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Willowbrook Farm Report:

26th October 2017

Thursday began with grey skies and light rain but by early afternoon the rain had stopped and nine vans had been welcomed and allocated sites by the wonderful managers of the park, Bill and Lil. All were set up but no awnings due to the cool brisk breeze.

Happy hour came around and retiring to the large patio overlooking the large lawns and home paddock were: Jim and Helen, Arthur and Elva, Ian and Margot, Ron, Alan and Rheta, Ian and third time visitors Peter and Margaret and new visitors Murray and Vicki Byas. (Beth was on a quilting retreat with Mary Neale). After catch ups and conversations the cool night drove us all to our vans for dinner and warmth.

A lazy start to Friday morning and grey skies again, we had morning tea on the patio. The park began filling up with campers and kids on bikes and more vans. Being only one hour from Perth the park is ideal for families and a troop of Sea Scouts up for the weekend. All very well mannered and behaved.

Brian & Ronnie. Kevin and Thelma arrived and a little later David and Paula with our special guest for the weekend, Archie their two year grandson.

David opened the rally at happy hour and welcomed our visitors. Kevin gave updates on the Albany rally and the goings on at WACCI, Ian spoke about the Christmas rally and calling on venue officers for future rallies. Ronnie discussed the catering arrangements for Brookton.

After retiring for dinner a few hardy souls returned to the patio, after we found out how to light the space heater and with the shade blinds down to hold in the heat, we had a round table discussion on



travel, airlines, suitcases and airports then Ian led off on the subject of "your first job" This evening the men told their stories and on Sunday evening the ladies told theirs.



Saturday morning was a little brighter and Mary and Peter arrived



before morning tea and to my delight brought Beth with them. The van was clean and tidy. Honest!

Thirteen of us and Archie went to the Gravity Centre for afternoon tea and a



tour while others relaxed. Many had visited before over the years. Some checked out Gingin and Helen and Jim were bowling pennants in Bindoon for their club Ledge Point.

Our tour was very interesting and informative in a very fun way with our "out there" guide called "I Am Rainbow", it's a long story. She was helped in the presentations by Archie with perfect timing to demonstrate the hands on exhibits. We forgo the 200+ steps of the Gravity Tower for the bush walk

through the wildflowers and native bushes along the Planetary Way. We were back just in time for happy hour and then most stayed for a BBQ tea.

Sunday was bright and clear, a lazy morning then a picnic in the park at Gingin. Shady trees and good company.



With David and Paula having to leave early, Mary closed the rally at happy hour, a few more for BBQ's and a quiet evening around the space heater and more life stories. Most people packed and left on Monday morning but Arthur and Elva and Beth and Ian stayed for one more night and departed Tuesday. All in all a quiet and relaxing rally with great company and a wonderful setting.

Report by Ian and Beth

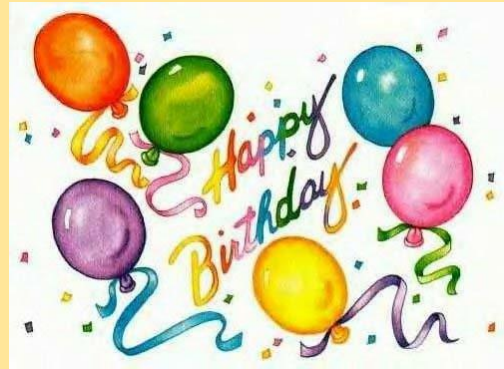
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Margot Nicoll

18th

Kevin Forbes

19th



NOVEMBER



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Brian & Mary Wales

9th

Betty & Brian Morris

10th

Ian & Natalie Kessell

10th

Ian & Beth Moore

17th



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi fellow Sandgropers

Hoping that you are all well and continuing to enjoy life whether that be caravanning or not. To start with, I regret to inform you that Peter and Ruth Carter have decided to resign from the club. I know a number of you have enjoyed caravanning with Peter and Ruth in the past and some still maintain contact with them outside of the Club. A big thank you must go out to Peter for the work he put in to develop the Club Website. I hope they wish to stay connected with us through our "Friends of the Club" arrangement.

