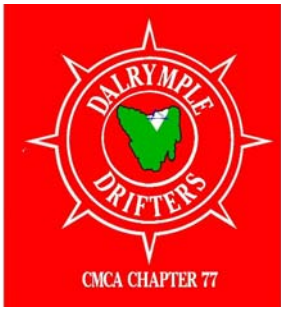


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From a little place called Birralee !!

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“Where East Meets West”

Dalrymple Drifters “Communiqué”



Mid January saw us having our monthly rally/meet at Birralee. This was our second get together at this location which was very well hosted by Barry & Gigi. Thank you both for another successful gathering.

The weather (as usual) for January was hot enough to “burn your eyes out” and we started to gather at around midday on Friday. On arrival (Barry & I) found Deb & Norm - Lyn & Mike already set up and enjoying the sunshine. (so much for the West Coast trip eh!! Mike & Lyn). We were soon all set up for as Barry put it, a simple “wind down rally” after the silly season. And that it was, other than the visit by some “hoons” in the early hours of Saturday morning. (more on that later in this Communiqué). A great relaxing effort. We had 12 rigs in total - 10 DD’s with 2 visitors Bevan & Mandy from SA & John & Mary from the Overlanders. Sam & Barbara arrived on Sunday as day visitors after their Christmas guests had left. Sunday morning saw our quarterly general meeting with some good discussion. Most of the ladies were involved with Mandy in further development of their skills in the ever increasing popular “card making” craft.



**Our ladies hard at it (card making that is) —is that Norm standing in the background ?
- word in that “card making” may well be on his agenda - \$\$\$’s?**



A new innovation at Birralee was the flying of our National Flag from the Chapter trailer. It is our intention to also fly the CMCA Flag as well, hopefully you will see this at Bellingham in Feb should we get the poles etc completed. It was perhaps the attractiveness of our flag fluttering in the breeze (at 3.30am in the morning) that attracted some “hoons” into our camp area. They unsuccessfully pulled down the flag, but took a couple of smaller flags, from Jim & Glenn’s rigs. Very uncomfortable situation - a number of us were out of bed “ready to

pounce” but waiting for “the call” - this matter was discussed at our general meeting, concluding that “with the first vehicle horn” being blown, as many as possible would alight from their rigs to confront collectively those who are creating problems. In this case, after David T yelled at them, they started to move. Only one person was very intoxicated with the other three endeavoring to get him back into their car and leave our area. Whilst it is accepted protocol that flags can now fly after sunset, our decision to take our flags down at sunset, may well distract any further “hoons” from trying the same thing. Thank goodness the trailer was locked up - but that didn’t stop him climbing on top to pull the flag down!!

Rockhampton National Rally November 2009.

Apologies for the lateness of this entry—but it appears that I misplaced the photos. In November 2009, Sam and Barbara Mackrill attended the National Rally in Rockhampton. They were half way there as they (at that time) were at their northern abode on Bribie Island, so why not put a few more liters of diesel in the “postal” Winnie and visit the mob gathering at Rocky. This was Sam & Barbara’s first attendance at a National Rally. I think Sam went with some trepidation, but from all reports really enjoyed the time spent there. So much so that they immediately booked into the Anniversary Rally in March 2010 at Quercus Park -“wouldn’t miss it for quids” said Barbara when asked about their adventure.

Barry & Clare were also “up north” visiting Barry’s children so also took the opportunity to go along. Barry took the photos of Barb & Sam participating in the “Banner Parade”



Happy Hour - enjoyed by all

Bellingham Meet

February will find us at Bellingham Recreation Ground for our second "Grandchildren's Rally". This is a monthly rally, so having grandchildren IS NOT a prerequisite, so come along and participate. Hosts Sharron & Jim are looking forward to a great weekend. Contact re hosts: Sharon 03 63446515/0407 861 105 or email maz-dat3000@hotmail.com (please call to book in) and provide names of grandchildren for name tags. Dates: 12th to 14th February 2010 from 12 midday on Friday Cost \$12.00 per rig for meet. Travelling from George Town towards Bridport (east) the Bellingham turnoff is approx 40 kms and will be CMCA sign posted.

Remember this crew!!



Future meets

March 2010— 15th to 21st

Anniversary Rally

Quercus Park Carrick— bookings via CMCA NHQ

April 2010— 8th to 13th

2010 Safari- \$50 per rig see flier on DD's web page Hosts Don & Sue Jim & Sharon

May 2010—14th to 16th

Bell Bay Station (winter rally) fire & meeting room—Hosts Deb & Norm \$10 prpr.

Member profiles

It's about time we did some more work on our member profiles that are found on the Chapter webpage.

The web page can be found at:

<http://www.dalrympledrafters.org/>

Have a look at the profiles that are listed. You don't have to give the world away, most of us have put a few words together, to describe themselves – some have a jovial theme, some "take it as you find it".

In particular we need something from:-

LYN & MIKE



YVONNE & CLIVE



Safari 2010

We are well underway with the Safari planning, with Jim & Sharon, Sue & I, about to take a run around the circuit within the next few weeks to put together some quiz question you can complete enroute.

When you look at the entry in the Wanderer you will note that the destination indicates.

DALRYMPLE DRIFTERS (TAS) Mystery locations from Launceston district, cost \$50 per rig, hosts Don & Sue 0418 362 232 & Jim & Sharon 0407 861 105, bookings essential.

The Safari will commence at the St Leonard's Picnic Ground with members (those available with rigs) no earlier than 3pm. on Thursday 8th April. Hopefully all will start from there as Happy Hour that day will be your intro to the Safari, dates times etc given out.

Bookings are essential so that we can organize the accommodation, BBQ Saturday night and of course Chapter sponsored HH on Saturday 10th April.

Cost is \$50.00 per rig payable Thursday 8th at Happy Hour.