

# GROPEERS GOSSIP

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## **BINNINGUP RALLY REPORT**

**2-6 FEBRUARY 2017**

*Binningup Caravan Park is such a delightful park, fairly small but well maintained and located just a short walk from the beach. Jim and Helen Schell beat the pack and arrived on Wednesday (probably expecting to be first) but they were easily beaten by David and Paula who had arrived on the Monday to spend the whole week relaxing at Binningup.*

*During Thursday another 17 vans arrived and proceeded to get themselves set up, some around the centre grassed area, some on the second tier and a few towards the back of the park, but because it is a small park everyone was in close proximity. Brian opened the rally at happy hour using the brand new PA system that Roy had bought on behalf of the club. This proved to be a great success with everyone in the large circle able to hear. Chris and Diane Young arrived halfway through happy hour and were presented with their badges as the newest members of Sandgroppers. A sausage sizzle was cooked up for a communal dinner and at \$1 per sausage most people indulged in a second, or even third, sausage.*

*Friday was another beautiful warm and sunny day and Maureen and Thelma were the first to wander down to the beach, followed by several others during the day. Tai Chi and a beach walk provided the morning exercise and the rest of the day was spent relaxing around camp or down the beach. Ian and Margot arrived in the morning. During the afternoon we had a roll-up at the bowls club with 24 people playing in three teams of eight, with a few spectators. I lost count of the number of bowls which were sent down the grass with the wrong bias, but overall we all had a lot of laughs and a good afternoon without too much emphasis on who won. Happy hour was enjoyed in the Country Club bar and both Peter Neale and Brian Bizzill got lucky on the spin of the chocolate wheel. Back to camp around 6 pm for an extended happy hour followed by a communal barbecue on another warm evening.*

Brian and Ronnie arrived early Saturday morning, just in time for Tai Chi. Another nice day, although a little windy, but several hearty souls still dipped their toes and bodies in the water, visited Bunbury and other surrounding areas, and others just relaxed around camp.



On



Saturday night we were celebrating Brian Adams' 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. Ronnie had prepared roast lamb, pork and beef for everyone, and each van contributed salads and vegetables to the feast. A great spread of desserts followed including the official birthday cake, pavlova, cherry surprise, frozen cherry cake and sticky date pudding. Our new PA system was used to play music during the evening. Everyone also wished Betty Morris a happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday for the following Friday.



On Sunday we had a few vans heading home – Brian and Betty, Chris and Di and Robin and Di – with the remainder enjoying morning tea followed by three games of Finska which were hotly contested. The winners were Roy, Ian Moore and Brian



Adams The café at the caravan park opened especially for us on Sunday night and cooked up fish and chips for those that wanted them – about 24 orders in all so everyone was happy with that.



Brian closed the rally on Monday morning with everyone packing up and heading home or on to other destinations. This was to be Brian and Mary Wales last rally in their van and each of them said how much they had enjoyed their time with the Club and thanked everyone for their friendship. Brian presented them with a



farewell card signed by all the members present. The two caravan prizes were won by Roy and Maureen (donated by Frank and Jan) and Robin and Di (donated by Kel & Glenda)

**ATTENDEES:**

- |                                |                                 |                                |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Robin and Di Ashford</i>    | <i>Kel and Glenda Olesen</i>    | <i>Kevin and Thelma Forbes</i> |
| <i>Brian and Mary Wales</i>    | <i>Arthur and Elva Litteley</i> | <i>Jim and Helen Schell</i>    |
| <i>Brian and Ronnie Adams</i>  | <i>Brian and Betty Morris</i>   | <i>Ted and June Bunce</i>      |
| <i>Ian and Natalie Kessell</i> | <i>Brian and Helen Bizzill</i>  | <i>Roy and Maureen Lundy</i>   |
| <i>Peter and Mary Neale</i>    | <i>Ian and Margot</i>           | <i>David and Janet Currow</i>  |
| <i>David and Paula Hiscock</i> | <i>Laurie Tyler and Pat</i>     | <i>Ian and Beth Moore</i>      |
| <i>Alan and June Foote</i>     | <i>Chris and Diane Young</i>    | <i>Ron Halse</i>               |

Report prepared by Helen Bizzill



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*Hi everyone*

*We were certainly lucky with the weather for our Binningup Rally. Beautiful sunny days all weekend. This park is a great park for our rallies and the committee is looking at making it the venue for our first rally of the year in future. If anyone has an objection to this please let me know, but everyone who was at the rally on the weekend agreed with this proposal. We thought we might even have an annual "Finska" championship with trophy.*

*Brian and Mary Wales announced at the close of the rally that after their annual trip to Kalbarri in March they are selling their van but will continue to attend some rallies, staying in park cabins.*

*The committee has also been informed that Geoff and Trina Savage have decided to resign from our club.*

