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WAROONA RALLY 14TH - 17TH August 2015

On arrival on Thursday morning, Gerry and Margaret, who had kindly offered to assist us were busy, with the parking. Weather was not too flash. Trish rang her brother who is a priest and asked for divine help with the weather, which was granted, so the rest of the weekend was glorious. Laurie, Ron and others set the hall up, with the stacks of chairs and tables.

Afternoon tea was a hit with a beautiful 70th birthday cake being supplied by Nola and Mike for Margaret, who all agreed does not look her age!

Friday the rest of the gang arrived. Most spent the day exploring the town, with some trying the award winning Pinjarra bakery pies. Yum!! Your rally organisers shared lunch with the Bunces where it was discovered their past lives had intertwined.. with Laurie's! The Historical society were kind enough to open the Museum for us that afternoon, which those who visited found very interesting.

That evening we shared delicious casseroles, and Quiz master Extrordinaire Laurie began the quiz. Winning table consisted of Peter & Mary Neale, Paula and David Hiscock and Brian & Helen Bissell. Well done folks!! Prizes were wine and chocolates for all in the team.



Saturday, those not involved in the committee meeting, went for walks and back into town to the Op shops. In the afternoon was a free market where you could give away surplus items and take anything you fancied! an unusual concept! That evening we walked to the Waroona Historic Hotel for a buffet roast which all agreed was delicious. Dessert was provided by Margaret and

Gerry, another spectacular cake, for their 60th Wedding anniversary. Congratulations!!



Sunday some of the group headed home due to work commitments. The remainder was led on a



visit to the Hamel Nursery where botanists planted various plants over 100 years ago to test their viability in Australia. Unfortunately our Fearless Leader zigged when he should have zagged so we saw more of the countryside than planned! It was his first rally! and he has now purchased two-way radios!! A very interesting visit

Drakesbrook Weir in lunch. We were swimming in the weir! freezing! Kids!



followed. Next we went to convoy and shared a picnic stunned to see 2 kids which would have been

Our president closed all packing up for home.

first rally and would like to thank Gerry and Margaret very much for their help to make things go smoothly for us.

the rally and Monday saw We enjoyed running our

Laurie & Trish
Sea Change Dawesville

Waroona Rally Caravan Prizes

1st Draw

Won By Helen & Brian Bizzill

Donated By Mary & Brian Wales

2nd Draw

Won By Nola & Mike Stein

Donated by Natalie & Ian Kessell

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Waroona Rally

Thanks to Trish and Laurie and the helpers, Margaret and Gerry, for a very good rally. It was one of the best. Also well done to the new members.

It was lovely to be able to celebrate Margaret Johnson`s 70th birthday and the cake was great.

Congratulations to Margaret and Gerry on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Well it's time again for the A G M. I would love to see you all there, even if you can only come for the day.

*Yours in Caravanning
Ron Halse*



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Geoff Savage	8th
Margaret Johnson	13 th
David Hiscock	17 th
Margaret Kerrigan	25 th
Kel Olesen	27 th
Brian Morris	31st

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Ted & June Bunce	1 st
Gerry & Margaret Kerrigan	21st

Going camping is the perfect reminder of how great life is when you aren't camping.

somee cards



COMING EVENTS in 2015

OCTOBER 8TH – 12TH KOJONUP CARAVAN PARK ***78 Newstead Road Kojonup***

256 km south-east of Perth, Western Australia along Albany Highway.

Nestling in the rural heartland of the Great Southern region, historic Kojonup is more than just a gateway to the beautiful South. Settled over 150 years ago, this bustling rural town still bears all the trademarks of a traditional country settlement, with its historic buildings and friendly, safe atmosphere. Today Kojonup is a thriving country town, proud of its heritage but looking to the future. Located on Highway 95, running directly from Perth to the historic port of Albany, Kojonup is just a two hour drive from the state capital, and a short 160km from Albany

OCTOBER 29TH – NOV. 2ND WATHEROO SPORTS CENTRE ***OBT Use of Hall, toilets and showers.***

Watheroo Station tavern is situated 37 kms north of Moora along The Midlands Road. This fabulous rest area is situated amongst the trees and includes all amenities such as power, toilets and shower facilities. Enjoy the use of the BBQ area located directly opposite the sites or take a walk next door to the tavern to enjoy a delicious meal.

