



## PROGRAM FOR CHRISTMAS RALLY

26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020  
at Riverside Cabin and Caravan Park  
4 Hamilton Road EATON 6232 (9725 1234)  
Venue officers: The Management Committee

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

Please follow arrival procedure in President's report. After set up go to office to pay. (\$34.20 per night) Thank you. Let the fun begin!

3.30pm Afternoon tea.  
5.00pm Happy Hour followed by dinner at your leisure.

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

8.30am Optional morning walk along the river.  
9.30am Tai Chi  
10.15am Morning tea. Day at your leisure. (See attached list of things to do)  
3.00pm Afternoon tea followed by a game of Finska.  
5.00pm Happy Hour and **opening of the rally**. Collection of \$10.00 presents from Bunnings and \$20.00 lunch fees per person.  
6.00pm Optional Sausage Sizzle (\$2.00 per head) followed by a game of L.R.C.

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>

8.30am Optional morning walk along the river.  
9.30am Tai Chi.  
10.15am Morning tea.  
12.30pm Christmas Lunch at **Back Beach Café**, Lot 757 Ocean Drive, Bunbury. The café is approximately 15 minutes from Eaton. Father Christmas will visit us after lunch at the café and distribute gifts for those Sandgropers who have been good all year. (It shouldn't take long!) A lazy afternoon will follow back at the caravan park with Nanna Naps for those who require them.  
5.00pm Happy Hour and Christmas Quiz. Dinner is at your leisure followed by more fellowship.

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

9.30am No Tai Chi this morning. Morning tea and **close of rally** to enable those leaving early to pack up and get away on time. The rest of the day is at your leisure. See attached list of thing to do.  
3.00pm Afternoon tea  
5.00pm Happy Hour and fellowship.

## LIST OF THINGS TO DO IN AND AROUND EATON

Below is a list of suggestions of things to do while staying in Eaton. Our caravan park is located opposite the Collie River on the Eaton Foreshore (44) and only 8kms from the city of Bunbury. It has a magnificent pool so if it is too hot to go exploring grab your bathers and towel and chill out on the many sun lounges surrounding the pool. We have attached a map of the Ferguson Valley and bracketed the location number of the sites listed.

**HISTORY:** *The Dardanup Heritage Park (14)* houses one of Australia's finest collections of historic agricultural and industrial items with more than 20 sheds full of beautifully restored gems. Wander through the 15 heritage sites on the 2.5km *Dardanup Heritage Trail (59)*, including the first Catholic Church in Western Australia outside the metropolitan area. Stop for lunch along the way at the historic *Dardanup (aka The Dardy) Tavern (60)* built in 1905; it has bags of character.

**GNOMESVILLE:** No trip to the Ferguson Valley is complete without a visit to the very quirky *Gnomesville (25)*. It's a special place where a gnome can join thousands of other gnomes to live happily ever after! Gnomesville is a community driven-gnome village with over three thousand inhabitants. Bring along a Gnome and add it to the collection.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** Wherever you might be in the Valley you will not be able to resist the photographic opportunities. The most photographed icons are: *Gnomesville (25)*, *King Jarrah Tree (27)*, splendid Fairy Wrens, vista on Pile Road (2), view from *Green Door Café/Wines (4)* and wildflowers in *Crooked Brook Forest (23)*.

**WINERIES:** *Willow Bridge Estate (11)* is a family owned business that is operated by principals Jeff and Vicki Dewar, who bought the picturesque 180-hectare hillside property in 1996. The Estate is located in a hidden jewel of the winemaking region of south-west Western Australia in the Ferguson Valley.

*Ferguson Falls Wines Café (2)* has established itself as a popular and must visit venue overlooking the Ferguson Valley. It's the ideal spot for lunch when enjoying the region for its picturesque scenery and country atmosphere. They have made a name for themselves for their delicious stone-baked American and Italian style gourmet pizzas, cheeses, desserts and coffees along with their award-winning wines.

**BREWERIES:** *The Bush Shack Brewery (12)* is a small family run business with a hands-on approach to creating very unique beers. They specialise in handcrafted and unfiltered small batch brews as well as producing seasonal ciders. You can relax on the timber decking whilst taking in the country atmosphere, sampling their well-known range of drinks that complement the casual menu featuring fresh locally sourced produce.

Nestled in the tree-lined hills on the high side of the scenic Ferguson Valley, *the Wild Bull Brewery (13)* sits proudly on top of Pile Road offering premium locally made beer, food, wine, art, and music. A substantial menu is available with the cuisine stretching from wood fired pizzas, nachos, delicious starters & premium Dardanup beef to amazing burgers.

## THINGS TO DO IN BUNBURY

Koombana Bay is home to a large population of bottlenose dolphins and serves as a resting area and breeding ground. A group of around 100 to 150 dolphins is regularly seen in the bay and surrounding waters. Join the team at the **Dolphin Discovery Centre** for an intimate swim with wild dolphins in their natural environment. If you're not keen on getting wet, take a 1.5 hour Dolphin Eco Cruise within Koombana Bay or pay a visit to their new \$12M interpretative centre.

A new majestic sculpture watches over Koombana Bay in Bunbury Geographe. Discover the **Wardandi Boodja**; a five-and-half-metre steel bust sculpture representing a Noongar face created by local artists Alex and Nicole Mickle of Safehaven Studios alongside design engineer Mike Kimble. More than a year in the making, the bust commissioned by the City of Bunbury was officially unveiled in February 2019.

Stock up on fresh produce at **Bunbury Farmers Markets**. This place is legendary; so much so, many Perth 'golden-triangle' residents travel the two-hour drive to shop at the Bunbury Farmers Markets. The produce here - much of it sourced from surrounding farms - is mostly organic and explodes with flavour. Grab gourmet pies, the most amazing local and French cheeses, hand-pressed juices to go, and oh so much more.

We, the Management committee, hope you find something of interest in the above suggestions and thoroughly enjoy the Christmas Rally. If something piques your interest, have a chat with other members and you may be able to car pool and travel together. For those who don't wish to go too far or just want a relaxing break before the 'silly season' really kicks in, go for it! There is always someone around the park who is up for a board game, cards or a chat. As a club we pride ourselves on not being too regimented but really enjoy it when everyone participates in group activities like Finska (no experience necessary!) and Left, Right, Centre. We are here to see that everyone has a great time so if anyone has any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to approach us over the rally weekend.

Kind regards,  
The Management Committee (please see contact numbers in the Gossip)

*(Due to Covid it is strongly recommended to ring and book ahead if you are intending to visit or eat at any of the above venues as numbers may be limited and opening hours varied)*