

GROPER'S GOSSIP



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Binningup Rally February 2020

Some Club members arrived early in the week to take advantage of the beach setting, Elva on the Monday then Ian and Beth on the Wednesday. More arriving Thursday and most of the others on Friday, including visitors Doug Hall and Gary Neilson and Kel's cousin Paul from Denmark. Brian and Mary Wales joined us on Saturday staying in one of the new cabins on site.

There have been improvements made to the park over the last few years including a pool area, bouncing pillow and new cabins. The grassed areas been given a lot of care and water after a busy holiday season,

The rally was opened on Friday afternoon at Happy Hour by the president David Hiscock and



the visitors welcomed. Brian Bizzill was introduced as the new Rally co-ordinator and best wishes expressed for Ian and Margot.



Brian and Ronnie had caught up with

Ted and June Bundy. Ted had sent a few bottles of wine for us to share after just celebrating his 90th Birthday. Congratulations Ted.

A BBQ tea was enjoyed together and a quick quiz to use the "little grey cells" with prizes.

Saturday morning started with a walk for some. Two! And then Tai Chi well attended with Master Brian Bizzill. Strategy games were held under the shaded area on the centre grass after morning tea and after lunch two pitches laid out for



the Finska Championships. An abridged heats round was played after some confusion by the organisers and helpful contributions by many players but a spectacular final round



with the ultimate winner Ronnie Adams for the second year in a row. Next year will be the Ronnie Adams Perpetual Finska Championships. Well done Ronnie. There were some fantastic "Misses" how can one log miss and bounce over so many pins.

An early Happy hour rolled into a long tables pizza tea from the attached café. While not gourmet pizzas they were filling and there was no washing up. The wind we had all day didn't



abate in the evening and cooling down, we retreated to the Camp kitchen area for a riotous game of Left Right and Centre with the winner being "Mr Lucky", Brian Bizzill, with the final coins being chased all-round the table.

Sunday morning saw a few vans leaving, some with various pressing appointments early

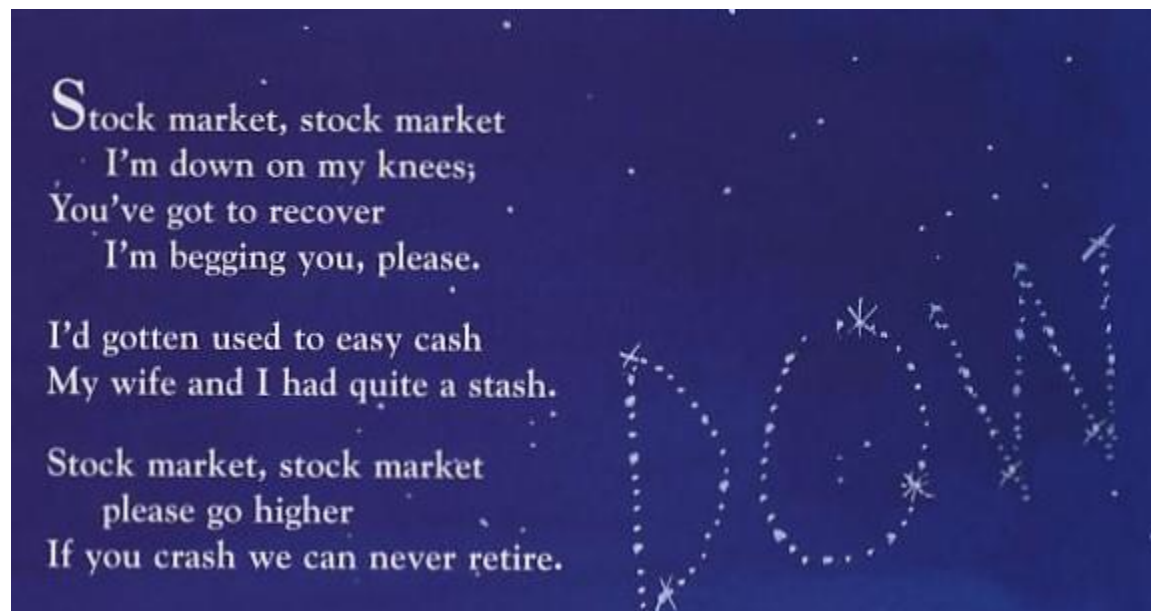
in the upcoming week and others rolling on to venues new in the South-West, so closing of the rally was at morning tea. Roy and Maureen Lundy won the rally prize. Again!! Who are the lucky ones?