**ATTENDEES FOR ESTUARY HIDEAWAY C/VAN PARK
2151 Old Coast Road BOUVARD**

*The Park is 25 kms south of Mandurah and 15 kms past the "cut" on the left hand side of the road.
It is adjacent to the old, now closed Caltex Garage - behind a red brick fence.*

*Fees \$35 per night. \$20 cash is required from each van as deposit for the gate card.
This is refundable at end of stay.*

The Rally is being organized by the Committee.

		Van Length	<i>Jim & Helen Schell</i>	<i>FSS</i>	<i>26 ft</i>
<i>Brian & Ronnie Adams</i>	<i>FSS</i>	<i>18 ft</i>	<i>Brian & Helen Bizzill</i>	<i>FSS</i>	
<i>Alan & Rheta Parkinson</i>	<i>TFS</i>	<i>20 ft</i>	<i>Brian & Betty Morris</i>	<i>FSS</i>	<i>19 ft</i>
<i>Roy & Maureen Lundy</i>	<i>TFS</i>	<i>18 ft</i>	<i>Mike & Nola Stein</i>	<i>FS</i>	<i>23 ft</i>
<i>Peter & Ruth</i>			<i>Gerry & Margaret Kerrigan</i>	<i>FSS</i>	<i>19 ft</i>
<i>Ron Halse</i>	<i>FSS</i>	<i>18 ft</i>	<i>Peter & Mary Neale</i>	<i>TFS</i>	<i>18 ft</i>
<i>Arthur & Elva Littlely</i>	<i>TFSS</i>	<i>22 ft</i>	<i>Ian & Natalie Kessell</i>	<i>TFSS</i>	<i>19 ft</i>
<i>David & Paula Hiscock</i>	<i>TFS</i>	<i>19 ft</i>	<i>Brian & Mary Wales</i>	<i>FS</i>	<i>18 ft</i>
<i>David & Janet Currow</i>	<i>TFSS</i>	<i>24 ft</i>	<i>Day Visitors: Ian & Margo & Ted & June Bunce</i>		

The park requires the length of vans. Please advise Rally Organiser if your van size is missing from list or your van has been changed.



PROGRAM FOR AGM RALLY
AT ESTUARY HIDEAWAY HOLIDAY PARK
2151 OLD COAST ROAD, BOUVARD
4-7 SEPTEMBER 2015
Venue Officers: The Committee

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

- 5.00 PM *Open rally and happy hour*
- 6.30 pm *BYO barbecue dinner followed by games*

SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

- 9.00 am *Tai Chi or morning walk*
- 10.00 am *Morning tea*
- 1.00 pm *Annual General Meeting*
- 4.00 pm *Afternoon tea (each van to bring an afternoon tea plate)*
- 5.00 pm *Happy hour*
- 6.30 pm *BYO dinner followed by bingo*

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

- 9.00 am *Tai Chi or morning walk*
- 10.00 am *Morning tea*
- 10.30 am *Management Committee meeting*
- Afternoon *Brewery visit (coffee and cakes also available)*
- 5.00 pm *Happy hour and close of rally*

VALE

It is with regret we note the passing of one of the founding members of our Club in Ron Brooks recently. Ron and Jerry were co-founders of the Sandgropers Caravan Club and Ron served for several years in many committee positions.

BLOOPERS

A true story to begin and not one of our members. Chaps friends wife passed away. Chap sent his friend a text message offering his sympathy. Signed off LOL your friend. Thought it meant Lots of Love not Laugh out Loud. Oops.

Now we are sure our Honourable Auditor is a most trust worthy gent. However we need to watch his counting when playing Rummykub.

This lovely lady celebrated her 70th birthday, her sister gave her a 70th birthday wine glass albeit some time ago, so it was dusted off finally. Choccys are of course a most welcome gift but I ask Chocolate Condoms, haven't seen any myself.

And then there was the husband who broke a wine glass, was most insistent it was the wife's.

And we heard several stories of guys getting stuck in the toilet with no way to open the door. One gentleman reverted to dismantling the cistern, apparently something from there was helpful in prising open the door. I was told they got more than a pennys worth.

One young chap put his van on the car and wondered where the sway bars attached. On reflection he had the trailer hitch on and not the van hitch.

Now to the meaning of Fearless Leader. We zigged when we should have zagged and waved to Tail End Charlie as we went past him. We became the Fearless Followers behind Fearless Leader. Good fun and we did arrive at the correct destination.

This reminds me of Boyup Brook some years back, a guy I know rather well stated he could lead us to Harvey Dicksons, off we set from the caravan park, round town and oops guess what back to the caravan park.

