



Towing Tales

Newsletter of the.
Concord Caravan Club of WA.

MARANUP FORD CARAVAN PARK

Labour Day weekend

Friday February 26th to Monday 1st March

We arrived about 1.30pm after a 4-hour trip with road works and Tom Tom's wrong directions taking us down a dirt road for a few k's, arriving with a very dirty car & van. Everyone else had already arrived and were set up, except the Du Plessis' who arrived after Daniel & Erin's school finished, minus Derek who was playing bowls. Paula parked the van with a little help from Terry. Tezz to the rescue as always. Steve was also missing in action as he was home having a cortisone injection (or, at the RSL trying to chase the ace).

The park was very shady with many trees which unfortunately attracted the March Flies, so we spent the weekend with flyswats in hand to whack them, or the person next to you if they were unlucky enough to have one land on them.

We were missing Norma and Arthur as the Jeep had a minor problem coming home from the last rally and was in for repairs, a txt from Art confirmed it would be ready Tuesday, but being a Jeep, who knows?? We set up the gazebo's and V/President Terry took control and opened the rally at Happy Hour on Friday night, welcoming everyone especially new commers Donna Ferrari (recently arrived from Queensland) and her friend Sue as well as visitor Jim Collins a friend of Albert & Marie's who is travelling around the country.

Terry set out what had been suggested for entertainment over the weekend and it was suggested by Stuart & Karen that we have dinner at the Shamrock hotel in Greenbushes on the Saturday night. Unfortunately, this ended up being Sunday night as the hotel was booked out Saturday.

Stuart and Karen took off with Donna and Sue for the Friday night markets in Balingup, unfortunately they were not on for some reason, so they had a quick return.

Saturday morning was sunny after clouds over night and we set up morning tea which included the van raffle which was won by Jim & Beryl. The raffle raised \$35. We also celebrated Erin's birthday with a cake and presents from Nan & Pop who hadn't been able to see her on the day due to COVID-19.

The rest of the day was free time, and some went to Greenbushes to check out the town, the freshwater pool or the mine lookout, others relaxed at the park. Terry later set up the skittles and we filled in a few hours challenging each other. Derek and Steve had returned by then and joined in.

Donna & Sue got the kayaks out and went for a paddle on the river which was a bit "mucky" so soon returned to their van.

After happy hour we all returned to our vans to organise our meals and then back to the gazebo's for a short quiz run by Terry and then a game of card bingo also run by Terry who had arranged some prizes. Whilst we all like Minties there were some complaints about how fresh they were, although it was noted that they all got eaten.

Sunday saw a few head off to visit Bridgetown or Nannup markets and Barrabup pool to see what was on offer, returning throughout the day to

relax or chat with anyone who would listen. Others sat playing Woody Block trying to beat Wally's score and some did their diamond art. I think we now have two addictive things to do at rallies.

After a very short happy hour we pulled the gazebo's down headed off for showers and a change of clothes and then carpooled into Greenbushes and the Shamrock hotel for a great country pub atmosphere and excellent meal. As usual the meals were quite large, and this enabled Albert to take back three "doggy" bags. On returning some of us had a quiet night cap before heading off to bed.

Sunday saw half of us packing up to head home, with a few staying an extra day to avoid the traffic home. We said our goodbyes as each van was packed and left leaving many happy caravanners smiling as we all left. I think we would all agree it was a great weekend.

Your Secret Editor

For those on the sick list we wish you a speedy improvement & hope to see you caravanning soon.

The Membership Officer, Arthur Pincham, needs to know of any changes to your information. Thankyou. npi14709@bigpond.net.au

Safety First Remember that you need to carry 2 fire blankets in your caravan, 1 in the front inside near the Entry Door and 1 in the back plus 1 extinguisher near the front door. This is for your own safety.

BOOKINGS FOR YOUR DIARY 2020:

You must contact the Secretary to confirm your bookings.

All information is on your Rally Calendars.

If you are not arriving on the due date, PLEASE let the caravan park know so they can rebook that site for the night or if you require extra days.

PLEASE NOTE CUT OFF DATES FOR RALLIES, don't be disappointed.

All bookings MUST BE submitted by email to the Secretary, Robert Thomas.

Bookings are accepted by the Secretary unless he advises you otherwise.

REMEMBER To keep your van, car & valuables locked. They cost too much to replace.

So Happy Caravanning & see you at the next Rally.

Stay Safe!

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