



First letter from Bowyakka Bilby (BB)

Greetings my Woodcollector friends. I'm your host at the Charleville meeting. Allow me to introduce myself. I am a survivor (only just) of the wide brown sweeping plains of inland Australia. My name is Bowyakka Bilby and I'm letting you know what is in store for you when you come to Charleville, Queensland in September 2016. How did I get the name Bowyakka Bilby? My first name, Bowyakka, is in honour of *Acacia microperma*, or the Bowyakka tree. And Bilby is my esteemed family name. Instead of *Macrotis lagotis*, my family adapted the Aboriginal word 'Bilby' highlighting my long nose. I have had a narrow escape from extinction but my outback friends and I are on the way back. You have probably never heard of me, but let me tell you, I'm so popular in Australia at Easter time some people want to replace that invasive destructive rabbit with me as the Easter Bilby. For the Easter season I am created in chocolate. I have the long ears, so that's a good start!

Keep posted because I have many things to tell you about what you can expect at this absolutely unique meeting of Woodcollectors. My human friends tell me that there's never been a meeting quite like this one and if you have ever hankered to experience outback Australia – this is it!

Let's get a few things straight:

Charleville is accessible by sealed roads.

Where is it? Take a look at

<http://www.where.is.com/qld/charleville>

You are in for a once in a lifetime experience!

Here's a short introduction to Charleville and outback Queensland

<http://www.charlevillequeensland.com> See what else you can learn about the area at

<http://www.murweh.qld.gov.au>

I know you woody folks want to know about trees and wood as well as what other adventures you can have in and around Charleville. Keep checking back with this IWCS

<http://www.woodcollectors.org> website for more information.

In my second letter in a few weeks, I'll have more to tell you.

Have questions? Contact my mate Uncle Harry at

<mailto:dennispastoral@bigpond.com> and I will write the answers for everyone to read.

Continue to look at this site for updates about the 2016 International Woodcollectors meeting in Charleville, Queensland, Australia.

See'ya,

BB