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Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS RALLY

CERVANTES CARAVAN PARK

30th November – 3rd December 2018

Cervantes, the town, is named after the three Cervantes Islands which were named from the Cervantes ship wreck in the 1840's.

Glenda and Doris were the first to arrive on Wednesday. Kel had to return home to continue work on his new shed and returned to Cervantes on Friday evening in time to take part in the festivities. Thursday saw most of the members arrive with two late comers, being caught in Perth due to funerals, arriving Saturday. The fierce winds were blowing when we arrived and continued all weekend, dying down in the middle of the night, pleasant enough early morning but blowing up again by midday making it quite unpleasant. Happily, the improved park has a large camp kitchen and a separate games room which we were able to use.

Friday morning saw Glenda and Doris walking but unfortunately, they went in opposite directions so never the twain shall meet. Tai Chi was next on the list with Brian leading a group of us in exercising followed by morning tea. Later that morning some of the ladies gathered in the meeting room to have a test run of craft making items intended to be available for visitors who wish to

attend craft classes at the National Rally next year.



A committee meeting was held in the afternoon leaving the rest of the members to relax before happy hour and a BBQ dinner followed by Rheta's delightful goodies which we all thoroughly



enjoyed. Our visitors Lynda and Colin Haigh arrived in time to join in with us at happy hour.



Walking and Tai Chi for some was start of the day on Saturday. The Freedom Caravan Club, who were also in the park, joined us for morning tea and made for a big group sitting around the lawned area. It is good to speak with members of another club and hear how they spend their rallies.

After that it was time to decorate vans, but what a job with the wind, nevertheless those who did made for a great display especially the night lights. Staying in the park also were the Year 1 students from Hocking Primary School with their parents all having a wonderful time plus many other children and we were told they all enjoyed walking around after dark looking at the lights. The judges were members of the Freedom Club and some members from our club judged their displays.



Around 2 pm Father Christmas arrived at the park. The children were thrilled to see him and he took time to acknowledge them before he started handing out gifts to the members. We all received beautiful and useful gifts and waved him off as he left. This was followed by a lovely



afternoon tea put on by the committee which of course

flowed into happy hour.





The Forbes

Janice & Frank

Graham & Clelia

Back to the vans to get ready for the Christmas dinner which was held at the Country Club. The Club was beautifully decorated in Christmas decorations and the tables looked lovely. The dinner consisted of roast turkey and ham with vegetables and salads



The decorations



followed by sticky date pudding and cream. We all enjoyed it and sat around for quite awhile after laughing and talking before a merry band walked back to the park and enjoyed the light display of the vans.

Sunday morning Helen closed the Rally early as those who were leaving had to be out of the park by 10.00am. She thanked everyone for participating and making the weekend a big success. The Rally prizes were won by Mary & Peter Neale and Cheryl & Graham Kent. Prizes for the decorated caravans were also presented, the daylight display was won by Thelma & Kevin Forbes and the night display by Cheryl & Graham Kent who both received Christmas hampers donated by the Neales and the Lundy's.



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As the wind had abated a game of Finska started up with fierce competition among the players. Brian Adams won the first game. Another game was played with three players passing the 50 mark thus having to revert back to 25 when they again played hard climbing back to contest again with Helen & Brian Bizzill fighting it out to the end with Brian being the winner. The second game was harder to play as the wind had come up again and the skittles kept falling over but with perseverance the game was played. The afternoon saw 4 of the boys head off to the bowling club for a game and the others spent the afternoon playing Rummikub and Sequence. A very busy weekend which we all enjoyed.

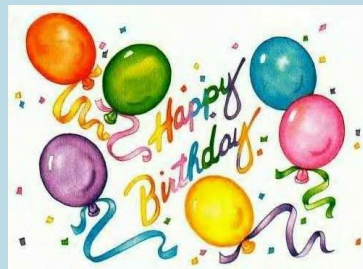


Those present were Brian & Helen Bizzill, Kel & Glenda Olesen, Roy & Maureen Lundy, Ian & Beth Moore, Alan & Rheta Parkinson, Peter & Mary Neale, Alan Lynne Kirby, Robin & Di Ashford, Kein & Thelma Forbes, Doris Friend, Brian & Ronnie Adams, Bob & Di Lengkeek, Graham & Cheryl Kent, Peter & Margaret Celenza, Alan & June Foote, Graham & Clelia Gough, Frank & Janice Alilovic, and visitors Colin & Lynda Haigh

Written by Glenda and Ronnie

November 2018

Henry Gieling	4th
Margot Nicoll	18th
Kevin Forbes	19th
Graham Kent	28th



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Mary Neale	3rd
Jim Schell	10th
Alan Kirby	13th
Merle Burn	21st
June Foote	23rd
Helma Gieling	23rd

NOVEMBER 2018

Brian & Mary Wales	9th
Brian & Betty Morris	10th
Ian & Beth Moore	17th



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COMING EVENTS:

17^h January

PICNIC at Kadidjiny Park – Melville
Curtis Road between Marion & Kitchner Street
Plenty of shade and parking

31st Jan– 3rd 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.

REMINDER:

As mentioned at Cervantees the theme of the Binningup Rally is **BANDSTAND REUNION** so please make an effort to dress up as a singer and if possible, bring a CD of a song your artist sang



CONGRATULATIONS GLENDA on receiving the award below

**Long Service Award for ongoing commitment
and service to conservation.
Parks and Wildlife Services
December 2018**

Presented by the Minister for Environment.



