

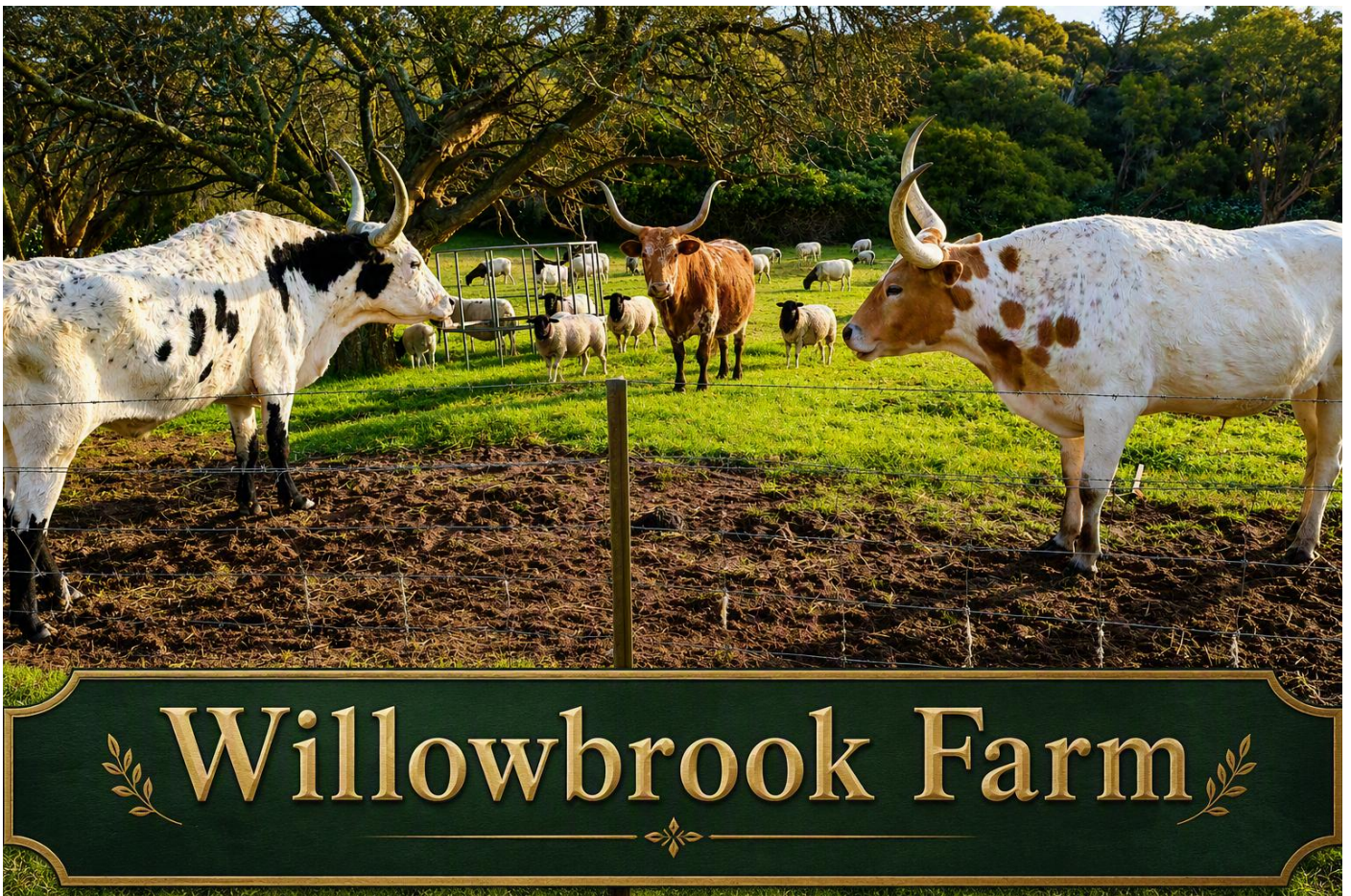


Family West C&C Club

RALLY NEWSLETTER

Willowbrook Farm

3rd to 6th September 2026



Attendees: Peter & Dianne Butler, Liz Gordon, Ben & Corrie Hille, Chris & John Nightingale, Anna Percival, Rick & Mim Taylor, Elma & Bert Vreeken.

Rally Report: We rolled into Willowbrook Caravan Park on Thursday afternoon, greeted by rain and the kind of grey skies that make you wonder if you packed enough dry socks. After setting up, everyone migrated to the shearing shed for Happy Hour—because nothing beats bad weather like good company and a drink.

