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## **KELLERBERRIN EASTER RALLY 2016**

**Report written by Mary Neale and Thelma Forbes**

The Forbes and the Neales headed to Kellerberrin several weeks before the rally to see what we had to work with. We went straight to the caravan park and saw the facilities, lovely toilets and a great campers kitchen, little did we know how good the kitchen would prove to be.

It was to the Sporting club to see Mark about a dinner on the Saturday night. Then to the Council and we were told we could have the key to the museum, pick it up Thursday when you come, so trusting.

### Wednesday 24th

The Neales, Schells and Kerrigans arrived on the Wednesday with the caretakers Brenda and Brian (From Townsville Qld caretaking for the month) parking us. It was a settling day on a fairly warm day. I put up my Easter decorations, to get into the spirit of things. The Footes and the Wales followed suit over the following days....others decided it was hopeless with the rain and are leaving them for next year. Well done June, Allan, Mary and Brian.

### Thursday 25th

Soon after lunch the vans started to arrive and set up. Our President Brian opened the Rally in the outdoor shelter. We had a visit from the CEO Raymond and his public works manager Chris, who outlined what the future was for the park, a great many for sites to be added.

### Good Friday

It was hot cross buns in the kitchen, lovely to have an oven, and morning tea.

In the afternoon a group went to the museum, which we all felt needed a good deal of love and attention before the display was beyond repair.



Members commented on the police presence on the road on the way up, with some of members



acquainting themselves with the local boys in blue

around Kellerberrin!!!

The clouds were gathering and getting darker, lightning and thunder, with the farmers in the club saying we are in for it. It started to rain around 8.30 and as I am writing this at 5pm Saturday it is STILL raining. I shall now had over to Thelma for the rest of the weekend.

### Easter Saturday

Awakened on Saturday morning to rain which continued all day and spoilt our scheduled plans. Our trip to the Lookout for morning tea had to be cancelled as well as the Easter



decorations for the vans. All was not lost as most of us congregated in the very adequate Camper's



Kitchen and chatted or played games. Three o'clock was time for the Easter Parade with nearly everyone making the effort with their Easter Bonnets and a few wearing a full outfit as requested. June Foote won the ladies prize with a brilliant yellow chicken outfit with a trail of chickens following her and



Kevin won the men's wearing an outside bow tie. The couple's prize went to Glenda and Kel for their decorated hats.





It was still raining when it was time to go to the Sports Club for our evening meal so most of us donned our warmest clothes. Entering the Club we were welcomed by the locals, and all members found a space at the tables allotted to us. The steak was excellent with a tasty salad



to compliment the meal while the members who selected the fish seemed contented too. No one was in a hurry to go home so most left about 9 pm after a very pleasant evening.

### Easter Sunday

8.30 am was the time allotted for the Easter Egg hunt and the Easter Bunnies had been up early hiding the eggs. With very little movement around the Park, another Easter Bunny knocked on all caravan doors to remind the hunt was due very soon. Most people were still in bed and hurriedly dressed to join the early birds waiting in the camper's kitchen. The colourful Easter egg bags made under Mary's instruction were quickly filled and some were just as quickly being emptied. A good time was had by all! Natalie surprised us with freshly baked scones with jam and cream very soon afterwards, and we were all contented to sit around and chat, play games or watch football on the TV. Some members decided to drive to Merredin even though the Markets weren't available, and got a pleasant surprise to find the cafes and food outlets were open and full of people, the Military Museum was open as well as the hardware shop where Helen and Jim purchased a camping table and Doris a chair.

Another item on our programme, the mid-day Trots, were cancelled due to the unsafe wet track. Very disappointing but out of our control.



*Finska winners*

At long last the rain stopped and having the afternoon to fill in, Glenda and Helen Bizzill went for a walk and found a very interesting Cemetery with a section (from days gone by) for the old Aboriginal Mission. On their return, Glenda was keen to try a new game called Finska and several members tried their skills at throwing a round piece of wood at some markers, which was much harder than anticipated, but a lot of fun. Doris won two games which makes her the club champion at the moment! As Happy Hour came around, Kel and some mates put together their new fire container and we

all warmed ourselves from the increasing cold.

