



The official newsletter
of the BUSHWACKERS
CMCA Chapter 24

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Members

Gary & Christine Appleford, Alan Barnes, Anne Forbes, Dorothy Hall, Frank & Marie Keogh, Hal & Karin Kraus, Alan & Val McDonald, Val McIntosh, Wayne & Nini Priestley, Margaret Quail, Amos & Glenness Trask, Bruce & Elaine White, Ross Drake.

Visitors:

Jim Nicholson, Don Fairless, Ted & Bimbi, Peter & Carol Duggan, Bill & Lyne Roberts, Dick & Di Drayton, Erica Musgrove.

ACTIVITIES

Friday:

Several units arrived on Thursday, but most came on Friday and with the weather cloudy and threatening, the campfire was lit at 4.00pm. Thanks to Dick Drayton and his son for delivering two trailer loads of firewood during the afternoon with Dick & Di joining us on Saturday. Gusty winds and a heavy shower around 4.30pm scattered all from the happy-hour for about an hour before it resumed back around the re-stoked campfire. A clear night followed with a full moon and whilst some opted to watch the footy in their rigs, a happy group enjoyed the evening with a chinwag around the campfire until stumps at about 10.30pm.



A mountain of wood



It sure burned well!

Saturday:

Saturday dawned to a sunny morning shortened by cloud and a light sprinkle of rain. With the local market-day on in Nagambie, it was mandatory for some of the girls to head off for a couple of hours to find some bargains, returning with arms full of proteas and goodies. Christine's bunch of flowers was gi-enormous giving Gary a mammoth task of finding a vase (drum) large enough to hold them. Games were the "go" in the afternoon, while some listened/watched the football until happy-hour, when we had our fix of chocolate with two choccy cakes. Having been away for so long, Marg Quail "renewed" her Bushy vows with another cake, but Ross Drake from Warrnambool really set the bar high with his fancy offering of a rich dark chocolate cake with white chocolate swirls on top. Welcome to the "Bushies" Ross. Glenness gave us a little poetry and then Frank & Marie proclaimed "Cats Forever" after their team won.



Welcome to the Bushwackers Ross and thanks for your great scrumpious cake.

What can we say to these "unbiased" cat-lovers???" I don't believe the dogs are also involved....they're still in the comp. aren't they???



Spuds in the fire or steak, chips and onions on the barbie were the order for dinner, followed by a great evening around the campfire. Entertainment was provided by those crooners from wayback, Amos & Dick, with Dick's accompaniment on the mandolin. A late night 'round the fire ensued with solos Dorothy, Val, Alan & Jim the last to leave (in all directions) around the stroke of midnight.....did we see pumpkins?????



Guess whose mum's got a whirlpool? Thanks Alan for your great BBQ improvements.



Table for two????Whose is it????Must be people who "lurve" each other!!



Amos and Dick do a bit of crooning around the fire "together"...hang on Amos...at least you should "face the music!!!!!"

Sunday:

Weather was overcast with fine patches when cooks Frank, Gary, Amos & Ross took-up their tools to do battle with the snags, bacon and eggs whilst Karin and Anne were on toast duty and Christine on tomato & onions. Cooked to perfection, it was all devoured with great gusto and no chance of leftovers. A few announcements from Christine led into the raffle run once again by Amos. Think he's missed it while he was away because the hugs for the winners seemed to be stronger than ever, even the girls were smiling. Gary won the "Bushies" prize but needs a few tips on how to catch yabbies. A few of the girls called into the winery during the morning but the tastings weren't over the top. Some bade their farewells during the afternoon but 10 units stayed over until Monday to top-off another great rally to Major's Creek.



Eat up everyone!



Gary's "fishy" prize



Amos' back.....time for hugs!

CHAPTER NOTICES:

Update your contact list please:

New Member: Ross Drake, 96 Bostock St, Warrnanbool 3280. Mobile: 0437 355 934

It is with some sadness that we advise of the passing of "Jock Roberts" loved companion of Bill and Lyne. Jock endeared himself to us in the past 8-10 months but never fully recovered from his recent mauling by another dog, and had to be put down. Our thoughts are with Bill and Lyne.

