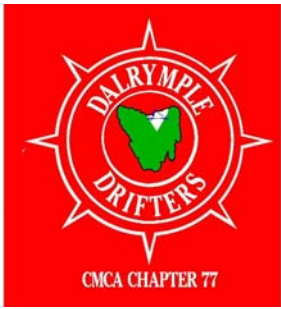


G'day to you all - happenings from Blessington

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“Where East
Meets West”

Dalrymple Drifters “Communique”

I thought that I would start off our future Communiqués with the Happenings that are sent to the Wanderer. As we all know those happenings take at least two to three months to be published so I feel that getting them to you via our newsletter makes them more up to date. They will still be published in the wanderer for all to read some time in the future so the Happenings from Blessington:-

Our August 2007 meeting took place at Blessington around 50 kms NE of Launceston. There is no truth in the rumour that our President is going to conduct a vehicle recovery course, after finding a soft spot on the way to the rally. All weekend, the weather was if it was ordered for us. Although we had cold mornings with a frost, the days turned out to be very clear and sunny indeed. Under Danny’s careful eye, a golf driving range was enjoyed by some whilst others just choose to sit around and enjoy the sunshine. Similarly, happy hours were enjoyed sitting in the sun (yes the “sun” in Tassie in the middle of winter). We were very pleased to welcome a number of guests from both the Island Wanderers and the Van Demons Chapters. In all, we had 20 rigs attend. The nights, as usual saw many of us around a beautiful warm wood fire in the hall. Friday night had most participating in a quick personal development exercise (with many laughs) followed by a lively quiz night. (well dome the Silly Six)

Saturday night was similar with music with some tempting their skills on the dance floor with Glenn & Deb proving the music.

We welcomed new Dalrymple Drifter members Greg & Margaret Rainbird from St Helens. A number of our Chapter members are still absent on the big island and we look forward to welcoming them back in the not too distant future.

Thank you to our hosts Danny & Rhonda – a well planned weekend.

Sue Mackrill Temp Scribe



Rhonda, our host for Blessington, giving her point of view through her hands.

Veronica & Doug with their increased family. The Blue Heeler was obtained on their last trip to the northern island. They would have to be the best kept, anyway, the quietest dogs in the Chapter. Complete with his new chain, he sits guard over their camper.



Greg & Margaret Rainbird – who joined the Chapter at Blessington-welcome to you both.



Rally Calendar:

My apologies for not checking the last Chapter Rally calendar I completed for circulation. After the mistake being recognized and raised at the meeting at Blessington, I have gone back and rejigged the calendar. A copy of the revision is circulated with this

Communiqué.

2008 CCR update

Secretary Jacqueline is starting to receive some completed forms for the 2008 CCR in George Town. A number of mainlanders are showing interest in attending.

Last week Deb & I met with the George Town Council officers re their recent requirements (advised to Deb at a previous meeting) of a 3 meter break between each rig, irrespective of that rig having an awning or not. Having spoken with CMCA and the advice received indicated a 9 meter x 6 meter site allocation for a 7 meter rig. President Ian B of the Island Wanderers also confirmed this in discussions at Barcardine.

Our meeting concluded with their acceptance of the suggested 9x6 meter site on the provision that an Emergency Plan was established. They were advised that this was always scheduled for provision along with discussions with GT Fire, Police, Ambo's and SES.

To this end it is hoped that during the latter half of September a meeting will be held with these agencies along with Danny Kelly who is our Safety & Emergency Co-ordinator for the Rally.

The GT Memorial Hall is well underway and expected to be completed around Christmas. This will provide us with additional toilets and showers. We will however need to promote (actively) that attendees use their own toilets and showers in their motor homes. The programme is coming together and entertainment sounds exceptional thanks to the efforts of Glenn and Deb. We need to fine tune the programme including times etc for disc bowls at our Bell Bay rally in September. So lets keep the ball rolling and keep the standard of CCR's as they have been over the past years.

Recovery Training:

There is no truth in the rumor that President Don is starting up vehicle recovery training.

Although he would like to thank the log truckers who certainly know their business when it comes to extracting a motor home sunk up to the axles on a precarious lean somewhere between Launceston & Blessington.

Blessington August 07



Next rally Bell Bay Station

September 14th—16th inclusive \$10 rally costs. Enjoy a roast meal (2 course) with the

brigade on Saturday night. \$10.00 per head

Don & Sue hosts 0418 362 232