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BINNINGUP RALLY

31st Jan – 3rd Feb 2019

Thursday saw most of the members arrive and set up with the Hiscocks , Adams and Youngs arriving Friday morning and our visitors, Colin & Lynda Haigh. Ted & June Bunce with their daughter and son-in-law Geoff also joined us for the weekend staying in a cabin as did Brian & Mary Wales who arrived Saturday morning. The day was spent catching up with members and trying to stay cool. A committee meeting was held in the afternoon followed by afternoon tea and then happy hour when David welcomed everyone.

Saturday morning was somewhat cooler and enticed several members to join in Yoga. Thank you Brian Bizzill for leading the group. Morning tea was next and then followed the heats of the annual Finska with



the heat winners being Brian Wales, Roy Lundy, Helen Bizzill and Ronnie Adams. The final was held after lunch and with much fun and laughter the eventual winner



was Ronnie Adams.



Dinner at night was a shared meal with each van providing their own meat and bring a salad to share. The table looked a delight with a lovely range of salads. Ronnie

produced some delightful sweets to finish the meal.



The fun began with the opening of

Bandstand/Countdown Revival getting underway. The evening was opened by Brian Henderson (Brian Adams) introducing the first act being the builder (David Hiscock) from The Village People who got the crowd involved with his rendition of YMCA. Olivia Newton-John (Ronnie Adams) followed on with her take of 'Lets get physical'. . Sony & Cher were very popular artist on the night with the first of them (Janice & Frank) making an appearance performing 'Five hundred Miles' Abba (Brian & Helen Bizzill and Kel & Glenda Oleson) entertained us with 'Dancing Queen' Lucky Starr(Roy Lundy) was the next entertainer with the song 'I've been everywhere' and despite the recording being the American version the audience joined in. A small interval followed when Dame Edna (Ronnie Adams) was an unexpected guest and welcomed by Brian Henderson. Brian had another commitment so Dame Edna compared the rest of the programme.

Sony & Cher (Graham & Cheryl Kent) came back for another song 'I've got you babe', Peter, Paul & Mary appeared without the Paul (Mary & Peter Neale) singing, This time Sony & Cher (Di & Chris Young) performed 'The beat goes on'. One of the Beach Boys (Kevin Forbes) was able to join us belting out 'California Girl' and Cher (Maureen Lundy) entertained us again with 'Shoop Shoop Song'. At great expense to the Club Elvis (Brian Adams) arrived and with much aplomb presented 'I'm all shook up' and then preceded to serenade Dame Edna with 'Love me Tender'. The final act of the evening was The Beatles (Chris, Brian Bizzill, Kel & David) who arrived in a yellow submarine and encouraged the audience to join them.

Thank you to all the members who joined in and made this a very memorable evening. Also thanks to Chris Young for organising the music and making the evening flow. *We have to advise* the after party was very good too.

Sunday morning saw the making of pancakes for everyone. Thanks Kel for your help followed by the rally



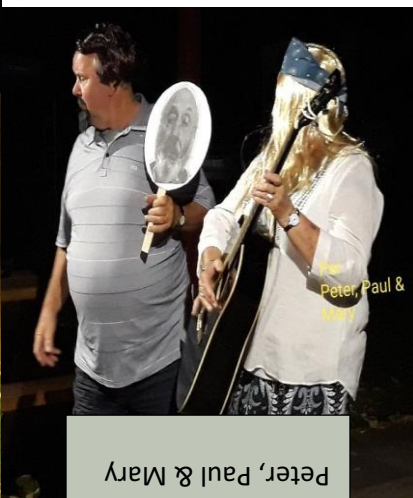
closing at which David presented Elva Littlely with her 100 rally badge. Winners of the caravan prizes were Helen & Brian Bizzill and Janice & Frank Alilovic. That afternoon we all went to 'The Crooked Carrot' roadhouse for afternoon tea where we all enjoyed the well presented surroundings.

Attendees: Peter & Mary Neale, Kevin & Thelma Forbes, Kel & Glenda Olesen, Brian & Helen Bizzill, Ronnie & Brian Adams, Robin & Di Ashford, Elva Littlely, Ian Fullerton & Margot Nicoll, Chris & Di Young, Graham & Sheryl Kent, Frank & Janice Alilovic, David & Paula Hiscock, Roy & Maureen Lundy, Brian & Mary Wales, Ted & June Bunce and visitors Colin & Lyndia Haig and Wendy & Geoff (Bunce's daughter and son-in-law.)



