



Family West
C&C
Club

RALLY NEWSLETTER

Roving Rally Wildflowers

1st to 9th September 2025

Dalwallinu: Carnamah: Mingenew: Moora.



Attendees: Len & Helen Butler, Jeanne Clark, Terry & Glenis Cahill, Brian Cotterell, Liz Gordon & Sean McTernan, Ben & Corrie Hille, Helen Hosken & Damian Fitzpatrick, John & Chris Nightingale, Anna Percival, Alan & Sandra Phillips, Rick & Mim Taylor, Dave & Joyce Trott, Bert & Elma Vreeken, Ron & Margaret Wilton.

Rally Report:

We all arrived safely in Dalwallinu, greeted by splendid weather. Regrettably, Margaret had sustained a laceration on her hand, requiring medical attention at the local hospital, where her wound was expertly stitched. It was suggested to Ron he give her a glove so she could still do the housework. At 4 PM, we convened for happy hour, where Elma opened the Rally and explained the program to us. She extended a warm welcome to Sean, a guest accompanying Liz. Our Vice President, Alan, also took a moment to commend Bert and Elma for their remarkable accomplishment of reaching their 75th rally.



Mim further elaborated on a series of forthcoming rallies and events. After dinner, we congregated around the campfire for convivial conversation and a smoking ceremony; however, due to the brisk temperature, we retreated to our caravans early.



Tuesday was a day for sightseeing. Everyone went out in small groups and most of us ended up at the Bakery for coffee. We then went out looking for wildflowers at the spots recommended by the Discovery Centre. The flowers were in abundance with a good variety of colours. There were everlastings in various colours, donkey orchids, Wattle etc.



After an eventful day we all gathered together for Happy Hour about 3-50pm. The Caravan Park Manager asked for some photos for their Facebook page so he had us pose in a group for some pictures and a video.

Anna presented a splendid Carrot Cake as she celebrated her birthday during the past week.



After much discussion back to our vans for dinner and get ready for our move to Carnamah.

Wednesday morning, it was time to pack up and embark on our journey to Carnamah, where check-in was strictly scheduled for 12 PM onwards. After departing from the Dalwallinu Caravan Park, many of us found ourselves at the local bakery indulging in morning tea. The drive to Carnamah, a distance of approximately 130 kilometers, was quite delightful, adorned with an abundance of flowers lining the roadside, set against a backdrop of stunning fields of vibrant yellow canola crops.





Ben, Dave & Bert at Wubin Rocks.



Buntine Rocks



Despite our staggered departures and varied routes, we all arrived at the Carnamah Caravan Park around the same time, resulting in a procession of caravans at the entrance to the park.



We each pursued our own activities until we reconvened for Happy Hour in the Campers Kitchen, which was impeccably clean and well-kept.



After dinner, a group of approximately ten of us convened in the Campers Kitchen, bundled up against the chill, engaging in friendly conversation. At around 8:30 PM, we retired to our respective vans.



Thursday morning at 9:30, we convened for a group photograph in front of the imposing Chamberlain tractor. This particular piece of machinery held significant importance for Damian, as he had played a pivotal role in its planning.

Subsequently, we proceeded to One L of a Good Feed Cafe, a former church now repurposed as a charming restaurant. The coffee and cake were delectable and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Following this delightful interlude, we embarked on our own explorations of the vibrant wildflowers and the breathtaking scenery surrounding Cunderdin.



At 4 PM, we reconvened for Happy Hour, during which the Club Raffle was conducted, culminating in a win for Liz



For dinner, we all gathered at the Cunderdin Hotel. After everyone had placed their orders, Elma took the opportunity to present Helen and Len with their 200 rallies badges. She also presented them with Life Membership, complete with special badges. They were surprised and very pleased with heartfelt gratitude for this touching presentation.



Len thanked the Committee for organizing their Life Membership and Life Member badges.

Additionally, Elma awarded Terry and Glenis their 100 rallies badges
Congratulations to you both!



Dinner was served in generous portions, and it was relished by all in attendance.



On Friday morning, we once again prepared for our journey to Mingenew. The landscape was stunning, adorned with vast expanses of canola fields and scattered clusters of everlasting flowers along the roadside.

Once we had set up camp, the heavens opened, unleashing a torrential downpour that resulted in flooding throughout the park. Unfortunately, Joyce and Dave's awning was overwhelmed by the deluge, leading to its collapse, which will necessitate replacement. Additionally, Anna's dog, Simba, injured his toenail, requiring a visit to the veterinarian on Saturday.



Fortunately, the weather cleared by happy hour, and most members ventured out despite the chill. A delightful time was had by all, with Len and Shaun entertaining the group with their humorous jokes.



