

The Official Newsletter of  
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Special Birthday Edition Newsletter

With assistance, this newsletter has been created by Stephanie, a student at Belmore School. It is part of her VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) requirement.

**Attendees were:** Alan Barnes, Darryl and Lois Crouch, Ross Drake, Bob and Chrissy Eustace, Alan and Teryl James, Frank and Marie Keogh, John and Val Linton, Heather Livingstone, Russell and Hedy McAliece, Melva Morris, Terry and Kaye Pitman, Bill and Lyne Roberts, Theo and Helen Siomos, Pam Snelling, Gary and Mina Stapleton

**Visitors were:** Calvin Muller, Terry Kingston and Christine Thomas

**And pooches too.....woof!**



Redesdale Hall is where we had the party. It was big, well lit and very very warm for us all. The kitchen was fantastic, just as well, because we had heaps of yummy food to organise and eat! There was plenty of parking space for our motorhomes.



The birthday cake has sparklers on it. There is 1big cake, plus 6 small ones. This represents the Club being 17 years old. There's an orchid plus red bottle brush on top of the delicious cake. Thanks to our wonderful cook.

History Update: Thanks for all the interest and help in naming the photos. Lots of noses were quietly engrossed in the old newsletters. We now will transfer them all into new albums, hopefully by the Xmas break-up at Meredith Hall, when lots of Bushies will be there.

*Here are some photos from the walk and the History with some funny photos in between.*



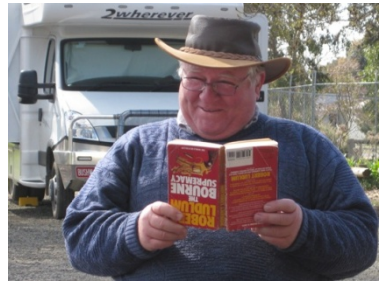
*Some ladies walked to the old bridge.*



*Chrissy gave these gorgeous mats to Marie.*



*Major Mitchell explored the Redesdale area - thank you!*



*Theo and his talking book - did he actually read?*



*Lovely wattle in bloom was seen on the ladies' walk.*



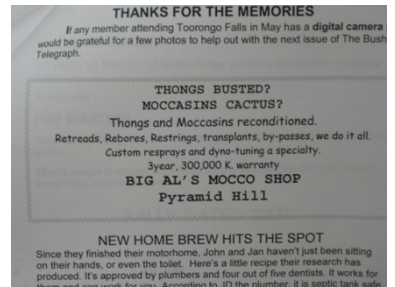
*Thanks Chrissy for updating our Bushwacker Website.*



*Nikki and Diesel got tangled together because they were excited when they saw the ladies.*



*Some longer-serving Bushies helped to name lots of old photos - thanks.*



*Here's an ad, in an old newsletter. Ask Alan J to show you his current moccasins.*



*More Bushie history - note Gary's son's artwork on the original trailer side.*



*On the walk, lots of flood damage was seen lying around.*



*Terry found this old Wanderer magazine - much smaller than the current one.*

# The Party



1. The balloons were blown up to help make the hall look nice. They were different colours. Some of them popped which made a loud noise.



2. The hall is nearly ready. Lots of people helped to decorate it. Some streamers and walls. Thanks Terry for climbing up the ladder.



3. All the people enjoyed the appetisers before the main meal was served. There was also lots of chatting amongst each other.



4. A competition was organised. It was called Guess How Many Lollies in the Jar? There were raspberries and marshmallows in the glass to guess. A prize was given to Gary who was the winner.



5. After our soup, we all shared the food which was spread out on the huge kitchen bench. There was lots of variety and it was all yummy.



6. Here is a sample of some of the food. There is salad, shepherd's pie, beef casserole, lasagne and broccoli with cheese sauce.



7. Pam is playing the piano. We all sang Happy Birthday, and then some people sang along to other songs.



8. This photo of the cake shows you the writing. You can see the orchid and the red bottle brush.

*Happy 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday to all  
Bushwackers no matter  
where you are in  
Australia.*

*YIPPEE!!!  
YIPPEE!!!*

### Thanks to:

- Terry and Kaye for bringing the trailer.
- Gary and Mina for bringing the Original Bushwacker sign.
- the helpers who decorated the Hall
- the buyers of food, decorations and prizes
- the amazing catering staff
- the cleaners
- everyone who helped make the weekend so special

### Rally Dates for 2012:

The Committee has discussed and created a Proposed 2012 Bushie Rally List for you to look at. We have included some new spots suggested by members. Please note that June and July have covered shelters for indoor fires and of course, August is in a Hall as usual. [This document will be emailed/posted to you very soon, so comments/feedback would be appreciated by the next Rally.](#)

### Raffles

- Gary's guess of 250 (?) won him the lollies in the jar.
- Heather and Alan J also won lucky prizes.
- Chrissy won the Bushie raffle and certainly did a quick washing-up as she and Bob were on an important time expiry mission!

### Website:

Have you checked out Chrissy's work related to our updated website? If not, go to [www.bushwacker.com.au](http://www.bushwacker.com.au)

### Members' News

John and Jan are at a creek near the Daly and Victoria rivers. They have swum in a pristine waterhole and have caught yabbies and cherapin – yum. John and Sue (7<sup>th</sup> Aug) were at Biloela, camped by the Callide Dam, catching and eating red claw, which is a very large yabby. They are homeward bound. Ann is catching up with Marg after trying since Katherine to do so! Dorothy goes sightseeing one day then reads the next – to quote “What a Life!” She was rejoining the 16 other Solo travellers on 23<sup>rd</sup> July at Kununurra. Rob and Glenda didn't make it to the Birthday as their bus broke down. It took them a couple of days in Bacchus marsh for repairs. They got going to Mildura and Ceduna, so hope they can see us at Mt. Franklin!

### Next Month's Venue:

September 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>

Mt. Franklin Camping Reserve. Take Daylesford exit off Western Hwy at Ballan continuing on to Daylesford, then Midland Hwy towards Castlemaine for 10kms to Mt. Franklin turnoff. Proceed up narrow and winding road around edge of mountain to enter camp in the crater. Pit tlts, Dogs OK, No drinking water.

### Future Venues:

7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October – Kendall's B Campsite, Rubicon (changed from Upper Yarra)

28<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November – Jolly's Bend State Forest, Kialla West

2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> December – Pioneer Park –Meredith.

*I have enjoyed doing this newsletter. Thanks for letting me do it. From Steph*