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LANCELIN RALLY MARCH 2016

Written by Helen Schell

Several vans arrived on the Thursday. The Rally venue had been changed to the Sporting Complex because of the monster fete at the local school on the Sunday. The view across the bay from the dining room is quite spectacular. Friday saw the remaining vans arrive and set up.

Helicopter joy rides have just started last weekend and the landing pad is exactly where Jim had parked the Bizzell's van. However the helicopter was able to easily transfer to the footy oval which is immediately below the complex buildings.

Brian opened the rally at 3.30pm as we had arranged a boat cruise to start from the jetty at 5pm. After the opening those going on the cruise made their way to the jetty and boarded the boat. This boat is a remodeled cray boat. The Shinnick's have been Lancelin locals for many years and Brendan and his wife Jasmine have recently begun a new venture taking fishing charters out from the jetty. They are trying to include boat cruises for an hour duration in the evening. Some of us had difficulty in boarding but once on board we set off. The weather was good and we headed north however Brendan had a problem with the steering. Not wanting to



leave senior cits (re-cycled teenagers) stranded at sea (not a good look for a new company) he made the wise decision of returning to the jetty.

Jim asked that if possible may this be re-scheduled for Sunday evening. This however was unable to be done as the

boat was still not working well enough.

Several had ordered fish and chips, think Kevin started that. However we had an hour to wait so some returned to the complex whilst the remainder joined Jim and me at our place to wait.

Of course a couple of drinks whiled away the time. At 6.15 we closed the patio with all heading back to the complex and Jim collecting the fish and chips. Very nice was the comment. Some played games after tea and all retired for an early evening.

We had welcomed to the rally Brian and Helens family and I am sure they had a great time. The kids enjoyed the beach and the company. We certainly enjoyed their company. Look forward to next time kids.

Saturday morning and we toured the re-cycle shed. Jim and I both volunteer there and had asked Dawn (the co-ordinator) if we could bring down the group. They saw how



the cardboard is baled along with the plastics and bottles. The paper and cardboard is packed onto pallets before being trucked out. The outside crew re-cycle cars, fridges, microwaves, copper, glass bottles and much more. Sure everyone found it most interesting. Back to the complex where some members took a helicopter flight over the town. They came back saying it was a great flight and the sea was so clear and amazing how many people had gathered on the sand dunes.

Unfortunately Greg and Margaret had to go home for work commitments and missed the remainder of the rally. The afternoon was free time so many looked for all the coffee places in town and several played games in the dining room, an ideal spot to gather.

The Bowling Club provided an evening meal consisting of roast beef and vegetables and apple strudel. Four ladies volunteered and did a splendid job.



Their comment was what a nice friendly group we were. The bar was also opened as it had been on Thursday. Most of these places are only opened



when a sporting event is on and Thursday had seen 15 lady bowlers here and about 6



golfers. Small town and very small sporting clubs. After tea more games but again an early



evening.



Sunday morning and Brian again took Tai Chi, some people did their own walking and found the golf course very interesting. Then people wandered into town to see the fete at the school. After that of course, check out the coffee shops again. The weather warmed up somewhat however still quite pleasant. Sunday afternoon is again golf day.

Most of the group went into town to check out the school fete. This is an annual event held every long weekend in March. Then of course the coffee and cake. Not sure about the pies though. Couples arrived back at the complex in their own time. Games again were played throughout the afternoon. A few local golfers braved the undulating course. Anita arrived to again open the bar for the golfers so a very pleasant happy hour supporting the complex.

Tea was BYO and after tea we played card bingo for a little while. No prizes except boasting rights. Again an early night.



Monday and we have a howling easterly breeze, well it is the west coast. Four vans are staying the extra day and most left after morning tea hoping the beastly easterly would abate. It didn't however deter the cray boats which we have watched pulling pots close to shore. The sea is rougher this morning. We enjoyed a community breakfast prior to the 10am rally closure. News had come through from Betty and Brian Morris

and Ron Halse. Morning tea and the caravan prize was won by Brian and Helen. Brian closed the rally at morning tea.

