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## 2017 SANDGROPER COMMITTEE

President David Hiscock

Vice-President Helen Bizzill

Secretary Dianne Young

Treasurer Mary Neale

### COMMITTEE:

Rally Co-Ordinator Ian Moore

Membership Secretary Clelia Gough

June Foote

Glenda Olesen

Ron Halse

# BALLIDU RALLY

6th - 8th July 2018

Venus Officers Jim & Helen Schell

Apologies to Helen & Jim who sent me a writeup of the Rally but unfortunately although I saved it I can't open it. I know the Schell's are on the road travelling so haven't been able to get Helen to forward it again.

Helen did say that although there were only 3 vans they all had a good time. The attached photos are a record of the good time that they enjoyed.







The town dog came to visit and wanted to play and kept his paw on Helen's foot wanting attention.



Although cold a beautiful day for a BBQ

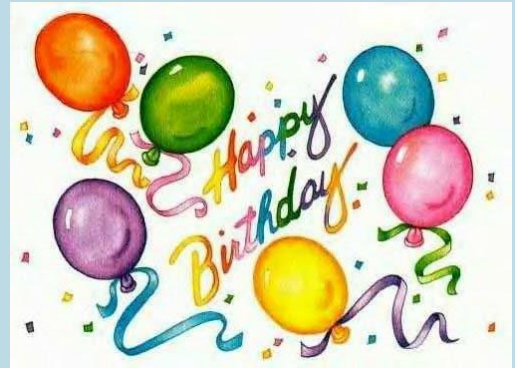


Winners of the quiz



**JULY 2018**

Alan Parkinson                      25th  
 Helen Bizzill                        26th



**July 2018**

Kevin & Thelma Forbes            23rd  
 Brian & Ronnie Adams            25th



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**ATTENDEES for WHITE GUM FARM AGM**

Chris & Di Young	Jim & Helen Schell
Alan & Rheta Parkinson	Graham & Clelia Gough
Ian Fullerton & Margot Nichol	Brian & Ronnie Adams
Ian & Beth Moore	Alan & Lynne Kirby
David & Pula Hiscock	Ian Fullerton & Margot Nicoll
Merle Burn	Kel & Glenda Olesen
	Frank & Jan Alilovic

**WHITE GUM FARM  
16th-19th August 2018**

**Venue Officers: Committee**

**THURSDAY**

Meet and greet as you arrive and settle in.  
After dinner meet in hall for cards etc.

**FRIDAY:**

10.00 am

Morning Tea

3.00 pm

Afternoon Tea

5.00 pm

Opening Rally and Happy Hour

7.30 pm  
etc

Games and activities in hall. Please bring torches and coins for cards

**SATURDAY**

9,30 am

Buffett Breakfast at Settlers House, 125 Avon Tce.  
Based on current nos, the cost will be between \$20-\$25 per person.

1,30 am

AGM in Hall at White Gum Farm

3.30 pm

Afternoon tea provided be committee.

7.00 pm

Own dinner followed by socialising, dancing, quiz and other games.

**SUNDAY:**

9.00 am

Hanger Tour with Gary from White Gum Farm  
Close of rally & safe trip home.



# ***COMING RALLIES***

## **16th-19th August WHITE GUM FARM – YORK - 210 km ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

White Gum Farm is a unique wheat belt tourism location, near York WA, with a caravan park suited to all types of caravans, motor homes and camping. Attractions include swimming, fishing, bush walking and all types of native fauna and flora.

The location also sports a airport with on site training and aircraft joy flights. Tours of the property and its features are available each Sunday and include viewing of the restoration of a MIG-21 fighter jet and aircraft hangar inspection. On site development of the exciting Lake Kimberley Bar and Grill continues with the future of weddings, functions and events.

## **21st – 23rd September NAMBUNG STATION FARM STAY**

Nambung Station Farm is approx. 2 hrs north of Perth and 22 kms west from Brand Hwy on the Wongonderrah Road.

The farm has 10 powered sites, toilets, camp kitchen, fire pit and the shearing shed can be organised to be available.

