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Watheroo Rally Report – Fri 30 Oct to 1 Nov

By Peter Carter and Ruth Mackenzie

On Thursday, 14 vans arrived with John Barbar having opened the Sports Club earlier in the morning. We were pleased to discover that we could set up our vans on the lovely grassed oval which made for a very pleasant campsite....although the flies and to a lesser degree, the mosquitos made sure we knew they were around. The afternoon comprised fellowship, a shared meal and lots of catching up. In the evening Peter Carter presented an overview of the newly developed Club website.



By Friday lunchtime, the final three vans arrived and the formal Rally opening was conducted around Happy Hour in the afternoon. Brian Bizzill presented the Kerrigan's with their 100 Rallies achieved recognition and Brian and Helen in turn received their 50 Rallies achieved recognition. After dinner, the Rally Host presented a briefing covering the Rally activities for the weekend together with another presentation for the website for those who had missed from the night before.



Map of world at Observatory

'Saturday morning rang to the sounds of the elegant strains of Tai Chi music before we formed up into a convoy to visit the site of the old Carnegie Institute of Washington and its Department of Terrestrial Magnetism Observatory site in what is now Kevin and Beverly Wards farm about 15 km west of Watheroo. The Wards were generous hosts and shared their knowledge with us for an hour or so before we moved on for a picnic and some sightseeing at the Jingamia Cave, to the north and west of Watheroo. Surprisingly wildflowers were still to be seen, notwithstanding that the dry conditions need to facilitate the commencement of the wheat harvest, had prevailed. In the afternoon, the Committee met and Happy Hour launched, before most of us repaired to the Watheroo Tavern for a sit down meal and an after dinner Letters and Numbers Quiz. Some found the quiz challenging, but most gave it their best effort with the Currow table triumphing.



Picnicking at Jingamia

On Sunday morning, we woke to some overnight rain, which must have been disheartening to the wheat farmers, with a number of vans leaving after the formal rally closing at 10.00 am. A number of us then formed a little convoy and travelled south to Coomberdale to visit Weston Wildflowers for an hour or so with Rhonda Tonkin kindly hosting us on what would otherwise be her day off. Several folk purchased some pretty impressive bunches of dried wild flowers. From there, we went looking for a picnic spot at the Bershire Valley Farm, to the east of Coomberdale, only to find it closed, so we went to Lake Edawa, further to the north. We enjoyed our picnic under a big tree, before travelling back to Watheroo. Sunday afternoon saw more fellowship and games before a nights rest with the rest of us departing on the Monday morning.

Caravan prize winners for the weekend were Glenda & Kel Olesen - Donated by Helen & Jim Schell and June & Ted Bunce - Donated by Margaret & Greg Johnson

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Watheroo rally was a great success and I would like to thank Peter and Ruth for being Venue Officers. The trip out to the old Observatory was very interesting and our picnic lunch at Jingemia Cave was enjoyable. The dinner at the tavern was good and I think every one was pleased with their meal.

As you will see in the minutes of our recent committee meeting at the Watheroo rally your committee, after much deliberation and discussion are of the opinion that there is no need to have a "definition of a caravan" included in the constitution or as a by-law. We feel that prospective members should be judged by the type of people they are not by the type of vehicle they drive or tow.

We also feel that as our membership grows older, we need to attract younger people and that by not having a constituted definition it gives the committee of the day more flexibility in determining if an applicant is suitable to become a member of our club.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate in talking to any member of the committee.

On a personal note, Helen and I would like to thank every body for their kind wishes and thoughts regarding our Grandchildren.

I look forward to catching up at the Christmas Rally.

Safe travels

Brian

CHRISTMAS CAKES AND CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS:

*Frank will bring Lions Cakes and Puddings to the Christmas Rally at Brookton.
Cakes 1.5kgs are \$16-00 and Puddings \$12-00.*



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Margot Nicoll	18 th
Kevin Forbes	19 th



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Brian & Mary Wales	9 th
Ian & Natalie Kessell	10 th
Briam & Betty Morris	10 th

COMING EVENTS in 2015

NOVEMBER 26th – 30th BROOKTON

DIRECTIONS:

Brookton is on the Brookton Hwy, approx.170kms from Perth.

The Caravan park is on the right hand side of the Hwy as you enter the town - before you cross the railway line. Entry is through a large stone gateway into the Sporting Complex.

The Caravan Park is in a little and on the right hand side of the road.

Please bring your Senior/Pension card with you in order to get a discount on your Park fees.

Fees with discount are \$26 per night. Without discount \$29 per night.

On your arrival a Committee member will ask for your Senior/Pension number to be recorded next to you name on the attendee list for the Caretaker who needs to forward it to the Shire Office.

