



# GROPER'S GOSSIP



**Sandgroper and Redgum Caravanners rockin' the night away in Wannamal.**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The combined Sandgroper/Redgum rally at Wannamal was a great success, with many new friendships established. The weather was kind, the hall and kitchen were great, and the Italian dinner/dance was the highlight of the weekend. Well done to both clubs for organising a fun rally. It was agreed that we should do it again in the not-too-distant future.

It has just occurred to me that some of our newer members may not be aware that we have a Sandgroper Facebook page – just search Sandgroper Caravan Club on the Facebook site. At present many members are travelling and this is a good way to keep in touch.

Cameron and Denise Caldwell were welcomed as our newest Sandgroper members at the Wannamal rally, and we look forward to seeing them at future rallies. Two new vans appeared at Wannamal. The Haigs and Kents are both very pleased with their new holiday homes on wheels.

Safe travels to all members who are out and about in their caravans. Brian and I are enjoying the blue skies and sunny days as we travel north.

Helen

## 2021 SANDGROPER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**Emergency phone numbers for member's families to contact during rallies:**

**Helen Bizzill – President 0417 913 050, Cheryl Kent – Vice President 0477 474 115, Di Young – Secretary 0419 911 775 and Sharon Burge – Treasurer – 0414 259 962**



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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR REGISTERING FOR RALLIES:

1. On the website, log on.
2. Go to **PLANNED RALLIES** then **RALLY BOOKINGS**
3. Select the rally you would like to attend and you will be automatically registered.
4. **IMPORTANT:** under **ADDITIONAL NOTES** in the box please enter the nights you require e.g. T,F,S,S, (Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
5. Make sure you press **SAVE ADDITIONAL INFO** before closing.

### UPCOMING RALLIES

**JUNE Thursday 10 – Sunday 13 SOUTHERN STARS HOLIDAY PARK  
645 Vasse-Yallingup Siding Road ANNIEBROOK. Full services and camp kitchen**

**JULY Thursday 22 – Sunday 25 THE COTTAGE QUAIRADING CARAVAN PARK  
McLennan Street QUAIRADING. Park owned and managed by Shire. Power, water BBQ facilities and laundry**

**ATTENDEES FOR SOUTHERN STARS:** MUIRS, ALLENS, MITCHELLS, MOORES, KENTS, JORDANS, CALDWELLS, NEALES, FORBES, ADAMS Syd and Jacqui (3rd Rally), FATTI Peter and Cheryl 2nd Rally), If your name doesn't appear here and you are attending please advise Southern Stars Holiday Park (9755 1331) and tell them that you are with Sandgroper. Likewise if your name is listed and you aren't attending please advise Holiday Park. Thank you.

## WANNAMAL JOINT RALLY – SANDGROPER AND REDGUM 6<sup>TH</sup> TO 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021

The joint rally with Redgum had been planned many months ago, and everyone had been looking forward to it. Redgum had 15 vans participating in the rally, and Sandgroper had 14 vans, a total of 55 people. Most turned up on Thursday, with a final few arriving on Friday. Thursday was a bit grey with a heavy shower during the afternoon, then all clear. The joint happy hour was a good chance for both clubs to mingle and get to know each other.



Early morning walkers enjoying the sunshine.

Friday dawned bright and sunny, perfect weather for Bert from Redgum to lead the morning walk to the cemetery, and fortunately everyone returned in one piece.

Tai Chi led by Master Brian was well attended by both clubs with 18 participants. The afternoon activities included golf chipping into a 44-gallon drum, which was won by Rodney from Redgum and a combined ukulele class with the group progressing to play Mull of Kintyre.

Two Sandgroper members had new vans at the rally – the Kents and the Haigs – both of which had a fairly constant stream of interested members checking them out. It was great to see Di and Robin Ashford attending the rally, after Di has recently spent time in hospital and several weeks at home recovering. Also, great to see Roy and Maureen at the rally, after having missed a few due to Roy's health.



Redgums joined in Tai Chi.

We had the use of the hall for happy hour on Friday where we welcomed Cameron and Denise Caldwell as new Sandgroper members.

After dinner Redgum organised a rather different quiz, which everyone enjoyed. Saturday was once again bright and sunny and turned out to be quite a busy day with the morning walk, Tai Chi, a swap meet run by Redgum and morning tea.