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT WAROONA ON

SATURDAY, 15 AUGUST 2015 AT 10.00 AM

IN ATTENDANCE

Ron Halse, Jim Schell, Brian Bizzill, Rheta Parkinson, Margaret Kerrigan, Nola Stein

APOLOGIES

Doris Friend, Peter Carter

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous committee meeting held on 2 May 2015 at Southern Brook were read. Business arising: Margaret Kerrigan said that the cost for the Christmas Rally at Brookton should read \$35 per head (not \$30) and that there will be a \$100 charge for the room. It was agreed that the Club would pay for the room hire.

Moved Margaret Kerrigan, seconded Nola Stein that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted – unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

- 01.05.15 Peter Carter – rally attendance*
- 15.05.15 David Currow to committee pencilled in rallies*
- 12.06.15 Margaret Kerrigan – draft rally list for 2016*
- 19.06.15 NACC online clubs data base*
- 02.07.15 Kojunup Caravan Park – promotion*
- 02.07.15 ING statement*
- 03.07.15 NACC directors report to delegates*
- 08.07.15 WAACCI – moving WAACCI forward*
- 15.07.15 WAACCI – agenda*
- 18.07.15 NACC online data base – answers to questions from July meeting*
- 28.07.15 Geoff Savage – withdrawing nomination for 2015/16 committee*
- 29.07.15 WAACCI – Buscumb farm rally newsletter*
- 01.08.15 Derek Atkinson – amendment to NACC online data base*
- 06.08.15 WAACCI – Mandurah and RV Centre open days*
- 13.08.15 Flyer from Meeka outback festival*

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

- 07.05.15 David Currow to Northam Caravan Park thank you*
- 07.05.15 Letter to Anne & Anton granting leave of absence*

Brian Bizzill spoke about the open day at Mandurah Caravan & RV Centre. It was decided to ask for volunteers at happy hour.

Moved Nola Stein, seconded Ron Halse that the correspondence be accepted – unanimous.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer’s Report was read and accepted.

Moved Margaret Kerrigan, seconded Rheta Parkinson that the report be accepted – unanimous.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY’S REPORT

Due to the absence of Peter Carter there was no report.

RALLY COORDINATOR’S REPORT

Margaret Kerrigan submitted the proposed 2016 rally list for discussion. She talked about a function at Cervantes on the same weekend as the Lancelin rally. It was decided to investigate it further and Margaret will report back. The rest of the list was discussed and Margaret and David Currow were congratulated for their work.

Moved Jim Schell, seconded Ron Halse that the report be accepted – unanimous.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The two proposals by Peter Carter were discussed, with Jim Schell asking whether the campervan option was going to be restricted to existing members. The general feeling from the committee was that the resolution should be changed to include the proviso that the campervan option be restricted to existing members of the club. It was decided to ask at happy hour for someone to speak for the Yea case. It was agreed to present the resolutions at the AGM.

Jim Schell asked that Margaret and Gerry be reimbursed for the funeral notice for Ron Brooks.

The equipment list was read out in an endeavour to establish who had what, and it was all located.

The AGM rally will be at 1 pm on Saturday, 5 September 2015. The committee decided to ask each caravan to bring an afternoon tea plate for after the meeting. The program for the rally was discussed and will be distributed with the Gossip.

It was agreed that the annual fee structure was to remain at \$55 per van annual subscription plus a voluntary \$10 per van per annum as a donation to the Royal Flying Doctor Service, with the nomination fee remaining at \$40 per van.

Moved Jim Schell, seconded Ron Halse – unanimous.

NEXT MEETING

The next Management Committee meeting will be held after the AGM.

CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.20 pm

SIGNED:

DATED:

**AGENDA FOR THE 16TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
SANDGROPER CARAVANNERS INC.
TO BE HELD AT SOUTH MANDURAH
ON SATURDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 1.00 PM**

1. PRESIDENT TO OPEN MEETING

2. ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES

Attendance list to be completed

3. MINUTES OF 2014 AGM

3.1 *Adoption of minutes*

3.2 *Business arising*

4. REPORTS

4.1 President's Report

4.1.1 *Adoption of report*

4.1.2 *Matters arising*

4.2 Treasurer's Report

4.2.1 *Adoption of report*

4.2.2 *Matters arising*

4.3 Auditors Report

4.4 Rally Coordinator's Report

4.4.1 *Adoption of report*

4.4.2 *Matters arising*

4.5 Membership Secretary's Report

4.5.1 *Adoption of report*

4.5.2 *Matters arising*

5. ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

5.1 President

A formal nomination has been received from Brian Bizzill

5.2 Vice President

A formal nomination has been received from Roy Lundy

5.3 Hon. Secretary

A formal nomination has been received from David Hiscock

5.4 **Hon. Treasurer**

A formal nomination has been received from Alan Parkinson

5.5 **Committee Positions**

Formal nominations have been received from: Robin Ashford, Peter Carter, Kel Olesen, Brian Adams, Margaret Kerrigan.