Those present were Brian & Helen Bizzill, David & Paula Hiscock, Ian & Beth Moore, Ian Fullerton & Margo Nicol, Robin & Di Ashford, Brian & Ronnie Adamsz, Peter & Mary Neale, Roy & Maureen Lundy, Alan & Rheta Parkinson, Kevin & Thelma Forbes, Greg & Margaret Johnson, Jim & Helen Schell, & Gerry & Margaret Kerrigan



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi everybody,

Well Roy and Maureen and Helen and I rolled into the Lancelin Sports Complex on Thursday morning expecting to be amongst the early birds but we found that a lot of people got up before us, mind you we did come all the way from Toodyay via the Bindoon Bakery.

I would like to thank Jim and Helen for the effort they put in to organise the rally. The weekend was very good and every one had an enjoyable time, although the cruise had to be called off twice, with the dinner on Saturday night being very popular, with lovely food and huge helpings.

Once again on a personal note Helen and I want to thank every one for making our grandchildren Alyssa and Lachlan welcome.

See you on the road somewhere.

Brian



MARCH BIRTHDAY

Frank Alolivic	16th
Mary Wales	16th
Trina Savage	21st
Paula Hiscock	23rd
Brian Wales	28th
Robin Ashford	29th



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Greg & Margaret Johnson 21st

LANCELIN BLOOPERS

Someone had his Anderson Plug fall out on the way up and dragged on the ground. No power so what to do. Get the electric soldering iron, generator and at least 3 guys. Yep all fixed.

And the Key Man was locking the complex prior to all members going to town. Asked the gentleman coming up from the loos Is anyone left down there? No was the reply. Well yes Di was still there. The gentleman responded saying Well I cant check out the ladies loos can I?

When going to town make sure you know where the driver parks. Yes that's fine if the driver does not move his car.

Each rally we need to sign the attendance books. One guy asked if the men had signed it. No well did the women sign it. No said Rheta the Ladies did.

Then on Monday morning I heard someone say that the wind man had forgotten to switch off the wind. How right he was.

Coming Events

21st -26th April

MARANUP FARM STAY CARAVAN PARK BRIDGETOWN
(Inc. Anzac Day) 275km Cost \$28 - \$30 per night

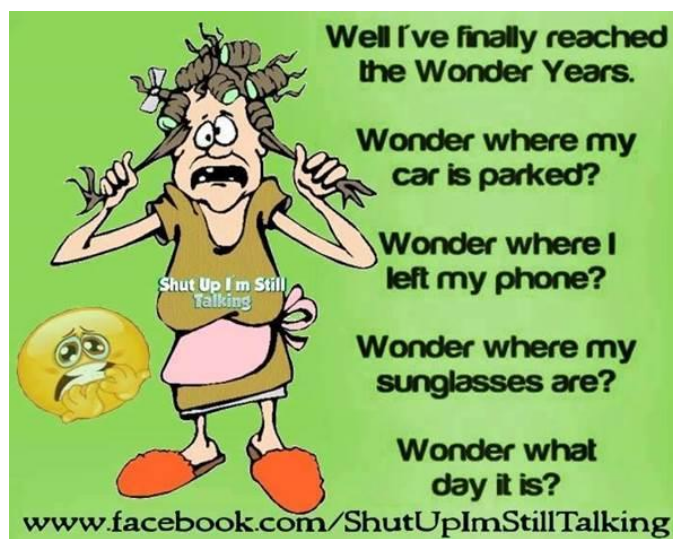
Maranup Ford Caravan Park is a small family operated camping/caravan park with powered and non powered sites available, located on Maranup Ford Road just south of Greenbushes WA. The park is very quiet and well set out.

12th -16th 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.^[7] 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.



