



**NEWBRIDGE
RECREATION RESERVE**



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Attendees:

Members: Christine and Gary Appleford, Alan Barnes, Alan James and Teryl Boyce, Melva Morris, Terry and Kaye Pitman, Bill and Lyne Roberts, Theo and Helen Siomos, Amos and Gleness Tracks, Bruce and Elaine White, Adrienne McIntyre and Robyn.

Visitors: Wayne Moore and Charmaine Winton, Allan and Caz Littleford (Highway Wanderers)

Day Visitors: Maurie and Mary Lowes, Keith and Sue Harris from Bridgewater

Apologies: John and Sue Stephens (vehicle trouble)

Friday:

A cool day with sunny patches saw us gather on the picturesque banks of the Loddon River at Newbridge Recreation Reserve, just west of Bendigo and Marong. The lush grassy riverbank was carpeted with a sea of yellow flowers which were pleasing to the eye and set the scene for a pleasant weekend.

Attendance numbers were down due to a few heading to Port Macquarie to represent the Bushies at the big rally, and also our northern travelers not yet having migrated south for the summer. The early scouts had arrived on Wednesday and by darkness, our weekend complement of 12 units had arrived to spend the cool evening around the roaring campfire until well into the night. Theo's entry into the charcoal (overcooked) jaffle competition proved hard to beat, even the Magpies ignored the crusty bits.



Theo's jaffle



President's other job



Fireside Group

Saturday:

The twittering of the birds (the noise version not the electronic) welcomed us a to fine and sunny day and a walk across the bridge to the General Store was mandatory, to get the morning papers and inspect the wide range of goodies on sale. It looks like President, Alan is moonlighting on stage if you believe the poster on the noticeboard outside the store. Headlining the bill with Angry Anderson no less. Yet again Melva produced a culinary delight of cakes for morning-tea and when Keith and Sue Harris, from nearby Bridgewater called in aboard their OKA to say hello, Sue chuckled when told of or "joining fee", as she had that morning baked a Chocolate cake to share with us. They haven't officially joined the "Bushies" but we hope to see them again soon.

Whilst Amos tried to trim the grass with his nine-iron (he claimed he was practising his golf swing), Bill busied himself collecting firewood and he gets the prize for the most unique way of getting it to the camp. Alan J's chainsaw made short work of cutting it into fire-sized chunks. Well done Bill.

Happy hour was a special one, with Terry having achieved the "Big 60" on Thursday, so more choccy cake and the obligatory singing of "Happy Birthday" followed by a presentation by Alan, to Terry of his first edition of "The Senior" newspaper. You couldn't half tell he was the "birthday boy", with the Helium balloon floating above his chair all weekend and the wearing of the tell-tale badge. Congratulations Terry!

A much cooler night saw only a few hardy souls stay around the campfire till late.



Bill's Firewood



Terry's Birthday



BBQ Trio

Sunday:

Another fine and sunny day greeted us as Theo and Bill cooked 22 hearty and delicious breakfasts for the hungry throng. Good thing we don't have jaffles for brekky!

When Bruce drew Amos' name out for the "Bushies" prize, (and the dish-washing duties) he had a momentary "dummy spit", but the voucher presentation with a big kiss from Gleness, and he was back in full swing for the raffle draws, assisted by a somewhat stunned Charmaine. By the way he did a sterling job of washing-up too, a promise of a later treat maybe? For the Chocoholics, Adrienne produced her choccy cake joining fee for morning tea which was delicious. Welcome aboard Adrienne.

Maurie and Mary Lowes called in from Baringhup to say hello for a couple of hours and hope to catch up with us at Christmas. The beautiful weather delayed the departure for home of those leaving until late afternoon, whilst a lucky 6 units stayed over for a long happy-hour with jaffles again on the menu for dinner. Although a smaller group, yet another enjoyable "Bushies rally."



Helen's got her man



Amos and Charmaine



Amos/Gleness Kiss

On the Grapevine



Yes it has finally happened. **Dorothy Hall** has set off on her 2-10 year journey around the big island. She has headed west to survey Victoria and South Australia, particularly the Flinders Ranges and the Gulf area, between now and April when she will return for a short spell before heading north for the winter. Good luck Dorothy and keep us informed with regular updates of your progress.

Salty Horigan has made it back from Birdsville, with lots of tales of his travels and battles with the big wet. He reports that he last saw Ross heading north from Birdsville so we're not sure where Ross is at the moment. Guess he'll let us know some time. Look forward to seeing Salty and Cobber at Dandos or Garibaldi.

Marie Keogh is still having a tough time with her health and our thoughts are with you for a speedy return to good health. Look after Marie, Frank, we miss her presence at the "Bushie's" campfire group.

As mentioned earlier, **Terry Pitman** celebrated his 60th birthday with a surprise party with about 40 guests, including several Bushies, at daughter Amber's home on Saturday 2nd October. Despite lots of organizing, Terry had no inkling of the party and was stunned as guests arrived, and was speechless as the night of celebration proceeded. Congratulations Terry from all Bushwackers and enjoy the benefits of being a "Senior."

