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BINNINGUP RALLY

1 to 5 FEBRUARY 2018

There were a few keen, early arrivals at the rally – Paula and David arrived on the Sunday, then Brian and Ronnie on the Tuesday, quickly followed by Peter and Mary on the Wednesday. Thursday saw the majority of vans arrive over the course of the day, including visitors Graham & Cheryl Kent and Alan & Peter Hucker friends of the Lengkeeks with everyone settled in very quickly. There were only two more vans to arrive on the Friday, giving a total of 15 member vans and 2 visitor vans, plus Kel and Glenda had a Danish visitor with them, Bodil, who stayed in one of the cabins.



The weather was warm and fortunately the wind that had been blowing earlier in the week had disappeared, so gathering on the central lawn for afternoon tea, happy hour and dinner was very pleasant. A nice surprise was that a swimming pool had been installed since our visit the previous year, which was enjoyed by several of the ladies.

Friday was a bit cloudy and sticky but several went on the morning walk and there was a good attendance at Tai chi. The bowls roll up was delayed until 4.30 pm as the local ladies were having a gala day, with ten playing bowls and the rest either



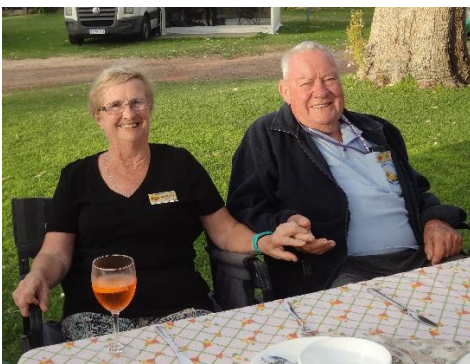
watching or settling in the bar for happy hour. During happy hour we once again managed to win three of the lucky number chocolate wheel

prizes – Clelia \$41, Thelma \$8 and Maureen \$30. A long table barbecue dinner finished off a very good day.

The inaugural world Finska championship heats were held on Saturday afternoon, with the ten games (25 participants) producing ten semi finalists who would compete the following day for the grand trophy. As usual



afternoon tea morphed into happy hour which morphed into our Italian dinner, once again setting up tables on



lawn. A fantastic spread was produced for main course, then a great variety of delicious desserts. A quick Australian quiz kept everyone on their toes (and awake) with the night finishing up just before 10 pm.

Sunday morning was bright and sunny again with no planned activities until the Finska finals after lunch. After



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o hard-fought heats, Brian Adams and Brian Bizzill reached the finals. In front of an enthusiastic crowd of spectators the two Brians battled for supremacy, with Brian Bizzill collecting the trophy (which had been generously made by Roy Lundy). The play-off for the runners-up was between Maureen Lundy and Lyn Kirby, with Maureen just beating Lyn for the honour. President David closed the rally in mid afternoon as they were heading home.



One final game of Finska was held between our two guests –Bodil from Denmark and Cheryl from Australia, with Australia having just a slight edge over Denmark. A great weekend was finished off with a feed of fish and chips from the café and a walk to the lookout to watch the sunset.

During the weekend membership badges were presented to Bob and Dianne Lengkeek and Helma & Henry Gielingh plus a 50 Rally badge to Mary & Peter Neale.

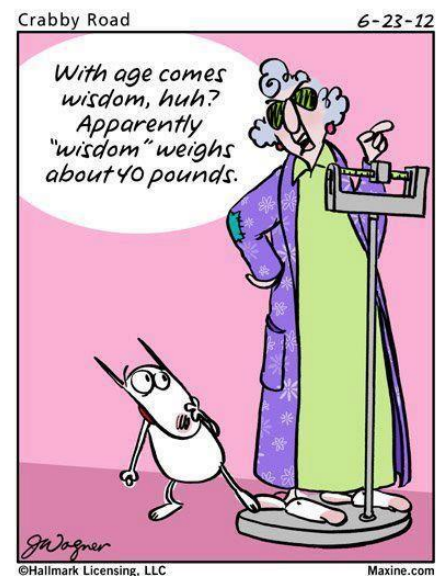
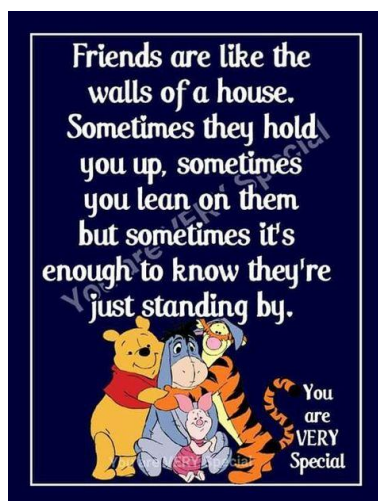