Saturday morning brought with it a night of persistent rain, yet as the day unfolded, the weather transformed into something quite pleasant. Our morning tea once again found us indulging in the delectable pastries at the local bakery. Many also ventured to the Craft Fete held at the town hall, where a lot of exquisite items awaited to be admired and purchased.

Sightseeing at Depot Hill revealed breathtaking displays of wildflowers, including Everlastings, Orchids, Cats Paws, and many more. The main attraction, Coalseam Conservation Park was unfortunately closed due to heavy rain we had here over the last few days.

Depot Hill a delightful area with nice paths and beautiful Wildflowers.



Notice the Bee in the last picture above on the bottom flower!

Upon returning to the campsite, we discovered that the power had failed for five caravans, but we were unable to rectify the situation as the Park Manager was out shopping. When she eventually returned around 5 PM, she was unable to locate the power board, leaving us all without electricity for the night. The silver lining was that the caravan park graciously refunded one night's accommodation.

Happy Hour at 4 PM was well-attended, fostering lively conversations that were enjoyed by all. Following this, a group made their way to the local hotel to watch the football match featuring the Dockers.



Sunday morning started with a gentle rain, prompting those without electricity to relocate their caravans to other available sites as soon as they were vacated. The day was designated for personal exploration, allowing Brian the opportunity to venture into Coalseam Conservation Park, while others chose to unwind or indulge in a leisurely lunch at Dongara. Later in the afternoon, we gathered for happy hour in the campers' kitchen, before retreating to our vans as the temperature began to drop significantly.



On Monday morning, we embarked on our journey to the next destination, Moora. Despite the lingering showers and chilly temperatures, we navigated our route, choosing either Carnamah or Dongara, and arrived safely in Moora. Our final happy hour of the rally commenced at 4 PM.



In the evening, we gathered at the Drovers Inn Hotel for dinner. We arrived at 6 PM, and the first meal took nearly an hour to arrive, with the last dishes being served around 8 PM. Nonetheless, we relished the engaging conversations that unfolded during our meal.

Elma stood up to express her gratitude to everyone for their participation in the rally, with a special acknowledgment to Mim for her remarkable efforts in organizing the event.



Noticed this
Rotary Centennial
Park Clock with
the Moon just
outside the Hotel.

Beautiful
Flowering Tree in
blossom in
Caravan Park.



Tuesday morning marked the conclusion of our delightful experiences; it was time to return home once more. A splendid time was had by all. Additionally, we are pleased to welcome a new member to the Club, Sean Ternan, who joined us during our stay in Mingenew.

Hope to see you all at the next rally.

Future Rallies:

FWCCC Rally 16-19 October 2025	Green Head Caravan Park. 9 Green Head Rd. Green Head
	Phone: 99531131 Email: greenheadcaravanpark@gmail.com \$40/Night for 2 people. Special pay for 3 stay 4th night free. Make your own booking then advise Mim via email at familywestccc@gmail.com or FWCCC Facebook closed group or 0437151317. Book by the cut-off date: 11/9/25. 1 night's deposit reqd.

FWCCC Rally 13-16 Nov 2025	Maranup Ford. 600 Maranup Ford Rd. Maranup (Via Greenbushes)
	Phone: 0448600190 Email: stay@maranupford.com.au \$45/Night 2 people. No Cabins available. See additional notes for other info Make your own booking then advise Mim via email at familywestccc@gmail.com or FWCCC Facebook closed group or 0437151317. Booking cut-off date: 12/October/2025

FWCCC Rally 4-7 December 2025	Busselton RAC Holiday Park. 97 Caves Road. Busselton
	Phone: 97554241 Quote Booking Reference Number #80044 for FWCCC RAC & non-RAC 10% discount off standard rate \$64. Deposit of 1 night required. Make your own booking then advise Mim via email at familywestccc@gmail.com or FWCCC Facebook closed group or 0437151317. Booking cut-off date: ASAP. Must advise if you are bringing a pet to go onto a pet friendly site.

If you have not booked Busselton yet please do so ASAP.

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NAME:		RALLY TOTAL
Butler	Barbara & Eddie	140
Butler	Len & Helen	200
Butler	Peter & Di	62
Cahill	Terry & Glenis	101
Clark	Jeanne/Tim	46/6
Cotterell	Brian	74
Gilbert	Steven & Melissa	6
Gordon/McTernan	Liz/Sean	7/3
Hille	Ben & Corrie	98
Hosken/Fitzpatrick	Helen & Damian	17
Nightingale	John & Chris	117
Percival	Anna	63
Phillips	Alan & Sandra	74
Sofield	Wendy	55
Taylor	Rick & Mim	109
Trott	Dave & Joyce	40
Vreeken	Bert & Elma	77
Wilton	Ron & Margaret	13
VISITORS		

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