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ANNUAL PICNIC

TUESDAY, 15 JANUARY 2019

When Brian and I arrived at Kadidjiny Park in Melville just after 11 am, there was already a good gathering of Sandgropers, all keen to catch up on everyone's news and wish all a Happy New Year. The weather was warm and pleasant and even a little cool under the trees. As more people arrived



the circle inevitably grew larger and larger. There were a couple of things forgotten – Chris Young forgot the chairs and Allan and June brought all the makings for a cup of coffee



including a gas burner and kettle but left one important item at

home: the coffee mugs! Jerry and Debra arrived a little later to catch up with everyone before setting off next Sunday



for their 8 month lap around Australia, and will meet up again at the National Rally in Albany in October – safe travels. Alan and Rheta joined in with Rheta making a good recovery from her knee surgery, although still needing crutches to get around. Elva had intended coming to the picnic but had to pull out at the last minute as she wasn't feeling well. David Hiscock took a break from painting at his son's house which was conveniently located nearby. He extended an invitation to anyone interested to join him later in the day, but sadly no-one took up his offer. It was also nice to see Brian and Mary and Gerry and Margaret at the picnic.

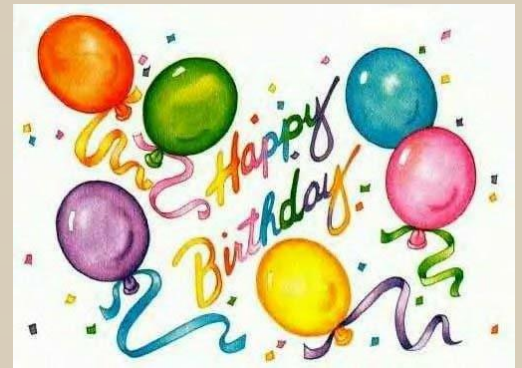
The Club picnic always gets a good turnout with 33 people attending as follows:

Di and Robyn Ashford, June and Allan Foote, Gerry and Margaret Kerrigan, Brian and Helen Bizzill, David Hiscock, Clelia and Graham Gough, Brian and Mary Wales, Frank and Jan Alilovic, Roy and Maureen Lundy, Ian and Margot, Peter Neale, Kevin and Thelma Forbes, Chris and Dianne Young, Glenda, Kel and granddaughter Amy Olesen, Alan and Rheta Parkinson, Debra and Jerry Curchin, Ian and Beth Moore.

Written by Helen Bizzill

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| Chris Young | 5th |
| Janice Alilovic | 23rd |
| Beth Moore | 28th |
| Jerry Churchin | 30th |
| Debra Churchin | 31st |
| Maureen Lundy | 31st |



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| June & Alan Foote | 17th |
| Arthur & Elva Littlely | 28th |



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PROGRAMME FOR BINNINGUP

1st Feb to 3rd February 2019

Rally Organisers: Brian & Ronnie Adams

1st Feb: Friday

AM Arrive and set up
3.00 pm Committee Meeting
4.00 pm Afternoon Tea
5.00 pm Happy Hour and Opening of Rally
6.30 pm Dinner

2nd Feb: Saturday

9.00 am Tai Chi
10.00 am Morning Tea
10.30 am Heats of Finska
12.00 Noon LUNCH
1.30 pm Finals of Finska
**3.00 pm Meeting for those attending the National Rally
At Albany**
4.00 pm Afternoon Tea
5.00 pm Happy Hour
**6.30 pm BBQ Dinner. Please BYO BBQ and a salad to share
Sweets will be provided.**
8.00 pm Bandstand/Countdown Reunion (see below)

3rd Feb: Sunday

10.00 am Morning Tea
Closing Rally
10.30 am Beach cricket

BANDSTAND/COUNTDOWN REUNION

A fun night we are trying to have so we would like members to come dresses as a an artist from the 70's or 80's, ie John Lennon, Little Patti etc and have a song the artist sang. If everyone participates it will be a good night with lots of laughs for everyone.

ATTENDEES for BINNINGUP

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| Brian & Helen Bizzill | Jim & Helen Schell |
| Frank & Jan Alilovic | Kel & Glenda Olesen |
| Chris & Di Young | Brian & Ronnie Adams |
| Elva Littlely | David & Paula Hiscock |
| Alan & June Foote | Robin & Di Ashford |
| Kevin & Thelma Forbes | Peter & Mary Neale |
| Roy & Maureen Lundy | Alan & Lynne Kirby |
| Ian Fullerton & Margot Nicoll | |
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Secrets to a long happy marriage



A old woman was sipping on a glass of wine, while sitting on the patio with her husband, and she says, "I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you"... Her husband asks, "Is that you, or the wine talking?"... She replies, "It's me... talking to the wine."

COMING RALLIES

MARCH 1st – 3rd GINGIN 93 KM Cabins available

Gingin's economy is mostly based on agriculture, although there has been an increasing focus on science with the establishment of the [Australian International Gravitational Observatory](#) and [Gravity Discovery Centre](#). There is also a small military airfield, [RAAF Gingin](#), located nearby.

MARCH 28-31st WAGIN 276km Camp at showgrounds

Wagin is a town and [shire](#) in the [Great Southern region](#) of [Western Australia](#), approximately 225 km south-east of [Perth](#) on the [Great Southern Highway](#) between [Narrogin](#) and [Katanning](#). It is also on [State Route 107](#). The main industries are [wheat](#) and [sheep](#) farming.

The town itself came into existence after the construction of the [Great Southern Railway](#) which was completed in 1889 with the town originally called *Wagin Lake*.^[2] The name of the town is derived from [Wagin Lake](#), a usually dry salt lake south of the town. The [Aboriginal](#) name is Waitjen, having been first recorded for the lake by a surveyor in 1869-72. There is uncertainty about the actual meaning of 'Wagin' but it is likely that it either means 'the place where emus watered' or 'Emu's watering hole'

MAY 3rd- 6th Yarloop 126 km Camping on oval

Yarloop is a town in the [South West](#) of [Western Australia](#) along the [South Western Highway](#), between [Waroona](#) and [Harvey](#). At the [2006 census](#), Yarloop had a population of 545.^[1] On 7 January 2016 a bushfire destroyed most of the town. The name Yarloop is said to have originated from the words "yard loop", the rail loop into the timber yard there. However, the name is more likely [Aboriginal](#) in origin (most likely from the local [Bindjareb Noongar](#) people). Yalup Brook is situated only about 5 km north of Yarloop and there is similarity in pronunciation of the word and the early spelling variations of the siding (Yailoup and Yarloup) support it being Aboriginal