Welcome new members Cameron and Denise Caldwell.

The afternoon saw some healthy competition with disc bowls (won by Sandgroper) and Finska won by our own Rod Burge in a very close finish.

The highlight of the weekend was the Saturday night Italian themed dinner with both clubs contributing nibbles, main courses and desserts. The Italian outfits were many and varied – gangsters, waiters, gondoliers, traditional dress, pizza mama, Luigi “sava da money”.



Sandgroppers thoroughly enjoyed the Italian themed dinner dance in the Wannamal Hall.

Following dinner, the Redgum Rebels band entertained us with a variety of music, which encouraged many dancers onto the dance floor. The finale was True Blue which had everyone out of their chairs and joining in the geriatric “mosh pit” to finish off a wonderful evening of friendship and fun.

The rally was closed on Sunday morning with most people leaving, with the exception of five Sandgroper vans who decided to stay on for one more day. Everyone felt it was a great rally and joining in with a fun club like Redgum promoted a lot of new friendships.

Venue Officers: *Brian & Helen Bizzill*



More photos of the fun and frivolity of the Italian themed evening in Wannamal



Sandgroper attendees for Wannamal: Ambrosius, Ashfords, Backs, Bizzills, Burges, Caldwell, Curchins, Freind, Haigs, Kents, Lundys, Schells, Youngs. Visitors: Adams Syd and Jacqui



*May Birthdays*

- 05 Annette Messenger
- 07 Laurie Tyler
- 15 Cheryl Kent
- 25 Barry Jordan



*June Birthdays*

- 03 Linda Back
- 14 Ian Moore
- 27 Lyn Mitchell

*May Anniversaries*

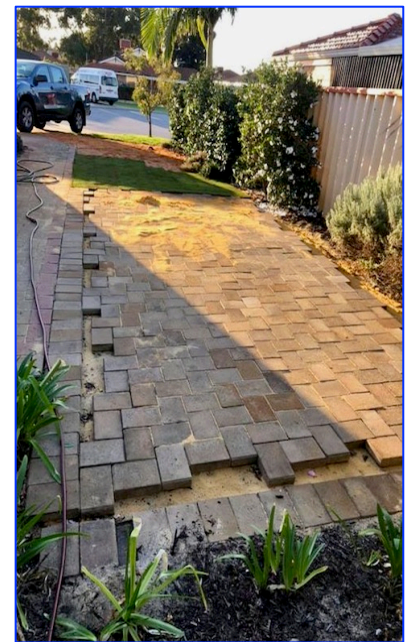
- 11 Rod & Sharon Burge
- 26 Graham & Cheryl Kent

*June Anniversaries*

- 30 Alan & Lyn Kirby

*On behalf of the Management Committee we hope all the mothers in our club had a wonderful Mother's Day surrounded by their loving families.*

For those who aren't on our Sandgroper's Facebook page the photos below have recently appeared there. If you would like to join please go to 'find friends' at Sandgroper's Caravan Club and request to join. It is a private group and only members can see the content. It is a great way of keeping in touch while travelling as the Haigs and Bizzills found out recently at Pardoo Station! Safe travels to everyone.



Barry working hard paving the driveway for their new, long awaited caravan. In the next photo we hope to see it parked, packed and ready for a rally. We will celebrate with a few cold beers! Cheers!

## PROGRAM FOR

### SOUTHERN STARS CARAVAN PARK RALLY

THURSDAY 10 – SUNDAY 13 JUNE 2021

*(All activities, outings and meal suggestions are optional)*

The rally location is the Southern Stars Holiday Park, 645 Vasse-Yallingup Siding Road, Anniebrook

Thursday, 10 June

Arrive and set up at your leisure.

5pm Happy Hour.

Friday, 11 June

8.30am Tai Chi to improve your balance run by Lyn Mitchell.

10.00am Morning tea at Anniebrook Flower Emporium, 247 Wildwood Road, Carburnup. (A six-minute drive away for award-winning scones and other home-style farm kitchen delights, plus giftware/wines/jams and pickles inside their rustic barn.

3.30pm Afternoon Tea.

5pm Happy Hour and Opening of the Rally.

6pm Communal Casserole Dinner. *(Please bring along your favourite casserole or a potato bake or a dessert to share).*

7.30pm General Knowledge Quiz Night run by Ron and Lyn.