Christmas gifts up to \$20 value from each attendee will be collected by a Committee member for distribution during the weekend.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

There is a large IGA store in the main street which is a walk across the oval and down a side street.

Newsagent, Pharmacy, Butcher, Bendigo and Westpac Banks are nearby and a Commonwealth Bank Agency operates in the Post Office.

The old historic Railway Station has an Arts & Craft Shop within and there is an Art Centre in a renovated shop that maybe open.

The weather may be hot. Being bathers as the Shire Pool, not far from the Caravan Park will be open 12 noon to 7pm every day except Tuesday. Fees for Pool - \$3 Adult.

ATTENDEES FOR BROOKTON

Lawrie & Trish	TFSS	Jim & Helen Schell	TFSS
Greg & Margaret Johnson	TFSS	Brian & Helen Bizzill	TFSS
Alan & Rheta Parkinson	TFSS	Ron Halse	TFSS
Roy & Maureen Lundy	TFSS	Ian & Natalie Kessell	FS
Peter & Ruth	TFSS	Brian & Mary Wales	FSS
Ted & June Bunce	TFSS	Gerry & Margaret Kerrigan	FSS
Mike & Nola Stein	TFSS	Frank & Jan Alolivic	TFSS
David & Paula Hiscock	TFS	Kel & Glenda Olesen	FS
Robin & Di Ashford		Geoff & Trina Savage	TFSS
Brian & Betty Morris	TFS	Kevin & Thelma Forbes	TFSS
Alan & June Foote			

BLOOPERS

Well some vanners arrived in Watheroo. But who got lost? They did enjoy the weekend though.

A great quizmaster asked the questions but did he see who stole the chocolates.

One chap has problems with his smoke alarm, keeps forgetting to throw it under the cushion while cooking the toast.

Most guys buy their wives a little present on occasions. Special events like anniversaries come to mind. At the flower farm he decided a flower arrangement would be nice. Had to arrange for a good mate to lend him the required money.

Then late one evening we heard a voice calling for Robin. Was he lost? The call was repeated. Had someone taken a tumble. No just a little bird trying to join the ladies by entering through a closed window.

On checking the rally sheet the rally co-ordination noticed the one couple had been put in, taken off and then re-registered. Are they coming or going.

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Held at Watheroo on Saturday October 31

Meeting opened at 3-05 pm

Brian opened by welcoming the committee

Committee present were Brian Bizzill, Roy Lundy, Robin Ashford, Peter Carter, Kel Olesen, Margaret Kerrigan and Alan Parkinson.

Apologies from David Hiscock and Brian Adams

Brian Bizzill read the minutes of the committee meeting held at his place.

Moved that they be accepted Alan Parkinson and Seconded Robin Ashford Passed Unanimously

Brian the read the minutes of the special committee meeting to discuss website for the club at Kojonup Rally.

Moved Roy Lundy seconded Peter Carter. Passed Unanimously.

Business arising deferred to general business.

Correspondence In:-

Brochure from Shire of Wongan Hills

Statement from Ing Direct.

Pilgrims Caravan and RV Parts brochure.

Correspondence out:-

Membership Secretary to Bunces and Kirby's re granting of leave of absence.

Treasurers Report:-

Westpac A/C \$1055.00

Bills Paid

<i>My Expressions</i>	<i>\$101.00</i>
<i>Craftsign Engraving</i>	<i>\$ 37.50</i>
<i>Ocean Side</i>	<i>\$114.20</i>

Investments

\$5502.00

Moved Brian Bizzill Seconded Roy Lundy Passed

Membership Report

Peter reported that Alan & June Foote had met the requirements to join the club and they would be attending the rally at Brookton.

Peter has received 2 expressions of interest and Brian received a Query also.

Moved that the membership report be received Roy Lundy 2nd Brian Bizzill. Passed.

Rally organizers report:-

Margaret Kerrigan asked that a notice about the seniors card be put in Gossip.

Rally at Wundowie to be confirmed owing to sport commitments.

General Business:-

The programme for the Christmas Rally at Brookton was discussed and the committee is running it and the programme to be published in Gossip.

The next item to be discussed was the caravan definition:-

Brian Adams sent in the definition as formulated by the government committee in their report for the camping regulations. Which read. "A caravan means a vehicle that is fitted or designed for habitation and unless the contrary intention appears, includes an annexe."

After some discussion it was decided that we would leave things as they stand, relying on the personalities of the applicants rather than the type of vehicle.

The meeting closed at 5-05 pm with the next committee meeting will be held at 7-30PM on the 8th of December at Roy Lundy's residence 114 Baden Street Joondanna

