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## 2021 SANDGROPER COMMITTEE



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Committee Member  
Helen Schell



Vice President  
Cheryl Kent



Committee Member  
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Di Young



Committee Member  
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Committee Member  
Alan Kirby



Membership Secretary  
Ian Moore

# LANCELIN RALLY AND 2020 AGM

(Hosted by the Committee)

Report by Cheryl Kent

Our Sandroper's Rally and 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting at Lancelin Holiday Park was a great success with 17 vans in attendance. Despite the dodgy weather, all members had a great time. Early birds arrived on Thursday in dribs and drabs and that evening we enjoyed Happy Hour on the paving outside the very well equipped camp kitchen, which has spectacular ocean views.

Friday was a beautiful sunny day. There was no tai chi as our 'Master', Brian (Bizzill) did not arrive until later in the morning. Everyone was happy to do their own thing and explore Lancelin and the surrounding area. Eight of us travelled down to Ledge Point to play lawn bowls. Skippers Jim and Brian (Adams) were very patient coaching the motley crews they had to contend with. Jim's team comprising of Linda, Graham and Robin were victorious over Colin, Di (Ashford) and me. There were lots of laughs as we tried to master the game and learn the terminology. We were either too wide, too narrow, not enough length or too short. When Brian advised me to "give it more grass" I thought he said "arse" and despite wiggling my hips I still had no luck getting anywhere near the kitty. Thanks for organizing the day Jim. We had a great time.



**Winners are grinners - Linda, Graham, Jim and Robin with Brian in the background**

earlier in the day at morning tea. New members Ken and Annette Messenger and John and Laraine Allen were welcomed into the club and presented with their badges and membership packs. Both couples are very enthusiastic and keen to get involved in all activities and will be great contributors to our club. Welcome! We hope you enjoy your time with us.





**New members Annette and Ken Messenger, Roy and Laraine and John Allen – Welcome!**

Most members barbecued that evening and a very rowdy game of Left, Right, Centre followed.



With the large number of members present we divided into two tables. The winner for the 'indoor' table was Glenda and Cindy won the 'outdoor' table. Congratulations to both. It was another great night.

The rain started overnight and we were very relieved in the morning to find we were all in one piece despite the gusty winds that buffeted our vans most of the night. Tai chi was cancelled due to dangerous conditions, as we didn't want

any nasty falls on the uneven slippery ground. (We don't tend to bounce these days!) Most were secretly relieved as we could have a longer lie in. The rain continued on and off all day and the wind was very annoying for those grappling with their awnings. The very impressive new club flagpole was dismantled and the flag was bundled up and stowed back under the Lundy's bed. Hopefully we will have better conditions at Nambung for its unveiling. Second time lucky.

The AGM went off without a hitch within forty minutes. Having the minutes, reports and financials emailed beforehand so they didn't require reading out at the meeting saved a lot of time. Vice President Roy welcomed everyone present and moved a vote of thanks for President David Hiscock for his extraordinary contribution to our club. Unfortunately, David had to stand down due to serious health issues. David has served as President for three years and secretary for two years before that. Those present joined in a round of applause to thank David in absentia for his dedication and hard work and we all wished him a speedy recovery and hope that he can return to Sandgropers when he is well again.

The 2020 AGM minutes will be distributed in due course but I would like to touch on a few pertinent points mentioned in the reports. Vice President Roy thanked the outgoing committee for all their hard work especially the retiring members David Hiscock, Brian Adams and Thelma Forbes. There were no nominations for Secretary but we were very fortunate that Di Young



agreed to stand again. As everyone knows it is the hardest position on the committee and Di does a brilliant job. Thank you once again Di, David, Brian and Thelma.

Another very time consuming non-committee position is Rally Co-coordinator. Brian Bizzill stepped in to replace Ian Fullerton after he had to stand down due to family commitments. Ian had done a great job preparing the rally list for 2020 but Covid 19 threw that into disarray. Brian had to shuffle, cancel and reschedule rallies throughout the year. I think you will all agree that he did a fantastic job under trying circumstances and all rallies were very enjoyable. Next year's rallies look fantastic too and we are looking forward to attending them. Thank you Brian and Ian.

The Membership Secretary's Report was a very pleasant surprise as the club is growing very fast. After twelve months of no new members in 2019 we now have 29 members and 7 associate members with another two couples pending. Very exciting. On a down note, we have two members on extended leave and two ill members who may leave the club shortly. We wish them all well.

