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## WAVE ROCK RALLY EASTER 2015

*We left Perth Wednesday heading for Brookton for our first meeting place. We find Brian and Betty Morris waiting in the car park whilst Margaret and Gerry are checking out our venue for the Xmas Rally. These reports are most positive. Seems to be a great spot for our Xmas get together.*

*So after meeting together we again hit the road. Our overnight camp over is the Bulyee CWA hall. A place we have camped before. A nice little hall (locked of course), but a verandah out of the wind--.a great happy hour and an early night.*

*Next morning breakfast at leisure. Of course no phone coverage. On the road again towards Corrigin. Rang Kevin. Well he said he would pick us up at the dump point just across the railway line So we collect he and Thelma and on the road again. Kondinin our next stop. Kerrigans checked out the Corrigin park before following. Arriving at*



*Kondinin we decided on a lunch break. Kerrigans not here however a small town so they will catch up . We have a lovely lunch at an old house converted to a cafe. Back to the vans where we see the Kerrigans van and they are enjoying a sandwich for lunch. So they hadn't found us enjoying lunch in an old but quaint house turned into a restaurant. Oops we hadn't left a message either and Margaret's phone was flat. All together we now head to Wave Rock. 47 years Betty and Brian have not been to*

Wave Rock. So in Hyden and Kel does not see 4 Sandgroper vans parked. Well well. We follow him into the caravan park. We set up and greet Kel and Glenda with their brand new van just home from the east. Also so nice to see Tony and Sherry Chegwin past members of our club. Lovely to have you with us for the weekend.

The weather is pleasant but those pesky flies are still here. Olesens new van is lovely, plenty of light and very roomy. Cuppa time with a catch up.

Jim opened the rally at 5pm with a welcome to Tony and Sherry and gave a run down on whats open over Easter. IGA, the bakery, a couple of stalls and the pub. He also had the church times. Margaret gave a run down of the programme. This we can tweak where necessary. A quiet evening was had by all.

Good Friday and again beautiful weather. 9am and off to the rock some 50 metres from our vans. Brian and Betty drove only to find they saved no distance. Their first time to see the formation. Quite impressive was their comment. Brian did the walk to hippos yawn. Looked just a tad weary when he returned. Of course all the photos were



taken. Good idea going a little early as by 10am many more tourists had arrived. Hot Cross Buns for smoko. Mind you Kev opted for an ice-cream. Now to tweak that programme. Pub meal, no so let's

do a Kevins Delight. Thats right pies and icecream. Gerry and Jim take the run into Hyden to order pies and buy the icecream. Two icecreams each! Sounds good, where do we store the ice cream. Decision made they will be safe in Kevins fridge (well be hope



so). He said he wouldn't touch them but watch out for Thelma. Lunch time and some had decided morning tea was enough. Others had a little nap. Glenda came along with Rummycub. Most chose a quiet afternoon watching others set up camp. Vans, campers tents big small little and all with the aim of enjoying a nice Easter break. Nice to see everyone enjoying the surrounds. Five o'clock and we all surface for the happy hour

part of the day. Kel has a presentation to make. Tony has been busy selling mirrors. Kel presents him with a trophy Salesman of the Year. Well done Tony, a grand achievement!

Now we hear about the problem with the new van, apparently the bed isn't wide enough and Kel needs to get used to Glenda right beside him? Lucky man Kel.

We have tea in the undercover area which is an absolute credit to the owners. We all opt for a fish meal. Talking to the manageress here, the area is controlled by the Shire and the Caravan Park was the brain child of three local farmers whose families still run the park. What a lovely place for families to enjoy a break. The evening brings on happy sounds of campers enjoying a balmy evening.

