



The official newsletter  
of the BUSHWACKERS  
CMCA Chapter 24

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## ATTENDEES

### Members:

Gary & Christine Appleford, John & Lyn Arnott, Alan Barnes, Steve & Lynda Bishop, Tony & Lola Cox, Darryl & Lois Crouch, John & Jan Dadd, Bob & Chrissy Eustace, Ann Forbes, David & Shirley Gourlay, Dorothy Hall, Peter Hinkley & Mary English, Alan James & Teryl Boyce, Frank & Marie Keogh, Hal & Karin Kraus, John & Val Linton, Simon & Heather Livingstone, Rob & Denise MacLennan, Alan & Val McDonald, George & Sue McKay, John & Maree McMurtrie, Colin & Lyn Musgrove, Ken Newton & Elizabeth Pettigrew, Terry Pitman, Marg Quail, Barrie & Catherine Robson, Ian & Julie Robertson, Pam Snelling, Theo & Helen Siomos, Gary & Mina Stapleton, John & Sue Stephens, Amos & Gleness Trask, Bruce & Elaine White

**Visitors:** Ken & Dot Rice, Kevin & Ila Hughes, Steve & Margaret Hyam, Ross & Donna Henderson (Canada), Catherine's daughter, George (Eastern Rosellas), Max Schultz & Sandra Gleeson, Bob & Wendy Burton.

## ACTIVITIES

### Friday:

Some Bushies arrived Wednesday/Thursday. When I arrived Friday, heaps were already there! What a great location for all us Bushies (over 70 in fact!). The trailer was located close to the covered rotunda, so all was so good for a great weekend.....and that's exactly what followed. To see so many Bushwackers from past and present, chatting and reminiscing about "old times" and "who was who" and "where are they now". Elaine informed me that she replaced her Dandos shoes that had holes in them – the new ones looked nice – hope they last!



The Big Group



Lovely to see Val and John Linton reappear



*Gary and Mina arrived with a loaded van. They got switched on and produced a wonderful display. We agreed they won the decorating competition – no one else was nominated!!! Congratulations for your efforts.*

**Saturday:**

With the weather settled, lots of Bushies explored the town and the wonderful history associated with it. The decoration of "Sheep" on fences and houses is unique. To quote from the "Meredith and District News". "It appears that the display will be bigger and better than past years as about 32 new sheep have been added to the flock and 12 sheep have been supplied to one family and are being decorated as the 12 days of Christmas". When you wander around, you see the plaques representing past information about each site, and the lovely walk from the hall showed us family names and histories in their own Avenue of Honour – what a great town for us city slickers to come across.



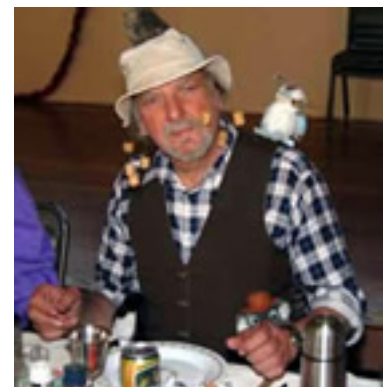
*The Hall where we would have our tucker had a great historic past. It commenced life in 1906 as a Mechanics Institute, had a lending library with over 1000 books, held many magnificent balls, was a skating rink on Friday nights. Gas lighting was installed in 1914 and replaced with an electric lighting plant in 1947. Electricity from the State grid was connected in 1958. The hall was modernized and the Hon. Henry Bolte reopened it a Grand Ball.*

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*The AGM at 2pm was well-timed as the rains came down and we were safely inside. The 2009 Committee is President - Christine Appleford, Vice President - Alan Barnes, Secretary - Pam Snelling, Treasurer - Marg Quail, Committee Persons - Gleness Trask, John Stevens and John Dadd. Congratulations to all!*



Of course, the highlight was the Christmas Party with Fabulous Feast catering to our needs. The "A" parade was won by Alan, thanks to Donna (our international judge) who loves the Aussies.