Nambung Station is a working farm and whether your interest lie in wild flowers, native birds, bushwalking, camping, farming, photography star gazing or just relaxing in a peaceful rural setting Nambuck Station can enhance your holiday.

## **19th – 21st October BACK TO NATURE**

Back to Nature Caravan Park was opened in July 2011. The Park is situated on Cowalla Road in West Gingin, just over an hours drive from the metro area and within a 30 minute drive from the towns of Gingin, Lancelin, Guilderton, Seabird and Ledge Point.

The Park is in 200 acres of scenic undulating native bushland, which has full registration under the Land For Wildlife scheme. This makes it an idea location for enjoying the wildflowers in spring, bushwalking, birdwatching or simply for a quiet getaway.



**SANDGROPER CARAVANNERS INC.**  
**MINUTES OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD AT COLLIE CARAVAN PARK ON SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>**  
**AUGUST 2017**



## **PRESIDENT TO OPEN MEETING**

The President (Brian Bizzill) opened the meeting at 1.35 pm and welcomed all members.

## **ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

There were 33 members attending, 17 apologies and 3 new members & visitors with the Attendance List attached.

## **MINUTES OF 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Though not identified on the agenda, the minutes of the 2016 Annual General meeting held at Bindoon Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016 were distributed to all members on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016 in the July 2016 version of "The Gossip".

## **Matters Arising:**

The notice of a motion proposing a new by-law No.9, Associate Membership be dealt with during the re-writing of the Club Constitution. That a sub-committee be formed to complete this work and that the "model" WAACCI Constitution be used as a template. A final copy of the WAACCI model Constitution has yet to be distributed to all Clubs.

Proposed - Brian Wales, seconded Clelia Gough, that the 2016 AGM minutes be accepted as a true record. Carried unanimously.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The President's Report prepared by Brian Bizzill had previously been distributed to all Members. Additional to this the Club President acknowledged Ronnie Adams for preparing the "Gropers Gossip", Ronnie responded that she was happy to continue with it.

Proposed Ron Halse, seconded Margot Nicholl that the President's Report be accepted. Carried unanimously.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report which included a Financial Statement, Profit & Loss, Balance sheet, Fixed Asset listing and SCC Inventory was prepared by Alan Parkinson and had previously been distributed to members. The Auditor's Report prepared by Barry Etherington formed part of the Treasurer's Report.

Proposed Roy Lundy, seconded Helen Bizzil that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Carried unanimously.

## **RALLY COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

The Rally Coordinator's Report, prepared by Ian Moore had previously been distributed to all members. Ian took the opportunity to discuss the report and the 2018 rally list with the map showing the location of venues relative to the Perth GPO. Key items raised out of the report were: Do we avoid doing long weekends? Survey members re the desire to do full OBT's.

Proposed Ronnie Addams, seconded Graham Gough that the Rally Coordinator's Report be accepted. Carried unanimously.

## **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Membership Secretary's Report prepared by Brian Adams, had previously been distributed to all members. Brian spoke on his report and advised there were currently 29 membership vans, with the Kirby's on a leave of absence, but due back in Perth soon. We had 3 resignations one new membership and two others who had paid nomination fees.

Proposed Laurie Tyler, seconded Maureen Lundy that the Membership Secretary's Report be accepted. Carried unanimously.

## **ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

### **President**

A nomination had been received from Kel Olesen, seconded by Brian Bizzill proposing **David Hiscock** be elected as President. There being no further nominations, **David Hiscock** was duly elected.

### **Vice President**

A nomination had been received from Ronnie Adams, seconded by David Hiscock proposing **Helen Bizzill** be elected as Vice President. There being no further nominations, **Helen Bizzill** was duly elected

### **Secretary**



A nomination had been received from Kel Olesen seconded by David Hiscock proposing **Dianne Young** as Secretary. There being no further nominations, **Dianne Young** was duly elected.

### **Treasurer**

A nomination had been received from Alan Parkinson seconded by David Hiscock proposing **Mary Neale** as Treasurer. There being no further nominations, **Mary Neale** was duly elected.

