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PUMPHREYS BRIDGE RALLY

1ST MARCH TO 5TH MARCH 2018



The Camp Ground

For the first time ever Glenda and Kel were the first to arrive at a rally! Admittedly we were just behind them. It was decided not to park on the oval as it was too dry and did not have much shade – the river bank was much more hospitable. Beth and Ian, Helen and Jim, Maureen and Roy, Lynne and Alan, visitors Deb and Jerry Curchin all arrived on Thursday with,



Deb & Jerry

Ronnie and Brian Helen and Brian, June and Allan and visitors Cheryl and Graham Kent joining us on Friday.

Friday morning several friendly games of Ladder Golf were played which was good to see. That afternoon a yummy Devonshire Tea was put on by the local CWA ladies in their hall. Everyone enjoyed the generous helpings of scones, jam and cream, at first assuming the platter was for two people instead of one. Vice President Helen opened the rally during Happy Hour.

That night after dinner in the hall we played a noisy game of Left, Right and Centre – the final winner being my other half Ian – no it was not rigged!



Saturday morning our sensei Brian took us through our usual Tai Chi routine – great way to start a morning. Time



The Winner

for socialising after morning tea prior to EVERYONE playing two games of Finska. Both games were won by one of our visitors, Jerry. There was a lot of debate as to whether we should even consider allowing him to join our club – what chance will the rest of us have!



Onlookers

That evening the CWA ladies served a most enjoyable roast dinner followed by delicious homemade apple slice with ice cream and cream. Alan Parkinson had kindly sent along a video of our lovely hula ladies dancing at a previous rally at Pumphreys in March 2013. They looked as though they were thoroughly enjoying themselves. Thanks Alan. After all that food we played several easy games of Card Bingo.



Saturday night dinner



CWA Ladies

Sunday morning Brian once again put us through our paces for Tai Chi - thank you Brian. Later the majority of us drove into Wandering to visit the Tanglefoot Winery and Café. After some wine tasting we indulged in their snacks for lunch – very generous serves. June and Allan very kindly offered to stay behind as caretakers as there were quite a few strangers wandering around.



Tanglefoot Winery

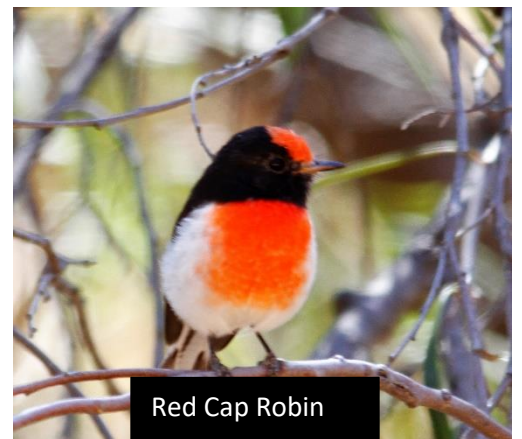
We had to give up the planned game of Disc Bowls as the ground was too soft and dusty and the discs would not skim

Whilst sitting around in the afternoon the amateur bird watchers saw some



Glenda and the pattern

Red Cap Robins and got quite close for some beautiful photos. Glenda showed us some patchwork she was working on. Glenda went on to tell us the story that the women on the ship Rajah were given some fabric and made a quilt which was given to the captain as he had been very good to them. Until recent times it was thought the quilt was lost but it came to light a family overseas had it and put it up for auction. With the help of generous people the Quilters Assoc. were able to acquire it. Now there are challengers for



Red Cap Robin

today's quilters to replicate it.

In the absence of our President, Vice President Helen closed the Rally. The winners of the



caravan prize were Maureen & Roy Mundy,

After a communal BBQ that night an Australian Quiz was given – the winners being our visitors Cheryl and Graham, Following on Brian Adams did some amusing card tricks, ably assisted by our “Barrel Girl” Cheryl. As if we hadn’t all eaten enough Ian and I served yummy profiteroles. I wish I could say that I made them but they were bought.

