

# GROPER'S GOSSIP

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## WHITE GUM FARM RALLY - YORK 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> May

Expectations of a good rally were high and the farm didn't let us down. Thanks Margaret Kerrigan for finding such a treasure.



Thursday saw most of the members arrive with the Adams' arriving at night fall only to discover a van tyre was slowly deflating. Quickly being put on site the tyre was changed under torch light, in no time, with the help of Chris and Kel. The remaining members arrived by lunchtime Friday in the beautiful weather. Happy Hour saw Brian open the Rally and welcome all to the Farm. He invited Di to lay out the programme for the weekend.

Presentations were made to Kevin and Thelma



Forbes on reaching 150 rallies with the club and Brian and Ronnie Adams 75 rallies

The Farm, 23 km east of

York, a surprise to all as it's been operating for 17 years as a caravan park, unknown to many of us. Billed as WA's largest private airfield, how could it be a secret?



We were so lucky with the weather being warm and mild, even hot during the day, that we moved around from sun to under a shady gum tree for coffees and Happy Hour. Friday night



was casserole night, served in the original hanger, decorated with a colourful parachute. Di had brought large tablecloths so one big communal table made a delightful area. As always a great variety of casseroles followed by fabulous sweets made us all happy campers. Well done girls again!

Saturday saw some out walking and exploring, followed by Tai Chi with Brian Bizzill. Gary, the Farm owner, took us for a look in the hangers. A Russian Mig Fighter plane is in the throes of being restored



was a highlight. This plane could travel at 2 ½ times the speed of sound and make Melbourne in 40 minutes. Several ultra light aircraft were in the other hanger one being Gary's which he confessed he



didn't use enough. There were coming and goings of light aircraft all weekend but they weren't a nuisance, just interesting.



Then it was onto the Eagle nest walk of about 3 km which most walked but a few availed themselves of Gary's people mover. At the top of the walk Gary explained his vision for the 300 acre farm and his watering systems to fill the huge dam, near the caravan park, for marron and perch. The eagles nest is on top a

very high steep hill from where we could look across to York. The farm is a 'Land for Wildlife' site where wildlife is cared for and encouraged. At morning tea Gary bought his kangaroo down for a visit to us .

After lunch Alan and Rheta Parkinson arrived for the afternoon and for Alan to attend the committee meeting. It was good to see Rheta looking better and we hope that is continuing. Games of Finska were enjoyed in the afternoon with Kel Olesen, Helen Bizzill and Maureen Lundy being the stars. Some members drove into York for a look and shop or to visit friends.



Happy hour and pizza dinner were held outside the hanger with Gary building a lovely fire for all to gather around. Tantalizing smells coming from the ovens were our

dinner, served by Gary and his helpers. There was quite a variety of pizza to try including desert pizzas, new to most of us.

Sunday morning was Tai Chi, card games and lots of talking. The afternoon saw us trail off to a very small settlement of Greenhead where at the Greenhead Hotel Apryl, the publican and local resident, served us a delicious afternoon tea and gave us an insight into the history o



the hotel and once thriving town of 2000 people. An interesting ceiling in the bar area where note money was pinned to the ceiling led to some members trying their hand at getting a note up there. The only one to succeed was Beth putting several men to shame as they got Apryl to put it up for them after several attempts. The money stays there until December when it is removed and donated to the RFDS.

Happy Hour saw the closing of the Rally followed by a BBQ dinner and sitting around the



fires that Kel and Chris had built in their fire boxes. All agreed it had been a great weekend, much enjoyed with a booking being made for next year.

Monday, a little drizzly, so everyone packed up and left the farm by 10.00 am refreshed by a country break.

Many thanks to Dianne and Chris Young for organizing their first rally – a job well done.

**Report prepared by Glenda Olesen**

Those present were Brian & Helen Bizzill, Glenda & Kel Olesen, Roy & Maureen Lundy, Chris & Di Young, Kevin & Thelma Forbes, Peter & Mary Neale, Peter & Ruth, Brian & Ronnie Adams, Robin & Di Ashford, Ron Halse, Ian & Beth Moore, David & Paula Hiscock, Ian & Natalie Kessell, Doris Friend, Jim & Helen Schell and Alan & June Foote.



