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Gary and Christine have gone to Whyalla, followed by a couple of months meandering. Any queries during this time should be made to Alan Barnes (Vice President) on (H) 9391 6362 or (M) 0410 983 156.

ATTENDEES

Members:

Gary & Christine Appleford, John & Lynne Arnott, Alan Barnes, Steve & Lynda Bishop (and Heidi, their new puppy), John Dadd & Jan Pickard, Bob & Chrissy Eustace, Ann Forbes, Dorothy Hall, Hal & Karin Kraus, Doug & Jill Lavers, Valerie McIntosh, John & Maree McMurtrie, Terry & Kaye Pitman, Theo & Helen Siomos, Pam Snelling, Gary & Mina Stapleton, John & Sue Stephens, Amos & Gleness Trask

Visitors:

Peter & Luke Thomson, Trevor & Eileen Edwards

Apologies:

Robbo and Julie (were coming, but Julie's mum was not well), Ian and Sylvia Callandar (came.....but got the wrong weekend!!! They also had to call the Police – first time in 29 years of m/homing – local youths a menace, kicking their m/home at 12.45am). They couldn't come on the proper weekend due to social engagement, but were happy that we could all have a giggle at their error!

ACTIVITIES

Friday:

Several motorhomes arrived safely including Bob and Chrissy – their first escapade since Black Saturday. One surely can get a small understanding of their trauma after seeing all the destruction on the drive to Alexandra.

Valerie had tyre trouble, but the usual Bushwacker assistance soon changed the problem area. Dorothy also ran out of gas (in her van!), but borrowed Pam's little spare bottle to see her through the night. Hal and Karin got the trailer tucked into a central point, so all was in readiness for a good time.

Nice to see visitors, Trevor & Eileen and Peter & Luke (Gary's son and grandson).



Welcome to Heidi –
Steve and Lynda's new family member



Trevor and Eileen –
Oh! No! Not another misunderstanding!

Saturday:

We awoke to a beautiful morning. Walks along the fast-flowing Goulburn River were a-plenty. A touch of unsuccessful fishing followed for some, but generally sitting was the feature! Ann's arrival in her new 5th Wheeler caused much discussion as to her reversing skills. Naturally, she took up the chaps' challenge and successfully manoeuvred her vehicle into a narrow spot!



Ann and her new vehicle



The narrow spot!



Lots of wheel-turning, but well done in the end!



John and Sue Stephens also showed us their new addition to their family. The slogan on the back reads "OI' Farts Back off!"

A visit from the ranger led to some Bushies doing some cleaning up of the riverbank. Several bags of rubbish were collected. Thanks to Amos & Gleness, Trevor & Eileen, Doug & Jill, John A and John D.

It was decided to have a fish and chip community tea to assist the locals. The "Around the Corner" manager was thrilled with our support. The Seafood pack was very good value too!

It was discovered that Valerie and John Mc's birthdays were on, so thanks to Alan and Dorothy who produced 2 cakes, we could celebrate it with them.

WE FOLLOWED THIS UP WITH A GAME OF BINGO. THANKS TO GLENESS AND HER BROTHER, TREVOR FOR THEIR EFFORTS – MIND YOU THE BLUE COMMENTS THAT FLOWED FROM EVERYONE MADE IT AN INTERESTING TIME INDEED!



Sunday:

Time for breakfast and the raffle. Lots of noise and discussion around the Barbie led to there being spare food for the dogs and very few spare eggs to "sell off". Heard on the grapevine that inspectors should turn up next month! Karin, by the way, did a great toast job (no inspection needed there!)

Doug L was thrilled that he won the Bushie prize of a sunhat and cooling necktie! Jill was also happy with her normal raffle prize of an umbrella - they were glad they had returned to the Bushie fold!



Who cooked these eggs?????



Congrats. Doug



Can we have those eggs?
Are we there yet?
How much are those doggies in the window?

We had a visit from our next door neighbour at Brookes, who came to have a look at our trailer for the Lions Club. He took Christine, Alan and myself to his Goulburn River "doorside" property and offered us its use in the future at a negotiable cost. We were very impressed and later on when 4 ladies got "stranded" on a ledge during their walk, this same neighbor told us to walk to his river for a look. We did and likewise were pleased! Will keep you posted.

CHAPTER NOTICES:

Did you hear that Amos had a genuine buyer for his motorhome? It was a 6 foot lady truckie from Yackandandah. She was too tall for Amos' van. He recommended Rob and Denise, who are now in Tassie with the money they got when the same lady bought theirs!

Had a thank you letter from CMCA for our donation of \$726.05 for the CMCA Victorian Bushfire Appeal. Final CMCA figure will be published in The Wanderer in the future. The letter will be displayed on our notice board at Easter.

Thanks to Hal and Karin for the trailer job.....again! And to Terry and Kaye for their offer for the safari..... You guys are always there for us.

EVENT CALENDAR:

Easter Safari: Friday 10th – Monday 13th April:

Starting point is Meredith Park, Lake Colac. Camp is 12km north of Colac or 11 south of Beeac. Turn west off C146 10km north of Colac or 9km south of Beeac. Beside Lake Colac (now grass!). 2km dirt road. Toilets.
Robbo will give out bags with instructions on the Friday.

See February's newsletter for greater details of what's happening.

Bookings to Gleness Trask. Her details are (03)5447 2275 or 0407 341 782 or gleness.trask@bigpond.com

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