



Family West C&C Club

RALLY NEWSLETTER

Narrogin Caravan Park

6th to 9th August 2026



Attendees: Len & Helen Butler, Peter & Dianne Butler, Brian Cotterell, Ben & Corrie Hille, Wendy Sofield

Visitor. John Smalley.

Rally Report: When we arrived at the Caravan Park we were all allocated sites all spread out at different locations. As there were no normal sites left Ben & Corrie were allocated the Dog Pen. Very difficult to get Caravan in. Brian helped Ben to reverse in. Even the water and electric were outside the enclosure.



At 4 o'clock during Happy Hour Ben our President opened the meeting. There were only 9 members present as a few members were either sick or on holidays. However the conversations were very animated and enjoyed by all.



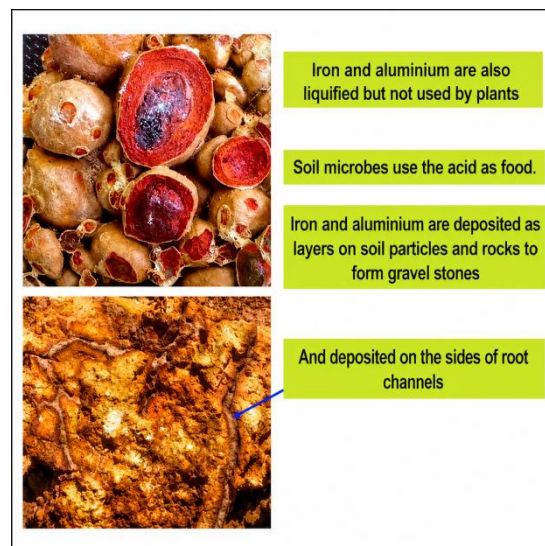
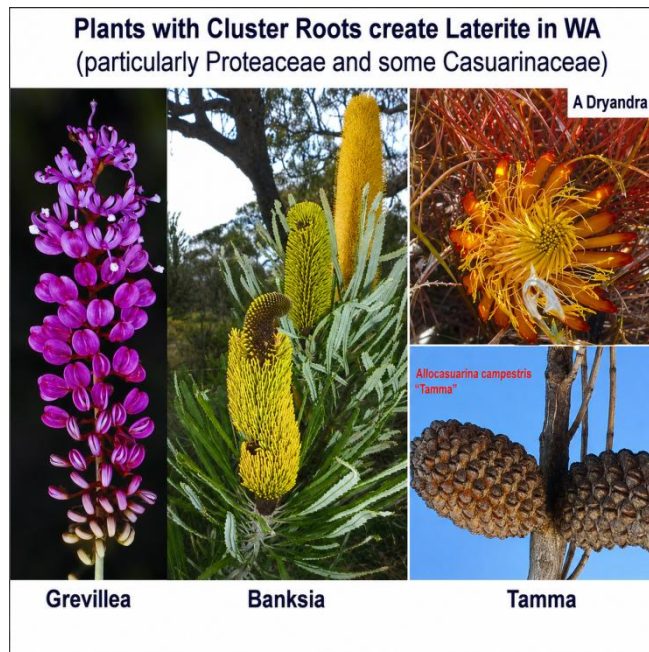
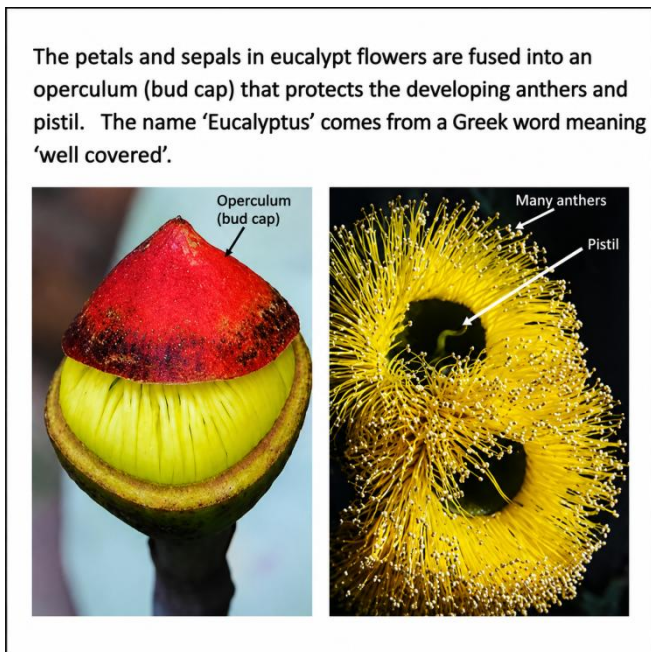
At 7 pm everyone came back to the Campers Kitchen for some games. Ben had a verbal quiz followed by Brian who had organised a couple of quizzes which were really hard. Thanks for that Brian.

Then a couple of games of chase the ace which were won by Wendy and Corrie.



A great night, where everyone attended the evening games. Thanks guys.

