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RALLY PEPPERMINT GROVE CARAVAN PARK

2nd to the 4rd February 2023

By Thursday evening everyone had arrived

Good talk filled the night

Friday started with an early morning walk up to the Lookout. The steps heading skyward was daunting. 110 steps. All the entrepid walkers made it to the top, to see a terrific view over the town and the coastline.



Thai Chi was well attended as usual followed by beach time where Alan Kirby entertained us with his inflatable paddleboard. The water clean and fresh with no stingers around to cause problems.

Gerry and Deb arrived for a day visit with Gerry setting up a testing station of our electrical cords. Many thanks for that good deed Gerry.

The afternoon saw Finska being played by most under the shady trees. We had a play off between Brian Bizzill, Chris Back, Alan Kirby and Colin Haig. Brian Bizzill is our Champion again having won the trophy back in 2018.





Helen opened the rally at 5.00pm and there was a discussion on the need for new committee members. Pizza from the park followed which was enjoyed by all. A beautiful warm and gentle evening to a spirited game of Left right and Centre played at two long tables set up. Roy Lundy and Helen Shell were the winners.



Another lovely sunny morning on Saturday but a hot day loomed. A walk to the beach followed by Thai Chi then many members went to Busselton Jetty trip out to the underwater observatory. It was a surprise to find the Jetty faces Rottneest. Four of us snorkled under the Jetty to see the beautiful corals. Our Sid, free dived to the bottom. Well done Sid!. Not as many fish these days.

Very quiet afternoon with swims at the beach to cool off. 5.00 o'clock the happy campers gathered, discussing their day. The shared Salads and desserts were enjoyed in the pleasant warm night, with a quiz to finish off. Jill again filled her role as the chocolate fairy with mind testing questions

PEPPERMINT GROVE ATTENDANCE

- 1 ADAMS: S&J
- 2 ALLEN : J&L
- 3 AMBROSIUS: J
- 4 ASHFORDL: R&D
- 5 BACK: C&L
- 6 BIZZILL: B&H
- 7 FRIEND: D
- 8 HAIG: C&L
- 9 LUNDY: R&M
- 10 MITCHEL: R&L
- 11 MOORE I&B
- 12 OLSEN: G
- 13 YOUNG: C&D
- 14 KIRBY: A&L
- 15 MUIR: J&D
- 16 NEALE: P&M (CABIN)
- 17 SCHELL: J&H (CABIN)

Congratulations to Beth and Ian Moore on attending 50 Rallies





PRESIDENT'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2023

It was a great rally at Peppermint Grove Beach. Thanks to the girls – Doris, Jill and Glenda – who kept us busy at times, but with lots of time to do our own thing. The visit to the underwater observatory at the end of the Busselton jetty was a great experience. Congratulations to Ian and Beth Moore on reaching 50 rallies, and it was great to see Jack and Deanne Muir attending their second rally. Following the rally, Brian and I spent four days in Augusta where the temperature was a bit cooler and very pleasant.

The next rally at Seabird is already well organised by Chris and Di Young and looks like being a great weekend.

You will all have received my recent email regarding the committee positions which will need to be filled in September, which I hope has everyone thinking about how they can become involved.

Ian and Beth Moore and Glenda Olesen will be heading off later this month for the National Caravan Club Rally to be held in Barmera, South Australia in March, joining up with around 400 other caravans from all over Australia. Best wishes to the three of them for an enjoyable rally and a safe trip there and back.

Sadly, as I write this, Roy Lundy is in hospital after becoming seriously ill following the last rally, however I understand he is slowly on the mend. I am sure all our Sandgroper members wish Roy all the best for a speedy recovery.

Stay safe ...

Helen

JANUARY CLUB PICNIC

The annual January club picnic this year was held at J H Abraham Reserve in Crawley. It was a lovely location on the banks of the Swan River with lots of shady trees, a barbecue and a pleasant breeze across the river. It was attended by around thirty club members who enjoyed catching up on all the news after the Christmas/New Year break.