Sunday was Brian Adams birthday and he and Ronnie had arranged lunch at the nearby brewery where we were all invited to join them. An enjoyable lunch was had by all. Thank you Brian and Ronnie.

All in all a pleasant and sociable rally. Thank you Robin and Di and Beth and Ian.

Those present were Ian & Beth Moore, Robin & Di Ashford, David & Paula Hiscock, Kevin & Thelma Forbes, Elva Littlely, Frank & Janice Alilovic, Brian & Helen Bizzill, Colin & Linda Haigh, Kel & Glenda Olesen, Graham & Cheryl Kent, Rod & Sharon Burge, Brian & Ronnie Adams and Roy & Maureen Lundy. Brian & Mary Wales stayed in a unit. Also joining us as visitors were Kel's cousin, Paul, from Denmark and Gary Neilson and Doug Hall.





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi fellow Sandgropers

I hope you are all travelling well and not sweating too much through the long hot summer we are having. We should be thankful in a way that we have not had to endure the contrasts and devastation experience by our cousins in the east. our thoughts are with them at this time while they commence to rebuild their lives again.

The first rally of 2020 was held at Binningup a couple of weeks back and it appeared to me that most had a relaxing time. The annual Finska championship was held again, and for the second year running Ronnie Adams took home the chocolates, proving she is the the real deal. Well done Ronnie. It was great to see a few visitors join us at the rally, Kels' Cousin Paul, Gary Nielsen (some of you will know him from the Redgum Caravan club) and Doug Hall, a friend of Brian & Ronnie. We also had some other prospective members wanting to join us, but alas could not due to the fact that the park was fully booked out. We also had an over subscription of members for this rally, which meant that some had to miss out. This serves as a timely reminder for us all to get our registrations in early so that our rally co-ordinator can book enough bays for us well in advance. While on the subject of rallies, at our recent Committee meeting we re-introduced possibility of holding rallies at New Year, Easter and long Weekends. Watch this space.

For those who were not at the club picnic or unaware, Brian Bizzill has taken over the role of Rally Co-ordinator as Ian Fullerton helps to look after Margot. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ian and Margot for their work over the past couple of years, we really appreciate it.

Last year you might remember I spoke about introducing a set of Values in which we as a Club would align with. Recently, I presented these to the Committee for review and was very happy that they liked what I put forward. It is proposed that these would form part of our welcome pack to new members and be displayed at the footer of key documents as a reminder of the Values we hold dear to ourselves. I would appreciate any feedback you may have on what I have proposed, as nothing is set in stone.

Proposed Values

Caring – We genuinely respect and care for all. We connect with others to create a positive environment where we value and respect each others' differences.

Respect – We recognise and acknowledge our uniqueness and value the input of every individual.

Compassion – We travel together with a caring expression of kindness and tolerance towards each other.

Collaboration - We form enduring relationships with each other and we work with & support the communities we live in and visit.

Integrity – We are authentic and demonstrate honesty and trust.

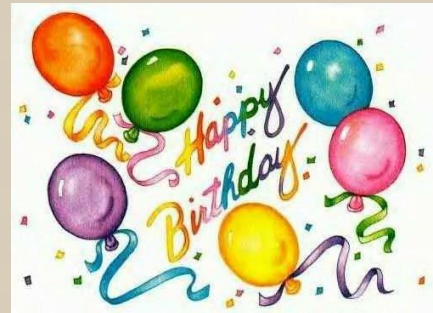
Passion – We display a positive energy and enthusiasm when promoting the advantages of caravanning for both recreational & social purposes.

I look forward to seeing you at Taunton Farm, stay well, be safe on the road and happy caravanning.

David Hiscock - President Sandgroper Caravanners Inc.

FEBRUARY 2020

Elva Littlely	2nd
Anon Reigger	4th
Brian Adams	9th
Glenda Olesen	11th
Di Ashford	20th
Margaret Celenza	21st



FEBRUARY 2020



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Alan & Rheta Parkinson	4th
Brian & Helen Bizzill	19th

UPCOMING RALLIES

MARCH 19th **Taunton Farm** **225 Km south of Perth**
8113 Bussell Highway Cowaramup

Taunton Farm is a rural Holiday Park right in the heart of the Margaret River wine, food, nature and surf region of Western Australia.

Taunton Farm is situated on a working beef and sheep property. On-site we have a barn-style **camp** kitchen with free gas BBQs and a log fire

APRIL 23rd - 26th **Maranup Ford Caravan Park** **253 Km**
600 Maranup Fall Rd Maranup

Centrally located in the Blackwood River Valley, in the South West of Western Australia. Maranup Ford provides a place to relax and unwind from the stresses of everyday life.

