



GROPER'S GOSSIP



Sandgroper's go back to the Seventies to rock in the New Year!

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2021 SANDGROPER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - JANUARY 2022

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Sandgroper. I hope you all enjoyed the festive season with family and friends.

For those of you who know Ian Fullerton and Margot Nicholl: Ian rang Brian on Christmas Eve and asked that Brian pass on to all Sandgroper members his best wishes for Christmas and the new year. Margot is in a care facility and Ian visits her there every day.

As many of you are aware, John Moriarty was operated on for bowel cancer just a week before Christmas. Sue has been keeping me updated on his progress, and he is now at home, eating small meals and recovering as expected, although he is still feeling very tired. I am sure all Sandgroper join me in wishing John all the best for a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing John and Sue at a rally in the not too distant future.



The New Year rally at Twin Waters was a great success. Many thanks to Di and Chris as venue officers. Brian and I were not planning to attend, but had brought the van back from the farm where it is stored to show to a prospective buyer on New Year's Day. Once they left at 11 am we decided on the spur of the moment that we might as well join everyone at the rally. Thanks to Sharon and Rod for sharing their site with us. We had a call from someone in Mandurah who wanted to look at the van, so they met us at the caravan park and made us an offer that evening. So, a few days later we waved a fond farewell to our Retreat van. All in all, a great weekend.

Don't forget the Club picnic at Kadidjing Park, Melville, starting around 11 am on Tuesday, 11 January, and the next Club rally at Peppermint Grove Beach from 3-7 February. We still need venue officers for several rallies - Miami, Toodyay, Serpentine, Dwellingup, Carnamah and Pinjarra. You can either do this on the website when you register, or contact Brian and let him know.

I hope that we can all enjoy a happy and healthy 2022 and have the opportunity to visit many of the wonderful camping sites in our beautiful state.

Travel safe and stay well, Helen

Dawesville Rally to celebrate New Years 2022.

Created by: Chris Young

Photos by Lyn

Captions by Cheryl

Wow! It only seems a short time since the last new years bash and here we are again. The rally began on Wednesday 29th with the Kents, Burges and Youngs getting an early start.

Thursday with everyone safely parked up we headed off to the Dawesville estuary with picnic basket and esky in tow. Conversations, food, drink and weather were a great kick off for the party filled celebration long weekend to see out 2021.

Right: Our Venue officers Di & Chris with photo bomber Rod



Picture perfect location to picnic by the estuary.



Quiet gathering before the fun and games begin.

Friday morning walk to the Leprechaun for the great coffee was well attended before the scatter of Sandgropers to the beach or for some the shops. A group got together and set the scene for a party with cars, lights and windbreakers all playing a part. As the evening approached there was a transition into the 70s and the scene was set for us to see in 2022.



The walkers set off for coffee by the estuary.



Many hands make 'lights' work.

Our Vice opened the rally and we were all embellished with strings of lights, tables with white cloths, disco balls, tea lights and people from the past. Next up a smorgasbord of finger food, potato bakes and salads followed up by desserts with the background music of the 70s. Onto some games where there were no cheats and sure enough the male species dominated. (Just! The score is still 4 - 1 with the girls in front. Ed.) A few more drinks and in came 2022.



NEW YEAR'S EVE HIGHLIGHTS



You can count on Sandgroppers to get in the swing – always ready to party!



Boys cooking the BBQ.



The Captain & Tennille aka Cam & Denise



Fairy lights and disco balls set the scene!





**Peace brother!
Deb & Jerry**



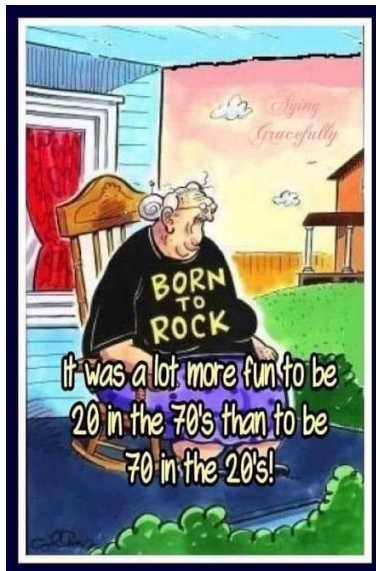
**Janet & Michael Jackson
Cheryl & Graham**



**Motown meets Abba!
Rod & Sharon**



**Rockin' the hot pants!
Noelene & Colin**



Ain't that the truth!



**Love is all you need.
Syd & Jacquie**



**Tie-died surfie dudes.
Barry & Cindy**



**Give peace a chance!
Lyn & Ron**



**Flower Power!
Thelma & Glenda**

Saturday off to the Leprechaun again. Unbeknown to us the President and first man were suffering FOMO and turned up squeezing into the only available space in the park, the Burges parking spot. Then it was off to Cicerello's for a fix of fish and chips before stepping aboard the Dancing Dolphin for a fantastic Christmas lights display thanks to those on the Mandurah canals.



Fish and chips at Cicerello's with stunning views of the water.



All masked up and ready to board the Dancing Dolphin.



Happy Sandropers were not disappointed with the Christmas Light Cruise on the Mandurah Canals.



Some of the spectacular lights on the houses on the Canals.



Sunday with the closing of the rally at 9.30 there were a few board games to be had with the day fast fading away before we were off again to the Café Coast Restaurant for a great feast to end the whole event. Cheers, Chris & Di.



