

# GROPER'S GOSSIP



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## Christmas Rally 2017 Brookton.

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

Thursday saw most of the vans arrived to set up among the gum trees. A small park so we had to squeeze in to access power and water. The calling of Bush Curlews around the park a special surprise. Lovely to catch up with members we haven't seen for some time. The Kirbys, returned from a 4 year absence, needed to meet many new people.

Several things found to be left behind, but plenty of Christmas decorations to display on the vans to make it a festive occasion. A lovely happy hour followed by testing out Christmas carols on Chris' s fancy electronic equipment.

Friday morning, some on a walk saw a long grain train of 58 wagons loaded with 46 ton each. Wheat trucks passed by the caravan park constantly, reminding us we are in the wheat belt and it is harvest time.

Tai Chi was well attended followed by morning tea, then a visit to the Brookton Museum and Heritage Centre at the old police station, where a display of the 1st WW soldiers from the district with their

stories was very interesting. One family lost 4 sons within a month. The district lost so many of their young men it has not recovered. The afternoon saw the vans decorated with a wonderful display of lights and Christmas items.

President David opened the rally at happy hour welcoming back



Margaret & Peter



Helma & Henry

Lyn & Alan Kirby and then welcoming two new couples to the club in Margaret & Peter Celenza and Helma & Henry Gieling who were both attending their third rally. A communal BBQ under the gum trees, followed by spirited games of Left, Right and Centre had a happy gang of campers in the pleasant warm night. Laurie and Clelia the excited winners.



Saturday, some walks and Tai Chi again. Morning tea picnic at the Old Railway Station and Pioneer Park in the centre of town. The Op shop open on the station did a pleasing



trade. Back at the caravans it was all action to prepare for our exciting evening. Many helpers set up the pavilion with tables down the middle. Glenda organized the decorations, candles, greenery etc.

Christmas trees around the room. Men up ladders to hang up balloons, others peeling prawns, meat cooking around the park in members bbqs. Ronnie , head chef in the kitchen, doing a great job, organized salads and desserts contributed, as well as the cooking needed. A friendly hive of activity.



Mary and Brian Wales arrived and stayed at the recently reopened hotel in town, a short walk away. Two pm saw Santas helper arrive with gifts to distribute. Numbers pulled from a jar was how the gift giving proceeded , much laughter in the air. The band "Imitations", arrived and set up in the pavilion. We were amazed at how much equipment Barry, Colin and Janie had with them. Happy hour then a wonderful feast with enough food for all. For 3 hrs the band played, many danced, some way past their usual bed time.





Brian and Mary were congratulated on their 60th wedding anniversary. A quick clean and pack up completed a busy happy day. All good fun. Sunday, another lovely sunny day. David closed the rally announcing Brian



and Mary, Henry and Helma Gielingh both winning the lucky

caravan prizes.

Cricket was playing on the oval by local teams. Rummiikub game got going. Others went sightseeing. Enough salads were left over from the night before for a shared evening meal. A very pleasant weekend.

The caravan prizes were won by Helma & Henry Gielingh. Donated by Paua & David Hiscock and another prize was won by Mary & Brian Wales. Donated by June & Alan Foote

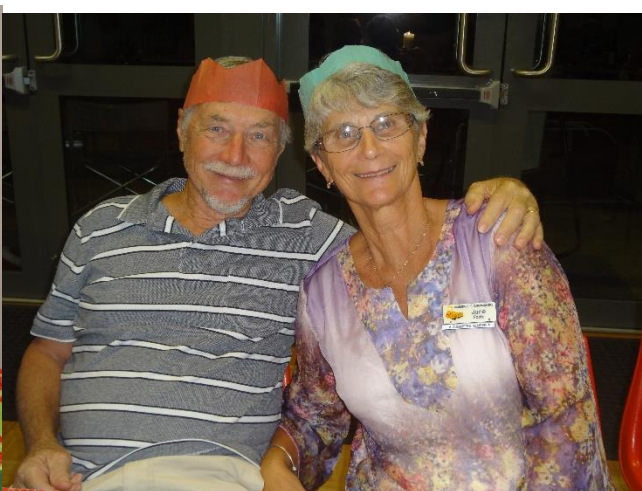
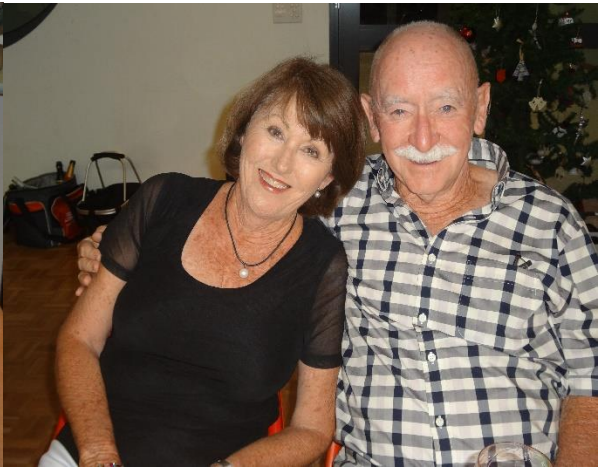
Report written by Glenda Olesen

