



GROPER'S GOSSIP



Sandgroper's enjoying a Luau at Ledge Point.

Sandgroper's enjoyed another fantastic rally at Ledge Point. Read all about it in this Gossip plus:

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2021 SANDGROPER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Emergency phone numbers for member's families to contact during rallies:

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Committee Member
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR REGISTERING FOR RALLIES

1. On the website, log on.
2. Go to **PLANNED RALLIES** then **RALLY BOOKINGS**
3. Select the rally you would like to attend and you will be automatically registered.
4. **IMPORTANT: under ADDITIONAL NOTES in the box please enter the nights you require e.g. T,F,S,S, (Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday)**
5. Make sure you press **SAVE ADDITIONAL INFO** before closing.

UPCOMING RALLIES

APRIL Thursday 1 – Monday 5. **WICKEPIN CARAVAN PARK** Wogolin Road Wickepin. **EASTER RALLY.**
Run by committee with program by Rod and Sharon Burge and Cindy and Barry Jordan. Power, laundry and BBQ area.

MAY Thursday 6 – Sunday 9. **OBT. WANNAMAL HALL.** Combined rally with Redgum run by committee. No services.
Water, hall, toilets available and campfires. Dancing with entertainment by Redgum Rebels.

JUNE Thursday 10 – Sunday 13. **SOUTHERN STARS HOLIDAY PARK.** 645 Vasse-Yallingup Road
ANNIEBROOK. Full services and camp kitchen.

ATTENDEES FOR EASTER RALLY – WICKEPIN – April 1-5

ALILOVIC Frank & Jan, BIZZILL Brian & Helen, BURGE Rod & Sharon, FORBES Kevin & Thelma, FREIND Doris, JORDAN Barry & Cindy, KENT Graham & Cheryl, LUNDY Roy & Maureen, NEALE Peter & Mary, SCHELL Jim & Helen, YOUNG Chris & Di. (If your name doesn't appear and you are coming please advise Brian at brianbizzill@gmail.com asap. Likewise if you aren't coming and your name is listed please let Brian know. Thank you.)

ATTENDEES AT LEDGE POINT

HAIG Colin & Linda, ALLEN John & Laraine, ADAMS Brian & Ronnie, KIRBY Alan & Lynne, SCHELL Jim & Helen, FORBES Kevin & Thelma, MOORE Ian & Beth, FREIND Doris, BIZZILL Brian & Helen, BURGE Rod & Sharon, KENT Graham & Cheryl, YOUNG Chris & Di, OLESEN Glenda, AMBROSIUS Jill, **VISITORS BACK** Chris & Linda, MORIARTY John and Sue. CALDWELL. Cameron & Denise. FATI Peter & Cheryl **CABIN WALES** Brian & Marv

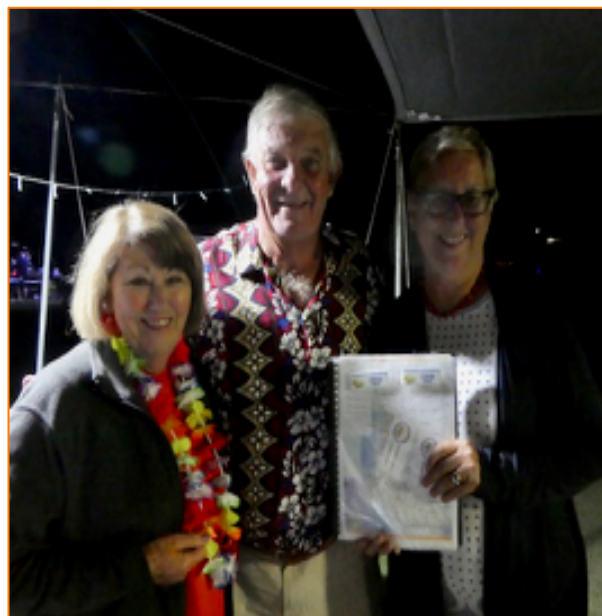
PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MARCH 2021

WOW! What a great rally we had at Ledge Point. Many thanks to Cheryl, Graham, and Doris for their hard work to make this an enjoyable weekend for all. The final Happy Hour down at the beach on the Sunday night was a fitting finale – thanks to one of our new members, Linda Back, for coming up with the suggestion. One of the great benefits of having new members in our Club is that they bring in new ideas and different perspectives.

