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Happy New Year to all Members

NEW YEAR RALLY

The venue was the Pinjarrah Holiday Park (formerly Pinjarrah Country Camping) on the road to Dwellingup. The owners have done a great deal of work since we were there in 2012. The area under the trees has had water and power stations added plus park lights throughout. The other side is still the same, ideal for tents and with en suites available for all to use.

Most arrived on the Wednesday and set up, with Thursday morning a trip to the Pinjarra Bakery is always a must, for some they cannot pass a bakery without getting a pie or three. Roy opened the rally at morning tea and mentioned the up and coming safari and also ran thru the procedure for the progressive dinner that night.



The New Years Progressive dinner was a success, with Appetizers at the Lundys and Carter vans. For entrees we crossed the park to the Kerrigans and Schells. Maureen had us entertained telling jokes and starting conversation pieces, like what was your best memory for 2015, have you stolen anything in your life? Once she got us going it

was hard to stop us.

Main course was in the camp kitchen which was set up with tables and benches. In fact that's where we stayed for the evening as the wind came up which made sitting outside vans rather uncomfortable. After a lovely main course of several casseroles, once again Maureen had more jokes and we started a game of Left Right and Centre. It was a marathon effort with 26 playing with the



game finally being won by the treasurer Alan Parkinson. It was getting on to 11.15 and many of us were flagging, come on midnight.

Coffee and sweets kept the party going, the new year was seen in with singing Auld Lang Syne, sparklers, hugs and kisses all round.

Thanks must go to Margaret and all the ladies for their contributions to the meal and to Ron for the coffee and chocolates. To provide 130 meals over 5 courses in cramped conditions, well done.

Friday was a very quiet day, the heat had most of us in our vans with the aircon on.

I organised a Perth Cup sweep won by Ron, Peter and Ruth, Laurie and Trish with 4th going to Helen and Jim, and as in all races, last paid \$5 and the Neales got that one.



Saturday, some headed for the Bakery again and others to the little train at Dwellingup for the ride. Stayed in Dwellingup for lunch and I believe some therapy in the way of

shopping, a couple of winter tops for half price....why



wouldn't you.

Doris had enquired about the lights on the Mandurah Canals, but as thought all booked out. Those that have seen them, a sight to behold apparently.

Written by Mary Neale



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was a very good turn up to the New Year's Rally and congratulations must go to the ladies and gents who put on such a good progressive meal which took us through the night! It was a huge success. The park was well suitable as a venue.

There is not much to comment on but to remind the Committee that the meeting on the 12th January at David's place.

We will see you at the picnic at Piney Lakes Reserve on the 20th of January.

Roy Lundy



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

<i>Peter Carter</i>	<i>15th</i>
<i>Ted Bunce</i>	<i>18th</i>
<i>Janice Alolivic</i>	<i>23rd</i>
<i>Maureen Lundy</i>	<i>31st</i>



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Elva & Arthur Littlely 28th

BLOOPERS

Thought this rally would be a little quiet however two vans trundled past the entry and had to find a safe turn around before actually arriving.

Then came the celebrations to herald in the New Year. With some of the brightly coloured clothing and hair I thought we were at the Mardi Gras.

One chap again forgot his hearing aids. Good excuse for not hearing anything.

And which hubby was heard to state "Yep I always have the last word" What is it you ask "Yes Dear I will".

More than one person was seen spilling the wine. The excuse was always the same, "The table is uneven". At least what spilled on the cards was white but are the cards sticky now.

Then once again came the rally prize, yes she remembered that but forgot the numbers. Good luck next time Rheta.

NATIONAL RALLY - CANBERRA

Roy and Maureen are holding a meeting at their place 114 Baden Street Joondanna on Sunday the 31st of January commencing at 4pm. Followed by a sausage sizzle after, Maureen and I will provide the sausages and rolls.

The purpose of the meeting is to see which routes different people are taking and when they are travelling. It will enable members whom have not travelled some of the routes to possibly join up and enjoy different places. And it will also help us to set a meeting place prior to the rally as we did in Rockhampton.

