



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the First Edition of 2020!

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- It was with great sadness that we learnt of **Jack's** passing on 24th January, following an ongoing significant illness. Our thoughts are with Angie and their family at this difficult time.
- Following the next **Committee Meeting** (Saturday 15th February), a **Special Edition Newsletter** will be issued devoted to our forthcoming **Annual General Meeting**. The Committee strongly urge members to attend this important meeting and to think about nominating for a role.

Recruiting new and diverse-skilled members provides a great opportunity to strengthen our Club's Committee, increasing its overall effectiveness when making decisions in the best interests of the Club.
- RALLIES:** Volunteer(s) please to organise activities for the **Donnybrook rally 6th/ March**. Contact Len or a member of the Committee if you would like to help out.
- 2020 STATE RALLY** date has been confirmed as 23rd to 26th October. The Rally will be held in Bunbury, WA. Further details to follow.

- REMINDER PLEASE:** to let us know of any changes in your contact details, especially next-of-kin or van/towing vehicle. It is important to keep this information up to date.
- DIARY DATE:** 18th to 22nd March, **Perth Caravan & Camping Show**, Claremont showground.



JANUARY:

Clive, Helen, Kevin

FEBRUARY:

Maurice, Mike R,

Phil, David

MARCH:

Ray, Marlene



BRUNSWICK XMAS RALLY 6th-9th DECEMBER 2019

Attendees: Dave & Kate; Clive & Margaret; Maurice & Caroline; Jeff & Wendy; Len & Marilyn; Don & Helen; Graham & Sandy; Michael & Christine; Alex & Brenda; Alan & Pauline; Jim & Lyn; Stan & Jenny; (12 vans); John & Trudy; Ric & Lorna (Lunch only)



Natural Swimming Pool

Friday 6th:and the vans rolled in to join those already in the park. What a wonderful location with a natural pool and plenty of lush green lawns sloping down to the riverbank. Nobody seem to mind the trains going back and forth over the bridge behind us every 10mins or so.



Happy Hour on the River Bank



Drinks before the BBQ

5pm Happy Hour: Our 15th WCJC Christmas Rally was officially opened by Len. After sorting out club business, and some very pleasant chat-time, we drifted over to the BBQ area under the trees with our chairs, plates and salads, where David and Maurice were busy cooking, and Kate was sorting equipment and organizing food.



Margaret, Kate & Helen

More chat whilst we waited for dinnertime! Some of us waved to the train-drivers as they passed within meters of us.....and yes, they did wave back reminding some of us of our childhood!



Maurice & Dave in the 'Kitchen'

Dinnertime was a delightful experience, culminating in a Lemon dessert and a French Cheesecake suddenly appearing and just as suddenly disappearing...



Lots of yummy homemade treats!

After dinner and more discussions it was beginning to feel a little damp and so we all headed for our beds.



Dinner is ready! Note the railway line in the background...

One couple, who will remain nameless, had booked a chalet only to be given the key to 'The Love Shack' (for honeymooners), which was decorated throughout in red, black and white, complete with heart motivesand a spa bath on the front verandah overlooking the beautiful river scenery. Did they use the spa??? We're not telling!



The 'Love Shack'

Saturday 7th: We awoke to the gentle sound of birds, trains and rushing water at the weir. Free time after breakfast was spent chatting with some walking into town for the newspaper, or to do a 'recci' around the caravan park. Meanwhile, Dave and Kate had disappeared to meet with the caterers.



Margaret walking into town



Main Str: Mosaic soldier & horse



MOO Time...

By 11:30am we had all gathered in the caravan park to travel in convoy to **The Binningup Fisherman's Club**, led by Graham and Sandy. All had arrived by noon with Ric and Lorna already there waiting for us...and we had another lovely surprise....John and Trudy were there too!

Once inside we had time to spare, whilst the caterers finished the meal preparation, to take a group photo.



Lunch was buffet style and **DELICIOUS!** There was a great variety of fish, meats, vegetables, salads and desserts. There was more than sufficient for seconds and thirds! Kate and David had done a fantastic job of decorating the tables and we must congratulate Kate on her surprise Xmas Treat Boxes she handed out....all were home-made by Kate!!

During lunch, Dave brought out the **RFDS** tin and gave it a shake before Maurice circled the tables collecting donations. Thank you to everyone who contributed, a total of \$153 was collected.

Following lunch, and with a captive audience, Len presented the traditional President's Speech before we made our way back to cars, on the way wishing Ric, Lorna, John and Trudy a Merry Christmas.

5:00pm Happy Hour began under an awning but was switched to the grass area where we had eaten dinner the night before. The group was rather quiet...still recovering from lunch?? Graham H. talked to the group about the recent **National Rally**, the next **State Rally** and a **Free Camps book**. Wendy displayed some Body Shop products

(some of the Ladies and a couple of our male members did a bit of early Christmas Shopping). When a cool breeze started to blow and jumpers and jackets started to appear, we headed back to our vans for a light snack.

Sunday 8th: By 9:30am we had gathered together once again under the trees at the back of the park for morning tea with a difference! It was a BYO tea or coffee with eats provided. Kate set out scrumptious goodies for us to enjoy, using her favorite family recipes for slices and Christmas cake. Yum, we were certainly being spoilt!

After morning tea, four couples packed up and headed for home whilst it was free time for the remaining members. Some went into Bunbury and watched the Christmas Pageant, Busselton to visit relatives, whilst others took a walk downtown. All were back in camp by mid-afternoon for a rest/read/nap/chat.



5:00pm and it was our last **Happy Hour** of 2019 as Graham H officially closed the rally. Settling down with our glass of wine/bottle of beer, it was time to review our weekend activities.

**General consensus was:
What a Great Weekend! Fabulous Company!**

**The Caravan Park?
Old, but with beautiful surroundings!**

Trains? What Trains? Not a problem!

A BIG THANK-YOU was extended by all to David and Kate for organizing the weekend. A lot of planning had gone into making it a memorable Christmas Rally! WELL DONE to you both!

Monday 9th: Another look around the caravan park for another photo or two.....a leisurely pack-up with farewells to friends before hitting the road.

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