

The Official Newsletter of  
THE BUSHWACKERS



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Attendees:




**Members:** Bernie Alletsee and Lila Eden, Gary and Christine Appleford, Bob and Linda Arthur, Alan Barnes, Darryl and Lois Crouch, Ross Drake, Bob and Chrissy Eustace, Peter Hinkley, Salty Horgan, Rob and Denise MacLennan, Melva Morris, Margaret Quail, Bill and Lyne Roberts, Pam Snelling, John and Sue Stephens,

**Visitors:** Sylvia Sharman, Glenda Farrington and Anne (mum), Janet Sugden, Laurie Hoffman

**Dogs:** Tom, Chloe, Shadow, Cobber, Mitzi, Georgie and Charlie, Jack and Rosie, Diesel and Nikki, Kylie and Timmy, Mitzi's "look-a-like" friend.

Friday:

For the early arrivees on Thursday (plus the trailer, thanks to Rob's son), there was no doubt as to the choice of camping top or bottom – there was NO bottom, but thanks go to Sylvia for checking it out after Deni. Just in case! The weather was cold, but the rain held off until late afternoon, where brollies came out of vans and we had to shelter briefly under awnings. Then it was all clear, so the fire got a good workout. Thanks to the many folk who carried, dragged, and cut the wood, as we knew plenty would be needed for the weekend. Bill and Lyne's arrival meant lights were up and running! Lots of Bushies just DO stuff don't they?

		
<p>We were happily camped up top! It was amazingly dry, cosy and really spacious for the 19 rigs.....different to busy Elmore eh?</p>	<p>Here's where we usually camp down the bottom – not surprising though as the large amounts of rain have been Victoria-wide (and in lots of Bushie spots!)</p>	<p>Darryl looked great in his safe mode of transport for the undulating ground. The staff from the Bushie Home Help Centre heard that he might need assistance, so they were there "on-call" all weekend – the Bushie family at its best. Jokes were a-plenty about how much he owed nurse Lois!!!!</p>

## Saturday:

After a cold but cosy night, many early risers were up and about. Peter got the fire going.....it looked tempting through my curtains, so for a change, I was out there for my simple brekkie, although Ross did the crumpets job!



Thanks Peter.



Yummy brekkie!

Morning tea came around quickly and .....guess what.....we had a nice surprise!!! Melva had made a huge sponge, filled with jam, cream and topped with mandarin segments. We all know her standard, but she felt it was "too dry", but the empty platter told us otherwise. I know you love "just doing", so thanks.



Sylvia had pencil and paper handy to take orders for newspapers, as she was going into town...we all know how Gary loves reading his paper!



Speaking of Gary....er...Sadie. He had to do something while he waited for his paper. He told us - "I do this all the time!!!"

Knitting and crocheting came out and the cards ladies were up to the usual laughter and picking on each other. We even had visitor Glenda's 90 year old mum join us (and she took only 1 hand to learn the game!).

Ross, as usual, wanted to make his damper, but was worried about lack of necessary ingredients.....didn't matter, as the pantry whip-arounds led to yet another yummy afternoon tea.

With so many dogs around, there were plenty of "Black Caviar" races around the site.....in other words 52 canine legs were amid the 56 human ones - what a hoot! I think the dog/human number ratios could nearly be a Bushie record! Speaking of hoot - the "trial" hooting Happy Hour idea worked well. Thanks to Denise for being the maiden hooter extra-ordinaire! The Bushie brochure for visitors and the trailer notice have been updated.



Charlie was thrilled to see Mitzi - his life-long friend, I hear!



Welcome, Nikki to the Bushie lifestyle!  
A girl likes comfort when it's cold

### Sunday:

We woke to a glorious morning of beautiful sunshine and blue sky. Another early start for some – the brekkie organisers. Thanks Marg. for the tomatoes and onions (think I heard her say that it was 1<sup>st</sup> time she had done them! ...won't be the last!). Linda and Lyne did the toast, while Bernie, Ross, Bill and Rob did the BBQ – thanks! Thanks also Lyne for offering to buy the brekkie food for Chinaman's.



Rob won the Bushie raffle – how many times now? Plenty of help with the dishes though – even Bob was there.



Ah!!! Another day in Paradise for the Bushie family.

Jacket/polo shirt update: To recap, six Committee members met at Elmore and discussed at considerable length the acquisition of shirts and jackets to give the chapter a visual presence, especially at major rallies. Colours in catalogues are not always the same as the fabrics, so it was decided to get a couple of samples made so members could actually see the concept. Anticipated costs were advised in the April newsletter. The only cost to the Chapter to date has been \$88 for the artwork and this will remain the same no matter what colour fabric is eventually used. Colour of threads can be changed to suit the fabric. The company has been given the go-ahead to produce sample completed garments in possible bush tones. At Murchison, it was agreed that a survey of members for final colour selection would be undertaken via the newsletter. Obviously the easiest way to make a choice is to see the samples, so this will be done as soon as the garments are available to photograph. Watch out for more details next month.