Our contact numbers to confirm your attendance is home 94448680 or mobile 0419925704



Coming Events

January 20th Wednesday Club Picnic Pinery Lakes Bateman

Feb 4th – 8th Binningup Beach Caravan Park
34 PORTLAND DRIVE BINNINGUP

Binningup is a coastal village with a scenic golf course at Lakewood Shores. A main beach is protected by a reef running parallel to it. The town contains a store, caravan park, skateboard park, recreation centre, youth camp, a public library and a public oval.

A [desalination plant](#) in Binningup provides Perth and surrounding areas including Mandurah, Kalgoorlie and Bunbury with drinking water

March 3rd -8th Lancelin Sporting Complex - Long Weekend
Toilets, showers -- no power for vans

Lancelin is a small fishing and tourist town 127 km north of [Perth, Western Australia](#). It is within the [Shire of Gingin](#) at the end of [Wanneroo Road](#)), and a few kilometres from the start of the [Indian Ocean Drive](#)

ATTENDEES for PICNIC at PINERY LAKES

**MURDOCH DRIVE (Entrance opposite `Hawkes Pass BATEMAN
WEDNESDAY 20th JANUARY 2016**

11AM ONWARDS.

BYO everything

Gerry & Margaret KERRIGAN

June & Ted BUNCE

Betty & Brian MORRIS

Ron HALSE

Thelma & Kevin FORBES

Ruth & Peter CARTER

Natalie & Ian KESSELL

Bill & Barbara REEVES (Visitors)

Rob & Di ASHFORD

Alan & Rheta PARKINSON

Janice & Frank ALILOVIC

Mary & Brian WALES

Mary & Peter NEALE

Maureen & Roy LUNDY

Trish & Laurie TYLER

Any members (and families) not on the above list are welcome to come along.

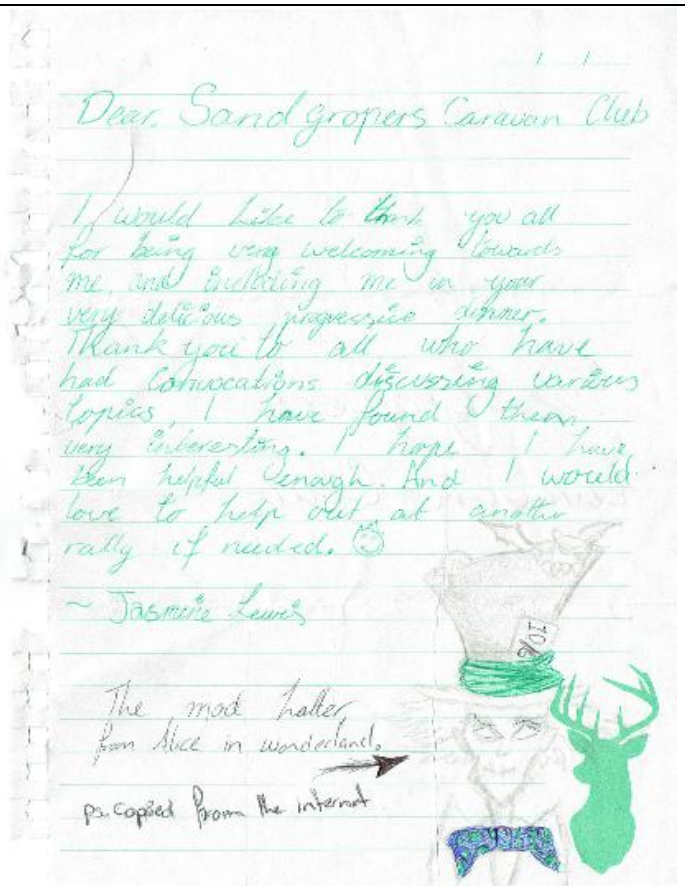
The Kerrigans will arrive early & hopefully reserve the grassed and shady area immediately in front of the parking area.

Phone 0427 330 473 if lost!

This letter was found by Ruth when tidying up to leave Pinjarra.



Figure 1 Ruth & Grand daughter Jasmine



BINNINGUP BEACH CARAVAN PARK

34 Portland Drive BINNINGUP THURS. 4th FEB - MON. 8th FEB 2016

FEES \$34 PER NIGHT Cash or Credit Card.

