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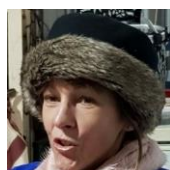
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NANNUP RALLY

Hosted by Cindy & Barry Jordan

With most of us arriving Thursday afternoon at Nannup Caravan Park, we all caught up for a drink or two that evening.

Friday morning we had a lovely walk along the river, and were very blessed with amazing weather. We then continued on to Melo Velo a lovely cafe for coffee and cake in the beautiful warm sunshine.

After the arrival of our remaining attendees Roy opened the Rally at 3pm on Friday.

There were many laughs competing in the 'Battle of The Sexes', naturally the women won the Challenge easily, it was a tight race until the needle threading challenge arose, the women then leapt ahead, the men thought they still had it in the bag with their hidden stash of gum nuts, but Lyn our newest visitor was on to them and removed their stash. With a severe shortage of gum nuts in the area we knew we had it won. The women jointly performed the last challenge singing Twinkle Twinkle Little Star at the top of our voices loud and proud, at this point the men surrendered quietly.



Friday night we had a fabulous dinner at the local pub where they graciously let us take over the entire main dining room. Thanks to Ian we found out what Beach and Bay means and many of us ordered that. For those who don't know Beach is fish and Bay is prawns, which were served with a tasty garlic sauce.



On Saturday after our early morning walk all 19 of us went convoy style to Chestnut Brae Farm where we all tasted hot freshly cooked Chestnuts, some for the very first time. We were very spoilt, we had a tour of the factory, wandered around the farm, dined on the freshly toasted chestnuts and had coffee and home-made chestnut biscuits.

The Chestnut Tour



Commented [BA1]:

We arrived home in time to have a drink or two before preparing our jaffle iron dinner and toasted marshmallows.



Barry read out a quiz on the informative afternoon we had spent at the farm, to see who had been paying attention, we also had an animal quiz and interesting trivia facts. I was kept busy handing out favourite chocolates to all the winners.

Sunday morning we had an invigorating walk checking out the flood levels marked on a very tall tree, then returned for coffee and Roy closed the Rally at 9.30am.

The caravan prize was won by Mary & Peter Neale, donated by Ronnie & Brian Adams





Four caravans left on Sunday, the rest left on Monday.

Many thanks to Graham and Cheryl for their assistance with the rally.

Those present at Rally were : Ian & Beth Moore, Barry & Cindy Jordan, Peter & Mary Neale, Roy & Maureen Lundy, Graham & Cheryl Kent, Colin & Linda Haig, Doris Friend.

VISITORS: Laurie Tyler & Trish Wilson, John & Laraine Allen and Ron & Lyn Mitchell.

Luckily the Tulip Festival had been extended so the town was very colourful and we were able to enjoy mingling with the locals.



Vice Presidents Mutterings

Hi All

It was a great rally at Nannup, well run by Cindy and Barry Jordan backed up by Graham and Cheryl Kent. The weather was great with a little rain on one night which didn't affect the rally beautiful weather in the day cold in the morning. I will leave the description of the weekend to the others.

My main thoughts are turned to the up coming A.G.M. at which you all have the vote on who runs the Club for the next 12 months. We have nominations for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and 2 Committee Members as far as I know. Dianne will be sending out details as to the nominations prior to the meeting.

Regards
Roy Lundy
Vice President

SEPTEMBER 2020

Barry Jordan	5th
Doris Friend	17th
Peter Celenza	18th
Lynne Kirby	20th
Rheta Parkinson	22nd



Commented [BA2]:

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

No anniversaries this month

Program for Sandgroper AGM Rally

to be held at, Experience Lancelin Holiday Park
Hosted by the Committee
Any queries please contact Helen Schell 0417 170 698

Thursday 17th September 2020

- arrive & settle in
- 1:30pm barefoot lawn bowls If you would like to participate in lawn bowls please contact Helen or Jim Schell upon arrival. \$10 per person, includes all equipment.
- 3pm afternoon tea
- 5pm happy hour

Friday 18th September 2020

- 9:30am Thai Chi with the Master
- 10:30am morning tea & opening of the rally
- 1:30pm Sand dune tours. Quad bike with 2 people \$30 per person for half an hour. 6-seater buggy with seat belts etc. \$30 per person for half an hour.
- 3pm afternoon tea
- 5pm happy hour
- 6pm BYO communal dinner

Saturday 19th September 2020

- 9:30am Thai Chi with the Master
- 10:30am morning tea
- 1pm AGM followed by afternoon tea hosted by the committee. Please BYO coffee mug
- 5pm happy hour 6pm BYO communal dinner

Sunday 20th September 2020

- 9am Thai Chi with the Master
- 9:30am Sandgroper Pancake Sunday & closing of the rally. Please join us for a pancake breakfast, BYO plate, cutlery, tea and coffee.

