

Cockscomb Chronicle

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Got nothing to do, nowhere to go, then take the family for a trip down to Cockscomb. Take some snags and a steak and within 40 minutes you could be relaxing, looking at the mountain, sitting in the breeze and enjoying your day.

Well that is what happened on September 28th. Our BBQ was well attended; some 40 guests partook in a rolled roast dinner. Ray cooked a piece of pork and a beef roast on the rotisserie while the girls cooked up some gravy and roast potatoes. At \$3 a bun you couldn't get a better meal. Then there was sweets and coffee & tea and of course the good old GOFFA and a beer or two as well.

The next BBQ will be the Christmas Party, but in the mean time you should try to visit Cockscomb to see all the new work. Come down on a Tuesday and join the working bee. Not hard at all, there is always a post that needs holding up or a rake to lean on. After the WB stay for a BBQ lunch (you bring your steaks) and join in on the afternoon trivia.

Over the last two months we have had some very travelled visitors. Geoff Engleby ex 161 Recce Flt from Brisbane. Russell Kerwin and wife ex 2 RAR from Victoria, Bluey Reynolds ex 2 RAR from Townsville, Jock Macnamara and Vance Ratapu ex 2 RAR from Jimboomba
Matt & Val Lawson ex 106 Eld Wksp and Max Thomas ex 1 Arm Regt both from West Australia.

Jim Irvine ex 1 RAR from Victoria.

Chris Mctighe (partner of Anthony Mctighe ex 7 RAR deceased) visited the memorial to look at the plaques.

Dan Donovan ex 104/106 Fld Bat from Ayr, Bob Swinger ex RAAME and Denis King ex 6 RAR both from Victoria

Roy and Paula Sprake ex 1 Aust Fld Hosp from Brisbane

We hope you enjoyed your stay

The CENTRAL QUEENSLAND VETERAN
SUPPORT CENTRE

For appointments please ring 4922 3616

<http://talk.to/veteransupport>

The ROCKHAMPTON DROP IN CENTRE is
open every Thursday at 310 Quay Street at 1030 –
1330

WORKING BEES at Cockscomb are held
every Tuesday at 9am

Partners of Veterans Assoc Australia

www.pva.org.au

2003 BBQs at COCKSCOMB

Then our Christmas BBQ on



NOVEMBER Saturday 29th

YET TO BE CONFIRMED

Combined Christmas Party

Recent items purchased and installed for the



comfort of all have been commissioned. Solar panels and batteries have been installed at the Uc Dai

Loi and Andawakey Houses now providing battery powered lighting. A fluro near the sign in book has a pull cord switch, easy to find in the dark.

With the new Onan Genset recently installed in its own powerhouse, power is being reticulated to the battery box, carriage and covered areas.

An 8 Ball table donated to the TPDSA Association in Rockhampton has been loaned to Cockscomb and is set up under the main covered area beside the carriage, its useage doubled overnight



Bazza (Barry Fulton) had his grandkids and a friend stayed for a week at Cockscomb. It was a bit of an eye opener for the boys who had to learn to cook on an open fire, make their own beds, keep the cabin swept out and be up early or miss out on breakfast. A self-



sufficient exercise mixed in with some local site seeing. LtoR John Proctor, Cory Mcavoy, Tremaine Prior and **Barry Fulton** (Bazza) ex 7 RAR

Barry and **Ron Thomas** (Tommo) have just returned from a unit reunion in West Australia.

One of our local Veterans **Dave Morgan** (Morg) ex 104 Sig Sqn is doing a tour of duty in the Antarctic.

This time round Dave has been there for twelve months. He has had two other swans to the ice. The latest email from



Dave said...“Monday, 6 October 2003 Busy, busy busy. Just got back from a 6 day trip to the Rauers Island group at the weekend. I am told the Aurora Australis will be here in six weeks time, for the change over for the new crew. Preparations are just about to commence for the change over. I have updated my diary, as you can see by September/October entries, it has been busy. I will send some piccies later on today also. Thanks for your good work. Cheers mate.....Dave MORG”

If you've got the Internet on you can find out more information by visiting Daves Web site at <http://morg40.tripod.com>

While on Web sites a new page has been added to the web called <http://kershawgardens.tripod.com> a tribute to the work put into the gardens by the Rockhampton City Council Parks Dept and a page on the Kershaw Gardens Vietnam Memorial. Opened on 18th Aug 1999 by Councillor Rose Swadling

Tony & Kris Dawes are on the top of the planet, visiting the home (a long time ago) territory for 6 weeks. Kris wants to see where the TV series of a country plod and his Doctor wife was filmed and Tony wants to see if there is any beer left at the pub his in-laws left him in the 17th century.

Now here is some trivia



“Ya wouldn't want me Sarg, I'd be AWFUL to those VC prisoners”