

## Willow Wren Caravan Club Newsletter 15-17 September Carnamah Rally



The Carnamah caravan park is neat and tidy with spacious sites and good amenities. Carnamah is a small town but punches above its weight in the museum stakes - more on that later.

We had 7 vans attending the rally, Jim and Lynne, Colin and Christine, Rod and Helen, Blair and Kathy, Gary and Sandy and guests Jenny and Mark making their third appearance with Trevor and Jane joining us for the first time.



Jim and Lynne were hosting the weekend and we were off to a good start with a game of bocce followed by a shared Italian meal that included pasta dishes such as lasagne, penne pesto, an arribiata and tortilini in brodo. A refreshing salad lowered the carb ratio and gave the spread a momentary look of health food until the deserts appeared which included apple crumble with ice cream , cheesecake with a delicious lemon topping and a tiramisù. No one walked away hungry!

Gary and Sandy had just returned from Bali where they had celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary which drew many congratulations from the members.

On Saturday morning we walked into town (about 500 meters) to the coffee shop which did a good job of knocking out 14 hot drinks and a few breakfasts.

It was then into the car (or a brisk walk) to the Macpherson homestead to meet Carnamahs living legend, George, to show us around. Sadly George, 95 years old, had forgotten but quickly rearranged his morning and said he'd be up in 20 mins.





This was just enough time for Mark come good on his promise to demonstrate his models that illustrate the effects of moving weight around the van and/or car on axle weight and the effects of weight on sway. It was a fascinating demonstration and very easy to understand as everyone could see the readings on the scale change or the sway get out of control as Mark moved his weights around the various points on the model car and caravan.

The homestead was worth the wait and George and his wife Pam were full of local knowledge and history, George also let slip that he had the keys to the museum in his pocket so we had an impromptu trip to the

museum.

What places Carnamah museum apart from many of the similar collections is the breadth of the collection, from an extensive machinery collection outdoors to all the facets of life covering the past 100 plus years inside. The collections are all behind glass keeping them in tip top conditions and almost every article was labelled, including the name of the original owner where possible.



Carnamah is well known for its wildflowers but this year has been very dry which resulted in a poor showing, some members ventured out on Saturday afternoon and found wreath flowers and foxgloves but no signs of any orchids.

We ate at the local hotel on Saturday night and although the menu was very limited, the company was great! We were thrilled to be able to welcome Mark and Jenny as fully fledged members of the club following the afternoons committee meeting (no suggestion that Jenny's exquisite cheesecake bribes influenced the decision).

Colin wrapped up the rally on Sunday morning thanking Mark for his presentation and Jim and Lynn for hosting and reminded us all of the future rallies.



## MEMBERS UPDATES

### From the Chair

- Reminder to all that the State Rally in Pingelly has now become the default Willowwren October rally since the cancellation of Greenhead (see email from Jim Stewart dated Tuesday 26th September). Members can still attend the State Rally. Currently Ron/Julie and Terry/Geraldine are attending. If anyone wishes to attend consult the ACCWA newsletters which have been circulated. The rally runs from 12-16 October.
- The December rally at Yallingup will hold the AGM and all positions will spill. New nomination applications are required for all positions. Application forms will be sent out with the Minutes to all members and will also be available on the website.

## Upcoming Birthdays

Happy Birthday and many happy returns to those celebrating birthdays in October

- ❖ Jim Stewart – 4<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Trevor Prebble – 9<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Christine Steer – 18<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Helen Dymond – 18<sup>th</sup>

## Congratulations

Special mention this month to Garry and Sandy who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.



## 2023 Upcoming Rallies/Gatherings.

**October** : 12-16 Pingelly State Rally. Contact ACCWA.  
NB the rally scheduled for Greenhead has been cancelled.

**November** : 17-19 Peppermint Grove Beach, 48 Peppermint Grove Rd.  
Book online or phone Grace on 0439 737 791.

**December** : 8-10 Yallingup Caves, 23 Yallingup Beach Road, Yallingup.  
Contact Park on 9755 2196.

All Rallies are advertised on the website with full details

