



GROPER'S GOSSIP



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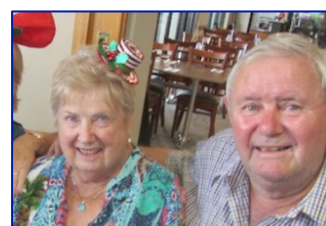


Lyn Mitchell
Com. Member

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – APRIL 2022

The Miami rally was a great success with a flexible program, which seemed to work quite well. Brian and I were day visitors on the Friday, which involved the first responders' demonstration, a committee meeting, happy hour and a sausage sizzle. What a delight it was to have our Club ukulele group, now known as the Sandy Strummers, play a tune for everyone at the opening of the rally.

We have received three resignations from the Club in recent weeks. Peter and Mary Neale have decided to call it a day after 14 years and 78 rallies with the Club – well done to both of you and we will all be sorry to see you go but hope you will take the opportunity to drop in for a visit at future rallies. Laurie Tyler has decided to sell his van and take a different direction, and Paula Hiscock has found she has too many other commitments at present to be able to get away on a regular basis. We thank all of them for their past membership and participation in the Club activities.



Peter & Mary Neale

Brian and I took a two-day road trip a few weeks ago along the proposed route for the tag-a-long rally in October – the Wheatbelt Way, taking in the towns of Wyalkatchem, Beacon, Elachbutting Rock, Mukinbudin, Nungarin and Trayning. We covered around 840 km and stayed the night in a cabin at the Mukinbudin caravan park. The trip was certainly worthwhile and showed that a bit more planning was required, particularly when we currently have 18 vans participating.

We look forward to catching up at the Toodyay rally. Stay safe.
Helen

UPCOMING RALLIES

APRIL 28 – MAY 1 **TOODYAY HOLIDAY PARK & CHALETs**. See page 7 for all details.

Registered attendees: Adams S&J, Allens, Ambrosius, Ashfords, Bizzills, Caldwells, Fattis, Jordans, Kents, Lundys, Mitchells, Moores, Muirs (Venue Officers) Schells & Youngs.

JUNE 9 – JUNE 13 **SERPENTINE FALLS TOURIST VILLAGE** 2489 South West H'way Serpentine. (9525 2528)
All services. Serpentine Falls, Millbrook Winery, bushwalks. Venue Officers – Syd & Jacque Adams

JULY 21 – JULY 25 **DWELLINGUP CARAVAN PARK** 23 Dell Park Rd. Dwellingup. (95381157) All services, fire pits, camp kitchen, hotel, bushwalking, sightseeing. Venue Officers – John & Laraine Allen assisted by Doris Freind



FOR SALE

Brian & Ronnie Adams are selling a brand new caravan cover. Details below.
CARAVAN COVER FOR SALE
New cover to fit a 20 - 22ft. caravan
Brand new - not out of the box
Price \$100
Contact Brian on 0447 440 120.

Below is our Club's new box for our defibrillator. At rallies it will be stowed behind the wheels of the Bizzill's caravan or whoever is running the rally. Please take notice of its appearance so you will recognise it in an emergency. Thank you, Ed.



MIAMI CARAVAN RALLY

March 31 – April 3 2022

Report by Robin Ashford

This rally was very difficult to organise due to the Covid virus situation. It turned out to be a very laid back rally with many of the attendees contributing to the program. Thursday was a settling in day with most of the vans arriving by mid afternoon in time for afternoon tea and the happy hour under the Tuart trees in the adjoining park. Unfortunately at dusk the mosquitoes chased us back to our vans.



Venue Officers Robin and Di give a rundown on the rally by the estuary at Happy Hour

Friday dawned overcast and at 7am the crabbing group gathered to try their skills. Glenda, having brought scoop nets organized the group of five in the estuary. Unfortunately one member slipped into the estuary and the only good sized crab caught, escaped from Graham's net. The sad result was no crabs but eleven golf balls!



Optimistic early morning crabbers wading into the chilly water of the estuary.

Around 8.30am Doris, Cheryl and Di ventured out for the walk. At morning tea Helen and Brian Bizzill arrived for the day to join in all the activities. Hopefully their new caravan will be available for the Toodyay Rally.



Sandgroppers enjoying morning tea at Party Central waiting for the defibrillator Demonstration.

Morning tea was followed by a hilarious demonstration of the defibrillator by Chris Back organizing Chris Young to work on the dummy played by a very vocal Graham Kent.



Our two very capable Christophers with their patient.



Demonstrating the recovery position.

Afterwards the swimming group went to the beach and the Ukulele group practiced a song for afternoon tea and some went shopping whilst others raided the Miami Bakehouse.

Saturday no crabbers ventured out with the walking group swelling to ten. Afterwards we were joined by Ronnie and Brian Adams followed by Lynne Kirby. It was great to catch up with all their news.



Morning walkers enjoyed the beautiful surroundings of the estuary and even spotted a 'local' resident in the bushes.

Cindy and Barry booked "The Café Coast" for any takers. Some of the Ladies played Bridge and Rummikub while others went for a swim. Somehow the Ukulele group managed to squeeze in practice sessions wherever they could. Happy hour followed with people coming back after dinner to play left right and centre.



The Sandy Strummers entertained us.

Following the mosquito situation of the night before, the Kents and the Youngs kindly set up an area between their vans for the weekend, which was aptly named 'Party Central'. Happy hour and then a sausage sizzle followed with the two Chris's and Graham helping Robin and Di with the cooking. There was much laughter and chat into the night.



