



# The Bush Telegraph

The official newsletter of the  
**BUSHWACKERS**  
CMCA Chapter 24



March '08

Easter  
Safari

## MEETING;

**Date:**

20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> March 2008

**Location:**

Whanregarwen (nr Alexandra)  
and Powelltown

**Weather:**

Varied – warm with occasional clouds



## SPECIAL REQUEST!!!

The club needs someone to tow the trailer to Hunts Bridge. Please call Christine on 0427 939 934 if you are able to, otherwise we won't be able to have the benefits the Bushwacker Chuck Wagon provides...

## ATTENDEES

**Members;**

John Dadd & Jan Pickard – Gary & Christine Appleford – Ian (Robbo) and Julie Robertson  
Alan James & Teryl Boyce – Pam Snelling – John McMurtrie – Steve & Linda Bishop  
Alan Barnes – Sue & George McKay – Marg Quail – Heather Livingstone – Sylvia & Ian Callander  
Elaine & Bruce White – Bob & Chrissy Eustace – Wayne & Sandra Doolan – Rod & Claire Taylor  
Amos & Gleness Trask – Theo & Helen Siomos - Mandy & Sean Manners – Hal & Karin Kraus  
Catherine & Barrie Robson – Neil & Lynn McNabb – John & Lynn Arnott

**Visitors;**

S & M Hyam – D & R Henderson – A & S White – I & C Travers – Terry & Kaye Pitman



Thanks to Bisho for the text of Robbo's badge...

## ACTIVITIES

### *Thursday;*

Although it was quite wet leaving Melbourne, and dangerously slick through the Spur, it was dry on arrival.

As usual a variety of routes were used, each with its own merits.

Robbo managed to score us a wonderful spot by a Goulburn River billabong provided by, friendly private owners. What an idyllic location.

A large number of units were onsite, parked in an orderly manner. The satellite dish owners all on one side away from disturbing trees, dishes all aligned in a row.



### *Friday;*

An offer of thoroughfare though private property was taken up by quite a few, to walk to an island on the River, apparently delightful.

A few took up the challenge to catch a fish, but alas - no luck. I think this may be due to the excessive river height at this time.



At 4pm we met to receive the directions to the next locations and hours of discussion ensued about the secret destination, much fun had by all. This was topped of by Happy Hour...

### *Saturday;*

We all took a casual drive to the 'secret' destination, PowellTown Rec Reserve, some via the tunnel, others to Alexandra, some via Marysville, some via Black Spur, some via Acheron Way (very scenic).



First to arrive - George & Sue. - Last to arrive – Pam Snelling

Only one traveller was reduced to opening the emergency envelope - Alan & Sharon White's daughter, she was also lucky enough to win the Easter Raffle – a huge container of goodies, it couldn't have been won by a more delighted winner.



***Sunday;***

The traditional BW breakfast, had to cater for 60+, even though there was a bit of stress it was managed successfully.



Bushwacker Raffle – the prize was a square serving plate decorated with the Bushwacker logo, donated by Karin and Hal and decorated by their daughter Heidi. Won by Jan Pickard



The usual newspaper parcel raffle saw laughs a plenty as usual with Amos on the job, even though it took ages to complete due to the number of attendees.

For the first time in about 4 years, the Bushwacker Disk Bowls came out. They were discarded though because they were incomplete. Another set was procured, and the bowls were in use all day.



As usual the cards took priority for some of the female persuasion, and afternoon and evening music provided by the Bushwacker Minstrels.

The day was spent relaxing and enjoying the reserve, it's a wonderful location in the hills surrounded by Forrest and logging history.

At 6pm we gathered for dinner prior to Robbo's prize ceremony. Contenders for the 'thing' were inventive in their story telling, amongst them Bob Eustace, Christine Appleford, John Dadd and Jan Pickard, Ian Callander (as always), Chrissy Eustace and Steve Hyam. The prize was won by Chrissy Eustace with her small ball like white clump.

The 2 vouchers went to; Wayne & Sandra for the most impossible route (via Mt Donna Buang, also for stress involved! Robbo presented cut-outs of Sandra's foot on brake pedal); and Pam for being last in.

The day was topped off with a magnificent night-time Concert with Pam on the guitar and Ian Travers on the keyboard, and lots of singers joining in..

### ***Monday;***

Participants reluctantly dispersed progressively during the day, with a few lucky ones remaining to enjoy the tranquility of the surroundings for another day (or 2).

### **Trailer;**

Thanks must go to Hal & Karin for going beyond the call of duty in towing the trailer.

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..

## The Bushwacker version of 'The Happy Wanderer'...

Written and performed by Amos and Gleness Trask

We love to go a wandering,  
In our comfy MotorHome.  
The kids can always keep in touch  
With a bloody mobile phone...