6. **FEES**

6.1 *Annual subscription*

6.2 *Nomination fees*

6.3 *Special purpose fees*

7. **CONFIRMATION OF BANK SIGNATORIES**

8. **NOMINATION OF SCRUTINEERS**

9. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

Additional By Laws for which prior notice has been given in accordance with Clause 15 of the Constitution as attached.

8. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

9. **CLOSURE**

SANDGROPER CARAVANNERS INC.

NOTICE OF MOTION

By Law 1 of 2015 – Pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Constitution, the limit to membership of Sandgroper Caravanners Inc. shall be 40 caravans.

In the event that this Resolution fails, the following By Law should be retrospectively inserted

By Law 1 of 2005 – Pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Constitution, the limit to membership of Sandgroper Caravanners Inc. shall be 30 caravans.

By Law 2 of 2015 – Pursuant to Section 2 of the Constitution, “caravan” shall mean either (i) a towed caravan mounted on one or two axles, or (ii) a self propelled campervan of less than 7 metres length and 3.5 tonnes GVM, with the proviso that item (ii) a self propelled campervan applies only to existing members of Sandgroper Caravanners Inc.

Proposed:

Peter Carter

Seconded:

Ruth McKenzie

**SANDGROPER CARAVANNERS INC,
MINUTES OF THE 16TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT LAKE BROCKMAN ON**

SATURDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2014

1. PRESIDENT TO OPEN MEETING

2. The President opened the meeting at 1.10 pm and welcomed all members.

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

There were 41 members attending and 10 apologies in accordance with the Attendance List attached.

3. MINUTES OF 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the 2013 AGM held at Jennacubbine on 6 July 2013 had previously been distributed to members.

Matters Arising:

Glenda Oleson asked about Allan and June Foote becoming members and was advised that they had only just returned to Perth from their trip.

Alan Parkinson asked about the grant for the defibrillator, the microphone/amplifier and the \$3 insurance levy for WAACCI and was informed that the we did not qualify for the grant and the microphone/amplifier were deemed to be too expensive. The Club has since purchased a defibrillator.

Moved Peter Carter, seconded Roy Lundy, that the committee reconsider the PA system and the WAACCI insurance and report back to the members.

Proposed Roy Lundy, seconded Glenda Oleson that the minutes be accepted as a true record. Carried.

4. REPORTS

4.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President's Report prepared by Ron Halse, had previously been distributed to members. Proposed Roy Lundy, seconded Robin Ashford that the President's Report be accepted. Carried.

4.2 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report prepared by Doris Freind and read by Alan Parkinson, had previously been distributed to members. The Treasurer explained that the year to 30 June 2014 had resulted in a deficit of \$1,033.51 after the \$1,900 cost of the defibrillator and a cash balance of \$3,567.96.

Matters Arising:

Brian Wales queried the stock and equipment report, and Alan Parkinson advised that was detailed in the Statement of Financial Position. Alan Parkinson also asked if any members were holding the stick on logos which were noted at 31 but in fact only 17 were on hand, otherwise the missing logos will be written off.

Proposed Helen Bizzill, seconded Brian Wales that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Carried.

4.2.1 AUDITORS REPORT

The Auditors Report prepared by Alan Parkinson had previously been distributed to members.

Proposed Roy Lundy, seconded Geoff Savage that the Auditors Report be accepted. Carried.

4.3 RALLY COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Rally Coordinator's Report, prepared by Mary Neale, had previously been distributed to members.

Matters Arising:

Alan Parkinson asked why Kulin was classed as an official rally. Roy Lundy replied that it had been an official rally for the last two years.

Roy Lundy asked that the upcoming safari to Esperance be classed as an official rally. Peter Carter suggested that the Management Committee look into the description of a "rally". Geoff Savage advised that in the past the Committee had added rallies as it chose.

Brian Wales advised the insurance was detailed in his Risk Management Report prepared some years earlier.

Moved Roy Lundy, seconded Peter Carter that the Rally Coordinator's Report be accepted. Carried

Gerry Kerrigan proposed that Mary Neale be thanked for her efforts as Rally Coordinator, seconded by Peter Carter.