Everyone bogged in to clean the hall and put all the tables and chairs back – thank you all. Many hands make light work.

Monday morning saw everyone pack up, taking their time to depart.

Report prepared by Margot Nicoll

Attendies|- Glenda and Kel Olesen, Helen and Brian Bizzill, Maureen and Roy Lundy, June and Allan Foote, Margot Nicoll and Ian Fullerton, Lynne and Alan Kirby, Helen and Jim Schell, Ronnie and Brian Adams, Beth and Ian Moore, visitors Cheryl and Graham Kent and Deb and Jerry Curchin

**It is not what we take up,
But what we give up
That makes us rich**



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

March 2018

As David Hiscock has accepted a contract to work overseas in Indonesia for three months, I am writing this report in his absence. David will be working three weeks away and a week at home, which will tie in with the next couple of rallies. If you need to contact David whilst he is away he suggests using his email davidahiscock@icloud.com

The Pumphreys Bridge rally was a great success and congratulations must go to Ian and Margot for providing a full weekend's entertainment, despite the somewhat isolated location. The CWA ladies looked after us very well with a Devonshire tea one afternoon and a full roast dinner and dessert on the Saturday night. This rally we parked up by the river, rather than on the oval, which had a fair amount of shade and was a very pleasant location.

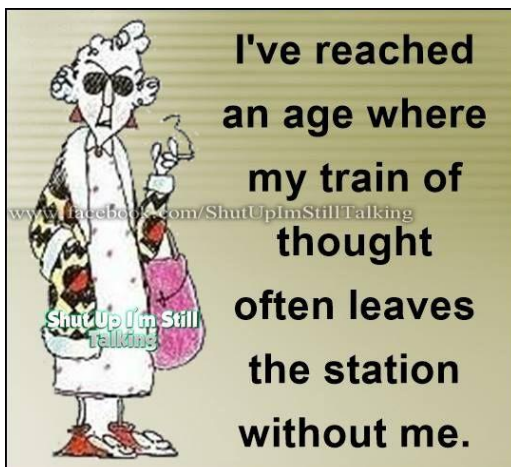
June and Allan Foote left from the Pumphreys rally to travel east and we wish them safe travels.

I understand there has been a good response to Ian Moore's request for venue officers with the Ballidu rally in July being the only one still needing a volunteer.

Rheta Parkinson has let me know that the stock of Caravan Prizes is running low, so could anyone who hasn't donated a prize in recent times please bring one along in the next few months.

Cheers

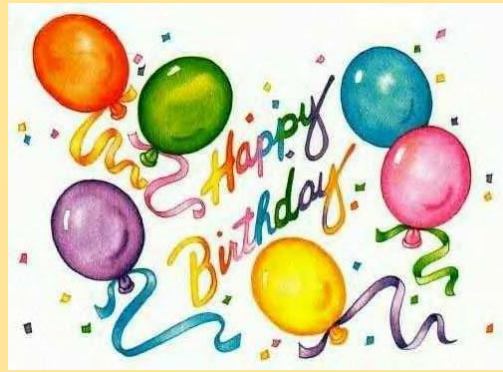
Helen Bizzill



"Yesterday is history,
tomorrow is
a mystery,
but today is a gift.
That's why we call it
the present."
-Winnie the Pooh

MARCH

Frank Alilovic	16th
Mary Wales	16th
Diane Young	18th
Paula Hiscock	23rd
Robin Ashford	24th
Brian Wales	25th



MARCH



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Chris & Diane Young

21st

May the dreams
you hold dearest
be those which
come true
And the kindness
you spread
keep returning
to you

PUMPFREYS BRIDGE BLOOPERS

Well with this group of experienced vanners I thought to myself No Bloopers this month. Of course I was wrong.

One couple put the kettle on the gas and then wandered off, the kettle began to whistle like a train but alas the gas didn't switch off.

Not as bad as the person who put the electric kettle on the gas. We were on an OBT.

Then a very experienced OBT vanner got out the electric toaster.

