

2019 BILL W AA CAMP

With Al-Anon participation

Douglas Daly, Northern Territory

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There's something about AA meetings in the open air shaded by the gum trees or under the stars by the campfire, quiet but for the bush sounds and the splash of fish jumping in the river nearby.

We're talking about the Bill W Camp at Douglas Daly, held annually for the past 24 years at the junction of these two Territory Top End rivers. Embrace the adventure and join us. For many, you will be coming again to this loved event "out bush" where there is great sharing plus some fun. Catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Get away from the daily grind and relax. Douglas Daly is on the fringe of mobile range – but who needs phone calls.

To get there you could join a tag-along from Lightning Ridge, NSW, from Port Augusta, SA, or from Winton, western Qld. Or just come anyway by any means, on your own or with friends. Afterwards you might join others in a tag-along to Kakadu National Park, getting in to Darwin on the following Thursday in time for the iconic Mindil Beach Markets that evening.. The Darwin Roundup usually starts the next evening. Then the following weekend there's the Katherine Roundup, 330 km south – and some members do a tag-along through Litchfield National Park to get there. All part of the adventure.

Every year the Douglas Daly Tourist Park, about 220km south-east of Darwin, reserves an area for us which is a camping and vehicle site. If you're camping (\$15 a night / \$13.50 concession) no need to book – but when you arrive tell reception you're "with the Bill W Camp" and you'll be directed to our site.

The park also reserves us a few caravan sites close to the action and if you'd like to book one, book a room or book a self-contained cabin, contact Douglas Daly direct, phone 08 8978 2479. Again, say you're with the Bill W Camp. Our camp is on during the Darwin Show long weekend - a busy one for the park - so BOOK EARLY! Douglas Daly has toilet and shower blocks, shady camping and caravan sites and a shop and restaurant where you can buy drinks, takeaways and meals.

A text to one of our AA or Al-Anon contacts to let us know you're coming would be a help in catering for the Saturday morning breakfast and farewell Sunday lunch. Apart from those it's BRING YOUR OWN EVERYTHING including plates and utensils, also your own chair for meetings. We do supply cold water, tea and coffee – in your own mug! If you don't want to self-cater you can go to the shop - but don't expect it to stock much else beyond drinks and prepared food.

Did we mention fun? Quite apart from the fellowship you can join in a cricket match (AA rules), a damper cooking competition (bring your own flour, camp oven or Alfoil) and a trip to the hot springs (bring your swimmers). Swimming in the river with the crocodiles is not advised but the resort has a big pool which we are welcome to use. You can also go for a safe swim at Campsite 9, wet a line, join an activity or just sit around and relax. No pressure.

WHILE THE BILLY BOILS

AA program and activities
(Al-Anon program at registration)

Friday 26th

- 1700 Registration of names (no fee)
- 1900 Welcome meeting (ID)
- 2030 Trip to Hot Springs (optional)

Saturday 27th

- 0700 Big Breakfast - \$5.00
- 0900 Meeting – "Giving Freely"
(Daily Reflections today, p217)
- 1030 Cuppa
- 1100 Meeting – "Steps 10 and 11"
(Big Book pp 84 to 88)
- 1230 Lunch break and swim at Campsite 9
- 1430 Hour meeting – "Obstacles In Our Path"
(As Bill Sees It p131)
- 1530 Fun cricket match & damper cooking comp
- 1730 Auction ... items welcome
- 1930 Open meeting with Al-Anon speakers
- 2100 Red Faces

Sunday 28th

- 0900 Remembrance by the River – remembering members who have died in the past year.
- 1000 Spiritual Concepts meeting
- 1130 Countdown
- 1200 Farewell lunch

Please turn over