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TRAYNING RALLY JUNE 2017-06-03

David and Janet arrived quite early and Margaret and Gerry stayed the first night in Goomalling. Jim and Helen along with Ron stayed in Dowerin. Thursday saw most of the group arrive in Trayning with a couple coming on Friday. Frank and Janet are all loaded ready to head for Carnarvon on Monday. A lovely little park with easy parking and artificial lawn beside each van. Caretakers are on site and most helpful. A fire pit was at the end of the row and caretakers Lenny and Caroline had provided wood. A good camp kitchen and lo and behold a Gym. Yep that's right. We were lent a set of keys as the gym is available to anyone staying on the park. Many of our members availed themselves of the facility. The weather was very mild with clear skies and not a drop of rain in sight. Friday saw opening of the Rally with David Hiscock presiding. He welcomed our guests Diana and Bob. Trust you enjoyed the weekend.



Having lived in Dowerin I had spent a lot of time golfing in Trayning but now the Club has disbanded and the course is very dry and sad looking. Yes time marches on.

After happy hour and the opening we proceeded to the campers kitchen for a BYO tea. Good BBQs just beside the kitchen. A couple of tables in there but not enough. David and I decided to place another light table in there. Jim advised us it wouldn't fit through the door. Yes he was right however Jim as the windows had no glass the table fitted through there quite

easily. After the rally closed this light table was replaced from whence it came. 5 burly blokes were seen taking it back.

After tea most people proceeded to the fire where Jim had the fire going well. He asked those present to give some insight into their previous careers and lives etc. So interesting to know what people did before retirement and caravanning. Glenda and Kel had travelled extensively, Bob has been a surveyor, Frank has been a canecutter, Ronnie has worked in the helicopter field (not a pilot, no). David a truckie. Margaret a teacher. Jim has farmed. We are a diverse bunch of people. Thanks Jim and to those who participated. Jim commented that as there was no TV he felt this added to the members joining in around the fire and was happy to see this. Most retired between 10 and 11.

Saturday morning again we have clear skies. Some people walked while some used the gym



I spoke to a young girl and asked her a couple of questions. She is in Grade 6 last year of primary school and off Merriden High school next year. 26 students attend the Trayning primary school and it has no high school. After lunch we all moved off for a drive to Kununoppin some 15 kms further on. This little place still has a hospital and one hardware store. The doctor was well known throughout the region and practiced there for some 50 years. He passed on a couple years back. These small towns now mostly have MPS places (Multi Purpose Services). This means





that in the 1980s a lot of the smaller hospitals were converted to have a 24 hour emergency facility and most now have a facility in the hospital for the aged people of the town. This in some cases include a dementia wing as well. The town itself seems to have a few

people living there. One gentleman stopped Bob and asked him what was going as he had these cars driving around. Casing the place he thought. Lots to steal here he said. Bob wasn't that sure. So to be sure we were spotted. Lunch was held at the old Kunno oval and after that some went rock seeing David and Paula went to see Mangowine homestead. David also went to Bencubbin where the dune buggy racing was. He tells Jim the place was crowded.

Back at camp fire building and soup was the order of the afternoon. Thanks to the ladies for adding vegies to the soup making and for helping with the preparation. No stove in the kitchen but that wouldn't deter us. Ronnie had a big oven with her, Diana had a slow cooker and Janet the patience. What started as pumpkin soup became vegie soup, then relay soup as it was a slow process. Cooking it in small pots and adding to the big pot.

Happy hour of course at 5pm in the camp kitchen followed by soup, which was yummy and



hot.
After
that
we



headed for the fire pit. Jim had a good coal fire



going for the jaffles. Many varieties of jaffles were enjoyed even though the soup had taken the edge off the appetite of some. The night was still very mild and many enjoyed sitting around the fire after tea. Lennie joined us for a short while and offered to take anyone to catch yabbies in the morning. Only 100 yards from the park he said. He has quite a few interested.

Sunday again mild weather, some enjoyed a walk while others the gym. Morning tea was followed by some games of finska, winners being Brian Adams, Janet Currow, with the

perfect score on her first try, and Di Lengkeek. Jim had arranged with the local bowling club to use their very nice facilities during the afternoon. Scroungers rules were adopted and the four novices were placed with more experienced bowlers. Some very good bowls, David, Paula, Margaret and Ron all showed how it's done. Well done and thanks to everyone who joined in, a really good roll up. After the 16 ends finished we of course proceeded to the club for a few well earned drinks where David thanked the locals. The club house has recently been renovated and looks great. Money was forthcoming from the Bowling Club, the Community Sports Association, the Shire of Trayning, a small govt grant and volunteer work. The volunteer work included demolition, removal of old stuff and assistance wherever. The local plumber and electrician offered their services for free. Not sure of the final costings.

