

## ROCKS TAG A LONG APRIL 2022

Tuesday, most of us came together at Toodyay for lunch and a walk around town before the drive out to Minnivale . This is a great place to overnight as there is a toilet, cold shower, dump point and plenty of hard stand. All for a donation. Altogether 7 vans, a nice number. We soon had a fire going and happy hour, a very pleasant night under a full moon. Our newest members receiving



their badges

After a leisurely exit the next morning, it was only a short drive to Wyalkatchem for coffee and cake and a walk around town before moving on to Koorda and out to Newcarbeon rock. We have never been here before and I guess it is fair to say we were a little disappointed . Not the rocks fault but it is quite flat and unspectacular. Never the less, we enjoyed exploring the surrounding countryside and in the evening we had our community soup night. Some time ago it had been suggested that those who wished, could compose a ditty about Tony's tinny!!(the boat on the roof of the Ranger). There were some very well composed efforts and it caused a great deal of merriment. The soup and damper was a real treat and with a glass of wine and port, we all went off to

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bed feeling quite contented.

Thursday, it is only a short drive to our next destination, had a stop in Koorda for a compulsory coffee break and to Gabbin. This is another great wheatbelt stop over with shower and toilet, all for a donation and don't forget to around town to see the signposted sites, all very interesting. In the afternoon we played Klopp and I have to report the boys won 4 games to 1. The wind came up and it was cold so we had dinner in our vans and sat around under Tony and Tilly's awning for some games and drinks.

Dave was not well and his son and came to Gabbin to take him and Sue ended up in hospital for a short stay.

Friday we were up and off to for a couple of nights. We found a great and organised our fire place ready for Played ladder golf during the afternoon time was had by all. Some of us walked the rock to watch the sunset. Had a lovely casserole dinner from the camp ovens. Sat around the



daughter in law home. Dave

Billiburning rock spot to set up our camp ovens. and an enjoyable up to the top of

camp fire and spoke about the different daily word challenges Tony has been giving us. Keeps the brain active and challenging to use a particular meaning of each word. Well done Tony.



Saturday was a day of leisure and games and sitting around the camp fire. Alan set up Derek's telescope, but we weren't very successful in seeing very much in the night sky. Jaffles for dinner and the odd wine, choccies and port to finish off a busy night.

Sunday morning we were off and decided we would stop in Bencubbin for coffee...nothing open so went on to Trayning and nothing open here either. While we were waiting for Frank to get fuel a local chap asked if we would like

to see his train. It was a motorised pop up food and coffee truck, he had built to run on the railway line that is now closed. He wasn't allowed to use it on the line so it sits in his shed. We arrived in Cunderdin for a late lunch and set up. Some of us went off to see the Pipeline museum, which is well worth the visit, but allow a couple of hours to enjoy it all. In the evening we all went to the Etamoogah pub for a farewell dinner and a pleasant evening was had by all.



Monday morning was early pack up and head for home. A pleasant tag a long to places we have not ventured before and enjoyed the weather which was kind to us. Once again a thank you to the organisers and thanks to everyone who participated to make this a great rally.

Derek Nathan