MAY 21st - 24th **Guilderton Caravan Park** **2 Dewar Street Guilderton**

Guilderton Caravan Park provides an almost undiscovered getaway less than 100km from Perth. Situated at the mouth of the Moore River, and just metres from one of the most peaceful stretches of the Western Australian coastline, Guilderton is the ideal retreat for visitors of all ages.

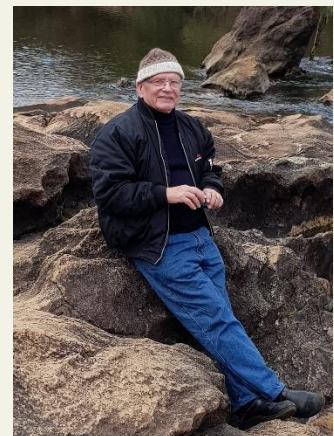
THANK YOU

To our dear caravan family we are pleased to be able to tell all that just before Binningup Rally Kel was pronounced clear of his pancreatic cancer. He has joined the 5% of survivors!

There is always the chance of it returning but for now we are celebrating.

Thank you for all your love and good wishes, it has helped.

Hugs Glenda & Kel



Sandgroper Caravan Club – Taunton Park

March Fri 13th March – Sun 15th March 2020

Venue Officers: Linda & Colin Haig & Maureen & Roy Lundy

To set the scene please bring farm attire (Chequered shirt , hat etc)

Friday 13th March

5.00PM Happy hour and Rally Opening. (Camp Kitchen)

6.00PM Barbecue (Camp Kitchen) and Game. (Card Bingo)

Saturday 14th March

9.00AM Tai Chi (Grassed Area in front of camp kitchen)

10.00AM Morning Tea.

1.30PM – Organised Lawn Game

3.30PM Afternoon Tea.

4.15PM Walk around Taunton Farm and Associated Historical Buildings (A Quiz on Taunton Farm history and surroundings after dinner – the farm animals are fed around 5.00 in front of camp kitchen)

5.00 Happy Hour (Camp Kitchen)

6.00PM Barbecue

7.00PM Camp kitchen – quiz and attempt at bush dancing. (Bush dance depends on organising suitable equipment for music)

Sunday 15th March

9.00AM Tai Chi (Grassed Area in front of camp kitchen)

10.00AM Morning Tea (Close Rally)

Please note the cheese factory is right next door and the cheese is delicious.

Cowaramup town is just down the road – with coffee shops and novelty stores – IGA if you need any supplies.

ATTENDEES for TAUNTON FARM

Brian & Helen Bizzill	TFSS	Rod & Sharon Burge	FS
Graham & Cheryl Kent	TFSS	Alan & Lynne Kirby	
Roy & Maureen Lundy	TFSS	Chris & Di Young	TFS
Gerry & Deb Churchin	TFS	David & Paula Hiscock	TFS
Brian & Ronnie Adams	TFS	Robin & Di Ashford	TFSS
Doris Friend		Ian & Beth Moore	TFSS
Kel & Glenda Olesen		Colin & Linda Haig	TFS
VISITORS: Peter & Cheryl Watson			
Dennis & Robin Omacini			

This is something that happened at an assisted living centre. The people who lived there had small apartments but they all ate at a central cafeteria

One morning one of the residents didn't show up for breakfast so my wife went upstairs and knocked on his door to see if everything was OK. She could hear him through the door and he said that he was running late and would be down shortly, so she went back to the dining area. An hour later he still hadn't arrived so she went back up towards his room but found him on the stairs. He was coming down the stairs but was having a hard time. He had a death grip on the hand rail and seemed to have trouble getting his legs to work right. She told him she was going to call an ambulance but he told her no, he wasn't in any pain and just wanted to have his breakfast. So she helped him the rest of the way down the stairs and he had his breakfast.

When he tried to return to his room he was completely unable to get up even the first stair step so they called an ambulance for him. A couple hours later she called the hospital to see how he was doing. The receptionist there said he was fine, he just had both of his legs in one side of his boxer shorts.

Sandgroper Caravanners Inc.
Minutes of Management Committee meeting
held at 23 Kishorn Road, Applecross
Friday 19th February 2020 at 7pm

In attendance:

Sharon Burge, Thelma Forbes, David Hiscock, Cindy Jordan, Roy Lundy, Helen Schell and Dianne Young

Apologies:

Brian Adams, Brian Bizzill and Alan Kirby

Meeting opened: 7:05pm

Minutes:

As all members had received and read the minutes from the meeting held on 29th November 2019 they were approved as correct.