When playing Finska please please check on the whereabouts of your husband. Make sure his chair is empty before hurling the wooden thingy.

Then in the evening one lady didn't know whether to put her leg up or over!!!!!!

Now lets not just take the mickey out of ourselves.

There was a Frenchman camped there who went fishing No luck I believe.

And what of those hard-working CWA ladies. Arrived at the hall to find the cupboard locked and the Boss hasn't arrived. No potato peeler it was locked in the cupboard. As they were cooking OUR tea we did come to the rescue.

Then Jim and I left for Busselton. This chap always takes his bunch of keys to shower in case wife leaves the van locked. You guessed it HE lost the bunch of keys. Not under the van, not in the van, not under the car, not in the car, not in the shower, not in his pocket. Yes said he also checked his bathroom bag. Not there. Nowhere to be found and the hatches and toilet are locked with no spare keys. Happy Hour arrives and we ask Found the keys? quietly he replies Yes. Where? Well it's like this I checked everywhere then for the umpteenth time checked my bathroom bag, they had slipped under the lining. So, they were not lost just misplaced.

A guy goes to his doctor and tells him he's having trouble doing the things around the house that he used to do.

When the examination was complete, he said: Now Doc, I can take it. Tell me in plain English what is wrong with me.

Well, in plain English, the doctor replied, you're just lazy.

OK, said the man. Now give me the medical term so I can tell my wife.

Big Valley Campsite, Margaret River. 08 9757 5020

46 Boronia Road, Rosa Glen, off the Rosa Glen Road

Fri 6th April to Sun 8th April 2018

Thurs 5th April to Mon 9th sites available

Venue Officers. Ian and Beth Moore 0417237334

- Thurs 5th April Early Arrivals set up.
5pm Happy Hour, Casual Dinner as you please
- Friday 6th April 8am. Sleep in or walk on property
9am Tai Chi
Arrival of other Members [Games available Boules, Finska.]
5pm Happy Hour and opening of Rally
BBQ tea or your choice,
- Saturday 7th April 8am Sleep in or walk on property
9am Tai Chi
10am Morning Tea Free time to relax
2pm. Afternoon tea at, "The Berry Farm." Only 5 km away
5pm Happy Hour
6.30pm. Bring to share: Casserole or Curry Dinner. Host to supply rice.
7.30pm General Knowledge quick quiz
- Sunday 8th April 8am Sleep in or walk on property
9pm Tai Chi
10 am Morning Tea. Closing of rally
5 pm Happy Hour for the stayers. Dinner of choice
- Monday 9th April Depart Big Valley Campsite.

ATTENDEES FOR MARGARET RIER CAMPSITE

Ian & Beth Moore

Brian & Helen Bizzill

Graham & Clelia Gough

Ron Halse

Alan & Lynne Kirby

Peter & Mary Neale

Kevin & Thelma Forbes

Arthur & Elva Littlely

David & Paula Hiscock

Roy & Maureen Lundy

Visitors: Graham & Cheryl Kent

COMING RALLIES

6th = 9th April

Big Valley Farm - Margaret River - 275 km

Big Valley Campsite is nestled amongst the hills of our family owned working sheep **farm**, ten minutes South East of **Margaret River**. The **farm** encompasses a beautiful secret valley hidden from the outside world by natural forest. We are central to the **Margaret River** region and its tourist attractions.

3rd – 6th May

Moore River – Guilderton 100km north of Perth

The town is situated on the last remaining river estuary (Moore River) on the Swan Coastal Plain unspoilt by development. Residents strive to maintain the near pristine environment at its best for current and future generations to enjoy. Our aim is to preserve HISTORY, be active in the PRESENT and plan our FUTURE.

***31st May -
4th June***

Jennacubbine - 117 Km

The town's name derives from the Noongar name for a well in the area, which may mean "salt water" according to some sources and was first recorded by explorer Augustus Gregory in 1848 as "Jenacubine", with the current spelling being adopted in 1889. Jennacubbine was established as a siding on the railway line from Northam to Goomalling in June 1902.^[2]