

# GROPER'S GOSSIP

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## Quairading Rally

Report by David & Paula Hiscock

Thursday 27th July

The Hiscock's, Gough's, Littley's, Forbes', Laurie Tyler and his partner Tricia all arrived to a fine but windy Quairading, and the local gossip was all about an impending storm that might come through. During the afternoon there was almost a crisis when Kevin Forbes lost the wing nut to his satellite dish, so he headed into town to see if he could find a replacement. After an hour or so he returned triumphant, and crisis aborted. Forever the optimist David Hiscock (with some expert advice from Paula & Clelia) set about lighting a fire for the evening. Within an hour or so of the fire being lit, the God's had listened to our request and the evening turned fine and calm. After a BBQ, all settled by the fire to a beverage or two and some toasted marshmallows.



Friday 28th July

Friday morning saw a change in the weather as the cold front slowly swept across town. The Lengkeek's arrived to a cold and wet reception, especially from the "permanent" who was staying in the park. He made it quite clear that they could not set up next to him. Apparently he was the

same fellow who upset Arthur Littlely upon his arrival on the Thursday. For lunch it was decided we would head out for a picnic to Mt Stirling, so in convoy we left taking in the lovely views of the surrounding fields and outcrops of granite rocks. Upon arriving at Mt Stirling we found out the roads heading to the summit were private and the small picnic area not suitable, so plan B was to head out to Kokerbin Rock. After bite to eat and a nice hot cuppa, Paula & David Hiscock, Bob Lengkeek and Graham Gough set off to climb the rock, while Clelia & Dianna stayed behind to hold the fort. It took approximately 2 hours to complete the trip to the top and back with some sections quite challenging, especially as we had gale force winds and driving rain to deal with off and on. After the walk, all agreed that they were looking forward to sitting down to a nice hot casserole in the evening. Happy hour arrived and David opened the rally, welcoming back Bob & Dianna Lengkeek as well as Laurie Tyler's partner Tricia. Kevin Forbes provided an update on WAACCI and a reminder about the State rally in York in September. After a lovely meal, all sat down to a game of Left, Right, Centre where Kevin Forbes cleaned up. To top the evening off for the Forbes family, Thelma duly thrashed us all at Chase the Ace and then they went home with their spoils. For those of us still stunned at what had happened it was decided the only way to end the night was to adjourn to the fire pit for a few drinks until the wet weather drove us home.



## Saturday 29th July

Saturday morning was free and a number of us went in various directions to explore the town (the café and bakery) and its surrounds. Laurie & Tricia went for a walk to the high part of town and the hospital area, Kevin found the bakery and enjoyed a lovely pie, while others did a walk around the nature reserve or to explore the large bric a brac stores. In the afternoon we set out for one of our main activities, "Bonfire in the Paddock" to enjoy afternoon tea. Well it wasn't exactly in a

paddock, it was next to one and in the backyard of our host who had some undercover areas should the weather close in on us. Locals Wendy, Darrell & Janine (J9 as she is affectionately known) hosted us for afternoon tea, scones & savouries while telling us a little about the history of the region. A large talking point was the size of the fire pit that Darrell had in his yard. Made out of the rim of a large truck it gave off plenty of heat when loaded with a decent fire; it was just what was required on a cool winters afternoon. After a very filling afternoon tea, we made it back to the caravan park just in time for happy hour, where the food was a little light on but the drinks still flowed. After a light dinner for most, those able to, made their way to the fire pit for one last night.

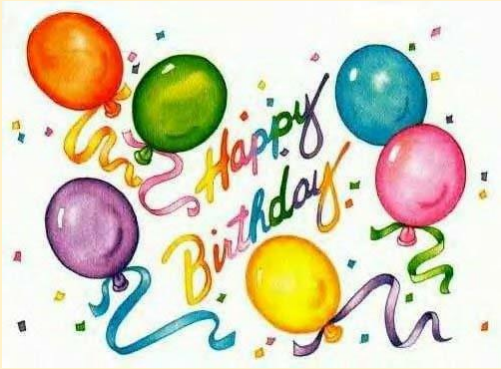


### Sunday 30th July

Sunday morning saw everyone packing up for the trip home. David and Paula won the prize, kindly donated by Kel & Glenda, though the odds were on Kevin and Thelma to take it. David closed the rally at morning tea and before long the park was empty. Though only a small rally we packed a lot in and really enjoyed the local hospitality and the features the region has to offer.

### Attendees:

David & Paula Hiscock, Kevin & Thelma Forbes, Arthur & Elva Littley, Graham & Clelia Gough, Laurie Tyler & Tricia, Bob & Dianna Lengkeek,



Brian Morris – 31st

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Allan Foote –	8th
David Hiscock –	17th
Margaret Kerrigan –	25th
Kel Olesen –	27th



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## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Ted & June Bunce –	1st
Robin & Di Ashford –	2nd
Gerry & Margaret Kerrigan –	21st

**PROGRAM**  
**COLLIE CARAVAN RALLY (AGM) 24-28 AUGUST 2017**  
**Collie River Caravan Park**  
**1 Porter Street, Collie 9734 5088**