ATTENDEES FOR KELLERBERRIN RALLY

24th – 29th March 2015

VENUE OFFICERS: Mary & Peter Neale, Thelma & Kevin Forbes

Brian & Ronnie Adams TFSSM	Brian & Helen Bizzill TFSSM
Ted & June Bunce	Peter & Ruth
Alan & June Foote	Kevin & Thelma Forbes WTFSSM
Doris Friend	Ian & Margo FSSM
Gerry & Margret Kerrigan TWTFSSMTW	Jim & Helen Schell WTFSSMT
Peter & Mary Neale WTFSSM	Kel & Glenda Olesen
Alan & Rheta Parkinson Tue-Tue	Ian & Natlie Kessell
Lawrie & Trish	Brian & Mary Wales TFSSM

DIRECTIONS;

Kellerberrin is 202 kms from Perth. There is Caravan Park signage as you enter the town. The Caravan Park is left of the Railway tracks on the corner of Moore & George Sts. Entrance is off George St.

Caretaker is Brenda in Bay 6 Phone 0428 138 474



I am a Seenager. (Senior teenager) I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later.
I don't have to go to school or work
I get an allowance every month
I have my own pad
I don't have a curfew
I have ID that gets me into bars and the whisky store
The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant
And I don't have acne
Life is great - I have more friends I should send this

to, but right now I can't remember their names



Kellerberrin Easter Programme

24-29th March 2016

Venue Officers: Mary & Peter Neale & Thelma & Kevin Forbes

<u>THURSDAY</u>	Settle in and decorate van (<u>Moderate Easter Style</u>)
5.00pm	Happy Hour and Opening
6.30pm	Dinner
FRIDAY	Tai Chi
9.00am	Morning Tea with Hot Cross Buns (in Camper's Kitchen)
10.00am	Followed by Bag making for Easter Eggs (Bring scissors and your own sticky tape)
12.00pm	Lunch – Just a quiet afternoon
3.00pm	Afternoon Tea
5.00pm	Happy Hour
6.30pm	Dinner – BYO in Camper's Kitchen
<u>SATURDAY</u>	Tai Chi
9.00am	Morning Tea at Ski Lake - Convoy to Doodlakine
10am	Easter Parade (not just hats but complete dress up both men and women) followed by judging of vans.
3.00 pm	Happy Hour
5.00pm	Dinner at Sports Club (By Convoy- be ready 6.15pm) Cnr Wilson and Connelly Street
6.30pm	\$17.00 to \$25.00 choose from menu
<u>SUNDAY</u>	Easter Egg hunt followed by cooked breakfast
8.30am	Trots at the Rec Centre (Lunch can be purchased)
12.00pm	Happy Hour
5.00 pm	Sausage Sizzle (Organised by Kevin and Peter and helpers?)
6.30pm	followed by fruit and ice cream .(All share cost)
<u>MONDAY</u>	Tai Chi
9.00am	Morning Tea and close of Rally
10.00 am	

FOR THOSE STAYING ON, A CHANCE TO TOUR THE DISTRICT.

ESPERANCE SAFARI – 8 FEBRUARY TO 3 MARCH

The convoy leaving Binningup on 8 February was made up of four vans – Bizzill, Lundy, Stein and Adams – and we picked up another van in Manjimup – John and Gael (friends of the Bizzills). The drive to Walpole was long, hot and tiring but we all arrived safely around 2.30 pm and set up camp. Within 30 minutes of arriving we all decided that two days would not be long enough and elected to stay an extra night. Coalmine Beach caravan park is very shady and protected from the wind, and we all enjoyed sitting in the cool of the afternoon after temperatures in the low 40s all the way south. Doug and Betty, friends from Mike and Nola's village, had already arrived and were staying in one of the chalets. Brian B and Roy tried their luck with fishing in the inlet and were rewarded with a few small bream – not quite enough for a meal, but waiting patiently in the freezer for some company. Tuesday saw some of the group exploring the local attractions such as wineries, cafes, a boat cruise and the tree top walk, while others were happy to relax around camp. We all got together for happy hour and dinner at the Top Deck Café in Walpole to celebrate Brian A's birthday.



