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Trip Report – Quinninup Long Weekend March 5, 6, 7th 2016

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4/3/2016

Steve and I arrived late on Friday night to find Jacquie and Russell, Maria and Alex and Woody all happily set up and enjoying some friendly camper time in Alex and Maria's new gazebo. As we looked on with envy we knew we had to get our own camper trailer set up in the dark. We were in bed by 11.45pm. It was a quiet windless night with a light drizzle and we woke to a cacophony of insistent, well-tuned birdsong in the bush around us.



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Saturday morning we sat around having breakfast and catching up with fellow campers pondering who would be the first of the Saturday arrivals. Damien and Karen were it and with stealth and efficiency they had their tent up in a very short time, then joined us for coffee. We enjoyed the conversation and world -issue solving time until after lunch, when Corrie and Jo and Cameron and Alex arrived with their hard floor camper trailers. It didn't take them long to get set up and then Corrie put on a batch of scones. Soon after their arrival Chris arrived and had his tent up before his engine had time to cool. Jacquie put on an apple pie to bake and Corrie's first scones were offered. Very nice freshly cooked scones with jam and cream. Yummo!





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Our shared dinner at 7 PM was simply awesome. Eight of the most wonderful dishes MKR could dream of. We had chicken and chorizo paella, fettuccine Bolognese, roast lamb meat, beans and corn chips, sausages in red wine with potato mash, Asian meatballs, chicken drumsticks, savoury mince and rice and a tuna, pasta Casserole. This was followed by a succulent Apple pie which along with Maria and Kerry's "home-made" chocolate biscuits, was a fitting end to a scrumptious, sumptuous meal. (Do you like those words Woody & Chris?).

After some natter and music from a Combi-disco-Bluetooth-Bali-radio-thingy which amused us greatly, we retired for the evening.



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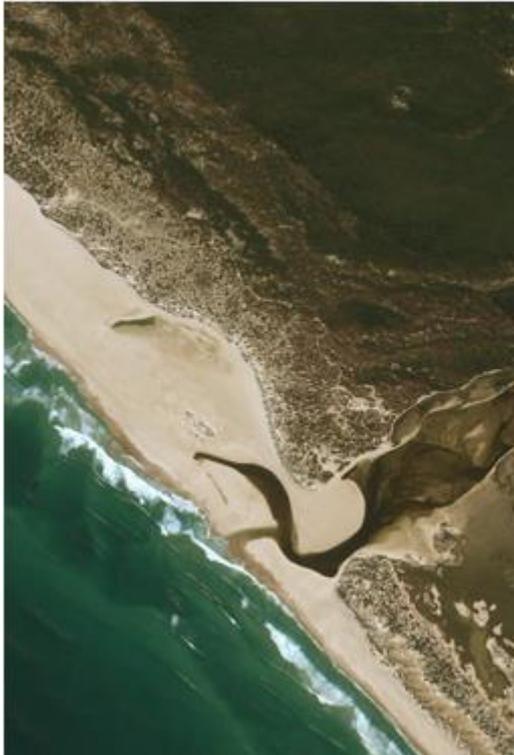
Another glorious birdsong to wake us up Sunday morning and there seemed to be a greater sense of purpose. People were getting ready to do things. Chris lead a trip to Yeagerup Beach with Troy & Marietta, Steve and I, Damien & Karen and Woody. We went through Pemberton and onto the Yeagarup track. It was a soft, bumpy, winding track down to the beach. The last section was sand dunes with white clear tracks most of the way.

The beach was an easy drive and we had two easy river crossings. The Warren and the Mealup were shallow and narrow today. We had lunch on the beach near the start of the Summertime Track.





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Then we returned along the Summertime Track. We aired up near the Northcliffe-Windy Harbour Road and then we stopped in Northcliffe for fuel and supplies (ice cream).

While we were doing that Alex and Maria went with Corrie and Joe and Cameron and Alex to see the Cork Tree and then a Bush Chapel built in 1883. They had lunch in Pemberton and went to find a fish farm, only to find out that the fish had all died. After a bit of a drive they parted ways and Maria and Alex returned to camp, while Corrie and Jo and Cameron and Alex went to Manjimup to a hotel to watch the Wildcats versus New Zealand basketball game. Jacquie and Russell spent the day at camp dog-sitting, reading and resting. On the way back Chris stopped at a 4.5 km walk track just out of Quininup. He said he enjoyed his walk which was a loop through the bush. A couple of us went to see all the kangaroos being fed.

Quite an entertaining event. Nearly 30 roos of varying ages and sizes. Everyone prepared their own dinner and then sat around enjoying the kookaburra calls and the usual camaraderie around the circle (without a campfire).

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If we weren't woken by the kookaburras at about 5.30am or again at about 6.30am then the throbbing sound of about seven motorbikes as they left the campground certainly made sure everyone was awake. All that remained was the usual antics as we packed up our vans, trailers and tents and took our leave after a lovely, relaxing, engaging weekend.

