

## G'day to you all - happenings from Bellingham May 2008

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In early May a number of the Dalrymple Drifters again gathered at Bellingham on the North East Coast of Tasmania. Bellingham has become a fairly popular spot for our rallies, having a round two there each year.

The rally was hosted by Jacqueline & Des, two of our original members when we commenced in 2006. That seems like a long time ago now, even if we have only been going for just over two years. Bellingham saw 19 motor homes/campervans attend and in the middle of winter, was I'm sure a surprise to everyone. The grounds certainly looked green not the light brown and dusty surface we had last time we came., towards the end of 2007.

Des (with Norm's assistance) soon had members parked up and the urn was boiling in the Progress Association's rooms on site. Friday night saw those attending enjoy a free BBQ (on the Chapter) with a very successful games night occurring after tea. No doubt a few bottles of "red & white" were emptied to everyone's enjoyment, Carpet bowls, eight ball & scrabble seemed to be the order of the night. Saturday saw Pres Don & Pres Deb on deck early and a fire going for all to enjoy. Bacon & eggs, the usual Saturday morning breakfast.

Our new set of disc bowls had arrived from National Bowls Co-ordinator Ken Collins, so they were eagerly set up with Peter H & Danny K getting in the first end. Disc bowls took up a considerable amount of the Saturday other than just relaxing and "chewing the fat" - isn't that what motor homing is all about—just resting and having a good time. Later some of our new members took up the challenge and enjoy some bowling fellowship.

Happy hour arrived with an impromptu Chapter Meeting to confirm of rally sites till March/April 2009 - some excellent discussion concluding with our now much supported safari in April 2009 to the West Coast of Tassie. Kevin & Jennie are right into the planning. As per last year we have decided not to have winter rallies (June & July) with our members supporting other Chapters as they wish. By not having the two in winter we can, if we wish, have more frequent rallies in the summer months.

Saturday night saw a fantastic (as usual) cook up with us all enjoying a communal meal together followed by a Dusty Springfield DVD. It didn't take long however for the games night to recommence and the night was soon over.

Sunday another wonderful day saw us all up –some leaving early for various reasons and other having morning tea and then meandering off home. Some members went to the Batman Bridge 40 yr anniversary celebrations. Thank you hosts - Jacqueline & Des for a great weekend as expected. - regards Don M Pres



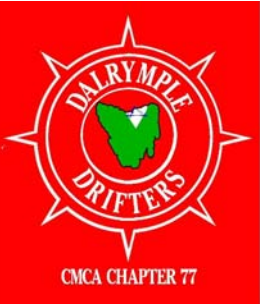
First end with our new Chapter set of bowls



Some of our members at the evening cook-up  
- is that Tony saying Grace!!

“Where East  
Meets West”

Dalrymple Drifters  
“Communiqué”



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## Craft session Saturday afternoon

The following were signed of at the last General Meeting and all venues have now been confirmed.

**8th to 10th August 2008- Bell Bay-host Deb & Norm**

**12th to 14th September 2008 - Hillwood - host Don & Sue**

**10th to 12th October 2008 - Penguin Surf Club -host Greg & Sue**

**7th to 9th November 2008 - Blessington- host Sharon & Jim**

**10th to 15th December 2008– George Town - hosts Don & Sue, Deb & Norm**

**(2008 annual dinner & AGM)**

Rally calendar indicates AGM in Nov 2008 - but some members will still be absent on mainland - so AGM will be held Wednesday at 4pm –start of Dec Rally George Town (before our Annual Dinner at the Bass & Flinders Centre.)

## Future rallies-2009

**New Years Eve Rally— not yet concluded for discussion at August Rally**

**January 2009 - Tassie CCR Hobart Jan/Feb—host BGR's**

**February 2009 - Bellingham (dates not yet decided)**

**March 2009 - Myrtle Park (coincides with long weekend)**

**April 2009 –Arthur River safari (early April - 5 to 6 days duration)**



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