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Manjimup Rally

2nd -6th March

The first to arrive on Wednesday were Ronnie and Brian bringing the heat from Perth with them. Thursday saw the arrival of most of the attending members by mid afternoon and once again the day was very hot and humid.

[Friday morning](#) the early birds were up in time for Tai Chi followed by Morning tea after which we played the game of iska with the winners being Rheta and Brian Adams. The last two members to arrive Ted and June and David and Paula were on site by lunchtime. Early afternoon we all assembled and drove out to the wine and Truffle factory where Steven explained how truffles are cultivated and how dogs sniff them out for picking. This was followed by wine tasting with several platters with contained morsels that including truffle of some description. Following this most cars drove to Fonty's Pool to catchup on the improvements since they had last visited.

Afternoon tea and Happy Hour followed where Brian handed out a quiz which had people in a tizz until some of the answers were explained to them. This encouraged members to look at the question in a different way.

Saturday there was a vast improvement in the weather with it being very pleasant with a light breeze keeping the heat in check. Saturday Farmers Markets saw everyone head across the road to check out the produce. Everyone bought something and although the markets were small the produce was excellent. [Eleven o'clock](#) saw some walk and others drove to the Manjimup Heritage Timber Park where two members of the wood turning club opened especially to demonstrate their skills. A walk around the park showed the old school building, police station, homestead and other buildings which had been preserved from the early 90's all constructed from wood. There was also a lovely walk around the tree area with some very old buildings scattered round plus very interesting play equipment for young and old - hey David. Lunch at the cafe followed where we ordered off the menu and the meals produced were plentiful and well presented. The rest of the afternoon was spent relaxing before afternoon tea and happy hour before people dispersed to prepare for the "come in bad taste dinner". One member appeared walking down towards the camp kitchen in a spiderman outfit including the mask when one small child was heard to say "there's spiderman" only to hear another child say "it's not the real one as he hasn't got the right shoes on." Several members went to some length to get right into the mood and made the evening very enjoyable. The

taco dinner was enjoyed, followed by sweets of custard tart and apple and berry crumble. Games were played after dinner but due to lighting problems the games had to get abandoned..

[Sunday morning](#) dawned only to find our president unwell and up at the hospital. After morning tea we lined up on our journey to Big Brook Dam only to get slightly lost, not the navigators fault, but the map inaccuracy that's the story anyway. A very pretty place but once again March flies were friendly but didn't stop us enjoying our lunch in the shade and taking a walk around the recreation area with some walking around the lake. A change of leader hoping to head towards the arboretum but once again the turn was missed by some while others found it and then continued onto the falls.

[Monday morning](#) several were wishing to depart early so the pancake breakfast was bought forward and it was pleasing to see Brian making an appearance and closing the rally. The rest of the day was spent relaxing with some playing games.

The caravan prize was won by Robin and Di Ashford donated by Ronnie and Brian Adams.

Those present were Rheta & Alan Parkinson, Robin & Di Ashford, Maureen & Roy Lundy, Ronnie & Brian Adams, Lawre & Pat, Helen & Brian Bizzill, Clelia & Graham Gough, Paula & David Hiscock, Ruth & Peter, Thelma & Kevin Forbes, Janice & Frank Alolivic Margo & Ian Fullerton and June & Ted Bunce.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi everyone

We were certainly lucky with the weather for our Binningup Rally. Beautiful sunny days all weekend. This park is a great park for our rallies and the committee is looking at making it the venue for our first rally of the year in future. If anyone has an objection to this please let me know, but everyone who was at the rally on the weekend agreed with this proposal. We thought we might even have an annual "Finska" championship with trophy.

Brian and Mary Wales announced at the close of the rally that after their annual trip to Kalbarri in March they are selling their van but will continue to attend some rallies, staying in park cabins.

The committee has also been informed that Geoff and Trina Savage have decided to resign from our club.

I feel that it is timely to say that with just over six months to go before the AGM members should start thinking about giving back to the club by serving on the committee. We are looking for a new executive committee. In order to retain experience on the executive committee, for this year only the Secretary and Vice President will be asked to serve only one year. We will also need two new general committee members, which will include a new Membership Secretary.

