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2019 SANDGROPER COMMITTEE



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Di Young



Committee Member
Ronnie Adams



Treasurer
Alan Parkinson



Committee Member
Helen Schell



Membership
Secretary
Clelia Gough

WHITE GUM FARM

16th - 19th August 2018
Venus Officers Clelia Gough

Thursday 16th August

By the time we arrived, Ronnie and Brian were already there having driven down from their latest trip up north.

We were joined by Merle and Elva who had booked the "chalets" or on-site Dongers which had no locks on the front doors.



Weather was fine and during that time, five more Members arrived. As it was quite cold that evening, we all ate in our own caravans then sat around the open fire until it was too cold.

The open fire really only warmed those that managed to set their seats in the front, others froze or went back to their Vans.



Friday 17th August

The Young's arrived so did the 4 Wheel Drive Club who really boosted numbers in the park, we all had a lazy day enjoying the sun that warmed us just a bit while having afternoon tea and happy hour.

Saturday 18th August

Breakfast was at the Settlers House Restaurant. Food was mainly cold even though we had pre-ordered. There were a few mix ups but we all enjoyed the company.

We were also joined by day trippers, Glenda and friend, the Parkinson's, the Celenza's, the Lenkgeek's



the Neale's, Ron Halse and the Kerrigan's who had all come to York for the AGM. After breakfast, some of us went to the Sock Factory, others wandered around town .





30 x people attended the AGM. (refer Minutes sent out by Dianne and attached at end of Gossip)
 A presentation to Gerry & Margaret Kerrigan to thank them for all the work and effort they put into getting the Club up and running plus their continued support over the following years.



Others that had retired during the year included Ron Halse, the Kessells and the Bunces.
 A delicious afternoon Tea was provided by the Club (thank you Dianne for arranging that for

us)

After dinner in our own caravans, we went back into the hall and stoked up the fire. Clelia asked a few trivia questions and Graham rewarded correct answers with chocolates.
 The caravan prize was also drawn at this time as some wanted to leave early next day and a tour of the farm was scheduled for 9.00 am. The winner was Elva



Sunday 19th August

Some took advantage of the free bus trip around the complex.
 Weather was getting worse so some of us left to go home and also to go to the Eagles game.

Thank you

Gerry & Margaret Kerrigan would like to sincerely thank Sandgroper Club members for the surprise flowers, card and "Load & Go" Gift Card presented to us at the Whitegum Farm A.G.M.

We look forward to seeing you all in the future as we use our new "Friends of the Club" status at Rallies & Activities of the Club.
 Thank you all once again.
 Margaret & Gerry Kerrigan.



PRESIDENTS REPORT

Well, another AGM has past and I would like to thank all those Members who voted me in for another year. I would also like to congratulate and welcome the new 2018 / 2019 Committee.

As a Committee and a Club we have a lot to get through in the upcoming period, however this should not distract us in our focus to enjoy caravanning, the places we go and the people we spend time with.

Though a little rough around the edges and with limited power (I got fed up re-setting the breaker so I went over to battery and gas), White Gum Farm presented a lovely spot to hold the AGM, not too far from Perth and the lovely surrounds of York.

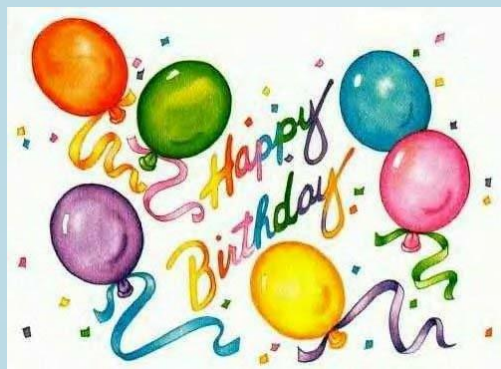
A big thanks to Alan Parkinson for picking up the Treasurers position and Ian Fullerton the Rally Co-ordinators position, both these positions were vacant and without nominees. I look forward to working with you both over the next 12 months.

