

The Bush Telegraph

The official newsletter of the
BUSHWACKERS
CMCA Chapter 24



July '08

English
Bridge

MEETING;

Date:
11th-13th July 2008

Location:
English Bridge,
nr Goornong

Weather:
Clear Saturday
Showers Sunday.



ATTENDEES

Members;

Gary & Christine Appleford – John & Lynne Arnott - Alan Barnes – Steve & Linda Bishop
Darryl & Lois Crouch - John Dadd & Jan Pickard – Sue & George McKay – Bob & Chrissy Eustace
Pam Snelling - Frank & Marie Keogh – Alan James & Teryl Boyce – Heather Livingstone
Ian (Robbo) and Julie Robertson – Maurie & Mary Lowes – Bruce & Elaine White

Visitors;

Jennifer Baulch

ACTIVITIES

Friday:

Rather than follow the GPS directions, which expected the trip from Docklands to English Bridge to take almost 2.5 hours, we headed up the Tullamarine to bypass the heavy afternoon traffic, and veered off through Romsey. The route north to Tooborac was relatively clear of traffic, a great route with pretty countryside. We didn't take the Elmore road at Heathcote, but continued towards Bendigo and took the Goornong road which joined up with River Rd just before English Bridge. Our alternative route was completed in under 2 hours.

Although the entry was a little muddy, the campsite was flat and grassy, and well and truly large enough for even the largest Bushwacker gathering. This would be a great alternative to Elmore or Murchison. The precedent having been set at previous meetings, the tent was up at the ready, the fire roaring with logs donated by a local farmer. I don't know why, but we must have a good reputation, as firewood is being donated by non-Bushwackers on a regular basis. Whatever we're doing, we need to keep it up.

Saturday:

Christine finally managed to get Garry to make her a Toastie for lunch, but I'm not sure that she appreciated it. By the time Garry was finished it was black. Garry scraped the charcoal from hers, but proved it was edible as it was...



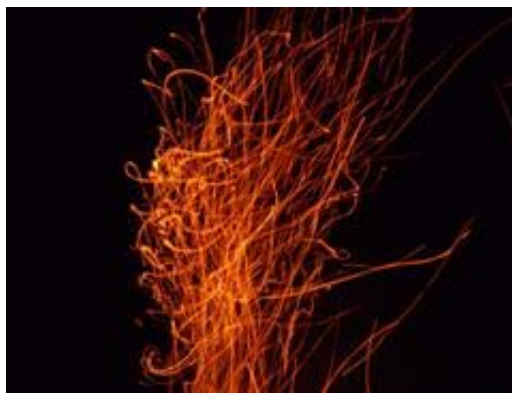
Darryl's new TV proved too much for the Bushwacker Techo Boys to handle, embarrassment all round when Jennifer managed to succeed where they failed. 'On ya Jennifer... Darryl's embarrassment was forgotten when his mighty Geelong team won their match.



There seemed to be an unofficial competition for the most imaginative fire.



I think John Dadd was a clear winner with his T-piece... His night-time fire probably added a few holes to the tent roof, as well as his clothes, but it made for spectacular viewing...



Sunday:

Early rain necessitated the erection of a temporary shelter over the BBQ so that the eggs could be fried rather than boiled.

David & Shirley came for the day, and took the Bushwacker raffle prize home with them.

Sue and I made the most of our imported English Fishing Umbrella, and was that a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, or just Robbo's truck?



Quite a few stayed until the end of the day, and enjoyed a brilliant sunset over the Campaspe River.



Heather brought the most firewood, and she only stayed one night. Good onya..

Trailer;

John Dadd kindly trailed the trailer up and back (and hung around until Monday so the tent could be put away dry). Thanks John...

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Who's doing what;

Having a great time at the Caravan Park, met some really funny people. We'll probably stay friends for a long time, also another couple that live at Chelsea. I've given them a membership form for the CMCA and hope that they fill it in. I'll email you some photos of Amos birthday bash I put on for him, I hope that it isn't too cold for you all down there. I'll stay in contact. Sounds like you had a great time at Stringybark Creek.

Cheers,

Gleness and Amos.



oOo.

Hi, having the first overcast day since I left Sydney. In Townsville for the last few days. Went to the Proserpine Rally and enjoyed good hospitality, with minimal of fuss. Then went out to Rodeo at Townsville, plenty of bucking broncos and bulls. Will go to Damn Fine Rally end of this week, then head up further to Mareeba and Christmas in July. Traveling with my friend from Bundaberg. I run in to Harry and Maureen every so often, as they are also on there way up. Miss you all but not the weather, enjoying the short sleeves and pants. Playing some games and those pink boots haven't been out yet.

