

A DAY AT COBARGO
September 10 2005

What an enjoyable and interesting day was had by all. Our thanks to those at Cobargo for organizing the venue for us and to the 45 people who attended the information session.

Able facilitated by Neil Waddell the session provided the Access For All committee to meet other members that do not have the opportunity to attend our regular meetings. It provided a forum to discuss what Access For All is about, what has been achieved and what other issues it may be able to assist its members with.

All in attendance had something to contribute; sometimes it was like listening to a history lesson. The role of the State Forestry's assistance with mapping was acknowledged and also that although Access For All supports the timber Industry it is not an affiliated member of any of its organisations, nor is it affiliated with any political party. Access For All is, as one member put it, "up to all present and their communities to rally together in fighting the disparity of expanding National Parks and Wilderness areas that are taking over ordinary people's livelihoods regardless of whether they are timber workers, farmers, fishermen etc." Certainly "newer" groups, including NPWS, are changing the rules at the collaboration or accountability needed from them from any higher authority.

Questions were taken from the floor and lively debate was often the case when it came to the responsibilities of the NPWS and the continuing battle with radical environmentalist.

Again Liz Innes provided fish for lunch along with sausages provided by Access For All. Thank you to all for coming, we will do it again!



Meeting in Progress



Inspection of photos, maps and other information



Post meeting discussions