David and Janet went for a drive and we caught up with them again at the caravan park which is about 100 mtres from the Bowling Club. Happy hour continued then after tea back to the fire which Jim and his band of Merry Men including Janet had been stoking all weekend. Jim commented on the way home he had used one match to light the fire with and that kept it burning all weekend.

Monday was a community breakfast thanks to the Club providing the finances. Bacon and eggs with toast and thanks to all those who provided frying pans toasters and appetites.

A great way to conclude a rally.

Frank and Janice had left early heading for Carnarvon. Enjoy the time away.



David closed the rally with Frank and Janice winning the Caravan prize which was donated by Trish and Lawrie.

Most left after morning tea heading home or wherever, with only David and Janet and Margaret and Gerry remaining for another night. Good to see you caravanning again Gerry.



Thanks to you all for your help and assistance where needed which made it a very happy rally. See you next time.

Those present were Jim & Helen Schell, David & Janet Currow, Ron Halse, Brian & Ronnie Adams, Gerry & Margaret Kerrigan, Margot & Ian, Frank & Janice Alilovic

, David & Paula Hiscock, Kel & Glenda Olesen and Visitors David & Dianna Lengkeek.

Report by Helen.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was good to hear that the Trayning Rally was a success and that everybody had a good time.

Helen and I spent the weekend in Busselton with Mike and Nola, celebrating Nola's birthday and had a wonderful time. Mike and Nola and Greg and Margaret all send their love to everyone in the club.

So far we have received nominations for committee from:

David Hiscock (President),
Helen Bizzill (Vice President),
Dianne Young (Secretary),
Clelia Gough (Membership Secretary),
Glenda Olesen (Committee),
Ian Moore (Committee),
June Foote (Committee),
Ron Halse (Committee).

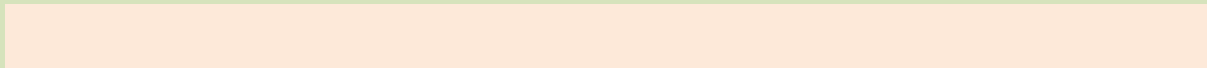
So we still need a Treasurer. If anyone would like to nominate please do so by contacting David or myself.

THE CLUB CANNOT FUNCTION WITHOUT A TREASURER!!!

Helen and I are leaving for Barn Hill on the 23rd of this month and returning early August but we will still be reachable if need be.

See you on a road somewhere

Brian



ATTENDEES for BUSCOMB FARM

Graham & Clelia Gough	FSS
Ron Halse	<i>TFS</i>
David & Paula Hiscock	FS
Ian Fullerton & Margot Nicol	TFSS
Gerry & Margaret Kerrigan	
Doris Friend	TFS
Ian & Natalie Kessell	
Arthur & Elva Littlely	
Peter & Mary Neale	TFS
Alan & Rheta Parkinson	
Visitors: Bob & Dianna Lengkeek	



Coming Events

July 27th – 31st July **QUAIRADING**

Quairading : A typical wheatbelt town

Located 163 km east of Perth and 249 m above sea level, Quairading is a very typical wheatbelt town with the mandatory wheat silos, railway siding, large old hotel and small number of shops servicing the surrounding farmers.

August 24th – 27th AGM - COLLIE

Collie is a town in the [South West](#) region of [Western Australia](#), 213 kilometres south of [Perth](#), and 37 mi inland from the regional city and port of [Bunbury](#). It is near the junction of the [Collie](#) and [Harris](#) Rivers, in the middle of dense [jarrah](#) forest and the only [coalfields](#) in Western Australia. Collie is mainly known as a coal-producing centre, but also offers industrial, agricultural and aquaculture tourism industries. [Muja Power station](#) is located east of the town, and to its west is the [Wellington Dam](#), a popular location for fishing, swimming and boating



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Ian Kessell	10 th
Ian Moore	14th
Graham Gough	20th



JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Alan & Lynne Kirby	30th
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PROGRAMME FOR "BUSCUMB FARM" - Mark & Sarah

Thursday June 29th – Sunday 1ST July

Venue Officers: Doris Friend and Ron Halse

Thursday: For those who wish to arrive early, no problems

Friday: For those who would like - prior to Rally opening

Self drive visit to various locations in the vicinity. Boddington / Lane Pool / Narrogin / Wagin

5.00pm Happy Hour OFFICIAL RALLY OPENING

Weather permitting it will be located at the open camp fire area. Wood supplied by owners. - Great natural open bon fire! Bring your chairs

If bad weather, then it will be held in the owners Dinning/Lounge Area. Wood heater for warmth.

BBQ Dinner for those who wish.

Saturday: **8.30 am** – Walk. Lovely brook and bush land area to investigate

10.00am - Morning Tea – Again weather permitting either by camp fire or indoors in the Dinning/Lounge area.

10.45am - Farm Tour by owners. (approx. 1.5 hours)

Advised it is better with a 4 wheel drive & ideal to car pool.

1.00pm Roast Dinner provided @ cost of \$25.00 per head.

- Numbers are required by Monday 26th June 2017. Once confirmed please be loyal to your confirmation as food will be ordered. Attend or not attend.

Please direct this to Doris 0419 551397 or dorisfreind@gmail.com

3.30 pm - Afternoon Tea

5.00 pm - Happy Hour

6.30 pm - "Pickie dinner/BBQ" around the fire. Gather in preparation & instruction for evening games. Games will be conducted in groups so we have support for those who don't have their thinking caps on. Again location will be weather determined.

Sunday: **8.30 am** - Walk for the energetic or those curious of the lay of the land.

Whatever pace suits you, take in the scenery or be a fitness junkie.

10.00 am - Morning Tea – OFFICIAL RALLY CLOSING

Notes of interest:

COST: \$10.00 Per Night, Per Person

POWER: Power for up to 15 Vans. Extension cords used near the Onsite Dongers.
(There is onsite accommodation)

WATER: Mark & Sarah indicated plenty of rain water. However I would suggest you come down with full tanks.

LAWN: Some areas have Lawn to park your Van on. Some Vans would be parking around the dongers where roads are of good condition. (No gravel)

Boddington: Two café's. Looks like they have a small variety of cakes, pies are home made mmm. (Not made on site but taste real good & just like home made taste!!
IGA & Butcher In town

GO WEST MINE TOUR: Must be pre-booked and 10 minimum. Leaving Boddington 10.30ish each day and seniors discount \$39.00 per head
They also do a Bus pick up from Perth at a cost of \$15.00 per head for future reference. Probably not for this trip but info regardless.

Dump Point in Boddington

Hotham River flows through Boddington. Great picnic/BBQ area in town on the river.

DIRECTIONS: Can come from Albany Highway or Pinjarra. Best & shortest route Pinjarra maybe?
Mud map attached on last page.

Do hope you enjoy!

Enjoyment & happiness comes within.

*"You've gotta dance like there's nobody watching,
'Love like you'll never be hurt",
"Sing like there's nobody listening",
And "live like it's heaven on earth."*

– **William W. Purkey**

"To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all."

– **Oscar Wilde**

"It is better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for what you are not."

– **André Gide, Autumn Leaves**

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."

– **Albert Einstein**

TRAYNING BLOOPERS

Do be careful where you camp on the way to Rallies. Checked to make sure we could camp at “the shed” in Dowerin. Of course said Norm. Nicely set up fire going lights on, happy hour commenced and lights come around the corner. Out jumps the passenger. Whos here. Well Norm hadn't told his daughter we were staying and she saw the lights on. Sprung. All OK and off went Sonya quite happy.

Now a young chap arrived at the Rally and realised he didn't have enough socks. Easy wash them out he thought. Now to dry them, well I have a set of Kels mirrors, long enough for a washing line for one pair of socks. Haha he then forgot this and drove off, had to re-trace his steps to find the missing sock.

Now someone asked which AFL team Brian Adams supported.

Then Lenny our caretaker told us he would be up at the crack of noon. Ah for the quiet country life.

Then I noticed someone had forgotten their cup. Back to the van to get the cup and forgot the teabag.

I decided to shift a table, Jim told me it wouldn't fit through the door. Yep he was right, he just forgot the window was larger and paneless.

