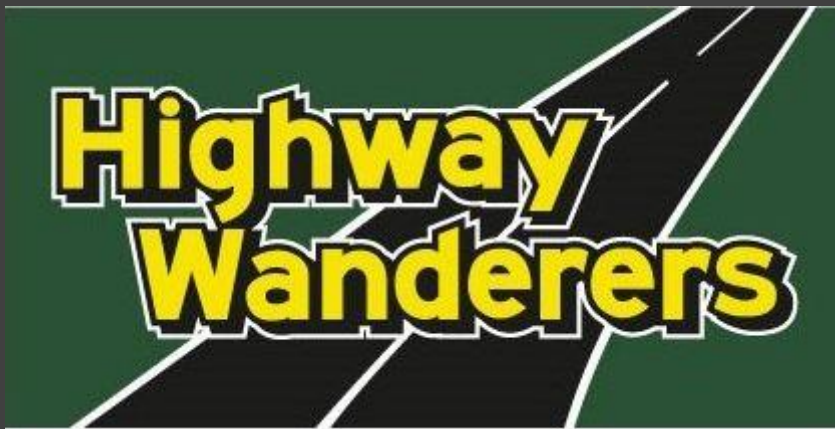




Your very own Highway Wanderers newsletter for
1 June 2020

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Committee Report June 2020

Your committee met recently and the minutes of that meeting can be found in the files section of Facebook and on the website. Rather than give a summarised version here, we urge you to have a read of them if you have not done so already.

There has been a lot of conflicting advice on social media about Covid-19 restriction. Just be aware that the different States have different restrictions and timetables for lifting those restrictions. Please only heed the advice from official channels i.e your local Health Departments and Government advisory notices. Remember to wash your hands and to use hand sanitisers. After this is all over we want to be able to spend time with our on-road family at Happy

Hours.

As you may have seen in the last Committee Meeting Minutes our stock of polo shirts is very low. This gives us an opportunity to redesign our shirts. Rather than the Committee making the design decision we would like you, the members, to propose suggested designs. We have not received many suggestions for a new design at this stage.

The major colours are to be the Highway Wanderer Green, Yellow and Black and the design will also need to incorporate a pocket.

All design ideas are to be returned to the President at president@highwaywanderers.net. A decision on a final design was to have been made at the Birthday Bash. Under the current circumstances we will extend the closing date to 30 August. Please put your thinking caps on to come up with a design that we can all be proud of.



Farewell to some...

This month we say farewell to some who have chosen for various reasons not to continue to be members of the Highway Wanderers.

Gary & Carol Abbott, Patty Bowles, Roselyn & Hans Liesker, Max Congram, Ruth Coxall, Eildon & Celia Wright, Jennie Gibson, Yvonne & Charlie Sorel, Brian & Tracey Crockatt, Selena Nuth and Ian & Judy Ramsay.

Lunch with the KALBAR KIDS

Liz and Brett Timewell have been staying at the Kalbar Showgrounds, S.E.Qld, since early March. Then the lock down came and they have been there ever since. They kindly invited eight other friends to join them for lunch at the Royal Hotel at Kalbar on Thursday 21st May. We were the second and last sitting of ten for the day so we could stay as long as we liked and the very friendly publicans had the tables set out so we were 'socially distanced'.

Those who attended were Maureen & Neil Muller and their motorhoming friends Murray & Ann, Jeanette & Stan Williams, Hilary & Rita Goebel. Jeanette and Stan are Highway Wanderers who had somehow become lost in the system. They were very pleased to be able to join the group for lunch and have a catch-up. Originally they are from Ipswich but have been on the road in their fifth-wheeler for six years but currently staying in Ipswich with family during the lock down.

There was a large selection of food to choose from on the menu, and everyone enjoyed their meal. I chose the T bone steak as the beef was from a local farm, and it was the BEST I have ever eaten. There were insufficient items on the dessert menu, and no coffee machine (being a pub), so the publican suggested that we go across the road to the bakery, and bring our dessert and percolated coffee back to the comfort of the pub to complete our meal. This could only happen in the country !!!

Liz asked me to prepare a Trivia Quiz so I did some research on Kalbar. This pretty little town with a population of 1090, is situated 70 km south-west of Brisbane, near Boonah, just a few kilometres from the Cunningham Highway and directly north of Mount French. It is in the Fassifern Valley and has magnificent views of the Scenic Rim. Known as a potato and cattle producing district, more recently it has been producing wine, olives and gourmet cheeses. The district was settled in the 1800's almost exclusively by German settlers and was once known as Engelsburg.

We finished off the day by singing Ray Bailey's very clever COVID 19 version of the Highway Wanderer's theme song.

Regards,

Rita Goebel

Proposed Committee Restructure – Discussion paper prepared by Hans Dusink

The current Highway Wanderers Committee consists of seven (7) positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Officer, Social media and Communication Officer and Merchandise Officer. Currently the position of SMACO is unfilled.

