

Christmas Party

Friday 05/12/2014 arrived at Bestbrook at lunch time in a storm, whilst booking in the power failed, so the computers went down & we could not pay the fees. We proceeded to power pole 10, and part set up in the rain, between the Harders & the Zanders. The storm got worse lightning flashed & thunder crashed, so we took shelter under the Harders awning & watched as a mini flood moved towards us covering the ground matting. At this point Stella was regretting not having any water proof clothing, & we were wondering if the location was such a good idea. A few others arrived during the afternoon, by this time surface traction had the characteristics of an ice rink, at least one person slipped over & Brett Lonergan did well to get his van up a slight incline though you could definitely see where he had been, in fact later I tried to drive up to Brett & Molly's van & had to use 4wd to get up the slope. As the rain eased & the power returned we finished setting up & had happy hour. With the so far low attendance & bad weather there was some concern about whether people would turn up, so Danny sent out a reminder.

Saturday the rain had stopped, but the weather was still overcast, we still wondered if people would turn up. As the morning progressed the camp ground filled rapidly & transformed into a sea of caravans & canvas. Two massive tarps were erected, someone observed it was the biggest erection they had seen in a while. At 10:30 some children went for a ride on the farm wagon, and at 13:00 some of us attended the "Butter making / Billy tea & damper" demo with Cyril. He was quite interesting & we stuffed ourselves with damper & golden syrup.

15:00 saw Santa & Mrs. Clause arrive in the now familiar sled drawn by a Patrol. The children were able to sit on Santa's knee & get their presents (I do hope he has his blue card-Hetty Johnston). The adults also sucked up to Santa some even sat on his knee & lied about how good they had been, no names, but she was residing in a Jayco Expanda & the initials are S.S.

After Santa & the Missus departed Heidi & Danny arranged some adult games. Throwing eggs & later water filled balloons & catching them at ever increasing distances. The egg & water splashed, people then played tunnel ball, it was all great fun.

16:30 Happy hour was set up under the erection & the table overflowed with goodies. At 18:00 we made our way to the main house for our subsidized Christmas dinner. The food was very good & plenty of it in fact there was quite a lot still left. Bestbrook did a really good job. Later the tables were set for the adult pressy exchange, & the gifts piled up on top. Danny presided over proceedings as presents were selected only to be stolen in many cases, and the less said about the water shooting duck the better. After the present exchange some retired to the fire & partook of a few beverages, and the wobbly boot award goes to Amanda & Carol. Sunday some very late risers & thick heads, most managed morning tea at Vince's place then one by one packed up in their own time. Turning the place slowly back to a paddock.

Thanks Heidi & Danny for another Power success.

Dave Smith