



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, Hal & Karin Kraus, Heather Livingstone, Rob & Denise Maclennan, Terry & Kay Pitman, Theo & Helen Siomos, Pam Snelling

Visitors: Bill & Lyne Roberts, Brian & Sally McAnallen, Rob & Glenda Walters, Ross Drake, John Whittle, Ray Cox

ACTIVITIES

Friday:

A lovely surprise that Darryl and Lois had delivered a load of wood was terrific - thanks for that! Well needed it was, as the weather was cold, cold, cold, but that didn't matter as we had a great indoor fire, with our improvised lighting too!



There were lots of other groups sharing Chinaman's with us, but the weather certainly made it hard for them in their tents on the muddy area, which had been cordoned off with posts. The trail bikies and 4WD folk explored the area, but were not a problem – Chinaman's offered a lot!

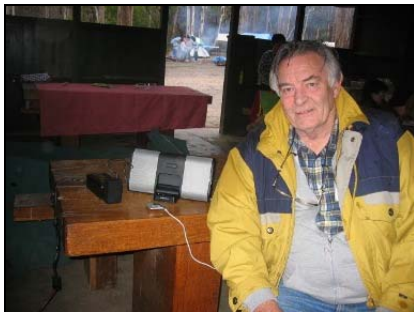
Saturday:

We arose to find that some campers were packing up - we didn't blame them as the night was cold. Scarves, boots and coats were essential and a walk was the order of the day. Some ladies (and Rex and Meg -when she was in our sight!) collected extra wood. They explored the burnt areas, although concluded it was an organized one, thank goodness.

Meanwhile Brian, our visitor, was the woodcutter back at base- thanks!



The afternoon was spent around the fire, but cards came out.....AND SO DID ALL THE KNITTING!!! Well, Frank decided to set up some delightful music and of course that set Marie off with her sing-a-long. Mind you, she did complain that Engelbert Humperdink was TOO SLOW!



All was good, so by happy hour, there was lots of merriment. Some of the chaps were into their own brews, so one table was devoted to their wares. We wondered if they could keep the pace going.....and they did!



*Rob and Rob were first to start, but others joined in!
Here's cheers to you!*

Sunday:

The rain held off during the breakfast cooking, but we had all taken over the shelter anyway!! Thanks to the trailer cooks, Ann's yummy tomatoes and onions and Karin's toasting, via her new procedure. We certainly hoed into the tasty brekkie.....as usual - our visitors were impressed. The eggs were impressive.....look at them neatly cooking together at the same time - no blackies in this lot!



Alan conducted the usual meeting, so with business done regarding trailer, rally spots and Birthday Bash details, the raffles took off. Frank won the Bushie prize, so yet again, he's in a photo. Thanks to Hal and Karin for bringing the trailer.



Dishes time for Frank

More sitting, knitting and talking meant that a relaxing afternoon occurred yet again. Monday saw more of the same, before the troops left a terrific location.

CHAPTER NOTICES:

Bushwacker 15th Birthday Bash early info.

July 31st to August 2nd (see below).

- Same as last year with chickens, lasagna etc provided by club. Attendees to provide salad/ bread etc.*
- A list has been started to put your names and "food" on. Contact Alan Barnes on 9391 6362 or 0410 983 156 to be added to the list.*
- Cost: \$5 per member or \$15 per visitor.*
- With 15 years being a milestone in our book, we're encouraging previous Committee members to attend for recognition, as I've checked our records and approximately 54 people have played a role in keeping the Bushwackers going over those 15 years - so that's special!*

Had a postcard from John and Miriam from America - will have it in our folder for you to read at next rally. "Warmest regards to all."

Christine and Gary are near Noosa - have caught up with Marg Q (again!). They had solar problems which have been solved.

Ian and Sylvia have headed up north and return by plane 28th July for Ian's "vein" op. They fly back up after that op. to collect their motorhome for the drive home.

George and Sue head to UK early July to attend a wedding. They are both well and will see us at Xmas.

Hear ye, hear ye!



Andrew and Lara Robertson have another daughter.

Here's a lovely photo of Charlie Charity Robertson, born 27th May at 4.22pm, weighing 4.11kg at Knox Private Hospital.

A sister for Darcy and Matilda, who are thrilled. Another Bushwacker in our midst. CONGRATULATIONS.

EVENT CALENDAR:

Rally locations for remainder of 2009

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

On Goulburn Valley Hwy, halfway between Seymour and Yea. From Melb, take Plenty Rd, (C727) off the ring road to Whittlesea, then Yea-Whittlesea Rd (C725) through Kinglake West to Flowerdale. Turn left into Flowerdale Rd towards Broadford (C382), then at Strath Creek, turn right into King Parrot Creek Rd for 12km to intersection of Goulburn Valley Hwy. Turn left for 500m, then right into roadside reserve entry, following road for 200m to camp area. Picnic tables, some shade, creek, big rigs OK, dogs OK, no toilets.

Kerrisdale also reached via Melba Hwy through Yea or Goulburn Valley Hwy through Seymour.

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): Jolly's Bend State Park - Moira Park Scout Camp (Kialla West)

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

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