



Sandgroper enjoyed the annual January picnic under the shade of a huge gum tree in the peaceful surrounds of Lake Monger. The 'Mexicans' who travelled north of the border had no visa issues and found the park very easily. It was a lovely catch up at the beginning of 2021 and augurs well for the New Year. More picnic photos to follow.

## GROPER'S GOSSIP



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5. January and February Sandgroper Birthdays and Anniversaries and Picnic photos.
6. Caravanners Prayer.
7. Amended program for Peppermint Grove Beach. Please read carefully.

## 2021 SANDGROPER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### Emergency phone numbers for member's families to contact during rallies:

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR REGISTERING FOR RALLIES:

1. On the website, log on.
2. Go to **PLANNED RALLIES** then **RALLY BOOKINGS**
3. Select the rally you would like to attend and you will be automatically registered.
4. **IMPORTANT:** under **ADDITIONAL NOTES** in the box please enter the nights you require e.g. T,F,S,S, (Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
5. Make sure you press **SAVE ADDITIONAL INFO** before closing.

### UPCOMING RALLIES:

**FEB 4 – 7** PEPPERMINT GROVE BEACH HOLIDAY PARK, 48 Peppermint Grove Rd  
Full services, mini golf, tennis court, onsite shop and 350 metres to the beach.

**MAR 11 – 14** LEDGE POINT HOLIDAY PARK 742 Ledge Point Rd. Ledge Point. Full services, 2 camp kitchens, free BBQ's, swimming pool, access to neighbouring Country Club

### ATTENDEES FOR PEPPERMINT GROVE BEACH LISTED AT 21st JANUARY 2021

Laurie and Trish, Brian and Ronnie, Robin and Di, Colin and Linda, Alan and Lynne, Jill, Kevin and Thelma, Peter and Mary, Ian and Beth, Doris, Frank and Jan, Ron and Lyn, John and Laraine, Sharon and Rod, Roy and Maureen, Graham and Cheryl, Chris and Di, Brian and Helen. **Members in cabins:** Jim and Helen, Glenda, Brian and Mary Wales. **Visitors:** Chris and Linda Back, Syd and Jacquie Adams, Colin and Noelene Muir, John and Sue Moriarty, Cameron and Denise Caldwell, Peter and Cheryl Fatti. (If your names are not listed and you intend coming, please advise Brian Bizzill ASAP at [brianbizzill@gmail.com](mailto:brianbizzill@gmail.com). Likewise if your name is listed and you aren't coming, please let Brian know as we have a waiting list. Thank you.)

Hello everyone,

I hope 2021 is going well for you so far. This issue of the January Gossip is to bring it back in line with the calendar. The next issue will be published mid February and so on. As we don't have a rally in January, this Gossip is a good opportunity to report on the picnic and add some articles that are too lengthy for the usual Gossip but contain important information.

For example, in this issue we are appealing for Venue Officers. We have also included an update of the birthday and anniversaries lists to ensure that all dates are correct and there are no omissions. Please check your dates and report to me at [agcmkent@bigpond.com](mailto:agcmkent@bigpond.com) if they are incorrect. Also included is a copy of a hilarious Caravanners Prayer that Cindy found in the laundry at Jurien Bay. I am sure all Sandgroppers will relate to it in more ways than one. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

I would also like to add some more details to the Program for the Peppermint Grove Rally. Each year we run our Finska Tournament with the overall winner taking home the Sandgroppers' Perpetual Champion's Trophy. It will be contested after Afternoon Tea on Friday and Saturday as we have heats, semis and the Grand Final. Due to the large number of attendees this year, numbers will be limited so the games don't drag on too long. Please advise Graham of your intention to play at morning tea on Friday and it will be judged on a first come, first picked basis.

The caravan park is serving pizzas on Friday night but we must have our orders in by Thursday afternoon. (The pizzas are entirely optional.) Unfortunately the menu isn't released until a week before but I will send it out as soon as I receive it so you can make your choices beforehand to ensure you don't miss out. We have 51 attendees at our Rally and there are two other caravan clubs sharing the park that weekend so demand will be high.

**Plan A** is to have a few volunteer four-wheel drivers load up with non-drivers, their partners and chairs etc and drive onto the beach to eat our pizzas and watch the sunset at 7.19pm. If the weather is too windy we move to **Plan B** and eat in the caravan park. Please let Graham know if you are interested in driving and he will work out a plan to transport those interested safely to the beach. The beach entry is approximately 1 kilometre from the caravan park. You can Google the four-wheel drive track and conditions at Peppermint Grove Beach – North Access.