Prize winners Brian & Cindy, donated by Deb & Jerry Also prize winners, Chris & Di, donated by Lynne & Alan



Closing of another very successful rally.



New delegate Graham reports on ACCWA's AGM

Attendees at Twin Waters Dawesville: Adams S&J, Backs, Bizzills, Burges, Caldwells, Curchins, Freind, Forbes, Haigs, Jordans, Kents, Mitchells, Muirs, Olesen, Schells & Youngs



Lyn is usually behind the camera so this gorgeous photo is just for you. Cheers, Ed.



Sandgroper Celebrations for December & January

December Birthdays

- 03 Mary Neale
- 10 Jim Schell
- 12 Jill Ambrosius
- 13 Alan Kirby

December Anniversaries

- 14 Syd & Jacqui Adams

January Anniversaries

- 26 Chris & Linda Back



January Birthdays

- 03 Sue Moriarty
- 05 Chris Young
- 06 Linda Haig
- 18 Ted Bunce
- 24 Colin Haig
- 28 Beth Moore
- 30 Jerry Curchin
- 31 Debra Curchin
- 31 Maureen Lundy

Due to popular demand - Lynne's Broccoli Salad (with adaptations)



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| 3 cups broccoli, chopped | 1 red onion, finely chopped |
| 4 rashers cooked bacon, chopped | 1 cup grated cheese |

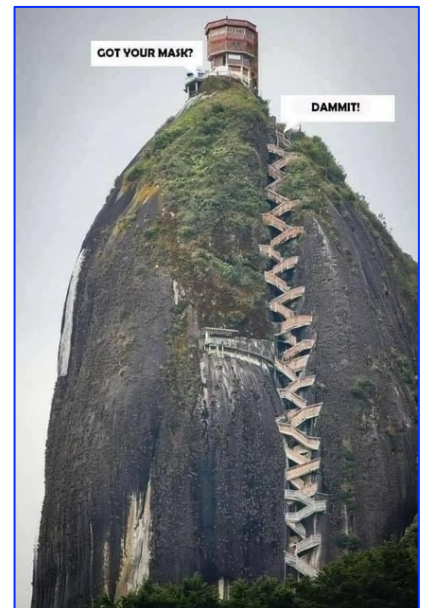
(I add spring onions & celery)
Mix together and add combined dressing ingredients

Dressing

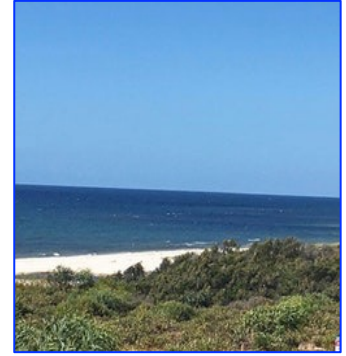
1 cup mayonnaise, 2 tbsps. white vinegar, 1 tbsps. sugar. Combine.

(I add grated garlic, honey & Dijon mustard)

My broccoli salad has quite a few adaptations from the original, as you will see. I use my eye for measurements rather than a cup. I add celery for crunch and I use cranberries because they look pretty, I like them and it makes the recipe suitable for vegetarians although it's equally as good with bacon. I toast separately almonds (slivers or flakes) pepitas and sunflower seeds, sprinkled on top for crunch and added protein. I hope you can make sense of this! Cheers, Lynne. (Thanks Lynne, sounds yummy! Ed.)



Some old and new humour to keep you smiling. Cheers, Ed.



Peppermint Grove Beach Holiday Park

48 Peppermint Grove Rd, Peppermint Grove Beach WA 6271

Thursday 3rd Feb – Monday 7th Feb

Venue officers: Sharon Burge 0414259962 and Rod Burge 0414259961

Thursday 3/2/22 – Please NOTE: Check-in time must be after 1pm otherwise the park manager will direct you to wait in the overflow area until 1pm No activities planned today

3pm Afternoon tea
5pm Happy Hour followed by Dinner at your leisure

Friday 4/2/22

8:30am Walk
9:30am Tai Chi with Master Brian
10:00am Morning tea, then free day for visiting nearby beaches or exploring Busselton and surrounds.
3:00pm Afternoon tea followed by 1st heat of Finska Tournament
5pm Gather at Sandgroper central for Happy Hour and Opening of the Rally, tables are requested please
6-6:45pm Wood-fired Pizzas (pre-ordered as per email- Contact Sharon)
7:15pm Quiz time at Sandgroper central

Saturday 5/2/22

8:30am Walk
9:30am Tai Chi with Master Brian
10:00am Morning tea, then free day for visiting nearby beaches or exploring Busselton and surrounds
11am Management Committee Meeting
3:00pm Afternoon tea
3:30pm Semis and Grand Final of Finska Tournament
5pm Happy Hour and Presentation of Finska Perpetual Trophy
6pm BBQ with Shared Salads & Desserts @ Sandgroper central (see email from Sharon)
7.30pm TBA

Sunday 2nd January

9:30am Morning tea and Closing of the rally

Attendees for rally as at 10/1/2022: Adams S&J, Allens, Ambrosius, Ashfords, Backs, Bizzills, Burges, Caldwell, Fatti, Forbes, Freind, Haigs, Kents, Kirbys, Lundys, Mitchells, Moores, Muirs, Neales, Olesen, Schells, Tyler & Youngs.

If your name is listed here and you are not coming please let Brian know as we have a waiting list. 0419 940 907

Thank You.