

# The Bush Telegraph

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



April '08

Hunts  
Bridge

## MEETING;

**Date:**  
25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> April 2008

**Location:**  
Hunts Bridge Reserve,  
Bungal

**Weather:**  
Cool with some rain



## ATTENDEES

### Members;

Gary & Christine Appleford - Alan Barnes – Sylvia & Ian Callander – Daryl & Lois Crouch  
John Dadd & Jan Pickard –Peter Hinkley & Mary English – Alan & Val McDonald - Pam Snelling  
John & Maree McMurtrie – Sue & George McKay – Ken Newton & Elizabeth Pettigrew  
Marg Quail – Heather Livingstone – John Robinson & Norma Stack – Gleness & Amos Trask

### Visitors;

Helen & Robert Smith – Trevor & Eileen Edwards – Ila & Kevin Hughes – John Whittle  
Angela Edsall – Gavan Murphy – Ted Hancock

### Day Visitors;

David & Shirley Gourlay



## ACTIVITIES

### Thursday:

It seems that there are many routes to Hunt's Bridge, and every alternative seems to have been used by those attending.

The fire was warm and well attended, as we arrived Happy Hour was underway.

### Friday:

The tent was erected without delay, due to the reported inclement weather. The card players soon moved in, accompanied by a Blackjack Table!



Lois set off to walk up the hill every morning with Jan accompanying her as well as others, Lois is getting ready for her climb up Mount 'KillerManJaro' later in the year, when she and Darryl go to Africa.

The usual Bushwacker Services branch staff, attended to those that required assistance without delay (whether they asked for it or not).

An early afternoon get together was organised and a toast proposed by Christine to the Anzacs, followed by the Bushwackers toast proposed by Ken. Ken, can you write the toast down for our records....

The wine tasting was a close affair and scored accurately on my computer, the results are published below. It seemed that the appreciation of the wine grew as more wine was consumed, or was it just co-incidence that the better wine was consumed later.

	Total Score	34.0	34.5	43.5	29.5	31.0	53.5	45.5
bottle #		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
supplier		Glenny	Dadd	Dazza	Presido	John R	Ken	JM
cost		Aldi \$4.99				\$2.99		\$5.00
Wine		Deerborn Bin 808 Shiraz	Taylor Promised Land Cabernet Merlot	Shepparton Perri's Cabernet Blend	De Bertoli Sacred Hill Cab Merlot	Clare Creek merlot	Grant Burge Reserve Shiraz 05	Cleanskin SA Shiraz
Dadd	32.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	2.0	3.0	6.0	4.0
Dazza	35.5	4.5	5.0	7.0	2.5	5.0	7.5	4.0
Glenny	37.0	6.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	2.0	8.0	7.0
Ken	36.5	5.0	4.5	6.5	4.0	4.0	8.0	4.5
John R	37.5	3.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	7.0
Eliz	32.0	4.0	5.0	7.0	2.0	4.0	5.0	5.0
JM	35.0	4.0	3.0	5.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	8.0
Presido	26.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	5.0	2.0	7.0	6.0

Jan did an interesting experiment requiring people to hold their noses while eating a piece of chocolate, which had interesting results and was enjoyed by all the participants.

By evening most of the stragglers had arrived with Amos arriving later than Gleness expected and John D. coming to the rescue, driving her up the hill to get phone reception only to find when they returned, that Amos had arrived from the other direction.

**Saturday:**

John Dadd and Jan went to Geelong to check-out the Winnebagos, but came home impressed but empty-handed.

Gleness ran a laughing club which caused much hilarity to both those attending and those not.

I found an unusual pair of pliers, which tested the experts, but Darryl reckons it is a glass-cutters tool for breaking cut glass off the pane.



Marg showed off her pink boots.

Chocolate cake was brought out by Lois on behalf of our absent new members from Queensland, Peter & Carmen Tait, they are now true members. We look forward to seeing them again sometime in the future but in the mean time we thank them for the delicious cake.

