



The official newsletter
of the BUSHWACKERS
CMCA Chapter 24

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Visitors:

Anne Alp (Bushie's first visitor from the a Top End Chapter), Frank & Brenda Palmer, Ken & Dot Rice, Richard & Di Drayton, Peter & Leslie Grass

PLUS 13 FRIENDLY DOGS..... Sorry, but some of the photos that I wanted to put in weren't good enough. Some dogs need to learn to "pose for the camera!!!

ACTIVITIES

Friday:

Several units arrived on Thursday, to the lovely location by the river. Other vans came on Friday and this meant another large Bushwacker gathering. The hot weather predictions meant no fire was necessary!

Saturday:

Lots more vans arrived, so the spaces were filling fast, but it was all good, with plenty of trees. Mind you, a very dry limb came hurtling down in a couple of noisy seconds – lucky we were all away from it!



A usual Bushie gathering



Thanks visitors for the entertainment!

As you can see in the photo, we were lucky to have entertainment, which we've had before. Some of us sung along, while others sat around and chatted.



John's a "cool" Bushie!

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Jim's a Bushie too – thanks for the creative cake!

Melva also brought along a cake, so she too is added to our growing number of members - more the merrier I say!!!

We were all constantly shifting our chairs to be out of the sun, but eventually we became one as the sun went down.

Sunday:

Still very hot, but offers to cook brekky were plentiful.....thanks John and Miriam for toast, Christine for tomatoes and heaps of chaps for the BBQ and with the gas hose "repairs". With a large muster of people, we were spread out, but enjoyed it all. Christine filled us in with Christmas details (see below) – gosh, it's nearly that time again!! Melva won the raffle and dutifully did the dishes (thanks for the extra helpers!).



Love the pink gloves!!



Thank goodness for our Bushie plumber!

Some people left, then others arrived. It certainly got hotter and the dogs were panting - some had swims, but generally we just sat around...again!!!

Tuesday: Straight to Cup Day

Gary kindly organized the Cup Sweep (thanks) and a Community Lunch was created – what a spread – amazing what variety was produced!



My local hat



Melva & her fascinator



Lynne's flower power



Jim's Cup 09 hat



Jonnebago & Mrs Jonnebago
and their matching hats



The dining Marquee



Here'scheers from Shadow!

Winners are grinners with Christine, John A, John S, John D, Jim and myself being the lucky sweep money-gainers.

The afternoon was relaxing under Darryl and Lois' awning, with the entertainment being provided by the mobile phone stirrers! Who was ringing who? Poor Denise copped it, but had the last laugh in the end!!!



*Ring! Ring! Go.....Denise!
Don't hide Lois....we know you were part of it
too!!!*

CHAPTER NOTICES:

Glad to hear that Lyn Hodges is back at home after her recent health scare – our thoughts are with you Lyn.

Committee 2010:

All 2009 positions are vacant, so think about being part of the Bushwacker Committee for 2010. Nomination forms will still be available at Dereel.

Nominations already received are:

President - Alan Barnes

Vice President - Alan James

Secretary - Gleness Trask (Shared responsibility needed due to her Winter travels)

Committee - Elaine White

Newsletter - Bob Eustace (Back-up needed during Tassie rally)

Website - Chrissy Eustace

Christmas 2009 Celebration at Dereel:

Bookings close on 14th November.

Ring Christine Appleford on (03) 9434 0186 or Mob.0427 939 934

- 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 again be bought from healthy Chapter funds.
- Kris Kringle – A unisex gift of \$5 needs to be bought for Santa's delivery. To ensure everyone gets a gift, please provide **one gift per person.**
- Access to parking is from Thursday. Gary & Christine will be there by lunchtime. The paddock behind the Hall is unavailable as first advised, but the gravel area, plus another grassed area next to the Hall will be adequate for us and there'll be signs for you. No power is available.
- Dress-up letter is "C"

Bushwacker 2010 Calendar:

Alan B has again produced a Calendar which he showed us all at the weekend. It's \$10 (non-profit) and some orders have already been taken. Give him a call if you would like to order one. Phone him on 9391 6362 or 0410 983 156

BIG THANKS TO:

- *those who responded to our proposed 2010 rally locations. Feedback was constructive and thanks to Alan Barnes for leaving camp Monday to investigate Finley's Beach - he came back mind you!!*

All 2010 directions (each month limited to 300 characters now!) have been submitted electronically to CMCA via their much-easier procedure. Our newsletters will give more - detailed directions each month

- *Alan James for getting trailer to Jolly's Bend and to John Dadd for towing trailer to his home and doing gas hose repairs. Alan Barnes has picked it up from there and taken it to his place for "minor works", then will arrange for its travels to January rally at Elmore.
NO TRAILER AT DEREEL - LOVELY KITCHEN INSTEAD.*
- *Everyone for allowing me take photos of you all during the year - I've had heaps of fun thinking of captions and choosing a variety to put into newsletters - you've all entered into the spirit of our terrific Chapter.*

EVENT CALENDAR:

Location for the final rally of 2009 is:-

Bushwacker's 2009 AGM meeting will be held on Saturday 5th at 2PM in the Hall.

Usual Agenda, 2008 Minutes and Financial Statement will be handed out prior to meeting.

December 4th to 6th - 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.

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