

LAKE BOGA RALLY

We had nine vans attend on **Thursday**, where we had absolutely beautiful weather for our entire stay with the exception of the first night, where all hell broke loose with heavy rain and gale force winds. This included our new trial rally member Barrie Lefever, and Grace, the grand-daughter of Madalyn, and Jayden, the grand-daughter of Sue. We set up in sunshine and a mild breeze and warm temperatures, to have our happy hour along the shore of Lake Boga.



Brian and Debbie had purchased a new annex for their van, so a few people congregated to successfully help put it up. It passed its first big test late that night when the rain and wind hit.



Karen and David had to put their awning in when it started to tear in one corner. Judy and Ian had their scenic sunscreen trying to rip off, so had to take it down after the elastic tie-downs disintegrated. Jan and Steve had their sunscreen along the offside of their van pulled off by the wind, to sink in the surrounding six inches of water around their van – at least it did not blow away being underwater. Three pegs could not be found being hidden by the murky water.



Friday morning saw three vans - Judy, Madalyn and Jan's – all in the newly formed Lake Jayco, needing to reposition to new sites nearby due to the flooding. This was done with the combined help of all attendees. Our thanks go to all the helpers. That evening, Fred and Sue organised tea at the Mystic Park Hotel in the hotel courtesy bus. The food was great and plentiful, and all enjoyed the trip not needing to drive ourselves.



On **Saturday**, we did a short drive to the Flying Boat Museum complex, which was a repair depot during WWII, servicing over 400 flying boats – mainly Catalinas – one of which can be seen within the museum. Lake Boga was chosen because it is nearly circular with a 2.5 km diameter, allowing the planes to land/take-off in any direction. Peter and Helen left us to return home.

Sunday saw our newest member, Barrie, leaving to go home. This was another beautiful sunny day where the majority of us spent swimming and lazing in the lake (like the previous days!). Jan found her lost 3 pegs with Lake Jayco receding in depth. Happy hour was completed with a general knowledge quiz before tea by Steve.



Monday saw Judy and Ian leave us for the trip home. Being the day before we were all going home ourselves, we spent generally relaxing and packing up our vans as many of us were wanting to have early starts. Again the lake was a favourite for swimming, kayaking and water toys.

Tuesday, the mass migration - see you all at Chiltern.

Jan, Steve and Shey