4.4 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Membership Secretary's Report was given by Peter Carter ex officio, in the absence of Ronnie Adams. He advised that the Club had 28 member vans at the beginning of the year, David and Paula Hiscock had joined and Jim Hopkins had passed away, resulting in 28 vans at 30 June 2014. Peter Carter also advised that the average van attendance at each rally was 11 which could have been due to the large number of members travelling to the National Rally. Proposed Nola Stein, seconded Janet Currow that the Membership Secretary's Report be accepted. Carried.

There were no matters arising from the Membership Secretary's Report.

5. ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

5.1 NOMINATION OF SCRUTINEER

The President advised that Roy Lundy had been appointed to act as Scrutineer.

5.2 PRESIDENT

*A nomination had been received from Alan Parkinson, seconded by Jim Schell proposing **Ron Halse** be elected as President. There being no further nominations, Ron Halse was duly elected.*

5.3 VICE PRESIDENT

*A nomination had been received from Alan Parkinson, seconded by Ron Halse proposing **Jim Schell** be elected as Vice President. There being no further nominations, Jim Schell was duly elected.*

5.4 HON. SECRETARY

*A nomination had been received from Jim Schell, seconded by Helen Bizzill proposing **Brian Bizzill** be elected as Hon. Secretary. There being no further nominations, Brian Bizzill was duly elected.*

5.5 HON. TREASURER

*A nomination had been received from Helen Bizzill, seconded by Glenda Oleson proposing **Doris Freind** be elected as Hon Treasurer. There being no further nominations, Doris Freind was duly elected.*

5.6 COMMITTEE POSITIONS

The President advised that the following had submitted nominations for Committee positions:

***Peter Carter**, proposed Jim Schell, seconded Ron Halse*

***Rheta Parkinson**, proposed Helen Schell, seconded Jim Schell*

***Margaret Kerrigan**, proposed Jim Schell, seconded Ron Halse*

***Nola Stein**, proposed Jim Schell, seconded Ron Halse*

***David Currow**, proposed Jim Schell, seconded Ron Halse*

There being no further nominations the above were duly elected.

5.6.1 AUDITOR

Roy Lundy moved, seconded by Maureen Lundy, that Alan Parkinson be appointed as auditor for the coming year.

6. FEES

6.1 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The President advised that the annual subscription remain at \$55 per van per year plus the voluntary levy of \$10 per van per year as a donation to the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Carried unanimously.

6.2 NOMINATION FEES

Carried unanimously that the nomination fee of \$40 remains the same.

6.3 SPECIAL PURPOSE FEES

There were no special purpose fees.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Bank signatories: The President, Ron Halse, sought the Meeting's approval for the continuation of registered Bank signatures being any 2 of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Proposed G. Kerrigan, seconded Roy Lundy. Carried

Alan Parkinson suggested that bank signatories be placed on the Agenda in future.

Jim Schell advised that the quantity and size of sites at Popanyinning were unsuitable, and also that the Quairading park had closed for refurbishment. The rally coordinator will advise when substitutes have been found.

Geoff Savage asked that the new Membership Secretary provide an up to date membership list.

Glenda Oleson talked about the size of the Club and suggested it remain small. Brian Wales said that it had been voted previously that the limit be set at 25, but not minuted.

Trina Savage asked about the location of the defibrillator (which was with the President) and Helen Bizzill suggested that at the start of each rally members be told who has the unit.

Peter Neale spoke about WAACCI and said that the reports would be on the notice board.

Trina Savage said that the contacts for the National Rally in Canberra were with her if anyone wanted to pre-register.

Helen Schell moved a vote of thanks to Gerry Kerrigan for his contribution to WAACCI. Margaret Kerrigan spoke of the beginning of the Sandgropers Club.

Ron Halse said that we have 29 vans at present and that the Committee was committed to keeping the Club small.

Prior to the AGM Peter Carter had given an information session on the proposal to set up a web site for the Club. He asked if there was anyone in the Club who did not want to go forward with the web site. Everyone was in favour of proceeding. Roy Lundy moved that the Committee proceed with setting up the web site, seconded Helen Schell.

8. CLOSURE

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 2.45 pm.

Signed:

President – Ron Halse

Dated:

Signed:

Secretary – Brian Bizzill

Dated:

ATTACHMENTS:

Attendance List

President's Report

Treasurer's Report

Auditors Report

Rally Coordinators Report

Membership Report