Seabird Tavern Caravan Park Rally

44 McCormack Street, Seabird

Hosted by Chris and Di Young

Hi members. Chris and I are the Venue Officers for our upcoming rally at Seabird Tavern Caravan Park. If you have any queries, you can contact either of us on our mobiles. Our numbers are as follows, Di, 0419 911 775 Chris, 0419 941 757. Seabird was originally a Fisherman's Village where lobster fishing boats housed their crew. The beach is sandy, no rocks and perfect for swimming. Seabird is also a great spot for fishing from the beach or you can relax and read a good book. There are a couple of 4-wheel drive tracks along the beach and one of the tracks finishes in Guilderton. We have been told that the sand at Seabird is deep and soft so if you do drive along the beach, it will be necessary to let your tyres down slightly. If you are interested in 4-wheel driving chat to Deb when you check in, she will have all the up to date details. For those interested, on Friday 10th March, I have arranged that we have a game of Mini Golf followed by a Devonshire Tea at Caladenia Mini Golf and Le Shed Café. The Devonshire tea will include tea and coffee (instant) and a scone with jam and cream. The cost for mini golf and Devonshire tea is \$20 per person, this will need to be paid to me with cash only please at morning tea on Friday 10th March. Caladenia Mini Golf is located at 108 Caladenia Road, Gingin West, Off Cowalla Road – WANERIE. It is 36 kms from the caravan park and approximately a 26 mins drive. I have arranged for us to have dinner at the Seabird Tavern on Saturday 11th March, we had lunch there with Brian and Helen a few weeks ago and it was a very nice meal. The menu has a good variety, and all of the meals are available for eat in or take away, and I have attached a copy of the menu for your information. Sizzling Garlic Prawns not available for take away, dine in only. If you would like to attend the mini golf and or the dinner, can you please advise me via email by Saturday 2nd March 2023. My email address is, sandgroper.treasurer@outlook.com Just a short stroll down the road from the caravan park is the Seabird Sunset Café. This is very casual café selling freshly cooked hamburgers, fish n chips, coffee, and some basic café food. It is take away or dine in, it is also a General and Liquor Store. This café closes at 6pm daily and takes last orders at 5:15pm. The caravan park is very flat with nice large sites and green grass but not a tree in sight nor a camp kitchen. If you have an awning that you can easily carry, could you please arrange to bring it along. We may need it when we setup Sandgroper Central. That's all from me, take care and look forward to seeing you at Seabird. Di & Chris xx Seabird Tavern Car

PROGRAM FOR SEABIRD RALLY

Thursday 9th March 2023

arrive & settle in

3pm afternoon tea

5pm happy hour followed by dinner at your leisure

Friday 10th March 2023

8:30am walk

9:30am Thai Chi with the Master

10:30am morning tea

1:30pm mini golf and Devonshire tea

5pm happy hour and opening of the rally

6:30pm combined BBQ dinner, BYO meat, shared salads /desserts

8pm quiz with Quizmaster Chris

Saturday 11th March 2023

8:30am walk

9:30a Thai Chi with the Master

10:30am morning tea

1pm Ladder Golf Annual World Championships

3pm afternoon tea

5pm happy hour

6:30pm dinner at the Seabird Tavern

Sunday 12th March 2023

9:30am closing of the rally

A day at leisure, maybe play some board games, swimming, game of pool at the Tavern or maybe fish n chips for lunch from the Seabird Sunset Café or a takeaway pizza for dinner from the Tavern

VEGETERIAN

- 19 **Vegetarian Burger**
Soybean Protein Patty, Fried Onion, Tomato, Cheddar, Lettuce, Acid, Tomato Sauce, Chips
- 16 **Vegetarian Nachos**
Sautéed Corn, Beans, Salsa, Topped with Cheese and Cream, Spring Onion
- 20 **Wald With Veg**
Crispy Potatoes Mixed Vegetables in A Creamy Garlic Sauce, Topped with Parmesan Cheese
- 18 **Our Fried Rice With Vegetables**
Sweet Vegetables, Homemade Sauce
- 13 **Beef Or Sweet Protein Chips**
- 20 **Soybean Sautéed Bowl**
Sautéed Carrots, Cauliflower, Red Onion, Corn, Spring Onion, Cucumber, Sesame, Homemade Dressing
- 20 **Beef Or Much Potato & Vegetables**
Sweet Vegetables And Meat Protein
- 22 **Beef Bun**
- 22 **Sweet Potato Chips**

KIDS

- 18 **1/2 And Sauce**
1 Pottery Fries With Chips
- 10 **Top And Chips**
Jacketed Or Beer Battered Fish, Chips
- 10 **Chicken And Chips**
1 Chicken Nuggets With Chips
- 10 **Hand Rings And Chips**
1 Crumbed Fajita Rings With Chips

Dessert

- 5 **Ice Cream**
Two Scoops With Your Choice Of Vanilla, Strawberry Or Chocolate Flipping, Sprinkles
- 8 **Cake And Ice Cream**
Nigella Sake Tea Sandwich For The Love Of The Day With Ice Cream Or Cream
- 16 **Appetizers**
1/2 Dozen Handmade Potatoes, Tarragon, Nigella Sake Tea, Tomato, Spring Onion

