



GROPER'S GOSSIP

MARCH SEABIRD RALLY

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MARCH 2023

The Seabird rally was a great success, with perfect weather and some fun activities at mini golf and the annual ladder golf championship. The new champions are Chris Young and Noelene Muir. Well done to everyone who competed.

It was nice to see Jack and Deanne Muir attending their third rally as visitors and we look forward to welcoming them into the Club at their next rally. Michael and Olecia Jarvis also attended as visitors and seemed to enjoy themselves, and we look forward to seeing them at a future rally.

Roy Lundy has made a significant recovery after being hospitalised with internal bleeding – well done Roy. We look forward to seeing Roy and Maureen again at future rallies.

Brian and I have registered for the State Rally in October at Pingelly. I hear they are receiving a good response to their request for registrations, so if you are planning to attend please send off the registration form and payment soon. Our own rally at Southern Stars is the following week, so this could be a good opportunity to continue on from one to the other.

Enjoy the beautiful autumn weather and we look forward to seeing some of you at the Maranup Ford Anzac rally.

Stay safe

Helen

SEABIRD RALLY

The rally scene was set on Thursday at Seabird Tavern & Caravan Park. Camp Muir was already set up as the four of them arrived early. Later that morning team Bizzill arrived and set up. Di and Chris arrived sometime later behind the Backs who had come down from Sandy Cape with Deb and Jerry. Di and Chris set up next to Brian and Helen joining the awnings together to make Sandgroper Central. The first run on the new awning joining roof extension was abandoned for a more of a shanty approach with the contribution of several wall come roof covers. Someone had their van next to Di causing her to complain to management as to another van on one of our sites. Only to be informed that she was on the wrong site... Oops.. Brian can't read "arrow!" Over the next few hours most had arrived. Cameron and Denise had come from a family trip in their van. Syd and Jacquie found a great site that appealed to another camper who thought he'd squeeze on until an unhappy Syd expressed himself. No one likes to share their site with a stranger. The usual happy hour and a good feed followed, some stayed up late telling stories until the bottom of a good red was found.

Friday kicked off with a walk around town (or a swim) followed by the traditional Tai Chi. Morning tea as usual



followed by the tunes from our Sandgroper Strummers filling the air. We all head off to the mini golf for an afternoon of fierce competition



passing the Schells who were arriving from Busselton. At games end we all hit the 19th hole. Whilst downing scones and cream hearing declarations of bribes, bogeys and would you believe a hole in one, or two. The Champion of the day was Chris Back taking home the gold cup. I believe he later filled it with an unconfirmed alcoholic beverage and managed to scull it without losing a drop.



Helen opened the Rally at 5.01 with all in attendance. A welcome to visitors, Michael and Olecia then Jack and Deanne who are on their third rally. We kicked off with happy hour followed by a shared meal that could only be described as a Fantastic "Gourmet Delight" served under a calm clear night at Sandgroper Central. We then rolled into a Quiz where everyone got to gorge down a chockie or five.

Saturday, off to circumnavigate the town where we discovered a plumbing solution for flowerpots.



Some went for a swim as the ocean was inviting. Then off to Tai Chi.

After lunch Colin and Linda arrived just in time for the Annual and highly competitive Ladder Golf Championship ending with Noelene Muir and Chris Young taking out the trophy.



The rest of the day was board games and chatting as usual.

Happy hour rolled into an uphill walk to the pub for dinner then back to Sandgroper Central for a quiet evening gathering.

Sunday morning was the closing of the Rally where the Kirby's took out the caravan prize, a high tech flying, sorry floor cleaning device.

The closing of the rally was not the end of this trip for many stayed to hang out and enjoy the great weather or play a game or two.



ATTENDEES SEABIRD RALLY

Adams S & J
Haig C & L
Ambrosious J
Back C & L
Bizzill B & H
Caldwell C & D
Curchin G & D
Kirby A & L
Muir C & N
Schell J & H
Young C & D

Temporary Members
Muir J & D
Jarvis M & O

MARANUP FORD ANZAC RALLY

Monday 24 April to Friday 28 April 2023

Maranup Ford Caravan Park
600 Maranup Ford Road, Maranup Mobile: 0448 600 190
Venue officers: Brian and Helen Bizzill

- Monday 24th** Arrive and settle in
1500 Afternoon tea
1700 Happy hour and opening of the rally
- Tuesday 25th**
0545 Dawn Service at Greenbushes followed by Gunfire
Breakfast
(leaving camp around 0500)
1500 Afternoon tea
1700 Happy hour
1830 Communal dinner (BYO)
- Wednesday 26th**
1000 Morning tea
1230 Lunch at The Cidery, 43 Gifford Road, Bridgetown
1700 Happy hour
- Thursday 27th**
0930 Morning tea and closing of the rally
1200 Short bush drive and picnic lunch (BYO)
1500 Afternoon tea
1700 Happy hour
1830 Sausage sizzle
- Friday 28th** Pack up and head home





BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

APRIL

23 Brian Bizzill

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

APRIL

01 Cheryl & Peter Fatti

18 Helen & Jim Schell

26 Linda & Colin Haig

BURGE'S TRAVELS

Hi all

Is it really a month since I last wrote. We are currently in Horsham and have been off the ☒ for a week or more. So no longer considered boat people.

To continue where we left off; we headed to Freycinet NP to see wineglass bay. Well!!! for those who have not heard the story - we climbed The Hazards until we got to the steps, made of stone no rails and very uneven ground, so I waited while Rod went ahead to photograph the bay. I will not risk a fall even for a view. There is too much more to do & see.

I waited for about 2 hrs, in the meantime Rod had a fall on a rock trying to take rest, it was very steep. A nurse nearby thought he blacked out for a second, so immediately called the ambo's. They took him down another way so someone came to get me so I could drive 40kms back to Swansea to the hospital, where they took him for observation. He was totally fine except for a few scratches, but I was so wound up, I was ready to murder him.

Moving on we continued up the east coast to St Helens but decided against staying out at the Bay of Fires, small sites and very crowded. Visited platypus house and Berry farm along the Tamar. Went up Jacobs ladder in the car to see Ben Lamond ski resort, totally closed in Summer. Spent 3 days in Ballarat to service the van and clean it throughout, wash the car.

Just finished 1 week in Ararat to visit J-ward mental asylum, Rod couldn't get them to keep me because it is now closed.

We also visited the Grampians and Hall's Gap. On the last day there was a concert at the town hall with Issy Dye - Legends Of Rock, it was great.

Now heading through the Wimmera area toward Mildura to visit a cousin I haven't seen for about 40 yrs. The Easter in Broken Hill, where my mum comes from and over to Canberra to spend Anzac weekend with Kaye and Frank from Belswan.

That's enough for now, hope you are all enjoying life & health as much as we are.

Luv to all

Sharon and Rod Burge