



GROPER'S GOSSIP



Despite the wintery weather Sandgroper's thoroughly enjoyed the Carnamah Rally.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT – AUGUST 2022

After a five-day drive from Barn Hill, it was great to arrive at Carnamah caravan park a day early. However, we were not alone, with the Kents and Burges already there and the Moores arriving shortly after us. Graham and Denise, the managers of the park were very welcoming, and the park itself was very clean and tidy. The rally ran according to plan until Saturday when it rained all day. Not to worry, Saturday's activities were simply postponed until Sunday. Congratulations to Ian and Beth on organising the event and doing a lot of research prior to the rally. I think they now know almost everyone in town and became particularly well acquainted with the local coffee shop, which served good coffees and cakes.

Many of you will have noticed that our website has had an upgrade and is still easy to get around. One of the very useful improvements is the ability to submit your rally expenses on-line. Please use this facility in future (rather than the hard copy), as it is much easier to collate the information for submission to ACCWA. At the Carnamah rally Sandgroppers spent around \$5,600 and this information has been passed on to the local shire, so they will appreciate that having a caravan club in town is a great advantage for the local community.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Golden Ponds rally at 10.30 am on Saturday 17th September and will be followed by a sausage sizzle around 12 noon. We look forward to as many members as possible attending. To date the following nominations have been received: Helen Bizzill, President; Cheryl Kent, Vice President; Lyn Mitchell, Secretary; John Allen,



AGM 2021 - Bindoon

Treasurer; Ian Moore, Membership Secretary; Chris Back, Committee.

Brian Bizzill will continue in the non-committee position of Rally Coordinator and Alan Kirby as Property Manager. We still need an additional person to serve on the general committee, so please let me know if you would like to take up that position. There are generally only 3-4 committee meetings each year.

On the rally program we will be having a curry night on the Friday night. Please read the information on the program and let me know what you would like to contribute.

Travel safe,
Helen

UPCOMING RALLIES

SEPTEMBER 15 – 19 AGM GOLDEN PONDS CARAVAN PARK – 355 Mundijong Rd Baldivis 9524 1911
Venue Officers - the Committee. As it is our AGM, your attendance would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.
Registered attendees: ASHFORD, BIZZILL, CALDWELL, CURCHIN, FATTI, FORBES, HAIG, JORDAN, KENT, LUNDY, MITCHELL, MOORE, MORIARTY, OLESEN, SCHELL, YOUNG (Apologies to Secretary Di please – 0419 911 775)

OCTOBER 10 -17 (?) Tagalong tour. Venue Officers Brian and Helen Bizzill. Wyalcatchem x 2 nights, Koorda x 2 nights, Elachbutting Rock x 2 nights, Westonia x 1 night and Mukinbudin x 2 nights. More details will follow in an email to participants when Brian gets home.

NOVEMBER 24 – 28 CHRISTMAS RALLY Whitegum Farm - 680Cameron Rd York – 0408 906 520 All services, Lake Kimberley Bar and Bistro, walks, swimming 4WD track. Venue Officers – the Committee.

Report Carnamah Rally: 11th August 2022

Wednesday 10th August: The early birds to the caravan park were the winter travellers from the North. Helen and Brian Bizzill, Cheryl and Graham Kent and Sharon and Rod Burge. Beth and Ian Moore joined them coming up from chilly Perth. Fine sunny weather but for those who had been enjoying warmer climes were feeling the cold. A good catch-up at happy hour around a blazing fire outside the Bizzills van.

Thursday: The day started with a brisk walk over to the MacPherson's homestead and back with a long 'shortcut' through a meandering path of a Botanical Garden, not many wildflowers here! This advance party then went for morning tea to the only Café in town, which was a small converted church, all home baked goodies too good to resist.



The remaining attendees arrived throughout the day except for Cindy and Barry, arriving the next day. A quick show of hands later in the day and an impromptu pub meal for tea was decided upon, the thought of no cooking sounded good and an enjoyable meal was had by all. This was after a happy hour around a blazing fire pit. Ian handed out a list of local history questions, to be solved by looking out for the answers on numerous plaques and window displays around the town.

Friday: Another walk up to the homestead driveway was well attended followed by Tai Chi with Master Brian. Morning tea was held by the cold fire pit in the sunshine and followed by a committee meeting for some and free time to wander down to town, drive out around the district or socialise for the others.

In the afternoon the Jordans arrived. Then all gathered for the opening of the rally at 5pm followed by a BBQ dinner, for those not cooking a take away chicken dinner had been arranged from the Bowling Club to support a local Primary School Camp Fundraiser, seven people enjoyed this meal and Pavlova sweet and helped in the raising of over \$2300 for the school kids. Following the meal there was general knowledge quiz with the chocolates and discipline doled out by our resident chocolate Elf, Jill. It was a very well behaved affair and no one missed out on a treat.