The 'die-hard's' gathered by the fire-pot under umbrellas, where Amos and several others kept us warm with much laughter over their jokes.



The crumpet cook-out was all-out war between John Dadd and the other participants. John reckoned he won, but it was 4 against one in the toasters, especially if those that hit the ground and were discarded are counted.

The stars came out, but not through the clouds, as rockets displayed their wares in the night sky. No-one is admitting liability though....

**Sunday:**

The day dawned very much against the weather persons prediction, as the forecast had been all doom and gloom with gale force winds and hail, however in great Bushwacker style it smiled on us. Breakfast saw us all seated near the fire, watching the billy boil as it had all weekend.

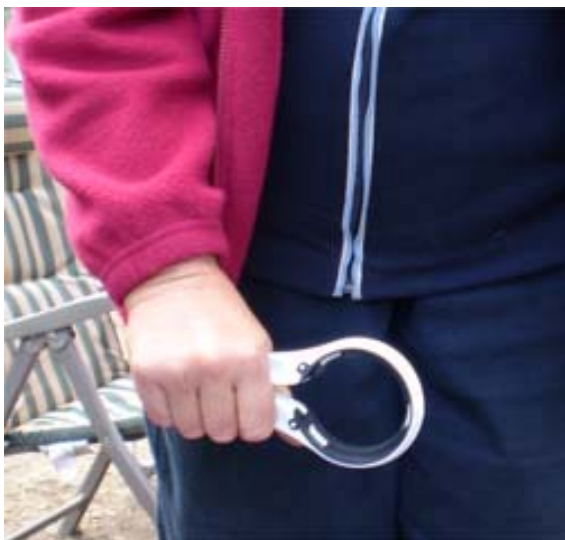


Due to the lack of communal cooking facilities (no-one could be found to tow the trailer), each attendee was provided with the makings of a Bushwacker breakfast (bread, eggs, sausage and bacon). Each cooked theirs in their own favourite way and returned to get their tomatoes and to eat at 9:30. Some cooked over the fires, others cooked their seconds that way and followed up with the remaining crumpets.

The Bushwacker Prize was once again won by Sylvia, who was relieved that there was no trailer, so no cleaning up to do.



Amos and Margaret handled the raffle with the usual humour provide by Amos. Marg and John McMurtrie produced unusual objects (any guesses?) as did Meg!



The tent was dismantled with the usual efficiency, and after some time around the fire most of the members dispersed (in various directions).

I hope they all made it home safely.

The technical services branch once again came to the aid of Trevor (Glennie's brother) to assist in packing up his van.

**Trailer;**

Thanks must go to John Dadd for bringing much of the gear normally transported in the trailer, and to Christine and Gary who organised water heating and BBQ provisions etc.

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'

**Whatever happened to;**

*Lyn & Stretch -*

*Lyn Hodges has had a foot operation. All is OK. Hopping around with a big blue protective boot...*

*Jennifer Baulch (SOLO) -*

*I had a wonderful 6 weeks in NZ, hired a car and stayed in youth hostels, which was an experience in itself!*

*I'm back in Melb and Robbo is doing some work on my vehicle, when all is completed I plan to head towards SA, first calling on relatives in the western district, as well as doing the Great Ocean Road (I haven't done it yet and I grew up near Hamilton!).*

*Miriam & John Stokes -*

*We had our auction on the 6th April & everything was sold. It was unnerving and sad but we felt relieved at the same time. Then on our last day at home, the house & farm got sold, so that was great luck, as well. We have been on the road now for 13 days & presently at Mt Gambier having our Honda generator looked into as we have been having problems with it. The highlight of our trip so far was John finally catching fish - 6 good sized salmon off the beach in Peterborough.*

*Please give our warmest regards to our fellow Bushwackers.*



White's are orright!!



What is that thing?

## CHAPTER NOTICES:

- You may remember that the Bushwackers donated some money for Daryl's daughter's Relay for Life effort. Giselle (and her children) say 'thanks'.



