



The official newsletter  
of the BUSHWACKERS  
CMCA Chapter 24

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## ATTENDEES

### Members

Gary & Christine Appleford, Alan Barnes, Steve & Lynda Bishop, Konrad & Karin Braun, Ian & Sylvia Callander, John Dadd & Jan Pickard, Bob & Chrissy Eustace, Ann Forbes, Alan James & Teryl Boyce, Frank & Marie Keogh, Hal & Karin Kraus, John & Val Linton, Maurie & Mary Lowes, Alan & Val McDonald (brekky only), Val McIntosh, Terry & Kaye Pitman, Wayne & Nini Priestley, Margaret Quail, Theo & Helen Siomos, Pam Snelling, John & Miriam Stokes, Amos & Gleness Trask, Rob & Glenda Walters, Bruce & Elaine White.

### Visitors:

Merv & Brenda Coombs, Peter Gibson (Tas.), Jim Nicholson

## ACTIVITIES

### Friday:

*Several units arrived on Thursday, me with a troublesome mudflap which caused a blowout, which in turn ripped a rear dual tyre to shreds! All got sorted thankfully and I heartily thank the several Bushies (especially John Dadd) who helped out in the removal of the bent metal mudflap support.*

*Other vans came on Friday and with the weather cloudy and threatening, the campfire was lit at 4.00pm. Thanks to Alan James for bringing all the wood. It was SO SO SO good to see many Bushies return to the fold after their local, national and international trips (John and Miriam had been away for nearly 2 years, but they had been in touch with us via email!). A big Happy Hour and chatting completed the big muster at Elmore which was so nice at this time of year!!*



My damaged mudflap looked like a work of rubber art!!!



The beautiful location was worth the stress!!!



Saturday:



Even the Council mowed for us, but.....please be careful of Steve & Lynda's "Ydaellnot".



Here's John & Miriam's truck (it used to be a creamy colour!) which they're selling, whilst doing up a newy! Good luck.

*Of course lots of walking, talking, discussion of travels, dogs, knitting, crocheting was needed as so many had "returned to the fold". Ian looked great after his knee hassles, Steve and Lynda's pooch, Heidi, had grown a lot and Meg (John and Jan's dog) was dutifully returned, dressed appropriately, to her owners - mind you, I hear on the grapevine that she had great choice of breakfast location on Sunday!!! John & Val Linton were "in the area" and stumbled across us. Peter from Tas. met us and stayed! Marie and Frank were still being biased towards Geelong's Premiership win - surely the van won't be decorated again!!!! My camera was sure working overtime!!!*

*We needed a fire, so John D built one, mind you; he had done others as well!*



*Oh Chrissy, you're a real craft wizz!!!*



*What a great dog kennel - hang on, Mary,*

YOU shouldn't be in there!!!! Where is Max?



*Hang on John, this fire is out of control!!!!*



*That's better John, a real Bushie fire!!*

***Karin Kraus sprained her ankle walking to Happy Hour (that's a worry!) on Saturday, so she and Hal returned home late afternoon to seek medical attention. I'm pleased to report after my phone call that Karin's OK and limping lightly. Good!***

Happy hour was good with nibbles galore and a great fire with a clear night and full moon. Most were back to their rigs and in bed early (9.30pm) as daylight savings started 2am Sunday.



*Bruce went fishing (for a short time), but Gary was the lucky one with a "red" prize when he fished.*



***Knitting, puzzles and all the girls'***



***Gleness' puzzle, but did Sylvia and***

*interests.*

*Helen solve it???*

**Sunday:**

Drizzly rain started at 7am Sunday, so decision was made to move trailer over to the corrugated iron shed, where brekky was cooked, eaten and raffles conducted. Ian C won the Bushie raffle. The weather cleared late morning, so gathering resumed around the campfire. Thanks to John & Miriam Stokes for cooking toast for brekky, and Theo, Frank and Bob for being the bacon and eggs cooks and Christine for tomatoes and onions. Ian won the Bushie raffle.