Ben officially opened the Rally at 4 pm. Moments earlier, the park owner lit the fire... and accidentally created a smoke machine worthy of a rock concert. The shed filled up fast, making breathing optional and coughing unavoidable.



Despite the haze, the stories flowed. A few of us wandered off to watch the animals being fed. The animals were present. The feeding was not. They looked mildly offended.

After dinner, we returned to the shed to watch the Dockers on the big screen. No games that night—just chatting, cheering, and eventually sighing. The Dockers did not triumph, but we bravely went to bed anyway.



Friday started the best way possible, with morning tea in the shearing shed, complete with coffee, cake, biscuits, and plenty of good conversation. Ben then presented John and Chris Nightingale with their 125 Rallies Badges. A fantastic achievement. Well done, guys!



Around 11:30 am we headed to Gingin for lunch at the historic Gingin Hotel. The pub, built in 1903, was beautifully restored—tasteful décor, a pressed-tin ceiling, and meals so good they briefly silenced the group. During lunch John had an emergency pit stop, but unable to find the gents he sneakily used the ladies.



Back at the park, we relaxed until Happy Hour, where drinks and nibbles reappeared as if by magic. During this time some also went to have a look at the feeding of the animals. Elma also drew the raffle and this was won by Peter.





After dinner, the shed transformed into a quiz arena. Bert won the True/False round, Peter claimed victory in the multiple-choice round. Congratulations to both—your bragging rights are valid until the next rally. We wrapped up with Chase the Ace, proving once again that card games are our unofficial club sport.

Saturday morning tea began around 9:30, and conversations continued until about 11:30. Anna headed home afterwards to watch her grandkids play in their football finals—good luck to the young stars.



On Saturday afternoon after lunch, Rick and Mim were discovered soaking up the sunshine just outside the shed, clearly embracing the fine art of relaxation.



A few competitive souls gathered around the Keezen board, where strategy, luck, and a little friendly debate were all on display. Inside the shed, John and Chris had secured prime positions in front of the big screen to watch the football. Judging by the cheers (and perhaps a few relieved sighs), their team came away with the win.

Happy Hour at 4 pm.



Happy Hour brought more drinks and chatter, followed by a feast of hamburgers and sweets. Huge thanks to chefs Rick, Peter, and Ben, plus everyone who helped. The meal was delicious, plentiful, and guaranteed to slow everyone's walking speed for the rest of the evening.



We finished the night with more rounds of Chase the Ace—because at this point, it's tradition. Photo courtesy of John Nightingale.



Sunday morning arrived with the familiar ritual of packing up and preparing to head home. But before anyone could escape, the Caravan Park treated us to warm scones with jam and cream. A perfect farewell—and a perfect excuse to delay departure for “just a few more minutes.” As it was Father’s Day Mim took a photo of the Dad’s present.



Once again a great rally, hope to see you all at the next one.

We would like to wish **Terry** all the very best for a smooth recovery after his operation, and also **John Smalley**, who unfortunately had a fall. Neither could attend the rally, and they were both missed. We hope to see them back on their feet very soon.

Sandra & Alan are in New Zealand at the moment to support her sister. We wish them and her sister all the best.

Future Rallies

FWCCC Rally 15-18 October 2026	Big 4 Riverside Cabins, Caravan Park. 5 Pratt Road Eaton Phone: 97251234 Email: reception@riversidecp.com.au \$172 for 3 Nights, Big 4 Members get extra 10% discount Make your own booking then advise Mim via email at familywestccc@gmail.com or FWCCC Facebook closed group or 0437151317. Need to book and pay deposit by the cut-off date: 1/9/2026. Check In after 12:00
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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.
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FWCCC Rally 3-6 December 2026	Busselton RAC Holiday Park. 97 Caves Road. Busselton Phone: 97554241 Quote Booking Reference Number #80130 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: 30/10/26.
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NAME:		RALLY TOTAL
Butler	Len & Helen	205
Butler	Peter & Di	72
Cahill	Terry & Glenis	109
Clark	Jeanne	50
Cotterell	Brian	84
Gordon	Liz	13
Hille	Ben & Corrie	109
Hosken/Fitzpatrick	Helen & Damian	21
Nightingale	John & Chris	125
Percival	Anna	71
Phillips	Alan & Sandra	83
Smalley	John	2
Sofield	Wendy	59
Taylor	Rick & Mim	120
Trott	Dave & Joyce	45
Vreeken	Bert & Elma	86
Wilton	Ron & Margaret	18
VISITORS		

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