Retiring Vice President Roy handed over the running of the meeting to the very efficient Helen Bizzill, our new President. I had the pleasure of working with Helen at the National Rally held in Albany last October where she had the very difficult task of Rally Secretary. With Helen's business background and organizational skills I can guarantee our club is in very capable hands. Congratulations Helen!

I had the honour of being nominated as Vice President (or President of Vice as suggested by those who know me too well). As a newbie on the committee I will do my very best to help wherever I can to ensure the smooth running of our club. I feel very confident with the help of Helen, Sharon (our re-elected treasurer), Secretary Di and the experienced committee of Cindy, Helen (Schell), Alan (Kirby), Roy and Ian (Moore) I will be up to the task. Wish me luck!

One of the first duties President Helen did after being elected was to thank Ronnie Adams for her tireless efforts in writing the Groper's Gossip for over ten years. Unfortunately, Ronnie is retiring as she feels it is time to hand over the reins to someone new. Ronnie compiled the monthly newsletter with all the information and details of club rallies, reports, birthdays etc even when she was on holidays herself. A super effort! I have put my hand up to take over the

Gossip and realize I have very big shoes to fill but Ronnie has very kindly offered to help me if I get stuck. I will hold you to that Ronnie!



On Saturday night we all huddled in the camp kitchen as the rain bucketed down and the wind howled around us as we shared a communal dinner and lots of friendly banter. Sunday morning didn't improve and we once again headed for the camp kitchen where the committee cooked up sumptuous pancakes.

Yum! Thank you to Brian, Ronnie, Kel, Glenda, Helen and Brian for slaving over the hot stoves to feed the hungry hordes. We really appreciated it. The pancakes were so popular Ronnie has attached Glenda's recipe for those interested.

The rally prizes were drawn with Kel and Glenda (our pancake wizzes) and Rod and Sharon being the lucky winners. The prizes were donated by June & Alan Foote and Brian & Ronnie Adams. President Helen thanked everyone for attending and hoped we all enjoyed ourselves.

She then formally closed the rally for those who had commitments elsewhere and had to navigate the stormy conditions home. The remaining members had a day of leisure before they took off on Monday morning. Safe travels for those venturing further north. We wish you all the best and look forward to catching up at the Nambung Country Music Muster. Yee Haa!

Rally attendees:

Brian and Ronnie Adams, John and Laraine Allen, Robin and Di Ashford, Brian and Helen Bizzill, Rod and Sharon Burge, Kevin and Thelma Forbes, Colin and Linda Haig, Barry and Cindy Jordan, Graham and Cheryl Kent, Roy and Maureen Lundy, Ken and Annette Messenger, Ian and Beth Moore, Peter and Mary Neale, Kel and Glenda Olesen, Jim and Helen Schell and Chris and Di Young. Visitors: Lyn & Ron Mitchell

Alan and Lynne Kirby came for the AGM and prospective members Ron and Lyn Mitchell visited for their second rally.

## THANK YOU

**As this is my last Gossip, I would like to say thank you to everyone for your support over the years. I have very much enjoyed preparing the Gossip but I couldn't have done it without your reports and support. I must also say thank you to Brian for being my support and proof reader as he will tell you I am not the best speller around.**

**Cheryl has agreed to take the job on, and I wish her every success and I know you will continue to support her.**

**RONNIE**



## Presidents Report

Thank you to everyone for accepting my nomination to act as the President of Sandgroper Caravanners Inc. for the next twelve months. I also welcome the new Committee and look forward to working with them to help provide all the Club members with a most enjoyable year of caravanning and exploring the great State of Western Australia.

Following the Lancelin rally, Brian and I set off with Chris and Dianne Young on an adventure to Mt Augustus. We spent time at Oakabella Station, Denham, Wooramel Station, Carnarvon and Gascoyne Junction along the way, and encountered a few mechanical hiccups with our car and we were most grateful for Chris's help in sorting most of them out. The 300 km of dirt road from Gascoyne Junction to Mt Augustus was quite a challenge, but generally the road condition was pretty good.