Moved by, Sharon Burge

Seconded, Thelma Forbes

Minutes from previous meeting accepted unanimously

Key matters arising from minutes:

A discussion was held over the WAACCI Draft Business Plan and the forum being held on 26th Feb 2020. David asked if each committee member could read the Business Plan and if they had any suggestions, they would like to put forward for the future of WAACCI to email our Club Representatives, Brian and Helen Bizzill.

Correspondence:

Inward:

04.12.19 Email from John Bradley, Minutes AGM & Delegates meeting held 27th Nov 19 09.12.19
Email from John Bradley, Caravanswest update Vol 21, No. 6

10.12.19 Email from John Bradley, Newsflash, re State Rally 2020

13.12.19 Email from Ashley Hams, re future of WAACCI and Club Forum

15.12.19 Email from Gary Fitzgerald, advising that system has been fixed with inactive members

18.12.19 Email from Taunton Farm Holiday Park, confirmation of reservation

21.12.19 Email from Richard Palmer, to confirm State Rally scheduled for 23rd – 26th Oct 2020

31.12.19 Email from Robyn Omacini, advising that she is unable to attend Binningup rally as a visitor

31.12.19 Email from Ashley Hams, re WAACCI forum on 26th Feb and forum in Bunbury on 1st Feb

09.01.20 Email from Richie Palmer, Agenda for Delegates meeting 15th Jan 20 and Minutes AGM & Delegates meeting held 27th Nov 19

10.01.20 Email from Richie Palmer, requesting information on club delegate

14.01.20 Email from Richie Palmer, treasurers report for Delegates Meeting

14.01.20 Email from Gary Fitzgerald, advising that problem with Rally Host has been fixed

18.01.20 Email from Richard Palmer, Minutes from Delegates Meeting, Treasurers Report &

Caravanswest Update News

18.01.20 Email from Westside Caravanners advising they did not support the WAACCI Draft Business Plan

23.01.20 Email from David Hiscock, advising that his friends Ken & Annette Messenger will be attending Binningup as a visitor

23.01.20 Email from Ken & Annette Messenger advising that they will be attending Binningup Rally as a visitor

25.01.20 Email from Ken & Annette Messenger advising that the caravan park is full and they cannot attend Binningup

29.01.20 Email from Allan & June Foote requesting 12 months leave of absence

30.01.20 Email from Ashley Hams, Update on Clubs Forum for WAACI Future

03.02.20 Email from Sue Del Borello, Barking Gumnuts Club re fundraising by selling movie tickets

06.02.20 Email from Richie Palmer re, Road Safety Survey and asking for volunteers to man WAACCI stand at Perth Caravan & Camping Show.

Outward:

04.12.19 Email to all members, Minutes AGM & Delegates meeting held 27th Nov 19

10.12.19 Email to all members, Newsflash re State Rally 2020

11.12.19 Email to all members, Caravanswest update Vol 21, No. 6

15.12.19 Email to Gary Fitzgerald re problem with system access for inactive members 23.12.19

Email from Helen Bizzill to Ashley Hams, advising that her and Brian will be the representatives for Sandgroppers, and answer Ashley's questions re WAACCI restructure

12.01.20 Email to Robyn Omacini, thanking her for her email and sent a copy of our 2020 Rally List

12.01.20 Email to members, re dates for State Rally 2020

12.01.20 Email to Richie Palmer, supplying details of our club delegate

12.01.20 Email to Club Delegate, Chris Young, WAACCI Agenda for Delegates meeting 15.1.20 and Minutes AGM & Delegates meeting held 27th Nov 19

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14.01.20 Email to Chris Young, treasurers report for Delegates Meeting

14.01.20 Email to Brian & Helen Bizzill, re WAACCI forum on 26th Feb & forum Bunbury on 1st Feb

14.01.20 Email to Gary Fitzgerald, re Rally Host information dropping off system

29.01.20 Email from David Hiscock to Allan & June Foote, acknowledgement of request for 12 months leave of absence.

30.01.20 Email to Brian & Helen Bizzill re Update on Clubs Forum for WAACI Future

30.01.20 Email to members, Minutes from Delegates Meeting, Treasurers Report & Caravanswest Update News

06.02.20 Email to members, re, Road Safety Survey and asking for volunteers to man WAACCI stand at Perth Caravan & Camping Show.

