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SANDGROPER CARAVAN CLUB COMMITTEE 2015-2016

<i>President</i>	<i>Brian Bizzill</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Roy Lundy</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>David Hiscock</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Alan Parkinson</i>
<i>Membership Secretary</i>	<i>Peter Carter</i>
<i>Rally Coordinator</i>	<i>Margaret Kerrigan</i>
<i>Committee</i>	<i>Robin Ashford Kel Olesen Brian Adams</i>

ESTUARY HIDEAWAY CARAVAN PARK

4th - 7th August 2015

Thursday saw the arrival of Roy and Maureen, Peter and Ruth, Ian and Natalie and Peter and Mary, with the rest arriving on Friday at different times during the day – the Bizzills, Schells, Halse, Adams, Freind, Steins, Kerrigans and Wales. The park has a nice location on the inlet, with grassy sites among the peppermint trees, new ablutions and a good camp kitchen.



President Ron opened the rally at happy hour at 5 pm on Friday. We had already moved into the camp kitchen by that time as the weather was very cool and threatening rain, which came in a torrent just around tea time. Following a communal barbecue in the camp kitchen, the games were brought out with Brian and Ronnie introducing a new game called “Sequence” which should prove popular in the future.

Saturday morning saw fine but cloudy weather with the following members arriving for the day to attend the AGM – Parkinsons, Littlely, Currow, Fullerton/Nicholl. The AGM commenced promptly at 1 pm with an attendance of 30 out of 55 members. The new committee was elected unopposed as follows:

President Brian Bizzill

Vice President Roy Lundy

Secretary David Hiscock

Treasurer Alan Parkinson

Committee Robin Ashford

Peter Carter (Membership Secretary)

Kel Olesen

Brian Adams

Margaret Kerrigan (Rally Co-ordinator)



Of the motions put forward, No. 1 increasing the membership to 40 caravans was carried, No. 2 was redundant, and No. 3 defining “caravan” failed but it was agreed the committee would re-word it and put it before a special general meeting in the near future.

The meeting concluded at 3.15 pm and a lovely afternoon tea was enjoyed by all, followed by a communal dinner and bingo with the winners evenly spread and receiving delicious chocolates as prizes.

As it was Fathers’ Day on Sunday many members left early and the committee meeting was postponed due to the lack of a quorum and it will be held on Thursday, 10 September at 7.30 pm at Brian and Helen Bizzill’s home. The rally was closed at morning tea and the brewery visit on Sunday afternoon did not take place. The remaining five vans left on Monday morning with some of the sites proving difficult to manoeuvre out of, requiring the removal of several posts, but all escaped without any damage.

The caravan prize donated by Ian and Beth Moore was won by Doris Freind.

All in all it was a pleasant weekend with a successful AGM.

Report written by Helen Bizzill.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to serve as your President for the next year and I will endeavour to carry the role to the best of my ability. Please feel free to approach me with any concerns or advice you may have and I will make every effort to find a suitable outcome. Secondly, I would like to thank the outgoing committee for a job well done and I look forward to working with the new committee. Please give them your full support.

We had a pleasant rally with minimal effect from the weather, although the evenings were quite cold. The park management did a good job looking after us, particularly as due to the early rains the area which had been allocated to us was not available.

The AGM proceeded smoothly with good input from members and the adoption of one motion to increase the membership to 40 caravans. The motion to define "caravan" although defeated on the day, will be looked at by the new committee and re-worded to remove ambiguity and will be presented at a special general meeting in the near future.

Thanks to the ladies for providing a lovely afternoon tea following the AGM and I think everyone had a good time.

I look forward to seeing those attending the Kulin Bush Races and the Kojonup rally.

See you on a road somewhere

Brian



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Doris Friend	17th
Natalie Kessell	19 th
Lyn Kirby	20 th
Rheta Parkinson	22nd

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

NIL

COMING EVENTS in 2015

OCTOBER 29th – NOV. 2nd WATHEROO SPORTS CENTRE

OBT Use of Hall, toilets and showers.

Watheroo Station tavern is situated 37 kms north of Moora along The Midlands Road. This fabulous rest area is situated amongst the trees and includes all amenities such as power, toilets and shower facilities. Enjoy the use of the BBQ area located directly opposite the sites or take a walk next door to the tavern to enjoy a delicious meal.

