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## RALLY REPORT

### SWAN VALLEY GOURMET WEEKEND

***It was lovely to have only a 1/2 hour trip for most of us. On a beautiful warm day we headed to the Perth Vineyards Caravan Park, with all of us in by 2pm. The Neales, Carter/Mackenzie, Forbes, Alilovics, Steins, Halse, Johnsons, and Tylers. The Olesens and the Hiscocks arrived on the Friday.***

***Ron opened the rally at happy hour, where Mary went thru the program for the weekend and gave out maps and pamphlets of the 2 areas we were covering. It was lovely to meet up with everyone again after several months off.***

***Friday at 9.30 we all went into Guildford to the Information Centre where with***



***Peter N leading we did the River Ramble a very pleasant 1.50km passing the Rose and Crown with some deciding what was on the menu for lunch!. Across the road and down the other side passing many well preserved buildings, all in use. This is apparently the requirements if you want to buy a***

***historic building, it must be used. Into Meadow Road, pass the Seminary, down under the bridge to the other side, along the river to the Guildford Landing.***

***As we ambled back, passing many old houses,***



*formerly belonging to the pioneers of Guildford. Back to the start and it was coffee time at the Little Guildford Cafe.*

*From here we did our own thing, many going to the bric a brac shops in James St, others found the Pie shop - guess who? Trish caught up with her new g/daughter who is visiting from Nigeria. Aunty Margaret was very happy to have a first cuddle.*

*Thelma, Kevin, Peter and myself went to the Poste Garden centre - if you are looking for a BIG pot this is the place. It was then onto Embers, a family business of candle making in East St., soy candles and natural oils. They will also refill containers for you.*

*At happy hour, Greg entertained us with his music, thanks Greg. We are looking forward to the Cabaret at Mogumber, so it is time to get those dance feet going.*

*A surprise visitor was Lynn Kirby who was over in WA for a month, stayed for a BBQ and entered into a Mystery Quiz night with Peter N as the quizmaster. Good to see Lynn.*



*Saturday morning dawned, as promised, so did the rain, Maureen arrived and we set off for a day in the valley with Stephen, a lovely young Scot, as our driver who had a great taste in music. It was to Yahava for coffee, to Oggies for the ice cream lovers.*

*Lancaster winery for cheese and tasting, wet and cold as it was held outside, to the Black Swan for lunch and more wine tasting. The Elmers for beer tasting, not the little bit you get at wineries, they were at least a pony size, all 6 of them. Don't know if anyone got thru the 6. Last stop was Margaret River Chocolate Factory, where we dived into the free samples. It is lovely*



*chocolate, we are enjoying what we bought.*



*the all*

*We said goodbye to Maureen, good to have you with us while Roy was away, and to happy hour, did we really*

*need it! A sausage sizzle for dinner, just something small to finish off the day.*

*Ron closed the rally at 10 on the Sunday, with the caravan prize being donated by Elva and Arthur was won by Trish and Laurie Tyler. And then the rain really came down.*

*We believe everyone enjoyed the weekend and thanks once again for everyone's help.*

*Mary and Peter Neale*

**Attendees:** *Ron Halse, Mike and Nola Stein, Peter & Mary Neale, Peter Carter and Ruth MacKenzie, Kevin and Thelma Forbes, Frank & Jan Alilovic, Margaret & Greg Johnson, Ian & Beth Tyler, Kel & Glenda Olesen and David & Paula Hiscock.*

## **THE OLDER CROWD**

A distraught senior citizen

Phoned her doctor's office.

'Is it true,' she wanted to know,  
'that the medication

You prescribed has to be taken  
For the rest of my life?'

'Yes, I'm afraid so,' the doctor told her.

There was a moment of silence

Before the senior lady replied,

I'm wondering, then,

Just how serious is my condition

Because this prescription is marked

'NO REFILLS'.'

# COMING EVENTS in 2015

## **MAY 28<sup>th</sup> – JUNE 1<sup>st</sup> WYALKATCHEM CARAVAN PARK**

Wyalkatchem is located in the Western Australian Wheatbelt, which is in the central agricultural region of W.A. The district was explored in 1864 but the first settlers to take up land in Wyalkatchem were in 1904. The townsite was officially declared in 1908 and gazetted in 1911. The Wyalkatchem shire covers an area of 1,743 sqkm with a population of approximately 620.

