue & I departed around 2pm and followed the Bass River Rd to Bena. From there we continued south along Kongwak Rd, another of the great Gippsland ridge roads. We had a late lunch sitting up on the cliffs at Kilkunda watching the crashing surf.

On a personal note, I must apologise for delays in production of the newsletters, as I am suffering from sleep disorders that leave me exhausted.

Trailer;

Thanks must go to Rob & Denise for bringing the trailer and to Hal & Karin for taking it home.



Christine thanks Hal...

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..

Advice from a tree:

Stand tall and proud
Sink your roots into the earth
Be content with your natural beauty
Go out on a limb
Drink plenty of water
Remember your roots
Enjoy the view!

From Christine (President)

RECEIVED ON THE 'BUSH TELEGRAPH'

Where are they?

From Margaret Quail...

Sitting at Solos Rally Cobar, about 34c every day, just as well I can use aircon!!!

From Sylvia Callander...

Have a good weekend....we are, I think, off to Echuca tonight.....try out the new evaporative cooler!!!!

'One a Penny, Two a Penny' – The Story of the Hot Cross Bun

Many of us eat spicy hot cross buns for breakfast over Easter. The history of hot cross buns dates back to the 1300's at an English Abbey where monks handed them out to the poor and needy.

Centuries later, street criers used to walk the streets on Good Friday, selling freshly baked buns in baskets, ringing hand bells, crying "One a penny, two a penny hot cross buns".

Early Christians ate buns marked with a cross to serve as a reminder of the Crucifixion. The humble hot cross bun has been said to have miraculous powers as a remedy for all kinds of sickness and ailments.

Traditionally hot cross buns have been given as a sign of friendship and good will and are eaten in the family home over the Easter celebration.

Thanks to Alan MacDonald for this information. Our best wishes go to Alan, who is suffering from some health issues at the moment.

Worlds Greatest Shave

Please Support the Leukaemia Foundation "WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE"

Over recent years, as most of you are aware, Bushwackers have lost several treasured members to cancer, some of whom had battled lymphoma & leukaemia. Please support the 'Shave for a Cure' by sponsoring Heather who will shave for a cure on 13th March.

If interested, please contact Heather on hhealesville@gmail.com or phone 0409029650.

You could also send a chq made out to 'Leukaemia Foundation' to;

H.Livingstone 18 Juel Cres. Healesville. 3777

Do you know?

- only 40% of adults diagnosed survive leukaemia?
- one person is diagnosed every hour
- one person dies every second hour

Please show your support for this worthwhile cause.



Contact notes;

From Bob McNamara
G'day George,

I'm just back from the Womad festival in Adelaide, a great event - South Australia can really organise an Arts Spectacular so well.

We stopped off in Dimboola at Horse Shoe Bend on the Wimmera River and, apart from the minor problem of there being not much water in the river, its a great campsite, Flushing Toilets, wood-fire BBQ's, good shade, Tables, 7km south of town at the gateway to the Little Desert.

Adelaide didn't disappoint us, we did try the Adelaide Caravan Park, no luck there, some people take great delight in telling you the town is booked out. I'm pretty resourceful so we went around the block and found a quiet shady street next to a park, within walking distance to the venue ~ no parking restrictions so Martin and I stayed put for two nights. The locals couldn't have been nicer.

Headed back on Sunday morning and wound our way through the hills to Strathalbyn and across the Murray at the Wellington Ferry. We tired of the highway and headed south at Keith down through the Padthaway wine district to Naracoorte. I had been to Harrow (Vic) many years ago so we made a "B line" through Edenhope and on to this lovely little village on the Glenelg River for another night's camp to break the journey.

We arrived in the middle of the annual Billy cart Derby - Harrow's big weekend ~ It's got the only decent hill for 50kms. We paid the prescribed fee of \$8.00 at the store and found an idyllic spot by the water. The overnight temperature in that cool valley was a welcome change to the heat of the plains.

Back on the road again by 9.00am Monday heading towards Hamilton before cutting cross country to Dunkeld and back to Ballarat along the Glenelg Highway and home.

I shouldn't have panicked about accommodation in Adelaide, our little sojourn to Twelftrees Reserve Hackney was brilliant. We weren't the only ones by the way, winding our way back to the main road we found 3 whiz-bangs tucked away.

Thanks for your help George, I'm sorry I won't be able to make it to the Easter Safari but I think Lyn has booked,

See you all in April

Whatever happened to;

From John & Miriam Stokes...

We have not been able to attend any of the rallies since the Christmas one in Fenton's Creek. We have been very busy as we have put our farm on the market and this necessitated us cleaning up and putting our house in order. The farm is not sold yet but we are auctioning all our furniture, appliances etc. in another 4 weeks and then we will be leaving in our RV around the 10th April for our 6-month trip around the West Aust. & NT. It looks like the RV will be our permanent home in the short to medium term. We have wrought big changes to our life & lifestyle – just be footloose & fancy free..

