



BIG 4 BUNBURY RIVERSIDE RALLY NEWSLETTER 15-18 OCTOBER 2026

Attendees: Elma & Bert Vreeken, Peter & Di Butler, Alan & Sandra Phillips, Anna Percival, Liz Gordon, John & Chris Nightingale, Jeanne Clark, Brian Cotterell, Rick & Mim Taylor

Rally Report: Most members arrived as scheduled after 12:00 on Thursday and set up. The weather forecast earlier in the week was that it was going to be wet once again for our rally but to our surprise the weather was lovely and clear and warm during the day. Great venue here in Eaton thank you Mim.



We were all able to sit outside for a catch up all of the afternoon and continuing into happy hour. Our Vice President Alan opened the rally around 4pm and gave a brief rundown of activities for the weekend.

Jeanne brought along her sister Lynette who also joined us for lunch on Friday and morning tea on Saturday but she stayed with relations in Bunbury.



Thursday night a few played chase the ace and LCR in the camp kitchen. We were lucky to get a table as there was a large group of golfers having their drinks and dinner.



Mim, Rick & Alan were all winners of separate games

The games continued on both Friday and Saturday nights. Friday: Elma, Brian & Bert were the winners. Saturday night Mim won both games. Well done to all the winners!

Friday morning was once again a glorious looking day so we had morning tea out in the sunshine on grass where Mim bought the rally board out and obtained some suggestions for rally locations for next year. The raffle was available for our ticket purchases. There was so much chatter it overshadowed the birds in the trees.



Lunch venue for Friday was organised by Elma at the Treendale Farm Hotel (thank you Elma). The long table was set up and waiting for us and there was a good selection of delicious meals available. The service was good and the meals came out fairly quick. Everyone seemed to enjoy their meal with roast lamb the majority favourite.



Very rarely, does a rally go by without someone needing some minor repairs. This time Alan & Sandra's HWS had been awaiting parts before the rally. The parts had finally arrived so it didn't take too long to fit the new thermostat.



Peter and Di's caravan suffered a battery charger fail and the battery went flat, so the lights went out. Luckily Peter had a spare car charger in his car but in his haste to get something for inside the caravan he tripped and fell hitting his head. The temporary spare was fitted and the lights were back on and a replacement ordered. Peter was unfortunately not feeling his best the next morning so he and Di were unable to join us for morning coffee. Thank you, Elma for organising the Treendale café for Saturday morning. John Nightingale also wasn't feeling on top of the world so nurse Chris Nightingale and John stayed at the park along with Liz & Molly and Anna & Simba. Everybody else went to the café for morning tea/coffee and cakes of course. Great quick service and the cake and coffee were delicious and very reasonable priced.



Our resident botanist Brian had been out exploring and found some lovely orchids and some cheeky wildlife. The exploration continued after morning tea.



Speciosa-sandplain White Spider Orchid



Lyperanthus-serratus-rattle beak orchid



A friendly chap doing his own exploring wasn't bothered by Brian's presence.

Saturday afternoon back at the park, it was once again glorious sitting out in the sunshine. This was topped off by a visit from the ice-cream truck. Yahoo!!
Guess who was first in line???



Liz tried so hard to dodge the camera after she spilt some ice-cream on her shirt. Never mind it happens to all of us.

The raffle was drawn on Saturday afternoon and was won by none other than Rambo. (Sandra & Alan's Cat)

Alan gratefully accepted the prize in the memory of Rambo.



Well done, Alan!

Saturday evening was our combined hot dish /dessert night. Thank you to all for their delicious contribution enjoyed by all. John Nightingale still wasn't feeling his best and stayed in their unit. Chris didn't forget him and took him some dinner.



Yum Yum. Thanks everyone

The rain finally came late on Saturday night but did not disrupt the rally at all.

Don't forget the Family West Cup coming up at the next rally at Harvey so wear your fascinators and hats and/or horse race wear. Further info to come

FWCCC Rally 12-15 November	Harvey Caravan Park. 19 Kennedy Street. Harvey
	Phone: 97292239 between 08:30 and 1:30 Email: info@harveycaravanpark.com.au \$35.00 Night. Please Email your booking request, No Deposit reqd. Make your own booking then advise Mim via email at familywestccc@gmail.com or FWCCC Facebook closed group or 0437151317. Need to book by the cut-off date: 12/October/2026.

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.

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Butler	Len & Helen	205
Butler	Peter and Di	73
Cahill	Terry and Glenis	109
Clark	Jeanne	51
Cotterell	Brian	85
Gordon	Liz	14
Hille	Ben and Corrie	109
Hosken/Fitzpatrick	Helen & Damian	21
Nightingale	John and Chris	126
Percival	Anna	72
Phillips	Alan and Sandra	84
Sofield	Wendy	59
Smalley	John	2
Taylor	Rick and Mim	121
Trott	Dave & Joyce	45
Vreeken	Bert and Elma	87
Wilton	Ron & Margaret	18

FUN FACT

Why are there 52 cards in a pack of playing cards???

Because the cards are linked to a calendar.

52 cards = 52 weeks in a year.

4 suits = 4 Seasons

13 cards in each suit = 13 Lunar cycles

(If you add up all the card values in a deck (with Aces as 1, picture card values 11-13) plus, one joker, the total is 365- the number of days in a year.

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