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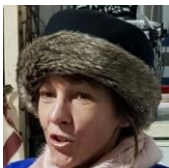
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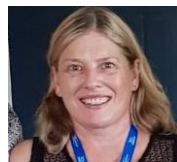
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## MARANUP FORD RALLY – 23-26 JULY 2020

**Hosted by Brian & Helen Bizzill**

Brian and I arrived on the Wednesday and were joined by Alan and Lynne Kirby in the early afternoon. On Thursday morning Brian and I took a short drive along gravel roads through the tall trees and rolling hills. Went through a few puddles along the way and our white car was more brown than white. We checked out the location for our proposed picnic on the weekend then headed back to camp.

Doris was the first arrival on Thursday, followed in quick succession by Roy and Maureen, Brian and Ronnie, Doris's friend Richard and Chris and Di,



with Peter and Mary and Barry and Cindy arriving a bit later. We set up two camp fires in the big shed, however were asked to move them outside for safety reasons, which was a bit disappointing. Afternoon tea, happy hour, opening of the rally and dinner were all spent around the fires.

Friday was a sunny day, so it was decided to bring forward the planned Sunday picnic to then as the forecast for Sunday was not looking too promising. Everyone enjoyed the drive through the forest, (but the puddles had pretty much dried up so the cars stayed reasonably clean) and the picnic was held at Greenbushes Pool which has a very nice picnic area, playground and a



boardwalk around the pool for those who were energetic enough. It was getting a bit cool by 3 pm so most returned to camp for happy hour and a barbeque dinner in the shed by the campfires. After dinner a WA



Quiz was played with some rather difficult questions. Peter and Richard were the winners, and the second place tie was between Roy and Maureen and Mary and Di. Well done everyone!

Saturday was once again rain-free although a little cloudy with rain forecast for late afternoon. Tonight we were celebrating Brian and Ronnie's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with dinner at the Shamrock Hotel in Greenbushes. The dinner table looked really lovely thanks to Di

supplying table cloths, very elegant serviettes in gold flower holders, flowers and candles, topped off with a few gold balloons and gold velvet seat covers for the guests of honour. The standard of food was very good with a wide variety of meal choices. A chocolate



cake made by the hotel chef followed dinner

accompanied by some romantic music. Unfortunately the forecast rain had arrived during the evening so it was a wet drive home.



Sunday morning was bright and sunny and my birthday was celebrated with a great surprise morning tea of cakes and quiche and birthday cards and decorations. Thanks everyone – it was a really great way to spend my birthday.





Roy closed the rally at morning tea. The rally prize was won by Cindy & Barry. Chris and Di, Doris, Richard and Barry and Cindy left late on Sunday morning with the rest of us staying the extra night. Brian and Ronnie supplied the drinks for happy hour and with nibbles of pizza, pasties and sausage rolls no dinner was necessary.

Chris (aka Mr Fixit) helped solve a few problems over the weekend – Roy and Maureen were locked out of their van when the door jammed shut, our sullage pipe was stuck in the conduit,

half in and half out, and our hose connection was leaking. All solved in a matter of minutes – thanks Chris.

Maranup Ford is a very pleasant farm location with a beautiful old farmhouse and lovely gardens and I am sure everyone enjoyed the weekend there, particularly the mostly fine weather.

Those present were Brian & Helen Bizzill, Chris & Di Young, Doris Friend, Barry & Cindy Jordan, Peter & Mary Neale, Brian & Ronnie Adams, Roy & Maureen Lundy, Alan & Lynne Kirby and visitor Richard Dulton. friend of Doris.



Mary's I've been everywhere quilt



The fog still around at 10.15am but it made for a beautiful day when it lifted.

## Vice Presidents Mutterings

It is with much sadness we were informed of the death of our founding member Gerry Kerrigan this week. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Margaret and family on their sad loss.

It was good to see 8 vans and 1 visitor on the rally it wasn't as cold as I thought it would be, but we did have a fire burning all weekend. My thanks go out to every one who brought wood.

The weekend was well run by Helen and Brian including Brian's 4 wheel drive on the Friday culminating in a picnic at the Greenbush's swimming hole, there was even a local swimming.



The Adams's celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on the Saturday and we all went to the Shamrock that evening to have a meal. Thanks to Brian and Helen for organizing the night.

Well I will leave it now and am looking forward to catching up at Nannup at the next rally.

Don't forget the AGM is coming up at the Lancelin Rally.

Regards Roy

## **VALE: GERRY KERRIGAN**

Gerry & Margaret Kerrigan joined their first caravan club, WA Caravan Club, in the early 1970's. There were four big clubs in Perth at the time with a long waiting list of people wanting to join.

Gerry & Margaret decided to do a letter drop to houses with caravans in the Myaree area with the idea of starting a new club. The first get together had 14 vans with 6 apologies, so with another couple, they formed The Sandgroper Caravan Club. From there they continued helping form many other clubs and it seemed as if they were away most weekends showing these clubs the joy of being a member and attending to their needs.