### **Committee Positions**

The President advised that the following had submitted nominations for Committee positions:

**Rally Coordinator - Ian Moore.** Agreed to continue from previous year - proposed Brian Bizzill.

**Membership Secretary - Clelia Gough,** proposed Brian Bizzill.

**Glenda Olesen,** proposed June Foote, seconded David Hiscock

**June Foote,** proposed Helen Bizzill, seconded David Hiscock

**Ron Halse,** proposed Kel Olesen, seconded David Hiscock

There being no further nominations, the above were all duly elected.

The President thanked the outgoing committee for their hard work over the past 12 months and for their commitment to the Club. He then spoke to members about the commitment that the committee makes to the Club each year. He then handed over to the in coming President and Committee to continue the AGM.

### **FEES**

**Annual Subscription:** The President advised that the annual subscription remained at \$55 per van per year plus the voluntary levy of \$10 per van per year as a donation to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

**Nomination Fees:** The President advised that the nomination fee was currently \$40 and has been since 2003.

Proposed Roy Lundy, seconded Alan Parkinson. Carried unanimously.

### **CONFIRMATION OF BANK SIGNATORIES**

It was confirmed that any two of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer be the authorize signatories on the Club's bank accounts. Alan Parkinson has the forms and will provide them to the new committee. Proposed Margot Nicoll, seconded Kevin Forbes. Carried unanimously.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

The President advised that the new constitution has still not been completed and he would like to have this completed within the next 12 months. He suggested that a sub-committee look at the model constitution from WAACCI and that way we can reduce legal costs. Alan Parkinson said it is very hard to hold meetings for the constitution at Rally's and maybe they should be held in Perth. Kevin Forbes said he thought that a generic constitution for clubs will be available from WAACCI this year.

Roy Lundy questioned whether the Club should have an audit or a review of the accounts each year. He advised that an auditor needs to be an APA member and last year the cost was \$80. Alan Parkinson recommends that if Members require they can call someone in to complete an Audit. The President advised that the new constitution will be tier 1 which states we should have a review. Chris Young put forward a motion that in the new constitution it is a Review only and not an audit, seconded Roy Lundy, carried unanimously.

The President asked members to think about Club Rally's over the Long Weekend and he suggested that the club could forward a survey to members. Ian Moore asked the members that if he could not get a booking for the long weekend should we consider the weekend either side. Roy Lundy said that he would like members to consider one OBT Rally each year. He thinks that some caravanners would not be keen to do an OBT on their own but would be more open to the idea with a group. The President said we need to consider weather, access and a location suitable for our number of caravans. The President then requested that members bring forward ideas to Ian Moore for places that may be suitable.

Brian Wales suggested that the Committee to look into the purchase of a marquee. He thought that it would open up our options to Caravan Parks with inadequate facilities.

Alan Parkinson asked Members that if they are unable to attend for part, or of the whole Rally, to please notify the Caravan Park.

Ian Moore advised that we need Venue Officers for upcoming rally's, could Members please look at the Rally list and think about being an Officer and if preferred 2 couples could work together on a rally. Ian Moore also advised that if you plan to go to Tasmania and to put your caravan on the boat you must have a grey water tank.

Brian Bizzill asked that in the review of the new Constitution could we create a new membership category similar to Associate Membership for Members that are now on their own. It was suggested that this

membership could be called Friends of the Club and fees would be at a reduced rate. Helen Schell asked if this Membership get voting rights. Margaret Kerrigan advised that some Clubs have a week away each year in Busselton, they hire a bus and take Members on outings and arrange meals in the middle of the day which is easier for the elderly Members. Roy Lundy suggested that Associate Members must be previous Members of Sandgroper Caravanners and that they do not have voting rights. Kevin Forbes said that singles still want to keep in touch with Club Members and maybe an annual fee of \$10 could be charged to cover insurance.

Graham Gough advised that all attendees must be covered by insurance and that this is possibly that the sub- committee for the constitution could review.

Helen Schell has suggested that we have a lock box on each caravan that contains a spare key for that van. It has been a problem on more than one occasion recently with 2 caravan owners misplacing keys.