I suggested Capel Vale Winery for lunch on Sunday before checking out the menu. I now realise it might not be to everyone's taste and budget. I have also checked out the Capel Tavern, which offers pub style meals and reasonable drink prices. Graham and I are still planning on going to the winery and hopefully a few takers will join us. To the 22 lovely Sandgroppers who RSVP'd me straight away, you now have a choice of two no obligation meal options. I have made tentative bookings at both venues so please email me to let me know where you would like to go. Check out Capel Vale Winery and Capel Tavern for more information and menus. If I don't hear from the members who replied for Capel Vale Winery I will presume you still want to go. Sorry for the confusion.

I have amended the Rally Program, which was included in the December issue of the Gossip, as more information has come to light. Please disregard the first program. The Management Committee Meeting will now be at 3.00pm instead of 4.00pm on Friday. Everyone is welcome to attend but it is not compulsory and only the Committee can vote on any issues arising. More fun playing or watching Finska. The Committee has also called for a General Meeting on Saturday morning at 9.45am to amend the Association by laws to limit membership of caravans from 40 to 35. A majority of member 'yes' votes is required to pass this motion so your attendance is requested. Thank you.

I am really looking forward to catching up with everyone again and meeting our visitors. It should be a great weekend. Don't forget to wear your Hawaiian gear on Saturday night and bring your meat and salad to share for our Luau. Until then, keep safe.

Aloha, Cheryl – Vice President/Gossip Editor.

## THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A VENUE OFFICER?

It is hoped that every Sandgroper has a turn at being the Venue Officer for our rallies. It is not a difficult task and help is always at hand from senior members of our club who will mentor you through the duties required. The main aim is to ensure that each rally is an enjoyable, friendly experience for everyone and to enhance the fellowship between club members.



Campfires are always popular.

Arrange a flexible, non-compulsory programme of activities that you think members will enjoy. Gather as much information as you can by liaising with the local Shire Office for information about what is available regarding points of interest, suggestions on walks, tours, drives and picnic sites. There maybe an event happening in the town on the weekend our club is visiting which may be of interest to our members.

Organise an evening activity for the Saturday night of the rally. Check out reasonably priced restaurants and pubs in the area that are close by and can cater for large groups. Casserole and BBQ nights are always popular followed by games and quizzes. The treasurer, upon presentation of your receipts, can reimburse prizes you purchase up to the value of twenty dollars.

When you have worked out your program, forward a copy to the President [helenbizzill@hotmail.com](mailto:helenbizzill@hotmail.com) and upon receiving approval, forward a copy to the Gossip editor Cheryl Kent [agcmkent@bigpond.com](mailto:agcmkent@bigpond.com) to send out to all members at least two weeks before the rally.

After the rally, write a report on the highlights of the weekend, with photos if you have them, and forward to the Gossip editor for inclusion in the next month's edition. Again it needs to be at least two weeks before the next rally. Please also include a list of attendees and guests.

If you are considering being a Venue Officer the first thing to think about is choosing a rally location that you feel comfortable in hosting, Look on the website for upcoming rallies and select a destination that you may have been to before or know something about. It is not vital as it can be fun researching the area in the months before the rally. A site visit is very helpful to check out the facilities first hand to report back to our members and to draw up a program for the rally. No point having a games night if there is no large covered area or the camp kitchen is too small to accommodate a casserole night.



Lunch or dine at local cafes, pubs or restaurants.



Some suggestions for activities to assist you if you are contemplating putting your hand up.

**Inside:** Board Games, Card Bingo, Left, Right, Centre, Quiz night, Memories – my first job, caravan, car etc, Travels – members tell of a favourite trip in their caravan, Christmas in July, Meal at local hotel, bowling club, CWA etc, Soup Fest, Italian night, Mexican Night, Bush Poets Breakfast or a Singalong.

**Left:** Everyone loves quizzes



Lawn bowls is always fun.



Finska requires more luck than skill.



Scenic walk trails are a great start to the day.



Tai Chi with the Master.

**Outside:** Campfires, Disc Bowls, Tai Chi, Finska, Lawn Bowls, Beach walks, Town Walks, Heritage Trails, Fish and Chips on the beach, Garden Tours, Country Shows, Music Festivals

This year we still require Venue Officers for:

**June 10th- 13th** Southern Stars, 645 Vasse-Yallingup Siding Road, Anniebrook. Full services and camp kitchen.

**July 22nd-25th** The Cottage, Quairading Caravan Park, McLennan Street, Quairading. Power, water, camp kitchen, BBQ

**October 14th - 17th** Potters Gorge. OBT Wellington Dam Road, Worsley. No services. Toilets and camp kitchen available.

