



# GROPER'S GOSSIP



Hope all our members survived lockdown and didn't run out of any of the 'essentials'.

"The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry" to paraphrase Robbie Burns and they certainly did with our grand plans for the February Rally to Peppermint Grove Beach going out the window when lockdown was announced with just a few hours notice. Never mind. We actually dodged a bullet as the weather was dreadful and wouldn't have suited our Luau at all. Grass skirts and raincoats isn't a good look! Hopefully it will all go well at Ledge Point where we will be able to have lots of fun and games at our Hawaiian themed rally (take 2!). Doris has stepped in to help us so we are sure everything will run smoothly. Fingers crossed! Please read the new Program for all the info on the Rally plus lots more inside. Cheers, Cheryl, Graham and Doris.

## 2021 SANDGROPER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### Emergency phone numbers for member's families to contact during rallies:

Helen Bizzill – President 0417 913 050, Cheryl Kent – Vice President 0477 474 115, Di Young – Secretary 0419 911 775 and Sharon Burge – Treasurer – 0414 259 962



President  
Helen Bizzill



Vice President  
Cheryl Kent



Secretary  
Di Young



Treasurer  
Sharon Burge



Membership Secretary  
Ian Moore



Committee Member  
Helen Schell



Committee Member  
Roy Lundy



Committee Member  
Cindy Jordan



Committee Member  
Brian Kirby

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR REGISTERING FOR RALLIES

1. Log on to the website.
2. Go to PLANNED RALLIES then RALLY BOOKINGS.
3. Select the rally you would like to attend and you will be automatically registered.
4. IMPORTANT: under ADDITIONAL NOTES in the box please enter the nights you will be staying.  
e.g. T,F,S,S, (Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
5. Make sure you press SAVE ADDITIONAL INFO before closing.

### UPCOMING RALLIES

- MAR 11 – 14 LEDGE POINT HOLIDAY PARK 742 Ledge Point Rd. LEDGE POINT. Full services, 2 camp kitchens, Swimming pool, free BBQ's, access to neighbouring Country Club.  
**VENUE OFFICERS; Cheryl and Graham Kent & Doris Freind.**
- APR 1 – 5 WICKEPIN CARAVAN PARK Wogolin Rd WICKEPIN. Park owned by Shire. Power & BBQ area.  
**EASTER RALLY RUN BY COMMITTEE with program by Sharon & Rod Burge & Cindy & Barry Jordan.**

### ATTENDEES FOR LEDGE POINT RALLY

Laurie and Trish, Brian and Ronnie, Colin and Linda, Alan and Lynne, Kevin and Thelma, Ian and Beth, Doris, Jill, John and Laraine, Sharon and Rod, Roy and Maureen, Graham and Cheryl, Chris and Di, Brian and Helen, Jim and Helen, Glenda. **Visitors:** Chris and Linda Back, Syd and Jacquie Adams, Colin and Noelene Muir, John and Sue Moriarty, Cameron and Denise Caldwell. (If your names are not listed and you intend coming, please advise Brian Bizzill ASAP at [brianbizzill@gmail.com](mailto:brianbizzill@gmail.com). Likewise if your name is listed and you aren't coming, please let Brian know as we have a waiting list. Thank you.)

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2021

Well, what a week we have had – bushfires, Covid lockdown, storms and flooding – and I hope that none of our members has been affected by any of these events. I am sure that everyone who had planned to attend the Peppy Grove Beach rally was as disappointed as we were at having to cancel the rally altogether. Initially we were hopeful of getting down there for the Saturday and Sunday, but then the extra week of restricted travel put an end to that. Thanks to Graham and Cheryl Kent who had put in an enormous effort as venue officers prior to the rally, and hopefully the Hawaiian Luau evening will be able to be transferred to the Ledge Point rally. As a result of the Covid restrictions, the General Meeting scheduled to be held on 6 February 2021 was also cancelled.