Those present were Paula & David Hiscock, June & Alan Foote. Glenda & Kel Olesen, Chris & Di Young, Ian & Beth Moore, Ronnie & Brian Adams, Clelia & Graham Gough, Lyn & Alan Kirby, Margaret & Peter Celenza, Mary & Peter Neale, Ron Halse, Laurie & Patricia, Helma & Henry Gielingh, Frank & Janice Alolivic, Margot & Ian,



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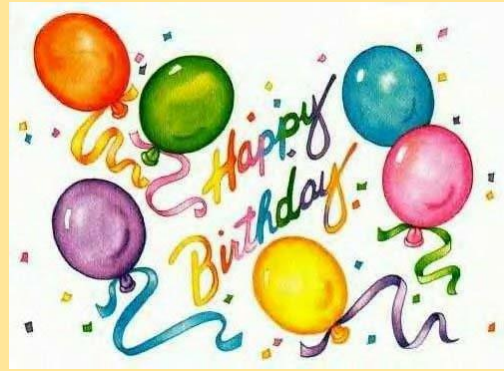






## DECEMBER

Mary Neale	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Jim Schell	10 <sup>th</sup>
Alan Kirby	13 <sup>th</sup>
Merle Burn	21 <sup>st</sup>
June Foote	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Ron Halse	29 <sup>th</sup>



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## DECEMBER

No Anniversaries





## COMING EVENTS

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

*29<sup>th</sup> Dec - 1<sup>st</sup> January New Years Rally at Pinnjarra Holiday Park  
This Rally has been cancelled*

**16<sup>th</sup> January**

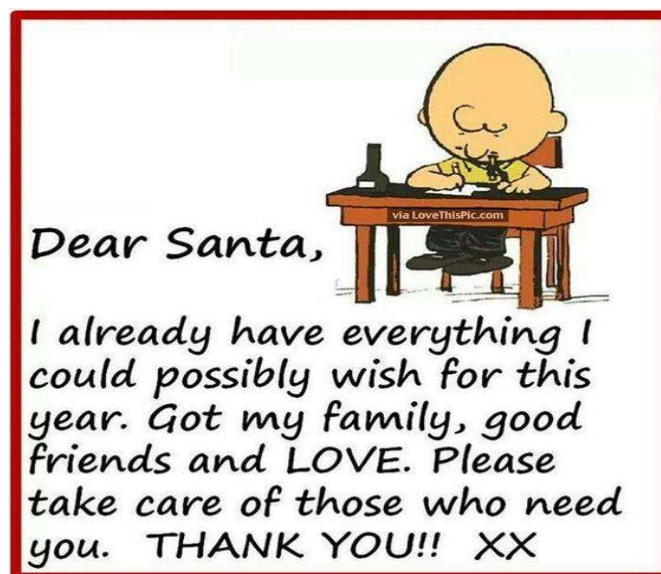
**PICNIC at Kadidjiny Park – Melville**

*Curtis Road between Marion & Kitchner Street  
Plenty of shade and parking*

**1<sup>st</sup> – 2nd February**

**Binningup Rally - 160 km.**

Binningup is a coastal village with a scenic golf course at Lakewood Shores. A main beach is protected by a reef running parallel to it. The town contains a store, caravan park, skateboard park, recreation centre, youth camp, a public library and a public oval.





## ***BLOOPERS***

Chairs are needed for sitting on, shame to be left behind!

Barnam and Bailey were referred to many times with the balloon hanging.

How many members does it take to hang the club flag?

Caravan set up but we have no power. Helps if you put the switch at the power source to the on position

Who left the jockey wheel home.?? Never mind borrow jack one. Owner of jack one wants to go home so borrow jack two. When lowering jack two run out of stroke. Easily fixed borrow jack three. Caravan is at last attached to car . They say 3rd time lucky.

When unlocking a hall it pays to try turning the handle after turning key to get in.

The decorating of the hall went well with the saluting of the flags as they were raised. Only thing missing was the music for the National Anthem

They say a few branches makes a tree well one poor Christmas tree did not make it to the ball ---sorry hall and lamenting in a heap outside the hall.

We had a music night. Who sang The Little Drummer Boy?. Apparently only 100 artists to pick from.. We had a Quizmaster but decided too late to have quiz. Some people get it easy

Congratulations to the prawn peelers as not one sample consumed. Must be a 1st. Shows what a hard taskmaster can achieve.

Crocodile Dundee was seen in the kitchen. This is a knife and the meat was carved up masterly.

Who was the gentleman seen running to and fro from the shower in his jocks. It's bad when you forget to take the soap with you.

Who was the woman running behind the moving caravan ---Has he gone without her. She catches up to van and surfs on the running board and arrives at destination point. THE DUMP POINT!!!!

