

GROPER'S GOSSIP

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2017 SANDGROPER COMMITTEE

President David Hiscock

Vice-President Helen Bizzill

Secretary Dianne Young

Treasurer Mary Neale

COMMITTEE:

Rally Co-Ordinator Ian Moore

Membership Secretary Clelia Gough

June Foote

Glenda Olesen

Ron Halse

STATE RALLY YORK

22nd – 25th September 2017

The Sandgroper members of Kevin & Thelma Forbes, Peter & Mary Neale, Kel & Glenda Olesen, Chris & Di, Lawrie and Patricia, Ian & Natalie Kessell, Arthur & Elva Littlely and Brian & Ronnie Adams arrived Thursday afternoon in preparation for marshalling the vans were positioned and setting up. Early next morning Graham Gough and David & Paula Hiscock arrived.



Saturday morning we were up and ready for the marshalling, and as could be predicted the rain began and we were directing vans in cold drizzling and sometimes heavy rain. Thank goodness for the angel, Thelma who sent hot drinks out to us and warmed our insides.

In all there were 111 vans at the Rally despite the weather, with most vans positioned by early afternoon. After being positioned the people went to the desk to receive their welcoming package where Thelma was one of the welcoming ladies. Graham Gough went home in the early afternoon to collect Clelia who had to work.



Saturday the weather was overcast with intermittent showers but with the use of the sporting pavilion and the big hall at the back we kept warm and dry. The opening of the rally on Saturday morning saw the raising of the Association flag plus the Club flags of those clubs



attending. Morning tea followed and those going on pre arranged tours departed. The rest of us enjoyed the day doing our own thing. Some clubs played disc bowls.

Happy hour was held in the hall, a very big area that could hold a couple of hundred people thus was a little cold. The evening entertainment was also held there. The bush band, encouraged people up to dance to the old bush folk dancing. Sunday started with a non-denominational church service and then once again we did our own thing until the evening with the usual afternoon tea. Happy hour saw the drawing of the raffle with many prizes.



Members

of our club were lucky and collected several prizes,

The evening saw a performance by some of the clubs who played instruments, did skits etc with the York Ukulele Group playing for us the old time favourites in the second half of the programme. They encouraged the audience to sing along with them thus making for a very entertaining evening.

Monday morning saw the closing of the Rally at 10am after which the vans started dispersing very quickly - no doubt to be home before the predicted storm in the pm.



Written by Ronnie Adams



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Arthur Littlely	9 th
Ronnie Adams	10 th
Roy Lundy	10 th
Gerry Kerrigan	10 th
Helen Schell	21 st



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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

David & Paula Hiscock	10 th
Peter & Mary Neale	18 th
Roy & Maureen Lundy	20 th

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CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

Please note BRIAN WALES has changed his email address to:
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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi all, here's hoping you are all doing well.

It's been a busy time since the AGM both on the work front and the caravanning front, but I won't bore you with my work stuff.

Firstly a big welcome to the new Committee, from the correspondence and actions completed to date I feel there is a real enthusiasm to get after stuff and keep the Club moving in a positive way. We had our first Committee meeting on the 26th September and set about getting our house in order and setting the agenda for the upcoming year. While reviewing each of the portfolios and in the general discussion generated, there was a real desire to look at how each might best serve our Members and underpin our values. With this in mind, it was also noted that we should never forget why we are there in the first place and how we as a Club continue our love affair with caravanning and have some fun along the way.

Secondly, the State Rally was held in York from the 22nd to the 25th September, though a wet and at times windy weekend it still did not stop those who attended from having a great time. I must say that I was very proud of each and every one of our Members who braved the conditions to marshal all the vans in. A big shout out to Kevin Forbes and apologies if I have missed anyone else out, who went above and beyond in the setting out of the oval and co-ordination of the marshalling. Kevin was also acknowledged by the State Rally Committee as well. This experience will stand us in good stead come the National Rally in a couple of years' time.

I will sign off now and for those going to Willowbrook I will see you then.