*I feel that it is timely to say that with just over six months to go before the AGM members should start thinking about giving back to the club by serving on the committee. We are looking for a new executive committee. In order to retain experience on the executive committee, for this year only the Secretary and Vice President will be asked to serve only one year. We will also need two new general committee members, which will include a new Membership Secretary.*

*See you on a road somewhere*

*Brian*

**Teacher at the beginning  
of the school year**



**Teacher at the end  
of the school year**



# Coming Events

**April 13<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Koorda Caravan Park 240 kilometres  
Easter Long Weekend**

The Shire of Koorda forms a part of the north-eastern section of the Central Agricultural Division. Its population of 596 consists of mostly farming community dedicated to wheat, coarse grains and sheep.

**May 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Whitegum Farm - YORK 120 kilometres**

*The Caravan Park was primarily set up to service the needs of the airfield and the flying school, but it's also open to the public, and has plenty of attractions for the non flyers. Such as Swimming, Fishing and Bushwalking in the extensive 300 acre farmstead.*

**June 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Trayning 230 kilometres**

Trayning has natural granite outcrops, native birds, insects, reptiles, woodlands and stunning panoramas of wildflowers in season which are all easily accessible here. Just 70 kilometres from Merredin in the heart of the North Eastern Wheatbelt, with good roads, the Shire attractions are well sign posted with maps readily available.

The name 'Trayning' was given to the district after the 'Trayning Well' and the name for the well was derived from two aboriginal names 'Durri-iring' or 'Duranning'. The words mean 'to crawl', and 'a camping place' and over time became known as 'snake crawling in the grass near campsite'.



*Happy  
Wedding  
Anniversary!*

<i>Elvia Litleley</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup></i>
<i>Brian Adams</i>	<i>9<sup>th</sup></i>
<i>Betty Morris</i>	<i>10<sup>th</sup></i>
<i>Glenda Olesen</i>	<i>11<sup>th</sup></i>
<i>Peter Neale</i>	<i>14<sup>th</sup></i>

<i>Alan &amp; Rheta Parkinson</i>	<i>4<sup>th</sup></i>
<i>Brian &amp; Helen Bizzill</i>	<i>28<sup>th</sup></i>

*ATTENDEES FOR MANJIMUP CARAVAN PARK*

*March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017*

*Venue Officers : Ronnie & Brian Adams -*

Tyler L	TFSS	Hiscock D & P	FSS
Forbes T & K	TFSSM	Bizzill B& H	TFSSM
Lundy M & R	<i>TFSSM</i>	Bunce T & J	
Parkinson A & R		Ashford D & R	FSSM
Peter Carter & Ruth MacKenzie	TFSSM	Alilovic F & J	
Adams B & R	TFSSM	Ian Fullerton & Margo Nicol	TFSSM
Gough G & C		Kessell I & N	TFSSM
Neale P & M	FSSM		

***PRICE LIST for MANJIMUP C/VAN PARK***

***Powered Sites Including Camping- Access to All Park Amenities***

***Normal Rates***

***1 x Adult \$28***

***2 x Adult \$35***

***Stay Hitched \$45***

***Additional Adults \$15***

***Pension Rates***

***1 x Adult \$26***

***2 x Adult \$33***

***Stay Hitched \$43***

***Kui Rates***

***Children 4-12 Years \$10***

***Children Under 4 Free***

***1 x Adult \$25.50***

***2 x Adults \$31.50***

***Group (10 or more vans) \$33 per van***

## **MANJIMUP CARAVAN PARK GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Key card deposit of \$20 required at check in (refunded on departure)**

**Water is potable and high quality**

**All of our sites are on a slope due to council regulations. We get heavy rainfall and require the slope to ensure correct drainage. Wheel chocks are advised.**

**In the case of emergency or shop is closed please call 0400 246 609 Park Rules**

**Speed limit is strictly 8km/hr**

**If you wish to stay hitched it is and additional \$10 per night as it takes 2 bays, and must be advised at check in**

**Vans must stay within allocated bay – no overhanging white line**

**Vehicles to be parked in front of Van**

**Visitors' cars to be parked in car park beside the deli.**

**If you have visitors staying overnight, you will be charged an additional fee ☐ Helmets must be worn when riding bikes and scooters ☐ No Excessive noise after 9pm**

**Water restrictions apply, so washing of cars and vans is prohibited Check In – Check Out Times ☐**

**Please check in and out at the Deli - open from 5am – 9pm (Kitchen closes at 8pm) ☐ Check out time is 10am - unless prior arrangements have been made with management**

**Check In time is after 10.30am. Laundry, Ablutions, Camp Kitchen, Fire Pits and BBQ's**

**Washers (\$4.00) & Dryers (\$2.00) take \$1 or \$2 coins ☐ Children under 12 not permitted unsupervised in ablution block**