## **JULY 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> MOGUMBER HALL \$5.00 per night. No showers**

*This small country town is located on the Bindoon - Moora Road and is approximately 128 km north of Perth. The town is situated on the Moore River East within the Shire of Victoria Plains. The townsite is quite attractive and contains an hotel, a few public buildings and houses. The locality is perhaps infamous for the dubious historical Native Settlement Camp, later known as the Methodist Mission.*

*Greg & Margaret Johnson the organizers of the Mogumber Rally are organizing a Cabaret with Greg's full band being in attendance. They are planning for each couple to bring a casserole for dinner before hand. The towns peoples have also been invited and it would be good if as many of the club as possible could attend. Laurie has gone to a lot of effort to get this going so hope to see you there. A flyer will appear in the next newsletter.*

## **AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> WAROONA SHOWGROUNDS & OVAL \$10.00 per night.**

**All facilities but fill water tanks, no water to vans. Toilets & showers available**

**Waroona** is a town located in the [Peel region](#) of [Western Australia](#) along the [South Western Highway](#), between [Pinjarra](#) and [Harvey](#). The Shire of Waroona stretches from the beach to the extensive Darling Range and the coastline is alive with pristine beaches and the unspoilt lakes of Yalgorup National Park.

# **PROGRAMME FOR THE WYLKATCHEM**

**May 29 – June 1**

Wyalkatchem Travellers Park, Hands Drive

Friday : 5pm Rally Opening and Happy Hour

6.30 pm BBQ or Meal together ( weather permitting )

Followed by Chat/ card games

Saturday : No organised walk

9am – 12.30pm Bus Trip from Caravan Park office, to visit local farms and points of interest, includes morning tea and lunch. \$30 pp

Afternoon no organised events

5pm Happy Hour

6pm Gather together at Office for return Bus Ride to a local B & B for Two Course Dinner \$30 pp (please inform Venue Officers Robin or Di Ashford of any serious food allergies ASAP)

Sunday :

8.30 am Walk ( no Tai – Chi both master and mistress AWOL)

9.30 am Shared breakfast

10.30 am Rally close and Caravan Prize draw

We have been offered the use of a nearby Hall if weather is poor

***RALLY LIST FOR WYLKATCHEM***

<i>R. Halse</i>	<i>FSS</i>	<i>B &amp; M Wales</i>	<i>TFSS</i>
<i>B &amp; R Adams</i>	<i>FS</i>	<i>L &amp; T Tyler</i>	<i>TFSS</i>
<i>Margo &amp; Ian</i>	<i>TFSS</i>	<i>B &amp; B Morris</i>	<i>FSS</i>
<i>A &amp; R Parkinson</i>	<i>TFSS</i>	<i>K &amp; T Forbes</i>	<i>TFSS</i>
<i>M Burn</i>	<i>FSS</i>	<i>I &amp; N Kessell</i>	<i>FSS</i>
<i>D &amp; R Ashford</i>	<i>FSS</i>	<i>R &amp; M Lundy</i>	<i>TFSS</i>
<i>P Carter/R MacKenzie</i>	<i>TFSS</i>	<i>A &amp; E Litley</i>	<i>TFSS</i>
<i>I &amp; B Moore</i>	<i>FSS</i>	<i>G &amp; M Kerrigan</i>	<i>TFSS</i>
<i>D &amp; P Hiscock</i>			





# Thank you

Dear Sandgropers,

Ian and I wish to thank all involved with my trauma at Southern Brook Hall.

It was wonderful to see the response from all those present , especially Di & Beth, and for all the help, and especially those guys who took our caravan and car to Northam.

I am sorry for all the concern I caused and it has taken a while and worry as to what went wrong and without much help from the Medical Profession, except finally I got to see a ENT Specialist who put me on strong antibiotics, which got rid of swelling and pain.

However I have found out by chance from a friend who mother had a similar experience, that it is due to a condition called **Vagovasal Syncope**. When I looked up wikipedia it answered a lot of questions. It is a condition which causes fainting very easily by pressure or trauma to the **Vagus Nerve** which goes up the neck to the brain near the ear. Hence the swollen parotid gland was pressing on it and that's why I fainted.

Unfortunately I haven't had any conclusive diagnosis as to the cause of the swollen gland. No stone or cyst. Hopefully my next visit early June to ENT Specialist may shed light on that.

Disappointing though..... a week without food..... I didn't lose any weight!!!

Forever Grateful

Natalie & Ian