See you on a road somewhere

Brian

Coming Events

**April 13th – 18th Koorda Caravan Park 240 kilometres
Easter Long Weekend**

The Shire of Koorda forms a part of the north-eastern section of the Central Agricultural Division. Its population of 596 consists of mostly farming community dedicated to wheat, coarse grains and sheep.
RALLY CANCELLED

May 4th – 8th Whitegum Farm - YORK 120 kilometres

The Caravan Park was primarily set up to service the needs of the airfield and the flying school, but it's also open to the public, and has plenty of attractions for the non flyers. Such as Swimming, Fishing and Bushwalking in the extensive 300 acre farmstead.

June 1st – 6th Trayning 230 kilometres

Trayning has natural granite outcrops, native birds, insects, reptiles, woodlands and stunning panoramas of wildflowers in season which are all easily accessible here. Just 70 kilometres from Merredin in the heart of the North Eastern Wheatbelt, with good roads, the Shire attractions are well sign posted with maps readily available.

The name 'Trayning' was given to the district after the 'Trayning Well' and the name for the well was derived from two aboriginal names 'Durri-iring' or 'Duranning'. The words mean 'to crawl', and 'a camping place' and over time became known as 'snake crawling in the grass near campsite'.

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Happy
Wedding
Anniversary!

Alan & Rheta Parkinson	4 th
Brian & Helen Bizzill	28 th

ATTENDEES FOR MANJIMUP

March 2nd – 6th March 2017

Venue Officers : Ronnie & Brian Adams -

Tyler L	TFSS	Hiscock D & P	FSS
Forbes T & K	TFSSM	Bizzill B& H	TFSSM
Lundy M & R	TFSSM	Bunce T & J	
Parkinson A & R		Ashford D & R	FSSM
Peter Carter & Ruth MacKenzie	TFSSM	Alilovic F & J	
Adams B & R	TFSSM	Ian Fullerton & Margo Nicol	TFSSM
Gough G & C		Kessell I & N	TFSSM
Neale P & M	FSSM		

PRICE LIST for MANJIMUP C/VAN PARK

Powered Sites Including Camping- Access to All Park Amenities

Normal Rates

Pension Rates

1 x Adult \$28

2 x Adult \$35

Stay Hitched \$45

Additional Adults \$15

1 x Adult \$26

2 x Adult \$33

Stay Hitched \$43

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Children 4-12 Years \$10

Children Under 4 Free

Group (10 or more vans) \$33 per van

1 x Adult \$25.50

2 x Adults \$31.50

MANJIMUP CARAVAN PARK GENERAL INFORMATION

Key card deposit of \$20 required at check in (refunded on departure)

Water is potable and high quality

All of our sites are on a slope due to council regulations. We get heavy rainfall and require the slope to ensure correct drainage. Wheel chocks are advised.

In the case of emergency or shop is closed please call 0400 246 609 Park Rules

Speed limit is strictly 8km/hr

If you wish to stay hitched it is an additional \$10 per night as it takes 2 bays, and must be advised at check in

Vans must stay within allocated bay – no overhanging white line

Vehicles to be parked in front of Van

Visitors' cars to be parked in car park beside the deli.

If you have visitors staying overnight, you will be charged an additional fee ☐ Helmets must be worn when riding bikes and scooters ☐ No Excessive noise after 9pm

Water restrictions apply, so washing of cars and vans is prohibited Check In – Check Out Times ☐

Please check in and out at the Deli - open from 5am – 9pm (Kitchen closes at 8pm) ☐ Check out time is 10am - unless prior arrangements have been made with management

Check In time is after 10.30am. Laundry, Ablutions, Camp Kitchen, Fire Pits and BBQ's

Washers (\$4.00) & Dryers (\$2.00) take \$1 or \$2 coins ☐ Children under 12 not permitted unsupervised in ablution block

Ablution block closed for cleaning between 10am-11.30am

Additional toilets available at Deli ☐ Please turn off lights in laundry, ablution block and campers kitchen when not in use

It is against the Health Act to do your Laundry in the basins or showers. If you are caught doing so you will be asked to leave with no refund

No washing of Shoes or pet bedding in the washing machine or dryers

BBQ's to be cleaned after use

Rubbish to be wrapped or tied securely before being placed in bins provided

Use of two onsite fire pits only between the months of March and September.

