

# GROPER'S GOSSIP

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## BEVERLEY RALLY

12-16 MAY 2016

*By Thursday afternoon 10 vans had arrived at the Beverley Caravan Park and we managed to squeeze the last three in on the Friday. Roy, Maureen and Merle also arrived on Friday and settled in at the Beverley B&B. Happy hour unusually only lasted an hour when the cold and mosquitoes sent most back to their vans.*

*Friday morning was a little cool but a pleasant, sunny day developed and we were able to enjoy tai chi and morning tea on the large lawn area outside the Bizzill's van which was commonly referred to as "Dalkeith". Dalkeith also was utilised for a few games of Finska and Bocce during the afternoon with notable winners being Ron, Brian B and Brian/Mary, followed by afternoon tea and an early happy hour and opening of the rally.*

*The local Community Resource Centre had arranged a free campfire cookout around the camp kitchen to which we were kindly invited, making a total of 80 people expected to attend. A wonderful feast was provided for all including roast beef, lamb casserole, curry, stuffed pumpkins, Mediterranean roast vegies, savoury rice, fried cabbage and damper. There was more than enough for everyone and the large open fires kept everyone warm and the mosquitoes at bay. Greg Johnson provided the music to entertain the group which was very much appreciated. It was later agreed that because we had such a great time and enjoyed a fantastic meal, each Sandgroper attending would make a donation of \$5 and over the weekend we would make a decision as to a worthy local group to receive the donation.*

*Saturday morning tai chi and morning tea were followed by some free time to explore the town of Beverley. Alan and Rheta Parkinson were presented with their "50 Rallies" badges. At 2 pm John Lane who is the head of the Beverley St John's sub branch arrived to give us a demonstration on using a defibrillator and to reassure everyone that if that situation arose it was important not to feel scared and to simply follow the instructions provided. David Hiscock was*





*encouraged to give a layman's demonstration which was successful and Annie the plastic dummy was brought back to life. Well done David! Helen and Maureen provided cakes for afternoon tea and it was agreed that the \$140 (the donation from Friday night) should be donated to the Beverley St John's sub branch which is run entirely by volunteers and they have progressively installed defibrillators in eight different locations around Beverley.*

*Dinner was held at the Beverley Hotel, just a short walk from the caravan park where we enjoyed garlic bread followed by a choice of*

*three main courses – Thai green chicken curry and rice, lemon peppered fish with chips or lamb shank*

*with chips. The dining room was cosy and warm and the service was good, and hopefully everyone enjoyed their meal.*



*Closing of the rally occurred at morning tea on Sunday morning and the*



*caravan prize was won by David and Paula Hiscock, donated by Peter and Ruth. Seven vans left on Sunday along with Roy, Maureen and Merle. Those who stayed spent a pleasant time at the Avondale Farm where we explored the machinery shed, the homestead, stables and other outbuildings, a picnic under the trees and a 6km drive around the property. Afternoon tea back at the caravan park and happy hour around the campfire completed a good weekend.*

*Report written by Helen Bizzill*

## **RALLY PRIZE WINNERS**

*From the last two Rallies*

Beverly Rally 12-05-16

Won By; David & Paula Hiscock

Donated By; Ruth MacKenzie & Peter Carter

Omitted from the last Gossip

Maranup Farm Stay Rally 21/26-05-16

Won By Trish Wilson

Donated By: Margot Nichol & Ian Fullerton



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

*We received sad news on Thursday morning that Don Bain (a former long term member of the club) had lost his fight with cancer and passed away on the previous Monday. Several club members attended his funeral on Monday, 16 May.*

*Well, we were certainly lucky with the weather. It threatened to turn nasty a couple of times over the weekend, but fortunately nothing eventuated. We had a good turn-up for this rally with a total of 28 people including Graham and Clelia (who are intending to become members) and John and Gill as visitors. I would like to say a special thanks to Helen for organising the rally on the weekend, and I think everyone will agree that it was a good rally.*

