

The Official Newsletter of THE BUSHWACKERS



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Major's Creek - March 2011

Attendees:

Members: Gary and Christine Appleford, Bob and Lynda Arthur, Alan Barnes, Ian and Sylvia Callander, Konrad and Karin Braun, Daryl and Lois Crouch, John and Jan Dadd, Ross Drake, Salty Horigan, Hal and Karin Kraus, Heather Livingstone, Rob and Denise MacLennan, Melva Morris, Colin and Lyn Musgrove, Ken Newton and Elizabeth Pettigrew, Terry and Kaye Pitman, Marg Quail, Bill and Lyne Roberts, Barrie and Catherine Robson, Theo and Helen Siomos, Pam Snelling, Gary and Mina Stapleton, Amos and Gleness Trask, Rob and Glenda Walters, Bernie Alletsee and Lila Eden, Russell and Hedy McAliece, Peter Hinkley and Mary English (a brief car visit).

Visitors: Rodney Stoddart, Sylvia Sharman (Eastern Rosellas), Geoff and Dee Burnety (Qld), Klaus and Marie Eickmeyer (Western Port Drifters), Tony and Noelle Woodmass (Western Port Drifters), Bill and Sally (Dadd friends), Udo and Stephanie Michels (Chocolate cake next Rally!)

Friday:

Many folk arrived Friday to see that many others had arrived earlier – looked like, we were in for a b..i..g turnout! Gosh, even the trailer was early, thanks to Bob and Lynda Arthur. Gary and Christine told us that there had been a “river” running through the camp due to the rain, but it had dried up thankfully! So with vans well spread out along the real creek. The weather was good, so a lovely evening by Gary’s pre-dug fire pit was in store, with Bill, our resident artist-illuminere, providing the lighting arrangements.

Saturday:



What a lovely, lovely camp spot for our total of 57 people in 32 rigs.

A sunny morning saw early coffee and dog-walking Bushies up and at-it. Helen and Pam went for their usual long walk, passing Major Mitchell's Monument and ending up at Michelton Winery. Heard on the grapevine (hee, hee) that no tasting was done!



Knitting, crocheting, looking at vans, and the usual relaxed chats occupied most of us while Melva was busy preparing lunch (lucky we found the pineapple and fruit salad in the trailer clean-up!). The ham and pineapple rolls with salad, plus the fruit salad and custard cream was d..e.l.i..c.i..o..u..s. As usual, she excelled.



Main course, of course.

Sweets.....ahh!!



Oh! No! Not more food.



Now you can relax, Rodney

Terry catching tea?

Happy hour was by the creek, but the slope didn't worry Rodney - he was flat and stable. With so many people, we certainly became an oval of contentment and had to force ourselves to relocate later by the fire. This turned into a big circle.

		
<p>Ken dressed up for lunch? No, for his outing to a surprise 80th.</p>	<p>Well done Ross on your yummy campoven fruit damper.</p>	<p>The "Lurvers" dancing around the campfire.</p>

Sunday:

	<p>We woke to the noisy birds, but beautiful sunshine. The cooks timed the brekkie cooking beautifully (thanks and well done), so relaxation, yet again, was the order of the day. Lyne won the Bushie Raffle, capably entrusted (good/bad idea!) in Amos' hands. We never quite know what will escape from his mouth...guess he doesn't know either! Don't EVER EVER change, Amos!</p>
<p><i>Umbrellas of various colours and styles added to the serenity of the ladies cosy corner by the water.</i></p> <p><i>Bushies know how to enjoy life eh?</i></p>	

As some people unfortunately had to pack up to leave, still more arrived. We said hello to Klaus and Marie who had visited Bushies ages ago. They, along with Tony and Noelle, had been to the Southern Explorer's Annual Auction for Charity. Over 300 items were on their agenda, taking over 3 hours to run.

Being a long weekend, Monday ensured many Bushies around. Plenty of relaxation occurred, again with beautiful weather.....not sure who was the last to leave and on which day!!!!!!!!!!!!

On the Grapevine:

**Darryl had his foot operation on Monday 21st March.*

**A big hello from Adrienne Nash, who hopes to catch up with us soon.*

**Christine Appleford's and Gary Stapleton's Majors Creek rashes have faded - their doctors' couldn't underpin the causes.*

**Heaps of Bushies going to Deni. Read the flyer for details for our "black and white" plans. Pam has black face make-up for 6 folk who really want to get into the swing of the Minstrels theme!*

**John and Jan have set-off toward the west. Megg's staying home with Jason. Their travel mobile number is 0428 371 339*

**Ann Forbes' at Uluru*

**Melva no longer has a landline - only use her mobile for contact.*

Next Month's Venue -

Barmah State Park. It's on the Murray River upstream from Echuca and is reached via the Goulburn Valley Highway through Shepparton, Bunbartha and Nathalia, or via Murray Valley Hwy through Echuca. On entering Barmah township, turn right at hotel into Moira lake Rd before crossing the river. Continue along road approx. 7kms then turn into the camp are road, before the Dharnya Aboriginal Centre and the Stockyards. The camp is on the banks of the river. No water or showers. Pit toilets. Dogs OK. Big rigs OK.

Future Venues

May 13 th to 15 th		Murchison – Goulburn River
June 10 th to 13 th	Queen's Birthday Weekend	Ararat – Chinaman's Camp
July 8 th to 10 th		Kings Parrot Creek - Kerrisdale

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See you at Deni. and Barmah – Cheers Pam (Sec)