ATTENDEES FOR LANCELIN

Graham & Cheryl Kent

Doris Friend

Rod & Sharon Burge

Colin & Linda Haig

Barry & Cindy Jordan

Jim & Helen Schell

Brian & Ronnie Adams

VISITORS:

Laurie Tyler & Trish Wilson

John & Laraine Allen

Ron & Lyn Mitchell

Ken & Annette Mitchell

Roy & Maureen Lundy

Ian & Beth Moore

Peter & Mary Neale

Kel & Glenda Olesen

Kevin & Thelma Forbes

Brian & Helen Bizzill

Alan & Lynne Kirby

Robin & Di Ashford

Chris & Di Young



UPCOMING RALLIES

September 17th -20th **Experience Lancelin Holiday Park - 129 km**
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
4 Hopkins Street, Lancelin.
Power, water, toilets, shower and kitchen available. Cost is \$40 per night.
This rally be hosted by the Committee.

October 22-25th **NAMBUNG STATION STAY** **230 km**
2269 Wongonderrah Road, Nambung.

This rally is held in conjunction with Nambung Country Music Muster. Cost is \$100 pp for 4 days entertainment plus \$10 pp for Poets Breakfast (optional). You will need to book & pay in advance. This rally is an OBT with toilets & showers (transportables), no power or water to vans. Generators can be used.

NOVEMBER 26-29th **RIVERSIDE CABINS, CARVANS and CAMPING** **160 km**
CHRISTMAS RALLY *Hosted by Committee*
5 Pratt Road EATON
Power, water, toilets, showers & kitchen available. Cost: \$31.00 pn

Dec 30th - 3rd JAN **DISCOVERY PARKS SWAN VALLEY** **17 km**
NEW YEARS EVE RALLY
91 Benara Road Caversham
Power, water, toilets, showers and kitchen available. Cost \$35.70 pn

“I find, these days, that
most of my conversations
start out with: Did I tell
you this already? or
What was I
going to say?”



RETARDED GRANDPARENTS - (this was actually reported by a teacher)

After Christmas, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school.

One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa.

They used to live in a big brick house but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Batemans Bay where everyone lives in nice little houses, and so they don't have to mow the grass anymore!

They ride around on their bicycles and scooters and wear name tags because they don't know who they are anymore.

They go to a building called a wreck centre, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now. They do exercises there, but they don't do them very well.

There is a swimming pool too, but they all jump up and down in it with hats on.

At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out, and go cruising in their golf carts!

Nobody there cooks, they just eat out.

And, they eat the same thing every night --- early birds.

Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house. The ones who do get out, bring food back to the wrecked centre for pot luck.

My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too.

When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out, so they can visit their grandchildren.

PRICELESS!

Remember to send this to all your "retarded grandparent" friends and give them a laugh too!!



State Barrier Fence warning for travellers



It might be a piece of history worth seeing, but travellers heading to the outback this spring could face a \$10,000 fine if found travelling along Western Australia's State Barrier Fence.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) has advised it is illegal to travel on the track that runs alongside the fence. Only authorised vehicles requiring access for government or commercial purposes are permitted.

Travellers can only drive on roads that transect the fence. There are surveillance cameras in place to record unauthorised vehicles that turn onto the fence track.

The State Barrier Fence assists in preventing the migration of emus and wild dogs into Western Australia – which could result in significant damage to grain crops and livestock.

Licensed Pest Management Technicians support the role of the fence by carrying out wild dog control activities, which includes the use of poisons, traps and firearms.

Additionally, DPIRD personnel need uninterrupted access to the fence to carry out maintenance and upgrades, without the risk of vehicles colliding with government vehicles and personnel.

In short, the State Barrier Fence is a work site, and is not a safe place for the public.

If you are headed that way, take care to note the location of the fence. 'ACCESS PROHIBITED' signs are set up at fence entry points to caution people travelling in that direction.