NOVEMBER 26th – 30th BROOKTON

The town of Brookton is approx. 100 kms from Perth. Brookton was settled by itinerant Sandalwood cutters in approximately 1847. By 1860's and 70's more settlers moved into the area and Sandalwood collecting with and wheat and sheep farming was firmly established. In 1889 the Railway station, one of the original Stations on the Great Southern Line was built. This is now the Arts & Craft Shop and worth a visit. The old Police Station is now the base of the local Historical society and also worth visiting.

Fees are \$29 per night BUT if you have a Pension or Seniors Card and we list names and numbers for the Shire, then Concession price is \$26 per night.

Our Christmas Meal is to be held in the Tavern on the sat. evening, in a private room, is \$35 per person with drinks at own cost.

Paddy and Shamus were hitchhiking.

"It's best if we split up," said Paddy. "I will meet you in the next city under the town hall clock".

Later that night Shamus was waiting at the appointed place when Paddy drove up in a swank car.

"Where the hell did you get that?"

Paddy explained that he had just walked a little way when a beautiful woman picked him up. She drove into the woods, got out and took all her clothes off.

"She said I could have anything I wanted, so I took the car," said Paddy.

"Good choice too," said Shamus. "You'd look ridiculous in her clothes."

ATTENDEES FOR KOJONUP C/VAN PARK

78 Newstead Road Kojonup

256 km south-east of Perth, Western Australia along Albany Highway.

		<i>Jim & Helen Schell</i>	<i>TFSS</i>
<i>Brian & Ronnie Adams</i>	<i>TFSS</i>	<i>Brian & Helen Bizzill</i>	<i>TFSS</i>
<i>Alan & Rheta Parkinson</i>	<i>TFSS</i>	<i>Doris Friend</i>	<i>TFS</i>
<i>Roy & Maureen Lundy</i>	<i>TFSS</i>	<i>Laurie & Trish</i>	<i>TFSS</i>
<i>Peter & Ruth</i>	<i>TFSS</i>	<i>Ian & Margot</i>	<i>TFSS</i>
<i>David & Janet Currow</i>	<i>TFSS</i>	<i>Ian & Beth Moore</i>	
<i>Arthur & Elva Littlely</i>	<i>TFSS</i>		
<i>David & Paula Hiscock</i>	<i>FSS</i>		

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mary and Brian Wales on becoming great grandparents for the first time. They are enjoying the regular photos and updates on the little treasure.

A little grandson for Paula and David Hiscock. Little Archie was born early but all is well and Paula and David are thrilled with the new addition.



PROGRAM FOR KOJONUP CARAVAN PARK

8TH – 12TH October 2015

Venue Officers: Paula & David Hiscock & Ronnie & Brian Adams

THURSDAY 8th

Arrive and set up

5.00 *Happy Hour*

FRIDAY 9th

9.00 AM *Tai Chi*

10.00 am *Morning Tea*

PM *Kodja Place Wildflower Bloom Festival*

4.00 pm *Afternoon Tea*

5.00 pm *Happy Hour and Rally Opening*

6.30 pm *BYO Dinner*

SATURDAY 10th

9.00 am *Tai Chi*

10.00 am *Morning Tea*

11.00 am *Train Ride \$5.00 per head*

Noon *Picnic at Myrtle Glen BYO*

1.30 pm *Historical Walk with guide*

4.00 pm *Afternoon Tea*

5.00 pm *Happy Hour*

6.30 pm *Dinner at Commercial Hotel*

SUNDAY 11th

8.30 am *Pancake Breakfast*

10.00 am *Morning Tea and closing of Rally*

BLOOPERS

A different welcome home to one chap when a parrot landed in the tree and was able to land a well placed dropping on his jumper. Thank goodness it missed the coffee.

Was it the same parrot who delivered karma to the lady who fed them, that one landed on her chair and left a deposit.

And a bottle of red was produced, quite an old old vintage but with plenty of tasting it was deemed to be ok, by this time of course the bottle was empty.

Prior to the AGM someone knocked the door off its runners, easy to do hard to replace.

And with happy caravanning one vanner had luke warm water, blew up the egg in the microwave and then set off the smoke alarm. Ah happy days. Then the van had to be moved out, well done chaps no dents but a hard spot to get out of.

Then a daughter came to visit her dad for Fathers Day, but mum was it daughter number one or daughter number two.

And finally people ask why we camp in Pinjarra on the way south, I reckon It's the meal at the pub but after last Thursday the guys reckon it's the skimpies behind the bar.

