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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

# Collie Rally and A G M

Written up by Maureen and Roy Lundy

We arrived on Thursday afternoon to find 7 vans already set up. Graham & Clelia, Beth & Ian, Laurie & Pat, Alan & Rheta, Jim & Helen, Ian & Margo, Kevin & Thelma. There was a good size marquee at the caravan park where we gathered together for happy hour before settling in our caravans for the night.

Friday saw the arrival of the rest of the caravans. Betty & Brian and Mary & Brian were in cabins. At 5 o'clock Brian opened his last meeting as President and made welcome everyone there including our visitors and prospective members Peter and Margaret Celenza.

The club supplied the Friday night meal of soup and sausage sizzle. There were 3 choices of soup to choose from and kindly cooked up by Ronnie. Thanks Ronnie. Thanks also to the guys who cooked the sausages. The rest of the evening was catching up and socializing. As the evenings were a bit chilly the marquee and gas heater were very much appreciated.

Saturday morning a few members headed off down to the town to check out the markets but somehow the dates were wrong and they were a day early. The markets were on Sunday.

Robin, Margaret & Gerry, Elva & Arthur and Ron arrived during the morning to attend the A.G.M



At 1 30 p m the meeting commenced. The new committee was elected. After a well-run meeting afternoon tea was enjoyed. Thanks to the ladies who supplied the goodies. Happy hour followed afternoon tea, then on to a Chinese restaurant for a lovely meal. 30 members attended and was enjoyed by all.



Sunday was another glorious day. Some of the members had to leave for home, while the rest of us had a picnic at Harris Dam. It was a lovely area. Some went for walks while others just enjoyed being there. Back to the caravan park to finish the day relaxing. In the absence of our new president David Hiscock, Helen Bizzill our new vice president closed the rally.



It was a very successful rally with beautiful weather and at a well maintained caravan park.

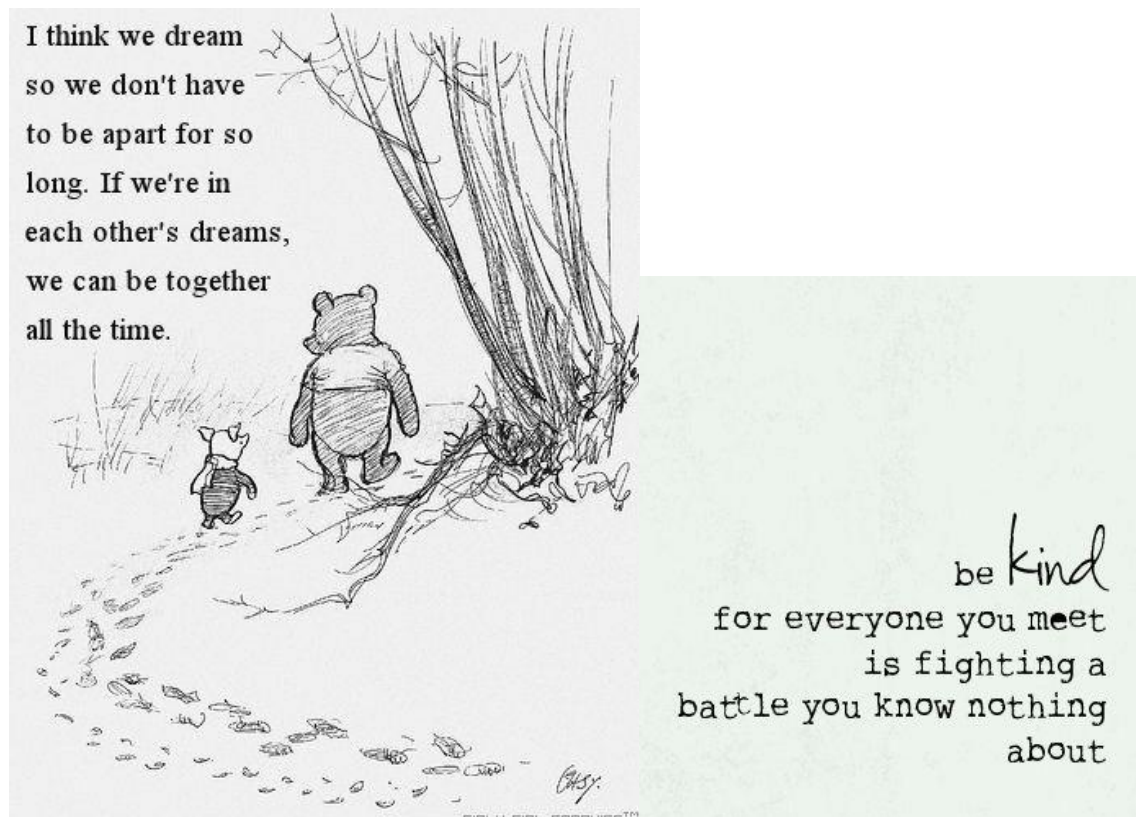
The caravan prize was won by Chris and Di Young and donated by Merle Burn.