*Singing (or whatever you'd like to call the noises!) followed with Bob and Pam trying to lead the music and rhythm. All in all.....a terrific night was had by all.*



*Santa arrived on a trolley and found a comfy chair to give out the large number of KK prezies amid laughter and frivolity.*



*Big thanks to the volunteer brigade of hall decorators and cleaners.*

**Sunday:**

The breakfast was a huge undertaking, but done extremely well, thanks to the volunteer cooks. Our usual raffles took place and thanks to Shirley's painting donation, we had 2 Bushie prizes.....and 2 dishwashers!! Lucky Theo – what a gift!!!



2 new card games were taught– thanks Donna! The ladies(birdies) enjoyed Golf, but Wizard was stressful, but Marg "didn't care" and Helen and Pam had trouble bidding correctly. We think the disc bowls became keen when the measure came out.....

Thank goodness it was time for the general relaxation of happy hour to occur.





The boys were spellbound by John Dadd's new toy. Golly, instant success followed....EUREKA!!!

So as the groups started to leave, we all agreed it was great to see so many members, plus visitors.

The fantastic co-operation by so many people enabled the busy Rally to run smoothly without a hitch, so a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all those helpers.

#### **LOST:**

Sue Stephens' glasses and case (mauve) are missing from the hall Saturday night. Sue thinks she may have accidentally put them in someone else's carry bag that was on the floor near the wall. Could you please check your carry bags if you sat near her?

*Late news – Amos had a minor stroke after our last meeting. Gleness reports all is OK and he is recovering well. Sometimes gets a bit tired (but that could be dreaming of all those cuddles when he organizes our raffles!)*

Also heard that Harry Jansen hasn't been too well – get well soon.

### **CHAPTER NOTICES:**

#### **Trailer:**

Thanks Terry for towing the trailer to Meredith and to Rob taking on Elmore's visit.

#### **Newsletter:**

*Members decided to keep the newsletter costs to \$10. All members will receive the December edition, however if you haven't already paid, please do so at Elmore Rally or send to Marg. Quail (Treasurer) at 1A River Rd, Yarrawonga, 3730. Phone is 0408 290 746.*

#### **Privacy:**

A new members' list is being updated and will be circulated to all members. If you don't want your details openly listed, please let me know by January 31<sup>st</sup> and I'll only list your name.

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#### **Name tag checks:**

Thanks for your co-operation as we check your CMCA financial standings. It is a CMCA requirement, so a Committee member will be around at future rallies to complete the task.

#### **AGM date:**

It was decided by the members to keep the annual AGM at the December Rally. After much discussion about venues, the members confirmed the rallies listed below to June.

#### **Website:**

Will be updated (thanks Hal for continued financial support) with info. for you as how to access it etc.

## **EVENT CALENDAR:**

### **January 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Old Elmore Field Day site (Aysons Reserve-Campaspe River)**

North-East of Elmore and is best reached from Melb. via Hume Freeway then Northern H/way (B75) through Kilmore and Heathcote. Continue along Northern H/way towards Elmore, then turn right at "T" intersection of Northern and Midland H/ways, proceeding east on Midland H/way for approx. 3 km, then as h/way veers to the right, continue straight on into Burnewang Road. Travel north for 3km to the camp site on the left, on the banks of the Campaspe River. Toilets, water, shelter. Dogs OK

### ***Confirmed Future Venues***

February 20 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mt. Franklin
March 20 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	Alexander (Brooks Reserve)
April 10 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	Robbo's safari - Otways area (more details later)
May 15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	Benalla (Casey's Weir)
June 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Chinaman's Creek

### ***Proposed to be confirmed***

July 10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	King Parrot Roadside reserve (Goulburn Valley H/W)
August 1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup>	To be decided
September 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	Anderson Mills Marysville (Investigation needed) <b><i>or</i></b> Keppels Creek.
October 2 <sup>nd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup>	Caringal Scout Camp, Moe. Fee (Changed from Nov. due to Cup Day business!)
November 1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	Moira Park
December 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	To be decided

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