Google the above sites for lots more info and reviews. They look so diverse and interesting. Check them out. Contact Brian Bizzill at [brianbizzill@gmail.com](mailto:brianbizzill@gmail.com) if you are interested.

As mentioned before, the main aim of our rallies is to have fun and provide an enjoyable experience for our members and that includes the Venue Officers! There is always someone close by to give you a hand and we encourage you to do your homework and give it a go. It is great fun and you are doing your bit for the club.

Cheers!  
Cheryl



**MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS****JANUARY**

05 Chris Young  
 06 Linda Haig  
 18 Ted Bunce  
 23 Jan Alilovic  
 24 Colin Haig  
 28 Beth Moore  
 30 Jerry Churchin  
 31 Debra Churchin  
 31 Maureen Lundy

**FEBRUARY**

02 Elva Littlely  
 04 Anton Riegger  
 09 Brian Adams  
 11 Glenda Olesen  
 14 Peter Neale  
 15 Laraine Allen  
 20 Di Ashford  
 21 Margaret Celenza

**MARCH**

16 Frank Alilovic  
 16 Mary Wales  
 18 Di Young  
 23 Paula Hiscock  
 24 Robin Ashford  
 25 Brian Wales

**APRIL**

05 Ian Fullerton  
 23 Brian Bizzill

**MAY**

05 Ken Messenger  
 07 Laurie Tyler  
 15 Cheryl Kent  
 25 Barry Jordan

**JUNE**

14 Ian Moore  
 27 Lyn Mitchell

**JULY**

16 June Bunce  
 25 Alan Parkinson  
 26 Helen Bizzill

**AUGUST**

08 Allan Foote  
 17 David Hiscock

**SEPTEMBER**

06 Cindy Jordan  
 17 Doris Friend  
 18 Peter Celenza  
 20 Lynne Kirby  
 22 Rheta Parkinson

**OCTOBER**

09 Ron Mitchell  
 10 Ronnie Adams  
 10 Roy Lundy  
 18 Annette Messenger  
 21 Helen Schell  
 29 John Allen

**NOVEMBER**

06 Ann Boan  
 18 Margot Nicoll  
 18 Rod Burge  
 19 Kevin Forbes  
 25 Sharon Burge  
 28 Graham Kent

**DECEMBER**

03 Mary Neale  
 09 Trish Wilson  
 10 Jim Schell  
 13 Alan Kirby  
 21 Merle Burn  
 23 June Foote

**ANNIVERSARIES****JANUARY**

17 June & Allan Foote

**FEBRUARY**

01 Lyn & Ron Mitchell  
 04 Rheta & Alan Parkinson  
 15 Laraine & John Allen  
 28 Helen & Brian Bizzill

**MARCH**

09 Annette & Ken Messenger  
 21 Di & Chris Young

**APRIL**

15 Jan & Frank Alilovic  
 18 Helen & Jim Schell  
 26 Linda & Colin Haig

**MAY**

11 Sharon & Rod Burge  
 26 Cheryl & Graham Kent

**JUNE**

16 Margaret & Peter Celenza  
 30 Lynne & Alan Kirby

**JULY**

23 Thelma & Kevin Forbes  
 25 Ronnie & Brian Adams

**AUGUST**

01 June & Ted Bunce  
 02 Di & Robin Ashford

**OCTOBER**

18 Mary & Peter Neale  
 20 Maureen & Roy Lundy

**NOVEMBER**

08 Cindy & Barry Jordan  
 09 Mary & Brian Wales  
 17 Beth & Ian Moore

Please check that your birthday and anniversary dates are correct. Let me know at [agcmkent@bigpond.com](mailto:agcmkent@bigpond.com) if they are not or have been omitted. Thank you, Cheryl