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT WHITEGUM FARM**

*Whitegum Farm is a hidden gem. Well done Margaret for finding it, although Gary (the owner) did say that the caravan park has been around for 15 years or so, so I don't know how we've missed it.*

*The weather was extremely kind to us, with only a light shower during Thursday night. Everyone had a good time and congratulations should go to Dianne and Chris for organising a great rally.*

*It was great that Alan and Rheta came up for the day and it's good to see Rheta making progress after a couple of set backs.*

*Because it is so close to Perth the committee decided to book Whitegum Farm for next year's AGM rally.*

*Speaking of AGMs we still need nominations for our committee, so if you are thinking of nominating please get in touch with me or David.*

*See you on a road somewhere*

*Brian*

## **WHITE GUM BLOOPERS**

See a few new tables coming out. Question how many women did it take to put the table up?

Before you guys have a laugh who bought a bigger satellite dish only to find it is the same size as the old one.

And please don't stress out the Rally Coordinator too much. He found it difficult to pour wine with the cap still firmly in place.

One wife was also stressed after they took a long time to set up the van. Not sure how hubby fared. Wife did say it took 3 ½ hours. And she was hungry.

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<i><b>ATTENDEES for TRAYNING:</b></i>	
Frank & Janice Alilovic	Jim & Helen Schell
Ron Halse	Kel & Glenda Oleen
David & Paula Hiscock	Brian & Ronnie Adams
Peter & Mary Neale	Ian Fullerton & Margot Nicol
Gerry & Margaret Kerrigan	Visitors: Bob & Dianne Lengkeek

The white board at Whitegum Farm Rally gathered names for the Trayning Rally, the Buscombe Farm rally and the Quairading Rally at the end of July.  
Please register on the website for these rallies

*But for your information the Trayning Caravan Park only has 11 powered sites. From the clipboard and website we have 10 vans already, the park can cater for 15 sites in total but 4 will be unpowered.*

*The registered vans so far will have preference on the powered sites unless anybody volunteers to be unpowered if the numbers increase*

The club is looking for Venue Officers for the Quairading rally and the rallies for the rest of the year. The Committee will organise the AGM rally at Collie.

**As part of being a member of the club it is expected that we all help to contribute to the running of the club, be it the shared meals or offering to get the daily papers or serve on the committee or be venue officers. There are now 29 caravans in the club and maybe a few more interested in the club after the Caravan show. That works out to be being a venue officer only once in three years. There is great satisfaction at the end of a Rally when members say good-bye and compliment the organiser for a job well done. Newer members will always be mentored by a longer standing member.**

# Coming Events

June 30<sup>TH</sup> -2<sup>ND</sup> July

BUSCOMB FARM Via WILLIAMS

200kms

July 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July

QAUAIRIDING

*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.*



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Janet Currow	5 <sup>th</sup>
Laurie Tyler	7 <sup>th</sup>
Clelia Gough	17 <sup>th</sup>



Happy  
Wedding  
Anniversary!

**MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

*None this month*



**Sandgroper Caravanners Inc.**  
**Minutes of Management Committee meeting**  
**Held at White Gum Farm – York rally 3.15pm**  
**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

***In attendance:***

*Brian Adams, Brian Bizzill, June Foote, David Hiscock, Roy Lundy, Ian Moore, Kel Olesen, Alan Parkinson*

***Apologies:***

*Janet Currow*

***Open: 3.15pm***

*Brian Bizzill opened the meeting, welcoming all committee members present to this meeting.*

***Minutes:***

*The minutes of the previous committee meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at Binningup were read out by David Hiscock.*

***Key matters arising from previous minutes:***

- Presidents Message – All reviewed and accepted adjustments. Will be incorporated into future Member Welcome packs.*
- Website: - Re Webmaster position, it was agreed that Peter Carter still held that position, however another member should also have write access as a contingency for the Club and a development opportunity. **Action:** David Hiscock to contact Peter Carter and that Clelia Gough re process moving forward.*

