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## BUSCOMB FARM RALLY

**JUNE 29TH - 1ST JULY**

We arrived at Buscomb Farm to find venue officers for the weekend Doris and Ron in opposite corners of the farm area that was allotted to us with Helen and Jim in another corner.....no arguments, they had picked the best flat spots. Ron then discovered that he may have a flat spot.....next to a chook run ruled by a rooster!!!!

Doris and Ron have asked me to do this report for them.

It was the first time for our club to use this venue, road sign posts could have lead you to Harvey, Collie, Darken, Quindanning, Lane Pool, Williams, Boddington or back to Pinjarra if you really got into trouble. The mud map got us here, well done Doris for that.

Buscomb Farm is in a valley in the middle of nowhere with the above towns all about 50 kms away. It is run by Mark and Sarah and is a sheep property. They were gracious hosts and would do anything for you.



Thursday was setting up and getting the high fire lit which Mark had kindly piled up for us during the day, he must have known something, we certainly needed it. Rheta and Alan and new visitors John and Jean turned up, so with the fire lit around 3.30 pm there we stayed moving back constantly from the heat. A BBQ tea was had around the fire, a beautiful fresh evening with the stars above us.....heaven.

Friday dawned we, Mary and Peter decided to have a look at Boddington as we had come thru Pinjarra. Of course we had to get the paper. We had also decided to have lunch at the famous Quindanning pub and mentioned to others that they were more than welcome to join us. As we arrived at the famous Quindanning pub the skies opened, and not long after Doris and Ron, John and Jean, Bob and Dianna, David and Paula, Clelia and Graham, Elva and Arthur arrived. Once again a great warm atmosphere and good pub grub.



The weather cleared so it was afternoon tea which ran into the opening of the rally by David around the fire again. David welcomed the return of visitors Dianna and Bob, also new visitors John and Jean wishing them a happy rally. David spoke of the up coming State Rally in September and encouraged members to give it some thought. Being at York it is not that far to go., it being held on the oval with new facilities all around.



Once again a BBQ and some stayed by the roaring fire and rugged up while others went to the lovely lounge/kitchen with wood fire and played games or just relaxed.

In the early hours of Saturday morning the rain started with 26mls falling over the weekend, making the farmers very happy.

There had been a tour organised of the property by Mark but due to the weather which he said it was clear in the afternoon, it was changed to the afternoon. Sarah and Kirsty an English

backpacker dished up a lovely roast lunch, followed by sticky date pudding, apple and berry crumble, cream, ice-cream and custard followed again by various slices, who could fit those in?? Thanks goes to Doris and Ron who presented several bottles of bubbles to wash lunch down with., very nice indeed. Of course that led to many going for the nana nap while others took up Marks offer of a trip around the farm.





The fire was blazing again, so many members love prodding the fire.....

The cold was really getting to many, the brave souls that stayed by the fire, good on you, the rest it was to the lounge for a picky tea after such a big lunch, and games that Doris organised to test our brain. I never did find out what HIJLMNOP meant!!!



Sunday dawned, lovely blue skies and ice everywhere, so it was a cold pack up for those doing the 'outside'.

Rally was closed with Elva and Arthur winning the caravan prize donated by Doris.

Thank you Doris and Ron for a lovely weekend.

Mary Neale

Those in attendance Alan & Rheta Parkinson, Peter & Mary Neale. David & Paula Hiscock.

Jim & Helen Schell, Ron Halse, Doris Friend, Graham & Clelia Gough, Arthur & Elva Littlely and Visitors Bob & Dianna Lengkeek and John & Jean Riddel



## BUSCOMB FARM BLOOPERS

Quotation from a member who attended White Gum Farms York Rally.

“Last rally two couples took 2 hours from Beverley to get to White Gum Farm. Someone had the idea of the parachute school was the venue!!”

First to the rally usually gets the choice of sites, ho-hum so why park beside the chook yard which contained a rooster?

Then someone knew we had no telly reception, he brought the DVDs and forgot the Telly.

I ask you has Rheta learnt her lesson not to ask a friend to throw her a toilet roll. Good shot got her on the head. Will be careful in future how to phrase the question.

Now the lady asking about the knots can't spell sandgropers.

And remember the top must off before the wine comes out.

Gentleman taking his wife's wine glass home found it just jumped out of his hand. Can't put that together again.

Which couple unmarried to each other were seen spooning together at lunch time?



### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Ruth Mackenzie	8 <sup>th</sup>
June Bunce	16 <sup>th</sup>
Alan Parkinson	25 <sup>th</sup>
Helen Bizzill	26 <sup>th</sup>



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## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Kel & Glenda Olesen	9 <sup>th</sup>
Kevin & Thelma Forbes	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Brian & Ronnie Adams	25 <sup>th</sup>

## ATTENDEES FOR QUAIRADING 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017

### Rally Organisers: David & Paula Hiscock

Graham & Clelia Gough	TFS	Lawrie Tyler	TFS
David & Paula Hiscock	F & S	Arthur & Elva Littlely	
Kevin & Thelma Forbes		Ian & Beth Moore	
Visitors:			
Bob & Dianna Lengkeek			

**Itinerary for Quairading Rally**  
**July 27<sup>th</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup> 2017**  
**Quairading Caravan Park – McLennan St Quairading**  
**Venue Officers – David & Paula Hiscock (0410479385)**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July** Arrive and set up

Newly renovated in March 2016 and under new management, the Quairading Caravan Park and Cottage is owned and managed by the Shire and on the [Pathways to Wave Rock self drive route.\(check link to explore further.](#) The park contains 18 powered sites, 4 camping sites and 2 drive through sites. Cottage and railway barracks type accommodation also available.

\$20 per night – pay 2 nights and get the 3<sup>rd</sup> free. (Will collect fees on Saturday at morning tea)

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July** Some still arriving and setting up.

Self drive visit to various locations in the area.

Try the Granite Way off the Kellerberrin-Yoting Rd (gravel rd, weather permitting) drive around Mt Stirling .

**5.00pm** Happy Hour & OFFICIAL RALLY OPENING.

Weather permitting it will be located at the fire pit area. Alternatively undercover in the sports club area adjacent (Area not available until footy has finished in the afternoon.)

**6.15pm** Casserole night. Please bring a casserole or desert to share. Please let Paula know what you intend to bring

**8.00pm** A few yarns (wines) around the fire pit (weather permitting), cards & games in the sports club area

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

**9,00am** Walk to town, local Resource Centre or check out the Art Antique Bazaar.

**10,00am** Morning Tea – Again weather permitting either by the fire pit or under cover area

**Free morning/early afternoon** – Options -on your own or as a group, discuss at morning tea

Quairading Community Nature Reserve – York – Quairading Rd (5 mins out of town.)

1.8 km Nockaminnie Creek Walk

6.3km Nookaminnie Rock walk

Toapin Weir (plenty of water in it at the moment) approx. 9 km's from town. Your car will get dirty, wear good shoes.

**3.00pm** – “Bonfire in the paddock” – cost of \$10 per head. Includes scones. Jam & cream. Further details provided closer to the time. Please confirm your attendance by 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

**5,00pm** Happy Hour

**6.30pm** BBQ or dinner of your choice. They say the pub does a very good meal!!

**8.00pm** Share your stories – Tell us about a time when -----

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July:**

**8.30 am** Sunday sleep in unless you want to go for a walk...

**10,00 am** Morning Tea – OFFICIAL RALLY CLOSING

## COMING RALLIES:

### **24<sup>TH</sup>-27<sup>TH</sup> Aug COLLIE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Collie is a town in the South West region of Western Australia, 213 kilometres (132 mi) south of the state capital, Perth, and 59 kilometres (37 mi) inland from the regional city and port of Bunbury. It is near the junction of the Collie and Harris Rivers, in the middle of dense jarrah forest and the only coalfields in Western Australia. At the 2011 census, Collie had a population of 6,998.[1]

Collie is mainly known as a coal-producing centre, but also offers industrial, agricultural and aquaculture tourism industries. Muja Power station is located east of the town, and to its west is the Wellington Dam, a popular location for fishing, swimming and boating

### **21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> September STATE RALLY - YORK**

Nestled on the banks of the Avon River in the gently rolling farmlands of the beautiful Avon Valley, the district offers unique insights into Western Australia's rich and colourful past, both before and following European settlement in 1831.

York was the first inland settlement in Western Australia, and the town has many historic, heritage listed Victorian and Federation buildings. An abundance of local activities and facilities make it an attractive destination and a fantastic place to live.

## NEWS from the PRESIDENT:

At the present Brian & Helen plus 4 other club members are sunning themselves at Barn Hill. The word is fun is the order of the day with June Foote being a member of the winning triples bowls recently.



Another couple, Brian & Ronnie Adams, also away where Brian had recent success at the opening of the new Karratha Bowling Club rinks winning a \$100 voucher to a local restaurant thus taking his son's family out for a meal.

Don't forget the AGM coming up on 24<sup>th</sup> August at Collie. Hope most are back from travelling and looking forward to seeing everyone there.