We miss the camaraderie of the friends we have made in the Bushwackers and wish to thank everyone who have made us welcome in the few rallies we attended. Hopefully at the end of the year we shall be meeting again. We certainly will try to attend chapter rallies in WA & NT whenever we can. We'll keep in touch too & let you know what's happening and look forward to hearing news about our Bushwackers in your interesting newsletter. (Keep up the good work!).

I've attached a photo of our converted RV with its new colors and the name of our RV "Mojo" on the scoop (before the body was repainted white). Please give our warm regards to everyone, you and Sue, especially, and wish you all the best for the Easter Safari and we'll be anticipating your newsletter. Thanks for everything.



Gizmos & Gadgets;

New item on the market – the [SkyScout](#) – with an inbuilt GPS just point it at a star to find out all about it.

<http://www.pcauthority.com.au/review.aspx?ClRID=5383&eid=2&edate=20080229>

CHAPTER NOTICES:

New Members;

The Bushwackers welcome Bob & Chrissy Eustace to the fold. Bob and Chrissy are well known to the Bushwackers, having attended our events frequently over the past few years.



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.

Events Calendar;

The review of the events calendar is continuing, particular attention being required for the Christmas meeting which requires a hall. 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.

CMCA NOTICES;

A general update from the CMCA was read out at the Poowong meeting. Anyone wishing to read it should contact the Secretary, Pam Snelling

BUSHWACKER RECIPES;

No spills in the fridge.....

Jellied Beetroot

1 small tin Sliced Beetroot.
1 pkt Orange or Red Jelly Crystals.

Method:

Drain and retain beetroot liquid.

Chop beetroot.

Make up jelly with ½ beetroot liquid & ½ water for jelly.

Pour over beetroot, cool until set.

A great storage container to use is a flat plastic take-away container.

Christine (President)

ERECTING THE TENT

Instructing new members in tent erection (I love that word)

INGREDIENTS

1. Two vertically challenged persons in charge Rob & Gleness (Hitler proved, short people make good bosses)
2. Spend 15 mins. deciding which direction the gale force wind is coming from.
3. Identify the front from the back (most important)

Political correctness went by the board, as male members, young and old charged around with poles in hand shouting "I've got the big one". One senior member narrowly missed being gelded when Bruce got carried away with his pole (big back swing). Females also handed out their share of harassment, one demented lady "Heather"?? ran from male to male offering to assist with their zippers, while all this time the EX Commander in Chief (Robbo) stood silently in the background.

Finally, grudgingly giving approval. All in all a fine job was done, providing shelter, great entertainment and fellowship.

Amos Trask



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);

This month's userid/password to gain access to the member's area is bush/tucker.

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

EVENT CALENDAR;

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.

Sue and Christine went for a drive to check the site, and give it the thumbs up. The track to the lower section (close to the river) was impassable, but there's plenty of room up the top. BRING YOUR LEVELLING BLOCKS! The river was grotty, hopefully this will have improved.

CAMPSITE FEEDBACK;

The Motorhome Stays Booklets went to Christine, Denise and Alan Barnes for their suggestions and feedback.

From the website Forum, member '**minds_eye**'....

- Hey "G" I have just been to **Majors Creek** Nagambie and it has been revamped. Areas have been cordoned off for re-growth, but has not upset the area. New drop dunnies, and it has been extended down the northern end a bit. All in all a nice spot and can fit the whole bunch of bushies in it.
- **Number 1 Camp** - I have visited this camp site and found it to be very clean and tidy for an out of the way spot. There were a couple of trail bikes but they were not a bother and were soon out of sight and sound... It's about 15 kms east of Clonbriane on the Hume Hwy. It used to be a detainment camp during the war and then a logging camp, now it's open to all.

From John Dadd....

G'day George, what did you do over long weekend? Jan and I went up to **Stringy Bark Creek** with Gary & Christine. We came home Sunday night and they're coming home Monday.

A good spot heaps of room, a real **BUSH** camp. Ned Kelly shot the 3 troopers here.
An old Gold mining area, with pot holes in the bush around the camp.
Grassy and shade if needed. Long drop dunny (clean). Dry Creek.
12 km of good dirt road from Tolmie end .

A real nice quiet area in the bush.

See Ya JD.

From the Priestleys

Finley Beach & Gilmartin's Bend – Tocumwal
40 – 50 units would fit on each of these sites. Firewood available. River, Level sites, Large vehicles OK, Grassed, Tree Cover, Walking Tracks. Pets OK.
3-4 km out of Tocumwal, 1km off the highway.

Members suggested sites for 2009

Caringal Campsite: Hema 44 C7, V39 Camps 3 page 171
Located 29km NE of Moe, south of Erica. 7km dirt road. Bush camp on Tyers River, Toilet, Hot Showers, Small fee. Indoor group facilities. Ph (03) 5165 2310

Melville Caves: Koonyara State Park, Hema 39 A10, Camps 3 Page 191
Nr Inglewood

Chinamans Camp: Nr Buangor

Green Hill Lake: Hema 42 C1, Camps 3 V474 page 195
Nr Ararat

Newbridge:

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