



The official newsletter
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Special Safari Edition

ATTENDEES:

Members:

John & Lynne Arnott, Alan Barnes, Konrad & Karin Braun, Ian & Sylvia Callander, Wayne & Sandra Doolan, Bob & Chrissy Eustace, Ann Forbes, Sandra Gleeson, Alan James & Teryl Boyce, Hal & Karin Kraus, Alan & Val McDonald, John & Maree McMurtrie, Ken Newton & Liz Pettigrew, Terry & Kaye Pitman, AndrewLara, Darcy & Matilda Robertson, Ian & Julie Robertson, Theo & Helen Siomos, Pam Snelling, Gary & Mina Stapleton, Amos & Gleness Trask

Visitors:

Steve & Margaret Hyman, Max Schulz, Dawn & Cameron Barclay (Lara's family)
PLUS Theo's TWO unwanted 4-legged little hitch-hikers!



Beech Forest



The pub overflowed!



Stunning Otways



Even the cows were relaxed!



The Apostles and their splendour

EASTER SAFARI 2009

We came from different places, we came in every bus
We came to do the safari, that Robbo had planned for us!
We started altogether, at Colac's Meredith Park
By Thursday we had assembled, though some came in the dark.

*We got our bags and info, Robbo gave us all a brief,
With navigators all a-ready, we hoped there'd be no grief!*

We drove the roads with caution, as some had lots of gravel,
Through Forrest and Carlisle River, a few "U-turns" did unravell!

Brown's cows were all a-munching, cuppas were all in sight,

Cobden was a-calling, but was it left or right?

At Scott's Creek we did settle, with Happy Hour on cue,

Thanks Wayne for all the movies, and now onto Day 2!

**We all got up so sprightly, and the sun was out to stay,
To Timboon, Peterborough and Port Campbell, were the order of the day.**

Some folks went in helicopters, some folks did a walk,
But on arrival at Beech Forest, there was surely plenty of talk!
*The pub meal was sensational, whether curry, pie, lasagne or
shanks*

*But to Robbo who drove us there and back, we say our hearty
thanks!*

The ladies did lots of dancing, the mens' pool skills were arts,

The locals were all a-staggered, we're really not old farts!

**ON SUNDAY BUNNY HELPERS WERE BUSY, SO WAS OUR FRIEND CALLED REX
THERE WERE CHOCOLATES ALL AROUND US, WE NEEDED A LIE DOWN AND
BEX!**

The otway fly was terrific, the tartans drive was beaut,

The latte cafes along the way, were inviting and rather cute!

We set up camp at Moriac, as we gradually all arrived,

With tales to tell and words to speak, but all had well-survived.

The fire was lit and now we're warm so laughter did all ring

As time was here to hear the tales (and crap!), about the new-found THING!

There was Chrissy, 2 Alans, Ian, Maree, Gleness and Sandra and Steve

Who talked and related tales about, the THING they did retrieve.

We all agreed, we'd had a ball and with 3 hearty cheers

Thanked Robbo and Julie, for their efforts over the past 7 years.

I will print out photos and display them at future rallies. If you have any to add to the collection, please bring them along or email/post them to me ASAP.

For the record....at the pub lamb shanks won hands down with 23 orders, while sticky date pudding – 18 takers was the most popular sweet!

For the record (2). Theo informed me that the plastic mouse trap won twice and margarine was the successful lure for the 2nd mouse catch.

For the record (3). Little Darcy and Matilda joined in all the Bushwacker fun and frivolity – they were especially involved watching our Andrew Lloyd Webber DVD, with sopranos and all!! Well done.

For the record (4) Did you notice the glamorous bags that Sandra G, Gleness and Sandra D took to the pub?

My Thing

By Sandra Doolan (our Winner)

What is this THING we were to find, is it a feather, a stone or similar kind?

I looked around and went to and fro, around the camp looking high and low.

A THING is something we can see, Oh! Oh! I'd better get back to the van for a pee!

Ah, that's better, I will go on, Hark there's Amos singing a song

And Gleness too is doing a jig, Robbo now is lighting a cig.

Alan is making another coffee, while Pam is practising her photography.

Wayne's back is being a pain, and Julie's getting out the cards again.

Saturday night we all got vocal, we wined and dined down at the local

Fun was had by one and all, till Val danced so much she had a fall!

All good things must come to an end, I'm sure we all want to do it again!

Oh what is that I hear, it's a sound I like should not fear.

And there it is again, it's over there near my friend.

Then I realised when I heard the singing, this THING has been with me

from the beginning.

You see in my hand is what I've been after, it is filled with lots of laughter!

CHAPTER NOTICES:



John & Maree relaxing with a latte with Wayne & Sandra during the safari.

John and Maree McMurtree are heading north to the warmth of Mackay. We wish them good health and happiness and hope they can visit the Bushwackers sometime in the future.

Of course, lots of people helped during the safari - Terry & Kaye pulled the trailer, Gleness & Amos brought the breakfast food, several did breakfast cooking and cleaning.....apologies Bob – I didn't get a photo with your Bushie raffle prize!! I'm not too concerned as I have a good one at the latte stop with all your ice-cream purchase...and...sure, they were for REX!!!!!!!

Hal's taken the trailer to his place (thanks) – he's unsure of his attendance at Casey's Weir. Any volunteer ? Please contact Alan Barnes (phone number at start of newsletter) if you can help.

Happy and safe travelling to all those heading off for the Winter escape. Keep us informed of your travels.

EVENT CALENDAR:

May 15th – 17th Casey Weir Rest Area
Rest Area 10km NW of benalla or 52 km E of Shepparton. Beside River.
GPS 36 28 29 S 145 56 41 E

June 5th – 8th Chinaman's Creek

July 10th – 12th King Parrot Roadside Reserve

August (Friday 31st July – 2nd Aug)
15th Birthday celebrations at Murgheboluc Hall, Inverleigh.

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