**Ablution block closed for cleaning between 10am-11.30am**

**Additional toilets available at Deli ☐ Please turn off lights in laundry, ablution block and campers kitchen when not in use**

**It is against the Health Act to do your Laundry in the basins or showers. If you are caught doing so you will be asked to leave with no refund**

**No washing of Shoes or pet bedding in the washing machine or dryers**

**BBQ's to be cleaned after use**

**Rubbish to be wrapped or tied securely before being placed in bins provided**

**Use of two onsite fire pits only between the months of March and September.**

**Fire restrictions apply during Summer months Deposits and Cancellation Policy**

**A 50% deposit will be required during peak times - event weekends, Easter and Christmas (min Stay is also required)**

**All Cancellations will incur a \$20 Administration Fee No refund will be given to any booking cancelled or amended less than 7 days prior to your stay**

**Refunds will be issued within 7 days Pets**

**Pets must be kept on a lead AT ALL TIMES whilst in the Park. The owner must clean up IMMEDIATELY after the pet at all times.**

**Pets must not be left alone, onsite, at any time during your stay.**

**Pets must not be allowed to bark, or indulge in antisocial or destructive behavior at any time.**

**As the pet owner you accept full responsibility for any personal injury or damage caused by your pet whilst in our park. The decision to allow a guest with a pet into the park is at the Managers absolute discretion, at all times.**

**The Manager reserves the right to ask any guest with a pet to leave immediately, with no refund given, if any of the above rules are not complied with, or if the pet is causing a nuisance.**

## **RALLY PROGRAMME for MANJUMIP RALLY**

**2<sup>ND</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup> March 2017**

FRIDAY	8.00 am	Morning Walk
	9.00 am	Tai Chi
	10.00 am`	Morning Tea
	Noon	Lunch
	2.15 pm	Depart for Truffle Farm Talk & Wine Tasting
	5.00 pm	Opening of Rally
	6.00 pm	BBQ Tea
SATURDAY	8.00 am	Morning Walk
	9.00 AM	Tai Chi
		Farmers Markets at Manjin Park
	11.00 am	Timber & Heritage Park
	Noon	Purchase Lunch at Top Notch Cafe in Park
	2.30 pm	Visit King Jarrah Tree
	3.30 pm	Afternoon Tea
	5.00 pm	Happy Hour
	6.00 pm	<b>BAD TASTE DRESS with TACO DINNER</b> Please bring taco shells the rest will be provided. A suggestion for bad taste dress is to visit an Op Shop and purchase an inexpensive item.
7.30 pm	Games	
SUNDAY	8.00 am	Morning Walk
	9.00 am	Tai Chi
	10.00 am	Morning Tea
	11.00 am	Depart for adventure along the Karri Forrest Explorer Way - Big Brook Dam - Beedelup Falls for picnic lunch and walk
	5.00 pm	Happy Hour
	6.00 pm	Dinner
MONDAY	8.30 am	Pancake Breakfast
	10.00 am	Closing of Rally

*PLEASE NOTE there will be a \$10.00 charge for the Rally to cover costs. IE Truffle farm, Taco dinner & pancakes.*

*There are still many places you may wish to visit –some are*

- Four Aces
- One Tree Bridge
- Dean Mill Heritage Trail
- Diamond Tree Lookout



## ***BINNINGUP BLOOPERS***

*Not many this months, no-one was telling tales out of school.*

*However I did hear from a little birdie that the President left behind the bookwork and the prize draw stuff. To his credit though he soldiered through and the attendance was duly recorded and the rally prizes handed out.*

*Then one Mere Male was asked to get the thermos, he said it used to be kept under the sink. Can't find it! Wife yelled quite loudly that it was in the POT DRAWER. But he couldn't hear, in the end it was found but hubby still thinks it should remain under the sink!!*

*Who forgot the birthday cake? Thank goodness realized earlier enough and able to purchase another one in Bunbury*

*One couple went visiting friends in Harvey. Being polite guests they took along a bottle of wine. Bit hot by the time they arrived I do believe. Now true to my word five minutes after telling the story the same guy opened a bottle for his good wife. Lo and behold this one was frozen, three people and a chair were sprayed. Ah well we quickly dried out.*

*Back to the President and my apologies, upon leaving the rally I had forgotten to say goodbye. He tells me THAT was a blooper.*

*So off went the Schells right towards the exit, off went the Littleys left towards the exit. Gunfight at OK corral. Guns at five paces. Now Arthur couldn't reverse, Jim couldn't reverse as Ron was hitching on. Moral of the story, don't rush off at the end of the Rally.*



***Family in Karratha in need of house sitters for 2 dogs the 1st two weeks of June.  
Fancy 2 weeks in the Pilbara? The caravan can be parked at the house while  
you enjoy their pool etc.***

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