

Presidents report 2018 / 19 - Sandgroper Caravanners Inc.

This past year has been a busy one for the Club and our members alike, with several of you representing us at both WAACCI and on the National Rally Committee. For those of you who are active in this space you should be very proud of your achievements and your ambassadorship of representing Sandgroper. Once again, we are punching above our weight when it comes to representation.

To the Committee; I would like to thank each and every one of you for your tireless support, and dedication to the Club. I would especially like to thank Helen Bizzill who stood in for me on numerous occasions while I was away. Thanks to Dianne Young, for keeping the minutes and keeping us administratively in line. Alan Parkinson for taking up the mantle of Treasurer again, your attention to detail is second to none. Clelia Gough for keeping the website and all matters associated with membership in tip top condition. Glenda, Ronnie and Helen Schell for being those alternative voices and last but not least to Ian Fullerton for taking on the toughest gig in the Club, that of Rally Coordinator. I thank each and every one of you.

As a Committee in this period we managed to get the new Model Rules (Constitution) and Club By-Laws approved by The Department. This was no easy task and I would like to thank Alan Parkinson & Roy Lundy for their input into the process. A copy of the new Model Rules (Constitution) & By-Laws will accompany the AGM pack. We have also worked on streamlining our website and the way we use it. A couple of years ago we talked about phasing out the “white board”, well due to the almost 100% take up of on-line registration & rally management we have been able to do just that. It’s not perfect, however we will keep on tweaking it to ensure it meets the needs of our members.

Sadly, and for a variety of reasons we lost some wonderful members and I would like to acknowledge the contribution and friendship each and every one of them brought while a member of the club. Thank you to Henry & Helma Gielingh and Bob & Diana Lengkeek.

We also welcomed some new members who have injected their own personality into the club, and even prepared to stand for Committee positions so early. Welcome Linda & Colin Haig, Sharon & Rod Burge and Cindy & Barry Jordan. We look forward to spending some great rallies with you and the contribution you will make to the club in the coming years.

With our 20th Anniversary just a few weeks away I look forward to spending a great weekend with present and past members. This should be a time to reflect on all the great times, great places, experiences and friendships we have formed over the years. We should also think about where we are today and where we want to be tomorrow and the way we want to be seen by the communities we visit and our peers. Take some time to think about your own behaviours and ensure that we look after each other, life’s too short to snipe and moan. And finally remember why we are doing what we do.

Thank you for having me as your President, I have enjoyed the role and excited about where the Club is at and where its headed. I also look forward to serving the Club further in whatever capacity. Be safe out there and enjoy the journey, the destination is the bonus.

David Hiscock

President – Sandgroper Caravanners Inc.