Fire restrictions apply during Summer months Deposits and Cancellation Policy

A 50% deposit will be required during peak times - event weekends, Easter and Christmas (min Stay is also required)

All Cancellations will incur a \$20 Administration Fee No refund will be given to any booking cancelled or amended less than 7 days prior to your stay

Refunds will be issued within 7 days Pets

Pets must be kept on a lead AT ALL TIMES whilst in the Park. The owner must clean up IMMEDIATELY after the pet at all times.

Pets must not be left alone, onsite, at any time during your stay.

Pets must not be allowed to bark, or indulge in antisocial or destructive behavior at any time.

As the pet owner you accept full responsibility for any personal injury or damage caused by your pet whilst in our park. The decision to allow a guest with a pet into the park is at the Managers absolute discretion, at all times.

The Manager reserves the right to ask any guest with a pet to leave immediately, with no refund given, if any of the above rules are not complied with, or if the pet is causing a nuisance.

RALLY PROGRAMME for MANJUMIP RALLY

2ND - 6TH March 2017

FRIDAY	8.00 am	Morning Walk
	9.00 am	Tai Chi
	10.00 am`	Morning Tea
	Noon	Lunch
	2.15 pm	Depart for Truffle Farm Talk & Wine Tasting
	5.00 pm	Opening of Rally
	6.00 pm	BBQ Tea
SATURDAY	8.00 am	Morning Walk
	9.00 AM	Tai Chi
		Farmers Markets at Manjin Park
	11.00 am	Timber & Heritage Park
	Noon	Purchase Lunch at Top Notch Cafe in Park
	2.30 pm	Visit King Jarrah Tree
	3.30 pm	Afternoon Tea
	5.00 pm	Happy Hour
6.00 pm	BAD TASTE DRESS with TACO DINNER Please bring taco shells the rest will be provided. A suggestion for bad taste dress is to visit an Op Shop and purchase an inexpensive item.	
7.30 pm	Games	
SUNDAY	8.00 am	Morning Walk
	9.00 am	Tai Chi
	10.00 am	Morning Tea
	11.00 am	Depart for adventure along the Karri Forrest Explorer Way
		- Big Brook Dam - Beedelup Falls for picnic lunch and walk

5.00 pm Happy Hour
6.00 pm Dinner

MONDAY 8.30 am Pancake Breakfast
10.00 am Closing of Rally

PLEASE NOTE there will be a \$10.00 charge for the Rally to cover costs. IE Truffle farm, Taco dinner & pancakes.

There are still many places you may wish to visit –some are

- Four Aces
- One Tree Bridge
- Dean Mill Heritage Trail
- Diamond Tree Lookout

BINNINGUP BLOOPERS

Not many this months, no-one was telling tales out of school.

However I did hear from a little birdie that the President left behind the bookwork and the prize draw stuff. To his credit though he soldiered through and the attendance was duly recorded and the rally prizes handed out.

Then one Mere Male was asked to get the thermos, he said it used to be kept under the sink. Can't find it! Wife yelled quite loudly that it was in the POT DRAWER. But he couldn't hear, in the end it was found but hubby still thinks it should remain under the sink!!

Who forgot the birthday cake? Thank goodness realized earlier enough and able to purchase another one in Bunbury

One couple went visiting friends in Harvey. Being polite guests they took along a bottle of wine. Bit hot by the time they arrived I do believe. Now true to my word five minutes after telling the story the same guy opened a bottle for his good wife. Lo and behold this one was frozen, three people and a chair were sprayed. Ah well we quickly dried out.

Back to the President and my apologies, upon leaving the rally I had forgotten to say goodbye. He tells me THAT was a blooper.

So off went the Schells right towards the exit, off went the Littleys left towards the exit. Gunfight at OK corral. Guns at five paces. Now Arthur couldn't reverse, Jim couldn't reverse as Ron was hitching on. Moral of the story, don't rush off at the end of the Rally.



*Family in Karratha in need of house sitters for 2 dogs the 1st two weeks of June.
Fancy 2 weeks in the Pilbara? The caravan can be parked at the house while
you enjoy their pool etc.*

Contact me, glendafolesen@gmail.com and I will pass on details