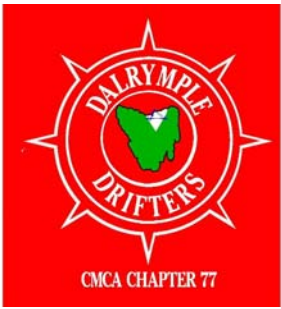


## VD's July 2009 Rally Christmas in July

As per previous years, the DD's have elected not to have a rally in either June or July. Similarly we have where possible supported the Van Demons July Rally Christmas in Winter, this year held at Camp Banksia Port Sorell.



This year we had five rigs/members from our Chapter participate, Deb & Norm, Jim & Sharon, Sue & myself arriving mid afternoon with Peter & Marree arriving around 5pm. Jennie & Kevin came along on Saturday night for the meal but did not stay over. They are currently busy moving from Devonport to Latrobe.

### “Where East Meets West”

Friday night saw the DD's that were there, at that stage, enjoy a BBQ meal and washed it down with a few refreshments—what did you say Peter, three bottles of white, I didn't see a thing!!

Great fellowship that night - whilst it was a little cold, some of the VD's were inside watching the footy on the big screen, didn't seem to interest us, so we just kicked on under an awning.

Some members may remember Jeff, who came a previous rally we held at Chain of Lagoons last year. He enjoys plucking the “olde banjo”. So he joined in and supplied us with music and a few encores. Called it quits about 10.30pm I think—a good night as previously indicated. And then it rained and rained and rained - certainly restricted the fellowship during the Saturday. The facilities at Camp Banksia are great, very modern but without sunshine something seems to be missing. The local brigade gave a talk on LPG cylinders and fire extinguishers at Saturday's happy hour, VD's start HH at 3pm during the winter— a good move I think!! Our two supporters from the BGR's were there and are keen to catch up again in November this year (or before).

About 50 rigs in total turned up—a good show even though the weather was against us. Meal was excellent and enjoyed by all - yours truly (as usual) headed out for bed around 8.30pm— but from memory most headed to the rigs by around 9.30-10pm. Saturday night saw some very heavy rain and homeward bound on Sunday morning saw us driving through about a foot of water over the Frankford Highway at Saxon Creek. Other wise a good but slow run home. Thank you to our hosts - the VD's and I think we will get some good support from the feedback received when Sharon handed at fliers for November 09-George Town Rally.

# Dalrymple Drifters “Communiqué”

# Future rallies

## See calendar—check the website for the finite details

August - Pipers Brook Station— Gigi & Jack hosts—Barry indicated he will arrange the Happy Hours!!

Sept - Beaconsfield Greg & Sue Amos hosts

Oct - Penguin Greg & Sue Cash hosts

Nov - George Town Don & Sue - Norm & Deb hosts

Dec - From memory Hillwood—need to clarify at Pipers Brook.

Dec/Jan NYE - Myrtle Park Sharon & Jim hosts.

Also details are now in the Wanderer as requested.

## April 2010—DD's Safari Rally

Planning is well underway for next years safari. After the success of the 2009 event, members have indicated they would like to see a safari each year—so in principle April seems to be the month put aside for the event.

This will be discussed no doubt over HH at Pipers Brook.

Suggested route:

Depart Launceston after overnight (for those not living in Launceston) and travel to Poatina (overnight) - travel to Miena (Great Lake) overnight at pub and have evening meal there.

Travel to New Norfolk (two days stay)

Travel to Oatlands (stop over if you wish) and participate in Ghost Tour.

Leave Oatlands travel home.

## Next Committee & General Meetings

Next committee meeting will be held at Pipers Brook August 10am on Saturday of rally.

Next general meeting will be held at Beaconsfield at 9.30am Sunday of rally (breakfast together - \$2.00 per head at 8.30am before meeting)



## Spray Jackets

Are now available -we had to have them made and the costs is \$51.00 per jacket plus \$8 for the sew on badge. See either Secretary Sharon or Merchandise Officer Sue to find out more.—see them at Pipers Brook rally.

## CAMP OVEN COOK UP

Don't forget your CAMP OVEN and ingredients for the cook up at Pipers Brook Rally this August.

Damper competition during AM

Camp oven cook up meal Saturday night.

## Some photos from Camp Banksia



**PS: The two folding tables have been purchased for the trailer as requested at the Biralee meeting—one for the BBQ area and the second for the “check in table”.**