



Hut Maintenance Weekend

Dates	4,5,6 and 7 Nov 2006 (Melbourne Cup Weekend)
Event Organiser	Andy Kass

Attendances	Andy Kass Daryl, Veronica, and Rachael Owen Neil, Sharon, and Erin West and Erin's friend Alyssa* Trevor* and Mike Owen*
Visitors *	

The trip began by gathering at the Pakenham MacDonal'd's at a leisurely 9:30 am on the Saturday morning. We headed off for Lunch at Licola to inspect the Information Shelter built by the club in its earlier days. From there we headed up to Howitt Hut and then down the Zeka Spur track into Wonnangatta. After enjoying afternoon tea at the cemetery we continued onto Hummfray River Shelter. As the shelter was occupied, we ventured across the road to setup camp. After dinner and an enjoyable evening of conversation it was off to bed for a good night sleep.



Even though it was a long weekend and Sunday is normally the day of rest, we disobeyed the common belief and spent a few short hours working. We built a new roof truss and then carried it across the road to replace the damaged one. It was good to see some of the friendly people occupying the shelter willing to help. With a job well done, we spent the afternoon relaxing around the camp and exploring the creek area on foot. As Sunday night is traditionally roast night, it was good to see 3 camp ovens in the coal pit. The heat was a little low, so the process took a little longer than expected to cook up 3 delicious roasts. Monday morning saw the group disperse, the Owens headed towards Dargo and then for Melbourne



and the rest of us headed up Water Spur track to Mt Sarah and Guys Hut. We noticed that someone had left tire tracks in the hut yard. Access was gained by removing a section of fence that was damaged by a fallen tree. We decided to remove some of the fallen tree and repair the fence in an endeavor to reduce further damage to the hut area. After the work, we filled

out a new log book and left it in the hut for others to make comments. We also went for a short stroll to see the view towards the valleys and hills behind the hut. After a quick bite, we headed towards Mt Selwyn and down Walshs Track to the Buffalo River then over the hills to Lake



Cobbler where we camped for the night. The wind was cold but the company and chocolate pudding were enjoyable and warm. Some nice scenes were had as



the full moon rose up over the lake with a fast moving broken cloud cover racing in the path of the moonlight.

Tuesday morning was spent walking to the top of the falls to find only a trickle of a water flow. We then drove on to Ryan's Hut for a reconnaissance visit and then onto Top Crossing Hut for more of the same. The homeward journey was relatively easy without a great deal of traffic.

An enjoyable weekend was had by all with some great on-track driving experiences as well as some good work being performed by a small but dedicated group.

Many thanks to all who made it a great event.



Andy.



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