*The Committee has decided to change the venue for the AGM rally on 30 June to 3 July from Grass Valley to Bindoon Oval and a separate email with details will be going to all members.*

*See you on a road somewhere ....*

*Brian*

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

*SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2016*

*AT 2.00 pm*

*At new venue*

*BINDOON OVAL HALL*

**Federal Election** – For those who wish or have to vote in Bindoon, this can be done at the local primary school which is situated at 19 Learners Way Bindoon (just off Great Northern Highway)

Once again, as a further reminder committee positions are available. We have one 'Committee Member' and the 'Membership Secretary' positions both being vacated, but as always all positions are available should you wish to nominate.

# Coming Events

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE TO BINDOON

**30/06/2016 – 03/07/2016 – Bindoon**

On the town oval, power available, shower and toilet block also available - \$20 per night No water available so you will need to bring your own.

**28<sup>TH</sup> July – 31<sup>ST</sup> July COOLUP HALL 111km**

No power. Hall available at \$60.00 per night

Coolup is a small town situated off the South Western Highway only 10 minutes from Pinjarra. The area was first settled in 1886 and the townsite was gazetted in 1899. The town's name is of Indigenous Australian origin and is thought to mean the place of the wild turkey. Predominantly a farming area, Coolup is also known for its equestrian facilities; home to the Murray Regional Equestrian Centre.

**25<sup>T</sup> Aug – 28<sup>TH</sup> Aug WUNDOWIE FOOTBALL OVAL 102km**

No power \$7.00 m per night plus room hire

*Wundowie is a town in Western Australia located between Perth and Northam in the Darling Range. It was the location of an iron works, and siding and stopping place on the Eastern Railway<sup>1</sup>*

MY PEOPLE SKILLS  
ARE JUST FINE.

*It's My Tolerance To Idiots  
~ That Needs Work. ~*

**ATTENDEES FOR SANDGROPER RALLY  
MUKINBUDIN CARAVAN PARK**

**2<sup>nd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

Kerrigan M & G	TFSSM	Adams B & R	TFSSM
Schell J & H	TFSSM	Bizzill B& H	TFSSM
Johnson M & G	TFSSM	Laurie & Trish	
Littlely A & E	TFSSM	Parkinson A & R	TFSSM
Kessell I & N		Halse R	
		VISITORS: John & Gill Holmes	

**A co-incident!!**

Submitted by Natalie & Ian

*This is funny.....*

*After Maranup we spent 4 nights at Nanga Mill Campground with a friend.*

*We bought a bag of wood \$14 in Dwellingup to use there. However we didn't end up with a fire, so on leaving we gave it to a fellow camper.*

*Then we went to Pinjarra Free Camp next to Railway and met up with people in Motorhome from Sydney. We talked them into going across to*

*Pub for tea. Then we suggested they may like to go to Nanga. Off they*

*set next day and we returned home. Our friend traveled up to Sandy Cape (near Jurien Bay) as she had another week or so before she had to return*

*home. Well yesterday who should turn up to Sandy Cape, but the couple from Sydney. Let's have a fire tonight, we have wood that we got at*

