



## "BUSHLANDS BANTER"

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Dear Bushlanders,

Hello and welcome to the third month of our New Year. Yep! It is 2017 and much news to share!

### **Christmas Gathering**

Thanks to Fran and Jill for hosting the Christmas Bash in their 'Big Green Shed': a great space for such an event and the weather was perfect. Everyone generously brought scrumptious food to share, the barbecue was fired up, the pool table was in action and Steve and Ange entertained with their music: a fitting end to 2016 in true Bushlands style.

### **Bushlands film nights return: Friday March 10**

Before the mild nights disappear we are squeezing in at least one outdoor screening this "summer". So you're invited to Kim and Mark's, 38 Miners Hut Road, on Friday 10 March from 7pm (sunset/turn off mobiles, heh, heh! 7.45pm-ish). We have a doco edited by Kieran whose *Caravan* we screened last year, and two shorts, one by Tim whose *Camp 32* we screened last year and the other by Hom Chhorn, the Khmer Rouge survivor from Tim's *Camp 32*.

<p><u>One long:</u> <b>Boys of summer</b> <i>95 minutes. 2010.</i> <i>Editor, Associate producer: Kieran Watson Bonnice</i> The story of how Curacao, a small Caribbean island off Venezuela, has sent their little league baseball team to the World Series for seven consecutive years. While these children carry a nation's pride, they're also athletes competing at the highest level and having a great time.</p>	<p><u>Two shorts:</u>  <b>Pros Thom</b> <i>Director: Hom Chhorn</i>  <b>Doin' time</b> <i>Director: Tim Purdie</i></p>
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BYO chair, beverage, Rid and torch! We hope to see you there ...

### **Monthly Bushlander Gathering: last Friday of every month**

We are being so social! Last month on the 17th Feb the inaugural Monthly Bushlander Gathering was held at Kylie and Jim's place. This was advertised through the Facebook page and a small group assembled to enjoy good food, a few drinks and discussion on topics both local and global. Lots of laughter was shared and the sunset was sublime! Big thanks to Kylie and Jim!

These gatherings will now be held on the last Friday of every month, rotating to different homes.

Scott and Laura are hosting the March gathering at their place and have requested only Bushlands residents please. BYO drinks and a plate of something to share.

Gondwanaland, Dishpan Gully Rd., first drive on the right;  
Friday 31 March from 6.30pm;  
RSVP to Laura 0412887835 or Scott 0413931232.



Please check the Facebook page at the start of April for information on the April gathering, or contact Tim 0407 331 084

## The Chewton Bushlands New Facebook Page

The new Chewton Bushlands Association Facebook page now has 14 members. Please join in this private group for bushlanders where we discuss almost anything, share photographs, casual get togethers, fire and wildlife information and general bushland musings.

You need to be on Facebook to join in. It's free and easy to do. See the link below to our facebook group.

If you have any questions please contact Tim Purdie on 0407 331 084 or [tim@teepeemedia.com.au](mailto:tim@teepeemedia.com.au)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1197087483691359/>

## New Bushlanders

A number of properties have changed ownership recently and we catch up with new residents when we can. Welcome to David Gordon & Carolyn Fraser [2 Mt View Road (Lot 29)], James Balazs & Anita Zanic [2 Wattle Rd (Lot 5)], and Colette Couper [41 Mt View Road ( Lot 33)].

## Fire Matters

Compared to last year, when a dry 2015 resulted in little to burn, our wet 2016 has produced a good source of fire fodder this summer. In consequence, even at this late stage of the fire season, please stay aware, informed and responsible for personal and family safety. Have your “fire plan” in place and look out for your neighbours.

If you have any general fire concerns to discuss contact the CFA.

For matters specific to our area you can contact Antoinette Birkenbeil (0414 802 738).

To be included in the Bushlands Fireguard Notification Phone Tree please notify Glen Harrison (0419 337 804).