Friday at morning tea we had a guest speaker, Mr Doug Sawkins a local volunteer and contributor at the Narrogin & Dryandra Visitor Centres. He spoke about the local bush, flowers, wildlife and formation of gravel. He was very information and interesting with lots of slides and photos. An interesting fact is that birds are attracted to red flowers and insects to lighter colours. This has to do with pollination of the various flowers. He also told us all about gravel. That it starts as a pebble and adds different layers over many thousands of years. Very informative.



These were just some of the slides that were shown on the screen and explained in detail.



A cross cut of some Gravel welded together by nature. So next time you kick a piece of gravel you know what's inside. Thanks Brian for organising this interesting presentation.

After this we all got ready for our lunch . This was organised by Peter and a job well done. The food was superb. At the New Cornwell hotel. Len invited a family member to join us.



Then back to the Caravan Park where we all did our own thing and again joined up for Happy Hour.

At 7 pm everyone came back for games, this time in the Recreation Shed, where we played, Chase the Ace & LCR. Then the raffle was drawn which was organised by Dianne and won by Wendy.



Then Saturday morning we were greeted by Dianne saying they had a leak in the caravan and had to go home. I did not like that very much as that meant only 4 people left, as Helen Len and Wendy were also going home as they could only stay 2 nights in the chalet.

We all went to morning tea at the Narrogin Nursery Café and Gallery for coffee. Len sat down to reserve a table and a lady just sat down with him and took over the table. While Ben was talking with Dianne about the caravan leak he thought he could fix it.



So a bit of quick thinking Peter & Dianne turned the mattress on it's edge with the wet patch on top, Corrie then provided them with a heater to dry it all and Ben fixed the leak. A few hours later it bucketed down and all stayed dry. They decided to stay. This meant that we had 6 for dinner instead of 4. HOORAY!!

In the afternoon we decided to teach Peter and Di how to play Keezen. This was very enjoyable. They were quick learners.



Between hail and rain we gathered all our food and stuff for Happy Hour and Dinner. The weather was that bad we all drove to the Campers Kitchen. We did however have a nice sunset.

At 6 we had our sausage sizzle which was great and lots of desert.



Then we finished the evening with games and due to the cold temperature retired early.



Brian went
looking for
Orchids at the
Foxes Lair Park
and found some
nice flowers



NARROGIN FLORA AND POLLINATORS

MIXED POLLINATORS

Some plants are pollinated by a variety of animals. Their flowers are often created with nectar, easily accessed by insects and are many shapes and sizes. Often white, cream, yellow, blue, purple or pink colours. Birds, flies, and bees are the most common pollinators, with some wasps and beetles.



BIRDS

Larger, sturdy flowers in bright colours such as red, white, yellow or orange. The reproductive parts of the flowers are held safe from their nectar is produced deep inside. Flower clusters are often tube, ball or drooping flower shaped.



BRUSH FLOWERS

EUCALYPTUS

GREVILLEA

HAKEA

DRYANDRA

↑ SMALLER
(SHORTER
DROOPY
BANKSIAS)
↓ LARGER



WIND POLLINATED PLANTS

Many tall grasses, sedges or rush-like flowers, wattles, casuarinas and many trees rely on wind. They often have green, brown and red (male) plants.

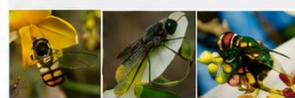
NATIVE BEES

Often behaving in swarms (bees), foragers in the colours of, white, cream, yellow, blue, purple or pink. Some produce nectar (or grass carry it). Their movements are quick.



FLIES

Often small to medium-sized, smelly flowers that produce lots of nectar. Plants include everlastings and sandilewood. Flies often feed on scattered flowers



MAMMALS

Often dull-coloured purple, brown or cream flowers. Large, firm and wiry flowers make climbing or visit trees easier, but are often hidden within the plants' leaves. They produce a musky smell and lots of nectar.



BUTTERFLIES MOTHS

Plants pollinated by butterflies and moths often have medium-sized flowers with a long flower tube. The flowers can be drooping and have a mild to strong sweet odour.



Considering the small number this was a really enjoyable Rally. See you all at the next Rally.

Some photos from the Tourist Centre and Town.



Future Rallies

FWCCC Rally 3-6 September 2026	Willowbrook Caravan Park. 1679 Gingin Brook Rd Neergabby Phone: 95757566 Email: willowbrook.farm@bigpond.com \$55/Night. Make your own booking then advise Mlm via email at familywestccc@gmail.com or FWCCC Facebook closed group or 0437151317. Need to book ASAP and pay deposit later by the cut-off date: 3/August/2026
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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 Mlm 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	71
Cahill	Terry & Glenis	109
Clark	Jeanne	50
Cotterell	Brian	84
Gordon	Liz	12
Hille	Ben & Corrie	108
Hosken/Fitzpatrick	Helen & Damian	21
Nightingale	John & Chris	124
Percival	Anna	70
Phillips	Alan & Sandra	83
Sofield	Wendy	59
Taylor	Rick & Mim	119
Trott	Dave & Joyce	45
Vreeken	Bert & Elma	85
Wilton	Ron & Margaret	17
VISITORS		
Smalley	John	2

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