For those who attended Willow Brook farm, it appeared that all had a great time. A big thank you to Ian & Beth Moore who were our venue officers. Though Paula and I were there, it probably felt like we weren't as we chased after our Grandson Archie for most of the time. We both appreciate the support you gave us as we traversed through a difficult time.

Our Christmas rally is fast approaching and numbers are looking very healthy. If you have not registered please do so now as we want as many of you there as possible.

We encourage you to all get in the festive spirit with prizes for the best decorated vans during the day and at night. We would also like you to bring a Christmas tree (decorated), yes a Christmas tree to help dress up the hall we will be in when we have dinner. For those who wish to assist with the dinner arrangements please contact Ronnie Adams. To top off our Christmas Day, we have 'Imitation', a Shadows cover band entertaining us for the evening., and for those who know me I hate to dance (not). So let's get into the Christmas spirit, have a few laughs and enjoy a wonderful weekend together.

All the best and I look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible in a few weeks time.
David

COMING EVENTS

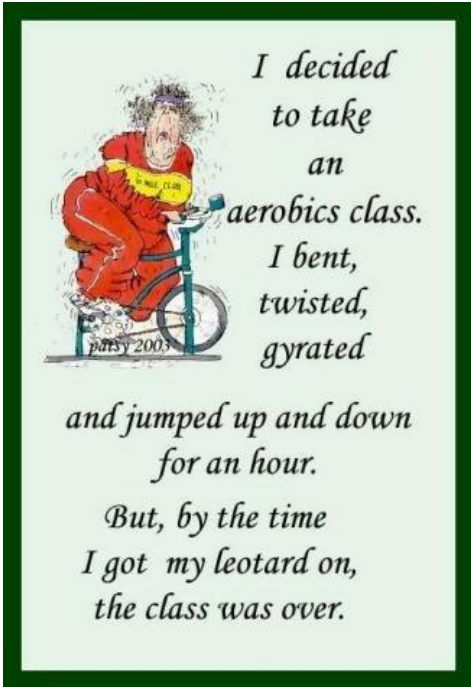
23RD - 26TH December *Brookton Christmas Rally*
Christmas Gift – one per van to the value between \$15 - \$20.
to be edible or useful.

Van Registration at Caravan Park. Form - attached separately to be handed in at Shire Office.

29th Dec - 1st January *New Years Rally at Pinnjarra Holiday Park*

January date to be advised **PICNIC at Kadidjiny Park – Melville**
Curtis Road between Marion & Kitchner Street
Plenty of shade and parking

1st - 2nd February
Binningup Rally - 160 km.



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Programme for Sandgropers 2017 Christmas Rally – Brookton

Thursday 23rd November 17

Arrive & settle in

Friday 24th November 17

8 am	Morning walk
9 am	Tai Chi class with Brian
10 am	Morning Tea
10:30am	Brookton Museum and Heritage Centre Corner of Robinson Rd & Groser St, Brookton. Entry by donation
2pm	Swim at the Pool (Dependent on weather)
5 pm	Happy Hour and Opening of Rally
6 pm	BBQ Dinner together
7:30 pm	Games & Quiz Night

Saturday 25th November 17

8 am	Morning Walk
9 am	Tai Chi class with Brian
10 am	Time to pack our thermos & morning tea & then walk or drive to the Old Railway Station & Pioneer Park in the centre of town. Picnic facilities are available and the craft shop is open till 12 noon.
2 pm	Exchange of Christmas Gifts with Santa
5 pm	Happy Hour
6 pm	Christmas Dinner in hall
7-10pm	"Imitation" a 3 piece band is our Christmas Entertainment

Sunday 26th November 17

8 am	Morning Walk
9 am	Tai Chi class with Brian
10 am	Morning tea & Closure of Rally
10:30 am	Brookton Museum & Heritage Centre For anyone that was unavailable to go on Friday it is open today from 10am to 3pm
12.00 noon	Possible picnic to Boyagin Rock

Monday 27th November 17

Depart from Caravan Park at leisure