*Chorus:*

*Val-deri, Val-dera,  
Val-deri,  
Val-dera-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha  
Val-deri, Val-dera.  
My knapsack on my back.*

We keep the Lurve Shack nicely stocked,  
Some think it's just a truck.  
But every night we go to bed  
And thank God for our Luck.

*Chorus...*

We're out with Robbo for this trip  
Amongst the trees and hills.  
No-one got lost, it goes to show  
We're old but we're not dills.

*Chorus...*

Ian loves to go a wandering,  
Always in his glory,  
And as he goes he loves to tell  
A very interesting story.

*Chorus...*

Bob loves to go a wandering,  
He never wears a scarfe.  
His likes his photos but when he's lost  
Just listen for his laugh.

*Chorus...*

Marg loves to go a wandering,  
She loves the dear outback  
And as she goes she always takes  
Her babies Rosie and Jack.



## RECEIVED ON THE 'BUSH TELEGRAPH'

Where are they?

**Contact notes;**

*Sharon Gibbens*

*"Just letting you know I am working over Easter so won't be along. I have moved into a new abode with Rebekah."*

**Whatever happened to;**

*Gary & Minna*

*Their motorhome project has had a set-back, the 2 pack paint job failed, and has had to be removed. A hard job...*



Elaine White came across this donkey in her travels. When she asked its name she was told 'Amos', she replied 'Does he have a mate called Gleness?'....

### CHAPTER NOTICES:

- REMEMBER the dangers of parking under Gum trees, they are prone to lose limbs.....
- Thanks must go to John Dadd for the new trailer addition, a travel cover for the BBQ.

### Handy HINT!

Keep a watering can in the camper, it's great for topping up the water tank when you're at the service station....



## INTERNET CORNER:

Some interesting websites;

[http://www.lakesandwilderness.com.au/pdfDocs/20-Touring\\_Map.pdf](http://www.lakesandwilderness.com.au/pdfDocs/20-Touring_Map.pdf) for a touring map of south-east Victoria with campsites and attractions....

I happened across an interesting group of websites, where you can create interesting objects online;



Licence Plate Maker

Tombstone Generator

StreetSign Generator

Warning Sign Generator

Warning Label Generator

Church Sign Generator

and REAL Church signs - funny ones

Allsorts of other stuff

<http://www.acme.com/licensemaker>

<http://www.jjchandler.com/tombstone/>

<http://www.streetsigngenerator.com/>

<http://www.warningsigngenerator.com/>

<http://www.warninglabelgenerator.com/>

<http://www.churchsigngenerator.com/>

<http://www.churchsigngenerator.com/churchsigns.php>

<http://www.says-it.com/>



## WORDS OF WISDOM – courtesy Christine...

Happiness is a voyage, not a destination.

There is no better time to be happy than now, live and enjoy the moment!

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Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery.

Today is a gift and that's why they call it the 'present'.

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## EVENT CALENDAR;

**April 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>**

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. BRING YOUR LEVELLING BLOCKS! GPS 37 42 37S 144 05 41E



**May 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>**

Major Creek Reserve

Camp spot 14km south west of Nagambie. Turn west off Goulburn Hwy 6km south of Nagambie onto Mitchellstown Rd for 8km. Bring firewood. NOTE: 6Tonne bridge load limit so larger vehicles should come Nagambie via back road (dirt).

**June 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>**

Stringybark Creek (Toombullup State Forest)

Camp area 23km northwest of Tolmie or 16km southeast of Tatong, via Tolmie-Tatong Rd and Jones Rd. Turn west 21km northwest of Tolmie or 16km southeast of Tatong. 3km dirt road from Tatong. Bring firewood – Jan's Ned Kelly Theme weekend – more in next newsletter...

GPS 36 52 22S 146 12 06E

**July 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**

English's Bridge

Camp spot 3km east of Goornong. Turn east off A300 15km south of Elmore or 36km northeast of Bendigo onto English's Rd for 3km, then north for 400m at signpost "English's Bridge". Beside Campaspe River. No facilities. Bring firewood.

GPS 36 37 17S 144 33 40E

**August 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>**

Murgheboluc Public Reserve. *Bushwackers 14th Birthday Bash*

On Hamilton Highway (B140) approx. 20km west of Geelong or approx 8km east of Inverleigh. From Geelong, the reserve and bluestone hall is on the right 4.7km past the Murgheboluc township sign and/or 2.5km from Bruce's Creek. Plenty of space. Bring firewood. Bookings essential.

**September 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**

Avoca - tentative

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>**

Upper Yarra Dam - *bookings essential - fees apply*

**November 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>**

Dandos

**December 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**

Meredith Pioneer Park - *bookings essential - Xmas Dinner & AGM*

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