Chris Young commented on the Sandgroper website and asked if the Committee could review it. Clelia Gough said that it was part of her role and she would be working with Peter Carter to review. Dianne Young said that when she was looking to join the Sandgroper Caravanners it was very difficult to find.

Thelma Forbes advised that she was very disappointed with our Christmas Rally last year. The attendance was poor and only 3 caravans were decorated. Thelma Forbes said it would be nice if we could all put in a bit more effort this year. Margaret Kerrigan suggested that we arrange catering ourselves this Christmas as we have a beautiful big hall at Brookton. Helen Bizzill asked Ronnie Adams if she would organize the Christmas dinner this year and Ronnie Adams agreed. Margaret Kerrigan suggested that someone does all the food shopping and then a team help out with the preparation. Brian Adams said that the attendance last year for the Christmas dinner was down on previous years. He suggested that the Club give a subsidy for the Christmas dinner and a July dinner. Margaret Kerrigan suggested that the Club not hand out dollars but put towards meal.

**CLOSURE**

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 3:10 pm.

**SIGNED**

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President

Secretary

Date .....

Date .....

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attendance list      Presidents Report      Treasurer’s Report      Rally Coordinator’s Report

Membership Report      Nomination forms



**Agenda for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Sandgroper Caravanners Inc.**  
**To be held at WhiteGum Farm**  
**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 1:30pm**



- **President to open the meeting**
  
- **Attendance & Apologies**
- Attendance list to be completed
  
- **Minutes of 2017 AGM**
- Adoption of minutes
- Matters arising
  
- **Reports**
- **President's report**
- Adoption of the report
- Matters arising
- **Treasurer's report**
- Adoption of the report
- Matters arising
- **Auditor's report**
- **Rally coordinator's report**
- Adoption of the report • Matters arising
- **Membership Secretary's report**
- Adoption of the report
- Matters arising
  
- **Election of Management Committee**
- **President**
- A formal nomination has been received from David Hiscock
- **Vice President**
- A formal nomination has been received from Helen Bizzill
- **Club Secretary**
- A formal nomination has been received from Dianne Young
- **Treasurer**
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- **Committee positions** • Formal nominations have been received from: Ronnie Adams, Glenda Olesen, and Helen Schell
  
- **Rally Coordinator**
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- **Membership Secretary**
- Clelia Gough has offered to take up the position of Membership Secretary
  
- **Fees**
- Annual subscription
- Nomination fees
- Special purpose fees
  
- **General Business**
- Format for 2019 AGM
  
- **Closure**
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- **Presidents report 2017 / 18**
- **Sandgroper Caravanners Inc.**

- This past year has been transformational for the Club and our members alike, and sometimes it has not been an easy road. Sadly, and for a variety of reasons we lost some wonderful members and I would like to acknowledge the contribution and friendship each and every one of them brought while a member of the club. Thank you, Ron Halse, Ian & Natalie Kessell, Laurie Tyler & Trisha Ellery, Peter Carter & Ruth Mackenzie, Betty & Brian Morris, Ted & June Bunce and Trish Wilson. You will be missed.

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- In the last year we introduced our “Friends of the club” category for past members who would like to stay in touch with the club in a more formal way. Welcome to Brian & Mary Wales and Merle Burn as our first official “Friends of the club”. We also welcomed some new members who have injected their own personality into the club, welcome Peter & Margaret Celenza, Jerry & Debra Curchin, Henry & Helma Gielingh, Graham & Cheryl Kent and Bob & Dianna Lengkeek. We look forward to spending some great rallies with you and the contribution you will make to the club in the coming years.

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- To the Committee, I would like to thank each and every one of you, especially in the past few months I was away. To Helen Bizzill, Dianne Young, Mary Neale, Clelia Gough, Glenda Olesen, Ian Moore, June Foote and Ron Halse; Thanks to each of you for your contribution and maintaining your focus on ensuring that the best interest of the club and its members came first and for continuing to re-enforce our love of caravanning. That’s why we do it!