Saturday:

8.30am Tai Chi to improve your balance run by Lyn Mitchell.

10am Morning Tea

10.30am Drive to Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse, a 24-minute drive from the caravan park for a look at the historic facilities or join us for a guided tour of the lighthouse for those who would like to participate. The tour to the top of the lighthouse includes 59 steps and the cost is \$13.)

12 noon Lunch at Lentedal Winery and Pizza Café, 571 Vasse-Yallingup Siding Road, Marybrook, just a 2 minute drive from the caravan park. They have pizzas, burgers and platters. Some of their wines scored highly in the Ray Jordan Wine Guide 2021.

5pm Happy Hour.

6pm Dinner – everyone suit themselves.

7.30pm Fun times at the Sandgroper Caravanners' Olympic Games with teams competing for first place and a coveted Gold Medal.



Sunday:

9.30am Morning Tea and Rally closure.

For those staying another night, some suggestions of other places to visit:

- The Beerfarm Metricup, 177 Gale Road, Metricup. Bookings essential phone 9755 7177.
- Ellensbrook Heritage Site, Ellen Brook Road, Margaret River phone 9755 5173.
- Busselton Museum in the Old Butter Factory Complex, Peel Tce, Busselton.

## STATE RALLY 2021

Just another reminder that the State Rally has been organised to take place at P.C. Payne Park, Herbert Road, Bunbury from Friday 22nd October to Monday 25th October 2021. The cost is \$60 for 2 people or \$40 for a single, per van for 3 nights site fees. There will be NO power or water on site, there is provision to top up tanks during the rally but you will need to cart it to your van. You must arrive with full tanks of water.

It is disappointing to note that only 20 vans have registered so far considering that 110 vans attended the last State Rally in York. Sandgropers are considering continuing on from our rally at Potters Gorge (October 14th – 17th) and staying two nights in Nannup (18th & 19th) and two nights at Taunton Farm (20th & 21st) before heading into Bunbury for the State Rally on Friday 22nd October. Please let Brian Bizzill know if you are interested in tagging along at [brianbizzill@gmail.com](mailto:brianbizzill@gmail.com) so he can book. Below is a copy of the State Rally Bulletin that was emailed to you by Secretary Di dated 13th May 2021. The registration form was with this email for you to complete if you are interested in attending. Should be lots of fun.

### STATE RALLY BUNBURY 2020 (2021) BULLETIN No.2 - May

Sign up! Sign up! You don't want to miss out attending the 21<sup>st</sup> State Rally. We already have 20 vans registered!! The venue has been booked – Payne Park – Home of the Bunbury Bulldogs Football Club.

This is a stand-alone rally – Make sure your tanks are full – No water and No power (generator allowed) water tanks can be topped up with a bucket if need be.

Bump In Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 – Bump Out Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October AFTER 9am please. (school close by) Hop on Hop off bus will be running continuously to various attractions in Bunbury during Sat. & Sunday.

MEALS - We have finally got the menu available from the new Caterers. Friday night finger food is included in your site fees. All Sunday meals are \$24 and are to be pre ordered. See updated registration form attached for choices. SAT night – We have been informed that the inside venue has been pre-booked from last year. Still working on if we have a night at your own leisure, BYO street BBQ (outside) or function at another venue.

TOURS - Those who have indicated they are interested in the tours down south – I will send prices in August once we know how many are interested. They are being run by a private company whose prices are calculated by how many people and what size bus he needs.

DUMP point. The City of Bunbury has contacted the Shire of Albany to see if a temporary site for the rally duration would be an option. There is an option of paying a fee at the nearby Discovery Caravan Park. There is a new petrol station being built opposite Bunbury Farmers market and it will have a free public dump point. Don't know if it will be ready by October. Will keep you posted. For those travelling south there is a free public dump in Capel at the park by the Shire office.

DISC BOWLS - Brian Dearle has offered to run the disc bowls. Register on Friday at the rally. LADDER GOLF – Anyone interested in running this comp?

WELCOME BAGS – I have had a suggestion that maybe clubs would rather pay a donation towards these bags so that we don't get double ups and the committee can buy items.

RAFFLE – Would each club please provide something they think is suitable for the raffle. BRING & BUY stall Sunday morning. – Start knitting, building, sewing, painting etc.

Yours in Caravanning, Pam Foulds Rally 2020 Secretary/Registrar.

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