### Birthday Bash:

Planning is underway for our August birthday celebrations at Redesdale. The hall has heating and a large kitchen facility. Parking outside is a mixture of hard sand and grass. The food will be slightly different, as the Hall is a fair way from supermarkets etc. We will fully cater ourselves with the aim of entree, mains, sweets and extras. So here are some suggestions Casseroles – chicken, beef, curry, lamb. Extras could include fried rice, potato bake, cauliflower au gratin, zucchini, another greens, or similar and garlic bread. Desserts – well firstly think of our waistlines but yumminess will no doubt prevail such as apple crumble, cheesecake, tiramisu, pavlova. Please feel free to contact Pam by phone or email with your special recipe! We will start our list at Chinaman's Rally.

Facilities in the area include an excellent pub across the road (with meals available) cafe/local art gallery, service station with minimum food supplies but bread, milk, papers etc about 300 m walk.

Cost to Members: We have booked the hall for three nights (Friday/Saturday/Sunday) and can camp in the grounds from Thursday pm to Monday pm inclusive. As usual, the chapter will meet the costs of the venue for the weekend, including the use of the grounds and hall hire.

There is no charge for the birthday dinner as we are self catering, but the usual brekkie and camp fees will apply, as the trailer will be used for its normal purposes. The Chapter will provide serviettes, nibbles, decorations etc and a few games to keep you amused. Usual Bushies requirements of attending minimum two rallies prior to the Birthday Bash applies, therefore if you haven't met these requirements, bring a dish and \$10 per person. Visitor costs are \$15 per person without bringing food or \$10 per head if you bring a catering contribution. If you wish to bring your own food rather than participate in the community dinner, that will be your individual choice.

*And finally.....OOPS!!.....I forgot to let you know that at the Deni. Rally Chapter Forum, it was announced that CMCA membership fees would increase soon from \$44 to \$55 per year, the first increase for many years.*

### On the Grapevine:

- John and Miriam (3<sup>rd</sup> May) were at Mt. Isa, but were heading to Darwin in 4 days until 1<sup>st</sup> Sept., then down the centre to SA.
- Glenda and Rob are back from Hawaii, a trip Glenda won by ringing "Deal or No Deal" a few times! They were not impressed with the food, but we all know how good a cook Glenda is, so their meals' standards are high! Many of us would probably be OK with it!!!
- Ann has finished the Kimberley's and is heading to Broome to hopefully catch up with John and Jan.
- Rob and Denise are heading in a northerly direction via ??????????
- Peter and Mary are heading north.....to ....depends on where they feel!
- Bernie and Lila are heading north, then onto Kalgoorlie
- Bob and Linda....yes, north to Darwin, Broome and West Coast. They are currently in Burra, SA. You can follow their trip via their blog site at [www.boblindastravels.blogspot.com](http://www.boblindastravels.blogspot.com)
- Marg is heading to Kalgoorlie via Paraburdoo (do you know where that is?)
- Spoke to John and Lynne who saw Bob and Chrissy at Clunes. Lynne is well and they're hoping to get to Chinaman's, as the heater in their bus will be done by then – they didn't come to Murchison - too cold without a heater!
- Maree McMurtrie was going to come to Elmore, but had a cold. Her motorhome is still on the market. She's needing advice to advertise, can anyone help her with Wanderer advice? Her **new** mobile number is 0439 987 281, (**different to the one on our Contact List**).
- Sylvia and Ian went to Darwin at Easter (in lieu of Japan). Their nephew Stuart has commenced the Walk-On programme in Sydney. Ian and Sylvia go there on 21<sup>st</sup> to relieve Nod and Pam (Stu's parents). A lot of work has been put into this opportunity for therapy. They hope to see us at Chinaman's.
- Barrie and Catherine have headed to Qld. to see the grandies (and I think a great-grandie!).
- George and Sue are hoping to catch up with us soon, as George has accepted a full-time position with Bendigo-Adelaide Bank, so should get to Bendigo at times.

### Next Month's Venue:

Chinaman's Camp, Ararat. Take Western Hwy through Beaufort to Buangor for 1k then into Warrack Rd. At Warrack turn right into Mt. Cole gravel road 6k, then left into Chinaman's Rd at "Rosedale Orchids" house. Continue 800m past Blue Gum Track and Chinaman's Camp is on left. Pit toilets, shelter, bring wood. GPS S37.14562 E143.11585

**Future Venues:** July 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Kings Parrot Creek – Kerrisdale. August 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Redesdale Hall (17<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash)

Don't forget to send your travel news to share with the Bushies. Email [chrissy@around-oz.com](mailto:chrissy@around-oz.com) or [psnelling@hotmail.com](mailto:psnelling@hotmail.com) or [a\\_barnes@live.com.au](mailto:a_barnes@live.com.au)