It was a pleasure to welcome two new members to the Club at the rally – John and Sue Moriarty and Chris and Linda Back – and we expect to have a few more join us over the next couple of months. These are visitors who were already in the pipeline prior to the suspension of new members until the AGM in September



Helen with John and Sue Moriarty



.....and Chris and Linda Back.

As I write this report (19/3) Roy Lundy is still in hospital following a procedure on his heart to insert a mini defibrillator. After around 12 days in hospital, I am sure Roy will be looking forward to going home on Saturday. Best wishes to Roy for a quick recovery from all your Sandgroper friends.

Many of our members have plans to head north over the winter months. Can I suggest that when possible put a post on our Club Facebook page to let others know where you are, which will provide the opportunity to meet up with other Sandgropers along the way for a quick coffee, a meal or spending some time together. It sounds like Broome could be a bit of a hotspot!

Our granddaughter's wedding went off without a hiccup and everyone enjoyed a wonderful day.

We are looking forward to the Easter rally at Wickepin and wish everyone a very Happy Easter. Safe travelling, Helen



Our son Matthew's daughter Tayla made a beautiful bride on March 6th at Nikola Estate Winery.

LEDGE POINT RALLY – MARCH 11 – 14 2021
(Joint venue officers – Doris Freind and Graham and Cheryl Kent)

The first of nineteen vans, including five visitors, started gathering on Thursday at the Big 4 Caravan Park at Ledge Point for a fun filled few days with a Hawaiian theme. Brian and Mary Wales were in a cabin swelling our numbers to 39. The weather was kind despite the rain bucketing down on Thursday night. The sun came out Friday morning to allow the 'usual suspects' to set off on their morning walk down to the beach led by Doris. Tai Chi followed and it was pleasing to see Master Brian's group growing in numbers with the 'newbies' joining in. It is a great way to start the day and helps assuage the guilt of sampling all the goodies on offer at morning tea!



That is not a shotput John!

Doris, with the help of Jim and Helen, had arranged for a group to play lawn bowls at the nearby manicured Ledge Point Country Club. After a hard fought contest Graham emerged victorious and the slightly sunburnt players returned to camp to take part in the annual Finska Tournament. Four teams played off for the Grand Final, which was played on Saturday afternoon.

The eight finalists were Graham, Sharon, Beth, Jill, John A, Brian W, and visitors Cameron and Denise Caldwell. After a nail-biting game with the Finska pegs scattered far and wide, Cameron deservedly won the Perpetual Trophy. Hearty congratulations were extended to him but one contestant, who will remain nameless, was heard to mutter that not only was he eliminated, he was beaten by a girl with a walking stick! Better luck next year.



Finska finalists.



2021 Finska Champion - Cameron.

President Helen opened the Rally at Happy Hour on Friday evening and had the pleasure of officially welcoming John and Sue Moriarty into the Club. They are a fun-loving couple and have mixed in and joined in all club activities with gusto. I am sure we will enjoy their company and they will be assets to our Club. Due to commitments with the state election, fellow new members Chris and Linda Back, were inducted on Saturday night after Chris returned from managing a polling booth in Perth. They also have fitted into the Club very well and we are very fortunate to have such new members with new ideas and enthusiasm. Helen also welcomed first time visitors aforementioned Denise and Cameron Caldwell and Cheryl and Peter Fati. Both couples have expressed interest in joining us, which augurs well for Sandgroper's future.



Cheryl and Peter Fati



Cameron and Denise Caldwell

Spirited games of Left, Right, Centre followed dinner and everyone divided into two teams and huddled around tables in the camp kitchen area. There were no complaints about the noise we generated and we even had fellow campers enquiring about joining our happy throng and marvelling at all the fun we were having over the weekend. Winners are grinners and they were Kevin and Linda H. who both took home substantial 'pots'. Congratulations!



Best dressed Hawaiians - Chris and Glenda.

Happy Hour on Saturday night saw the gathering of Sandgropers resplendent in their Hawaiian gear with fluttering grass skirts, brightly flowered shirts and colourful leis (and that was just the guys!) The wahines were also stunning in their sarongs and muumuus with flowers in their hair. The best-dressed couple went to Club funny man Chris Y whose grass skirt barely covered his 'dangly bits' and Glenda who looked gorgeous in shades of bright yellow. Thank you to all members for making an effort to dress up – it makes it so much more fun when everyone joins in. It certainly set the mood for the Hawaiian games that followed.