- Rob and Denise MacLennan arrived early at Hunt's Bridge, but had to leave again due to the sudden passing of Rob's Mum. Our sympathies go to Rob MacLennan and his family.
- During the month Pam and Sue previewed the Avoca site, it's a beauty. All the essentials are within very easy walking distance, the Hotel for Saturday night's dinner (final numbers will need to be provided early that week), an Op shop, several bakeries, gourmet butcher, fuel etc.
- John Dadd previewed the Meredith site on the way to Geelong and gave it the thumbs-up, another beautiful Bushwacker Christmas Camp with only a short walk to the Hall.

## Handy HINTS!

- Use Baking Paper on the BBQ hotplate to cook on. No mess. No cleaning up. No worry about what was cooked on the plate before you...
- Setup your emergency numbers in your mobile phones as ICE (In Case of Emergency). This started out as a prank, but it was such a good idea that it has taken off! You just put your in-case-of-emergency number in as ICE, then if you fall ill, the Police/Ambulance etc. can easily identify your next-of-kin. You can setup ICE2, ICE3 etc as well.

## INTERNET CORNER:

[www.bushwacker.com.au](http://www.bushwacker.com.au) has been added to the CMCA website as a chapter website.

I have added a Satellite Finder tool to the Links Page [http://www.bushwacker.com.au/main/page\\_links.html](http://www.bushwacker.com.au/main/page_links.html)

## Gadgets:

Marg's Gadget is a tool for opening jars.

JM's Gadget is a tool for undoing Large Wheel Nuts.

Meg's appeared to be a wallaby leg or some such...

Other Gadgets;

**GPS Watch** – Come in Dick Tracy.

[http://www.koganexpress.com.au/gps/kogan-gps-watch-with-bluetooth/prod\\_23.html](http://www.koganexpress.com.au/gps/kogan-gps-watch-with-bluetooth/prod_23.html)

## EVENT CALENDAR;

May 16th – 19<sup>th</sup>

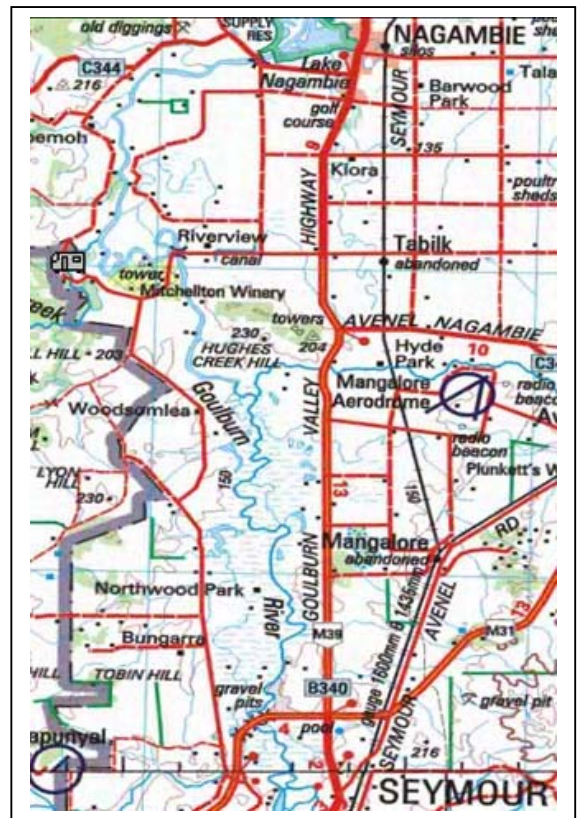
### Majors Creek Reserve

Camp spot 14km south west of Nagambie.

Turn west off Goulburn Hwy 6km south of Nagambie onto Mitchellstown Rd for 8km.

Bring firewood. Dogs OK. Fishing...

NOTE: 6Tonne bridge load limit so larger vehicles should come Nagambie via back road (dirt).



June 6th – 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...

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July 11th – 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.

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August 1st – 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 5th-8<sup>th</sup>

Avoca

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

Upper Yarra Dam - *bookings essential - fees apply*

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

Dandos

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

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

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