For those going to Nambung Station, I look forward to seeing you there, for those heading home after there winter migration, safe travels, and for those doing other stuff, stay well.

David Hiscock
President - Sandgroper Caravanners Inc.

AUGUST 2018

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



August 2018

Robin & Di Ashford 2nd

Gerry & Margaret Kerrigan 25th

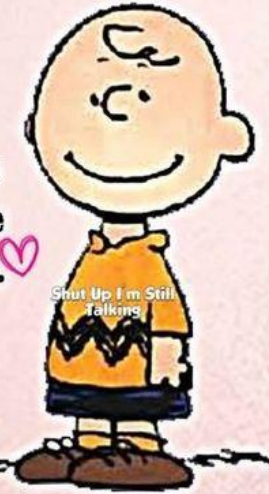


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Sometimes, i forget to thank
the people who make my life
so happy in so many ways.
Sometimes, I forget to tell them
how much I really do appreciate
them for being a part of my life.



Today is just another day,
nothing special going on.
So thank you, all of you,
just for being here for ME



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Nambung Station Stay.

Maureen and I called into Nambung on our way home from our trip North and stayed 2 nights.

Nambung Station is situated at the corner of Wongonderrah road and Munbinia road in Nambung.

Wongonderrah rd. is Approxiamately 23kms north of the Liberty Roadhouse at Cataby and at the time we came through it was 23kms of good gravel road you could travel comfortably at around 80 k/h.

We also travelled on the Munbinea rd. as we travelled from Jurien. This road was a bit cut up in some places but you could still travel well though at the time we came through there was a patch that was bitumised but it was covered by approx. 150mm of water but no worries to go though.

When you get to the station tell them that you are in the Sandgropers as they have ten powered sites set aside for us and it is School Holidays and they will be busy.

The station has a large fire pit and have requested that we bring some wood If possible.

They have farm tours at a cost. They may be able to organize a tag along to the base of the National Park. If we require it.

I would recommend if anyone was arriving early that they contact the station on 08 9652 4048 or Mobile 0427 084313.

There is mobile service there but you may have to walk up towards the sheds to get better service.

ATTENDEES for NAMBUNG STATION

Chris & Di Young	FSS	Jim & Helen Schell	
Alan & Rheta Parkinson	TFSSM	Robin & Di Ashford	FSS
Roy & Maureen Lundy		Brian & Ronnie Adams	TFS
Ian & Beth Moore	TFSS	Alan & Lynne Kirby	
David & Pula Hiscock	FSS	Brian & Helen Bizzill	TFSS
		Kel & Glenda Olesen	

Nambung Program

Friday 21st.

- 5pm Happy Hour and Opening of Rally.
- 6-30pm Joint Barbeque
- 7-30 pm Games night or fireside chat about recent trips.

Saturday 22nd,

- 8 am Walk
- 9-30 am Tai Chi
- 10-30 am Morning Tea.
- 2 pm Disc Bowls.
- 3-30 pm Afternoon tea.
- 4-30 pm Happy Hour
- 6-00 pm Evening Meal.
- 7-00 pm Games night (Rummy, Sequence, Mexican Train, Dice game=30

Sunday

- 8-00 am Walk.
- 9-30 am Tia Chi.
- 10-30 am Morning Tea.
- 2-00pm. Finsca
- 3-30 pm Aternoon tea
- 4-30 pm Happy Hour.
- 6-00pm Evening meal.
- 7-00 pm Card Bingo

Monday

- 9-30 am Morning tea and closing of rally.

Hi Fellow Sandgropers

Just a few notes on our trip home from Barne Hill. We left there on the 4th of August after spending 5 weeks in the sunny weather. We met up with Peter Carter and Ruth at Pardoo Station where we stayed 3 nights, we went fishing in the creek but did not catch anything/ though Peter caught a good size Catfish.

From there we headed down to Port Hedland and stayed at the free camp at the race course, while there we went on a tour of the harbor with the Seafarers Institute and we would recommend the tour to anyone, the cost was \$99 for us both and they take you out and do a trip around to every ship in the harbor picking up any seamen who wish to come ashore.