Manjinup

DENMARK

It was only a short 65 km drive to Denmark on Thursday, 11 February and we set up camp at the Ocean Beach Caravan Park and were joined by Frank and Jan a little later in the afternoon. Our group now totalled 14 and the circle at happy hour was expanding. After a communal dinner we

played games in the camp kitchen but were a bit caught out when the lights automatically turned off at 10 pm and we had to pack up in the dark. On the Friday morning we all made our way to Green's Pool and Elephant Rocks – what a wonderful location: calm turquoise water, fine golden sand and huge granite boulders scattered throughout the swimming area providing a natural playground. On the walk around to Elephant Rocks you come across huge boulders that look just like a herd of elephants, then down to the water and another beautiful little bay. Everyone really enjoyed this marvellous experience. Whilst it was a nice sunny day, the water was a little chilly and Roy was the only one to take the plunge! At happy hour we had two games of Left Right and Centre with Brian B and Helen being the lucky winners of the \$14 pot. Doug and Betty left us on Friday morning and the rest of us enjoyed the local attractions. The camp kitchen was quite large and we occupied two tables each night for dinner and games, finishing up on the Saturday night with a big feed of fish and chips from the local shop. Brian and Ronnie left us at Denmark to return home.



Green's Pool Denmark

ALBANY

Roy had some difficulty finding accommodation for five vans. Our original plan was to stay at Kalgan River but unfortunately they were full, along with several of the other caravan parks he tried. He was finally successful in getting us into Albany Gardens for three nights which was very comfortable with spacious sites, a pool (a bit cool for that) and only about 1 km out of town. We were all happy with the park and it was easy to visit the many attractions including the Anzac Heritage Park,

the Blowholes, Emu Point and Little Beach, not to mention the local cafes and wineries and the Kalgan River half day cruise. The boys managed to catch a feed of whiting which we cooked up for snacks at happy hour. John and Gael left us at the end of the Albany stay to return home to Bunbury.

BREMER BAY

So now we are only four vans. Brian and Helen left a bit earlier than the others to go via Jerramungup to pick up Brian's new number plates – 1946*BB – and caught up at the Bremer Bay Caravan Park. The settlement of Bremer Bay is quite small and not a lot to do apart from fishing, but we all seemed to occupy our time quite easily. Walking and hooping took care of the exercise, while the weather was still a bit average, particularly in the morning, but often improved by the afternoon. Brian and Frank spent several hours helping a couple from Mundaring to set up their dish (with no success) and we invited them (John and Lynn) to join us for happy hour and a game of Left Right and Centre. Jan won the first game and John won the second with happy hour continuing until about 7.30.

HOPETOUN

Mike and Nola left us on Saturday, 20th to head towards home, and then we were three – Lundy, Alilovic and Bizzill! After some discussion about where to go next, we decided to stick to the original idea and drove to Hopetoun where we stayed for two nights. The weather had certainly improved by the time we arrived just after lunch and set up camp at the Hopetoun Caravan Park which is just a short walk to the beach. The boys spent the afternoon fishing catching a few herring and whiting, and Maureen and Helen had a nice walk along the beach in the sunshine. Maureen cooked up the herring for snacks at happy hour which once again drifted on till 8pm. Sunday was bright and sunny and Frank was first on the beach trying his luck once again. A walk along the beach was rewarded by the sighting of two dolphins and two stingrays. We all enjoyed Hopetoun as a destination.