There were 12 caravans at Collie , Ian & Beth Moore, Laurie Tyler & Pat, Alan & Rheta Parkinson, Jim & Helen Schell , Margo Nicoll & Ian Fullerton , Kevin & Thelma Forbes , Maureen & Roy Lundy , Ronnie & Brian Adams , Graham & Clelia Gough , Brian & Helen Bizzill , Di & Chris Young , David & Paula Hiscock ,

In Cabins Brian & Betty Morris and Brian & Mary Wales.

Visitors Peter & Margaret Celenza

Day visitors Margaret & Gerry Kerrigan , Arthur & Elva Litteley , Robin Ashford , and Ron Halse .



# COLLIE BLOOPERS

As we came through Pinjarra we saw True Blues van pulled up. Ha we said "Its pie time". He assures us no he DID NOT have a pie. Poor Kev missed that one.

Now was this the Rally to forget?

Someone forgot the doover for internet connection.

Someone forgot the answer sheet to the quiz.

Then a person left the van step behind. Alls well that ends well. Someone else drove past and saw that lonely step minus the caravan, picked it up and brought it to the AGM and reunited it with the van and the happy owners. Once home the neighbour enquired as to whether we returned as they noticed the step on their way out and mentioned they would put it away on their return but it was gone!!!!!!

I heard someone complaining the water tap was too far away, well mate use the one nearer the van.

Oh and why are the power poles so high?

This one is interesting, hubby has the 75 badge, wife has the 50 badge, where has the wife been?

Off to Chinese for tea and couldn't find the park exit, well on the way home couldn't find the park entry.

Now we all know practice makes perfect however to film your wife folding the chair, is it so the video can be rerun to improve the technique?

Saw Chris had a bad water leak on his hose. Perhaps he needs a plumber?

I for one know that AGMS can be a trifle boring. I spotted someone having a lovely little snooze during the proceedings, lucky you don't snore.

P.S. Who forgot to attach said bloopers to said email

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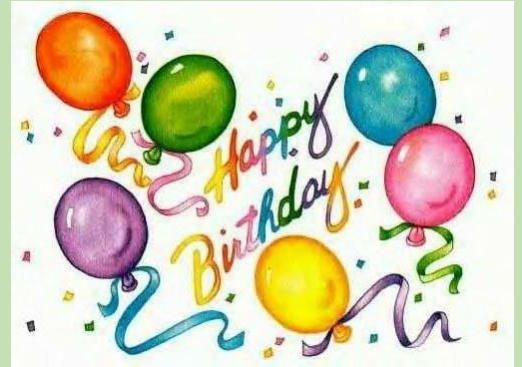
SEPTEMBER

Doris Freind 17<sup>th</sup>

Natalie Kessell 19<sup>th</sup>

Rheta Parkinson 22<sup>nd</sup>

Lynne Kirby 22<sup>nd</sup>



*SEPTEMBER*

NO Anniversaries this month

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**STATE RALLY ATTENDEES - YORK**

**21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September**

Laurie & Patricia

David & Paula Hiscock

Chris & Di Young

Kel & Glenda Olesen

Ian & Natalie Kessell

Graham & Clelia Gough

Peter & Mary Neale

Brian & Ronnie Adams

## COMING EVENTS

21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> September

STATE RALLY - YORK

Nestled on the banks of the Avon River in the gently rolling farmlands of the beautiful Avon Valley, the district offers unique insights into Western Australia's rich and colourful past, both before and following European settlement in 1831.

York was the first inland settlement in Western Australia, and the town has many historic, heritage listed Victorian and Federation buildings. An abundance of local activities and facilities make it an attractive destination and a fantastic place to live.

26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October - WILLOW BROOK FARM -GINGIN

Willowbrook Farm Caravan Park is an easy 1.5 hour drive from Perth in a quiet and secluded setting, nestled amongst gumtrees ... It's one of those rare and wonderful finds that seldom comes along when looking for a weekend getaway or a stopover when passing through from one destination to another. From the moment you pull into the driveway of Willowbrook Farm, you will be captured by the ambience with its large grassed campsites, Australian native trees, authentic shearing shed, small pioneer cemetery and the original homestead, built in 1874.