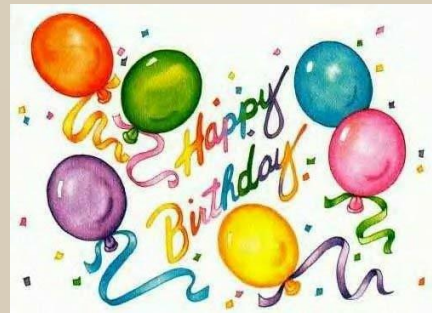
I look forward to catching up again at the Nambung Country Muster later this month or the Christmas rally at Eaton in late November.

Safe travelling

Helen

### **OCTOBER 2020**

Arthur Littlely	9th
Roy Lundy	10th
Ronnie Adams	10th
Annette Messenger	18th
Helen Schell	21st



## OCTOBER 2020



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Peter & Mary Neale

18th

Roy & Maureen Lundy

20th

### PROGRAM

### NAMBUNG COUNTRY MUSIC MUSTER

**22-25 OCTOBER 2020**

Venue Officers: Brian and Helen Bizzill 0419 940 907 0417 913 050

As this rally is a country music weekend, the program will be very relaxed and informal to allow everyone to enjoy the music when they feel like it. The gates will be open on Thursday morning and on arrival you need to advise the person on the gate that you are with the Sandgroper's group and they will send you in the right direction – look out for the Sandgroper flag.

As there doesn't appear to be a detailed program from Nambung as yet, we are suggesting just the following:

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> 4 pm happy hour and opening of the rally

Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> Closing of the rally, maybe around 11 am following the bush poets' breakfast

Optional Tai Chi around 9.30 am Friday and Saturday mornings if anyone is interested

In between Enjoy the music

If any further information becomes available it will be circulated at that time.

## ATTENDEES FOR NAMBUNG:

Graham & Cheryl Kent

Roy & Maureen Lundy

Doris Friend

Brian & Helen Bizzill

Peter & Mary Neale

Gerry & Debra Churchin

Brian & Ronnie Adams

Kel & Glenda Olesen

Kevin & Thelma Forbes

Alan & Lynne Kirby

Visitors: Lyn & Ron Mitchell

Sue & John Moriaty

## REPORT ON NEW TONKIN HIGHWAY to BRAND HIGHWAY

Have you tried it yet?

What a wonderful drive it now is. Well worth to see and test out. Such ease to drive from south to north of our city.

Heading north on the Tonkin Highway one arrives at the mighty junction where the Reid Highway crosses overhead. Straight through on a lovely wide smooth road. Tiles and fencing enhance the sides of the road.

Mass plantings will see it great in a few years. After Ellenbrook the different road surface starts which has caused stone damage to some vehicles but we had no problems with it,

At Muchea we peeled off to the left onto the Brand Highway continuing to Gingin where we cut across through road to Indian Ocean Drive arriving at Lancelin.

Try it, a good start to a trip north.

Report by Glenda Olesen.



# UPCOMING RALLIES

**October 22-25th**                      **NAMBUNG STATION STAY**                      **230 km**  
**2269 Wongonderrah Road, Nambung.**

This rally is held in conjunction with Nambung Country Music Muster. Cost is \$100 pp for 4 days entertainment plus \$10 pp for Poets Breakfast (optional). You will need to book & pay in advance. This rally is an OBT with toilets & showers (transportable), no power or water to vans. Generators can be used.

**Dec 30th - 2nd Jan**                      **DISCOVERY PARK (NEW YEARS RALLY)**                      **17 km**  
**91 Benara Road CAVERSHAM**  
Power, water, toilet. Showers and Kitchen

## **PANCAKE MIXTURE** Thank you Glenda

2 large eggs  
2 cups whole milk  
1/2 cup butter melted  
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour  
2 tablespoons plus 2 1/2 teaspoons sugar, divided  
3 3/4 cups vanilla icecream  
Fresh blueberries and sliced strawberries

### Method:

1. In a large bowl whisk eggs, milk and butter. In a small bowl, mix flour and 2 tablespoons sugar, add to egg mixture and mix well. Refrigerate, covered 1 hour.
2. Heat in a lightly greased 8inch non-stick skillet over medium heat. Stir batter. Fill a 1/4 cup measure three-fourths with batter, pour into centre of pan. Quickly lift, tilt and rotate pan to coat bottom evenly. Cook until top appears dry, turn pancake and cook 15-20 seconds longer or until bottom is cooked. Remove to a wire rack. Sprinkle with 1/8 teaspoon sugar.
3. Repeat with remaining batter and sugar, greasing pan as needed. When cool, stack pancakes with pieces of waxed paper or paper towels. Top each pancake with 3 tablespoons ice-cream. Roll up, top with berries. Serve immediately.