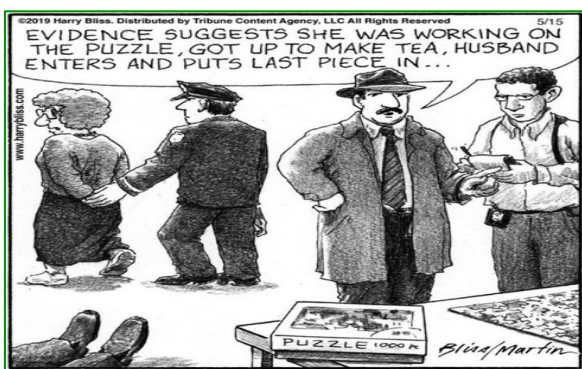
The Management Committee held a meeting by Zoom on 2 February and the minutes have been distributed to all members and uploaded to the website. A motion at that meeting called for a temporary stop to new memberships until the subject of membership numbers could be put to a vote of all members, either at a General Meeting or at the AGM later in the year. The motion was successful. Any feedback from members on this issue would be most welcome.

Please remember that the WA State Election will be held on Saturday, 13 March 2021 whilst we are at the Ledge Point rally. There will be a polling place at the Community Hall in Turner Street, Ledge Point or you may wish to do an early vote prior to the rally.

Included in this Gossip is a spreadsheet prepared by Ian Moore providing a snapshot of current active members, rallies attended and times as venue officers. Members are required to attend three rallies each calendar year unless on a leave of absence for extended travelling or ill health. If you can help out as a venue officer sometime this year please let Brian Bizzill know or enter your name on the website when registering for a rally.

Brian and I had planned on travelling through the South West and Great Southern regions following on from the Peppy Grove Beach rally. Needless to say that plan was thrown out the window, reinvented and reversed. Plan B is to leave Perth on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> visiting the Porongurups, Fitzgerald National Park, Cheynes Beach and Bridgetown for two weeks, getting back in time for our granddaughter's wedding the following weekend. Fingers crossed that everything goes to plan

Safe travelling, Helen



**Helen inserting the last piece of her puzzle during lockdown. Don't touch Brian!**

Did you know that you will live longer and better if you puzzle regularly? Studies show that people who do jigsaw and crossword puzzles have longer life spans with less chances of developing Alzheimer's disease, memory loss or dementia. Puzzling stimulates the brain and actually wards off the plaque that is the marker of Alzheimer's, according to a recent study published in the Archives of Neurology. The study compared brain scans of 75-year-olds to 25-year-olds. The elderly people who did puzzles regularly had brain scans comparable to the 25-year-olds. Start puzzling everyone! Ed.

## Current Active Members

2/2/21

From 2015

		Rallies attended					
Total	MEMBER	2017	2018	2019	2020	Venue	
Rallies						Officers	
104	Adams	8	6	8	7	3	
3	Allen	0	0	0	3	new	
80	Alilovic	3	4	3	2	0	
1	Ambrosius				1	new	
34	Ashford	3	2	3	4	2	
90	Bizzill	5	8	10	7	6	
6	Burge	0	0	3	3	0	
4	Celenza	1	1	2	1	0	
6	Curchin	0	2	1	3	0	
16	Foote	3	4	3	0	1	
175	Forbes	7	5	7	5	1	
29	Freind	2	1	1	5	1	
9	Haig	0	0	4	5	1	
43	Hiscock	10	5	7	2	2	
7	Jordan	0	0	2	5	1	
16	Kent	0	2	7	7	2	
59	Kirby	1	7	7	4	1	
104	Littlely	5	1	2	1	0	
95	Lundy	5	8	9	8	2	
2	Messenger	0	0	0	2	new	
2	Mitchell	0	0	0	2	new	
32	Moore	5	6	5	5	5	inc Xmas
74	Neale	6	6	6	6	3	
118	Olesen	5	6	8	5	2	
69	Parkinson	5	6	1	0	1	
142	Schell	6	7	6	5	4	
27	Tyler	6	2	0	3	0	
22	Young	5	6	5	6	5	inc AGM, Xmas
	Committee					8	

Less than three rallies per year

Leave of Absence

(some rallies were organised by past members)

Please check that your details are correct. For any discrepancies please email Membership Secretary Ian Moore at [ian1406@bigpond.com](mailto:ian1406@bigpond.com). Thank you.