Venue Officer : NOLA & MIKE STEIN

ATTENDEES for BINNINGUP			
Kerrigan M & G	TFSSM	Littlely E & A	
Morris B & B	TFSSM	Bizzill B& H	TFSSM
Lundy M & R	TFSSM	Ruth & Peter	TFSSM
Alolivic J & F	TFSS	Savage T & G	TFSS
Moore B & I	TFSSM	Ashford D & R	TFSSM
Johnson M & G	TFSSM	Halse R	TFSSM
Foote J & A	TFSS	Stein N & M	TFSSM
Wales M & B	FSSM	Parkinson R & A	TFSSM
Margo & Ian		Neale M & P	TFSSM
Currow J & D	TFSSM	Trish & Laurie	TFSSM
Friend D	TFSSM	Adams R & B	FSSM

BINNINGUP PROGRAM

THURSDAY 4TH FEB - SUNDAY 7TH FEB

THURSDAY 4th PM **ARRIVE, SET UP & SETTLE IN**

3. 00 **AFTERNOON TEA**

5. 00 **HAPPY HOUR**

6.30 **BYO DINNER**

FRIDAY **9.00** **TAI CHI OR WALK**

10.00 **MORNING TEA AND OPENING OF RALLY**

1.30 **CONVOY TO AUSTRALIND FOR ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLES,
"HENTON COTTAGE" & OP SHOP, CNR PARIS & OLD COAST
RDS. LARGE SHOPPING CENTRE IF REQUIRED.**

5.00 **HAPPY HOUR**

6.30 **HAWIIAN DINNER \$10 P/HEAD**

**FRUIT PUNCH, COLD MEATS, BREAD ROLLS TO BE INCLUDED.
SALADS & DESERTS TO BE SUPPLIED BY MEMBERS***

***PLEASE ADVISE NOLA (0405473344) WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE
TO BRING.**

ALSO PLEASE DRESS TO "HAWIIAN THEME" FOR A FUN NIGHT.

SATURDAY **9.00** **TAI CHI OR WALK**

10.00 **MORNING TEA**

3.30 **CONVOY TO COUNTRY CLUB FOR LAWN BOWLS (\$5 P/HEAD)**

BOWLS AVAILABLE FREE IF REQUIRED. BUY YOUR OWN DRINKS.

5.30 **HAPPY HOUR**

SUNDAY **9.00** **TAI CHI OR WALK**

10.00 **MORNING TEA AND CLOSE OF RALLY**

Sandgroppers Caravanners Inc.
Minutes of Management Committee meeting
Held at the Lundy residence, 114 Baden St Joondanna
Tuesday 8th December 2015

In attendance:

Brian Adams, David Hiscock, Roy Lundy, Kel Oleson, Alan Parkinson, Robin Ashford, Brian Bizzill, Margaret Kerrigan

Apologies:

Peter Carter

Open: 7.30pm

Brian Bizzill opened the meeting, welcoming all committee members present.

Minutes:

The minutes of the previous committee meeting held on the 31st October 2015 at Watheroo were read out by David Hiscock.

Business arising: -

- *In response to the previous minutes sent; Peter Carter's e-mail dated 7th December 2015 did not believe "the minutes of the last meeting were an accurate record in relation to the matter of the definition of a caravan".*
- *Other members present at the previous committee meeting were of the opinion that the minutes did reflect the definition as discussed.*
- *The item related to investments in the Treasurer's report was identified to be incorrect. The amount of \$5502.00 should read \$3820.91*
 - *Action – David Hiscock to amend minutes to reflect the change and re-send to all committee members.*

