

July 2008 Happenings-from where ever no rally this month - some went to Port Sorell (VD's)

Good morning all.

Again I hope this newsletter finds you all well. It does seem a little difficult not really knowing how members are getting on with life having not met since the May Rally. But then again August is closing in fast and in no time those that wish to, will assemble at Bell Bay for our August Rally.

A couple of developments have occurred over the last month. The CMCA (through on of the Directors) have put together a Chapters Newsletter. I received a copy and the copy requested it be read out at our next Chapter meeting. I know how some members feel on occasions, meetings are too long winded and the reading of this would only enhance this concern. So I have obtained an electronic copy of the Chapter Newsletter and it is attached to our Communiqué for you to read at your leisure.

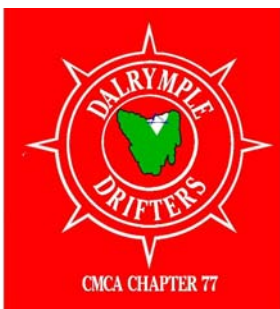
The George Town on Show Committee are well underway, with the "Festival on the River" being the location for our December Rally (George Town 10th to 15th December \$20 per MH for rally). VP Deb S is our representative and will speak with the GT on S Mgt Committee next week. We will be located on the western end of Regent Square, closer to the new hall toilets & showers. Our Annual Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday night 10th Dec at the Bass & Flinders Centre as previously agreed by members. A Senior's Concert is programmed for the Friday 12th and I would like us to consider putting on a couple of numbers at that concert. Perhaps Barry W could again do his "bird act" supported by other DD's. Saturday night will see an "open air concert" on Regent Square with Saturday being the "Water Festival" in York Cove - certainly an action packed weekend. Deb should be able to speak more at our next Rally (Bell Bay).

Regards Don M

Re Sue M.

A special thank you to all members who have phoned, visited, sent cards, re Sue's condition. The contacts etc have certainly assisted her is getting on with life knowing that her hip replacement was successful but unfortunately some damage has occurred to the sciatic nerve which has left her with what is called "dropped foot". She is positive and moving ahead and no doubt looking forward to meeting friends again at Bell Bay. Phoenix (no we are not selling it) has been modified and a "bed down" built in for her. I will still sleep in the clouds (over the cabin). Hopefully life will get back to normal or close as possible soon.

Again my personal thanks on this one- regards Don M



**“Where East
Meets West”**

**Dalrymple Drifters
“Communiqué”**

April 2009 Safari update: The latest from Jenni & Kevin.

Jenni & Kevin our members from Devonport recently forwarded me the following info on the proposed safari in April next year. They have driven the route and are well into the planning stages. I would like us (those interested in participating) to make a commitment (all being well at the time) to participate in this safari. This matter will be adgendered for discussion at Bell Bay

Email received from Jenni & Kevin

An update on information gathered times quoted are doing the trip in my car so are naturally faster than lots of the motor homes would travel. Left home in Davenport at 8.30 and arrived at Pegg's Beach at 9.45am travelling 112 km. Here there is a grassed area for parking couldn't say real flat but a few chocks would do the job, fishing off rocks or beach OK there are toilets no showers. It is a conservation area with self registration at \$6.00 per night per site per 2 people extra persons \$3.00. If by chance this area was not large enough due to the fact of other campers down the road another 2.5kl is the Black River camping area this area covers a large area of wandering sites of many camp sites same prices but not close to beach or fishing unless travel quiet a way on gravel road (not wonderful) other option may be looking at Stanley After this stop over if anyone wished to do site seeing on way there is Dip Falls (heaps of steps to walk for best view of waterfall) an interesting one is Wild Wood Gallery only 1..5kl off main road anyone interested in some of our best timbers here in Tassie would enjoy, there are sales of pieces, Stanley, and of cause a much talked about Dismal Swamp can honestly say have never been there.

We arrived at Smithton at 10.28 after doing 138kl ms. Signage saying we were 61 km away from Arthur River. Heading to Marawah arrived at 11am had clocked up 191 kms there we had a look at Greens Point, pretty drive down to it, Some campers may have a slow trip back up out of there only 3 kms but shows the coast line nicely and the area of some surfing comps At the Marawah pub we had a great chat to the publican really nice guy Peter Benson he was very helpful and made it sound like as a Chapter, they would make us very welcome with an area for us to stay behind the hotel at no cost but would appreciate it if some were to support him in either our happy hour or our evening meal although this is only 16 km away from the Arthur River area, Kevin and myself think it would be a great little stop over and a bit of fun. From there the road is now sealed right into the Arthur River. We looked around for camp sites but only one large enough for us would be what is called the Manuka Campsite large area flat. I was a bit disappointed in prices but its priced by Parks and Wildlife (ranger was not available to talk to) once again self registration at \$5.00 per adult per night and \$4.50 per night per senior don't know who we could approach to me it seems out priced (personal opinion). Anyway from this area it would be a leisurely walk to the river cruise of approx 10 to 15 minutes we could find no other camp site closer. I have contacted the river cruise owner and the information given to me are as follows from 30 people to 52 which is the limit is at a costing of \$70.00 per person firm till April this includes morning tea and lunch the trip starts at 10am and returns at 3pm any dietary needs would also be catered for if they were notified they would like us to discuss this and if possible let them know the day on which we would like to do this cruise and that way could place us down as a booking so there isn't any disappointments of not being able to fit us in. Back tracking for a moment I just spoke to the owners of the Crayfish Creek Caravan Park they also gave us an option of their park at Crayfish Creek at \$8.00 per person per night un-powered, another thought she said to pass on was they also have another park at the turn off in to Stanley there is one toilet block and shower there also town water for top ups . I also just popped on to the friendly towns list and found Stanley is listed so yet another option. I contacted the Stanley Visitors Centre and they said there is a large area around near the wharf area that motor homers use as a over night stop area. Research on Pegg's Beach at the moment is a bit puzzling as the ranger has told me there would be no guarantee that the area would be free enough for all of us to fit and is saying at this stage there is no option for bookings ahead it is an open area for self registration meaning first there for booking is site taken and also apparently lots are setting vans tents for the Easter weeks early. At our meeting at least now we also have other options to discuss. If there are any details I have missed out please let me know I have probably got it here but have simply missed them out.

