

# GROPER'S GOSSIP

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## ***BINNINGUP RALLY REPORT:***

*Written by Nola Stein*

*Most of the members arrived on Thursday setting up in the lovely shady surroundings of the Binningup Caravan Park. The hot weather in Perth didn't deter numbers but towards the evening it cooled down somewhat and was very pleasant to partake with a few drinks at happy hour. As usual dinner was optional and the night progressed on with much merriment.*

*Friday morning Once again, Brian the Master, conducted Tai Chi with a good attendance. As stipulated in the programme to have opening of the Rally at morning tea this was changed to 5pm at Happy hour. Early afternoon saw the rest of the members arrive. Those wishing to visit the Australind Antiques and Collectables cottage together with the OP shop set off in convoy. Some members purchased some lovely pieces and were very happy with their purchases. The OP shop was equally as successful.*

*At Happy Hour Brian, our president, opened the rally welcoming everyone especially our visitors Henning and Tove, Kel and Glenda's family from*



*Denmark. Brian then gave a progress report with regard to Ron Halse's recent heart operation and it was great to hear that he was recovering well,*

*sitting up eating a scrumptious meal. A card was passed around for all to sign. Nola also outlined the procedure for the weekend with the help of Mike, Geoff and Trina Savage.*



The Hawaiian dinner went down a treat. The fruit punches were very welcoming because of the hot weather. The meat salads and desserts were laid out on a large



tressel with colourful flowers which went with the theme of the night. It was very pleasing that all members made an effort to participate by

dressing up. Nola thanked everyone for the amazing salads and desserts making the evening very successful.

The weather and atmosphere of the night was captivated by tealight candles being placed on all the tables. Before dark Trina and Geoff organised a quiz

with questions relating to Hawaii this being won by Ruth Mackenzie on a tie basis.



Saturday morning started with Tai Chi followed by morning tea. Mid afternoon we progressed in convoy to the Country Club for lawn bowls. We were welcomed by the manager Michael and provided bowls participated while incidents took their wings. country wine as an extra rally Paula Hiscock. At members happy hour. Nola with winners being returned to the



Strange who had set up the rinks for our use. Most members the others watched as many funny place with new bowlers finding Michael donated four lovely glasses as prizes. These were used prize and were won by David and 5pm the bowls finished with adjourning to the Club house for and Mike organised another quiz Alan and June Foote. We then caravan park for a BBQ dinner.

Sunday morning Tai Chi and a walk were in order for the beginning of the day closely followed by the closing of the Rally. The weather overall on the weekend made for very pleasant swimming conditions and quite a few members availed themselves of the opportunity. Sunday evening smoke in the distance could be seen and made us very aware of what could happen as Binningup was put on a watch as with the previous Waroona fires.

Monday morning saw the members leave very early as it was a predicted 40 degree day in Perth and the fires were still burning. Four of the members departed on the first leg of the safari to Walpole, a long tedious hot hot journey. On arrival at Walpole it was a welcome relief to find a lovely cool day.



Winners of the caravan prizes were Helen & Brian Bizzill donated by Di & Robin Ashford and June and



Ted Bunce donated by Mary & Peter Neale.

Those present were Nola & Mike Stein, Glenda & Kel Olesen, Paula & David Hiscock, Rheta & Alan Parkinson, Maureen & Roy Lundy, Di & Robin Ashford, Tina & Geoff Savage, Natalie & Ian Kessell, Margaret & Gerry Kerrigan, Ronnie & Brian Adams, Mary & Peter Neale, Ruth & Peter, Margo & Ian, June & Alan Foote, David & Jane Currow,

*Beth & Ian Moore, Tish & Lawrie, Jan & Frank Alolivic, Helen & Brian Bizzill, Elva & Arthur Littlely, Margaret & Greg Johnson and June & Ted Bunce.*

*Omitted from last newsletter was the winner of the caravan prize at the New Years Rally. It was Ruth MacKenzie and Peter Carter and the prize donated by Trish & Lawrie*





## ***PRESIDENT'S REPORT***

A very successful rally with 21 vans in attendance. Although the weather was on the hotter side it didn't deter the members participating in the events. Thanks to Nola & Mike and Trina and Geoff for organising the successful weekend especially the dinner on Friday night. The ladies contribution of salads and sweets to the meal was much appreciated.

