

AUGUST 2023



# GROPER'S GOSSIP

Popanyinning Rally (Laze Away Caravan Park)

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## VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT AUGUST 2023 Laze-Away C.P

Well, what a great rally, the weather gods were kind, thanks Deb. Good Company and very entertaining, thanks Jerry. For a quiet spot and not much around, the weekend flew by, sausage sizzle, intriguing quizzes, a huge community bonfire and live music.

[Courtesy of the Popanyinning Volunteer fire fighters]

Popanyinning rocked this weekend.

But wait, there's more. A car rally with couples bonding?? over questions and distance travelled Thank you Jerry and Debra.

Laze-Away Caravan Park has changed owners; the previous owner has retained two quarries on the back of the property [one sand, one gravel] and is moving to Pingelly after running the park for 25 years. The new owners are bringing new ideas and upgrades to the park including horses and pony rides for the kids.

The AGM is coming up and the ACCWA state rally in October.

Have you all booked and registered? The Presidential Tour de France has ended and reports are expected around the campfire or afternoon tea circle.

We have two visitors joining us at Southern Stars, David and Ruth Ward. I'm sure you will extend a warm welcome to them.

See you all soon. Ian.



## POPANYINNING RALLY REPORT

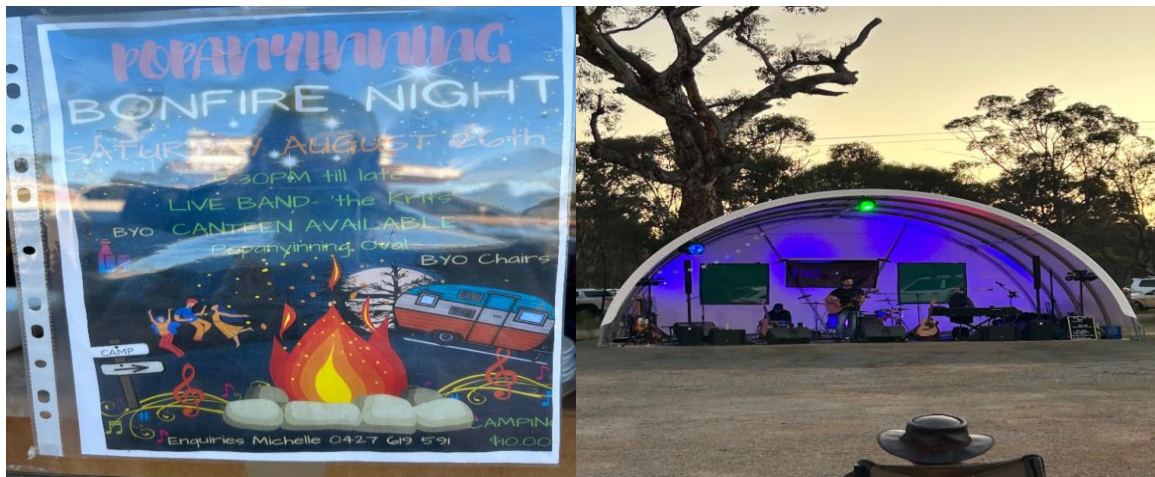
The Popyaninning rally was held between the 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August. The rally was attended by a small group of our Sandgroppers. I believe everyone had a lovely time with great (though cold) sunny weather. The venue was nice particularly due to the time of year with green grass around the sites and lush paddocks. The park has now been sold to a young couple who have great plans for the area).

Nearly all the attending club vans turned up on th Thursday with afternoon tea followed by happy hour shortly after. Friday morning was started with a walk through the rear of the park down to the old shearing shed, which we all enjoyed. Ian opened the rally later in the morning and drew the raffle from the previous rally. Helen and Jim won the prize. Later in the afternoon/evening we had a sausage sizzle followed by a quiz

Saturday started with Jerry running a Tai Chi session (pretty basic with some standard and not so standard moves. There was quite a lot of humor and fun was had by all.