12 units stayed Sunday night, so 6 family sized pizzas were ordered and delivered from Rochester for the evening community dinner around the fire – true Bushie spirit!!!!  
A few units stayed until Tuesday to experience the “Field Days” expo.

*What a fabulous L....O.....N....G weekend for many!!!*

**CHAPTER NOTICES:**

*Committee 2010:*

*All 2009 positions are vacant, so think about being part of the Bushwacker Committee for 2010. Nomination forms were available at Elmore and part of Sunday meeting and will be available also at the next 2 rallies. It's a great experience and keeps the wonderful Bushwacker Chapter alive and kicking. I'll keep you posted in Nov. newsletter, as to nominations already received.*

**Christmas 2009 Celebration at Dereel:**

Planning is underway for our usual Christmas celebration. The dress-up letter is “C” so get your thinking Caps on.....for a captivating parade!!!!

As stated in last newsletter:

There has been discussion about eligibility for subsidized Birthday and Christmas dinners. To quote from the Warburton Bridge Bushwacker rally in April 2005, *the following motion was carried by the members.* “The club pays for the venue and subsidizes the meals of members as follows - \$5 per head for members who have attended 2 meetings in 12 months, \$10 per head for members who have attended 0 meetings in 12 months. Full price for visitors and friends of members.”

*This policy will be adhered to for the Christmas rally.*

*Bookings and payments are now being taken for the Christmas Break-up and Dinner at Dereel Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> December.*

*Bookings essential by 14<sup>th</sup> November, to Christine Appleford on (03) 9434 0186 or Mob.0427 939 934 or via email to Marg Quail at [marg.quail@bigpond.com](mailto:marg.quail@bigpond.com)*

Dinner will be catered for by Dereel Men's Shed, with Arthur being the Head Chef. Menu is a similar style to our previous couple of years, with vegetarians being catered for. The contents of the Bushwacker's Christmas Hamper will be bought from healthy Chapter funds.

**BIG THANKS TO:**

- *those who have responded to our proposed 2010 rally locations - it's great to get feedback.*
- *Hal for getting trailer to Elmore and to Terry and Kaye for towing trailer to Teryl's brother's house in Goornong for storage until Alan James brings it to Kialla/Jolly's Bend State Forest rally in November.*
- *Alan B. for checking out Garibaldi for Xmas 2010 - the hall has been booked for the first option given in proposed rally dates - ie. Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>*

**EVENT CALENDAR:**

*Locations for the remainder of 2009 are:-*

NOTE: Bushwackers 2009 AGM meeting will be held at December rally at Dereel.

**November(October 30<sup>th</sup> to November 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

Jolly's Bend State Forest - Kialla West - Moira Park Scout Camp

Kialla West is 10kms South of Shepparton on the Goulburn Valley Highway (A39). If travelling from Melbourne turn left into Moira Drive just past the Olive Grove Plantation on the right as you near Kialla West. Proceed approx. 2kms along Moira Drive, cross the cattle grid, taking care of clearance under the timber arch. (Tall rigs may enter through the gate next to the arch but please close the gate) Take the left fork at "Jolly's Bend State Forest" sign and follow the track to the camp site on the banks of the Goulburn River adjacent to the scout camp. Dogs OK Big Rigs OK.

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December 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Break-Up -AGM - Dereel Hall

From Melbourne, take Western Highway (M8) to Ballarat. Turn left onto A300 and travel south through Sebastopol. Take right fork (C146) towards Rokewood where A300 veers left towards Buninyong. Dereel is approx. 25kms from this fork on the C146. At Dereel, turn right into Swamp Road (Ferrars Road is to the left). Lovely hall is not far from the C146. Catered Dinner at \$5.00 /\$10per head for members (*see above information*) and \$15.00 for visitors.

Dress-up is the letter "C".

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