## Blackberry control

Along with all our grasses, trees and wildflowers flourishing this year, so too have the weeds! Hopefully there is not much of a blackberry problem in the Bushlands but the pesky stuff does still pop up from bird-dropped seeds in odd places.

It is almost the end of the time for dealing with blackberries but conditions should be good for the next week or two. There is a supply of Roundup available for bushland folk, available from Karen (0439 714 665) together with advice if needed.

## In the garden and the bush

It is now time to prepare beds and plant your Brassicas: broccoli, cauliflowers, cabbages, sprouts, etc.

And have you seen the Red Stringybark (*Eucalyptus macrorhyncha*) flowering at the moment? They are fairly sparse on most trees and high up, but listen for the bees above you.



## Property Numbers and Road Names: from Mark Carter

Following many expressions of concern about the difficulty that emergency service vehicles, police, taxis and visitors sometimes have in locating a specific Bushlands property via its road and number I decided (encouraged by Ian Robinson) to do some investigating.

To cut a long story short it turns out that the Shire, Police and Ambulance (via the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority) all use the LandVic database to locate road names and property numbers. For most Bushlands properties the database naming and numbering match those on-the-ground. But for eight lots in the subdivision they don't match numbering-wise and for three roads they don't match naming-wise.

LandVic has:

- Miners Hut Road, east of Goldspeck Gully Road, named as Wallaby Crescent
- Kangaroo Road, where running north-west to south-east, named as Kangaroo Circuit
- Kangaroo Road, where in line with Bush Sanctuary Road, named as Bush Sanctuary Road

LandVic has:

- 38 Miners Hut Road (Lot 3) numbered as 116
- 46 Miners Hut Road (Lot 4) numbered as 124
- 47 Miners Hut Road (Lot 17) numbered as 125
- 107 Miners Hut Road (Lot 14) numbered as 3
- 120 Miners Hut Road (Lot 12) numbered as 20
- 168 Miners Hut Road (Lot 8) numbered as 90
- 29 Pioneer Road (Lot 40) numbered as 57

I have provoked the Information Services Division of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) to chase the Shire to correct these differences by feeding LandVic the on-the-ground names and numbers for these properties and roads, and will keep you informed of progress.

### ***Glitch in town***

Most will have seen some of the activity of the filming crew working on the second TV series of *Glitch*. They have had a few busy and somewhat hot sessions in the Bushlands where filming focused around the house on the corner of Miners Hut and Wattle Roads. Some residents provided spaces for vehicles, the wardrobe and make-up trucks, canteen etc. and one neighbouring house was used as a cool space for some very young actors while waiting for their cameo appearances on that hot Thursday.

Filming is taking place in the Castlemaine area at numerous locations with over fifty people working at very random hours with vast amount of equipment and in need of many and varied facilities. The whole thing has the appearance of a logistical nightmare. Looking forward to seeing the series.



### **Roads**

Good to see that the corrugations and potholes on the Bushlands roads have, once again, been removed. We know that there are many factors which influence the ability of a road to maintain a good surface. These include topography, the road surface materials, the structure/camber of the road, rain or no rain and driver behaviour. Most of those we cannot control. But driving carefully will help.

### **A Dream Realised: Chewton Bushlands Stories**

After much discussion, it has been decided not to embark on a reprint of *A Deam Realised*. Our “Story” is now available as a PDF and can be which can be downloaded from our website:

<http://chewtonbushlandsassociation.org.au/the-history/a-dream-realised/>

### **Committee**

Our next Committee meeting will be at 6.00 pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 20 Wattle Road.

On the agenda will be: Roads, social events for the remainder of the year, the naming of the Reserve, communications and publications.

All members are invited to attend and we welcome your input. Please let Ken Savage know ahead of time if you are planning to come (0411 090 378).

If you are not yet a member you will find membership application details on the website:

<http://chewtonbushlandsassociation.org.au/the-association/how-to-become-a-member/>

or you can just ring Ken.

### **The Committee**