STOKES INLET

Frank and Jan decided to head straight to Esperance from Hopetoun to catch up with some old friends, so then there were just the Bizzills and the Lundys. The camp at Stokes Inlet is not very large but there was only one other occupied site when we arrived. By the end of the day ten of the sites were full. The camp is immaculate – very clean toilets, a good camp kitchen, good walk trails and very individual camp sites with thick bush in between each one. Apart from fishing and walking, there is not a lot to do. Helen and Maureen enjoyed relaxing while the boys spent a lot of time fishing with mixed success. On Tuesday night we were down to the last hand of Phase 10 when the lights in the Bizzill's van went out. We finished the game by torch light (Brian was the winner) and decided to have the batteries checked out in Esperance the next day.

ESPERANCE

The Bizzill's first stop was at the auto electrician who discovered the batteries were well on the way out, so after checking prices in Perth and locally they decided to bite the bullet and replace them there and then, resulting in a much lighter wallet. Frank and Jan were at the Seafront Caravan Park so we joined them there, although it doesn't look like a single dollar has been spent on improving the park in recent years. We had our last happy hour and last game of Sequence together before Frank and Jan left the following morning on the trip home. The plan for the Bizzills and Lundys was to spend a few days at Cape Le Grande national park campsite, but due to renovations the Lucky Bay camp was closed and we were advised it would be very difficult to get two sites at Cape Le Grande.

After a talk with the Parks and Wildlife people it was decided to try the Cape Arid campsite instead which is about 120 km east of Esperance.

CAPE ARID NATIONAL PARK

We headed east to the national park on a day that was a little bit overcast and quite windy. The gravel road into the park was quite good, but a little corrugated in some places which resulted in the Bizzills losing yet another 2-way radio antenna (that would be the sixth since they first started caravanning). At the park there were two campsites to choose from – the shire one and the national parks one. We chose the national park one which had recently been upgraded with two new toilet blocks and two new camp kitchens, one of which had an amazing view to the water. We checked out the fishing spots in the afternoon, but by that time it was blowing a gale and quite chilly. The camp hosts invited us to happy hour where we met a really nice group of people, all seemingly a lot more familiar with this stretch of the coast than we were, so we were able to pick up some useful tips. Our second day saw Roy and Maureen having an easy day due to Roy's back giving him a bit of trouble. Brian and Helen spent the day fishing and walking. The weather was totally different with warm winds from the north east and much smoother seas. This was the warmest day since we left Binningup – about 36 deg. We spent another enjoyable happy hour with other campers and once again a game of Rummykub to keep us amused in the evening.

Sunday was Brian and Helen's 47th wedding anniversary and we started the day off with a pancake breakfast. With some trepidation from Helen and Maureen, we prepared for a drive to Dolphin Cove. Being unsure of the condition of the track, the boys let their tyres down and we set off on our 4 wheel drive adventure. As it turned out it was only about 6 km and the track would have been easily negotiated in a standard 2 wheel drive vehicle. The boys were somewhat disappointed and the girls were very relieved! There are signs everywhere saying if you get bogged the minimum cost of rescuing you is \$1,000. Dolphin Bay is very pretty and we tried a bit of fishing and a very quick dip in the chilly southern waters. Maureen made a cake for afternoon tea in celebration of the wedding anniversary, and happy hour was followed by a roast lamb and roast vegetable dinner and a game of Mexican Trains. It had been a very hot day, about 40 deg., with a bit of a storm in the late afternoon, but the evening was perfect. We were all blown away by the absolutely fantastic coastal scenery at Cape Arid, and in fact all along the southern coastline, It is a long way from Perth but certainly worth the visit, but maybe with a bit more time to really explore the area



View from Camp Kitchen

HEADING FOR LANCELIN

We reluctantly left Cape Arid on Monday, 29th to head towards Lancelin for the next rally. We had three overnight stops on the way – Overshot rest area just north of Ravensthorpe, Corrigin caravan park and Toodyay caravan park – and arrived in Lancelin around lunch time on Thursday, 3rd March.

Thanks to everyone who joined in the safari and

hopefully everyone enjoyed the experience.

Report written by Helen Bizzill