



The official newsletter
of the BUSHWACKERS
CMCA Chapter 24

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ATTENDEES

Members: Alan Barnes, Bob & Chrissy Eustace, Ann Forbes, Peter Hinkley & Mary English, Frank & Marie Keogh, Doug & Gill Lavers, Maurie & Mary Lowes, Rob & Denise MacLennan, Alan & Val McDonald, Barrie & Catherine Robson, Pam Snelling, John & Sue Stephens, Bruce & Elaine White

Visitors: Len & Joan Scott, Erica Musgrove, Pat Randall, Bill & Lyne Roberts, Michael & Monique Williams

ACTIVITIES

Friday:

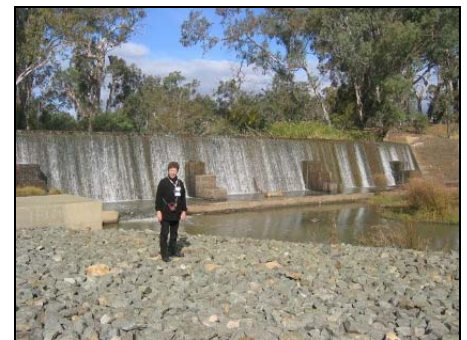
What a delightful spot to camp. It was a large flat open space beside the Broken River. A short walk took you to Casey's Weir - a small area but it ACTUALLY had WATER flowing over the spillway.....Wow!! Lots of birds completed the picture.



How good is this!



This too!



Casey's Weir.



We had the trailer thanks to Hal and Karin towing it by car before heading off to Gough's Bay for their working bee. They also picked it up on their way home.....so a HUGE HUGE thanks to them both!!

GREAT BUSHIES THEY ARE!!

Saturday:

A chilly night developed into a beautiful day.....ah!! Walks, sitting, knitting etc etc! Our visitors gave us new stories of their ventures and Monique's electric spinning wheel was interesting. Campfire was beside the river in the borrowed washing machine insert (thanks Alan). Does anyone have one of these inserts the Bushwackers could have as Alan's organized "stuff" in case we don't have the trailer.



Two peas in a pod are Elaine and her sister Joan.



The knitters and talkers brigade at work!

The conversation around Saturday night's campfire was.....full of laughter and usual "pick on people" and yours truly copped a heap from the small group that lasted the longest. Please note - I'm actually in a couple of photos.....so there!!!

Sunday:

Keep at it Doug - the fire's got to last for ages yet!



A crisp morning followed by sun was terrific for our breakfast. All went smoothly.....after the gas for the BBQ was finally lit after a hiccup - not to worry as heaps of guys were there with advice!

The breakfast cookers did a mighty fine job - thanks to those helpers.



Mary and Marie under the "toasties" awning!



Even the bacon and snags are all in line!



Rob loves the eggs - does a cracking job.....hee hee hee!!

Alan gave us the information from the CMCA newsletter we had received which summarized Whyalla Rally, future rallies and general membership statistics. A copy of the CMCA newsletter is in our 2009 Bushwacker folder which is available for perusal at each rally.

Chrissy was our Treasurer for the weekend - thanks for your efficiency and willingness. The raffle was next.....The Maclennans are in another photo.....you guessed it.....Denise won the Bushie raffle! I didn't put in the photo of doing the dishes, as she's done them several times!!!!



Lucky Denise!



Maurie's pooch also enjoyed the brekkie!

With official business over, some people packed up to go home, others talked and talked, but the majority just lounged around. Some people stayed on till Monday, but our campfire numbers were not quite as large or as vocal as the previous night!!!

CHAPTER NOTICES:

Contacts List updates:

Ann Forbes rego. is UBH 687, John & Sue Stephens rego. is BSHWKR, Sandra Gleeson M/ship is 2 Nov 09 and rego. UBF540, Jill Lavers should be Gill, Kay Pitman should be Kaye

Who's doing what?

Hal looked great after his major surgery – a nice sewing job across and up his middle!

Alan & Val are heading to Darwin...their watermelons have been given to their neighbor - how many watermelons does one need!

John and Sue Stephens are heading north next week.

Rob and Denise are.....heading north after Chinamans' Camp rally.

David and Shirley have a new motor for their big bus. They're off to Qld...whenever

Last news from Gleness and Amos was they were on east coast at Berry Showgrounds. They'd caught up with John and Jan at Mallacoota and Eden.

Marg Quail had relaxed at Webb Crossing (north of Inverall) with Gary and Christine (May 13th). She was heading to Noosa after that.

Ian Callander had a hip done late April – OK and hopes to see us at Chinaman's. Other hip to be done down the track!

Bob and Chrissy are creating great new gardens/shed/compost bins and letterbox after the fires. When you see their before and after photos, it's truly staggering how the fires on the 7th Feb. changed directions so quickly. I'm amazed how their "glasshouse" full of cardboard and polystyrene didn't get touched when a couple of metres away things just melted and were ruined!

APOLOGIES TO ANYONE WHO TOLD ME NEWS AND I FORGOT!

EVENT CALENDAR:

Bushwacker 15th Birthday Bash early info.

August (see below).

- Same as last year with chickens, lasagna etc provided by club. Attendees to provide salad/ bread etc.*
- A list will be available from next rally onwards to put your names and "food" on.*
- Cost: \$5 per member or \$15 per visitor.*
- Contact Alan Barnes on 9391 6362 or 0410 983 156 to be added to the list after next rally.*

June 5th-8th

Chinaman's Camp – Ararat

It is located north-east of Buangor and is best reached via the Western Highway and Ballarat by-pass through Beaufort. Continue on to Buangor and 1km through Buangor, turn right onto Warrak road. At Warrak, turn right into Mt. Cole road, travelling approx. 6 kms on good gravel road, then turn left at house (Rosedale Orchids). Continue past Blue Gum Track and Chinaman's Camp is on the left. Pit Toilets. Tank water. Fireplace – bring firewood.

Rally locations for remainder of 2009

July 10th – 12th: King Parrot Creek Roadside Reserve, Kerrisdale

August (July 31st – August 2nd): Murgheboluc Public Reserve. 15th Birthday Bash

September 4th – 6th: Major's Creek Reserve.

October 2nd - 4th: Sandbanks Reserve (back of Traralgon)

November (Oct 30th – Nov 2nd): Moira Park (Kialla West)

December 4th – 6th: AGM and Xmas at Dereel.

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