Tea time and Kevin with helpers, Trish and Laurie put on a Sausage Sizzle with sweets.



Kevin would like to thank all the ladies who helped tidy the kitchen, with a special thanks to



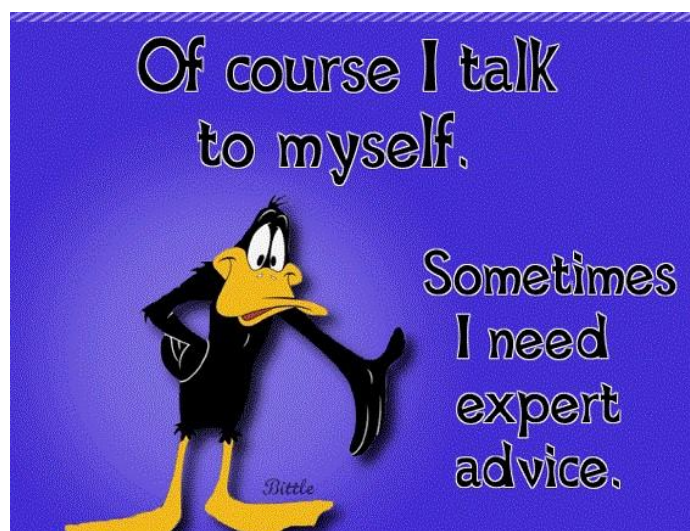
Trish and Laurie for volunteering to cook the sausages, Mary and Peter for getting the sausages, bread and margarine locally when Kevin realised the shops would be closed when he arrived, and June Bunce for supplying the fruit pudding, custard and rock-melon.

### Easter Monday

With the wintry weather, most people stayed longer in bed and didn't enter the kitchen till morning tea, deciding not to bother with the cooked breakfast. Margaret Kerrigan took the opportunity to remind members of the vacancies on the Committee for the coming AGM and that her position will be available as Rally Organiser.

The Caravan prize was won by Natalie and Ian Kessel and donated by Margaret and Greg Johnson.

The Club President, Brian Bizzill, thanked the members who conducted the Easter weekend and all those who helped, and closed the Rally at approx. 11 am.



**APRIL BIRTHDAY**

***Ian Fullerton***                      ***5<sup>th</sup>***  
***David Curow***                      ***21<sup>st</sup>***  
***Brian Bizzill***                      ***23<sup>rd</sup>***

***T'S REPORT***

Hi everybody,

Well the weather was not kind to us at all, it started to rain on Friday night and didn't really stop until Sunday afternoon, but everybody managed to survive. Unfortunately we couldn't do all the things that had been planned by Mary and Peter and Thelma and Kevin but we still had a good time.

I was approached by a member during the weekend and told that they had been to rallies, such as State and National rallies and combined rallies with other clubs where there was no "attendance book", so they had not been credited with these rallies. I have asked that member to send a list of these rallies to me and we will have their number of rallies attended adjusted accordingly.

If there are any other members who think that they have not been credited with the correct number of rallies I ask you to also send me a list of the rallies that are missing on our attendance list and the records will be adjusted.

Safe travels

Brian



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

***Frank & Jan Alolivic***                      ***15<sup>th</sup>***  
***Jim & Helen Schell***                      ***18<sup>th</sup>***

## KELLEBERRIN BLOOPERS

*Being Easter some of our members do attend church. Off they went and back quite soon. What? Well someone advertised the wrong time. However they were invited to afternoon tea but decided to forego that.*

*One other time they attended a country service at the advertised time on the sign. No church, the reason being the times had changed but the locals knew that so had not altered the sign as they knew of the changes.*

*Whose GPS directed the driver to the top gate in the caravan park and they then proceeded to enter the main parking area across the lawn?*

*Washing up time and the hostess proceeded to wash the guests wine glass. Who then allowed it to drop to the floor and shatter. One gentleman suggested an easy solution. Stop drinking and no broken glasses, I note he drinks from cans.*

*With the drinking theme in mind I was asked to check back at Lancelin if someone had left their mugs behind. Well this chap or his spouse had a boys look and they had been packed carefully in the van prior to leaving the Lancelin Rally. Not really lost at all.*

*Last Rally someone said we had a problems with the wind God forgetting to switch off the wind. This month it was the turn of the water God. He forgot to switch off the water.*

**My wife and I had words,  
but I didn't get to use mine.**



**Frustration is trying to find your glasses  
without your glasses**

# Coming Events

**12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May      BEVERLEY CARAVAN PARK    133 km**  
**Cost \$27.00 per night**

Beverley is on [Great Southern Highway](#), 133 kilometres southeast of Perth, and provides commercial and industrial support to the surrounding agricultural area.. A museum, formerly the Settlers Arms Hotel, offers local history exhibits. A wide range of building styles exist.