The lush green ground cover a Newbridge belied the fact that a few weeks before, the area was under water as the riverbank flooded after a deluge, resulting in an emergency rescue of a car driver from his submerged vehicle. Although the little cottage on the top of the riverbank was safe, the water level can be gauged by the tree stump wedged in the dead tree, 4 metres above the normal river level.

Ever wondered what happened to **Rowena Paterson** and her Didgeridoo? Well Keith and Sue Harris know Rowena through the OKA club, and tell us that for the past 3 years she has been based in Kalgoorlie, driving those big dump trucks at the mines, and making big dollars to boot.

Collingwood won the premiership, and the feathered variety of Magpies were out in force at Newbridge. Not sure if it was the food they'd eaten or the warm up draught as they swooped over the campfire, but many chose to jettison their waste, resulting in lots of near misses and a couple of direct hits, much to our disgust. Note the photo of the "headless" bird pinching scraps off the table.

Ann Forbes continues on her travels and her "Reflections" are posted on the website as received. Ann emails these to lots of Bushies, so if you would like to be included, drop her a line at eannforbes@hotmail.com.

Marg Quail returned from the big rally with Jack and Rosie off colour and herself as well. Might be that cold you were sharing around got to the pugs as well.

Pam Snelling carried the Bushies banner at the Banner Parade and with Bob attended the Chapter Forum. Full minutes will be sent from NHQ in near future. The AGM recounted Diana Worner's trip to the UK to attend one of their rallies and also proposal for a new headquarters for the Club at Tomago (still near Newcastle).

The next big rally is just across the border at **Deniliquin from April 11 to 16, 2011** (the years are changing so quickly, it hardly seems anytime since it was the Millennium). There is a website, denirally.com, to keep you updated and the venue is right in town - not out at the Ute Muster site.

Next Months Venue:

October 29th to November 2nd (Melbourne Cup Weekend) Dandos Bush Camp, Otways

Take Princes Highway and Geelong bypass to Colac turning left to Gellibrand. At Gellibrand take 2nd left past caravan park into Gellibrand East Road, approx 3kms bitumen then gravel road through to Lardners Track, (take care as road becomes narrow and winding with some blind corners) then veer into Sayers Vista for 250 metres and then left into the camp entry road (caution as steepish descent for about 180 metres) to the Dandos camp, a flat area amongst tall trees with the Gellibrand River skirting the camp area, approx. 13 kms from Gellibrand. Toilets - Fireplaces - Bring firewood and drinking water. Dogs OK Big Rigs OK - **GPS S 38.60908d E 143.63d**

Christmas Party and AGM:

Our Christmas party and AGM will be held on the weekend of 3rd to 5th December at the Old Garibaldi School, Hardy's Hill Road Garibaldi (south of Ballarat). The Christmas dinner will be catered by Fabulous Feast from Ballarat and will be a smorgasbord consisting of:

Main Course; Three meats served with hot potatoes with Garlic butter and sour cream, and fresh salads including Pasta, Rice, Coleslaw, Potato, Garden Green, Pineapple and Beetroot.

Dessert; Choice of Dressed Pavlova, Cheesecake, Fresh Fruit Salad & Cream and Chocolate Torte.

Cost of the Dinner will be

\$10.00 per head for Bushwacker members who have attended at least 2 rallies this calendar year; and

\$20.00 per head per head for visitors and casual Bushwackers.

Remember the dress-up letter this year is "K" so put on your thinking caps and come up with a costume and be part of the fun. Please telephone either President Alan on (03) 9391 6362 or Secretary Gleness on (03)5447 2275 to advise of your attendance for catering purposes.

The AGM will be held on Saturday 4th December at 2.00pm and all members are invited to attend. All Committee positions will be declared vacant and nominations are invited from members to fill vacant positions. A nomination form is attached to this newsletter, additional forms may be obtained from the President or Secretary.

Positions to be filled are - President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, Committee Persons (2), Website Manager and Newsletter Editor.

Bushwackers Rally Dates 2011:



The Bushwacker rally dates and venues calendar previously circulated for members comment have been confirmed and adopted, and a copy is attached for your reference. Please mark your diaries so you don't miss out on the fun next year.

Remember this is YOUR newsletter. YOUR contributions are always appreciated and will be included wherever possible. We especially need updates for the Grapevine section so we keep up-to-date with those who might not be regulars at our monthly meetings. Email around-oz@bigpond.com or phone 0427 954563. If we make a boo boo, then our apologies in advance but we are merely human. Let's know and we will remedy it next time. If you don't wish your photo to appear in the newsletter or on the website, please advise and we will endeavour to make sure you aren't individually shown. As from January 2010, the newsletter is free but donations are welcome if you feel like doing so. Enjoy life, travel safely and take time to smell the roses!