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- At a State and National level, I am very proud to say Sandgroper’s are well represented and our contribution is outstanding. Kevin Forbes is currently the President of WAACCI with Chris Young as “acting” Vice President. The 17<sup>th</sup> National Rally Committee has Helen & Brian Bizzill looking after registrations & entertainment, grounds layout & services being managed by Kevin Forbes, Peter Neale and Chris Young. Mary Neale is looking after craft and Thelma Forbes and Dianne Young are also on the Committee. In a word “sensational”.

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- I have enjoyed the role of Club President and excited about where the club is at and where its headed. I look forward to serving the Club further in whatever capacity. Be safe out there and enjoy the journey.

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- David Hiscock
- President - Sandgroper Caravanners Inc.

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**Sandgroper Caravanners**  
**Membership Secretary Report**  
**Annual General Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018**



Since the last AGM on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August 2017, the Sandgroper Caravanners have enjoyed many up and thankfully very few downs. The downs being resignations from the club due to a number of reasons. We are grateful however, for the opportunity to have met and shared many good times with the following members and trust that your lives away from the Club are fulfilled and happy.

To: Ron Halse  
Ian and Natalie Kessell  
Laurie Tyler and Trisha Ellery  
Ted and June Bunce  
Peter Carter and Ruth Mackenzie

Brian Wales, Mary Wales and Merle Burn have now become “Friends of the Club” and are entitled to attend Rallies and Meetings (with no voting rights).

We wish all of you the very best for the future and hopefully catch up again soon.

This last year, our Club has grown to 24 x Caravans which included new Members;

Peter and Margaret Celenza  
Jerry and Debra Curchin  
Henry and Helma Gielingh  
Graham and Cheryl Kent

Also; Alan and Lynne Kirby are now back from a stint away while Doris Friend is still on a leave of absence.

You will notice a few changes and inclusions are now in our Club Web Site;

1. Our comprehensive list of all Members now includes Emergency numbers should we need to contact someone at any time.
2. The type of Caravan and their sizes has proven to be very useful information when booking Caravan Parks, as most require those details due to space restrictions.
3. You now have the opportunity to indicate the dates when you are not available to attend specific rallies, this information is extremely helpful when deciding the Venue for a particular month. If you

have not had an opportunity to include the dates you are not available, please do so at your earliest convenience?

All clubs need to grow, ours is no different. If you know of anyone with a caravan that would enjoy our company and would like to be involved please let the Venue Office know so an invitation to attend a Rally can be extended.

If you are experiencing any problems with the Web Site Access or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

**Clelia Gough**

Sandgroppers Membership Secretary

### Club Members Lifetime History and Rally Attendance as at the July 2018

Member	Years	Rally
ADAMS, Brian and Ronnie	16	86
ALILOVIC, Frank and Janice	12	73
ASHFORD, Robin and Di	8	25
BIZZILL, Brian and Helen	12	70
CELENZA, Peter and Margaret	2	1
CURCHIN, Jerry and Debra	1	1
FOOTE, Allan and June	4	11
FORBES, Kevin and Thelma	19	161
FREIND, Doris	8	21
FULLERTON, Ian and NICOLL, Margot	7	38
GIELINGH, Henry and Helma	1	1
GOUGH, Graham and Clelia	3	12
HISCOCK, David and Paula	6	31
KENT, Graham and Cheryl	1	1
KERRIGAN, Gerry and Margaret	20	111
KIRBY, Alan and Lynne	16	45
LITTLELY, Arthur and Elva	18	101
LUNDY, Roy and Maureen	12	75
MOORE, Ian and Beth	4	19
NEALE, Peter and Mary	1	59
OLESEN, Kel and Glenda	19	97
PARKINSON, Alan and Rheta	12	65
SCHELL, Jim and Helen	17	128

YOUNG, Chris and Dianne	2	8
Friends of Sandgropers		
WALES, Brian and Mary	19	95
BURN, Merle	20	112

If you would like a breakdown of all the Rally's you have attended, please let me know and I will run the report and forward it on to you. The list will contain dates and locations of each rally that has been booked and registered on the Sandgropers Web Site.

Regards  
Clelia Gough