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Trip Report – Boyup Brook 31st Annual Country Music Festival, 18-21st February 2016

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This was a jammed packed 4 days of music, dancing, fun, laughter eating and drinking.

We had 6 members and 6 visitors attend, all meeting up at different times and day to suit work commitments. Most arrived early for Thursdays events whilst some arriving after work on Friday, either way it was an awesome experience.

We stayed at the Boyup Brook Flax Mill Caravan Park, which was in walking distance to the event. We were in the overflow paddocks where they supplied temporary toilets and showers. They were kept clean all weekend and the showers were lovely and hot. They had ample of toilets situated around the paddocks, was rare that you had to line up.



Some of the campers attended the workshops that were on offer during the events such as the Boot scooting workshops and on Sunday Bernie went to the True Blues Tale hosted by John Williamson. Boot scooting lessons were just a warm up for a weekend of boot scooting and dancing.

Each person had a wrist band which gave entry into the festival, depending on what you had booked depended on the color of the tag which meant you could come and go from the festival as you pleased. We were so close to the venue we were able to go and eat at our camp (although there was some really delicious food at the festival,



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we did not cook dinner), we had a few drinks (and then some at the venue) and for some of us a nanna nap so that we could carry on through the evening.

On Saturday morning members Bernie and Julie invited us all to their friends who have a property in Boyup Brook, they have been renovation a 100-year-old wooden house on the property, they were in town for the weekend so we were all invited for some good old fashion country hospitality. The tour of the house and garden was like walking back into time, Julie managed to knock the only peach off the tree, I think it was so she could eat it!

We then went back into the town site where they had the Boyup Brook street carnival with street entertainers, stalls and buskers. We had a coffee whilst waiting for the Ute & Truck Muster. The parade was one worth seeing with many great old trucks, Utes and cars, V8s with their engines roaring, the oldest 'over width' truck. Drivers having fun with the crowd, spraying water, beeping horns and revving engines. My personal favorite was the wedding couple on the tractor.

Everyone got up and had a dance some were brave and boot scooted during the day, other waited for the sun to go down and others waited for the alcohol to kick in.

There was something for everyone during the festival, the atmosphere was electric, the entertainment had great variety, food was good at reasonable prices, the bar prices were reasonable, the workshops were fun, the camp grounds clean and friendly, could not have asked for a better venue.



Even though we did not have an opportunity to go out on a 4x4 drive it is an event that I would recommend and plan to do again.