Saturday. Happy sounds of the campers greet us. A very relaxed morning around the vans. Morning tea extremely relaxed. Jim collected the pies for tea this evening. We then had the pleasure of our son and his partner arriving and we spent a most enjoyable afternoon together. This was Mel's first visit to Wave Rock as she is NSW girl. After they left we gathered for happy hour and again Thel and Kev supplied some lovely nibbles, this time little red snags. Thank you they went down a treat. Then to main course, delicious pies from the local bakery. Yummo. But we still had room for sweets, a lovely drumstick. What delights for tea.

After such a delightful meal we met for a quiz night. Easy and boy some interesting answers from those present. I took along the tea bags, check them out, bushells mind you. Now Kevin tells me the problem was with the questions not the answers. Also tonight we had a lunar eclipse which was very visible from our vantage point.

Sunday and a bit of wind around this morning. Kel goes to Hyden to collect a couple of papers, thanks Kel. After morning tea we went to Mulka's cave some 18 kms away.



Different from what you would expect. The story being Mulka was a cross eyed aboriginal who of course could not hunt so he started eating children. Then he killed his mother and was banished. Later



he was killed further south. There is some artwork around this formation. Glenda and Margaret followed further around and found the gnamma holes, one a home to many tadpoles. Back to camp and get ready for our progressive tea. A bit more tweaking here, as it has been windy the awnings are down so we opt for a quiet spot on the undercover area. Kevin has a light and a rope and that's all that is needed. While preparations are underway Glenda takes on the task of introducing more people to the game of rummy. I notice Brian is a quick learner so watch out. Happy Hour and we



have a couple who wore their easter bonnets. They looked great and did get some admiring looks from the passerbys. Of course we continued the food festival during happy hour with Thel and Kevin providing party pies. Glenda had a cheese platter. Food was certainly not forgotten this weekend. Jim decided to do the rally prize etc this evening as there

is liable to be a rush in the morning with people and vans all trying to leave at the same time. Rheta didnt trust Jim with the counters so Gerry did the honours with a five dollar note. Lucky winners this month Brian and Betty, first time here and their second prize. Congratulations. With the table laid we approached first course, casserole, lasagne and salad for Kevin. Making sure to leave room for sweets we then enjoyed a cheese cake with kiwi fruit and strawberries. Following on we then sat and finished off with a nice coffee Time for bed but perhaps it should have been a walk. Yes it certainly has been a food fest.



Monday. Today we have decided to pack up, at your pace and we will meet in Hyden about morning tea time. Then on to somewhere for the evening. We will leave Kevin and Thelma in Corrigin to visit brother. Always been taught to leave things where you found them. So back to the dump point.

A great weekend not only for club members but so nice to see families enjoying the start of the school holidays. Lots of grandies here with the little ones. Thanks to the Morris, Forbes, Olesen, Kerrigans, Schells, Merle and Tony and Sherry for making this a great weekend. Finally before going our best wishes to all those on the sick list, get well soon.

Those at Wave Rock, Schell, Kerrigan, Olesen, Morris, Forbes, Burn and visitors Chegwins.

Report by Helen Schell



Notice on church door :

This is the gate to heaven enter ye all by this door.(this door is kept locked because of draught, please use back door.)

Sign on electric light pole

To touch these wires will result in instant death, anyone found doing so will be prosecuted.



## *VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT*

*President Ron was at his annual Easter gathering with his family so I stepped in for him. We had a great weekend and I must thank Margaret for all her help and the other members who came along and made this a really good rally. Many are away travelling and I wish you safe and happy travels.*

*To those of you on the sick list (and we have quite a few, so wont list names) I wish you all a speedy recovery and see you at a Rally soon.*

*I will be at Southern Brook so see the rest of you there.*

*Again thank you all for making Hyden a memorable rally.*

*Yours in caravanning*

*Jim Vice President.*



### *APRIL BIRTHDAYS*

<i>Ian Fullerton</i>	<i>5<sup>th</sup></i>
<i>David Currow</i>	<i>21<sup>st</sup></i>
<i>Brian Bizzill</i>	<i>23<sup>rd</sup></i>



