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of the BUSHWACKERS
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Visitors:

David & Jan Binskin (Qld), Nancy Ehrlica (Qld), Steve & Marg Hyam (Tas), Boo & Rachael Robertson and children.

ACTIVITIES

Friday:



By Friday, many motorhomes were already set up in place amongst the shade of the trees. With trailer in place, thanks to Alan James, cuppas and sitting were the order of the day. Looks like we're in for a large group again – terrific – the more the merrier!

Saturday:

A walk up the "hill" was worth the effort, although parts were a little steep. The view showed us the layout of the mountain and the shape of the crater. A good way to start the day indeed!



Cards started up again.....a record 10 players in 1 sitting. Many vocal comments were made.....some better left off this paper! It was great to see new people join in. Julie suggested we get Bushwacker cards - great idea. I raided my games box at home and found several brand new packs, so we're right now, with Marg now off on her travels...and taking her cards with her!!



The big task was a new awning on Alan & Teryl's bus. Well, lots of helpers in Darryl's workroom worked and worked and cut and welded and hammered and, and, and.....



While others helped in a more sedate way - somebody has to hold the end! Well done Gary!

Finally done and time for a beer!



With the weather hotting up, we appreciated our "cool" friends Terry and Kaye to help us out again! Thanks chums.

Happy Hour was like a grand feast - we even had scones with jam and cream, compliments of Sandra Doolan (I was too slow to get a photo).....what a life!

Sunday:

Brekkie meant that helpers for toast, cooking on the BBQ and serving came from everywhere to serve the 51 people! Thanks folks.

The Committee Members now take turns to buy/bring the food - well done Marg!

We're right for March and April so far, but any other Bushwacker's offer of this task would help spread the load!

CHRISTINE LED THE DISCUSSION OF THE CMCA BUSHFIRE APPEAL. THE SUGGESTED AMOUNT OF \$500 FROM OUR CHAPTER ADDED TO THE BUCKET DONATION BY OUR MEMBERS.
A GRAND TOTAL OF **\$726-05** WAS GATHERED. EXCELLENT.



Lovely to see Darcy and Matilda ready to enjoy the brekkie!



Our Treasurers for the weekend – Dorothy's working.....and Val's collecting!



Lucky Ian – now for the dishes!

Next item to discuss was the Easter Safari. Robbo gave us some details.

- The course has been mapped out and the distances checked (approx. 320kms for vehicles up to 9 metres and 390kms for larger vehicles).
- A meal has been booked for Saturday night at the pub. Numbers and deposit (\$5 per head) is required for this.
- We can get a group booking for the Otway Fly. Cost is \$15pp, Seniors \$13.50. The walk takes about 1 hour. Bookings and deposit needed. No dogs. This will be done Sunday after breakfast.
- We are moving every day. Sunday night and Monday night are in the same place.
- The start is at Meredith Park at Colac on Good Friday. We will be moving from there on Friday.
- Unless things change, fire restrictions will be in force.
- Cost is \$15 per person.
- Bookings to Gleness Trask. Her details are (03)5447 2275 or 0407 341 782 or gleness.trask@bigpond.com



Shhhhhh! No more details!!!
Make your booking to Gleness and come with us all.

After a busy morning, many started to leave. By late afternoon the Happy Hour circle was smaller, but the fun didn't end there, as Darryl and Colin got out their toy helicopters. Well, our tears flowed as attempts were made to fly them in an orderly direction and to land them safely.....



Mine goes SO well.



Just watch mine!



Oh! No! Not on the awning!

So that was it for another fun-packed weekend

CHAPTER NOTICES:

Thanks to the many helpers during the weekend – food, odd jobs etc etc.....too many to mention! Thanks Hal for looking after the trailer....again! Thanks to Gleness for her lovely display board of merchandise available to buy.

Contacts List Update:

The final Version 2 is done and will be sent to all members. Any further changes after that will be noted in the newsletter.

I received an email from Greg Greenwood (Pres. Southern Explorers) inviting all Victorian Chapters to their annual auction with money raised being donated to the CMCA Bushfire Appeal. It's being held March 6th, 7th, 8th March at CAPE CLEAR REC. RESERVE (SW Ballarat) and NOT Korweinguboora, as I told you at Mt. Franklin.

Greg's details are: (03) 5461 3900, or (M) 0409557748

For Sale:

Duratorque rubber suspension axle – extendable with heavy section RHS.
Measurements – rail mounts centre to centre – 900mm to ? Axle tube – 65mm RHS, Stubs – suit holden bearings. Price: \$250 Neg. New \$1200
Ring Rob Maclennan on 0417 547 696

Anyone thinking of getting satellite TV? Tony has everything to get you started! Humax receiver, free to air card, hand control, dish, stand, LNB, cable.

All in excellent working order. \$250.

Contact Tony (Tubby) (03)9879 9424 or (M)0408 347 107

Honda CB 250 motor cycle, 1995, 65000kms. Red with good tyres, sprockets, chain, gear sack rack. Goes well. Reg March 09. As is \$1650. WR 324, carried on rear of motorhome for extra transport.

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A big hello from John and Miriam Stokes. From early 2008 they travelled Australia then headed to the US in November. They are travelling there until September this year, then they will rejoin our Bushwacker activities. I bet they have lots to tell!

EVENT CALENDAR:

March 20th-22nd: Brookes Reserve - Alexandra

The reserve is situated on the Goulburn River approx. 4.5km NW of Alexandra. From Melb, take Maroondah Hwy (B360) through Healesville, Taggerty and Alexandra. Continue towards Yarck, turning left into Swann Rd, 2km from Alexandra.

Or from Yea, take Goulburn Valley Hwy, turning right at Cathkin towards Alexandra. Continue to Swann Rd, on the right.

Follow Swann Rd 1.8km to "T" intersection Turn right into Brookes Rd, crossing the cattle grid, past the Day Picnic Area on the left and a further 200 metres before turning into the camping area on the left (before the farm driveway). Follow the road 200m to camping area.

Pit toilet. Big rigs, dogs OK. GPS Lat 37.18993, Long 145.67206

Christmas Break-up news:

Dereel Hall has been booked for our break-up December 4th-6th. This was highly recommended by 2 other Chapters, so was investigated. The local General Store ladies prepare a Christmas buffet (similar to Fabulous Feasts), so they too have been booked.

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