*Nanga from some guy there. When Jill looked at bag - the penny dropped*

*- it was our bag of wood from Dwellingup! What goes around, comes around!*

**MUKINBUDIN RALLY PROGRAM - WEATHER PERMITTING**

**2<sup>nd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 Mukinbudin Caravan Park**

**Cruickshank Road Mukinbudin**

**West Australia Day Long Weekend**

**Rheta and Alan Parkinson – Venue Officers**

<i>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</i>	<i>Arrive and settle in</i>
<i>03.30 pm</i>	<i>Afternoon tea</i>
<i>05.00 pm</i>	<i>Happy Hour and Rally Opening</i>
<i>06.30 pm</i>	<i>Community BBQ Dinner</i>
	<i>Evening Card/Board games in Camp Kitchen/TV; or Relaxing around the Fire Pit</i>
<i>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</i>	
<i>08.00 am</i>	<i>Walk (4.6km Recreational walk trail – can be broken into two lengths)</i>
<i>09.30 am</i>	<i>Tai Chi</i>
<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>Morning Tea</i>
<i>10.45 am</i>	<i>Leave for 11am at Mukinbudin Community Shed (Gold coin donation)</i>
<i>02.00 pm</i>	<i>Leave in convoy for 2.30 pm at Mangowine Homestead (\$2/hd Senior)</i>
<i>03.30 pm</i>	<i>Afternoon tea (BYO) at homestead at 3.30pm, (hot water can be provided and undercover shelter if required) and then return to Mukinbudin</i>
<i>05.00 pm</i>	<i>Happy Hour</i>
<i>06.30 pm</i>	<i>Community Dinner / BBQ Evening</i>
	<i>Card/Board games/TV in Camp Kitchen; or Relaxing around the Fire Pit</i>
<i>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June</i>	
<i>08.00 am</i>	<i>Walk</i>
<i>09.30 am</i>	<i>Tai Chi</i>
<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>Morning tea</i>
<i>10.30 am</i>	<i>Leave on mystery drive visiting various sites.</i>
<i>12.00 md</i>	<i>Lunch at mystery location - time explore at your leisure</i>
	<i>Travel to the next location and explore at your leisure</i>
	<i>Return to Mukinbudin at your leisure</i>
<i>03.30 pm</i>	<i>Afternoon tea – for those back at the Park</i>
<i>06.30 pm</i>	<i>Soup &amp; Jaffles at the Fire Pit.(Soup and Savoury Mince provided)</i>
	<i>(bring your Jaffle iron/s &amp; favourite Jaffle filling; Bread and Soup Bowl)</i>
	<i>Extra jaffle irons will be available.</i>
	<i>Evening Card/Board games/TV in Camp Kitchen; or Relaxing around the Fire</i>
<i>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June</i>	
<i>08.00 am</i>	<i>Walk</i>
<i>09.30 am</i>	<i>Tai Chi</i>
<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>Morning Tea</i>
	<i>Free Time</i>
<i>02.00 pm</i>	<i>Leave to travel in convoy to Nungarin and visit the Heritage Machinery and Army Museum at 2.30pm Cost \$5/hd. Afternoon tea is available at the Museum at 3.30pm (to be arranged if required – cost to be ascertained) and then return to Mukinbudin. (Possibly via Eaglestone Rock &amp; Lake Brown)</i>
<i>05.00 pm</i>	<i>Happy Hour</i>
<i>06.30 pm</i>	<i>Community dinner / BBQ</i>
	<i>Evening Card/Board games in Camp Kitchen; or Relaxing around the Fire Pit</i>

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June

08.00 am            Community cooked breakfast  
09.30 am            Tai Chi  
10.00 am            Morning Tea and Close Rally and farewell to members leaving  
03.30 pm            Afternoon tea  
05.00 pm            Happy Hour  
06.30 pm            Community Dinner /BBQ  
Evening    Card/Board games/TV in Camp Kitchen; or Relaxing around the Fire

**EVENING ACTIVITIES WILL BE DEPENDENT ON THE WEATHER – LIMITED AREA TO GATHER  
PLEASE BRING WOOD FOR FIRE**

### Attractions:

Mukinbudin Botanical Walk Trail	Pope's Hill Memorial
Beringbooding rock	Elachbutting Rock
Yanneymoon Hill	Quanta Cutting Reserve
50's Farm Shed – Community Work Shed	Weira Reserve
Wattoning Historical Site	Cleomine Horse
Unique Bulk Grain Storage Silo	Mangowine Homestead
Nungarin Heritage Machinery & Army Museum	

For more information go to [www.wheatbeltway.com.au](http://www.wheatbeltway.com.au)



**"Keep going, you're well clear of the bollard."**

***This wouldn't be us would it girls!!!!!!***