# SANDGROPER CELEBRATIONS



*Happy Valentine's Day to all our members on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Enjoy your day.*

## February Birthdays

- 02 Elva Littlely
- 09 Brian Adams
- 11 Glenda Olesen
- 14 Peter Neale
- 15 Laraine Allen
- 20 Di Ashford
- 21 Mara Celenza



## March Birthdays

- 16 Frank Alilovic
- 16 Mary Wales
- 23 Paula Hiscock
- 24 Robin Ashford
- 25 Brian Wales

## February Anniversaries

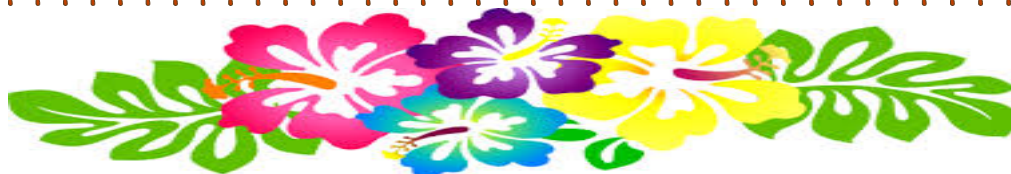
- 01 Lyn & Ron Mitchell
- 04 Rheta & Alan Parkinson
- 15 Laraine & John Allen
- 28 Helen & Brian Bizzill

## March Anniversaries

- 09 Annette & Ken Messenger
- 21 Di and Chris Young



Congratulations to extremely proud new grandparents, June and Allan Foote who welcomed their long awaited first grandchild Xavier into the world on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 weighing 3.02kgs and measuring 49cm long. The Footes are long time members of our club and are on a leave of absence at the moment travelling around Australia. They will have been away twelve months at the end of February and have had an eventful time ducking and diving crossing borders etc due to Covid and the various lockdowns over east. They were very lucky to have been able to stay with June's brother in Forster, NSW, for three months before travelling to QLD to catch up with friends. They were in Tassie for Xavier's arrival and are in no hurry to move on! Lots of love from all of us. xxx



program for  
**LEDGE POINT RALLY**  
742 Ledge Point Road LEDGE POINT  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Come and relax and unwind in the lazy crayfishing town of Ledge Point for a **Hawaiian Themed Rally**. Wear your bright floral shirts, tops, sarongs or grass skirts and hula your way down for some fun and games Hawaiian style. **Aloha**.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>** Arrive and set up at your leisure. No activities planned today.

5.00pm Happy Hour

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>**

8.00am Beach walk

9.00am Tai Chi

10.00am Morning Tea. For the thrill seekers check out quad bike rides at <https://www.perthquad.com.au/ride-options>. Good luck!

11.00am For something a little less strenuous - optional lawn bowls at the Country Club. No equipment necessary. Bare feet or sneakers, water, hat and sunscreen recommended. Coaching provided.

1.00pm See Doris for details.

3.00pm Afternoon Tea followed by first heats of **Finska Tournament**.

5.00pm Happy Hour. **Opening of the Rally**.

6.00pm Dinner at your leisure.

8.00pm (Approx.) Game of Left, Right, Centre. (\$1.00 required)

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>**

8.00am Beach walk

9.00am Tai Chi

10.00am Morning Tea. Day at your leisure. Check our Lancelin's website for lots of things to do and see or just laze by the pool.

3.00pm Afternoon Tea. Semis and **Grand Final** of Finska Tournament.

