



Out and About 4WD Club Christmas Dinner 2020



Event Leader: Frank Marzoli, Kerry Gillies

Participants: Frank Marzoli, Karen & Damian Collins, Steve Dickens, Kerry Gillies, Bob & Lucy Dorizzi, Andrew & Hertha Mitchell, Chris Redgrove, Doug Brown, Les & Carol, Roger & Jo, Steve King, Alex Cokic, Maria Sannino Smith, Terry & Jan Eldridge, Garry Wood.

Trip report: Kerry Gillies

Our annual Christmas Get Away was held on Saturday the 4th and Sunday 5th of December at Bolgart, north of Toodyay WA.

Some members made it to the caravan park on Friday, some were lucky enough to book a room at the lovely old hotel, whilst others stayed at BnB's nearby.



Our adventure began with a communal gathering at the caravan park with the pub dwellers visiting until, like the caravanners, their beds called them. We were lucky – it was a cool, pleasant evening. Good for sleeping.

Saturday morning while we waited for others to arrive, we sat in the shade of the big trees and talked about all the problems of the world. Before long, all were solved and world peace was once again restored.



Morning tea was generously provided by Bill Clarke, friend and visitor to our club. Thank you Bill.

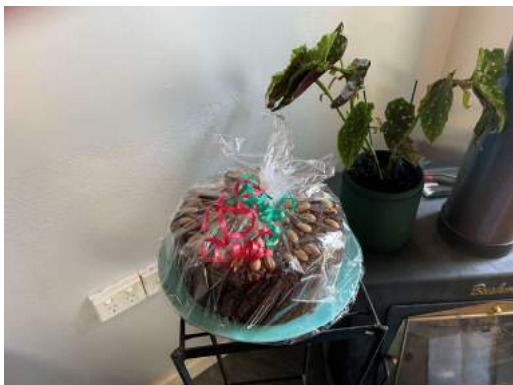


As the morning wore on, most of us took some time to take a look at the lovely little town of Bolgart. We were impressed by the school and the gardens and the news that there was to be a market at the Town Hall on the Sunday. Woo Hoo! A very nearby garage sale was 'done over' by the members and deemed mildly interesting – or not by some. A small park had some old rusty machinery disguised as art which was worthy of a few pictures too.



During the rest of the day, we had some more of Bill's Christmas fruit cake, and a visit from past members Ian and Nola Edwards, who were up at their Toodyay house for the weekend. It was lovely to see them again. Soon after, preparations were made for the evening's festivities and relaxing was the operative verb for the rest of the afternoon.

At 5 pm we were expected to arrive at the hotel for fun and games and then the meal to follow. reluctantly, because we all hate playing games, we surrendered to the Trip Coordinator who had some dastardly tasks devised for us.



Once the alcohol started to take effect, the anxiety quelled a little and we all sat down – maybe she wouldn't make us play games this year...

Then, out came the paperwork. First there was a word scramble with Christmas words from an alien planet all scrambled so we had to work out what they should have said.





Actually, it was just a little bit of fun.

Our starters arrived so we were reprieved...



VERY tasty avocado and prawn cocktail.

Next activity, yes, another one - a challenge of a modern kind, it was an activity where you scored points for all the items you had in your phone. That was new. It was interesting to see who had their lives in their phones.


What's in your PHONE


20 Points

- You have a red or green Phone case
- You have put Christmas activities dates in calendar of your phone
- You don't have a Facebook app.
- You have a Pinterest app.

15 Points

- Your phone is not a smart phone
- One of the names in your contact list starts with X,Y or Z
- You have made a Christmas to do list in your phone
- You have Christmas related picture in background

10 Points

- You have a text with the word 'Christmas' in it
- You have a Christmas gift list saved in your phone
- You have a picture of your family as your background

5 Points

- Your ringtone is a song
- You have your alarm set
- You have a text saved from over 1 year ago

1 Point

- For every contact that you have that starts with a 'C'

Your Name

Total Score

 www.MyPartyGames.com

This was timed to fill the gap between starters and main course, and it wasn't long before our lovely Christmas dinner arrived. Hooray! (Hand the game in... actually it wasn't THAT bad.)





Christmas Dinner was superb with roast turkey, ham and baked vegetables. It was delicious.

THEN, we had another new game, this time we had to find images of reindeer all around the pub and write the location of them. It got us all up and moving around the dining room, the toilet, the bar, the pool room, and the other guests were bewildered by the fervour with which this treasure hunt was progressing. It was actually a lot of fun.



It was ok, I guess...





Dinner was scrumptious, but dessert was so nice there wasn't even time to take a photo before it was "gone in 60 seconds." Well not quite, but the photograph was forgotten.



The evening ended up being a lot of fun, and with the RFDS making \$100 for the raffle of a beautiful Christmas cake donated by Steve King and Monica, and Frank supplying gifts for an 'everyone wins' raffle, we had a wonderful time. There was lots of laughing and plenty of talking. The locals were friendly so that was a good sign.



On the Sunday morning before some of us had to pack up to leave, we were very lucky to be able to peruse the markets which were 'put on especially for us...' there were some bargains bought and some future heirlooms purchased.



We had a Christmas story which everyone contributed a line to. Whilst it made little sense, I did promise you I would write it out for you.



Christmas One Sentence Story

By some of the members of Out and About 4WD Club

The night before Christmas is actually one of quiet anticipation. Followed by many wines and beers. *The cooking has started, and patience is thin.* But once the beer turns up all is good. A merry time was had by one and all until the in-laws arrived and then the outlaws moved in, and all hell broke loose. Our four-wheel-drive was hot and ready to break loose. I ran over the in-laws, but it was in self-defence. How long did the judge set my bail for? Only 31 days. But a month is a long time in politics. *At least it is shorter than 60 days. Thank goodness.* Little Johnnie, in anticipation thought he was getting a pony for Christmas, but it got away and all that was left in his Christmas stocking was manure. He thought it was fudge cake and served it on the plates. They ate it anyway as it was better than what dad had cooked.

Some talented writers I must say!

The weekend was a lot of fun, and it brought another fine year of 4-wheel driving to a close. Thanks to every member for their part, no matter how big or small in the making of a great club.

A merry Christmas to all.

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