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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear fellow Sandgroppers, I hope you are all doing ok and enjoying life.

As I reflect on 2019 it has been a busy but fun year for the Club and its members alike. The first part of the year saw the committee focus on getting the new Association Model Rules and By-laws drafted, presented to our members and then ratified by the Department. This was no easy task as we tried not to deviate too much from the what the club already had in place, but at the same time adopt the new requirements. We had a number of our members tied up with the national rally and of course Kevin Forbes as President of WAACCI.

We saw some fantastic rally's held throughout the year, and who can't forget Binningup where we saw Ronnie Adams take the coveted Finska trophy from Brian Bizzill, Elva Littlely receive her 100 rally badge, and oh that Bandstand reunion night....What a great way to start the year. We had St Patricks day in Gin Gin, a night at the trots in Wagin, country football matches in Dowerin (as well as the wonderful display of wedding photos that club members presented). We had high tea in Wongan Hills and of course our 20th anniversary rally at the Airport Caravan Park & lunch at the Hillview Golf club; it was great to see so many past and present members attend the anniversary lunch. As far as rallies go it was pleasing to see our attendances receiving good numbers and, on most occasions, we ended up with more than were originally booked for. Of course, the big one for the year was the National rally in Albany, it was wonderfully organised and a great time was had by all. None of this would have happened without the tireless support & dedication by many in our Club, and as I have said on numerous occasions how proud I have been to be the President of this club and its members.

Christmas is almost upon us again and it was lovely that the Club opened up its arms to welcome my Daughter Sarah and Grandson Archie take part in the Christmas rally at Woodman Point. It's been a tough time in my household this past month, but the family and friends we have around us have helped us get through the tough times. I thank you all for playing your part in us helping to remember how much fun life can be and how caring we are towards each other.

Have a happy and safe Christmas, remember to fondly acknowledge those close but no longer with us, love those around you and have a laugh with them and of course take time to reflect on the message of Christmas.

David Hiscock
President – Sandgroper Caravanners Inc



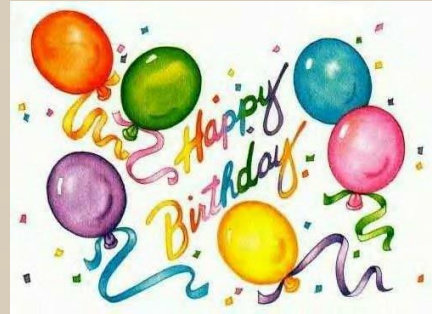
WOODMAN POINT CHRISTMAS RALLY 2019

Unfortunately, no report was received but here are some photos of the weekend. Thank you, Di Young.



NOVEMBER 2019

Margot Nicol	Nov 18th
Rod Burge	Nov 18th
Kevin Forbes	Nov 19th
Graham Kent	Nov 28th



DECEMBER 2019

Mary Neale	Dec 3rd
Jim Schell	Dec 10th
Alan Kirby	Dec 13th
June Foote	Dec 23rd

NOVEMBER 2019

Brian & Mary Wales	Dec 9th
Ian & Beth Moore	Nov 17th
Barry & Cindy Jordan	Nov 18th
Sharon & Rod Burge	Nov 25th

No Anniversaries in December



UPCOMING RALLIES

JANUARY 15th ***PICNIC at Kadidjiny Park – Melville***
Curtis Road between Marion & Kitchner Street
Plenty of shade and parking

FEBRUARY 6th – 9th **Binningup Caravan Park** **144 km south of Perth**
31 Porland Drive Binningup

Enjoy this great little Park in the fabulous location situated as we are in the Gateway to the beautiful South West.

MARCH 19th **Taunton Farm** **225 Km south of Perth**
8113 Bussell Highway Cowaramup

Taunton Farm is a rural Holiday Park right in the heart of the Margaret River wine, food, nature and surf region of Western Australia.

Taunton Farm is situated on a working beef and sheep property. On-site we have a barn-style **camp** kitchen with free gas BBQs and a log fire

APRIL 23rd – 26th **Maranup Ford Caravan Park** **253 Km**
600 Maranup Fall Rd Maranup

THANK YOU

Mary Wales

Hi Everyone,

Many thanks for the lovely card, and all your good wishes.

I am starting to feel my old self again, I still get tired easily, due probably also to the medications I have to take.

It was certainly a shock as I had no symptoms, other than feeling a little nauseous. After numerous tests the Ship's Doctors were adamant that I had to be taken to the nearest hospital for treatment beyond the ship's capacity.

We stopped at Walvis Bay – tiny port on the West Coast of Africa. We were flown some 400kms inland to Windhoek – Capital of Numibia – to a wonderful hospital with great staff. I was operated on that night.

The surgeon was very complimentary of the Ship's Medical team, as it was their insistence on getting me to Hospital as quickly as possible that saved my life. We were able, courtesy of Cunard and the Fremantle Port Authority, to board the ship when it docked in Fremantle, to personally thank him and his team, and to let them know that I will be eternally grateful. I shall never forget them.

Hope to see you all at the picnic.

Best wishes

Mary Wales

Me: I was doing an overnight at a hotel away from home. I took my computer down to the bar to do some data entries. I sat down at the bar and I asked the bartender, 'What's the Wi-Fi password?'

Bartender: 'You need to buy a drink first.'

Me: 'Okay, I'll have a beer.'

Bartender: 'We have Molson's Canadian on tap.'

Me: 'Sure. How much is that?'

Bartender: '\$8.00.'

Me: 'Here you are. OK now, what's the Wi-Fi password?'

Bartender: ' "youneedtobuyadrinkfirst"; No spaces and all lowercase

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28.11.2019

Dear Mrs G Olsen and friends in the Sandgropers Caravan Club,

Our long-awaited container has arrived and is unpacked.
Now we are busy trying to catch up on back orders. All is going very well.
Our next container leaving here will travel to Cambodia which will be early December.

You can be assured that in each box are your beautiful rugs which will delight the children no end. I can see them now smiles all around.

We thank you sincerely for your support to give these children so much joy.
As I look around the rug and toy room it gives me so much appreciation for all you do to give these children a happier life. May you be assured that your generosity makes a difference to the whole family. Thank you for helping your friend.

We are sorry we need to do this but due to postage rise we will send thank you notes every six months.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beppie de Kuyer". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light blue rectangular background.

Beppie de Kuyer Coordinator of Rugs, Toys and Sewing