BREAKFAST

Available until 11am

- 14 **Bacon & Egg Toasted Sandwich**
Bacon, Egg, Tomato Or Egg Sauce Served On Lightly Toasted Bread, Must Brown
- 14 **BLT**
Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato, Egg Sauce, Acid, Served On Lightly Toasted Bread, Cheese
- 12 **Horn, Cheese & Tomato Croissant**
Small Soft Sausage
- 25 **Seedbird Big Breakfast**
Two Eggs, Sour Wagon, Bacon, Tomato, Must Brown, Mushrooms, Cheddar, Grated Cheese, Toast
- 16 **Bacon & Eggs**
Bacon, Two Eggs, Sour Wagon, Toast
- 11 **Eggs On Toast**
Two Eggs, Sour Wagon, Toast
- 16 **Pancake Stack**
Two Homemade Pancakes With Maple Syrup, Icing Cream Or Lemon Syrup
- 4 **Add-On**
Tarragon | Fried Onions | Fried Mushroom | Smooth Bread | Bacon | Sprinkles | Must Brown | Bacon | Egg



HOT DRINKS

- 5 **Coffee**
- 4 **Hot Chocolate**
- 4 **Mocha**
- 4 **Hot Or Iced English Breakfast (Tea)**
Cinnamon | Green Tea

COLD DRINKS

- 4 **Milkshakes**
Chocolate | Vanilla | Banana Strawberry | Caramel | Spearmint
- 2 **Mohito A Thickshake**
- 8 **Iced Coffee**
With Cream And Icing Cream
- 4 **Juice**
Apple | Pineapple
- 4 **Soft Drink**
Fizzy | Fruit

STARTERS

- 25 Tasting Plate For Two
Caponri Rings, Spring Onions, Tomatoes, Fresh Basil,
Asparagus with Sweet Cream, Sweet Onion Sauce
- 8 Homemade Garlic Bread
Lightly Toasted Bread with A Garlic Butter Spread
- 12 Baskets Of Chips
Garden Of Eatin' Tomatoes Sauce
- 14 Biscuits Of 'n' Ragouts
With Sour Cream, Sweet Chili Sauce
- 19 Sizzling Garlic Prawns
8 Fresh Prawns Cooked In A Garlic Olive Oil
- 23 Creaming Garlic Prawns
8 Creaming Garlic Prawns Served On A Bed Of Rice

BURGERS

- 18 Hamburgers
Meat Sauce, Fried Onions, Tomatoes, Ketchup,
Lettuce, Tomatoes Sauce, Avocado, Chips
- 23 Steak Burger
Tender Scotch Ribsteak, Fried Onions, Ketchup,
Lettuce, Tomatoes, Avocado, Big Smoke Chips
- 20 Chicken Burger
Chicken Fritter, Fried Onions, Ketchup, Lettuce,
Tomatoes, Avocado, Big Smoke Chips
- 20 Fish Burger
Battered 3/4 lb. Fried Fish, Tomatoes, Ketchup,
Lettuce, Avocado, Tomato, Chips
- 5 Add True Let
Egg, Bacon



MAINS

- 14 Seaboard Schnitzel
Crumbed Chicken Breast, Truffled with a Potato,
Creaming Garlic Sauce, Served with Chips, Garden Salad
- 27 Chicken Parmigiano
Breaded Chicken Breast, Tomatoes Sauce, Mashed Potatoes,
Chips, Garden Salad
- 24 Chicken Schnitzel
Crumbed Chicken Schnitzel, Chips, Garden Salad
- 32 Seabird's Ocean Fleet
Fresh Grilled Snapper, 4 Creaming Garlic Prawns,
Chips, Garden Salad
- 32 Creaming Garlic Prawns
8 Creaming Garlic Prawns Served On A Bed Of Rice,
Chips, Garden Salad
- 32 Sizzling Garlic Prawns
8 Sizzling Garlic Prawns Cooked In A Garlic Olive Oil,
Chips, Garden Salad
- 21 Caponri Rings
8 Crumbed Caponri Rings, Chips, Garden Salad
- 21 Soft & Peppery Squid
8 Pieces Of Soft And Peppery Squid, Chips,
Garden Salad
- 23 Seafood Basket
1 Piece Of Fish, 1 Crumbed Prawn, 2 Squid Rings,
1 Scallops, Crab Stick Prawns, Chips, Salad
- 26 Fish & Chips
Beer Battered Or Grilled Fish, Garden Salad, Chips,
Tartar Sauce, Lemon
- 22 ~~Deliciously Delicious~~ ~~Deliciously Delicious~~
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- 25 Cordon Rouge
Bacon, Mushroom, Spring Onions, Creaming Sauce,
Garlic Bread
- 18 Heat Layers
Pappardone, Salmon, Onions, Chicken, Bacon,
Mushroom, Tomato, Big Smoke, Cheese
- 25 Supreme
Mushroom, Chicken, Tomato, Onion, Cheese,
Caponri, Mushroom, Tomatoes Sauce, Cheese
- 23 Chicken And Bacon
Mushroom, Chicken, Bacon, Big Smoke, Cheese
- 23 Avasia
Mushroom, Bacon, Onion, Egg, Big Smoke, Cheese
- 25 Howdillon
Mushroom, Pappardone, Tomato Sauce, Cheese
- 25 Chicken Howdillon
Chicken, Mushroom, Pappardone, Tomatoes Sauce, Cheese
- 23 Mydurgarub
Fresh Tomatoes, Tomatoes Sauce, Cheese
- 23 From And Cheese
Mushroom, Cheese, Tomatoes Sauce, Cheese
- 25 Cheese
Mashed Cheese, Tomatoes Sauce