BANDSTAND REUNION

Congratulations to Brian & Ronnie Adams for organising such a fantastic, fun evening of entertainment. The participation was great with a variety of international stars turning up to perform. Brian & Ronnie put in a huge effort to make the evening a success it was, and we would like to thank them on behalf of all those who attended Binningup Rally. For those who were not at the rally, you certainly missed out on a very special event.





PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi fellow Sandgroppers, it was great to see so many of you at the Binningup Rally. I would like to extend a big thanks to Ronnie and Brian for organising such a great event. Also thanks to Kel (apologies to anyone else I missed) for the lovely pancakes on Sunday morning and well done Ronnie for winning the annual Finska competition (sorry Brian, no back to back this year). It was great to be involved in such a fun weekend, and if this is anything to go by then we are in for a great year.

Congratulations to Elva Littlely for achieving her 100 rally badge and to Frank & Janice Alilovic for reaching 75 rallies (we will get your badges to you at the next rally you attend), well done. On a sadder note, we received resignations from Helma & Henry Gielingh and from van 3 Merle Burn who was the last of our single digit van members. We hope you will remain in touch with the club and become one of our new Associate Members (Friends of the Club).

The year is shaping up to be a busy one for the Committee. We have made inroads into the 2020 rally list and it's shaping up well, thanks to the two Ian's for work done to date.

Our sub-committee is not far from presenting the new 'draft' constitution to all members. (A few more days of trawling through legalese and typing still required). As a reminder we have tentatively set the the date of Tuesday 9th April 2019 to hold our Special General Meeting. You will receive more information in the coming weeks.

Arrangements for our 20th anniversary rally are well underway and for those who have not booked please do so. There will be more detailed information in the Gossip as to what you need to do. Further to this I would like to gather any photos or stories you may have that go right back to the beginning. This will not only form part of our story board on the day, but be used as a permanent record of the Club's history. Something I would like to capture on our website.

It's great to see a couple of our newer members, Graham & Cheryl Kent putting their hand up to be venue officers. They will be our venue officers for our upcoming rally at Gingin. If you have not been a venue officer yet or not done one for a while, we would really appreciate it if you could step forward. If you need assistance there are many in the club who are willing to help, as Peter and Mary Neale are for Graham & Cheryl.

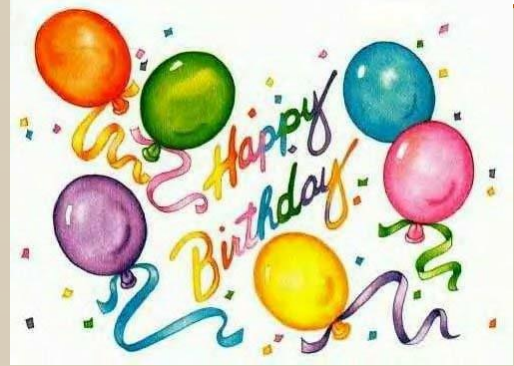
I'll sign off now, look after yourselves and drive safely.

See you at Gingin.

Kind regards

David Hiscock
President - Sandgroper Caravanners Inc.
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Elva Littlely	2nd
Brian Adams	9th
Glenda Olesen	11th
Peter Neale	14th
Di Ashford	20th
Margaret Celenza	21st

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Alan & Rheta Parkinson	4th
Brian & Helen Bizzill	28th

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ATTENDEES for GINGIN

Graham & Clelia Gough	Brian & Ronnie Adams
Ian Fullerton & Margot Nicholl	Peter & Mary Neale
Roy & Maureen Lundy	Kevin & Thelma Forbes
Brian & Helen Bizzill	David & Paula Hiscock
Graham & Cheryl Kent	Helen Schell

COMING RALLIES

MARCH 28-31st WAGIN 276km Camp at showgrounds

Wagin is a town and [shire](#) in the [Great Southern region](#) of [Western Australia](#), approximately 225 km south-east of [Perth](#) on the [Great Southern Highway](#) between [Narrogin](#) and [Katanning](#). It is also on [State Route 107](#). The main industries are [wheat](#) and [sheep](#) farming.