I suggested at our last Annual General Meeting that the number of committee positions be reviewed.

At a recent committee meeting I raised this point again. With the advent of better technology it is possible for committee members unable to attend a meeting in person to be present via Skype, Zoom or any other technological platform. I do not believe that there are any rules preventing this from occurring.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions the 2020 Rally and our AGM meeting has had to be cancelled and as noted in the last committee minutes the next AGM will now be held at the Gympie rally in 2021. This gives us a unique opportunity to revise how the Highway Wanderers Committee is structured as all seven positions on the committee will be up for election. Subsequently and in line with current practice the President and Secretary positions would be up for election at the 2022 AGM and the Vice President and Treasurer at the 2023 AGM.

It is proposed that the Highway Wanderers' Committee be made up of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President. Each position has unique responsibilities, but all members are expected to work as a team under the leadership of the President.

Tenure is two years and elections take place every year at our Annual General Meeting, which are held in conjunction with the CMCA Rally, with the President and Secretary elections being held on alternate years to the Treasurer and Vice President.

No person can hold the same position for more than three consecutive terms. After two years of not being in office, a person may stand again.

Without reneging ultimate responsibility, each committee member has the authority to delegate part of their responsibilities under their guidance to other chapter members on a non-permanent basis.

Other roles

There are many other jobs & responsibilities outside of the committee that are important for a successful chapter especially one as big as the Highway Wanderers which is the largest in the CMCA.

These "other roles" include (but are not limited to) merchandise custodian, webmaster, newsletter editor, rally manager/coordinators, state representatives and membership ambassadors.

The Committee relies on members in these roles to work independently under a definition set by the committee.

Chapter members who take up these roles are expected to present a report to the Secretary at least every three months or at the request of the Committee.

There is no limit to the number of "other roles" and the committee may authorise new roles at any time.

The "other roles" are not elected positions and there is no maximum tenure, but the expectation is that a member would remain in the position at least up to the next Annual General Meeting.

If you have any comments on this matter, please address an email to president@highwaywanderers.net.

Our website now gives access to the contact details of other members. These are the steps to follow:

1. Go to highwaywanderers.net
2. Log in (if you do not have a password yet, click on 'Lost your password?')
3. Click on Menu (top, right hand corner)
4. Scroll down to '**Contacts**' and click on the down arrow
5. Click on 'Member Contact Search'
6. Type in known information in appropriate field.

This could be part or all of a first name and/or part or all of a last name.

For example, if you are not sure if the spelling is Graham or Graeme then enter Gra and click on SEARCH and all the contact details of members who fit that criteria will come up.

If you want to find people in a particular state, click on the State field, chose the state and click SEARCH. This will bring up all the appropriate member details.

Please note that if information is missing it is because it hasn't been supplied by the member. All information is to be treated with confidence and respect as per our **PRIVACY POLICY**.

JUST FOR LAUGHS

Football Boots

Woman takes a lover home during the day while her husband is at work.

Her 9 year old son comes home unexpectedly, sees them, and hides in the bedroom cupboard to watch. Just after getting into bed the woman's husband also comes home unexpectedly, she tells her lover to hide in the cupboard, not realising that the little boy is in there.

After a little while the little boy says, 'Dark in here.'

The man, who obviously got a real fright not expecting to hear anything, let alone from a little boy says, 'Yes, it is.'

Boy - 'I have a football.'

Man - 'That's nice.'

Boy - 'Want to buy it?'

Man - 'No, thanks.'

Boy - 'My dad's outside.'

Man - 'OK, how much?'

Boy - '\$ 250'

In the next few weeks, it happens again that the boy and the lover are in the cupboard together.

Boy - 'Dark in here.'

Man - 'Yes, it is.'

Boy - 'I have football boots.'

The lover, remembering the last time, asks the boy, 'OK How much this time?'

Boy - '\$ 750'

Man - 'Sold.'

A few days later, the boy's father says to the boy, 'Grab your boots and football, let's go outside and have a game of soccer.'

The boy says, 'I can't, I sold my ball and boots.'

The father asks, 'How much did you sell them for and to who?'

The boy says, 'To a friend of mine for a \$ 1,000..'

The father says, 'That's a terrible thing to do, overcharging your friend like that'. 'That's four times what they cost when they were new, I'm going to take you to church and make you confess your terrible sins.'

They go to the church and the father makes the little boy sit in the confession booth and he closes the door.

The boy says, 'Dark in here'..

The priest says, 'Don't start that shit again!..