During the morning we ran a car rally ending up at the Pingelly hotel for lunch. The car rally was not time constrained with points scored for gathering clues along the way. Chris and Linda won the event with the most points. Pretty sure the event went down well with no complaints. Lunch was nice with the standard sort of food available in a country pub. Later Saturday evening/night we were lucky as the local volunteer fire brigade had organized a large bonfire occasion for the town. We all went and had burgers and other fast food. The fire was spectacular and very hot. A couple of bands played for the locals though most of us were going home by the time the second band came on. Sunday started with a walk by Cindy and Barry. Ian then held the closing of the rally. As it can only happen, Ian and Beth won the raffle. All in all we all had a great time.



Chris and Linda won the car rally prize and gave it back to Jerry and Deb for their Gold prospecting trip.



## Popanyinning Rally Attendees

Linda & Chris Back, Barry & Cindy Jordan, Maureen & Roy Lundy,  
Helen & Jim Schell, Denise & Cameron Caldwell, Jerry & Deb Curchin,  
Jack and Deanne Muir

## Sandgroper September Celebrations

### BIRTHDAYS

### ANNIVERSARIES

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06 /9 Cindy Jordan  
09/9 Noleen Muir  
16/9 Colin Muir  
17/9 Doris Friend  
20/9 Lynne Kirby



26/9 Denise & Cam Caldwell

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING RALLY REPORT

## **MANDURAH COASTAL HOLIDAY PARK 21-25 SEPTEMBER, 2023**

153 Mandurah Terrace, Mandurah 9535 1213

**Full facilities including dump point**

**Venue officers: Committee**

### **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup>**

5.00 pm Arrive and set up

Happy hour

### **Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8.30 am Walk

9.30 am Tai Chi

10.00 am Morning Tea

Day at your leisure

3.30 pm Afternoon tea

5.00 pm Opening of the rally and happy hour

Champagne, beer and nibbles will be supplied by the Club

6.30 pm Communal barbecue – BYO everything

### **Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8.30 am Walk

9.30 am Tai Chi

10.45 am Assemble in barbecue area for AGM

11.00 am Annual General Meeting

1.45 pm Lunch at Boundary Island Brewery

21 Marine Quay Drive, Erskine

Please advise Ian Moore **by email** if you will be attending

*(ian1406@bigpond.net.au)*

5.00 pm Happy hour

### **Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup>**

9.30 am Closing of the rally and morning tea

11.00 am Committee meeting

Day at your leisure

3.30 pm Afternoon tea

5.00 pm *Happy hour*

### **Monday, 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Pack up and head home*

## BURGES TRAVELS

Hi from Rockhampton

Firstly we hope this email finds you all in good health and enjoying life.

Continuing our adventures on the East coast, we travelled from Normanton and Karumba up in the gulf region, to Undara to see the lava tubes. The Archways tour was really interesting and took lots of photos.

Heading to Cooktown, we stopped in Mareeba for New tyres and a car service, and stayed for a few days at Mary river Creek which had a lovely cool creek for bathing and a great R&R stop.

We finally got to take our 1000K flight at 500 feet to the tip of Cape York. It was spectacular!!!! The pilot took us out over the reef and the exceptionally white sands that are being sold the Japan and China for glass and solar panel manufacture. We arrived at Bamaga airport and took a 4-wheel drive bus to Seisia where we had lunch and then the drive of 40kms over the worse road I have even been on to reach the carpark at the Tip and the waters of the Timor Sea. The journey was about 11/2 hrs each way. From there we had to climb up over the rocks (I was not convinced I would make it, but I did!!!) the photos tell the story.

Next was on to Cairns with stop in Pt Douglas and Daintree beach resort on the way. We had the best day at Hartley's Wildlife and Croc farm, where we chose the personal tour and cuddled a koala, held a baby croc and a rather large python as well as feeding the cassowaries, wombats, kangaroos, wallabies and Tamarins.

We had booked some tours while in Cairns, to give Rod a rest from driving, they included Green Island, the Outer Reef, Skyrail and scenic train to Kuranda. We missed out on going up to Kuranda by train because someone had an accident with the train while we waited for it to arrive. No one was injured, but all the morning trips had to be cancelled then refunds organised for hundreds of people.

Since we left Cairns we have slowly come south via Townsville, Charters Towers, Airlie Beach and Mackay, making our way to Yeppoon to catch up with an old school friend from Adelaide. We had a lovely 3 days with Coleen and families, now we're in Rockhampton for a few days before moving further south.

Regards

*Sharon Burge*