

Boxy's Mutterings from Mansfield

Hi y'all, ar wer just sitin here on tha porch wit ma jug a pondarin wetha to pik up ma banjo or ma wittlin stik wen ar startd to wunderin wot yoo loland folks wer a doin. I sed to ma dawg, dawg ar rekon ar mite rite them thar folks a letta sose thay no wots a happenin up here. It wer then ar rilyzed ar kaynt rite, so ifn this don't make eny sens y'all can blame tha dawg cos it wer her thut rit it.

As I write this, our time up here is coming to an end, yes that's right we are once again joining the ranks of the low land folk. With the departure of Stu to Queenscliff I realise the "Brissys" have been a little lacking in ranger presence but I am sure Judy, FoBR and other park staff have been taking good care of our little part of the world. I have also inserted a photo for those who may have trouble rembering what I look like, although not recent as I now have a beard, you get the idea.

Since our last correspondence the weather has changed somewhat with snow falling on the higher slopes and substantial rainfall elsewhere, which is great to see, but does impact on what can now be achieved in the recovery process.

The LTO's (Licensed Tour Operators) have been a great addition to the recovery program with all targets, including several extra projects, being met ahead of schedule. The success of this program and the positive relationships formed with all concerned gives public land managers access to another tool for future recovery programs. On the flip side it has given the LTO's an insight into the vastness and difficulties faced by Government agencies in the aftermath of a natural disaster such as the one experienced by the North East last summer.

Over the last five weeks we have also had the assistance of three farmers employed by the local CMA as part of the Government Drought Employment Program. I have been fortunate enough to supervise the participants while they have been working on PV managed land and again this program has been instrumental in making possible the opening of strategic areas for the public.

Well that's it for now, so next we talk it will be in person.
ps. ar hopes ya can unda stand ma dawgs ritin.



Yep that's me!!



And me lookin' for the Brissies!!