



Towing Tales

Concord Caravan Club of WA

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Seabird Tavern Caravan Park



Friday, the first day of Autumn dawned hot and sunny, a perfect day for the drive. A short trip for us, just over an hour. The park is situated on beautiful, lush, flat lawns, tucked a short walk downhill in the shadow of the Seabird Tavern with clean and tidy ensuite amenities. We were one of the last to arrive, but in plenty of time to join everyone for happy hour and a catch up.

Erica and Kath outlined a packed agenda for the weekend, including the activities planned which included a mini golf tournament, quiz and a mystery game involving birds. Each caravan was assigned a bird name, which were put forward as suggestions. After some animated debate we all settled on names for the weekend.

A fun new game, Balance Building Blocks, was commenced in the evening, with no clear standout winner. Those of us that knocked them down on the first round, managed to get them to keep standing up the next round, which resulted in lots of unsolicited mostly unhelpful suggestions and a lot of laughter.

Saturday morning had Rob officially open the trip and welcome us all. A special welcome to Les and Judy for joining us on their second trip. The raffle was drawn, Les & Judy 1st, Kath & Graham 2nd and Karen & Stuart 3rd.



Kath detailed the planned activities, revealing that our mystery game was to be a Scavenger Hunt, followed by a Emu Drawing contest and Quiz. We all ventured off to scrounge through our vans, before heading off into the township and down to the beach (we were tasked to find 3 items of rubbish, there with inventive finds) to source the items on our scavenger list. Once we returned each couple was tasked with either drawing a picture of cartoon Emu (a helpful guide was supplied) or answering the quiz on numbers (or in Jodie, Bob and Graham's case doing both). Once finished we all sat around and revealed our items from the scavenger hunt. Innovative solutions to tricky and difficult items on the list saw some hilarious reveals, especially to the "things that you would be embarrassed to buy together" which saw someone pair Laxatives with a Toilet Roll. Failing to find any "a strange shaped vege" I resorted to carving the word ODD out of watermelon.



The entertainment team put in a great effort to set up a Mini Golf course in the local park, where most of us joined in and took turns putting to the five challenging tees. While it was a reasonably warm day we all enjoyed watching the various skill of the other members from our deck chairs in the shade. A hotly contested competition, with a nail biting finish, saw Wally the ultimate winner. Les managed an excellent putt and achieved the only hole in one of the day.



Muggy and humid weather with storms forecast saw us pack up the gazebos and most of us pull in our awnings, having learned the hard way from the night before where unfortunately a couple of van owners sustained significant damage in the high winds (those of us with smaller vans were relieved to find ourselves on the same site the next morning after a blustery night).



We all adjourned to the Seabird Tavern for dinner that night where we all enjoyed the company of good friends, great food and a spectacular sunset. Wally was awarded his prize for winning the Mini Gold competition and those interested were able to capture some wonderful scenic photos.

Sunday saw us all join together for another delicious Morning Tea (Kath shared her delicious Jam Drop Recipe below). Kath and Erica read out the answers to the numbers quiz, with a few contentious answers being debated good heartedly and laughs by all. The girls had managed to find a Trainee School Teacher also staying at the park who graciously agreed to judge our Emu artwork, who awarded some interesting scores. The drawing comp unearthed that some members had hidden talents.

Both Rob & Di (team Magpie) and Bob (team Hawk) were awarded the most points in the numbers quiz. Graham (team Swan) was judged the winner of the Emu drawing comp and the overall winner with the combined scores of all three comps was team Emu, Ray and myself (good thing Ray is a bit of an artist, my numbers quiz score was not good). We won a lovely pair of bird cups.

Lunch saw most of us convoy to Guilderton for a swim and BBQ lunch. I was a bit of a squeeze due to the public holiday but eventually we all found parking and a bit of shade. Some were content to just enjoy the warm sunny day on the lawn while others chose to sit on the edge and dip their toes. A few of us enjoyed a lovely dip in the cool refreshing water (including Lyn who had not actually planned on a swim).



Back to camp for a rest, then 4pm happy hour and snacks. Another quiz on birds highlighted our lack of knowledge on modern music associated with birds and a few laughs. After dinner we caught up again for a couple of rowdy and enthusiastic LRC dice games which were won by Wally and Bob. Having unearthed her excellent artistic skills in the Emu drawing competition, Pat shared her portfolio of wonderful artwork.

Robert officially closed on Monday morning. Thanks were expressed to Erica and Kath for the excellent entertainment. Les generously entertained us by reciting one of his favourite poems (copy below). Having enjoyed another great weekend, those of us not staying on packed up and headed off.

I will not be going to the Narrogin rally as I will be in New Zealand, so would those of you going please assist me by sending me photos and a brief paragraph or just a line on your favourite event or aspect of the trip. Also the entertainment team have asked that each person attending the Narrogin Rally prepare a presentation, so that they can recite either a Poem, Ditty, Passage or something similar.

Best wishes for a Happy and Safe Easter to all 😊

Cheers Lisa (& Ray)



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If Once You Have Slept on an Island by Rachel Field

If once you have slept on an island
You'll never be quite the same;
You may look as you looked the day before
And go by the same old name,
You may bustle about in street and shop
You may sit at home and sew,
But you'll see blue water and wheeling gulls
Wherever your feet may go.
You may chat with the neighbors of this and that
And close to your fire keep,
But you'll hear ship whistle and lighthouse bell
And tides beat through your sleep.
Oh! you won't know why and you can't say how
Such a change upon you came,
But once you have slept on an island,
You'll never be quite the same.



Jam Drop Recipe

Simply combine 500g of butter and 1 cup of sugar until creamy (I use a wooden spoon). Add into butter mix 1, 395g tin of condensed milk and 5 cups of SR (Self Raising flour) and continue to mix until a smooth dough has formed. From here on you can do whatever you like with them.

Bake in a moderate oven until golden brown either soft or hard, depending on how you like them.

I suggest several additions to them eg: choc chips, raspberry jam, lemon curd or your favourite nuts.

This is an affordable, tasty recipe and makes approximately 100 biscuits for a minimal cost. They freeze well both cooked and as a raw dough. Enjoy!



April to May Birthdays

March – Belated missed wishes to Isabelle 18th

April – Robert & Rick E 8th, Rick W 27th,

May – Derek 10th, Robert W 26th

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

Next Rallies

- Narrogin Caravan Park - 28th March to 1st April
- Wandering - 3rd May to 5th May – no longer confirmed, wait for further information before paying your deposit
- Roving Rally – 31st May to 3rd June – itinerary yet to be confirmed

(see Robert for more information)

Membership Officer is Arthur Pincham, please check your details & if any changes please let Arthur know 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 & 1 in the back, plus 1 extinguisher near the front door. This is for your own safety.

Bookings for your Dairy 2024

All information is on your Rally Calendars

You must contact the Secretary to confirm your booking.

Please note cut off dates for Rallies

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

Remember To keep your van & valuables locked. They cost too much to replace. So until the next Rally stay safe.

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