

*Jayco Owner's
Club of WA (Inc)*

Travellers' Talk

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President's Fireside Chat

After a rather hectic couple of months Wendy and I are finally in the new place at Busselton. As with any new place there are always a few more things to be done and we are no exception. And having Wendy break her ankle in the midst of it all didn't help. Thanks to all those who have been asking about her progress. She is now at the "moon boot" stage and on crutches. Maybe for the Xmas rally she will be dancing again!??

We managed to fit in the Augusta rally for a couple of days - such a great spot there on the banks of the Blackwood. In a chance meeting and conversation with a Shire councillor, he assured us that the Shire had no plans to sell out Turners to the developers. The Bridgetown trip unfortunately coincided with our shifting day. As I was born in Bridgetown I had been looking forward to doing that one. My family left in 1962. Don't know if I would swim in the river these days, but it was then the regular thing to do.

This newsletter contains quite a few details about important changes that have been made in our program for this club year, as well as the details for the Christmas rally. Many thanks to Goff, Judy and others for sorting this as I have been too busy with other things of late. The changes to the AGM have been made at the request of members who felt it was fitting that the tenth anniversary was celebrated on the actual date when it was due, and with caravans as well. Final details of that event will be forthcoming when they are fine tuned closer to the event. The main thing is that we all have the changes of date set in our diaries.

Of course the main reason for the February AGM is to elect a committee to oversee the running of the club for the following year. At this stage several current committee members have indicated they will be standing down at the end of their term. Please consider putting your hand up to take on one of the available jobs. Feel free to give Geoff or me a call to talk about what a position entails - or maybe we can fill you in on some details at the Christmas rally. Indications are that this rally will be terrific, with arrangements all set. The venue at Kookaburra means that we will have the park to ourselves. With the large roll up expected that may be just as well. We may also see the Jayco Navy out in force -let's hope the crabs are running that week as there have been slim pickings for the fishermen at recent venues. Hope to see you at Busselton.

PS. A new house means a new phone number.

Our new contact is 97515070.

My e-mail is now birchpv@bigpond.com

Secretary's Pen

Hello everybody. How the two months between newsletters just flies! They say that time flies when you are having fun - we must be having sooo much fun because I am sure that I was only sitting down writing this column a few weeks ago.

There has been a bit happening around the club since the last effort.

First thing to mention is that our membership is still steady on 30 vans with our latest members, the Whytes and Frasers joining in at rallies over the last few months. Welcome to those folks and we hope they continue to enjoy the club and all that it offers.

There are other interested parties looking at joining, but nothing definite yet. So if any members have friends or acquaintances who may be interested, ask them along to a rally and they can see for themselves what a great bunch of people we are. Remember though that the visitors need to make their own bookings.

The Clubs annual Christmas Rally is being held at Kookaburra Caravan Park, Busselton over the weekend of November 19-20. Details of the arrangements put in place for this special weekend are included later in this edition of the Newsletter.

Next item is the proposed combining of the AGM and 10th birthday celebrations. As mentioned by Pres. Peter, a suggestion has been made that in view of the club celebrating its 10th birthday in 2011, that we consider moving the Birthday Rally back to February so as to be closer to the date of the first official rally of the new club in 2001. There were no plans for a rally in February, 2011, although there are rallies planned for the Australia Day weekend at Porongorups and the Labour Day weekend in early March at Taunton Farm.

The inaugural club rally was held at Mandurah (at the former Peninsular Caravan Park) on February 9-11, 2001. February 11 was assigned as the official birth date, for some reason unknown to me!

Members will recall that initially we celebrated our birthday on the March long weekend rally each year, however, that was changed several years ago to the June long weekend to provide a bit of time between the Christmas and Birthday celebrations. While this has been satisfactory for the last couple of years, some feel that it would be more appropriate to celebrate the 10th anniversary of our founding closer to the actual date.

The Annual General Meeting was scheduled for Sunday February 13, and as this is very close to the anniversary date it was suggested that the AGM and Birthday celebrations be combined. The Committee considered the matter and has decided, that for next year (2011) the following arrangements will apply:

the Annual General Meeting be held on Saturday 12 February, 2011 commencing at 2.00pm at the Residents Hall, Woodmans Point Caravan Park;

- the 10th Birthday Rally be held at Woodmans Point over the weekend 11-12 February;
- a special Celebration Dinner will be arranged at a venue in the area (to be decided) for the Saturday evening;

Members need to register for the Birthday Rally at Busselton so Dave has an idea of those wishing to attend. If you are not able to attend Busselton and wish to go to the Woodmans Point Rally, please give Dave a call or an email.