The town itself came into existence after the construction of the [Great Southern Railway](#) which was completed in 1889 with the town originally called *Wagin Lake*.^[2] The name of the town is derived from [Wagin Lake](#), a usually dry salt lake south of the town. The [Aboriginal](#) name is Waitjen, having been first recorded for the lake by a surveyor in 1869-72. There is uncertainty about the actual meaning of 'Wagin' but it is likely that it either means 'the place where emus watered' or 'Emu's watering hole'

MAY 3rd- 6th Yarloop 126 km Camping on oval

Yarloop is a town in the [South West](#) of [Western Australia](#) along the [South Western Highway](#), between [Waroona](#) and [Harvey](#). At the [2006 census](#), Yarloop had a population of 545.^[1] On 7 January 2016 a bushfire destroyed most of the town. The name Yarloop is said to have originated from the words "yard loop", the rail loop into the timber yard there. However, the name is more likely [Aboriginal](#) in origin (most likely from the local [Bindjareb Noongar](#) people). Yalup Brook is situated only about 5 km north of Yarloop and there is similarity in pronunciation of the word and the early spelling variations of the siding (Yailoup and Yarloop) support it being Aboriginal

JUNE 4th - 9th JUNE DOWERIN - Show ground 166Km

In 1906 the government extended the railway from [Goomalling](#) to the developing Dowerin Agricultural Area and decided to develop a townsite at the terminus. The [Aboriginal](#) name of the site chosen was "Wuguni", but "Dowerin", also an Aboriginal name, was already in local use for the place, and was the name gazetted in 1907. The name is derived from nearby Lake Dowerin, first recorded on maps around 1879. One source suggests *dowerin* is the Aboriginal word for the [twenty-eight parrot](#) (dow-arn), and another suggests it means "place of the throwing stick" (dower)

^[1]In 1932 the [Wheat Pool of Western Australia](#) announced that the town would have two [grain elevators](#), each fitted with an engine, installed at the railway siding.^[3]

Dowerin is home to the **Dowerin GWN7 Machinery Field Days**, currently a two-day annual event (held in the last week of August) showcasing agricultural and associated equipment, as well as providing information and services to people from rural areas. The Field Days attracts on average in excess of 600 exhibitors as well as over 15,000 local and national visitors each day

FROM THE COMMITTEE:

As David has said considerable work has been done on the constitution and as such

A GENERAL MEETING

As

has been scheduled for

TUESDAY 9th April 2019

At 2.00 pm

at a place to be advised

As part of the constitution it is proposed a category titled Associate Member (Friends of the Club) will be created and have a nominal yearly fee. Should anyone wish to join now please contact a committee member.

20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & AGM SEPTEMBER RALLY:

Date : Saturday September 14th 2019

AGM: The Airport Caravan Park at 10.00 am

This rally will be held at the Airport Caravan Park, 186 Hale Road, Forrestfield.

We have spoken to the Airport Caravan Park and they are expecting us, however we have not made a booking, so if you are attending in your van, please call ASAP and book your site. When you book you will need to pay a deposit of 1 nights' fee which is \$39.00. Please make your booking to secure your site.

On Saturday, 14 September it is intended that the Annual General Meeting will be held at 10.00 am at the caravan park, followed by the Anniversary Lunch at 12.30 pm at Hillview Golf Course. Day visitors are welcome to both the AGM and the lunch. Cabins are available at the caravan park. It is hoped that as many members and past members as possible will be able to attend this important occasion.

The telephone number for the Airport Caravan Park is 1800 626 677

CELEBRATION LUNCH: Please keep the date Saturday 14th September to which all present and past members will be invite for a lunchtime meal at

HILLVIEW GOLF CLUB

Kalamunda Road

HIGH WYCOMBE

Further information to come

CHRISTMAS RALLY – WOODMAN POINT CARAVAN PARK – 28 NOV to 2 DEC

A booking for 20 vans has been made for the Christmas Rally. **To secure a site it is necessary to contact Woodman Point Caravan Park direct and pay a deposit of \$39.60 as soon as possible.**

Please mention that you are with the Sandgroper caravan club.

The telephone number for Woodman Point Caravan Park is 9434 1433

Would all members who are planning to attend the above rallies, please pay the required deposits as soon as possible and register either on the web site or Ian's board.

SUGGESTIONS for FUTURE RALLIES

To assist the current and future Rally Co-ordinators, if you have any suggestions for future venue locations please fill in the form below and pass it on to Ian Fullerton

Venue location:

Distance from Perth:

Direction:

North South East

Facilities available:

Things to do nearby:

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Direction:

North South East

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CARAVAN ACCESSORIES

The following items were left over from the 'on consignment sale' of our van and are offered "Free to a good home!"

Members are free to make any donation to the RAC Flying Doctor Service if they wish.

1. Primus "Portable Buddy cylinder gas heater - used twice.



2. Road Safety triangles]



3. Oricom 80 channel UHF Radio and Manual [excluding charger base]



4. Satellite dish & all equipment except tripod base



Please call to inspect.

Brian & Mary Wales