

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – AGM 2021

Sandgropers travelled to a good variety of rally locations during the 2020/2021 year, all of which were very well attended. We were faced with a number of restrictions due to Covid, which forced the cancellation of our February rally at Peppermint Grove. The rally at Nambung Music Festival in October was very popular, the Christmas rally at Eaton was a great success and the re-introduction of the New Year's Eve rally is gaining in popularity. In the second half of the year we held a joint rally with Redgum at Wannamal with the total attendance being around 70 people which was a lot of fun. The two clubs mixed well together and it was good for each club to experience the different ways of running a rally. As the cooler weather arrived, many of our members headed north to see out the winter in the warm.

It has been great to see a large increase in new members during the year who help to bring new and fresh ideas to the club. Thanks to all our newer members for enthusiastically participating in club events, resulting in new friendships being forged among all members. Unfortunately, the increase in membership was not without problems, such as finding venues large enough to cater for everyone, as well as difficulties in planning activities by the venue officers. Early in 2021 this resulted in new club memberships being suspended until either a general meeting or the AGM could be held to provide the appropriate forum for the matter to be discussed in full between all club members.

We were all saddened by the passing of Arthur Littlely, Kel Olesen and Alan Parkinson during the year and our thoughts have been with Elva, Glenda and Rheta at this sad time.

I have enjoyed my first year as president and thank all members for giving me that opportunity. I also thank the Committee for their hard work and support.

Helen Bizzill, President