Beverley has a strong history of aviation. The [Silver Centenary](#), Western Australia's oldest existing aircraft was built to commemorate the State's centenary in 1929, and was constructed from chalk drawings sketched on the floor of the town powerhouse.<sup>[7]</sup> The town airfield has been home for the last forty years to the Beverley Soaring Society, one of the biggest gliding clubs in Australia (120 members). The club was founded in 1973.

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June MUKINBUDIN CARAVAN PARK    293 km**  
**(Long Weekend)**

**Mukinbudin** is a town in the North Eastern [Wheatbelt](#) region of [Western Australia](#), approximately 293 kilometres east of Perth and 80 kilometres north of [Merredin](#) near Lake Champion. It is the main town in the [Shire of Mukinbudin](#).

The present Shire of Mukinbudin was settled by pastoralists who in the 1870s took up large leases in excess of 20,000 acres (81 km<sup>2</sup>) to run sheep and by [sandalwood](#) cutters and miners en route to the [goldfields](#). In 1910 the first of the farmers arrived to commence wheat growing on their 1,000 acres (4 km<sup>2</sup>) block and it was some time before they added stock to what had been entirely a wheat growing enterprise. An extension of the Mount Marshall railway line to Mukinbudin and [Lake Brown](#) was approved in 1922 and opened in October 1923. The townsite was gazetted in 1922.

In 1932 the [Wheat Pool of Western Australia](#) announced that the town would have two [grain elevators](#), each fitted with an engine, installed at the railway siding.<sup>[2]</sup> The surrounding areas produce [wheat](#) and other [cereal](#) crops. The town is a [receival site](#) for [Cooperative Bulk Handling](#).<sup>[3]</sup>

## **ATTENDEES FOR MARNUP FARM STAY**

**21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016**

**VENUE OFFICERS: June & Alan Foote and Glenda & Kel Olesen**

**Fees \$35.00 per night**

Brian & Ronnie Adams	TFSSM	Brian & Helen Bizzill	TFSSM
Alan & June Foote	TFSSM	Kevin & Thelma Forbes	TFSSM
Gerry & Margret Kerrigan	TFSSM	Ian & Margo	TFSSM
Frank & Jan Alilovic		Kel & Glenda Olesen	TFSSM
Alan & Rheta Parkinson	TFSSM	Ian & Natlie Kessell	TFSSM
Lawrie & Trish	TFSSM	Brian & Mary Wales	TFSS
VISITORS:			
Graeme & Celia Gough	TFSSM		

### **Directions to Maranup Ford Caravan Park.**

**Option 1:** Travelling south along the South-West Hwy, take the 2<sup>nd</sup> right turn into Greenbushes (Stanifer Street). Continue on this road which becomes Maranup Ford Road. The caravan park is on the left just after the Blackwood River Bridge. The caravan park is approx. 13km from the South-West Highway.

**Option 2:** Travelling south along the South-West Hwy, drive through Bridgetown, turn right onto Brockman Highway (at the Blackwood River), and 12kms later turn right onto Maranup Ford Road. The caravan park is approx. 6kms down this road.

### **Secrets to a long happy marriage**



A old woman was sipping on a glass of wine, while sitting on the patio with her husband, and she says, "I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you"... Her husband asks, "Is that you, or the wine talking?"... She replies, "It's me... talking to the wine."