While on the subject of the AGM, members are reminded that this is their opportunity to have a say in the running of the club. As mentioned, several positions will become vacant and all positions are open for members to nominate. Under our Constitution, nominations for President need to be with me by mid January, 2011. All other positions will be open on the day. If there are things you would like to change in the club it is far easier from the inside than from outside, so have a think about it! Some new members on the Committee will be both necessary and welcome. If you are interested and want to know more about what is involved, discuss it with a committee person.

As is usual, with the next Newsletter there will be a set of notes outlining the AGM process. Any proposed changes to the Constitution need to be with me by early January so that they may be circulated to members three weeks before the AGM.

General club matters can be discussed at the General Meeting which follows the AGM. This is your opportunity to contribute to discussions on matters of interest to the club and raise any matters of concern.

We have been enjoying the last couple of rallies at Bridgetown and Augusta and although all the rallies have been small so far this year, they have all been lots of fun.

Members are reminded of the Club requirement for all members to attend a minimum of five rallies in the year from July to June. If unable to meet these requirements a letter seeking exemption needs to be submitted to the Committee.

Lorraine and I look forward to catching up with you all at the Christmas Rally in Busselton in November.

Happy caravanning and take care.

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Treasurer's Account

Hi to you all.

This is another of those easy reports from me. The financial position of the Club continues to be on a sound footing. This is reflected in the fact that we are able once again to subsidise the Christmas event this year for the benefit of all Club members.

Looking forward to catching up with you all.

Regards Lynne

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Rally Coordinator's Report

Hi All

The standing for the near future rallies is as below; please check that they correspond with what you want. I have not been able to get the little blue book to the last few rallies and I am sure that is the reason for so few names after Christmas, but please feel free to call or e-mail with your requests. If you are not attending for the exact dates shown please let me know the dates you require so that I can forward the correct information to the parks. Wishing you all well and looking forward to catching up with you at the Christmas rally.

Kind regards

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KOOKABURRA CARAVAN PARK BUSSELTON

NOVEMBER 19TH & 20TH

BRIAN & MAXINE, FERNIE: DAVID & HENNIE, PIRES: NICK & LOIS, PICCIRILLI: WAYNE & JILL, STEVENS: GEOFF & LORRAINE, WILTSHIRE: GEOFF & JUDY, KEMP: MURRAY & MARGARET, CHARNLEY: BRIAN & FLORENCE, LOUGHTON: PETER & WENDY, BIRCH: DENIS & KAREN, QUILL: DON & KAY, FERGUSON: DES & TRISH, CREED: BARRY & RENE, WOOD: GRAHAM, BURVILL & ELSIE, EVANS: ROD & JANINA, HINTON & JDOWNER: RICHARD & LYNNE, NORRISH: BOB & PHYLLIS, HARLEY: WAYNE & CHRIS, BROUWER: RON & KERRY SUTTON: STEPHEN & LEILA, FERGUSON: JOHN & MERYL, ANDERSON: KEITH & JANET, DARBYSHIRE: WALLY & DAWN FRASER: RICHARD & ANN, HEWITT: TREVOR & IRENE COOK: KEVIN & OLIVE, WHYTE: DAVE & SUE BIRD:

ONPORGORUPS CARAVAN PARK

JANUARY 21ST to 25TH

Nil signed yet

WOODMAN POINT CARAVAN PARK (A.G.M. & BIRTHDAY RALLY) FEBRUARY 11TH & 12TH

Nil signed yet

TAUNTON FARM CARAVAN PARK

MARCH 4TH to 5TH

RICHARD & LYNNE NORRISH (Fri & Sat): GRAHAM & ELSIE, BURVILL/ EVANS
KEMPS KAMP OUT

RICHARD & LYNNE NORRISH: GRAHAM & ELSIE BURVILL/ EVANS

CLUB CAPRICORN CARAVAN PARK (YANCHEP)

