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# WAGIN RALLY

## 28th MARCH – 1st April 2019

Chris & Di Young rally organisers arrived at 2.30pm Thursday to find the Bizzills, Lundy's, Ashfords, and Neales already set up. The Moores and Schells followed soon after and Haigs during happy hour. Afternoon tea followed and then a move to the small shed to escape the wind and cold for happy hour.

Friday dawn cold and windy 12 degrees and due to lack of numbers tai chi was cancelled. Ladder Golf heats took place after morning tea the winners being Brian Bizzill and Di, Colin & Robin & Ian and Linda. Friday afternoon saw the arrivals of Brian & Ronnie Adams, Cheryl & Graham Kent and visitors Rod & Sharon. Afternoon tea at 3pm followed by Helen Bizzill opening the rally in the absence of the President. New member badges were presented to Linda & Colin Haig who were warmly welcomed into the group. Di then invited Brian & Helen Bizzill to come forward to be presented with their 75 rally badges by Chris who took great delight in doing this as Chris stated Brian reckons it was a great day when he welcomed the Youngs to the Club!!!!



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No happy hour as we all assembled at 5.30pm and headed over to the trotting track for a fun night of eating, drinking and trying to win a dollar. There



were not many winners off the track but losing tickets were deposited into a container and at different times in the night draws took place for prizes. Our group did well out of these draws with



winner winners being Peter Neale, Ronnie Adams, Graham

Kent, Cheryl Kent and the major prize of the night being an overnight stay at the Comfort Inn in Perth with the winner being Helen Schell. A good night was had by all.



Saturday morning started with tai chi after which we wandered down to the Wagin Historical Village for scones, jam & cream and coffee for morning tea. Chris & Di received a message from friends, Vaughan & Julie, saying they were flying down from Perth to join us at morning tea so they collected them from the airport at Wagin and brought them along. A wander around the village followed with many interesting pieces of history to ponder over. Our visitor Rod found an old Telstra switchboard similar to what he worked on and was able to explain some of the workings plus a few stories of past experiences.



Unfortunately, Linda & Colin had to leave us after lunch so we were unable to take their place in the finals of the ladder golf. Colin and Cheryl and Ian and Robin played off to see who would challenge Di & Brian Bizzill in the finals. The finalists being Cheryl & Graham against Di & Brian Bizzill after a hard-fought game the winners were Di and Brian.

Happy hour followed under the undercroft followed by a community dinner in the small shed, a little cramped but good fun. Much laughter and banter followed with the game left right and centre being played. The eventual winner being Helen Bizzill with some contestants protesting that the dice belonged to the Bizzills and that was to Helen's advantage.

Sunday morning the rally was closed at morning tea with Helen thanking Di & Chris for organising the rally and the visitors for coming. The rally prize was drawn by Sharon and won by Di & Chris Young.



Those present were Chris & Di Young, Mary & Peter Neale, Helen & Brian Bizzill, Helen & Jim Schell, Cheryl & Graham Kent, Ronnie & Brian Adams, Beth & Ian Moore, Maureen & Roy Lundy Di and Robin Ashford and visitors Rod & Sharon



## A Frickin' Elephant

Jake is five and learning to read.  
He points at a picture in a zoo book and  
says, "Look Mama! It's a frickin' elephant!"

Deep breath... "What did you call it?"

"It's a frickin' Elephant, Mama!  
It says so on the picture!"

and so it does...

"African Elephant"

Hooked on phonics!  
Ain't it wonderful?

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"If I don't go to the doctor, he can't find anything  
wrong with me. That's how I stay healthy!"



## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi Fellow Sandgroppers, hope you are travelling well.

It was great to see so many of you at the recent General Meeting, and I am happy to say that the motions to change the “Constitution” to the new “Model Rules” and “By-Laws” were carried unanimously. I have completed the changes and just need to get some pagination done to tidy them up before submission to “The Department” for final ratification. Once again a big thank you to all involved in getting this to where it is.

I hope you all had a nice Easter and allowed yourself some time to reflect as well as spend time with friends and love ones. If the Easter Bunny was kind, don't eat all the chocolate at once.

Yarloop is upon us and sadly Paula and I won't be able to make it. Yes it's my fault, I am travelling again for work (of sorts). I am very interested to hear how the town is fairing post the horrific fires and how the local community are coping. Enjoy yourselves, spend plenty in the town and lets see if we can't make it a future rally option.

Look after yourselves, be safe on the road and I hope to catch up with you all very soon.