### *WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES*

<i>Jan &amp; Frank Alolivic</i>	<i>15<sup>th</sup></i>
<i>Helen &amp; Jim Schell</i>	<i>18<sup>th</sup></i>

## **HYDEN RALLY BLOOPERS**

*After meeting in Brookton we turn onto road only to find a train shunting up and down. Could have stayed in the parking area and had an icecream while waiting.*

*Then I cant find the coffèe in the van. Thanks Rheta for the moccanna.*

*Saturday morning and one mere male is lost. The spouse does not too worried. He was located some time later.*

*And who has a pewter wine goblet. Very bent in the stem, perhaps it came from a Viking Dig Site.*

*Do we have someone who thought he was wrong once but then!!!!*

*Who commented on these little flies. Yep said he, they are very friendly, not at all arrogant.*

*Sad story, on leaving we find both the pie shop and the paper shop closed.*

*Last but not least, someone may be banned from the two way radio, can't hear it, turn it up, squelch on, turn it down.*



### **KETCHUP**

*A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar.. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone.. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now, she's hitting the bottle.'*

# COMING EVENTS in 2015

**MAY 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> GOURMET LONG WEEKEND**  
**PTH VINEYARDS HOLIDAY PARK**  
**Benara Road Caversham**

*More information to come.*

**MAY 28<sup>th</sup> – JUNE 1<sup>st</sup> WYALKATCHEM CARAVAN PARK**

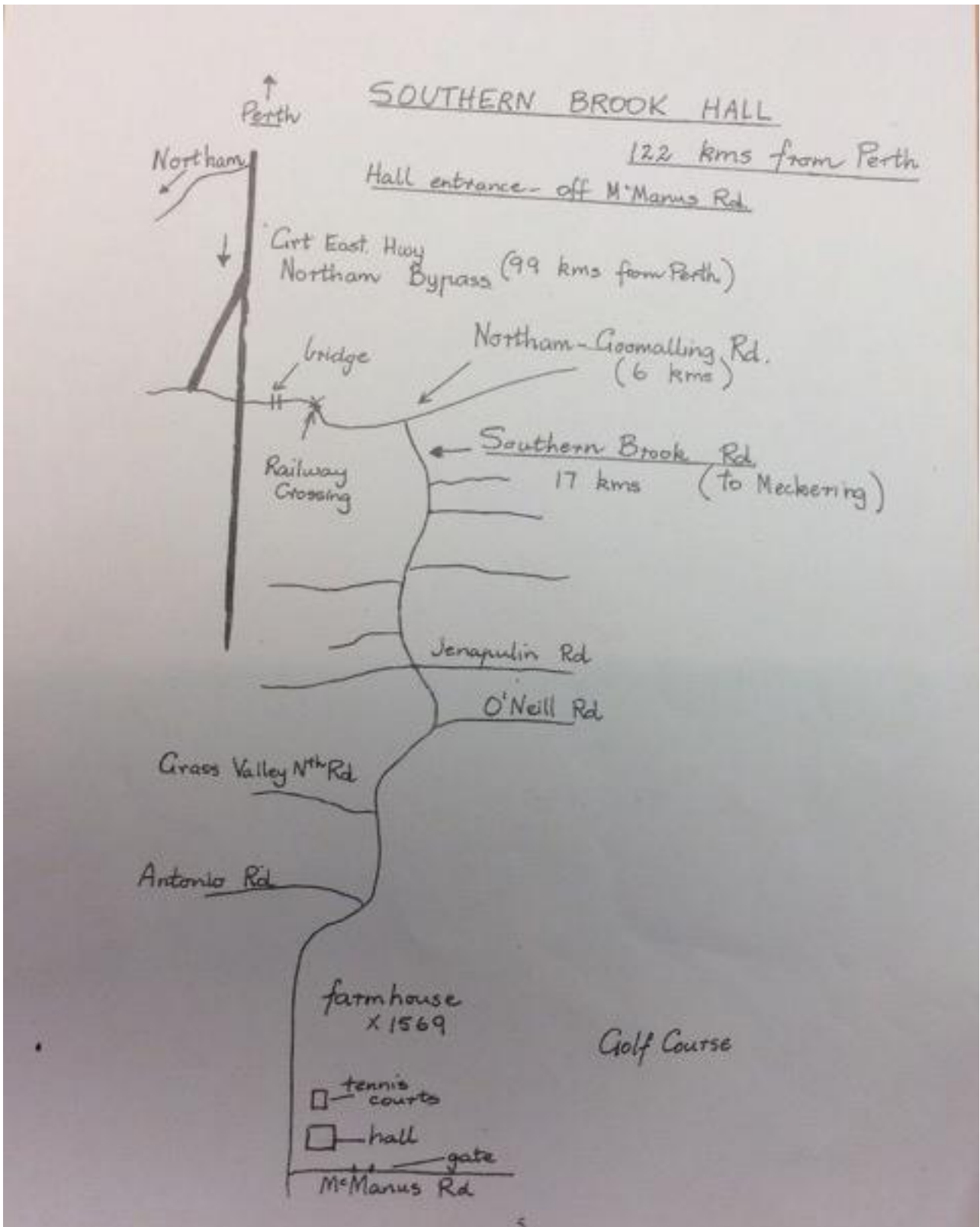
Wyalkatchem is located in the Western Australian Wheatbelt, which is in the central agricultural region of W.A. The district was explored in 1864 but the first settlers to take up land in Wyalkatchem were in 1904. The townsite was officially declared in 1908 and gazetted in 1911. The Wyalkatchem shire covers an area of 1,743 sqkm with a population of approximately 620.