Two teams of six vied for the Championship Trophy (the ubiquitous box of Favourites!) The Yellow Hibiscus defeated the Blue Hawaiians in a closely fought battle, which didn't always display good sportsmanship and plenty of interference from both teams. The enthusiastic spectators were divided into blue and yellow factions and cheered both teams on. In the end it came down to a play off tossing the beanbags into a bucket with the Blue Hawaiians proclaiming their 'tossers' let them down. As usual it was lots of fun and enjoyed by all.



The winning Yellow Hibiscus - Chris, Di, Ian, Beth, Colin and Noelene.



Losers are grinners in this case - The Blue Hawaiians - Lynne, John, Sue, Linda, Colin and Alan.

The evening's Luau was a sumptuous meal with the ladies of the Club providing a beautiful array of salads to accompany a barbecue cooked by the men. The following delicious desserts were to die for and left everyone feeling very pleasantly 'full'. Thank you once again to everyone for contributing and making the venue officer's job so much easier. "Many hands make light work" as they say.





Maureen joined us in spirit at home in Joondanna.

On Sunday President Helen closed the Rally at morning tea after announcing the winners of the caravan prizes. There were two due to the amount of attendees and they were Jill (a very handy footstool donated by Ian and Beth) and Helen and Brian (a much coveted bottle of wine from Vasse Felix donated by Jim and Helen S.)

Helen also advised that long time member and stalwart of the Club Roy Lundy was absent due to being in hospital with some heart problems. We all wished him well and sent our very best wishes for a speedy recovery. The irrepressible Maureen was home alone and feeling a bit blue so donned her grass skirt and lei and toasted us 'Aloha!' in absentia. We missed your beautiful smile and hopefully will see you at Easter.

Thirty-four remaining Sandgropers travelled fifteen minutes to Lancelin for a lovely lunch at the Dunes Restaurant in the Lancelin Hotel. The pub boasts the most scenic beer garden in the state and we could hardly disagree with them. After another delicious meal (like we needed it!) we adjourned to the beer garden for coffee and took in the stunning views of the turquoise ocean and the bobbing cray boats. A picture perfect end to a wonderful weekend.



Beautiful views over the water at Lancelin



Oh no! Chris and Graham wearing the same shirt at lunch!

But wait! There is more! Back at Ledge a group of sixteen of us ventured down to the beach for Happy Hour to watch the sunset. Graham, Ian, Brian B, Chris B, Colin H and Lynne went in for a swim and claimed the water was warm. We believe you! A pod of dolphins cruised past to paint an idyllic backdrop to a happy band of Sandgropers enjoying each other's company and agreeing that we truly do live in paradise. Aloha and Mahola. Cheryl, Graham and Doris xxx



WHEATSTOCK – KALANNIE 2021

Ronnie and Brian Adams along with Mary and Peter Neale headed off for this event held 27th February at the local oval, surrounded by very full wheat bins and rather dry paddocks. In fact the only green in the town was the artificial bowls rink and the oval. Like most events being held in WA Covid approval had to be given which eventually come thru just a week before, allowing 1500 to attend.

We set off on Thursday and stayed at Moora CP along with a crowd who were there for the Speedway event at the long weekend. The people we had drinks with were from Carnarvon, also saw vehicles from Esperance, so distance is not a problem for the love of their sport.



Set off to Kalannie Friday morning via Miling, Pithara and into Kalannie CP to find the park very full with 2 rows of non powered vans and all the powered sites taken, all booked months ago.

In the afternoon we had a look around the very small town, dominated by the blue tarp covered stacks of wheat and the silos down by the railway line. We went to the venue to familiarise ourselves on entry extra and met up with Danni and Rowan (in laws) who were 2 of 10 of the organising committee. We had dinner at the club, only place in town.

On the Saturday around 8am I poked my head out of the van and most of the vans were gone. The concert ticket included a site on the oval with gates opening at 10.30. (No facilities except toilets) We had a lazy morning with the start of the warm up of the bands very clear floating up to the park from the oval.



Peter, Mary, Ronnie and Brian at Wheatstock

We arrived about 2.30 and watched food stalls set up, bands practicing and generally people watching under the shade of a big veranda. 5pm came and it was on for young and old, chairs on the oval, vans on the outside of the oval. The Kennel Bar (Kalannie Bulldogs Footy shelter) was open for business, food stalls were operating and the music was on the up.