Inward and outward correspondence moved by, Roy Lundy

Seconded, Sharon Burge

Inward and outward correspondence accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's report: - Sharon Burge

- Sharon tabled the Treasurers Report dated 17th February 2020
- Our current bank balance is \$2,503.08

- All fees have been paid except for 1 Associate member, Merle Burn. Sharon has sent Merle 3 invoices and not heard from her. Sharon will now email Merle and ask if she would still like to be a member of Sandgropers.
- Dianne advised that she had notified WAACCI of our caravan numbers for our annual insurance and advised that Associate Members were optional. Dianne will notify WAACCI our numbers for Associate Members as they need to be insured as well. **Action: Dianne**

Treasurer's report moved by, Roy Lundy

Seconded, Helen Schell

Treasurer's report accepted unanimously

Membership Secretary's report: - Brian Adams

- Dianne tabled the Membership Secretary's report provided by Brian • David read report to members.

Membership Secretary's report moved by, Sharon Burge

Seconded, Cindy Jordan

Membership Secretary's report accepted unanimously

Rally Coordinator's report:

- Brian was absent from meeting and had nothing to report.
- There has been some confusion with the new members booking their sites for future rallies. David explained that it was the Rally Coordinator's job to confirm numbers with the Caravan Park for each rally and confirm the length of van with them. It is imperative that members register early on the website as this will ensure the Rally coordinator can provide plenty of notice and accurate information to the Caravan Park. Recently we have had an exception when members have had to book their own sites at the park and pay a deposit in advance. If this is the case, the Club Secretary or the Rally Coordinator will notify members by email.

General business:

Previous meeting

- Brian Adams to write to Anne Boan & Anton Riegger to inform them that they have been accepted as Associate Members and to contact any past members that may qualify to become Associate Members and offer them a possible Associate Membership.
Action to be carried: Brian Adams
- Brian Adams to notify Ronnie Adams of any new Associate Members so that they can receive a copy of the Gossip.
Action to be carried: Brian Adams
- David Hiscock tabled a draft Bylaw for pro rata fees for new members. A discussion was held and all of the committee were pleased with the draft.

Notice of Motion.

Roy Lundy moved a motion that the Committee accept the proposed Bylaw.

Motion seconded by, Sharon Burge. Carried.

David will update Bylaws and Dianne will put new Bylaws on website and notify members.

Action: David and Dianne

- David Hiscock tabled a Charter for the Club on club values and behaviours. Roy suggested that it be put in each new member pack and that it be listed in the next issue of the Gossip. Thelma suggested it get read out at the next AGM and at the opening of each rally David could read out one of the values. Dianne to issue Ronnie a copy for the next issue of the Gossip. **Action: Dianne**
- Dianne Young to contact Ronnie Adams and advise that the Gossip is to be distributed to current and associate members only. Dianne to supply Ronnie with a list of email addresses for these members.

Action: Completed

This meeting

- 2020 State Rally and Sandgropers October rally, both planned for same weekend in October. After a brief discussion it was decided that the Club support WAACCI and cancel our club rally planned for October.

Notice of Motion.

Helen Schell moved a motion that we defer our rally planned for October 2020.

Motion seconded by, Cindy Jordan. Carried.

Roy suggested that the Sandgropers stand back a bit from this year's state rally and perhaps help out but not become a major organiser.

- Allan & June Foote have requested 12 months leave of absence. All of the committee accepted and Dianne to write to June & Alan.

Action: Dianne

- Cindy put forward a suggestion that we introduce at least another rally each year. She said that not holding a rally in December and January each year only provides members with 10 rallies per year. Thelma said that we use to have a rally each year on the long weekend in January. Dianne said that we use to have a New Year's Eve rally each year and David suggested that we should reintroduce it. Roy said that we won't be able to get into popular parks each NYE but sites similar to Pinjarra are good. The committee held a brief discussion and it was decided that the committee are open to rallies at Easter, long weekend's and NYE and would like Brian Bizzill to look at a rally for NYE this year.

Action: Brian Bizzill

- Dianne had an email from Susan Del Borello, Barking Gumnuts Caravan Club, regarding selling of movie tickets. The Sandgropers could fund raise and earn .50 to .75 cents per ticket. The committee decided that Sandgropers would not be interested in this offer.

Meeting Closed: 9pm

Next Management Committee meeting:

Guilderton Caravan Park, May 2020 and Nannup Caravan Park, August 2020.

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting:

President

Secretary

Date _____

Date _____