**Sandgroper Caravanners Inc.**  
**Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**held at Experience Lancelin Holiday Park**  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 1pm**

**PRESIDENT TO OPEN THE MEETING**

The Acting President, Roy Lundy, opened the meeting at 1pm and welcomed everyone to the 22<sup>nd</sup> AGM.

**ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND PROXIES**

There were 34 members and 2 visitors in attendance and 19 apologies with Attendance List attached.

Roy advised that we had not received any proxies.

**MINUTES OF THE 2019 GENERAL MEETING**

Though not identified on the agenda, the minutes of the General Meeting held at Heathcote, Applecross on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were distributed to all members on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and again on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

All members had received and read the minutes and it was not necessary to read them out. They were then approved as correct.

Roy asked if there were any matters arising. There were none.

Moved Helen Bizzill, seconded, Chris Young, that the 2019 General Meeting Minutes be accepted as a true record. Carried

**MINUTES OF 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Though not identified on the agenda, the minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting held at Discovery Parks, Perth Airport on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were distributed to all members on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and again on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

All members had received and read the minutes and it was not necessary to read them out. They were then approved as correct.

Roy asked if there were any matters arising. There were none.

Moved Graham Kent, seconded, Brian Bizzill that the 2019 AGM Minutes be accepted as a true record. Carried

**ACTING PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The Acting President's Report prepared by Roy Lundy, had previously been distributed to all Members on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

Roy asked if there were any matters arising. There were none.

Moved Ronnie Adams, seconded, Brian Bizzill, that the Acting President's Report be accepted. Carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT INCLUDING FINANCIAL REVIEW REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report prepared by Sharon Burge, had previously been distributed to all Members on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

Sharon Burge advised that our bank balance as of today was \$1,792.08 and that our review was completed by Brian Hobbs, her brother. Sharon said that he is qualified and that hopefully he can help out again next year.

Roy then asked if there any matters arising. There were none.

Moved Peter Neale, seconded, Colin Haig, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Carried

### **RALLY COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

The Rally Coordinator's Report prepared by Brian Bizzill, had previously been distributed to all Members on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

Brian advised that he had contacted Nambung Station re the Nambung Country Music Muster and it has been approved to go ahead. He said that everyone should have booked and paid for there tickets by now.

Roy then asked if there any matters arising. There were none.

Moved Ian Moore, seconded Glenda Olesen, that the Rally Coordinator's Report be accepted. Carried.

### **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Membership Secretary's Report prepared by Brian Adams, had previously been distributed to all members on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020. A revised Membership Secretary Report prepared by Brian Adams was distributed to all members on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Brian Adams read out his revised report.

Sharon Burge said that she believes we need a Membership Secretary and Helen Bizzill said that she agrees.

Roy then asked if there were any further matters arising. There were none.

Moved Ronnie Adams, seconded Glenda Olesen, that the Membership Secretary's report be accepted.

### **ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

#### **President**

A formal nomination has been received from Roy Lundy proposing that **Helen Bizzill** be elected as President. There being no further nominations, **Helen Bizzill**, was duly elected.

#### **Vice President**

A formal nomination has been received from Brian Bizzill proposing that **Cheryl Kent** be elected as Vice President. There being no further nominations, **Cheryl Kent**, was duly elected.

### **Club Secretary**

No formal nomination has been received. Roy Lundy asked members if anyone would like to nominate as Secretary. There were no nominations.

Roy Lundy then advised that Dianne Young has completed 3 years as the Secretary and the committee has 14 days to select a Secretary. Dianne advised that she would be happy to stand in for the position until advised of a new Secretary.

The committee agreed that this would be suitable.

### **Treasurer**

A formal nomination has been received from Dianne Young proposing that **Sharon Burge** be elected as Treasurer. There being no further nominations, **Sharon Burge**, was duly elected.

### **Membership Secretary**

A formal nomination has been received from Helen Bizzill proposing that **Ian Moore** be elected as Membership Secretary. There being no further nominations, **Ian Moore**, was duly elected.