## ATTENDESS FOR SOUTHERN BROOK

<i>Adams</i>	<i>TFSS</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>TFSS</i>
<i>Kerrigan</i>	<i>TFSS</i>	<i>Friend</i>	
<i>Littlely</i>	<i>FS</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	
<i>Parkinson</i>	<i>TFSS</i>	<i>Currow</i>	
<i>Schell</i>	<i>WTFSS</i>	<i>Oleson</i>	
<i>Halse</i>	<i>WTFS</i>	<i>Ashford</i>	
<i>Savage</i>	<i>TFSS</i>		
<i>Stein</i>	<i>TFSS</i>	<i>Visitors: DuBois</i>	<i>TFS</i>
<i>Moore</i>			
<i>Lundy</i>			



MUD MAP TO SOUTHERN BROOK:



## **PROGRAMME FOR,SOUTHERN BROOK**

**APRIL 30<sup>th</sup> – MAY 4<sup>th</sup> 2015**

*Note: Some members could be arriving and staying on till Monday morning.*

<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>5:00 PM</i>	<i>Happy Hour and opening of Rally</i>
	<i>6:30 PM</i>	<i>BBQ together or bring own meal</i>
	<i>Later:</i>	<i>share together a 5 min discussion each where you may have had a particularly enjoyable time while caravanning.</i>
		<i>Games</i>
<i>SATURDAY</i>	<i>8:30 am</i>	<i>Walk</i>
	<i>10:00 AM</i>	<i>Committee Meeting</i>
	<i>11:30 am</i>	<i>Hoping to arrange a picnic site</i>
	<i>2:30 PM</i>	<i>General Club Meeting – all to attend please –</i>
	<i>5:00 PM</i>	<i>Happy Hour</i>
	<i>6:30 PM</i>	<i>Meal to share – “Be adventuresome with Mince” = pork, chicken or beef or bring along your favourite mince dish</i>
		<i>Also Recipe used so that it can be printed and Passed on.</i>
	<i>Later</i>	<i>Card Bingo – please bring pack of cards to be Shared amongst 4 persons.</i>
<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>	<i>Walk</i>
	<i>9:00 AM</i>	<i>breakfast together</i>
	<i>10:30 AM</i>	<i>close of Rally and drawing of prize</i>