

NOVEMBER RALLY 2023



GROPER'S GOSSIP





Presidents Report no3

Headline news, Helen Bizzill, our previous President has been elected at the ACCWA AGM to the position of Vice President of ACCWA. That is the Association of Caravan Clubs Western Australia. Well done and congratulations Helen.

Sandgroppers have always contributed to assisting events run by the association and now have representation on the Executive Committee to further caravanning issues in Western Australia. Thank you to our Delegates, Chris Young and Chris Back and national representation by Kevin Forbes.

The club enjoyed its Christmas Rally at the discovery Foreshore holiday park in Bunbury on the weekend of 24th- 26th November with a very pleasant meal at the Lighthouse Hotel Bunbury. The company as always was enjoyable. We returned to the park later in the afternoon and were surprised by a visit from Santa himself, attired in his summer outfit with presents for everyone. Thanks Santa, It was a very hot day for you.

The whole weekend was enjoyed by all despite the early summer weather. Best wishes are sent for the New Year rally at Big 4 Midland, unfortunately we cannot join in fun. Have a wonderful and safe night. Beth and I will be at the picnic in January and the beach rally in February.

To all the members in the Sandgroper Caravan Club and your families, Beth and I wish you a great Christmas and festive season and better health and recoveries for our wounded members. Christmas cheers from me.





Sandgroper Christmas rally 2023 Koombana Bay Holiday Park 23-27 November

As Helen and I approached Bunbury on our way to the Rally, I looked at my “outside temperature” on my dash and it read 42 deg. I can’t remember it being this hot in November. When we arrived at the park the Muirs, both C&N and J&D were already there (they had come down a day early) and Roy and Maureen were just setting up. By afternoon tea time everyone had arrived bar the Moores, Ashfords and Adams and we were sitting in the air conditioned, new camp kitchen and stayed there for happy hour. After dinner most people stayed in their vans.

Friday saw another hot day with gusty Easterly winds. Thankfully whilst Jerry led the walkers, I found some big shady trees for Tai Chi. The rest of the day was spent mainly trying to find somewhere out of the heat and wind and the rally was opened by Ian at Happy Hour, followed by a BBQ dinner and sitting around drinking and catching up. Saturday dawned, a little cooler and after Tai Chi and morning tea everybody started to get ready for our Christmas lunch at the Lighthouse. It was an easy drive, the room had a great view over the water and the two tables had been nicely decorated by the hotel. After a pre lunch drink, lunch was served. Roast turkey, ham and roast veggies followed by sweets, Pavlova or pudding. Everyone agreed it was one of the best lunches that we have had. After lunch we made our way back to the park and under the shady trees to await the arrival of Santa, who arrived towing a trolley with all the gifts in it because apparently the RSPCA had told him that it was too hot for the reindeer to be working and nobody talks about “six white boomers” anymore.

With the gifts all distributed, it was back to Party Central (Ian & Beth’s) for drinks, talking and some Left, Right and Centre. The first game was won by Alan and the second was won by Roy. After a few more drinks and chat it was off to bed after a big day.

Ian closed the rally at morning tea and some members left, with the remainder chilling out until Happy Hour. After dinner most stayed in their vans, with just a few hearty souls having drinks at Party Central.

Overall it was a very nice, relaxed rally with the only downer being the heat.

Written by Brian Bizzill



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Mary Neale
- 10 Jim Schell
- 12 Jill Ambrosius
- 13 Alan Kirby

ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Jacque & Syd Adams





Attendees

Syd & Jacquie Adams, Robin & Di Ashford, Brian & Helen Bizzill, Cam & Denise Caldwell, Jerry & Deb Curchin, Doris Freind, Alan & Lynne Kirby, Roy & Maureen Lundy, Ian & Beth Moore, Colin & Noelene Muir, Jack & Deanne Muir, Glenda Olesen, Jim & Helen Schell

New Years Ever Rally

This years New Years Eve rally will be at the:
BIG 4 Midland Tourist Park
6 Toodyay Road Midland
Friday 29 December – Monday 1 January

Due to the lack of Venue Officers, there is no set programme and the participants have decided to “wing it”.

Members registered to attend the rally as at 10 December are: Jerry & Deb Curchin, Glenda Olesen, Jim & Helen Schell, Roy & Maureen Lundy, John & Sue Moriarty, Chris & Dianne Young, Colin & Noelene Muir, Chris & Linda Back, Syd & Jacquie Adams.

Have fun everybody

Brian