We wish Ron Halse a speedy recover from his recent operation. Get well quickly Ron as we look forward to seeing you at a rally soon.

At the end of the rally five vans took off for the safari. First stop was Walpole where the cooler weather was appreciated and enjoyed by all. After three days there and little success with the fishing, we ventured to Denmark where once again it was nice and cool. From here it was Albany where we enjoyed a boat trip up the river and the war memorial. With more stops to come before we get to Lancelin I'm sure there will be more tales to tell.

Look forward to seeing you at Lancelin.

See you on the road somewhere.  
Brian



### ***FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY***

<b><i>Elva Littlely</i></b>	<b><i>2<sup>nd</sup></i></b>
<b><i>Brian Adams</i></b>	<b><i>9<sup>th</sup></i></b>
<b><i>Betty Morris</i></b>	<b><i>10<sup>th</sup></i></b>
<b><i>Glenda Olesen</i></b>	<b><i>11<sup>th</sup></i></b>
<b><i>Peter Neale</i></b>	<b><i>14<sup>th</sup></i></b>
<b><i>Di Ashford</i></b>	<b><i>20<sup>th</sup></i></b>



### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

**Rheta & Aln Parkinson** 4<sup>th</sup>

**Helen & Brian Bizzill** 28<sup>th</sup>

# Coming Events

24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>h</sup> March

KELLERBERRIN CARAVAN PARK – EASTER RALLY - 205 km

**\$20.00 pn or \$100 week.**

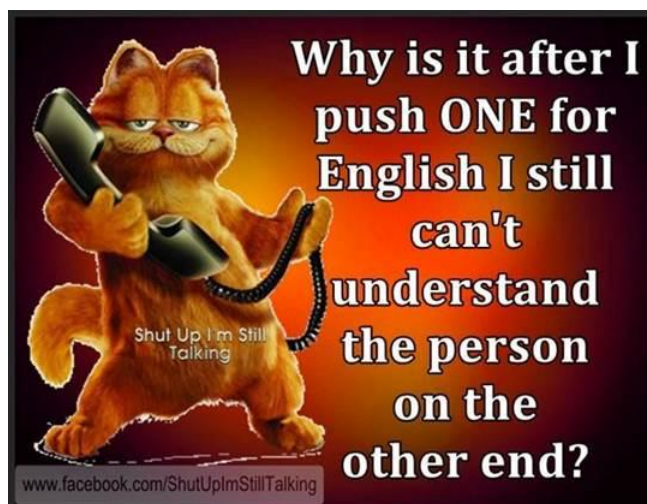
**Kellerberrin** is a town in the [Wheatbelt](#) region of [Western Australia](#), 205 kilometres (127 mi) east of [Perth](#) on the [Great Eastern Highway](#). The town serves as a stop on the [Prospector](#) and [Avonlink](#) rural train services

21<sup>st</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> April

MARANUP FARM STAY CARAVAN PARK BRIDGETOWN (Inc. Anzac Day)

275km Cost \$28 - \$30 per night

Maranup Ford Caravan Park is a small family operated camping/caravan park with powered and non powered sites available, located on Maranup Ford Road just south of Greenbushes WA. The park is very quiet and well set out.



*ATTENDEES FOR SANDGROPER RALLY LANCELIN COMMUNITY &  
SPORTING CLUB  
LONG WEEKEND - MARCH 3RD - 8TH 2016.*

*Venue Officer : Helen & Jim Schell*

Kerrigan M & G	TFSSMT	Schell H & J	TFSSM
Forbes T & K	TFSSMT	Bizzill B& H	TFSSM
Lundy M & R	TFSSM	Bunce J & T	TFSSMT
Moore B & I	TFSSM	Ashford D & R	TFSSM
<b>Johnson M &amp; G</b>	TFSSM	Parkinson R & A	TFSSMT
Margo & Ian	FSSMT	Neale M & P	TFSSM
Friend D	TFSSM	Adams R & B	FSSM

***DIRECTIONS:***

*The Sporting Complex is 2 km out of town. Coming into Lancelin road you pass the new housing estate with a few houses (this is on the left). Just pass that on the left is a brick entrance with the complex sign and the brick wall has images of golfers and bowlers. Turn left through here and the complex is about 500 metres in off the Lancelin road. It is about 2 kms before the town proper.*