When we joined the Sandgroppers, many years ago, Gerry & Margaret met us and then we travelled together to our first rally where we were made very welcome, and from then on it has been a possession of rallies, all very enjoyable.

In the early years the Sandgroppers went on safari every year, down south, up in the Pilbara and one I remember well – a Goldfields wildflower safari. That year all the wildflowers were hiding.

About two years ago, due to ill health, they had to reluctantly sell their van and give up something they both really enjoyed

Gerry spent many years as a good delegate of WAACI, only finishing his association there in the last two years due to ill health. I remember way back Gerry & I were the only ones to agree for a fee increase, at the time when WACCI had spent all the money left, after the National Rally at Maida Vale.

Gerry was also a Justice of the Peace and would regularly go to Fremantle Council and tirelessly do his duties.

One thing I remember was Bill Reeve(Liberal) and Gerry debating his beloved Labor Party.

Gerry was a very honest man, loved his caravanning and always helped and spoke up so that others could enjoy it too. He will be sadly missed, but I am sure he will be happy organising Clubs in Heaven.

Kevin Forbes

**AUGUST 2020**

Alan Foote	8th
David Hiscock	17th
Kel Olesen	27th



**AUGUST 2020**

Ted & June Bunce	1st
Robin & Di Ashford	2nd



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## PROGRAMME for NANNUP

27th – 30th August

Venue Officers: Barry & Cindy Jordan

**THURSDAY 27th** Arrive  
5 pm Drinks  
6 pm Dinner

**FRIDAY 28th**  
9 am Walk  
10 am Morning Tea  
3 pm Afternoon Tea  
5 pm Drinks and **RALLY OPENING**  
6 pm Dine at Local Hotel  
8 pm **Quiz & Games 5 x 20cents per person required**

**SATURDAY 29th**  
9 am Walk  
10 am Morning Tea  
2 pm **1 1/2 hr tour of Chestnut Farm with coffee & walnut biscuits  
\$20 per head. MAX 20 people  
First 20 get to enjoy this unusual outing.  
Chestnut display if 20 people**  
5 pm Drinks  
6 pm Jaffle Iron Dinner & Marshmallows  
8 pm **“THE BATTLE”** 2 teams compete

**SUNDAY 30th**  
9 am Walk  
10 am Morning Tea & **RALLY CLOSING**  
5 pm Drinks  
6 pm Own Dinner

**NOTE:** Please notify Cindy on 9256 4070 if you are attending

- 1: Dinner at the hotel on Friday night
- 2: Tour of Chestnut Farm - FIRST 20 ONLY

Commented [BA1]:



**Things to do nearby:**

Whimwook Estate Winery

Cambray Cheese Tastings

Carlotta Crustaceans Marron

Nannup Flower Festival – with more than 10,000 tulips and a flora mandala setting the scene for those who love gardening.

**ATTENDEES FOR NANNUP:**

Graham & Cheryl Kent

Roy & Maureen Lundy

Doris Friend

Ian & Beth Moore

Rod & Sharon Burge

Peter & Mary Neale

Colin & Linda Haig

VISITORS:

Barry & Cindy Jordan

Laurie Tyler & Trish Wilson

John & Laraine Allen

“I find, these days, that most of my conversations start out with: Did I tell you this already? or What was I going to say?”



# UPCOMING RALLIES

**August 27 – 30th**      **Nannup Caravan Park - 264 km**  
**4 Brookman St Nannup**  
**Facilities available power, water, toilets, shower & kitchen.**

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Located on the banks of the Blackwood River the **Nannup Caravan Park** offers relaxed and casual camping right in the centre of town. Powered and unpowered sites...

**September 17th -20th**      **Experience Lancelin Holiday Park - 129 km**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
4 Hopkins Street, Lancelin.  
Power, water, toilets, shower and kitchen available. Cost is \$40 per night.  
**This rally be hosted by the Committee.**

**October 22-25th**      **NAMBUNG STATION STAY**      **230 km**  
**2269 Wongonderrah Road, Nambung.**

This rally is held in conjunction with Nambung Country Music Muster. Cost is \$100 pp for 4 days entertainment plus \$10 pp for Poets Breakfast (optional). You will need to book & pay in advance. This rally is an OBT with toilets & showers (transportables), no power or water to vans. Generators can be used.



**SANDGROPER CARAVANNERS INC.**  
**NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE FORM**



Date: .....

A. I .....

Nominate .....

For the position of .....

Signed: .....Date: .....

Print Name: .....

B. I .....

As a nominee and not being excluded by the Rules of this Association, in  
accord with Division 3, Section 32 of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015  
- Model Rules Guidelines, acknowledge my compliance with this Rule by  
ticking this box

Accept this nomination:

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Print Name: .....

Received by the Secretary: ..... Date: .....

Action: .....