

# GROPER'S GOSSIP



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	Ron Halse

# Jennacubbine Rally

1st June - 4th June long weekend 2018

Report written by visitor Helen DuBois

The Sandgroper's Caravan Rally on the long weekend was in Jennacubbine.

The nights were crisp and chilly, but the days were sunny and oh so fine:

The roaring campfire was full of heat

And we watched the crackling flames sitting around in our seats.

We started with wine tasting of whites and reds

After tea and a game we tottered off to our beds.

Next day some of us stretched it out with tai-chi

Before morning tea and a scrumptious feed.

In the afternoon we relaxed and books and the papers we did read,

Before someone suggested it was time for afternoon tea!

Then we crossed the train tracks in the dark, to the nearby Jennacubbine pub

The food was excellent and enjoyed by the entire club.

On Sunday it was into Northam for a sausage sizzle lunch at the riverside park,

Then back to the camp to relax and enjoy Happy Hour until it was dark.

We all had tea at the long table in the hall

Followed by a quiz, chocolates and much laughter by all.

The Sandgroper's Caravan Club is so much fun,

Happy caravanners wanting to follow the sun.

Thank-you for your friendliness and kindness too

But next time can we please be closer to the loos!!

## Jennacubbine rally highlights

- Helen opened and closed the rally
- *Welcome to new members -Gerry & Deborah and Trisha*
- *75<sup>th</sup> rally badges were presented to Roy & Maureen*
- *125 rally badges to Jim & Helen*
- Perfect caravan rally weather
- 12 caravans came to the rally
- Wine tasting Friday night
- Tea at the Jennacubbine Hotel
- bbq sausage sizzle at the park in Northam
- Maureen wins the raffle
- Game of left, right, centre and keep
- Quiz on Sunday night -everyone was a winner!
- Blazing campfire
- Visits by the hotel dog for pats
- Relaxing!!
- Yummy morning and afternoon teas
- Happy Hours

## Thanks to.....

- Ronnie and Brian for organizing the rally
- The men who collected the wood and kept the fire burning
- Peter the Paper Man
- Brian B for tai-chi
- Brian A -quiz master and help with the wine tasting
- Lyn for excellent wine pouring skills
- Everyone for being such positive, friendly people

Those in attendance were: Alan & Rheta Parkinson, Jerry & Deborah Curhin, Peter & Mary Neale. Jim & Helen Schell, Brian & Ronnie Adams. Chris & Di Young, Alan & Lynne Kirby, Brian & Helen Bizzill, Laurie Tyler & Trisha Ellery, Frank & Jan Alilovic and Roy & Maureen Lundy. Visitors Kevin & Helen DuBois



Jim & Helen



Deborah & Jerry



Lynne the wine pourer



Trisha



Roy & Maureen



Waiting for the fire



Alight at last



A new way to cart wood. Note observer on passenger sides



It's heavy ....



BBQ Cooks



Train watching at Happy Hour



Enjoying the sun



A beautiful day



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**JUNE 2018**

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Dear fellow Sandgroppers,

I hope you and your families are well and you are enjoying your travels. Yes I am still here and not some fictional character as many might think, "Our President, he's gone walk-a-bout" you say! Well, I am happy to say that I have just about come to the end of my contract in Indonesia (though they do want me to come back on an ad-hoc basis over the next few months) and very much look forward to caravanning and catching up with you all at our upcoming rally's. My Masters dissertation is complete and Paula has moved us into the new house with very little help from me, so before I know it I will have some time on my hands, yeh right!!

I have been reading the Gossip with interest and it's great to see that our new members are really enjoying the shared experience, thanks to all of you for making them so welcome. A BIG thanks to Helen and the rest of the committee who have done a great job in my absence, things just don't happen by chance.

The Ballidu rally is only a couple of weeks away, so if you have not registered please do so now. If you can't register on line then give Ian Moore a call or contact Jim & Helen Schell who are our venue officers. The AGM at White Gum Farm is not that far away, so if you are interested in nominating for any of the Executive or Committee positions let Dianne Young know and she will send you out the appropriate nomination form(s). Regarding the National rally, the second payment is due by the 30<sup>th</sup> June, again If you have any queries regarding this matter contact the Helen Bizzill who is the National Rally Registrar.