***LANCELIN SUNSET BOAT CRUISE FRI 4TH MARCH 5 - 6 PM***

***\$20 PER HEAD (Take on board own drinks & nibbles.)***

*KEVIN & THELMA FORBES.*

*IAN & BETH MOORE.*

*ALAN & RHETA PARKINSON.*

*DAVID & PAULA HISCOCK.*

*PETER & MARY NEALDE.*

*GREG & MARGARET JOHNSON.*

*IAN & MARGO FULLERTON/NICOLL.*

*GERRY & MARGARET KERRIGAN.*

*JIM & HELEN SCHELL.*

***THE ABOVE PEOPLE HAVE BOOKED. THE BOAT CAN TAKE 28 PEOPLE***

***OTHERS INTERESTED CONTACT JIM or HELEN SCHELL***

# **PROGRAMME FOR LANCELIN RALLY**

*Jim and Helen Schell*

## **FRIDAY**

*3.30 pm Afternoon tea followed by*

*4pm Rally Opening - Approved by Brian due to boat cruise.*

*5pm Happy Hour for those not on cruise*

*Friday 5pm Boat cruise for those booked \$20.00 To be at jetty by 4.45pm*

*BYO Tea. Evening free*

## **SATURDAY:**

*9am Tai Chi or walk*

*10.00am Tour of Re Cycle shed in Lancelin. Morning tea to suit. At  
complex or perhaps in town.*

*Afternoon free time. Games, beach etc.*

*3pm Afternoon tea.*

*5pm Happy hour.*

*6.30 to 7pm Tea by Lancelin Bowls Ladies. \$25.00 per head.*

## **SUNDAY:**

*9am Tai Chi or walk for those interested.*

*9am to 2pm Monster fete at school with Big Brekky from 8am.*

*Afternoon free.*

*BYO tea.*

## **MONDAY**

*8.30 am Community Breakfast*

*10am Morning Tea and close of Rally.*

*No annex pegs to be inserted in bitumen.*

*24 hour ATM at Bendigo bank. Cash also available from Post Office*

*Thursday Friday and Saturday Morning.*

*Cash to Alan Parkinson for tea Sat night and accommodation. Jim has  
paid boat deposit and cash to Jim for cruise.*



## MEMBERS TRAVEL 'S

*Glenda gave a talk about her Japan holiday 'TEXTILE TOUR OF JAPAN ' on the Friday morning.*

*I have just returned from a marvelous 17 day tour with a group of quilters from South Australia.*

*Japan in mid winter is a very different experience. Each day was minuses temperatures with deep snow, a colour palette of grey, black and white with dashes of red persimmons and berries .*

*A Japan rail pass is worth gold as we travelled around the country on the very smooth, quiet, warm fast SKINKANSENS (the bullet express train). Zooming through the countryside of snow covered rice paddies, villages and modern cities. Even suburban trains have warm seats. The trains are "quiet time". No mobile phones allowed to ring or answered, texting only and quiet talking.*

*Our tour was to learn about tradional textiles so we met world renown artists in their homes, saw the indigo dyes being prepared, with SASHIKO stitch which was used by the peasant to create warm clothing and bedding as a decorative finish.*

*Silks, so important to Japan and KIMONAS are dyed and painted in many ways. In the old days the dyes would be washed out in cold mountains streams.*

*We were lucky enough to see the Golden Temple completely covered in gold leaf inside and out, in deep snow. A sight on the wish list of all Japanese. Beautiful temples of both Buddha and Shinko were visited. All have exciting markets nearby. The South Australians really boosted the Japanese economy.*

*Trips up to the high mountains to see wonderful old villages that had been important to the silk industry in the past were a treat. Covered in snow they were picture postcard perfect. Mt Fuji showed "herself" on a clear blue day with sunshine on the snow, as we went to see a fascinating museum of incredible kimonos, each one taking a year to complete.*

*The Internation+al quilt show in Tokyo, a city of 40 million completed our tour. More shops, fabulous quilts, with thousands of Japanese women we admired the beauty on display.*

*Japan drives on the left as we do. Great roads, no horns, screech of brakes or road rage. Such a calm quiet polite society. No noise, rubbish or graffiti. Great food, easy to get around. The entire trip a great experience.*