David ☐

WANTED

VENUE OFFICERS

For NEW YEARS RALLY

At

PINJARRAH

Commented [BA1]:

Itinerary for Willowbrook Farm

Thurs 26th October to Monday 30th October 2017

Willowbrook Farm: 1679 Gingin Brook Road. Take Wanneroo Road, right onto Military Road at sign for Gravity Centre, Left on to Gingin Brook Road, a short distance on Left. <http://www.willowbrookfarm.com.au> Tel: 08 95757566
Cost: \$33.00 per night for Clubs
Venue Officers. Ian and Beth Moore 0417237334

- Thursday 26th Oct Arrive and set up, Sites allocated by size by Park Management.
5 pm Happy hour, 6 30 pm BBQ or dinner of your choice
- Friday 27th Oct 8 am Sleep in or walk on property. Various animals on the property
10 am Morning Tea Free time to relax
3 pm Afternoon Tea. Boules and /or Finska on the Lawn. Practice for the Finska Championships at Binningup February 2018
5.00 pm Happy Hour and opening of the Rally 6 30 pm BBQ or dinner of your choice
8 pm Share your stories "What was your first job?"
- Saturday 28th Oct 8 am Sleep in or walk on property.
10am Morning Tea Free time to relax
2 30 pm Depart for Gravity Centre on Military Road. Only 5 km away
3 pm Afternoon Tea and Tour of Gravity Centre \$17 per person
Please let Ian know if you wish to attend, I have to book prior to visit. 0417237334
5 pm Happy Hour 6.30pm BBQ or dinner of your choice.
8 pm Games
- Sunday 29th Oct 8 am Sleep in or walk on property
10 am Morning Tea
1130 am Depart for Picnic in the Park. Gingin Township.
Picnic in the park, shady trees, Railway museum nearby, Alpaca shop and Coffee and Pie shop at station top of hill, also Coffee shop in park
5 pm Happy Hour, closing of rally if most people leaving early Money.
- Monday 30th Oct Depart Willowbrook Farm

ATTENDEES FOR WILLOW BROOK FARM

Roy & Maureen Lundy	TFSS	Ian & Beth Moore	
Peter & Mary Neale		David & Paula Hiscock	
Jim & Helen Schell		Brian & Ronnie Adams	FSS
Ian & Margot	TFSS	Arthur & Elva Littlely	
Ron Halse		Alan & Rheta Parkinson	
Kevin & Thelma Forbes		Lawrie & Patricia	
Kel & Glenda Olesen			
VISITORS:			
Peter & Margaret Celenza			
Murray & Vicki Byas			



Received this photo from Brian & Helen Bizzell with the suggestion it be called
 THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

Sandgroper Caravanners Inc.

Minutes of management Committee meeting Held at 19 Lockett Crescent, Winthrop Tuesday 26th September 2017, 7pm



In attendance

June Foote, Clelia Gough, Ron Halse, David Hiscock, Ian Moore, Mary Neale, Glenda Olesen, Dianne Young

Apologies:

Helen Bizzill

Open: 7:20pm

David Hiscock opened the meeting, welcoming all new and old Committee Members and said he was looking forward to the year ahead. David Hiscock received apologies for absence from Helen Bizzill.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the AGM held on the 26th August 2017 at Collie were read out by Dianne Young.

Key matters arising from previous minutes:

- June Foote asked why a grey water tank was now required to travel on the Spirit of Tasmania. Mary Neale said that she contacted the shipping line and they said that, that information was incorrect. Ian Moore said he has also heard that National Parks in WA were also looking at making grey water tanks compulsory
- Associate Membership was discussed and it was suggested that a \$10 fee be charged to cover insurance and that the voluntary levy of \$10 as a donation could also be added to the account.

Moved Ian Moore

Seconded Ron Halse

Minutes from AGM 2017 meeting accepted unanimously.

Note: - Minutes of AGM 2017 signed by Club president, David Hiscock and Club Secretary, Dianne Young.

Correspondence in: - Read by Dianne Young

10/07/2017 – Email – Rob Thomas – WAACCI – Agenda for upcoming WAACCI meeting 19th July 2017

11/07/2017 – Email – Derek Atkinson – WAACCI – Information related to new WAACCI Constitution

21/07/2017 – Email – Rob Thomas – WAACCI – Minutes of WAACCI meeting 19th July 2017

30/07/2017 – Email – Derek Atkinson – WAACCI – WAACCI Constitution notice

16/08/2017 – Letter – June & Ted Bunce – Resignation letter

22/08/2017 – Email – Val McCarroll – WAACCI – Notice on behalf of State Rally Committee

07/09/2017 – Email – Wongan Tourism – Wildflower festival notice 27, 28, 29 October 2017

11/09/2017 – Email – Rob Thomas – WAACCI – Amended agenda for WAACCI meeting 18th September 2017

13/09/2017 – Email – Received Registration Form for State Rally

13/09/2017 – Email – Graham Harley - WAACCI – Confirmation that payment and registration had been received

14/09/2017 – Email – Rob Thomas – WAACCI Request for nominations at upcoming WAACCI AGM 15th Nov 2017