Cooking snags. Yum!



Rally Prizewinners Ron and Lyn donated by Di and Robin.

The Rally was closed Sunday morning at 9.30 by our vice-president Cheryl, with the rally prize won by Ron and Lyn Mitchell. One highlight of the rally was that a large real sandgroper landed on a members t-shirt giving her a fright. We hope the new visitors Mark and Cheryl Norris enjoyed their introduction to the club. A few vans left with others staying on. The rally ended as a relaxed friendly one with all the various interest groups mixing in and having fun.



We discovered a French Café in Wannanup. Lovely to have Lynne, Brian and Ronnie join us on Saturday.

Rally Attendees: Adams S&J, Ambrosius, Ashfords, Backs, Freind, Forbes, Jordans, Kents, Lundys, Mitchells, Muirs, Olesen, Tyler & Youngs. Visitors Mark & Cheryl Norris

SANDGROPER CELEBRATIONS FOR APRIL & MAY

April Birthdays

22 Brian Bizzill

April Anniversaries

18 Jim & Helen Schell

26 Colin & Linda Haig



May Birthdays

15 Cheryl Kent

18 Jacquie Adams

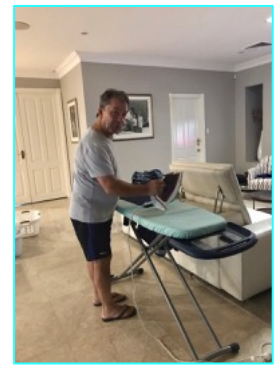
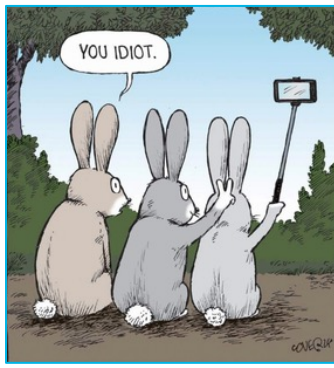
25 Barry Jordan

May Anniversaries

11 Sharon & Rod Burge

26 Cheryl & Graham Kent

On behalf of the Management Committee we wish you a very happy and safe Easter with your families. Hope you enjoy some Easter funnies! Our resident 'Ironman' has nothing to do with Easter but I had to include him, as we all know 'a woman's work is never done' and that includes Easter! Cheers, Ed.



NEWS FROM OUR TRAVELLING SANDGROPER



Hi all. We are currently in Quorn this weekend so we can watch the F1 Grand Prix in Melbourne. We still managed to go to the fabulous silo light show that is on every evening after sunset in Quorn's main street. We had a great trip through the Riverland with a morning cruise along Loch Luna. Also went to Overland corner on the north side of the River Murray. It was a real surprise to see so many people so far from any towns. Last week we were in the Coorong and then Strathalbyn. We leave tomorrow to head all parts north. During Easter we will be in Coober Pedy. I will send the next email from Alice Springs. Hope you are all well and keeping away from COVID, we certainly are.

Regards Sharon and Rod

We wish Colin and Linda safe travels as they are having six months off travelling to Belgium, Louisiana and Panama visiting family. Keep in touch!



Hi Sandgropers. We are now at Wilpena Pound, a very dusty interesting place with spectacular jagged peaks & roly polly hills. We left for our walk to the old homestead at 7am, as it was 6km and a cool and pleasant walk before the heat set in. Narrow paths and only 1 entry/exit, with high rock ridges either side at times, nice stream running through. It is a well-run caravan park & resort with lots of info on Aboriginal culture, run by Aboriginals. Off to Port Augusta tomorrow. Take care all. Deb & Jerry



PROGRAM for TOODYAY HOLIDAY PARK

188 Racecourse Road, Toodyay

28th April – 1st May 2022

Venue Officers – Colin 0429 097 462 & Noelene 0417 870 443

Thursday 28/04/22 – Check in anytime after 11.00am

5.00pm Happy Hour followed by own dinner

Please note 3.00pm afternoon tea is optional on all days as those who are out and about in Toodyay don't have to return to the caravan park but those who choose to stay have some company. Cheers!

Friday 29/04/22

8.30am Walk (depending on the weather)

9.30am Tai Chi with Master Brian

10.00am Morning Tea

12.00pm BYO picnic a Duidgee Park.

5.00pm Happy Hour and Opening of the Rally by President Helen

6.00pm Own dinner at your leisure
Fire pits are provided. BYO marshmallows and firewood. Firewood also available from park for \$16 - \$18 per bag.

7.30pm Quiz

Saturday 30/04/22

8.30am Walk (depending on the weather)

9.30am Tai Chi with Master Brian

10.00am Morning Tea followed by day at your leisure exploring Toodyay.

5.00pm Happy Hour and ukulele performance by our very own **Sandy Strummers**.



ITALIAN NIGHT!



Join in the fun and wear your Italian gear!

6.30pm Hot Italian dishes to be served so we can all dine at the same time. Grazie!

Following main course we will have an Italian influenced **Turtle Race** followed by dessert.

Sunday 01/05/22

9.30am Morning Tea and Close of the Rally by President Helen

For those staying, the **Moondyne Festival** will be in full swing for the whole day. Google the program for all the events on offer and we can plan a day of interest for everyone or do your own thing. It is sure to be lots of fun.

5.00pm Happy Hour followed by own dinner