Lamb Shanks in Coca Cola

Easy method

2 x shanks

1 x can coke

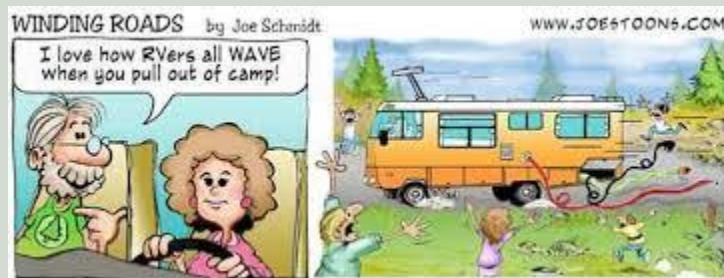
2 tbs tomato paste

1 x sachet French onion soup mix

Throw it in Slow Cooker on low for approx 6hrs or till falling off bone.

Serve with your favourite vegetables.

Turn a few times.



Highway Wanderers travelling in WA - would you like somewhere safe and secure to park that is an easy half hour drive to Mandurah, Fremantle and Perth and only minutes off the Kwinana Freeway?

Our property is located in Wandí – there is an area in the front of the property that is large enough to comfortably accommodate big rigs that all Highway Wanderers are very welcome to use.

Just contact Betty (Louise) Silver on 0412 116 013 to organise your spot.



THE HIGHWAY WANDERERS - Corona Virus version - thanks to Ray Bailey

Well we're the kind of guys who **used** to roam around

We're **always** in one place, we **never leave the town.**

We love em **but we stay home, the virus brings no glee,**

The golden **beers** and dry red **wines** that **make us want to pee.**

We're the Wanderers, the Highway Wanderers, we **sit** around (x5).

Well there's Cairns to the north, and Carnarvon in the west,

But **home is the place till we all pass the test,**

And when we're on the **couch** again in our motorhome/caravan,

We know that we'll be happy while **ever the beer has foam,**

Cause we're the Wanderers, the Highway Wanderers we **sit** around
(x5)

Well we roam from **room to room**

We live life without a care,

And we're happy **in the gloom**

With a **glass full of wine we don't go anywhere.**

No wood for the fire, solar for the power,

We'll gather round **an iPad** for drinks at Happy Hour

Some may think we're crazy but our friends they envy us,
They wish that they could join us as we sit here in our bus,
They call us the Wanderers, the Highway Wanderers,
We sit around (x5)

GRAMMAR LESSON

Is it "complete", "finished", or "completely finished"?

No English dictionary has been able to adequately explain the difference between these two words - "Complete" or "Finished". In a recent linguistic competition held in London and attended by, supposedly, the best in the world, Samdar Balgobin, a Guyanese man, was the clear winner with a standing ovation which lasted over five minutes.

The final question was: 'How do you explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand? Some people say there is no difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED.' Here is his astute answer:

When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE.
When you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED.
And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!"

He won a trip around the world and a case of 25-year-old Scotch!

Enjoy reading Evelyn and Andrew's travelling news for April/May 2020

https://mcusercontent.com/71ca162dd954f0c9a63f7f295/files/d13743d0-5b33-48fd-ade1-a6ceaf87092c/April_May_2020_News.docx

Pam Ayres' Poem

Time for us girls

I'm normally a social girl, I love to meet my mates
But lately with the virus here, we can't go out the gates.
You see, we are the 'oldies' now, we need to stay inside
If they haven't seen us for a while, they'll think we've upped and died.
They'll never know the things we did before we got this old
There wasn't any Facebook so not everything was told.
We may seem sweet old ladies who would never be uncouth
But we grew up in the 60s -if you only knew the truth!
There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll - the pill and miniskirts
We smoked, we drank, we partied and were quite outrageous flirts.
Then we settled down, got married and turned into someone's mum,
Somebody's wife, then nana, who on earth did we become?
We didn't mind the change of pace because our lives were full
But to bury us before we're dead is like a red rag to a bull!
So here you find me stuck inside for 4 weeks, maybe more
I finally found myself again then I had to close the door!
It didn't really bother me, I'd while away the hour
I'd bake for all the family but I've got no flaming flour!
Now Netflix is just wonderful, I like a gutsy thriller
I'm swooning over Idris, or some random sexy killer.
At least I've got a stash of booze for when I'm being idle
There's wine and whiskey, even gin, if I'm feeling suicidal!
So let's all drink to lockdown, to recovery and health
And hope this awful virus doesn't decimate our wealth.
We'll all get through the crisis and be back to join our mates
Just hoping I'm not far too wide to fit through the flaming gates!

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Do you have something to sell or a story to tell.

Please forward to
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All submissions for the next newsletter must be in by 27 June 2020.

Member's Blogs

[Jo and Derek \(on leave at the moment\)](#)

<http://v2.travelark.org/travel-blog-entry/joderekononhome/1/1553818063>

[Michelle and Rob De Rooy](#)

<http://robbiebago.blogspot.com.au/>

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