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#### **TAUNTON FARM RALLY**

#### 13th-15th March 2020

There was a great turn up for the rally at Taunton Farm with most people arriving on Thursday.

David opened the rally Friday welcoming the visitors Denis and Robyn and Annette and Ken to the rally. Friday night we had a barbecue followed by a game of card bingo, Roy called and Colin kept all honest which was a lot of fun. Glenda won most of the games

Saturday was a big day with not a lot of time to nap

Saturday morning began with master Brian leading us with tai chi even though he had a knee injury and considerable pain he soldiered on for the followers.

Mid morning some headed into Margaret River for coffee and shopping before returning in the afternoon for ladder golf and finska. The weather looked threatening but held off for most of the day. Once it set in, late afternoon, it was relentless bringing the games to an end.



4.15pm we all met outside the old school building where Rod, the owner of the farm. gave us a tour of the old Church and school from Cowaramup. The historical buildings were transported by low loader from Cowaramup causing quite a stir in the town as they took up the whole road. Once at the farm and in place Rod and his workers set to work restoring them to their original state, a well worth it.

Rod also gave some insight into the surrounding area which was very informative.









Original coins embedded in the school room floor.

Church and it says it all.

A community BBQ dinner was held in the shed, despite the weather, followed by a written quiz questions. The questions were mainly on the farm and surrounding area with a few random trick questions thrown in. Glenda was also the winner of this quiz

Immediately after the quiz we headed to the old school for a good old fashion bush dance. It was great to see so many get involved and dress in the checked shirts etc. We managed to have



everyone stay on their feet and no injuries.

The rain was non stop and not all had umbrellas to get back to caravans including us. My shoes will never be the same.



Tai Chee with master Brian, Sunday morning probably leg in worse state after bush dancing David closed meeting at 10.00

Raffle was won by Maureen and Roy.

Thank you Maureen and Roy for your help. It was greatly appreciated





Easter Greetings to all our caravan friends.

#### **MARCH 2020**

Mary Wales 16th

Frank Alilovic 16th

Dianne Young 18th

Paula Hiscock 23rd

Robin Ashford 24th

Brian Wales 25th



**APRIL 2020** 

Ian Fullerton 5th

Brian Bizzill 23rd

#### MARCH 2020



Dianne & Chris Young 21st

**APRIL 2020** 

Frank & Janice Alilovic 15th

Jim & Helen Schell 18th

Graham & Clelia Gough 18th

Colin & Linda Haig 26th

### UPCOMING RALLIES

Due to the covid19 virus rallies have been cancelled for the foreseeable future.

# EVERYBODY NEEDS A HUG LET'S KEEP IT GOING.



I received the story below recently and Brian & I really enjoyed it. Hope you do too.

#### The Middle wife – by an anonymous 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher

I've been teaching now for about fifteen years. I have two kids myself, but the best birth story I know is the one I saw in my own second grade classroom a few years back.

When I was a kid, I loved show-and-tell. So I always have a few sessions with my students. It helps them get over shyness and usually, show and tell is pretty tame. Kids bring in pet turtles, model airplanes, picture of fish they catch, stuff like that. And I never, ever place any boundaries or limitations on them. If they want to lug it in to school and talk about it, they're welcome.

Well, one day this little girl, Erica, a very bright, very outgoing kid, takes her turn and waddles up to the front of the class with a pillow stuffed under her sweater. She holds a up a photo of an infant. This is Like, my baby brother, and I'm going to tell you about his birthday.'

'First, Mum and Dad made him a symbol of their love, and then Dad put a seed in my Mum's stomach, and Luke grew in there. He ate for nine months through an umbrella cord.'

She's standing there with her hands on the pillow, and I'm trying not to laugh and wishing I had my camcorder with me. The kids are watching her in amazement. 'Then, about two Saturdays ago, Mum starts going, Oh, Oh, Oh, Oh!' Erica put a hand behind her back and groans. 'She walked around the house for, like an hour, Oh, oh oh! (Now this kid is doing a hysterical duck walk and groaning.)

'My Dad called the middle wife. She delivers babies, but she doesn't have a sign on the car like the Dominos man. They got my Mum to lie down in the bed like this.' (Then Erica lies down with her back against the wall.)

'And then pop! My Mum had this bag of water she kept in there in case he got thirsty, and it just blew up and spilled all over the bed, like psshhheww! (This kid has her legs spread with her little hands miming water flowing away. It was too much!) 'Then the middle wife starts saying 'push, plush,', and breathe, breathe. They start counting, but never even got past ten. Then, all of a sudden, out comes my brother. He was covered in yucky stuff that they all said it was from mum's play-centre, so there must be a lot of toys inside there. When he got out, the middle wife spanked him for crawling up in there in the first place.

Then Erica stood up, took a big theatrical bow and returned to her seat.

I'm sure I applauded the loudest!