I will sign off now, for those who have headed north for warmer climate travel safely and don't forget to slip,slop,slap and for those of you in the South West, stay warm.

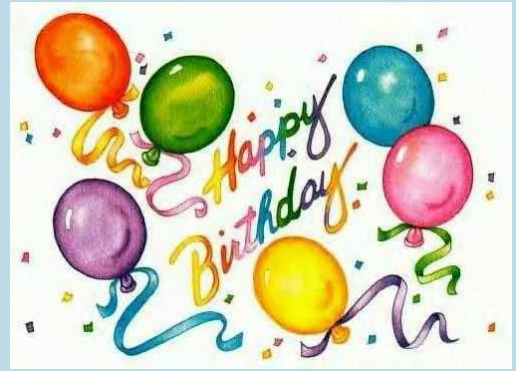
Kind regards  
David Hiscock  
President – Sandgroper Caravanners Inc.

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**JUNE 2018**

*Ian Moore*                      14th

*Graham Gough*                20th



**June 2018**

Peter & Margaret Celenza      16th

Alan & Lynne Kirby                30th



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**ATTENDEES for BALLIDU**

Laurie Tyler & Trisha Ellery	Jim & Helen Schell
Alan & Rheta Parkinson	Kevin & Thelma Forbes
Ian Fullerton & Margot Nichol	Henry & Helga Gielingh

**BALLIDU RALLY**  
**JuLY 2018**

**Venue Officers: Helen & Jim Schell**

**FRIDAY:** Open Rally 5pm  
Jaffles for tea. Bring own fillings.

**SATURDAY**

8.30 Walk.  
10am Morning tea.  
Mldday Lunch soup provided.  
3pm Afternoon tea.  
5pm Happy Hour.  
BYO Tea together.  
Quiz after tea.

**SUNDAY:**

10am Close of Rally and morning tea..

This all depends on weather.

**JENNACUBBINE BLOOPERS**

Heard a few guys having problems with a door. Easy to open going to the toilet but refused to open on the way out. Luckily there was another exit otherwise????

*Now when you are a brand new member please watch where the shower water goes. Ah well alls well that ends well.*

How many people did I see sitting around an unlit fire?

*And now about one of the more senior members. He had a seniors moment and left the chain saw HOME.*

Finally one lady didn't like the wine so she tossed it over her shoulder. Moral here is please check behind you first.



# **COMING RALLIES**

*5th - 8th July Baliidu 217 km*

**Ballidu** is a town in the [Wheatbelt](#) region of [Western Australia](#),. Ballidu is 34 kilometres (21 mi) north of the town of [Wongan Hills](#) which, along with a few other small towns such as Cadoux and Bindi Bindi make up the [Shire of Wongan-Ballidu](#). Ballidu has a population of less than 100 people and consists of Ballidu Primary School, the local Art Gallery, a hall, a general store for groceries and essentials. As Ballidu is a farming region, over the years (as the size of the surrounding farms has increased), the town has become smaller and smaller. Currently there are only 4 students attending the local school in 2016.

## **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.

## **FOR SALE:**

18ft Jayco Freedom Poptop 2001 with single beds in very good condition.

The asking price is \$14,250. Mobile. 045 8661 221.



## RETIRED MEMBER IAN KESSELL'S 80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2018

On 10<sup>th</sup> June'2018 Nat Kessell organised a birthday party at the Bouvard Tavern to celebrate Ian's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with many family and friends to which we were privileged to be included. Rheta in her true spirit decided to do something special to mark the event, after discussing the concept of what we wanted, a young neighbour doctored a few photos by adding Ian's head, the result of which are the individual photos above and as shown in the display held by Ian. The presentation was well received by all and caused much laughter. A young Great-Grandson exclaimed "Wow