Saturday: There was a morning walk all around the town [it's not a big town] and Tai Chi before the threatened weather arrived. A large group descended on the café, they were warned, for more cakes or pastries whilst outside the heavens opened and a torrent of water rushed down the main street. That was it for the rest of the afternoon and people battened down in their caravans. The picnic at the Homestead had to be cancelled. Fortunately it eased early evening and the large group of 22 people assembled at the Bowling club for Happy Hour and a Roast dinner and sweets. Again, enjoyed by all



Sunday: The rain had cleared by morning and the closing of the rally was held at 0930. The rally prize was won by the Kents, donated by Syd and Jacquie Adams. The street quiz answers were read out and some very enthusiastic participants had great joy in pointing out to Ian where his answers were WRONG, John, Laraine and Jill, as a team were the most pedantic and correct and Helen Schell was just as close. That's the prize, a glorious mention.

After the closing the Kents and Burges were anxious to get home after so long away. The remaining attendees were able to do their own thing for a few hours. A small group drove out to Three Springs to visit an old bank building now being converted to an art gallery with local arts and crafts.



Yesterdays cancelled picnic lunch was rescheduled to today out at the homestead. The weather was lovely and we had views of canola crops as far as the eye could see. A crop duster plane was refuelling in a paddock close to us and we watched it buzzing over the area spraying for mould because of all the rain.



Jodie, a local volunteer historian was very good to come out to the Homestead and open the house for us to look at. The once derelict house had been lovingly and accurately restored and furnished with the correct period pieces, it was known as the Buckingham Palace of the district when the highly regarded MacPherson family established the area, including having the original telegraph office at the Homestead. The outside large kitchen and cellars were not restored as there were no photographs or drawing of them, they are left as part walls and rubble.



The last Happy Hour was held around the fire pit after a fine and sunny afternoon. Carnamah is a small town, very friendly, with a welcoming community who went out of their way to help us with any information and in being available to open the museum and homestead when requested. It was a little early for the wildflowers but some were sighted along the roads around the district.



We would like to thank those who attended for their company and enthusiasm. We look forward to seeing you all at Golden Ponds.
Kind regards, Ian and Beth Moore.

Rally Attendees: Allens, Ambrosius, Ashfords, Bizzills, Burges, Forbes, Jordans, Kents, Mitchells, Olesen & Schells



*****SANDGROPER CELEBRATIONS FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER*****

August Birthdays

02 Cam Caldwell

August Anniversaries

Di & Robin Ashford



September Birthdays

06 Cindy Jordan
09 Noelene Muir
16 Colin Muir
17 Doris Freind
20 Lynne Kirby

Sept. Anniversaries

26 Denise & Cam Caldwell

Happy Father's Day on September 4th to all our wonderful Sandgroper dads. Hope these funnies make you smile.



A Genie granted me one wish,
So I said: I just want to be happy.
Now I'm living in a cottage with 6 dwarves and working down a mine. 😞



1. Never sing in the shower! Singing leads to dancing, dancing leads to slipping, and slipping leads to paramedics seeing you naked. So remember...don't sing!
2. A study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.
3. You don't realize how old you are until you sit on the floor and then try to get back up.

News from the Backs

(12/08/22) Gday team, Getting to the end of our European travels this year: we fly to Panama on 24 August. We have just had a week at Haarlem on our old barge, the Elsie B, then on the Kaag Lakes and now at Leiden before we head back to our winter mooring At Aalsmeer. The Dutch have got water in their veins... much more use of their waterways than the French. The barge has gone really well but I drew breath at paying euros 2.50/litre for diesel the other day.

We will catch up with our friends Ian and Lesley MacDonald from North Qld in Amsterdam on 19 August. They are on a cruise ship somewhere so I hope that don't have coronavirus. No one in Holland seems to be in the least bit concerned about it. Home late October after trips back to Panama and Louisiana to see the kids and grandkids. Can't wait. Hope everyone is well, Chris and Linda



(14/08/22) Greetings to all Sandgropers, Please give our apology at the Carnamah rally. We are thinking of you all. We are here in the Kaag Lakes in Holland on our old Dutch barge. The cows won't allow me to forget my veterinary past! Regards to all, Chris and Linda

WHAT TO DO IF YOU PUT THE WRONG FUEL IN YOUR CAR

It's easy to make a mistake at the fuel pump and inadvertently pick up the wrong handle. Here's what happens to your car and what you need to do if you put the wrong fuel in your car courtesy of the RAC's Ryan Suckling (Horizons Magazine August/September 2022)

There was a time when diesel fuel pumps were over to one side of fuel retailer forecourts so trucks could easily pull up and refuel. With the number of diesel cars now on our roads, diesel pumps sit alongside the fuel dispensers for regular and premium unleaded petrols. This response to the greater demand for diesel has increased the chances of motorists putting the wrong fuel in their vehicles. While both diesel and petrol pumps are clearly labelled, motorists taking only a passing glance at the line-up of dispensers can still pick up the wrong one due to differences in the colours associated with each fuel type across different fuel companies.

