



CAMPERS CHATTER

YZERFONTEIN, WEST COAST AGM

11 – 13 October 2019

Thank you Sandy & Johnny for the camp report



CAMPERS:

Trevor and Sandy Biggs
Theo and Libby vanNiekerk / Scholtz
Craig and Rina Wilson
Wayne, Dawn, Aiden and Erin Smith

Michelle, Chloe and Michael Graf
Frank and Nadia Ihle
Gianni and Sally Carchesio
Johnny and Sandy van Rooyen

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES AT AGM ONLY:

Schalk and Mariaan Walters
Ginger and Ruth Seipp

Greg and Jenni Pratt
Ira and Mandy Emery

Another year, another AGM – please will someone tell me where this year has gone?

The venue for the AGM this year was Yzerfontein on the West Coast – although not my favourite campsite because the sites are segregated by hedges and trees (bit difficult when you are in a group), the advantages are that the campsite is nice and close to home (sorry Trev, Sandy and Michelle Graf, not so much for you guys) and there is a lovely beach just over the dunes.

Caught a lift to work in Atlantis on Friday morning and Johnny picked me up at 13h00 with the caravan and my usual lunch (my binge on camp weekends only) of KFC Zinger Chicken Salad which was delicious as always. Atlantis is basically half way to Yzerfontein so it was a very easy drive out to the campsite.

We were second to arrive (Trev and Sandy being the first and all set up) so with not many interruptions, we managed to get our rig sorted out quick stix which enabled us to relax with our neighbours with a cold one before long. Next to arrive were Theo and Libby, although we didn't recognise them at first as they were pulling a very smart Sprite en Suite caravan. More on that later.

Before long, all the other campers arrived with Craig and Rina bringing up the rear. Better late than never I always say.

After hugs and hello's, we were keen to view the new addition to the Club, the en Suite caravan and proceeded with a tour. Wow, what a lovely caravan complete with en suite of course – hence the name. A limited edition as only 25 were built and Theo and Libby are now the proud owners of number 9 of 25.

Libby, I must just say that I love your off-white rugs but oh my goodness, that would not work with my husband. I have a blue mat in our caravan and even that is not dark enough for my man's "sandy" feet. May you guys have many great experiences with your new caravan and hopefully you will be able to camp more often.



As the sun started to go down and the jackets came out (being so close to the sea, there is always that cool sea breeze), everyone started their own fires and settled down for the evening. Unfortunately the disadvantage of a big Municipal Campsite is that one is bound to get the occasional inconsiderate camper who flouts the rules of the camp and plays loud music and we unfortunately had one such campsite not too far away from us that fell into that category. Friday night they were having a great party (for them anyway) way in to the early hours of the morning. Luckily for Johnny and I, our caravan is pretty insulated (or perhaps that was all the beer and wine we had consumed) so we actually didn't hear a thing. However when they started up their music again on Saturday afternoon, we decided to nip it in the bud before it became out of hand and Michelle Graf contacted the Camp's Manager and explained the situation. We were all relieved when the music was turned off and we could once again relax and enjoy the sounds of nature. I must admit that we have all been so spoilt with camping on private farms where we have the campsite completely to ourselves with no outside interference that when we have to share with other people, we become a bit indignant when they impose on our privacy.

Although the sun was out on Saturday, the wind was also out and about so sunbathing on the beach and swimming in the sea (even if there was no wind, you wouldn't get me in that freezing water) was a definite no no however lunch at the little local restaurant was a definite yes yes. The four of us (Trev, Sandy, Johnny and I) met Greg and Jenni (who weren't camping due to having to babysit their Grandson, Zac, but drove through for the AGM) at the restaurant for a lunch reunion and once again the food did not disappoint. We did the same thing two years ago when we had the previous AGM at Yzerfontein.

A short walk through the inter-leading gate between the campsite and the restaurant, and we arrived back at camp to the arrival of Ira and Mandy and Ginger and Ruth who were also not camping for personal reasons but had driven through for the AGM. Some of the campers congregated outside our caravan for a good 'ole chin wag and a couple of drinks before the AGM commenced at 4 p.m.

With the proceedings of the AGM over in just under an hour (for those members who were unable to attend the AGM, there were no changes to the Committee) (and well done to Gianni who won the Surprise Lucky Draw), it was time to get organized for the "Build your own Burger" Bar and there was much activity laying tables, chopping accompaniments and getting fires going for the evening's festivities. Thanks to the ladies who helped with the chopping – many hands make light work and your assistance was greatly appreciated.



With 40 odd burgers to cook, Johnny roped Wayne in to help him with the braaiing of the burgers on Trev's nice big flat pan on the fire. Both men were complaining bitterly about backache having to bend over the pan to flip the burgers – my hubby has an excuse coz he doesn't go to gym, what's yours Wayne? ☺☺ Anyway, the burgers were done to a "T" and everyone helped themselves at the table to burgers, rolls, accompaniments, sauces and coleslaw. All in all a great evening with lots of laughs and a lovely roaring fire to keep us all warm as we chatted way in to the night.



Sunday as usual was the best day of the weekend with lovely sunny weather and a light breeze. Most of the campers were not in a hurry to pack up and spent the morning chatting, going for breakfast with friends, or just an idle walk on the beach.

But all good things must come to an end and bit by bit, everyone started packing up and making their way home after another successful camp.

Can't believe there are only two more Club camps until the end of the year (the Xmas Camp at "Blinkwater" and "Oppi Plaas" in December – another two new campsites. We have managed to include about five new campsites in our Calendar this year which is pretty amazing! Thanks to Greg Pratt for discovering most of them.) and then we start all over again.

To those who managed to make the AGM, a big thank you!

The Committee for 2019/2020 year is as follows:

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| Chairman | Trevor Biggs |
| Vice-Chairperson | Johnny van Rooyen |
| Secretary | Sandy van Rooyen |
| Treasurer | Sandy Biggs |
| Booking Officer | Sally Carchesio |
| Committee Member | Helen Constantinides |

And finally,



Do no evil,



see no evil,



hear no evil &



speak no evil