Thanks to Dick Drayton and his son for bringing 2 trailer loads of good quality wood to keep the campfire burning all weekend. So much so, that we actually "left some wood behind" when we departed.

Val McIntosh, just returned from a 12 week 7000kms trek through Queensland with many a tale to tell of her adventures and a greater appreciation and knowledge of the workings of her motor home.

Also back from their trip to Rockhampton are Hal & Karin Kraus. They were a bit early for the big Rockhampton Rally at the end of September, but enjoyed the trip just the same. Good to have you back in the “Bushie” fold.

Nothing like a bit of spontaneity with us motorhomers. When Alan delivered the trailer to Bill & Lyne's factory on Thursday afternoon, the look on Lyne's face said it all, "Let's do it". They coupled up the trailer to their bus, headed to Major's Creek for the night, left the trailer to do some business in Wangaratta on Friday, then returned to enjoy the rest of the weekend. That's getting your priorities right isn't it!

Dorothy woke up a little startled on Sunday morning after hearing a strange noise like heavy breathing outside her window. Not to worry, it was just Ross next door raising and lowering his awning to free up the stiffness.

Mary Lowes (Mary & Maurie) sent her apologies for not attending. Seems she is a bit off colour. Good wishes and hope to see you both real soon.

Daryl Crouch is well on the mend after his recent knee op. Last report he was chasing (well -following) Lois around the house with his walking stick.

Discussion around the campfire Sunday night centred on how to properly cook Kangaroo steaks, mince etc in the camp oven on the fire.

First requirement!! Catch yourself a Kangaroo (but how) as they're fast.

If you notice the camp trailer looks a little more spic & span it's because Alan put in some TLC on a few maintenance jobs since the birthday rally at Murgheboluc. You can almost see your reflection in the aluminium splash-panel-thanks Alan

Almost a change of underwear required for some, as those jets hidden above the cloud practised their strafing at the adjacent Puckapunyal Camp on Saturday. Almost sounded like they were breaking the sound barrier as they flew over.

BIG THANKS TO:

- *those who have responded to our proposed 2010 rally locations - it's great to get feedback.*
- *Bill and Lyne for getting trailer to Major's Creek and Amos and Gleness to storage at Christine's daughter's house in readiness for transfer to Elmore.*
- *Ann for her taxi service for the girls into Nagambie and winery trek.*
- *Alan for photos and information about Major's Creek rally while I was in the UK.*

Bookings and deposits are now being taken for the Christmas Break-up and Dinner at Dereel Hall on 4th to 6th December. Bookings essential by **14th November**, to Christine Appleford on (03) 9434 0186 or Mob.0427 939 934 or via email to Marg Quail at marg.quail@bigpond.com

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 subsidises 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.

EVENT CALENDAR:

Please note - Change of Venue - October 2nd to 4th

Due to the Shire of Traralgon banning camping in all Reserves within their Shire, the rally scheduled at Sandbanks Reserve on the above dates has been transferred to Ayson's Reserve at Elmore.

Locations for the remainder of 2009 are:-

October 2nd to 4th - Elmore - Campaspe River - Ayson's Reserve

Directions: The old Elmore field days site (Ayson's Reserve) is located on the Campaspe River, North-East of Elmore and is best reached from Melbourne via the Hume Freeway then the Northern Highway through Kilmore and Heathcote. Continue along the Northern Highway towards Elmore, then turn right at the "T" intersection of the Northern and Midland Highways, proceeding East on the Midland Highway for approx. 3kms. Then as the highway veers right, turn left into Burnewang Road and travel north for 3kms to the camp site on the left, on the banks of the Campaspe River. Toilets, water, shelter, Dogs OK. Big Rigs OK.

GPS Co-Ords Lat 36.44904 Long 144.67913

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November(October 30th to November 2nd)

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 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.

Dress-up is the letter "C".

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