## CARAVANNER'S PRAYER

When we pack up in the morning may the annexe be quite dry  
May the pegs be easily removed and no leaves stick to the fly  
Let the stabilisers wind up without that horrid squeak  
And loose items give no trouble when to stow them we seek  
May I back up with the ball lined up precisely with its mate  
And remember to remove the jockey wheel before it's too late  
May I drive away real smoothly, the day's journey to begin  
And not to have to turn back with the key I should have handed in  
Let the road be sealed and free of works of the detour kind  
May the rain refrain from falling and the wind blow from behind  
Don't let flies come in their millions when we make our morning stop  
Let the thermos not be empty 'cause I didn't screw down the top  
May the road signs not confuse us as we go upon our way  
And let no sheep or kangaroos into the roadway stray  
Let us reach the caravan park well before the night  
And dear God please let there be a suitable powered site  
May the site be large and roomy and preferably drive through  
Or please let there be somebody there to tell me what to do  
Don't let me try for hours to back that wretched van in place  
Watched by other campers with a smile upon their face  
Oh if you want to punish me for some forgotten sin  
Don't let it be by leaving me with my wife to guide me in  
And there is another thing I do of you beseech  
When finally the van's in place please let the power cord reach  
They say you are a God of love and that indeed is true  
Please ensure I get a site not too far from the loo  
If I have to go at night desperate I will be  
Don't let me get to the loo to find I have no key  
I pray that all the campers round about our site  
Are friendly and considerate especially at night  
And when at last I go to bed and gently close the door  
Oh dear Lord let me be the only one to snore.

# SANDGROPER CELEBRATIONS

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 5<sup>th</sup> Chris Young
- 6<sup>th</sup> Linda Haig
- 18<sup>th</sup> Ted Bunce
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan Alilovic
- 24<sup>th</sup> Colin Haig
- 28<sup>th</sup> Beth Moore
- 30<sup>th</sup> Jerry Curchin
- 31<sup>st</sup> Deb Curchin
- 31<sup>st</sup> Maureen Lundy



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 02<sup>nd</sup> Elva Littlely
- 04<sup>th</sup> Anton Riegger
- 09<sup>th</sup> Brian Adams
- 11<sup>th</sup> Glenda Olesen
- 14<sup>th</sup> Peter Neale
- 15<sup>th</sup> Laraine Allen
- 20<sup>th</sup> Di Ashford
- 21<sup>st</sup> Marg. Celenza

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 17<sup>th</sup> June and Allan Foote

Congratulations and sincere best wishes to new Great Grandparents Rheta and Alan who welcomed Sophia Maree Martin into the world on the 12 01 21.

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 01<sup>st</sup> Lyn and Ron Mitchell
- 04<sup>th</sup> Rheta and Alan Parkinson
- 15<sup>th</sup> Laraine and John Allen
- 28<sup>th</sup> Helen and Brian Bizzell



Sandgroppers enjoying the first get together of the year at the annual January picnic at Lake Monger.







amended program for  
**PEPPERMINT GROVE BEACH RALLY**

48 Peppermint Grove Road  
Peppermint Grove Beach

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Come and join us for a **Hawaiian Themed Rally** by the tranquil waters of Peppermint Grove Beach. Wear your bright floral shirts, tops, sarongs or grass skirts and hula your way down for some fun and games Hawaiian style. **Aloha.**  
(All activities, outings and meal suggestions are entirely optional)

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>** Arrive and set up at your leisure. No activities planned today.

5.00pm Happy Hour

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>**

8.00am Beach walk

9.00am Tai Chi

10.00am Morning Tea.

3.00pm Afternoon Tea. Committee Meeting.

First heats of **Finska Tournament**

5.00pm Happy Hour. **Opening of the Rally.**

6.00pm Collect Pizzas and travel in convoy to the beach.

7.19pm Hopefully watch a glorious Sunset on the beach.

8.30pm (Approx.) Game of Left, Right, Centre. (\$1.00 required)

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>**

8.00am Beach walk

9.00am Tai Chi

9.45am **General Meeting** to discuss the limiting of caravans from 40 to 35. Majority 'yes' vote required to pass the motion.

10.00am Morning Tea. Day at your leisure.

3.00pm Afternoon Tea. Semis and **Grand Final of Finska Tournament.**

Presentation of Perpetual Trophy.

5.00pm Happy Hour followed by **The Hawaiian Games.**

6.30pm **Luau** - BBQ Dinner. Please BYO meat and a salad to share. Dessert provided.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>**

8.00am Beach Walk

No Tai Chi this morning.

9.30am Morning Tea and **Close of Rally**

Two options available for lunch:

Capel Vale Winery (upmarket) or Capel Tavern (cheap and cheerful)

(Numbers required for both venues. Please advise [agcmkent@bigpond.com](mailto:agcmkent@bigpond.com). asap.)

**Thank you and Aloha, Graham and Cheryl (Venue Officers)**