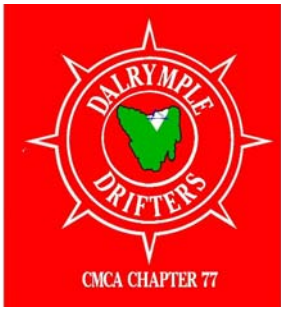


March 2010

**From Quercus Park and all that!!**

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March 2010 saw the Dalrymple Drifters participate in the 24th CMCA Anniversary Rally at Quercus Park near Launceston in Tasmania. The last time I visited this site was basically in 2004 when the 18th CMCA Anniversary Rally was being held. At the stage the Dalrymple Drifters had not been formed and Sue & I were still members of the Island Wanderers.

**“Where East Meets West”**

2010 saw approx 950 motor homes converge on QP from all over Australia. Numbers were similar to 2004 (998) The main difference being the number of 1st Timers on this occasion and from memory, a lesser number of Tassie members attending. Statistics can paint many pictures, but we had 6 rigs attending (which is approx 40% of our members). Open Day on Saturday boosted our participation with nearly 75% of our Chapter members on site.—well done.

Thank you to all who were able to drop in and say “Hello”. During Open Day, a number of prospective Chapter members called on us and also said “Hello” - we have provided them with information and added them to our circulation listing for the Communiqué's. Hopefully we will see some of them along to future rallies and eventually perhaps join our Chapter. Greg & Sue A, Jim & Sharon R, Lyn & Mike H all participated as “First Timers”. Sharon & I proudly carried your banner at the opening ceremony. Some photos of the rally are elsewhere in this Communiqué.

Next outing will be our 2nd Annual Safari commencing on Thursday 8th April at St Leonard's Picnic Ground Launceston.

Regards Don M Chapter President

# Dalrymple Drifters “Communiqué”



# Quercus Park March 2010



## Happy Hour - before - during or after



**Don't forget to visit your Chapter web page. The web page can be found at:**

<http://www.dalrympled drifters.org/>

### Dalrymple Drifters Wine

As a preparatory message for the DD's 2nd Safari, I have developed a DD's Red & White bottle of wine, for resale to members. Basically I have obtained some "clean skins" and had a label made for our use. I realize that this may not please everyone, but the cost of a clean skin, is \$7.00 and the label cost \$1.00, so I will be making them available for \$10.00 a bottle, providing a \$2.00 gain (per bottle) for the Chapter funds. Members present at Quercus Park saw the finished product, some sampled it and from all reports were supportive of the venture.

If you are interested in purchasing some supplies, please drop me an email so that I can get them for the Safari. I need to purchase ASAP and also if members indicate so, perhaps purchase a few more labels.

Sorry the "white" is MT, but was really enjoyable as a "chilled" 2008 Sauvignon Blanc from Marlborough NZ

**DRIFTERS WHITE**



The red looks full, but I can assure you it's MT as well. It is a 2007 Cabernet Merlot, again tasted beautiful.

**DRIFTERS RED**

### VALE

Early in March 2010, we noted the sad passing on one of our inaugural Chapter Members.

#### *Douglas Lyons.*

Doug joined our Chapter in January 2006 along with his wife Veronica. Both had been members of the Island Wanderers Chapter some years earlier.

He will be remembered for his ability to stir up a discussion on almost any subject and also to enjoy a drop of the refreshment around the campfire.

Rest in Peace Doug - your memory will linger on with us.

### April 2010 -2nd Annual Safari.

Members participating - initial gathering will be at

#### St Leonard's Picnic Ground Launceston

Happy Hour commences at 4pm and we are scheduled to leave the site by 9am the next morning. Instructions will be handed out during Happy Hour (or later if you can't make HH).

The track will take us via Longford, Cressy, to Poatina for morning tea, then onto Waddamanna (if you wish) with the overnight stay Friday night at Miena (Great Lake). Saturday to New Norfolk for two days. Monday to Oatlands.

At this stage we think we will have about 16 rigs (three visitors have shown an interest) - cost is \$50 per rig—payable at HH on Thursday 8th April.

We look forward to having you along.

Don & Sue—Jim & Sharon (your hosts)