RICHARD & LYNNE NORRISH: GRAHAM & ELSIE BURVILL/ EVANS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010 - 2011

As at AUGUST 2010

NOVEMBER 19 th _ 20 th	KOOKABURRA CARAVAN PARK BUSSELTON	CHRISTMAS PARTY
JANUARY 21 ST -25 ^{1H}	PORONGORUPS CARAVAN PARK	AUSTRALIA DAY
FEBRUARY 11th -12th	WOODMAN POINT CARAVAN PARK	BIRTHDAY & A.G.M.
MARCH 4TH_ 6 ^{1H}	TAUNTON FARM CARAVAN PARK	LABOUR DAY
APRIL 22ND _25 TH	KEMPS KAMPOUT	EASTER AND ANZAC
MAY 13 TH -14TH	CLUB CAPRICORN CARAVAN PARK YANCHEP	ORDINARY WEEKEND

CHRISTMAS RALLY, KOOKABURRA CARAVAN PARK, BUSSELTON, NOVEMBER 19-20, 2010

The Club Christmas Rally will be held at the Kookaburra Caravan Park (3), Busselton over the weekend 19 and 20 November.

This year we are doing something a bit different, thanks to Judy, and it involves a little bit of travel.

Members are advised of the following arrangements. The times are flexible, except for the Coach arrival and departures.

Saturday 20 November

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| 9.30am | Early morning tea in covered area (<i>try sticking to tea or coffee and not too much to eat</i>) |
| 10.15am | Coach (57 seater) arrives for trip to Woody Nook Winery in the Cowaramup/Margaret River area |
| 10.30am | Coach departs Kookaburra |
| 11.00am | Arrive Woody Nook Winery |
| 11.05am | Commence short tour of winery |
| 11.30am | Wine tastings (<i>make sure you share a 'Nooky Delight' with your partner</i>). <i>Yum yum!</i> |
| 12.00am | Luncheon in the alfresco dining area at Woody Nook |
| | Lunch will be a 'Christmas Feast' and will be subsidised by the Club. Members will need to pay only \$10pp for their meal plus drinks. The Club will also meet the cost of the coach. |
| 3.15pm (approx) | Coach departs Woody Nook for Kookaburra. |
| 4.00pm | Arrive Kookaburra |
| 5.00pm(approx) | Assemble in covered area (suitably revived, of course) with drinks, nibbles and a wrapped gift (<i>see below</i>) for a Christmas Happy Hour(or <i>two</i> or <i>more</i>). |
| | (<i>It is suggested that hot and cold finger foods be offered and don't worry about dinner</i>). |
| 6.00pm(approx) | Gift 'exchanges' commence. |
| Whenever | After Port, liqueurs and coffees head back to the van (<i>if you can still walk and find your own van</i>). |

PLEASE NOTE

GIFTS To participate in the Gift exchange, each **van** needs to bring **one gift to the value of \$30**, suitably wrapped in second hand Xmas wrapping paper and not identifiable to any individual van. Participation is encouraged but not essential. Gifts should be brought to the Happy Hour and will be swapped for a ticket. No gift, no ticket. The rules of engagement will be explained on the evening.

COSTS The Christmas Luncheon will cost members \$10pp including the trip down and back.

Members will be responsible for drinks on the day.

GUESTS Members are reminded that it is club policy not to include guests at the Christmas Rally.

The Bridgetown Rally

25th _27th August 2010

I suspect that if the rally co-ordinator had said that the August rally would be held at a town formally known as 'Geegelup' we would have been scratching our heads as to where it was. This was however the original name of the town which we now call Bridgetown when it was gazetted in 1862. The name was changed in 1898 after many debates to reflect the town's location on the Blackwood River. There was also a link to the ship 'SS Bridgetown' which had put into Bunbury to load the first consignment of wool from Bridgetown. For those travelling from Perth the new highway really cuts the time down and that is the route we chose arriving early afternoon. Richard Lynne David Hennie Elsie Graham Meryl John Lorraine and Geoff were already set up from memory in our area of the park. Happy hour was started promptly at 5.00pm anticipating that the mozzies might be hungry (as it turned out they were not so much of a problem). It fell on Geoff to open the rally as Peter and Wendy were moving. Wendy not doing much moving by all accounts due to a broken ankle. We had 18 members in the circle and past raffle prizes going back to the Fathers Day raffle were handed out to Richard and Ann 1st and Meryl and John 2nd. Much discussion as to what we would do on the weekend but nothing concrete, we would decide on Saturday after a bit of thought overnight. We broke up by 6.30 as it was cooling down after what had been a nice sunny warm day with a bit of cloud. Saturday dawned with some people organising their day around what was to be number one of two grand finals for 2010 as it turned out. We had a few

problems with some vans losing power which was restored promptly. This rally could have been called the 'High Pressure Rally' as many vans experienced hoses popping off and pressure relief valves venting.