After leaving Hedland we travelled down to Point Samson where we met up with the Forbes and we stayed there for 5 nights. From there we free camped down to Mullewa and arrived early enough to unhook and go out to see the Wreath Flowers 10kms out from Pinder, there was approximately 100 wreaths spread over a distance of 800 metres on both sides of the road in various stages of flowering. The next morning before leaving we went on the walking loop of about 3kms opposite the caravan park and found some Snail and Spider Orchids.

After leaving Mullewa we travelled down to Canna, where we stayed 2 nights. Canna is a ghost town but they have set it up with new toilets and shower with 8 x 15 amp power outlets and they request that you donate \$10 a night in the honor box. When we arrived we picked up a plan of the wildflower areas from a box in front of the old general store, which has not been used for some years. The sheet had 8 Orchids listed so over the next two days we went looking for them; we managed to find 7 of them being Ant Orchid, Spider Orchid, Donkey Orchid, Pink Candy, Blue Fairy, Snail Orchid and the Cowslip Orchid the only one we could not find was a Vanilla Orchid.

We then went across to the Coalseam Conservation Reserve for a night the ground there is covered with Everlastings and there are lots to be seen from the lookout and the Irwin River Bed. The Parks and Wildlife has put in picnic areas with barbeques at the River bend picnic spot.

We are currently at Jurien Bay and intend to call into Nambuk Station Stay and Back to Nature on our way home arriving there on the 4th September.

We are looking forward to catching up with you all at the next rally.

Roy and Maureen Lundy



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COMING RALLIES

21st – 23rd September NAMBUNG STATION FARM STAY

Nambung Station Farm is approx. 2 hrs north of Perth and 22 kms west from Brand Hwy on the Wongonderrah Road.

The farm has 10 powered sites, toilets, camp kitchen, fire pit and the shearing shed can be organised to be available.

Nambung Station is a working farm and whether your interest lie in wild flowers, native birds, bushwalking, camping, farming, photography star gazing or just relaxing in a peaceful rural setting Nambuck Station can enhance your holiday.

19th – 21st October BACK TO NATURE

Back to Nature Caravan Park was opened in July 2011. The Park is situated on Cowalla Road in West Gingin, just over an hours drive from the metro area and within a 30 minute drive from the towns of Gingin, Lancelin, Guilderton, Seabird and Ledge Point.

The Park is in 200 acres of scenic undulating native bushland, which has full registration under the Land For Wildlife scheme. This makes it an idea location for enjoying the wildflowers in spring, bushwalking, birdwatching or simply for a quiet getaway.

CHRISTMAS RALLY

29th November – 2nd December CERVANTES

Cervantes is a town off Indian Ocean Drive about 198 kilometres north-north-west of, [Perth](#) in the [Shire of Dandaragan](#) ! The town was named after a ship that was wrecked nearby. The ship, in turn, was named after [Miguel de Cervantes](#), author of [Don Quixote](#).

The principal industry in the town is [fishing](#). [The Pinnacles](#) are nearby in [Nambung National Park](#) which makes for a small industry from tourism. The saline [Lake Thetis](#), which contains [stromatolites](#), is nearby.

*Sandgroper Caravanners Inc.
Minutes of the 20th Annual General Meeting
held at WhiteGum Farm
Saturday 18th August 2018 at 1:30pm*

PRESIDENT TO OPEN MEETING

The President, David Hiscock, opened the meeting at 1:35pm and welcomed all of the members to the 20th AGM. He thanked the days trippers for making the trip and said we had approximately 60% of members at the meeting.

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

There were 26 members in attendance, 1 Friend of Club, 3 past members, and 21 apologies with the Attendance List attached.

MINUTES OF 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Though not identified on the agenda, the minutes of the 2017 Annual General meeting held at Collie Caravan Park on Saturday 26th August 2017 were distributed to all members on 25th July 2018 by email.

The minutes of the 2017 AGM were read out by Dianne Young.