23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November - BROOKTON CHRISTMAS RALLY

Brookton is located on [Great Southern Highway](#), 138 kilometres east of Perth via [Brookton Highway](#) and is a key agricultural centre for a rich mixed farming district.

**SANDGROPER CARAVANNERS INC.**  
**MINUTES OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD AT COLLIE CARAVAN PARK ON**  
**SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2017**



## **PRESIDENT TO OPEN MEETING**

The President (Brian Bizzill) opened the meeting at 1.35 pm and welcomed all members.

## **ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

There were 33 members attending, 17 apologies and 3 new members & visitors with the Attendance List attached.

## **MINUTES OF 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Though not identified on the agenda, the minutes of the 2016 Annual General meeting held at Bindoon Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016 were distributed to all members on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016 in the July 2016 version of "The Gossip".

## **Matters Arising:**

The notice of a motion proposing a new by-law No.9, Associate Membership be dealt with during the re-writing of the Club Constitution. That a sub-committee be formed to complete this work and that the "model" WAACCI Constitution be used as a template. A final copy of the WAACCI model Constitution has yet to be distributed to all Clubs.

Proposed - Brian Wales, seconded Clelia Gough, that the 2016 AGM minutes be accepted as a true record. Carried unanimously.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The President's Report prepared by Brian Bizzill had previously been distributed to all Members. Additional to this the Club President acknowledged Ronnie Adams for preparing the "Gropers Gossip", Ronnie responded that she was happy to continue with it.

Proposed Ron Halse, seconded Margot Nicholl that the President's Report be accepted. Carried unanimously.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report which included a Financial Statement, Profit & Loss, Balance sheet, Fixed Asset listing and SCC Inventory was prepared by Alan Parkinson and had previously been distributed to members. The Auditor's Report prepared by Barry Etherington formed part of the Treasurer's Report.

Proposed Roy Lundy, seconded Helen Bizzil that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Carried unanimously.

## **RALLY COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

The Rally Coordinator's Report, prepared by Ian Moore had previously been distributed to all members. Ian took the opportunity to discuss the report and the 2018 rally list with the map showing the location of venues relative to the Perth GPO. Key items raised out of the report were: Do we avoid doing long weekends? Survey members re the desire to do full OBT's.

Proposed Ronnie Addams, seconded Graham Gough that the Rally Coordinator's Report be accepted. Carried unanimously.

## **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Membership Secretary's Report prepared by Brian Adams, had previously been distributed to all members. Brian spoke to his report and advised there were currently 29 membership vans, with the Kirby's on a leave of absence, but due back in Perth soon. We had 3 resignations one new membership and two others who had paid nomination fees.

Proposed Laurie Tyler, seconded Maureen Lundy that the Membership Secretary's Report be accepted. Carried unanimously.

## **ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

### **President**

A nomination had been received from Kel Olesen, seconded by Brian Bizzill proposing **David Hiscock** be elected as President. There being no further nominations, **David Hiscock** was duly elected.

### **Vice President**

A nomination had been received from Ronnie Adams, seconded by David Hiscock proposing **Helen Bizzill** be elected as Vice President. There being no further nominations, **Helen Bizzill** was duly elected

### **Secretary**

A nomination had been received from Kel Olesen seconded by David Hiscock proposing **Dianne Young** as Secretary. There being no further nominations, **Dianne Young** was duly elected.

### **Treasurer**

A nomination had been received from Alan Parkinson seconded by David Hiscock proposing **Mary Neale** as Treasurer. There being no further nominations, **Mary Neale** was duly elected.

### **Committee Positions**

The President advised that the following had submitted nominations for Committee positions:

**Rally Coordinator - Ian Moore.** Agreed to continue from previous year - proposed Brian Bizzill.

**Membership Secretary – Clelia Gough,** proposed Brian Bizzill.

**Glenda Olesen,** proposed June Foote, seconded David Hiscock

**June Foote,** proposed Helen Bizzill, seconded David Hiscock

**Ron Halse,** proposed Kel Olesen, seconded David Hiscock.

There being no further nominations, the above were all duly elected



The President thanked the outgoing committee for their hard work over the past 12 months and for their commitment to the Club. He then spoke to members about the commitment that the committee makes to the Club each year. He then handed over to the incoming President and Committee to continue the AGM.

