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Not a Hero

*The ANZAC Day march was over - the old Digger had done his best.
His body ached from marching - it was time to sit and rest.
He made his way to a park bench and sat with lowered head.
A young boy passing saw him - approached and politely said,
"Please sir do you mind if I ask you what the medals you wear are for?
Did you get them for being a hero, when fighting in a war?"*

*Startled, the old Digger moved over and beckoned the boy to sit.
Eagerly the lad accepted - he had not expected this!
"First of all I was not a hero," said the old Digger in solemn tone,
"But I served with many heroes, the ones that never came home.
So when you talk of heroes, it's important to understand,
The greatest of all heroes gave their lives defending this land.*

*"The medals are worn in their honour, as a symbol of respect.
All diggers wear them on ANZAC Day - it shows they don't forget."
The old digger then climbed to his feet and asked the boy to stand.
Carefully he removed the medals and placed them in his hand.
He told him he could keep them - to treasure throughout his life,
A legacy of a kind - left behind - paid for in sacrifice.*

*Overwhelmed the young boy was speechless - he couldn't find words to say.
It was there the old Digger left him - going quietly on his way.
In the distance the young boy glimpsed him - saw him turn and wave goodbye.
Saddened he sat alone on the bench - tears welled in his eyes.
He never again saw him ever - but still remembers with pride,
When the old Digger told him of Heroes and a young boy sat and cried.*

Clyde Hamilton

Big Valley Campsite. Rally Report.

Friday 6th – Sunday 8th April

The first arrivals were on the Wednesday, the Littlelys and the Lundys, and they endured a very windy night. Most others arrived around lunchtime on Thursday, set up camp and caught up with each other before a happy hour and tea together in the large and well-furnished camp kitchen. As Big Valley is a working farm and the sites are near the machinery sheds and yards we were entertained with a flock of sheep passing through to be “crutched”, some of the sheep heavy with lambs.

Friday morning was a little cool and not many takers for a walk or Tai Chi. Only Maureen put her head out and saw there were no other takers. Peter was up and about though to do his paper run to Margaret River, very much appreciated thank you Peter.

Little was organised until the rally opened in the afternoon except for a committee meeting. So after morning tea there were numerous couples having a run to Margaret River and surrounds whilst others had a quiet time. David opened the committee meeting at 3 and closed it at 4.15. A club record but all points covered.

David then opened the rally at happy hour and welcomed and presented club badges to our newest members, Graham and Cheryl Kent. A camp fire was lit and after barbecue and dinners a sociable evening was had by all, some staying up to Fire Out at 10pm.



New Members Graham & Cheryl

Saturday was again a quiet start but a few takers for Tai Chi, thank you Brian. There were walks around the property for some and a ladies craft meeting to organise classes and a stall for the National Rally in October 2019! Some came across the large number of Guinea Pigs wandering around the office area. They

started with just two!

1 45 pm the troops gathered for a small convoy of



Rheta & Alan

vehicles for the short drive to “The Berry Farm” where we had an afternoon tea on the back veranda. Two long tables ready for us and serves of Scones or



Natalie & Ian

Berry pies and other delights. The pies were enough to

feed three people each but we struggled through. A surprise visit from Rheta and Alan and Natalie & Ian who were staying in the area made it a very enjoyable afternoon, A walk round the gardens, and a browse in the shop finished the afternoon.



Enjoying the delicacies at Berry Farm

A damp start to happy hour and some final finishes to the Casseroles and Curries and a shared dinner was enjoyed by all, followed by an easy quiz. Sorry who said easy! The first answer was "France", easily

won by a young French girl sharing the camp kitchen with us, who with her family joined in the quiz and did quite well. Better than some of our pairs.



Clelia dressed for dinner

Sunday was quiet again, David and Paula had to leave early so Helen Bizzill closed the rally at morning tea, the rally prize going to....wait for it. Roy and Maureen, again, again. Donated by Allan and June Foote.

A good number of people were staying for another night so happy hour



Maureen & Roy c/van prize winners

and tea together and a gathering around the fire pit, shared with other campers.

Monday morning and heavy showers dampened the packing up but goodbyes were said at the end of a relaxing rally.

Ian and Beth.

Those attending rally were Ian & Beth Moore, Brian & Helen Bizzill, Graham & Clelia Gough, Arthur & Elva Littlely, Peter & Mary Neale, Ron Halse, David & Paula Hiscock, Kevin & Thelma Forbes, Graham & Cheryl Kent.





VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

April 2018

The Big Valley campsite was a great place to stay, just 10 km out of the town of Margaret River, with lots of trees and very peaceful. It was a relaxing rally allowing time for everyone to do their own thing, as well as an outing to the Berry Farm and a great curry night. It was great to see our surprise visitors on the Saturday – Alan and Rheta and Ian and Natalie – who also joined us at the Berry Farm for afternoon tea. Both Ian and Alan were looking well, and it took a while to work out what looked different about Rheta and Natalie, both of whom had recently had laser surgery on their cataracts and no longer needed to wear glasses all the time.

We are looking forward to a good attendance at Moore River and hope that this lovely autumn weather continues.

Lots of members are now preparing for travelling north for the cooler months, and we wish all of them safe travels, as well as those members who are heading off overseas in the next few months.

Travel safe and keep well ...

Cheers

Helen Bizzill

A guy goes to his doctor and tells him he's having trouble doing the things around the house that he used to do.

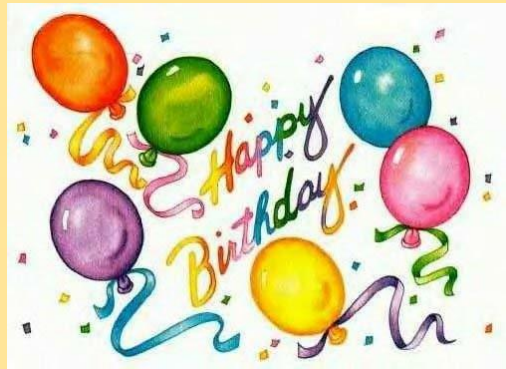
When the examination was complete, he said: Now Doc, I can take it. Tell me in plain English what is wrong with me.

Well, in plain English, the doctor replied, you're just lazy.

OK, said the man. Now give me the medical term so I can tell my wife

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Ian Fullerton 5th
Brian Bizzill 23rd



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

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**I've reached
an age where
my train of
thought
often leaves
the station
without me.**

MOORE RIVER

Guilderton, WA

2 Dewar St; Guilderton

Fri 4th May to Sun Sun 6th May

Venue Officers: Alan and Lynne Kirby 0400017946 or 0400017951

Thurs 3rd May Early arrivals set up

5pm Happy Hour

Casual Dinner as you please

Friday 4th May Arrival of other members (games available: Boules. Ladder Golf)

8am Walk

9am Tai Chi

10am Morning Tea

11am'ish – 3pm'ish Ladder Golf Finals series.

3pm Afternoon Tea

5pm Happy Hour and Opening of Rally or this may happen earlier

6:30pm BBQ or Dinner of choice

Saturday 5th May 8am Walk

9am Tai Chi

10am Morning Tea

11am Grand Final of Ladder Golf and presentation of Trophy

3pm onwards - Visit Guilderton Country Club for a Roll-up of Lawn Bowls and/or drinks and/or meals. So this could include Afternoon tea, Happy Hour and even dinner for those that choose to do so.

5pm Happy Hour

6:00 Communal Dinner

7:30pm Quiz

Closing of Rally at some point?

MOORE RIVER ATTENDEES:

Alan & Lynne Kirby Venue Officers

Kel & Glenda Olesen	Chris & Di Young
Roy &Maureen Lundy	Laurie Tyler & Patricia Elery
Brian & Helen Bizzill	Robin & Di Ashford
Jim & Helen Schell	Alan & Rheta Parkinson
Kevin & Thelma Forbes	Peter & Mary Wales
Jerry & Debbie Curchin (Visitors)	

COMING RALLIES

3rd – 6th May

Moore River – Guilderton 100km north of Perth

The town is situated on the last remaining river estuary (Moore River) on the Swan Coastal Plain unspoilt by development. Residents strive to maintain the near pristine environment at its best for current and future generations to enjoy. Our aim is to preserve HISTORY, be active in the PRESENT and plan our FUTURE.

**31st May -
4th June**

Jennacubbine - 117 Km

The town's name derives from the Noongar name for a well in the area, which may mean "salt water" according to some sources and was first recorded by explorer Augustus Gregory in 1848 as "Jenacubine", with the current spelling being adopted in 1889. Jennacubbine was established as a siding on the railway line from Northam to Goomalling in June 1902.^[2]

5th – 8th July

Baliidu 217 km

Ballidu is a town in the Wheatbelt region of Western Australia. Ballidu is 34 kilometres (21 mi) north of the town of Wongan Hills which, along with a few other small towns such as Cadoux and Bindi Bindi make up the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu. Ballidu has a population of less than 100 people and consists of Ballidu Primary School, the local Art Gallery, a hall, a general store for groceries and essentials. As Ballidu is a farming region, over the years (as the size of the surrounding farms has increased), the town has become smaller and smaller. Currently there are only 4 students attending the local school in 2016.