*Moved by Roy Lundy*

*Minutes from previous meeting accepted unanimously.*

***Note:*** - *Minutes of previous meeting signed by Club President – Brian Bizzill and forwarded to David Hiscock*

***Correspondence in:*** - *Read by David Hiscock*

*10/02/2017 – Australia Post invoice for renewal of P.O Box.*

*17/02/2017 – Email – Robert Thomas WAACCI – Information flyer “Green World Technologies”, A guided bush walk.*

*21/02/2017 – Email – Robert Thomas WAACCI – Associationinfo Issue 18 – “Updating the Rules”.*

*07/03/2017 – Email – Robert Thomas WAACCI- Agenda for 15<sup>th</sup> March delegates meeting.*

*09/03/2017 – Email - Robert Thomas WAACCI – Update agenda for 15<sup>th</sup> March delegates meeting.*

*12/03/2017 – Email – Robert Thomas WAACCI – Financial report for upcoming delegates meeting.*

*14/03/2017 – Email – Robert Thomas WAACCI – NACC report for delegates meeting.*

*15/03/2017 – Email – John Bradley WAACCI – Volunteers guide for 2017 Caravan & Camping show.*

*21/03/2017 – Email – Robert Thomas WAACCI – Minutes of Delegates meeting.*

28/03/2017 – Email – Robert Thomas WAACCI – Thank you to all volunteers who attended caravan & Camping Show.  
28/03/2017 – Email – Ian Moore – Draft proposal for 2018 rally's.  
30/03/2017 – Email – Robert Thomas WAACCI – Tourism snapshot  
03/04/2017 – Email - Robert Thomas WAACCI – State Rally registration forms & information.  
06/04/2017 – Email – Robert Thomas WAACCI – Re newsletter for the National Rally.  
06/04/2017 – Email – Robert Thomas WAACCI – Ball weight calculator flyer.  
09/04/2017 – Email - Robert Thomas WAACCI – Peppermint Grove Beach caravan park has now re-opened.  
07/04/2017 – ING Statement – 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017  
12/04/2017 – Email – John Bradley WAACCI – Prospective new club members.  
19/04/2017 – Email – Gerry & Margaret Kerrigan – Leave of absence request.  
20/04/2017 – Email – Natalie Kessell re cards (Get well, Goodbye etc..)  
21/04/2017 – Craftsign Engraving – Package for Alan Parkinson.  
23/04/2017 – Email – John Bradley WAACCI – Prospective new club members.  
25/04/2017 – Email – Robert Thomas WAACCI – Re State Rally – Message from the Vice President.

**Correspondence Outward:** - Read by David Hiscock

07/02/2017 – Email – David Hiscock to all members re nominations for the 2017 Caravan & Camping show.  
22/02/2017 – Email – David Hiscock to all Committee Members re “Green World Technologies”, A guided bush walk.  
23/02/2017 – Email – David Hiscock to Robert Thomas (WAACCI) re club nominations for the 2017 Caravan & Camping show.  
25/02/2017 – Email – Ian Moore to all members re attendance for Easter rally at Koorda.  
08/03/2017 – Email – Ian Moore to all members confirming Easter rally at Koorda cancelled.  
11/03/2017 – Forwarding Australia post invoice to Alan Parkinson for payment.  
16/03/2017 – Email – David Hiscock – Volunteers Guide to members representing club at the 2017 Caravan & Camping show.  
04/04/2017 – Email – David Hiscock to all members re State Rally registration.  
12/04/2017 – Email – David Hiscock to John Bradley & Brian Adams re prospective new club members.  
13/04/2017 – Email – Alan Parkinson to all members re Rheta's progress.  
23/04/2017 – Email – David Hiscock – Forward Gerry & Margaret Kerrigan's “Leave of absence” request to all Committee members.  
23/04/2017 – Email – David Hiscock to all Committee members re email from Natalie Kessell “cards”.  
23/04/2017 – Email – David Hiscock to Brian Adams re prospective new club members.  
30/04/2017 – Email – David Hiscock to all members – Forwarding on message from Maureen Lundy re ordering of uniforms.