Caravan prizes were won by Alan and Lyn Kirby (donated by Ted and June Bunce) and Kevin and Thelma Forbes (donated by Roy and Maureen Lundy).



Report prepared by Helen Bizzill

Those present at the Rally were: Kel & Glenda Olesen, Frank & Janice Alilovic, Kevin & Thelma Forbes, Alan & Lyn Kirby, Roy & Maureen Lundy, David & Paul Hiscock, Graham & Clelia Gough, Brian & Helen Bizzill, Alan & June Foote, Bob & Dianna Lengkeek, Ian & Beth Moore, Chris & Di Young, Brian & Ronnie Adams, Peter & Mary Neale, Henry & Helma Gielingh. Visitors for weekend were Graham & Cheryl Kent, Alan & Peta Hucker and Bodil, a guest of Olesens, from Denmark



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hi All and a happy new year

Firstly I would like to start with a little bit of sad news.

Due to a decline in Ian's health, Ian & Natalie Kessell have decided to resign from the Club. They have been wonderful friends to many and great ambassadors for caravanning over the years. We will miss both of them, and as is the case with all past members, we will not leave them behind and hope we will be able to see them at future rallies as a "Friend of the Club".

Once again the Binningup rally was a great success and a good way to start the year. Thanks to Brian & Helen Bizzill for putting on a good show, and to all who contributed over the weekend (especially the Italian night). The numbers were again very healthy, with a nice mix of existing, new and prospective Members in attendance. We welcomed Graham & Cheryl Kent and Peta & Alan Hucker to our fold. Both couples have expressed interest in joining us. To Brian Bizzill congratulations on being our inaugural Finska champion, you backed up your early claim and delivered when it counted, well done.

With respect to future rallies we encourage you to use the website and register your interest as soon as possible. If you are having any problems with the website or registering don't hesitate to call Ian Moore or any of us on the Committee and we will be more than happy to help you. Moving forward you will see some additional features on the website where you will be able to log your "unavailability" as well. Its imperative we give our rally co-ordinator a heads up as soon as we know, that way we can book venues with a greater deal of certainty.

On the WAACCI front, congratulations to Kevin Forbes for taking over as President due to the sad passing of Ted Walker. It's a big task and where we can, we will support you. Don't forget, for those interested in attending the National rally in Albany between the 14th - 22nd October, 2019 please jump onto the website and register www.17thnationalcaravanrally.org.au . Again WAACCI need numbers as early as they can so that they can plan for the event.

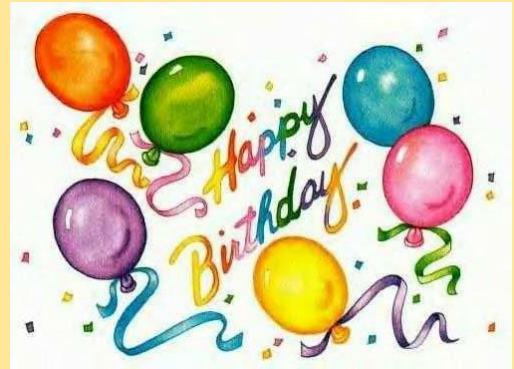
To our Committee I would like to thank you for your on going support and hard work in the background, keep up the great work.

Thats all for now, and i look forward to seeing many of you at Pumpfrey's Bridge.