5.00pm Happy Hour and Presentation of Perpetual Trophy. (Come dressed in your Hawaiian gear.)

6.00 pm **The Hawaiian Games.**

6.30pm **Luau** - BBQ Dinner. Please BYO meat and a salad to share. Dessert provided.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>**

8.00am Beach Walk

No Tai Chi this morning.

9.30am Early Morning Tea and **Close of Rally**

12.30pm Lunch in Lancelin at The Dunes Restaurant for those interested. Numbers required please.

## WHAT TO DO AFTER A CAR CRASH

The following useful information was sent to me by the RAC and I thought I would share it with you as it applies to all road users. No one wants to be involved in a car crash but if you are there are a number of duties and obligations you have to fulfil so it's important to stay calm. I have printed a copy of this to keep in my glove box with pen, paper, the RAC's contact details and my insurance policy number. I hope you find the information useful. I did especially about tow trucks and accidents in car parks.

### **The key steps after you have been involved in a crash are: -**

1. If you crash into another vehicle or object, stop the car immediately, apply the handbrake and switch on your hazard lights.
2. Make sure it is safe to exit your car, and then carefully approach other vehicles that are involved to check if anyone at the scene is injured. Call emergency services on 000 if help is needed.
3. If emergency services are needed, stay at the scene until they arrive.
4. Once the crash scene is safe, there are some important details you'll need to collect to ensure any claims resulting from the crash can be dealt with quickly.

### **Required details: -**

1. W.A. law mandates that drivers involved in a crash must stop and supply their name and address (unless they have a disability). If they refuse, call the police.
2. You should record the full name, address and contact details, including phone numbers, email addresses and driver's license numbers of all parties involved in the crash e.g. drivers, passengers, vehicle/property owners and witnesses.
3. Record the registration number, make and model of all vehicles involved and the names of the insurance companies other drivers are covered by.
4. Record the time, date and precise location of the crash and everything you can remember about what happened.
5. Note the street names and position of any vehicles involved. Diagrams can help. Take photos/digital images of the incident and damage to other vehicles or property if it is safe to do so.
6. Also identify any crash features (traffic controls, road features, road alignment and other conditions).

### **Reporting a Road Crash: -**

1. According to W.A. Police, you must report a crash when the incident occurred on a road or any place commonly used by the public (such as a car park) and where:
  - The incident resulted in bodily harm to a person: or
  - The total value of property damage to all involved parties exceeds \$3000.00; or
  - The owner or representative of the damaged property isn't present.
2. When someone has been injured you must also report the crash to the Insurance Commission of W.A.
3. If you have been in traffic crash that fits the above criteria recently, you can report the crash and also make an injury claim through the W.A. Government's Online Crash Reporting Form. If you are unsure whether to report a crash, W.A. Police has more information.
4. In a minor incident where cars involved can be moved, take them out of the traffic flow. If cars can't be moved, leave them with hazard lights on and stay off the road somewhere safe.
5. Even if you think the crash is your fault, you should not engage in any conversation regarding responsibility for the crash. If you are insured with RAC Insurance they will liaise with you on these details.

### **If Your Vehicle is Safe to Drive: -**

1. If your vehicle is safe to drive, once you have arrived home, you will need to lodge a claim with your insurance company.
2. If your insurance company deems your vehicle repairable, you will take your car to a repairer as agreed with the insurer for a repair estimate. The repairer will then liaise with your insurer to get repairs underway.

### **If Your Vehicle isn't Safe to Drive: -**

1. If a tow truck is needed contact your insurance company to see what assistance they can provide.
2. Only you or the police can authorise for your vehicle to be towed. Check that any tow truck operator arriving on the scene has the same business name provided by your insurer when you requested the service.
3. You are not obliged to engage the first tow truck operator on the scene, even when traffic flow is impacted (unless the police instruct otherwise).

Drive safely everyone,  
Kind regards, Cheryl