Inward & outward correspondence moved Roy Lundy  
Accepted Ian Moore

**Treasurer's report:** - Alan Parkinson tabled report dated 02/05/2017



- Net position up \$231.49 on previous period.
  - Net total position \$5178
- Treasures report moved Brian Bizzill  
Seconded Roy Lundy

### **Membership Secretary's report:** - Brian Adams tabled report

#### **Key Business arising:** -

- Discussion took place re "Associate Membership" status. Item to be put to all Members at AGM
- Pro rata fee structure discussed:- **Action:-** Roy Lundy to confirm club position and report back.
- New membership
  - Jean-Paul Samuelson – rejected. **Action:-** Alan Parkinson to arrange a refund of the nomination fee.

Membership Secretary's report moved June Foote  
Seconded Ian Moore

### **Rally Organizer's report:** - Ian Moore

- Adjusted list of 2018 rallies discussed. Some minor adjustments made.  
**Action:** - Ian Moore to finalise & lock in all for 2018.
- Binningup rally in February unanimously supported by members when presented, 2018 locked in.
- Discussion took place re the geographical balancing of the rally locations and time of year. Rally Organizer taken this on board for future.

Rally Organizers report moved June Foote  
Seconded Alan Parkinson

### **General Business:** -

#### **Previous Meeting**

- Jean-Paul Samuelson – Application rejected. The Committee accepted the decision made by the "Executive". As a result of this experience the application process should be amended to allow the Club to conduct a Police clearance should it deem necessary. **Action:** - Brian Bizzill & David Hiscock to draft wording. – **Still outstanding**
- Property Manager – Property Manager. Maureen Lundy currently in this role.

#### **This meeting**

- AGM Rally – Committee to organize. Collie River Caravan Park – **Action:-** Ian Moore to confirm with the caravan park that they have an enclosed area available.
- Gerry & Margaret Kerrigan – Leave of absence requested. Unanimously accepted.  
**Action:-** Secretary to write to them to confirm.
- Get well, Goodbye cards etc....etc... - Difficult for the Club to know and or co-ordinate all event types. Agreed that Members should alert the club Secretary if they are aware or want acknowledgement to be passed on. Alternatively it should be left up to individuals make acknowledgements.
- Uniforms – Maureen Lundy currently co-ordinating a run of uniforms for members. Also investigating the availability of the fleecy jacket which is popular with Members.

- *Ball weight calculator. June Foote passed around a brochure. WAACCI put out a general information e-mail regarding this. **Action:-** Secretary to forward to all Members.*
- *Revised Nomination forms. Due to upcoming changes in Club Constitution requirements adjustments to Committee nomination forms will be required. **Action:-** Alan Parkinson to send sample form and supporting "Rules of Association" document to Committee Members for review.*
- *Constitution review. In light of the impending changes to the Associations Incorporation Act, it was suggested that a special "out of rally" meeting be set up to review the Club Constitution.*

**Closed 5.00 pm**

**Next Management Committee meeting:**

**Action:** - *Due to a number of current Committee Members not being available over the next few months the Secretary is to liaise with Committee Members to identify date & location in June for the next meeting.*

*Signed as a true & correct record of the meeting:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

# **PROGRAMME FOR TRAYNING**

**Venue Officers Jim & Helen Schell**

## **Friday**

*Arrival and set up.*

*5pm*

*Happy Hour and Opening of Rally.*

*BBQ tea supply your own.*

*Possibly games after tea. Dependent on weather and camp kitchen.*

## **Saturday**

*8.30 am*

*Walk for those interested.*

*10.00 am*

*Morning Tea*

*11.00 am*

*Drive to Kunnonoppin about 15kms bitumen road.*

*3.00 pm*

*Soup making - Please bring some veggies to add*

*5.00 pm*

*Happy Hour*

*6,00 pm*

*Tea soup and jaffles.*

*Soup to be made on site.*

*Bring provide own jaffle ingredients and irons if possible.*

## **Sunday**

*8.30 am*

*Walk if interested.*

*10.00 am*

*Morning Tea*

*12 .00*

*Lunch*

*2.00 pm*

*Lawn Bowls - Please bring own bowls if available*

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*Flat sole shoes or bare feet to play*

*5.00 pm*

*Happy Hour*

*6.00 pm*

*BYO Tea*

## **Monday**

*8.00 am*

*Community Breakfast (provided by Club.)*

*10.00 AM*

*Close of rally*

*Jim checked and sheep or pig on spit not available.*