## **FEES**

**Annual Subscription:** The President advised that the annual subscription remained at \$55 per van per year plus the voluntary levy of \$10 per van per year as a donation to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

**Nomination Fees:** The President advised that the nomination fee was currently \$40 and has been since 2003.

Proposed Roy Lundy, seconded Alan Parkinson. Carried unanimously.

## **CONFIRMATION OF BANK SIGNATORIES**

It was confirmed that any two of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer be the authorize signatories on the Club's bank accounts. Alan Parkinson has the forms and will provide them to the new committee. Proposed Margot Nicoll, seconded Kevin Forbes. Carried unanimously.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

The President advised that the new constitution has still not been completed and he would like to have this completed within the next 12 months. He suggested that a sub-committee look at the model constitution from WAACCI and that way we can reduce legal costs. Alan Parkinson said it is very hard to hold meetings for the constitution at Rally's and maybe they should be held in Perth. Kevin Forbes said he thought that a generic constitution for clubs will be available from WAACCI this year.

Roy Lundy questioned whether the Club should have an audit or a review of the accounts each year. He advised that an auditor needs to be an APA member and last year the cost was \$80. Alan Parkinson recommends that if Members require they can call someone in to complete an Audit. The President advised that the new constitution will be tier 1 which states we should have a review. Chris Young put forward a motion that in the new constitution it is a Review only and not an audit, seconded Roy Lundy, carried unanimously.

The President asked members to think about Club Rally's over the Long Weekend and he suggested that the club could forward a survey to members. Ian Moore asked the members that if he could not get a booking for the long weekend should we consider the weekend either side. Roy Lundy said that he would like members to consider one OBT Rally each year. He thinks that some caravanners would not be keen to do an OBT on their own but would be more open to the idea with a group. The President said we need to consider weather, access and a location suitable for our number of caravans. The President then requested that members bring forward ideas to Ian Moore for places that may be suitable.

Brian Wales suggested that the Committee to look into the purchase of a marquee. He thought that it would open up our options to Caravan Parks with inadequate facilities.

Alan Parkinson asked Members that if they are unable to attend for part, or of the whole Rally, to please notify the Caravan Park.

Ian Moore advised that we need Venue Officers for upcoming rally's, could Members please look at the Rally list and think about being an Officer and if preferred 2 couples could work together on a rally. Ian Moore also advised that if you plan to go to Tasmania and to put your caravan on the boat you must have a grey water tank.

Brian Bizzill asked that in the review of the new Constitution could we create a new membership category similar to Associate Membership for Members that are now on their own. It was suggested that this membership could be called Friends of the Club and fees would be at a reduced rate. Helen Schell asked if this Membership get voting rights. Margaret Kerrigan advised that some Clubs have a week away each year in Busselton, they hire a bus and take Members on outings and arrange meals in the middle of the day which is easier for the elderly Members. Roy Lundy suggested that Associate Members must be previous Members of Sandgroper Caravanners and that they do not have voting rights. Kevin Forbes said that singles still want to keep in touch with Club Members and maybe an annual fee of \$10 could be charged to cover insurance. Graham Gough advised that all attendees must be covered by insurance and that this is possibly that the sub- committee for the constitution could review.

Helen Schell has suggested that we have a lock box on each caravan that contains a spare key for that van. It has been a problem on more than one occasion recently with 2 caravan owners misplacing keys.

Chris Young commented on the Sandgroper website and asked if the Committee could review it. Clelia Gough said that it was part of her role and she would be working with Peter Carter to review. Dianne Young said that when she was looking to join the Sandgroper Caravanners it was very difficult to find.

Thelma Forbes advised that she was very disappointed with our Christmas Rally last year. The attendance was poor and only 3 caravans were decorated. Thelma Forbes said it would be nice if we could all put in a bit more effort this year. Margaret Kerrigan suggested that we arrange catering ourselves this Christmas as we have a beautiful big hall at Brookton. Helen Bizzill asked Ronnie Adams if she would organize the Christmas dinner this year and Ronnie Adams agreed. Margaret Kerrigan suggested that someone does all the food shopping and then a team help out with the preparation. Brain Adams said that the attendance last year for the Christmas dinner was down on previous years. He suggested that the Club give a subsidy for the Christmas dinner and a July dinner. Margaret Kerrigan suggested that the Club not hand out dollars but put towards meal.

**CLOSURE**

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 3:10 pm.

**SIGNED**

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President

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Secretary

Date .....

Date .....

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attendance list      Presidents Report      Treasurer’s Report      Rally Coordinator’s Report
- Membership Report      Nomination forms