

Willow Wren Caravan Club Newsletter

9-11 June Rally



York "Travellers Rest Campground"

Friday June 9th

A good turnout with 16 members in all attending: 6 vans, 2 motorhomes and 1 car. We arrived in the afternoon along with most campers, with some arriving the day before. Cost of campground was \$70 for the two nights. Sites were quite level and wide and long, under large gum trees.

Drinks and nibbles at 4pm, after the official opening by Chairperson Ron. Nice spread of goodies. Ron showed us the new tear-drop purple Willow Wren Banner (we are ahead of other clubs, apparently).



The weather had been wet and cold, but luckily the rain held off for 4pm pot-luck nibbles, followed by dinner with two great hot soups (ham & pea soup and pumpkin soup) made by Julie and dessert by Geraldine ...yummee to both! We even enjoyed a campfire in the big barrel for quite a while before rain started again. Lots of wraps and "tuques"!



Saturday June 10th

The morning was a planned, extensive itinerary:

- 9am York Open Air Market; not many stall holders, some veggies, some artsy stuff.



- 9:30 Men's Shed: a very big facility and a big sale on for old stuff. Paul got an old-fashioned protractor/angle builder.

- 10am York Motor Museum: again, a big facility (four pavilions) and lots of beautiful and memorable cars: old Holdens, old Fords (gorgeous red Edsel!), very old antiques like a 1906 Cadillac Tourer, and a 1906 Holsman High Wheeler



- 11am The York Sock Factory: who bought socks and some nice merino underwear as well?

- 11:30am York Swing Cable Bridge across the Avon: single file crossing; site of our Willow Wren group photo, thanks to a kind passer-by.



- ~12 noon St Andrews Anglican Church; nice stained glass & organ (the original small church was the first inland church in WA!); some Op Shop sale items, who bought?

- ~12:30pm York Olive Factory: some olive oil purchases, but best was the rich ice cream. Olive growers were delivering their harvest while we were there.



- ~3pm Several of us took advantage of Mark Potts' "Aussie Weigh" mobile vehicle weighing service, which he provided at a discount price to Willow Wren vans and motorhomes. A couple of "illegals" were discovered!
- 4:30pm Social with afternoon drinks; lots of talk about the great year the Freo Dockers are having vs the poor year for the West Coast Eagles, then discussions on vans weights, tow weights, GVM vs GCM!!



- 6pm We all drove to York to have dinner at the Imperial Hotel; they did a commendable job serving 16 different meals (big portions, big price!) almost at the same time.



- ~9pm A break in the rain meant another campfire session, with beanies and wraps, and with a visit from the campground manager lady, who shared with us the complicated ownership history of the campground and surrounding lands. The stars were very bright for a few hours! After such a full day of exploration, I suspect we all slept very well on Saturday night, helped along by the occasional hot water bottle (Julie?).

Sunday June 11th

The day started well, partly sunny and a little breeze, with occasional rain showers. At about 9am, Ron held a wrap-up meeting, reminding people to book the December rally down south and the July rally

Ron advised us he is off on a grey-nomad 3-month tour, aiming for South Australia.

Most vans headed off mid-morning, bringing to a close a memorable exploratory visit to the historic town of York, WA's first inland town with a gorgeous Town Hall

Paul



MEMBERS UPDATES

From the Chair

- We had a great time at the York rally enjoying a fire, dinner at the pub and some sights to see.
- Reminders: enter your expenses on the website and press "save".
- Book for Yallingup Caves caravan park for December Xmas Rally.
- We say goodbye to Maria and Gary Brown, Maxine and Joe Antonio.
- Good luck at Wannamal rally.



Upcoming Birthdays

Happy Birthday and many happy returns to:

- ❖ Julie Davey – 19 July
- ❖ Lynne Stewart – 30 July



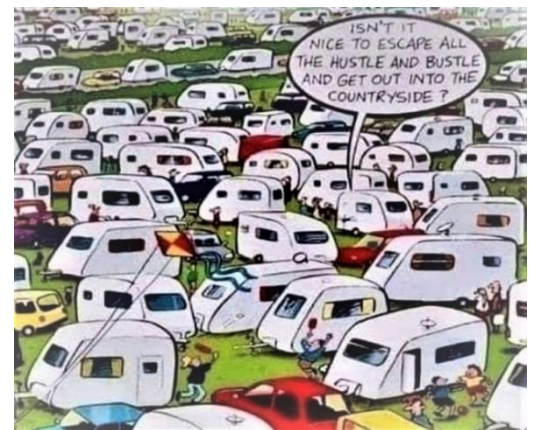
2023 Upcoming Rallies/Gatherings.

July : 21-23 Christmas in July at Wannamal Community Hall (Bindoon)
Off-grid camping on the oval for the weekend. Toilets available at the hall - no showers. Hall is equipped with kitchen and indoor games if weather is bad. Room for a huge fire and firewood is available close by.

August : 18-20 Estuary Hideaway Park, Bouvard. Bookings to be confirmed by phone to Shannon or Anna. Contact 0407 838 061.

September :15-17 Carnamah Caravan Park. Contact caretaker (Craig) for bookings on 0419 772 575

All Rallies are advertised on the website with full details.



Fun Facts on the Holy Trinity Church, York

- The Sanctuary and the three circular gable windows are all after the design of the artist Robert Juniper.
- The Altar Frontal was painted by Robert Juniper
- There is a Heraldic Carpet hanging on the North Wall of the Chancel where Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was received upon on her visit to York in 1954. This was purchased by the parishioners from the Shire Council

Humour for Today

A little boy tells his kindly teacher that he found a dead cat. "How did you know it was dead?" asked the teacher. "Because I pissed in it's ear and it didn't move" says the boy. "You did what!?" shrieks the teacher. "You know" explains the little boy, "I leant over and went Pssst and it didn't move!"