Matters Arising:

Alan Parkinson advised that the Constitution states we should have a review, Tier 1 can have an audit or a review. (refer below, General Business)

Alan Parkinson asked if we had enquired into the purchase of a marquee. Chris Young said it had been discussed within the Club and decided that the Club had no need for a marquee in the past 12 months and therefore not required at this time.

Alan Parkinson asked if the Associate Membership category had been passed, he said that he believes it wasn't passed. David Hiscock said he believes it was passed at the 2016 AGM but will follow this up and revert back.

Glenda Olesen asked if anyone had looked into lock boxes for caravans. Helen Schell said they would be handy to have and that they were available from Bunnings for a cost of between \$25 to \$35. Chris Young said he had seen one recently that was of good quality and had been purchased on the web, he offered to make further enquiries. A discussion took place over codes that each person could use if they purchased a lock box and then David Hiscock asked for a show of hands from anyone that would be interested in purchasing one and the majority of members were keen.

Margaret Kerrigan mentioned that other clubs have rallies where the elderly can join them for day outings. Gerry Kerrigan said one example was a rally at Busselton where the elderly pay \$25 for lunch and it includes the bus trip to lunch. David Hiscock said it was a matter for Venue Officers to arrange if possible. Chris Young said that he believes we have had several

rallies that members without vans have been able to attend, stay in Chalets and members have driven them to various outings.

Proposed Graham Gough, seconded Chris Young, that the 2017 AGM minutes be accepted as a true record. Carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President's Report prepared by David Hiscock had previously been distributed to all Members.

David Hiscock announced the resignation of Gerry & Margaret Kerrigan, van no. 1. He acknowledged the contribution both Gerry and Margaret had made to caravanning and caravan clubs in Western Australia. He also said it was a sad moment for the Club and he hopes they become Friends of the Club. David presented Gerry & Margaret with a gift and flowers.

Gerry Kerrigan said he had enjoyed their 44 years of caravanning, they have met some nice people and he thanked Sandgroppers for their friendship over the years. Margaret Kerrigan said she had really enjoyed her years and all the people and that she has met.

David Hiscock welcomed all new members and thanked the committee for their work over the past 12 months and especially while he has been working away.

Proposed Margo Nicoll, seconded Peter Celenza, that the President's Report be accepted. Carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report which included a Financial Statement, Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet was prepared by Mary Neale and had previously been distributed to members. The Auditor's Report prepared by Alan Parkinson formed part of the Treasurer's Report.

Helen Schell asked why we hired the hall for 4 nights in Jennacubine when the rally is officially only for 2 nights. David Hiscock said the committee discussed the hall and decided to supply the hall for 4 nights on this rally as there was a number of members arriving on Thursday and leaving on Monday. He also said that hall hire for OBT's is reviewed on a case by case basis and for the committee to review and decide in the best interest of members. It doesn't mean its sets a precedence for each rally.

Proposed Clelia Gough, seconded Ronnie Adams, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Carried unanimously.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Alan Parkinson read out the Auditor's Report and then informed the members that he had reconstructed the Sandgroper accounts in a different accounting package. He said that the new package was free and that the old one proved to be cumbersome.

Proposed Elva Littely, seconded Glenda Olesen, that the Auditor's Report be accepted. Carried unanimously.

RALLY COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Rally Coordinator's Report which included a report on 2018 rallies and 2019 proposed rallies was prepared by Ian Moore had previously been distributed to all members.

Ian informed the members that the Club will celebrate its 20th anniversary in September next year and that he has booked Golden Ponds for a meal and rally.

Proposed Clelia Gough, seconded David Hiscock, that the Rally Coordinator's Report be accepted. Carried unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Membership Secretary's Report prepared by Clelia Gough, had previously been distributed to all members.

Clelia reminded members that we now have an "unavailable for rally" section on our website and requested that members fill this in if they are unavailable for rallies. Clelia informed members that the emergency contacts were now up to date and that we were looking to increase member numbers in the club.

