



CAMPERS CHATTER

BERGENWATER, RAWSONVILLE (AGM) 9TH OCTOBER – 11TH OCTOBER 2020

Thank you Sandy Van Rooyen for the camp report.



CAMPERS:

Greg & Jenni Pratt
Craig & Rina Wilson
Trevor Biggs
Gary & Barbs Amery
Theo & Libby
Chris & Ingrid Thoresen

Greg & Glynn Nieuwstad
Helen Constantinides
Gianni & Sally Carchesio
Ira & Mandy Emery
Annie Solomon
Frank & Nadia Ihle

Ginger & Ruth Seipp
Johnny & Sandy van Rooyen
Martin & Annette Colman
Schalk & Mariaan Walters
Wendy Stanfield

Tried another new campsite, Bergenwater, (in the Rawsonville area) this year for the AGM and it did not disappoint. Lovely grassed campsites right next to the river. Awesome ablutions – perhaps the only downside was that they were situated at the one end of the campsite so if you parked at the other end of the campsite, it might have been a bit of a trek for some of the campers but not a deal breaker.

Unfortunately, the weather didn't play ball for the weekend and we had quite heavy rain on the Friday with another shower early Saturday morning. It was a relief when the rain stopped but then the wind started and it continued for most of the day. Rain when you are camping is one thing but wind is a definite no no!

Once everyone had settled in, it was down to the evening braai's and normal banter. Trevor was only coming thru on the Saturday for one night as they couldn't find a house-sitter so Sandy B. had to stay at home – first time since 2004 she hasn't attended the AGM. Some of the campers also opted to come through for the one night due to previous engagements but there was a good turn-out for the AGM – 17 families in total.



Saturday morning it was a slow start for all of us for some unknown reason and then Johnny and I decided that we had better put up our dome tent for Trevor. Unpacking it, we were horrified to find it covered in white mould and smelling rather miff. Trying to think back to when we had last used the tent, we remembered that it was when my brother was out from Perth and we'd gone camping at Plett and Ebb & Flow. It had been drizzling when we packed up so the tent was a bit damp. We were supposed to open it up after my brother had gone home but then both of us totally forgot – oops! We then had to get to work to try and clean the tent and with Martin's very appreciated help, we hosed down the tent (probably the worst thing you can do say the camping experts) and brushed it vigorously. Eventually the canvas wasn't looking too bad (100% better) but it still smelt a bit miffy. So Johnny 'attacked' the tent spraying perfume, underarm spray and pillow sprays inside the tent trying to disguise the miff smell but it only left the tent smelling like a Brothel (well we can only surmise that's what they smell like) but there was nothing much else we could do. Needless to say after a few glasses of red, I don't think Trev noticed the miff smell too much as he slept soundly the whole night.

Unfortunately the wind during the AGM Saturday afternoon made it difficult to hear some members when they were speaking but we managed to get thru the Agenda and the meeting closed at 16h20.

The new committee members are:

CHAIRMAN	Ginger
VICE CHAIRMAN	Johnny
SECRETARY	Sandy vR
TREASURER	Sandy B
BOOKING OFFICER	Rina
COMMITTEE MEMBER	Helen



Congratulations to Ginger who was appointed as the new Chairman and Rina as the new Booking Officer. We wish them the best of luck going forward. The rest of the positions remain unchanged.

Members enjoyed a delicious array of snacks after the AGM – a big thank you to Libby for organizing the snack table and for all the members contributing to the eats.

It was a weekend of tumbles starting with Johnny when he was helping Helen put up her tent. He over-balanced at one stage and once the momentum took him, he went roly-poly into the tent very ungracefully. Next was more serious (hazard hazard) with Martin tripping over a piece of wood and falling face down onto Gary's wine glass (on the side of his face) and

then into the fire. Luckily he wasn't wearing one of those popular puffer jackets otherwise he would have gone up in smoke but he was left with a bleeding ear that was cut badly and some more cuts on the side of his face. Libby was luckily on hand to clean him up as best she could but the next morning Martin and Annette dashed into town to the local doctor and poor old Martin ended up with a couple of stitches. And last but not least was Schalk's fall. I didn't

see exactly what happened – just saw him tumble on to the grass outside his tent and some of the other campers had to help him up.

Sunday woke up to glorious sunshine as usual (last day). Time to head for home for the campers – some earlier than others after a busy weekend.

The next camp is the Xmas Camp and it will be held at Watergat (Rawsonville). Kindly be advised that a notice will be sent out shortly.

More photos at <https://saccwc.wixsite.com/saccwc/2020-oct>