FROM THE GRILL

Served with chips & salad or with a egg

Fry's Piggy

- 18 Steak
Steak Fried In Your Living, Chips, Garden Salad
- 18 Fish
Fish In Your Living, Chips, Garden Salad
- 43 Soft 'n' Tasty
Fresh Fried, Battered with a Potato, Creaming
Garlic Sauce, Chips, Garden Salad
- 4 Sauce Selection
Mushroom | Creaming Garlic | Curry | Pepper

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 16 Mary Wales
March 18 Di Young
March 24 Robin Ashford
March 25 Brian Wales

ANNIVERSARIES

March 6 Noelene & Colin Muir
March 18 Di & Chris Young

BURGE'S TRAVELS

Hi All

Hope you all had wonderful Christmas and New year celebrations.

We are now one month into our travels around Tasmania. It was a great day trip across, 6 Hours to get from Geelong to the Tasman sea, then 4-5 hours across the open waters.

Starting from Davenport we went anti-clockwise.

The first place to visit was the fresh food market, since you can't bring any fresh stuff into Tassie.

We spent the first week touring through the north including Cradle Mountain for one of the "60 Walks around Tasmania".

As well we visited all the towns along to Wynyard. Did more shopping following the growers publication and now have lots of berries in the freezer, as well as eating our fare share.

We moved to the west coast to visit the amazing area of wilderness called The Tarkine. More walking through forests to see waterfalls. The trees are gigantic!!! Moving down to Strahan for the Gordon River/MacQuarie Harbour Cruise. It was a very overcast day but beautiful scenery, just the same. Saw the Play "The ship that never was", it has been running continuously for 29 Years, such a great experience. A short stop into Queenstown to the lookout and do Laundry.

The most amazing place to visit was at Derwent Bridge. We camped in the Pub Front grounds with many others, did another great walk to Nelson Falls then went to "The Wall". I have no pictures, no cameras allowed but please Google it to see the absolutely amazing Wood sculpture!!!!!!

Moving on to New Norfolk, close to Hobart to get new tyres, then down south to the Huon Valley. We went to Tarhune for the Airwalk adventure as well as lots of eating in great places around the valley. and more wonderful scenery of the coastline.

A Bruny Island coach tour was next to give Rod a day free of driving and to maximise the sites to visit such as Bruny Island cheese, Get Shucked oyster farm and Bruny island hotel for a local lunch.

We then spent 6 nights in Hobart to see the tourist spots as well as some well

We went on the Pennicotts Tasman Island Cruise before starting up the east coast. That was a much more adventurous cruise than the sedate cruise of the Gordon River. We had to wear all weather Jackets with hoods to keep as dry as possible. The scenery of the very rugged coastline was awesome along with the wildlife - Seals, Albatross and other sea birds, also dolphins. We even ventured into

the Tasman sea and the Southern Ocean while circumnavigating Tasman Island. Currently, we are in Swansea on the East coast to continue our Tasmanian journey. Tonight out to dinner to a very different restaurant called The Waterloo. They have a very small clientele each evening (Wed-Sat) and serve share plates of only local foods.

Tomorrow on to the Freycinet National park for a few days then on to Bicheno for a Penguin tour among other things

Regards

Sharon and Rod Burge





Coral at Busselton Jetty



Viewing Platform



All aboard the jetty train