17/09/2017 – Email - Graham Harley - WAACCI – State rally information sheet

Correspondence Outward: - Read by Dianne Young

04/09/2017 – Posted – Get well card to Alan Parkinson

13/09/2017 – Email – Dianne Young to Graham Harley WAACCI advising of payment for State Rally

13/09/2017 – Email – Dianne Young to Graham Harley WAACCI sent Registration Form for State Rally

Inward & outward correspondence moved Ian Moore

Accepted Ron Halse

Treasurer's report: - Mary Neale tabled report dated 26th September 2017

Our account balances are currently;

- \$950.02 Westpac Bank
- \$4,457.56 ING

Mary Neale has been to the Westpac Bank at Booragoon to arrange bank signatories for Helen Bizzill, Dianne Young and herself. The bank would not allow May Neale to take the required bank forms to have signed. Helen Bizzill and Dianne Young will need to make an appointment with Jennifer Fong at the Westpac bank to arrange bank signatories and Dianne Young will arrange a copy of the AGM Minutes for the bank as per Jennifer Fong's request.

Treasurer's report moved Glenda Olesen

Seconded Clelia Gough

Membership Secretary's report: - Clelia Gough

Key Business arising:-

- Clelia Gough has had handover with Brian Adams and has been provided with all the documentation for her new role.
- Alan Parkinson sent Clelia Gough an invoice for our domain & hosting renewal from 3/10/17 to 3/10/19. The domain charge is \$35 and hosting is \$66. Clelia Gough believes that this is a very reasonable fee.
- Clelia Gough does not currently have access to the Sandgroper Caravanners website and she has been informed that the manuals for the website are embedded in the site somewhere.

Membership Secretary's report moved David Hiscock

Seconded June Foote

Rally Organizer's report – Ian Moore

- Ian Moore has cancelled the Dalwallinu Rally as members thought that it was too far to travel
- WhiteGum Farm has been locked away for our AGM in August 2018
- Glenda Olesen suggested Coalseam National Park for our OBT in September 2018.
- Clelia Gough advised that Lake Towerinning was also a good option.

Rally Organizer's report moved David Hiscock

Seconded Ron Halse

General business

- David Hiscock enquired if Committee position hand over had been completed and asked if each member was aware of their duties. Clelia Gough suggested that the duties of each of Committee position should be listed and all filed together.
- Glenda Olesen suggested that the club look at ordering more of the warm, navy blue, fleecy jackets. As an option David Hiscock said that he would like to see the ordering of uniforms and accessories to be done on line.
- Glenda Olesen showed the Committee a banner and a small flag that the Sandgroper Caravanners Inc. could use to display from cars and caravans. Glenda Olesen would like to see this once again and it would have been nice to see more of them at the State Rally.
- Laurie Tyler's partner, Patricia Ellery, has completed a membership application and paid \$40. Glenda Olesen does not feel that Patricia Ellery needs a separate membership. David Hiscock proposed that we refund Patricia Ellery's \$40 and we adjust our records to have Patricia Ellery as Laurie Tyler's partner. Seconded Clelia Gough
- Helen Bizzill sent David Hiscock an email and proposed that the club provide a full subsidy for the cost of the Christmas dinner this year. Ronnie Adams has agreed to coordinate Christmas dinner this year at the Brookton Rally.
- The programme for the Christmas Rally was discussed and activities agreed on. Dianne Young to call the Shire and complete the programme. It was agreed that gifts this year would be 1 gift per van, gifts should be either "usable or edible" and the purchase price should range from \$15 to \$20.
- David Hiscock proposed that the ongoing management of the Sandgroper Caravanners website be carried out by a Committee member. David Hiscock said that it should be acknowledged that Peter Carter, the current "Webmaster" has done a great job in getting the site to where it is and the Club thanks him for that. **Action:** Club President to contact Peter Carter and advise him of this change moving forward. The Club President will write to Gary Fitzgerald of "My Expression Pty Ltd" to inform him of this change and to modify the "write access" conditions accordingly.

David Hiscock's proposal moved Glenda Olesen.
Seconded June Foote

- Committee meetings for next 12 months are scheduled for; Friday 24th November 2017 - Brookton Rally, Saturday 3rd February 2018 - Binningup Rally, Saturday 31st March 2018 and Saturday 2nd June 2018.
- New Club Constitution discussion – carried over to next meeting. The generic constitution for clubs will not be available from WAACCI until February 2018

Next meeting: – Friday 24th November 2017 at the Brookton Rally

Meeting Closed: 9:50 pm

Signed as a true & correct record of the meeting:

Date: _____