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<b>THURSDAY, 24th</b>	Arrive and settle in
3.30 pm	Afternoon tea
5.00 pm	Happy hour
6.30 pm	Communal dinner
<b>FRIDAY, 25th</b>	
10.00 am	Morning tea
5.00 pm	Happy hour and opening of rally
6.30 pm	Soup and sausage sizzle ( <i>supplied by the club</i> )
	Socialising or games
<b>SATURDAY, 26<sup>th</sup></b>	
8.00am – 12.00pm	Goods Shed Market
9.00 am	Tai Chi or walk
10.00 am	Morning tea
1.30 pm	Annual General Meeting
3.30 pm	Afternoon tea ( <i>supplied by the Club</i> )
5.00 pm	Happy hour
7.00 pm	Dinner at the Golden Eagle Chinese Restaurant ( BYO)
<b>SUNDAY, 27th</b>	
9.00 am	Tai Chi or walk
10.00 am	Morning tea and closing of rally
11.30 am	Leave for picnic lunch (depending on weather) to Harris Dam
3.30 pm	Afternoon tea
5.00 pm	Happy hour
6.30 pm	Communal dinner
<b>MONDAY, 28th</b>	Pack up and depart

## ATTENDEES FOR COLLIE

### Rally Organisers - The Committee

Brian & Helen Bizzill	FSS	Laurie Tyler	TFSSM
Graham & Clelia Gough	FSSM	Ian & Margot	TFSS
Chris & Di Young		Ian & Beth Moore	TFSS
Alan & Rheta Parkinson	TFSS	Jim & Helen Schell	
Brian & Ronnie Adams	FSS		
Brian & Mary Wales	onsite		
DAY VISITORS:	Ron Halse		
	Robin Ashford		
	David & Paula Hiscock		

## COMING RALLIES:

21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> September

STATE RALLY - YORK

Nestled on the banks of the Avon River in the gently rolling farmlands of the beautiful Avon Valley, the district offers unique insights into Western Australia's rich and colourful past, both before and following European settlement in 1831.

York was the first inland settlement in Western Australia, and the town has many historic, heritage listed Victorian and Federation buildings. An abundance of local activities and facilities make it an attractive destination and a fantastic place to live.

26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October - WILLOW BROOK FARM -GINGIN

Willowbrook Farm Caravan Park is an easy 1.5 hour drive from Perth in a quiet and secluded setting, nestled amongst gumtrees ... It's one of those rare and wonderful finds that seldom comes along when looking for a weekend getaway or a stopover when passing through from one destination to another.

From the moment you pull into the driveway of Willowbrook Farm, you will be captured by the ambience with its large grassed campsites, Australian native trees, authentic shearing shed, small pioneer cemetery and the original homestead, built in 1874.

## **Agenda for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Sandgroper Caravanners Inc.**

**To be held at the Collie Caravan park on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 1.30pm**

**President to open the meeting.**

- **Attendance & Apologies**

- Attendance list to be completed.

- **Reports**

- **President's report**

- Adoption of the report.
    - Matters arising

- **Treasurer's report**

- Adoption of the report.
    - Matters arising

- **Auditor's report**

- **Rally coordinator's report**

- Adoption of the report.
    - Matters arising

- **Membership Secretary's report**

- Adoption of the report.
    - Matters arising

- **Election of Management Committee**

- **President**

- A formal nomination has been received from David Hiscock

- **Vice President**

- A formal nomination has been received from Helen Bizzill

- **Club Secretary**

- No nomination received to date

- **Treasurer**

- A formal nomination has been received from Mary Neale

- **Committee positions**

- Formal nominations have been received from: Glenda Olesen, June Foote, Ron Halse, Clelia Gough and Ian Moore

- **Rally Coordinator**

- Ian Moore has offered to take up the position of Rally Coordinator.

- **Membership Secretary**

- Clelia Gough has offered to take up the position of Membership Secretary

- **Fees**

- Annual subscription.
    - Nomination fee.
    - Other fees.

- **Confirmation of Bank Signatories**

- **General Business**

- **Closure**



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2017**

Once again I would like to thank the other members of our committee – Roy, David, Alan, Brian, Ian, June, Kel and Janet - for keeping the club functioning for the last twelve months. During that time the committee faced a number of challenges, and my one regret is that we did not manage to progress the new constitution, however hopefully that will be achieved in the near future.

We have had difficulty in getting members to nominate for committee positions, and it seems to me that it is the same people all the time working on the committee. At the time of writing this report we still do not have a nomination for the position of Secretary. Everybody is able to contribute in some way and equally everybody has a responsibility to assist in the running of the Club.

The Club has enjoyed successful rallies this year and Ian Moore has laid the groundwork for more great rallies next year. Unfortunately during the year we had three vans resign from the Club – the Steins, Johnsons and Savages – for various reasons. Brian and Mary have ceased caravanning but are remaining members of the Club and will join us at selected rallies. We have two new van members and at least two more prospective vans. I believe the Club will continue to expand its list of members into the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the incoming committee success and to thank everyone for their support during my term as President.

See you on the road somewhere .....

Brian

## **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT 2017**

Thanks to Ian and Alan who ran the club while so many were away in Canberra at the National Rally. Despite low numbers we were still able to attract some visitors to the club during this time.

Rallies were poorly attended at Christmas, and New Year and the Easter Rally was cancelled.

This year seen Thelma and Kevin Forbes chalk up 150 rallies attended ---well done.

During the year we had 3 resignations and 1 new member giving us a membership total of 29 vans .We have 2 couples that have paid up their Nomination fee.

We have another 2 couples that attended 2 rallies and then went on long holidays yet to hear from them since.

We have sent out copies of the Gossip out to another 9 interested parties and got favourable comments back with some probably joining up in the New Year.

The Kirby`s who have had a long leave of absence are due back in Perth soon.

So with the likelihood of losing a few members through age or disabilities we should see ample replacements.

Brian Adams