Correspondence in: -

- *6/11/2015 – Email - Robert Thomas WAACCI*
 - *AGM Agenda*
 - *Presidents Report*
 - *Proposal for Holiday Parks Legislation (Final Draft review 25/10/2015)*
 - *Minutes 2014 AGM*
 - *November 2015 Agenda*
 - *Caravan Parks Legislation Template for Clubs WAACCI*
 - *Moving WAACCI forward*
 - *Tourism & Public Affairs November 2015 report*
 - *Report to delegates – Re NACC November 2015*
 - *Presentation Re Clubs on line data base*
 - *Minutes 16th September 2015*
- *11/11/2015 – Email – Robert Thomas WAACCI*
 - *Summary report on AGM & Directors meeting*
 - *Caravan Parks legislation template for individuals WAACCI Draft*
- *16/11/2015 – Email – Robert Thomas WAACCI*
 - *Camp Host testimonials*
 - *Camp host posters*
- *19/11/2015 – Email – Robert Thomas WAACCI*
 - *Caravan & Camping visitors snapshot 2014*
- *25/11/2015 – Email – Robert Thomas WAACCI*
 - *Minutes AGM 2015*
 - *Minutes 18th November 2015*
 - *Caravan West update Vol 17 6th November 2015*
 - *Caravan Parks legislation submission*
 - *Aspen Parks – Discount Agreement*
- *26/11/2015 – Email - Derek Atkinson*
 - *Department Local Government & Communities submission November 2015*
- *27/11/2015 – Email – Robert Thomas – WAACCI*
 - *CCQ Bulletin Vol 15 6th November 2015*

Note: Due to the amount of correspondence and size of some files, in future copies of Association information should be accessed via a link to the various websites.

Moved Roy Lundy, seconded Brian Bizzill that correspondence be accepted.

Treasurer's report: -

"Draft" only report available for the meeting.

- Alan Parkinson tabled that the club had a balance of \$5744.00
- WAACCI Affiliation fee & public liability insurance levy of invoice due for payment.
- No other expenses at this point in time.
- Only one member was outstanding with their fees.

Moved Brian Bizzill, seconded Margaret Kerrigan that the Treasurer's "draft" report be accepted.

Membership Secretary's report: -

Refer Peter Carter email dated 7th December 2015.

- Website - All vans have now been invited to use and approximately 2/3 have been given a tutorial. "No one has indicated they think it is too hard".
- Rally Participation Records – At least two vans are currently disputing the Club's official record.
- Membership Applications – There was reportedly interest arising from the Mandurah Caravan Show, no details of these people received. No enquiries received via the Website.
- Current Membership – stands at 30 vans with some suggestion that two may resign. No written advice of this received.

Business arising: -

- Action: - Brian Bizzill will follow up points on the e-mail with Peter Carter.
- Note: - Where applicants don't fit the requirements of the club, Margaret Kerrigan will forward details to WAACCI.
- Note: - Kel Oleson not receiving e-mails, all to review distribution list to ensure correct e-mail address being used.

Rally Organiser's report: -

- Confirmed Lancelin rally is still going ahead.
- Christmas 2016 – we need to confirm venue & book now if we are to secure location.
- Rally participants are encouraged to use the website to confirm attendance, however using the board should still continue until all members are fully conversant with the website. In the interim the Rally Organiser should cross check both systems to ensure participants are not missed.

Moved Brian Adams, seconded Alan Parkinson.

General Business: -

- Definition of a "Rally" – Action: - Committee Members to review & report back by the next Committee meeting.
- Rally survey – Agreed that the next Committee meeting should be set aside to discuss the findings & recommendations in more detail.
- Un-Financial members – Action: - Alan Parkinson to follow up with those members.
- Amount spent on Christmas gifts – One Committee member was approached by a member complaining about the amount spent on Christmas gifts. Action: - Committee to discuss at a future meeting.
- Caravan's leaving a rally before closure: - Note: - Where members leave a Rally prior to the official closing, they should notify a Committee member.
- RFDS – Fee. – Action: - Alan Parkinson to follow up with any unfinancial members.
- WAACCI Insurance Policy – Margaret Kerrigan tabled a copy of the latest "Certificate of currency". Note: Some Local Authorities require a copy of this prior a Rally being held ie.. Shire Of Harvey. Copy should be kept by at least one Committee member participating in a rally. Action: - David Hiscock to scan a copy & send to Committee members.

Next Management Committee meeting:

David Hiscock residence : - 19 Lockett Crest Winthrop, Tuesday 12th January 2016, 7.30pm

Signed as a true & correct record of the meeting: _____

Date: _____