David

FEBRUARY

Elva Littlely	2 nd
Brian Adams	9 th
Glenda Olesen	11 th
Peter Neale	14 th
Di Ashford	20 th
Margaret Celenza	21 st



FEBRUARY



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Alan & Rheta Parkinson	4 th
Brian & Helen Bizzill	28 th

THANK YOU

Natalie and Ian Kessell wish to thank everyone for the lovely card that they received on their resignation from the Club. They are both very touched and also sad to end their caravanning days.

Regards to all Nat & Ian

PROGRAMME FOR PUMPHREY'S BRIDGE

THURSDAY MARCH 1ST – SUNDAY MARCH 4TH

Venue Officers Margot Nicoll and Ian Fullerton

Note:- Water is very scarce and may NOT be taken from the hall to caravans.

Thursday, 1st	Arrive and settle in	(parking on the oval)
	5.00pm	Happy hour
Friday, 2nd	10.00am	Morning tea
	11.00am	Ladder Golf
	3.00pm	Devonshire Tea by the CWA Ladies (\$5.50) Opening of Rally
	5.00pm	Happy hour
	6.30pm	BYO Dinner
	7.30pm	Games Please bring 5 x 20c coins
Saturday 3rd	9.00am	Tai Chi
	10.00	Morning tea
	1.00	Finska
	3.00	Afternoon tea
	5.00pm	Happy hour
	6.30pm	Dinner by CWA Ladies (\$28 per head , numbers to be confirmed to Margot ASAP)
	8.00pm	Games and socialising
Sunday 4th	9.00am	Tai Chi
	10.00am	Morning tea
	10.30am	Depart for Tanglefoot Winery and Cafe, Wandering
	2.00pm	Disc Bowls
	3.00pm	Afternoon tea & closing of the Rally
	6.30pm	Communal BBQ (couple of bbqs required please)
	7.30pm	Easy Australian Quiz
Monday 5th	Depart at leisure	

ATTENDEES FOR PUMPHREYS BRIDGE RALLY

Glenda & Kel Olesen

Lynne and Alan Kirby

Helen & Brian Bizzill

Helen & Jim Schell

Maureen & Roy Lundy

Ronnie & Brian Adams

June & Allan Foote

Beth & Ian Moore

Margot Nicoll & Ian Fullerton

Paula & David Hiscock

VISITORS

Cheryl & Graham Kent

Deborah & Jerry Curchin

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There is no dump point but public toilets across road can be used to empty cassettes

NOTE FROM THE RALLY ORGANISER:

Those wishing to Attend Big Valley Rally in April please phone park 0897575020 to pay a deposit.

Also please phone Moore River to pay a deposit for the May Rally. There phone no is 08 9577 1021.

Venue Officers are required for Big Valley in April, Jennacubbine in June and Ballidu in July. Please contact Ian if you are able to organise one of these rallies

Please can people register on line for future rallies. I will update from rally sheets to cross check.

COMING EVENTS

1st-5th March

Pumphrey's Bridge - 145 km

Pumphreys Bridge. 27 km from Wandering Town. Set next to the Hotham. River, **Pumphreys Bridge** is a scenic picnic area popular with locals and visitors alike. Across the river from the picnic area is the Pumphreys Historical Homestead where John and Isabella Pumphrey settled in 1888.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE of DATE and VENUE for the following Rally

6th = 9th April

Big Valley Farm - Margaret River - 275 km

Big Valley Campsite is nestled amongst the hills of our family owned working sheep farm, ten minutes South East of **Margaret River**. The farm encompasses a beautiful secret valley hidden from the outside world by natural forest. We are central to the **Margaret River** region and its tourist attractions.

3rd – 6th May

Moore River – Guilderton 100km north of Perth

The town is situated on the last remaining river estuary (Moore River) on the Swan Coastal Plain unspoilt by development. Residents strive to maintain the near pristine environment at its best for current and future generations to enjoy. Our aim is to preserve HISTORY, be active in the PRESENT and plan our FUTURE.