Morning tea included Olive and Kevin who were attending their 4th rally, the time has passed very quickly and they are well settled into the group.

It was decided to go out for dinner, the venue being the 'Nelson' with the organising being undertaken by Elsie. We also decided that on Sunday we would leave at 8:30am for Gnomesville with the new miniature caravan made by Keith. This was to replace the original also made by Keith which had deteriorated over time.

There was very little movement in the afternoon while the game was on, with loud cheering from time to time depending on which team scored (or missed). When the siren went people emerged from their groups a little subdued reflecting the scene at the MCG. Activities resumed with some members walking by the river taking advantage of the lovely sunny warm day. Graham and Elsie took an extended walk arriving back feeling the effect of their aerobic workout.

It was decided to meet at the 'Nelson' and combine happy hour with dinner. We met there at 6:00pm taking up two long tables and having a very pleasant evening. Meals arrived promptly with Meryl's being the last to arrive.

Considering the number of diners apart from us the service was good and they coped well.

Sunday and it was a cool start to the day after yesterday afternoon, with a few definitely feeling the cold. The convoy left the park at 8:35am. bound for Gnomesville. Graham was in the lead

and had to put up with a lot of banter over the CB questioning whether we were on the right road and why was it taking so long etc. Peter Birch must have had his ears burning as it was reported he had said it was only 30kms from Bridgetown. That turned out to be about 80kms. Now I can well understand that when you are dealing with things astronomical and light years just roll off the tongue, this margin of error was well within acceptable tolerances.

Bob removed the old van and installed the new one. He then gave a short speech acknowledging the effort that had been put in by Keith to produce such a magnificent model for the benefit of the Club. Thankyou from all of us Keith! !

It was then time to head back to Bridgetown via Donnybrook where it had been decided we would stop off and find a place to have morning tea. This was done and we found 'Tiffany's' where we indulged in coffee and various cakes etc. that the health police would have frowned upon. Personally our serving of Black Forrest cheese cake was divine and will hopefully be repeated. Upon returning to Bridgetown, Lynne Hennie, Elsie and Ann took a walk to the Bridgetown Fair held in the grounds of Ford House. Others took it easy chatting and relaxing after the morning's early start and activity.

After happy hour and dinner it was suggested that a game of chase the ace could be held in a room available on the park which gave protection from the cold and a number decided to do this. Shouts and laughter could be heard from time to time emanating from the game as people had good or bad luck. I believe the last two left standing or sitting to be correct were Elsie and Graham, with Graham taking home the pot.

Monday after morning tea with goodbyes said it was time to head for home, unless you were lucky enough to stay over for another day and take your time.

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While recently at Onslow Phil helped Bob put the boat into the water. She later asked Geoff "aren't you going fishing today Geoff"? Geoff said he was waiting for Bob. Phil said "Bob went out an hour ago".

Phil was of the opinion that both had hard of hearing problems, which resulted in neither of them understanding what the arrangement had been the night before.

Another snippet from Onslow. Bob was out in his boat 2kms off shore on quiet tranquil waters when a boat drew near and a bloke called out "have you seen my wife"? Bob understandably bemused by this question answered in the negative. The bloke said "I left her on the beach and can't find her". However being a good judge of character he could immediately see that Bob had a very shady look about him and could not be taken at his word. So he came right alongside and had a very good look in the bottom of the boat to make sure his misses was not up to any hanky panky. Be warned I reckon that there must be something in the air or water at Onslow which sends people troppo.

AUGUSTA - 17 - 24 October 2010

Some people just couldn't wait to get there. The rally started on Saturday, but Bob and Phil Harley arrived on Monday; Ron and Kerry Sutton, Nick and Lois Piccirilli and Geoff and Lorraine Wiltshire arrived Thursday; John and Merrill Anderson and Graham Burvill and Elsie Evans arrived Friday. Ever the loyal club members, Wiltshires and Suttons checked out the Xmas Shop, Berry Farm and Simmos before the Rally started so they could report to the club all was well.

Phil conducted a sewing workshop for Kerry, Lorraine and Lois. Phil said they did very well in amongst the talking. Ever tolerant Bob helped with the cleanup of cottons etc. !!

On Friday evening Suttons, Wiltshires and Burvill/Evans sampled the fish and chips at Colourpatch - for the benefit of the club of course. It was decided a second visit would be worthwhile.