### **Committee positions**

Roy Lundy advised that the following had submitted nominations for committee positions,

**Alan Kirby**, proposed, Helen Bizzill

**Cindy Jordan**, proposed, Dianne Young

**Roy Lundy**, proposed, Dianne Young

**Helen Schell**, proposed, Jim Schell

### **Rally Coordinator, Brian Bizzill**

This is a non-committee position and Brian Bizzill has agreed to continue in this role

Thelma Forbes questioned that we have a husband and wife on the committee at the same time. Roy Lundy explained that the Rally Coordinator's position is not a committee position and that Brian Bizzill is not a committee member.

Roy Lundy asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, the above were all duly elected.

### **FEES**

#### **Annual Subscription**

Roy Lundy advised that the committee proposed that there be no increase in our annual subscription. It would remain at \$75 per annum plus a \$10 voluntary payment to RFDS.

#### **Nomination fees**

Roy Lundy advised that the committee proposed that there be no increase in our Nomination Fee. It would remain at \$40.

#### **Special purpose fees**

Roy Lundy advised that we did not need a Special Purpose Fee.

### **Associate Membership**

Roy Lundy advised that the committee proposed that there be no increase in our Associate Membership. It would remain at \$10 per person.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS FOR WHICH NOTICE OF MOTION HAS BEEN GIVEN**

None

### **CONFIRMATION OF BANK SIGNATORIES**

It was confirmed that any two of the President, Helen Bizzill, Vice President, Cheryl Kent, Secretary, Dianne Young, and Treasurer, Sharon Burge, be the authorised signatories on the Club's bank accounts.

Roy Lundy then invited new members of the committee to join committee members that are staying on.

The new President, Helen Bizzill, thanked the retiring committee, Brian Adams, Thelma Forbes, and David Hiscock. Helen said that she would like to thank David Hiscock for the excellent work he done as President for three years and prior to that as Secretary for two years. Helen also thanked Roy Lundy for stepping into the position of Acting President for the last few months.

Helen Bizzill then thanked Dianne for doing a great job over the past 3 years and for staying in the role in the absence of a Secretary.

Special thanks to Ronnie Adams who after around 10 years has retired from being the editor of the Gossip. Ronnie has done an excellent job over the years and Cheryl Kent has volunteered to take on the role of Editor. Helen Bizzill then presented Ronnie Adams with flowers.

Helen Bizzill then welcomed the new committee and said she looked forward to working with all of them over the next twelve months.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

It appears that the Riverside Cabins, Caravans & Camping Park in Eaton does not have a suitable kitchen for us to self-cater for our Christmas lunch this year. Helen Bizzill has contacted them and Brian & Ronnie Adams have visited the park and agree.

Helen Bizzill then asked if anyone objected to us going out to lunch this year. There were no objections. The committee will now source a suitable venue and meal for 2020 Christmas lunch.

Helen Bizzill advised that she had recently bumped into Paula Hiscock and Helen then reminded the group that Paul and David Hiscock are currently on 12 months leave of absence. Helen said that Paula would like to remain a member of the Club but she will be returning on her own and that would mean buying a smaller contained vehicle rather than towing a caravan. Paula asked Helen to put that forward to members at the AGM for approval before she commits to buying a new vehicle.

Helen Bizzill asked if anyone objected to Paula returning and driving a contained vehicle. There were no objections. The club has approved that Paula Hiscock return to the club driving a contained vehicle rather than towing a caravan.



Brian Bizzill said that we should not judge a potential member by what they are driving.

Brian Adams raised a concern he had over Associate Members and Associate Members owning a caravan. Helen Bizzill read out the By-Law so that everyone would be clear on the rules. Associate members can own a caravan but can only qualify for this category of membership if they have been a member of the Club and cannot partake fully in the Association's activities.

Mary Neale spoke about the Kalannie Music Festival scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Mary said it was over the long weekend and last year the tickets were \$30pp and should be a similar price next year. They do not have a lot of facilities there and it pays to be self-sufficient. Music is cover bands such as Proud Mary and Billy Joel. Brian Bizzill said its after our Peppermint Grove rally next year and perhaps we could arrange a tag along.

**CLOSURE**

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 1:40pm.

SIGNED:

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President

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Secretary

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Date

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Date

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attendance List, Acting President's Report, Treasurer's Report & Financial Review, Membership Secretary's Report, Rally Coordinators's Report and Nomination Forms