Proposed Elva Littley, seconded Graham Gough, that the Membership Secretary's Report be accepted. Carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President A formal nomination had been received from Glenda Olesen proposing that David Hiscock be elected as President. There being no further nominations, David Hiscock, was duly elected.

Vice President A formal nomination had been received from Dianne Young proposing that Helen Bizzill be elected as Vice President. There being no further nominations, Helen Bizzill, was duly elected.

Club Secretary A formal nomination had been received from Helen Bizzill proposing that Dianne Young be elected as Secretary. There being no further nominations, Dianne Young, was duly elected.

Treasurer No formal nomination received, however, Alan Parkinson stated that in the absence of a Treasurer he would be happy to do it or if anyone steps up he would help. David Hiscock said that as a committee member he would take on the role with Alan's assistance.

Committee positions Dianne Young advised that the following had submitted nominations for Committee positions;

Rally Coordinator, no nomination received

Membership Secretary, Clelia Gough, proposed, Dianne Young

Ronnie Adams, proposed, Dianne Young

Glenda Olesen, proposed, David Hiscock

Helen Schell, proposed, Dianne Young

Dianne Young asked members if anyone would like to nominate as Treasurer or Rally Coordinator or if there were any nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, the above were all duly elected.

New members of the committee joined existing members to continue the AGM.

FEES

Annual subscription Mary Neal said that she did not want to see fees raised but we have a celebration next year that the Club would like to contribute to.

Notice of Motion Helen Schell proposed a motion to increase club fess from \$55 to \$65 per annum plus \$10 voluntary payment to RFDS. Peter Neale proposed an amendment to motion and that fees increase fees from \$55 to \$75 per annum plus \$10 voluntary payment to RFDS.

Amended Motion seconded Jim Schell that Club fees increase to \$75 per annum. A show of hands was held, 24 accepted the motion & 2 rejected - Motion Carried

Nomination fees Glenda Olesen moved that there be no increase in Nomination Fees, seconded Chris Young. Carried unanimously.

Special purpose fees The President advised that we did not need to have a special purpose fee seeing as the Club fees had been increased.

CONFIRMATION OF BANK SIGNATORIES

It was confirmed that any two of the President, David Hiscock, Vice President, Helen Bizzill, Secretary, Dianne Young and Treasurer, to be advised, be the authorised signatories on the Club's bank accounts.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Format for 2019 AGM

Dianne Young said that it had been suggested at a recent committee meeting that we hold our AGM later each year as many members go away for months at a time during winter and autumn and it would be more suitable around the first week of October. Dianne also said that with our 20th Anniversary celebration rally in September next year and the National rally to be held in October it may be a good idea to hold our AGM at a central hotel. We could all meet for the AGM and then have lunch. Graham Gough said he would second that and Peter Neale suggested we hold the AGM approximately 1 week after the September rally as many Sandgroper members were on the National Rally committee and would be in Albany for much of October.

Glenda Olesen suggested that with so much discussion about numbers being down on winter rallies perhaps we should not hold a rally each month in winter.

Ronnie Adams suggested that we meet somewhere for lunch during one of the winter months and that could count as a rally. David Hiscock said we must not lose sight that we are a caravan club.

Alan Parkinson asked what was happening with our new constitution and said it had been going on for too long. Chris Young said that WAACCI was very close now to having the model constitution finalized. Once this is completed it will be very easy for clubs to adopt this version and then make amendments as each club requires. He said that a few clubs had tried to write their own constitution but it proved very difficult to achieve and it would need to be reviewed each year and the exercise was very time consuming.

CLOSURE

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 3:40pm

After the closure of the AGM, Ian Fullerton, offered to take up the position of the Rally Coordinator's.

Although not formally mentioned at the AGM, David would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Ronnie Adams for her great work on the Gropers Gossip each month. We all look forward to the monthly read and we are all very grateful for the outstanding effort Ronnie puts in. Thank you very much Ronnie.

SIGNED

..... President Secretary

..... Date Date

ATTACHMENTS *Attendance List, President's Report, Treasurer's Report, Rally Coordinator's Report, Membership Secretary's Report and Nomination forms.*