SATURDAY morning arrived and Morning Tea began in the sunshine on the foreshore . Wendy and Peter Birch arrived and Peter opened the Rally. Wendy was in a wheelchair but was hoping the cast would be removed from her leg on the Wednesday. Phil was selling raffle tickets for our wonderful Xmas Raffle. This raffle consists of 5 great prizes. (Don't forget to get more tickets at Busselton.)

During the day Wayne and Jill Stevens and Murray and Margaret Charnley arrived. Unfortunately for Murray he forgot he had a boat on top of his vehicle and touched a branch (luckily soft) when backing into his bay. After help (advice ?) from "concerned" club members all was well.

Merril was able to tell the group Reg had been given the all clear after a cat scan, and was still holidaying in Quobba. In the evening we all went to the Hotel for Dinner. Some even walked there and back and felt very noble.

SUNDAY - After the report from the scouting party, we all went to the Berry Farm for morning tea. Scones, jam and cream are still very popular.

In the evening we ate together in the Camp Kitchen and later played Chase the Ace. (We were not sure what Nick and Kerry were playing but Nick spent considerable time under the table). After a lot of laughs, Nick went home rich.

MONDAY - We all enjoyed a BBQ breakfast before John and Merrill departed. Wally and Dawn Fraser arrived in the afternoon.

Phil took Bob to the Doctor to have his hand checked. He managed to jam his already sore hand (acquired in Onslow) in the car door on Saturday evening. Fortunately nothing was broken, but the Doctor advised Bob he needed TLC from as many women as possible. In Bob's eyes, this Doctor is now a friend for life.

It had been decided Colourpatch was to be visited again. Great disappointment was felt by the women when it was found to be closed. Back to cooking tea again.

TUESDAY morning saw everyone going to the Deckchair Coffee Shop for morning tea. While the men were talking the women slipped away quietly to visit the Op Shop and Craft Stores. With Augusta townsite within walking distance from the Caravan Park, some exercise has been had. Not just eating on this rally!
Everyone met again for dinner in the Camp Kitchen.

WEDNESDAY morning we awoke to rain. Geoff and Lorraine, and Bob and Phil departed for home. The weather did not stop people enjoying themselves during the day.

THURSDAY saw Peter and Wendy arrive. The cast had gone from Wendy's leg only to be replaced by a very large brace. The wheelchair was still the mode of transport but Wendy assures us she is improving slowly. We finally managed to order Fish and Chips from Colourpatch and all ate together in the Camp Kitchen. In the evening a group played Chicken Foot - it certainly is an entertaining game.

FRIDAY we said goodbye to Wally and Dawn.

Jill made some beautiful hot scones for morning tea - accompanied by jam and cream. No diets that morning.

A large group of cyclists stayed for 2 nights at the park, and during the day were having massages in the camp kitchen. Elsie managed to arrange for a neck massage.

More shopping at the Xmas Shop.

We all ate together in the evening and then a group played Chicken Foot again.

SATURDAY saw Wayne and Jill and Peter and Wendy set off on the long drive home - back to Busselton.

Ron, Murray and Nick went fishing - we did not actually see any proof of this - but they said they enjoyed themselves. While they were away, we were treated to hot date scones courtesy of Lois, for morning tea. (We could very easily get used to these morning teas Jill and Lois.)

In the evening Nancy and Gerry Hunt joined us for a BBQ. It was great to see them.

SUNDAY was the day the four remaining couples packed up. Ron and Kerry departed for Bridgetown, but Graham and Elsie, Nick and Lois, and Murray and Margaret all headed home.

Once again this was a great Rally with great friends, and we look forward to catching up at Busselton with all Club Members.

Many thanks to Elsie, Lois and Kerry for their collaborative compilation of the report.

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Ann and I spoke to Reg on Sunday 31st Oct. He was at Len and Jane's place at Mandurah. He said that they had got back from Quobba on the Saturday of the 2nd Grand Final. His balance is not too good, but is keeping up with his exercises and is still doing a half hour walk each morning while holding Jane's hand when they go for the paper. I think the fish must be hard to get everywhere as Len only put a line in twice while at Quobba with no luck. As we know they were given more fish than they could want with Len also getting some crabs and prawns direct from a prawn trawler contact in Carnarvon. Reg reckoned that the blue crabs up there are so big and meaty that you only need one for a meal. Reg accompanied by Jane and Len will be coming to join us at the Christmas rally but will be staying near by in a unit. It will be good to catch up with them all. Until then Reg look after yourself and all your mates at the club wish you well.