Just how much damage a fuel mix up can cause depends on the fuels and vehicles involved, petrol into a diesel vehicle being the mistake that could potentially do the most damage. The best-case scenario is to realise your mistake before the fuel is pumped from the tank to the engine. Worst case is replacing the entire fuel system.

Of course, the best policy is to prevent it from happening altogether. If you're confused when trying to identify the right pump to use, ask the station attendant for clarification. It's a small extra step compared to the damage that might be done if you make the wrong selection.



WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU PUT PETROL INTO A DIESEL CAR?

Putting petrol into a diesel vehicle is, unfortunately, an easier mistake to make as the petrol nozzle fits into the filler neck of most modern diesel cars. In diesel engines, diesel fuel is also a lubricant for the high-pressure fuel pump. If petrol, which is a solvent, enters the fuel system of a diesel engine, it significantly reduces the lubrication abilities of the diesel fuel and can damage the diesel fuel pump and other parts of the diesel's fuel system. The higher compression ratios in the combustion chambers of diesel engines also means that pre-ignition may occur, which can reduce engine power and cause damage.

Some old diesel vehicles and heavy-duty farm machinery are said to tolerate a small amount of petrol, but modern systems are far less tolerant. Ideally, you wouldn't want a drop of petrol to trickle in. If you realise your mistake before you start the engine, ask someone to help you push the car into a parking bay and call RAC Roadside Assistance to organise a tow to a service centre where the fuel system can be flushed. RAC Auto Services can perform this service.

It's important that you don't turn the ignition on as this can cause the petrol to start affecting the tank. Don't attempt to siphon the fuel out of the car yourself. Draining the fuel out of the car is best undertaken by a specialist to prevent harm to you and the environment. If you do inadvertently start the ignition and drive the vehicle with petrol in it, depending on how much petrol is in it, the vehicle may begin to lose power and/or make a knocking sound. The extent of damage and cost of repairs can vary considerably. It's possible your vehicle may only need a fuel flush-out, but it's also possible the damage can go as far as requiring a new fuel pump, new filters, injectors, and possibly even a new engine.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU PUT DIESEL INTO A PETROL CAR?

To put diesel in a petrol car is far harder to do. The diesel nozzles at the fuel bowser are much larger than petrol nozzles so won't easily fit into the filler neck. But that hasn't stopped some from making the error. Despite being far from ideal, it's less risky and usually less costly, than putting petrol into a diesel tank.

If you start the engine, you might find it won't run as smoothly and, more noticeably, there could be a significant amount of white smoke coming from the exhaust – especially if you add more than half a tank's worth of diesel. The real dangers to your car will set in the longer the diesel is left to run in the tank. Yet for the most part, you'll only need to get the fuel tank drained, and perhaps the fuel filters replaced, before you can then refuel. If you've only pumped in a small amount of diesel, topping up the tank with petrol may be enough to avoid any performance issues.

As with putting petrol into a diesel tank, if you've put a large amount of diesel into the tank of your petrol vehicle, as soon as you're aware of the mistake, pull up to a safe spot and contact RAC Roadside Assistance to help you. Hope the above information is of some help to you. Kind regards, Cheryl K. Gossip Editor.

PROGRAM FOR AGM RALLY – GOLDEN PONDS

Thursday 15 - Monday 19 September 2022
355 Mundijong Road, Baldivis Phone: 9524 1911 Site fee: \$40 per night



Thursday 15th Arrive and set up at your leisure
5.00 pm Happy hour followed by own dinner

Friday 16th
8.30 am Morning walk
9.30 am Tai Chi
10.00 am Morning tea
3.00 pm Afternoon tea
5.00 pm Happy hour and opening of rally
6.30 pm ***Curry night (please see below for catering details)***

Saturday 17th
8.30 am Morning walk
9.30 am Morning tea
10.30 am AGM in camp kitchen. *Prompt attendance by 10.20 am please*
12 noon Sausage sizzle
5.00 pm Happy hour
6.30 pm BYO communal dinner, followed by games

Sunday 18th
9.30 am Closing of rally

Places of interest: Serpentine/Jarrahdale markets 8-12 Saturday * Borrello Cheese – weekdays 7-3, Saturday 7-12 * Mundella Foods – Fri 8.30-4 * Cohuna Koala Park – daily 10-4

***Catering details for Friday night: There are 16 vans attending the rally and it is suggested that the catering requirements be as follows:

4 x pre-dinner nibbles 7 x mains 5 x desserts

Please let Helen Bizzill know what category you would like to do, as well as your particular dish, so that we have a good assortment. Thank you. (Helen: 0417 913 050 helenbizzill@hotmail.com)