

The Official Newsletter of  
**THE BUSHWACKERS**



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## *Brookes Reserve, Alexandra February 2011*

### Attendees:

**Members:** Gary and Christine Appleford, Bob and Lynda Arthur, Alan Barnes, Mike and Joy Bishop, Konrad and Karin Braun, Salty Horigan, Hal and Karin Kraus, Heather Livingstone, Rob and Denise MacLennan, Melva Morris, Wayne and Nini Priestley, Marg Quail, Bill and Lyne Roberts, Pam Snelling, Bernie Alletsee and Lila Eden, Russell and Hedy McAliece

**Visitors:** Rodney Stoddars, Bill and Jan Ibbotson

### Friday:

Some came on Friday, such happy campers. With court being over, Pam had the champers!

The weather did clear, we saw settling of dust. So a great weekend was surely a must.

The trailer was good, thanks Lynda and Bob. You're sure now doing a good Bushie job.

A mild night was around, no fire was poked. All we did was laugh and joked.



[Brookes – a nice location](#)

Salty's clean and newly-decorated bus was most impressive – no wonder he bought a new chair!!



[Salty's new chair – Horribago](#)

Bill made new lights for our campfire, as his Paris lamp wouldn't fit in his bus! The Brookes' ones reminded us of the good old days in a haberdashery shop, where the money was "slingshot" across the store to the Treasurer high up on a stand.

## Saturday:

More people arrived to tally the vans to 18 (29 folk). Weather was lovely and the walk by the river was taken by several Bushies at different times. We had a morning tea chocolate cake courtesy of Russell and Hedy, who couldn't get to share their previous one due to an early departure! Thanks.....you now are true Bushies and your good sense of humour fits into the Bushie way!



The start of the walk



A DARK DARK cave!



London Bridge/Tasman Arch??



*Melva's cake for Valentine's Day, Was quickly devoured in our usual way.*

*How thoughtful she is and a wonderful cook, We're ever so spoilt by hook and by crook!*

*The afternoon saw sitting, knitting, crocheting, looking at and discussing vans and their biccups, while Heather L was flitting around with her tape measure getting layout ideas for the new bus she and Rodney will soon fit-out.*

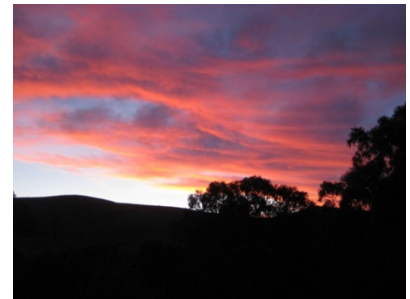
As the sun went down and the fire was lit (our wonderful Brookes Res. neighbour sure looked after us!), how terrific it was to be out in the bush.



A dogs' 1<sup>st</sup> May maypole?????



Bill's lights – a new meaning for suspenders???



The beautiful sunset...ah!!!!

The highlight of the evening was the laughter around the fire when Russell and Hedy and their WA friends, Bill and Jan returned from their dinner out at a highly-recommended restaurant. Apart from the fact that (apart from Bill), they were starving and "broke" from the high costs, Bill had gastric

problems, which we too had to suffer, I might add!! Poor Denise certainly copped the most!!!! Think they're back on the road to WA by now.....(no comment!!)

## Sunday:

Up and at 'em were the cooks for the brekkie. Thanks to Christine for the tomatoes/onions, Hal for the toast job and Gary, Rob and Bob A for their magnificently- timed feast preparation. – the photos tell the story eh?? Salty won the raffle.



Yum yum! Eggsellent!



The bacon was good too!



Salty features again winning the raffle!

Whilst Salty was washing the dishes, a few of us...in fact quite a few, decided to tidy up the trailer. Well, we found the missing .....trailer jack handle – Bob A will “oil” the jacks as he has the trailer, the big wind-break material which was neatly refolded, and the Book Swap basket, which has been sorted and will start up again at Major’s Creek rally.

*We also found tins of pineapple and fruit salad, so at Major’s Creek, we’ll have a **FREE Sat. Lunch**. It will consist of BBQ ham steaks and pineapple in a roll, with fruit salad and cream for desserts. So, be at Major’s Creek to be part of this “first”.*

**Deni. Rally.** As many Bushies are going to the Rally, we’ll have a list on the trailer at Major’s Creek and have a brief get-together/discussion for newbies’ questions eg. Booking a Bushie table for the Ball etc. A Bushie brekkie one day under someone’s awning has also been suggested.

*Here’s a gentle reminder regarding cleaning up after dogs, especially during the off-lead time. A non-dog owner needed to do some “picking up” at Brookes.*

Several vans stayed until Monday after what was a great weekend, yet again!



Russell and Bill are good buddies.....er.....their buses are too.....almost too close for comfort!!

## On the Grapevine:

\***Marie Keogh** loved the flowers, which we sent to her the day after Valentine's Day. **Frank** was in the good books and scored big Brownie points for his Valentine's Day thoughts, until she read the note from us Bushies! Marie's still having treatment which makes her tired and says that she "does the washing in the morning and gets to put it out about 3.30 in the afternoon!" – her sense of humour has not waned!

\*Editor assumes that **Theo and Helen** had a ball in NZ – a great effort – 40 years together and still going strong!

\***Bob McNamara's** van was spotted in Marysville – a place of long time memories for him and his friends, some of whom had a sad Black Saturday in 2009. Hope you're well Bob – would love to see you at a Bushies rally soon.

\***Sylvia and Ian** are supporting their nephew as usual in the Dockland's sailing program, plus an American-based "Walk-on" Program occurring in Sydney, for which Stuart is on the waiting list. His family's Bendigo home renos. are occurring, with Ian keeping a watchful eye over it all. We hope to see the Callanders at Major's Creek, before their planned 2-week Japan trip in April occurs!

\***Ann Forbes** at Macmasters Beach with relatives, but her itchy feet will see her move on in about a week to.....??????????

\***Darryl and Lois** at Port Fairy, but will be home by Friday for their bus "clunking" repairs, plus Darryl's Monday appoint. at hospital for repairs to "broken screw" in his foot with new specialist. 3<sup>rd</sup> time lucky?

\***Bruce and Elaine** haven't driven much as Bruce is having cataract op. Tuesday, so that will get them going again.

\***Peter and Mary** are off on a NZ cruise Thursday – happy sailing!

\* Volunteers are needed for the Blazeaid fencing program for flood victims. Website is [www.blazeaid.com](http://www.blazeaid.com) and the contact person is Lyn 0466340408

## Next Month's Venue - 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011

Major's Creek-Nagambie Camp is on Major's Ck, take Mitchellstown Rd off Goulburn Vly Hwy 5kms S of Nagambie for 8kms past wineries, and historic marker. Cross timber bridge over creek (8 tonne limit) and camp is 400m on right. Heavy rigs take Wattlevale Rd via Nagambie. Pit Tlts Dogs OK Bring wood

### Future Venues

April 22 <sup>nd</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup>	Easter & Anzac Day Holiday	Barmah State Park
May 13 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup>		Murchison – Goulburn River
June 10 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup>	Queen's Birthday Weekend	Ararat – Chinaman's Camp

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See you at Major's Creek – Cheers Pam (Sec)