## BRIDGETOWN ANZAC WEEKEND PROGRAM

22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> April 2016

**Venue Officers: Glenda & Kel Olesen; June & Allan Foote**

**THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>** ARRIVE IN SET UP & SETTLE

3.00pm Afternoon Tea

5.00pm Happy Hour

6.30pm BYO Dinner / BBQ

**FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>** 9.00am TAI CHI

10.00am Morning Tea

10.30am Committee Meeting

Relaxing morning or

TRY CANOEING!! 2X2 PERSON CANADIAN CANOES  
AVAIL. FOR HIRE AT CARAVAN PARK (\$20 PER 2 HOURS)

1.30pm Convoy to Greenbushes for historical walk around town  
and view open cut mine from lookout platform.

Why not finish off with a yummy afternoon tea at the  
Cafe/Bakery. While there check out the Pizza Menu if you wish  
to order for your evening meal.

\*\*\*Make sure you place your order with Allan Foote before  
5.00pm.\*\*\*

3.00pm Afternoon Tea at Caravan Park for those who do not attend the walk.

5.00pm HAPPY HOUR & OPENING OF RALLY.

6.30pm Enjoy your Pizza or cook on the BBQ. Sit and chat around the  
open fire (conditions permitting BRING YOUR OWN WOOD).

Pizzas will be delivered to the Caravan Park.

**SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>** 9.00am TAI CHI

10.00am Morning Tea

11.30am Convoy drive to Greenbushes Nature Pool for BYO picnic lunch  
(BBQ & Toilets available.)

1.00pm Visit the Discovery Centre - Highly Recommended!! \$2.00pp  
entry. This activity can take 2 - 2.5 hours.

3.00pm Afternoon Tea at Caravan Park for those who do not attend the  
Discovery Centre activity.

5.00pm Happy Hour

6.30pm Meet for a drink before Dinner at The Shamrock Hotel for 7.00pm  
a la carte dinner (Mains from \$22). We have received good  
reports about the meals at this Hotel.

Birthday Cake will be kindly supplied for Dessert.  
Guess who will be turning 70???

**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup>** 9.00am

TAI CHI

10.00am

Morning Tea

TODAY WE SUGGEST A VISIT TO BRIDGETOWN. THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES MAY BE OF INTEREST TO YOU:

8-12Noon

Markets - River Park Bridgetown (south side of Traffic Bridge)

WANDER AROUND THE SHOPS - VISIT THE CHRISTMAS SHOP, DECO DOLLIES OR LOFT (handmade items), THE BRIERLEY JIGSAW GALLERY AND MUSEUM (located within Visitors Centre)

HAVE A COFFEE AT ONE OF THE CAFES.

Opening hours 11-6pm

TAKE A DRIVE TO SUNNYHURST WINES; LOT 16 DOUST STREET, BRIDGETOWN. GOOD WINES, AMAZING VIEW FROM THE GARDENS, MASSIVE MORETON BAY FIG TREE AND SEE THE HOUSE BUILT IN 1896.

Opening hours 11-4pm

The Cidery, 43 Gifford Road, Bridgetown. Free Cider tasting. Light lunches available. Live Music 1.00pm-3pm.

3pm

Afternoon tea at the caravan park for members that have returned.

5pm

Happy Hour

5.30 - 7.30pm

If you don't fancy cooking go for a roast at The Exchange Hotel, Greenbushes. \$18.00 pp

Or 6.30pm

BYO Dinner / BBQ.

**EARLY TO BED EARLY TO RISE!!!!**

**MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup>**

**ANZAC DAY.**

5.15am

Leave Caravan Park (not in convoy) for ANZAC DAWN SERVICE - starts at 6.00am at Greenbushes Cenotaph followed by free cooked brekkie at the RSL Club.

10.00am

Morning Tea. Organise a TAI CHI session?

OR 10.00am

ANZAC SERVICE - Bridgetown Memorial Park followed by morning tea.

Afternoon

Feeling tired? Have a nanna nap or feeling active go canoeing / walking / play a game or have a chat.

3.00pm Afternoon tea. ANZAC BISCUITS WILL BE SUPPLIED.

5.00pm Happy Hour.

6.30pm CASSEROLE NIGHT - share your casserole then gather around the fire (if permitted) for a yarn. Bring your own Anzac story or poem to share.

There will also be an Anzac Day quiz so bring a pen / pencil.

**TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup>**

10.00am

Morning Tea and closing of Rally.

Safe travelling everyone. We hope you have enjoyed this weekend.