A group from Beacon Sue and Amber Munns started the show, very good followed by Jose & Romeros which had the mosh pit happening. Then the tribute bands, Johnny Cash and June Carter, Billy Joel, even with a grand piano on stage with the final band Proud Mary all gave 100 % plus. By 10.30 I had had enough of the noise and thump in my chest, so we went back to the park, we did not miss the concert, could hear it all very clearly from the van.

Wheatstock started in 2017 as the area had several bad seasons, something to cheer everyone up. It is held every 2 years, so much work for just a few. We all agree, it was very well organised, well run, nothing was forgotten. Just loved the thermal wine glasses we received on entrance. Would we go again, probably, as it is a chance to see our son David and family who came up on the day and meet some of the Kalannie locals and listen to some good rock.

(Written by Mary)

P.S Mary has offered to run a workshop at Wickepin to show how to make sustainable, reusable plastic wraps with fabric and beeswax. Mary will supply all materials for a small fee to cover costs. More info at Wickepin. Ed.



By popular request here is Ronnie's fabulous **FLUMMERY** recipe. With only 3 ingredients it is sure to become a family favourite at your house. Serve it with fresh or canned fruit. Yum!

INGREDIENTS

- 2 x 85g packets of jelly of your choice
- 2 cups of boiling water
- 375ml of Carnation evaporated milk, chilled overnight

METHOD

1. Dissolve jelly crystals in boiling water. Set aside to cool completely, but not set (wobbly)
2. Whip evaporated milk with electric beater for 3 – 5 mins or until thick and frothy.
3. Stir through jelly mixture. Pour into 1 litre mould. Refrigerate for 2 hours until set.

Easter Program @ Wickepin Caravan Park, Wogolin Road, Wickepin

Wheatbelt town famous for its connections with A.B. Facey and "A Fortunate Life"

Thursday 1st – Monday 5th April 2021

(All activities, outings and meal suggestions are entirely optional)

NOTE: Bring Either Dessert for Friday, or Salad for Saturday

Thursday 1st: Arrive and set up at your leisure. No activities planned today

5.00 pm Happy Hour

Friday 2nd:

8.00 am Walk with Rod, around Yarling Brook to admire the town's man-made history.

The walk features a number of old buildings, including the Arts and Crafts Centre, Old Police Station and Railway Station precinct. Don't miss the historic photographic collection at the general store

9.30 am Tai Chi with Master Brian

10.30 am Morning Tea - Hot X buns provided by Committee,

Afternoon Discover Wickepin attractions at your leisure or head down to the Wickepin

activity Swimming Pool to check out the spray painting art murals

3.30 pm Afternoon Tea

5.00 pm Happy Hour, Opening of the Rally

6.00 pm Dinner - Fish burger with coleslaw - \$5.00pp - Bring dessert to share

See note above. Please notify Sharon if you will be participating in dinner for catering.

8.00 pm Bingo

Saturday 3rd

8.00 am Walk with Barry and Rod - Wickepin Heritage Precinct

A walk trail links the Wickepin Heritage Precinct on the north side of the railway line with the main town centre

9.30 am Tai Chi

10.30 am Morning Tea

11.00 am Committee Meeting

2.00 pm Albert Facey's homestead - open for inspection from 10.00 am - 4.00 pm.

Volunteer to give talk. Tickets \$2.00 pp at Homestead, please pay Sharon on Friday

3.30 pm Afternoon Tea

5.00 pm Happy Hour

6.00 pm BBQ byo and salad to share - *See note above*

8.00 pm Easter Quiz with Cindy and Sharon

Sunday 4th

8.00 am Walk with Barry

10.00 am Morning Tea and Easter egg hunt

Afternoon At your leisure or Games together
activity

3.30 pm Afternoon Tea

5.00 pm Happy Hour

6.00 pm Dinner at leisure



Monday 5th

9.30 am Morning Tea and Close of Rally



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LEGEND

	Information Bay		Police Station		Woolsheds		Recreation
	Toilet		Patrol Station		Historic Site		Lakes/Drook
	Takeaways		Caravan Park		Wild Track		
	Accommodation		RV Allowed		Sealed Road		
	Shopping		Dump Point		Unsealed Road		
	Batteries		Boat Ramp		Shire boundary		
	Barbecue		School		Shire of Wickepin		
	Furms		Golf Course				
	Playground		Playground				
	Sports Park						

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Community Resource Centre.....	9888 1500	Police.....	9888 1100	Yealering Caravan Park.....	0428 787 428
Wickepin Health Centre.....	9888 2222	Wickepin Hotel.....	9888 1192	Wickepin Caravan Park.....	9888 1089
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