Love **Marg**

CHAPTER NOTICES:

Letter from the President

Members,

If you have queries that need an explanation, then please talk to me or put it in writing so that I can discuss it (if need be) with our Committee to resolve it. If required, results will be reported in the Bush Telegraph, so all members can be informed.

The trailer will not be at the Birthday Bash, as we're in a hall with facilities.

A volunteer is needed to tow the trailer for the Avoca 5th September weekend.

Bushwackers love dogs, but Maurie has indeed excelled.....

There was once an Alsatian whose life was so poor

That our Bushie friend Maurie said....."No more! No more!"

The pooch had been chained for about 2 years,

His life was so sad that it brought you to tears.

Maurie now has the pooch, and to see him it's clear

That the pooch, although deaf, displays love and cheer.

Good on you Maurie, good luck with the pooch,

May he be good company and keep giving you a smooch!!

Pam

Murgheboluc Birthday Bash Info.

Menu:

Soup, lasagne, chicken, salads, garlic/herb bread (don't forget to bring servers with your salad)

Cheesecake, trifle, fruit salad, cream

"Happy Birthday" Candles on individual cheesecake serving so members can sing and blow candles out together.

*own crockery needed for mains and/or soup

*own cutlery needed

*sweets served in bowls provided by club

Sunday breakfast:

*Food given out - own cooking, but eat together in hall.

*usual raffle and Bushwacker raffle

Cost:

Usual camp/breakfast fees.

Have you booked in?

Don't forget to book in for the Bushwacker Bash weekend, as we need to know numbers for catering.

Phone Christine on 9434 0186 or 0427 939934

The Bushman's Heritage Weekend

A Celebration of Bush Poetry

to be held at

Casino Village

Friday ~ Saturday ~ Sunday

15th ~ 16th ~ 17th August 2008

Come share your orations ~ whimsical or serious ~ traditional or modern. There's a place for Bush Poetry of all styles.

Performances by

~ Gary Fogarty (M.C.) ~ Shirley Friend ~ Marco Gliori ~ ~ Bill Kearns ~ Neil McArthur ~ Ray Essery ~ & Others ~

. Included in the weekend will be an amateur afternoon for singers, bush yarns and budding poets.

1st Prize ~ \$100.00

Campsites powered and unpowered available. Early bookings recommended.

Free BBQ and Camp Oven cooking facilities.

To book your site—phone (02) 6662 1069 or via email office@casinovillage.com.au

GPS co-ordinates—S 28 52.458 E 153 02.936

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Bushwacker RECIPE

Pita Bread Crisps.

2 large Pita Bread

Tear into pieces.

Spray with cooking oil.

Sprinkle with 'Season-All' (spicy or lemon).

Heat oven to 150deg and bake for 10 minutes.

(Complements to the chef – Christine Appleford).

EVENT CALENDAR;

August 1st – 4th 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 to Christine Appleford (Pres) 9434 0186 or 0427 839 934.



September 5th-8th Avoca
Beside Avoca River, opposite Avoca Lions Park rest area, Bridport St.
From Ballarat, take Sunraysia Hwy (B220) to Avoca. Turn left at Bridport St/Pyrenees Hwy (B180).
Camp between bridge and Skate park ramp. Pub meal Sat. night.
Pub bookings week prior to Christine Appleford (Pres) 94340186 or 0427839934.
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October 3rd-6th Upper Yarra Dam, via Warburton - *bookings preferred - fees apply*
From Warburton, travel 24km on Woods Point Rd (C511-continuation of Warburton Hwy), to entrance of park. Gates close at 5pm. Camp fees of \$5.70pppn apply.
Bookings preferred to Christine Appleford (Pres) 94340186 or 0427839934.
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November 1st-4th Dando's Campground.
Camp area 13km SE of Gellibrand. Turn E off C155, 1km S of Gellibrand onto Gellibrand East Rd, Lardners Track and Sayers Track. Dirt road. Camping beside river. Bring firewood.
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December 6th-8th Meredith Pioneer Park - *bookings essential* - Xmas Dinner & AGM
From Geelong, take Midland Hwy (A300) to Meredith. Turn left into Wilson St. Dogs OK. Meredith Hall is just a short walk from the Pioneer Park.
Christmas Bookings essential to Christine Appleford (Pres) 94340186 or 0427839934.
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