Kind regards

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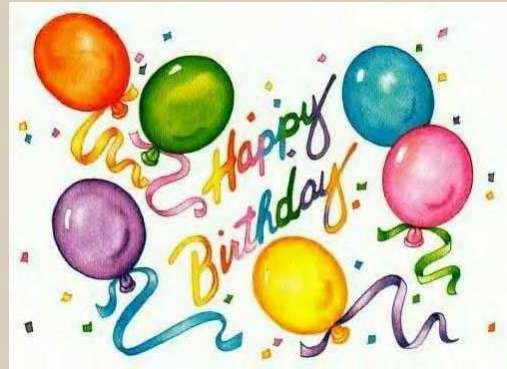
### Secrets to a long happy marriage



A old woman was sipping on a glass of wine, while sitting on the patio with her husband, and she says, "I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you"... Her husband asks, "Is that you, or the wine talking?"... She replies, "It's me... talking to the wine."

**APRIL 2019**

Ian Fullerton                      5th  
 Brian Bizzill                      23rd



**APRIL 2019**

Frank & Janice Alilovic              15th  
 Jim & Helen Schell                      18th  
 Graham & Clelia Gough              18th



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**ATTENDEES for Yarloop**

Ian & Beth Moore	Brian & Ronnie Adams	FSS
Alan & June Foote	Alan & Lynne Kirby	FSS
Roy & Maureen Lundy      TFSS	Ian & Beth Moore	
Brian & Helen Bizzill	Doris Freind	
Kel & Glenda Olesen          FSS		
Ian Fullerton & Margot Nicoll    TFS		

**NOTE: The cost for the weekend is \$5.50 per person per night payable on Friday to Ian Fullerton. Please have correct money for him. Thank you**



# ANZAC DAY

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## ATTRIBUTE TO ANZAC DAY

*With their hair a little whiter, their step not quite so sure  
Still they march on proudly as they did the year before.  
Theirs were the hands that saved us, their courage showed the way  
Their lives they laid down for us, that we may live today.*

*From Gallipoli's rugged hillsides, to the sands of Alamein  
On rolling seas and in the skies, those memories will remain.  
Of airmen and the sailors, of Lone Pine and Suvla Bay  
The boys of the Dardanelles are remembered on this day.*

*They fought their way through jungles, their blood soaked desert sands  
They still remember comrades who rest in foreign lands.  
They remember the siege of old Tobruk, the mud of the Kokoda Trail  
Some paying the supreme sacrifice with courage that did not fail.  
To the icy land of Korea, the steamy jungles of Vietnam  
And the heroic battle of Kapyong and that epic victory at Long Tan.*

*Fathers, sons and brothers, together they fought and died  
That we may live in peace together, while at home their mothers cried.  
When that final bugle calls them to cross that great divide  
Those comrades will be waiting when they reach the other side*

**Ken Bunker**

# UPCOMING RALLIES

**MAY 31st - 3rd 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)

.<sup>1</sup>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.<sup>[3]</sup>

**5th JULY – 8th JULY      WONGAN HILLS   -   182Km**

The town is named for a nearby range of hills that are found to the north-west of the town, also named [Wongan Hills](#), which was first recorded in 1836. In 1925 an agricultural research station was established about 5 km north of the town which assisted in the [diversification](#) and improvements in farm practices through the state. The area is a prosperous agricultural region with activities focused on sheep, grain and pig-farming.<sup>[5]</sup>

Construction of a [grain silo](#) commenced in 1933 as part of the bulk handling scheme that had been introduced by the government and managed by [Cooperative Bulk Handling](#).<sup>[6]</sup>

In the early 1900s, poet [Lilian Wooster Greaves](#) lived with her family at Wongan Hills. Her book of poetry includes a number of prose and poetry items relating to living there at the time of the first world war.<sup>1</sup>

Following Rally Program. Ian has asked that if any other members are going to Yarloop would you advise him so as he can let the CWA know for catering purposes. Also those on the list Ian would like you to let him know if the meal is OK.



# Yarloop OBT:

## Venue Officers Ian & Beth Moore

From Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Rally Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sun 6<sup>th</sup> May

On Sports Oval, Toilets and Showers. No Hall [ Being used by Town Resource Centre until theirs is rebuilt after Fire]

125 klm            \$ 5.50 per person per night.            Harvey township 20 klm away

Thursday            Early arrivals.

5 pm            Socialise and catchups

Friday            10 am            Morning Tea    Others arriving

3 pm            Afternoon Tea

5 pm            Happy Hour and open Rally

6 30 pm        BBQ tea to share together

Saturday            9 am            Tai Chi with Master Brian

10 am            Morning Tea with card games after

2 pm            Games Boules and or Finska if wanted

3 pm            Afternoon tea

5 pm            Happy Hour

6 pm            Meet and proceed to CWA Hall for 6 30

Dinner, Two roast meat vegies and sweets

\$ 25 per person, visit is contributing to rebuilding and supporting the Town.

Sunday            10 am            Morning Tea and closing of Rally for early departures.

11 30 am        Depart for picnic at Lake Brookman [10 klm]

5 pm            Socialise and Tea.

Monday            Late stayers depart at leisure.