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Trip Report - Harvey ANZAC Weekend 22nd- 25th April 2016

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Steve and I left home at 3:10 and set off on our way to Harvey. The trip was relatively uneventful and we arrived at about 5:30 PM. We were set up and sitting down with Mr Apple (Cider) by 6:30 ready to chill. At 7 PM we 'face booked' our fish and chips order to the Harvey fish and chips shop, then I went down and picked it up.

The meal was enjoyed sitting out under our gazebo with the others who had come down on the Friday night. (Kerry & Steve, Kevin & Leanne Algar, Doug & Wynona Brown, Troy & Marietta Smallacombe, Bec & Andy Nowlan, and Terri & Jessica Phillips arrived a little later) then after a few more drinks we all tootled off to our beds.

We woke to the sound of lovely birdsong, most of us got up just after 7 AM and cooked breakfast. Damien & Karen arrived soon followed by Adrian & Ashley Buck. Then everyone signed the waiver sheet and we set off on our first day's journey.



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We drove West to the end of you Uduc Road and then turned left onto Government Road. We soon turned right onto Rogers Road which became Boonilup Road. Then on to a sandy, boggy track. All went well until we came across a tree which had been knocked down across our path. Luckily it was mostly leaves on the track and we were able to detour over/around it. The track lead down to the back of a farmers property and we drove along the fence until we came to the diversion drain. Then those who had aired down re-inflated their tyres and we were ready for the next leg of our journey.

First we had to drive south on Forrest Highway until we came to a right turn and then we headed North on Forrest Highway until we got to Preston Beach turn off. Just a short trip to the beach and it was time to air down. The beach was easy driving and I enjoyed it. The sand was soft and the going was fairly easy. We stopped for a break at about 10:40am at a nice wide section of beach. We left the beach at Myalup and aired up again.

The next part of our journey took us East from Myalup to the West Coast Brewery where Steve King joined us and we had a lovely relaxed lunch, watching skydivers and children playing and adults drinking different types of beer and even a cider. After lunch we drove through the forest on the Centre Break Road until we got to Bagieux road where we turned right and located vineyard 28. It is a lovely vineyard owned by Pippa Nielsen and Mark Cumbers. Pippa had lots of lovely handmade quilts and craft items.

After sampling and buying some of the wines we returned to camp for an evening of fun and friendship it was nice to welcome Paul despite him being unwell. We were glad he had made the effort.

On Sunday we were up at about 7 AM with a gentle coffee and sit for an hour or so before heading to our first destination for the day. The Stirling cafe was a great choice for breakfast. They catered beautifully for us with a lovely cooked breakfast or coffee and cake. Everyone sat on two tables and the chat and chit was warm and friendly. We then had the opportunity to wander around the beautiful cottage gardens and to investigate the informative and interesting tourism information Centre. We were pleased to welcome Vicky and Lindsey but sad to farewell Terri.





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The Harvey Cheese Factory was our next destination where we sampled some great Cheeses. Some of us bought cheeses and accompaniments for our lunch. From there we found Honeymoon Road about 3 km north of Harvey and followed it right round the Harvey Dam without actually seeing the dam until we had almost circumnavigated it. We enjoyed the gravel road drive through the bush and embraced the new challenge of limited radio contact through the hills and valleys of



the Harvey forest. Lunch was at the very picturesque Harvey dam wall in front of the amphitheatre. Such beautiful surrounds with grass, tables, playgrounds and walks around the garden and across the dam wall. A very relaxing couple of hours enjoyed by all. Kevin and Leanne Algar were 1st to leave from there. They headed for Perth before the rain.

Adrian and Ashley Buck were next to leave to pack up their tent and head for Perth. The rest of us made our way down to Third Street to the Harvey River Estate Winery which also included the Big Orange which most of us climbed for the view from the top. Back inside the cellar door several of us

purchased wines and other items before we farewelled Paul and Jessica. Lindsey and Vicky also departed for Perth. The rest of us returned to camp with a couple investigating the Bizee Hands shop on the highway for crafts and souvenirs. Beck and Andy Nowlan and Dakota their granddaughter, were next to depart, leaving nine of us to while away the afternoon with cheese and bickies and wine and coffee. We had a lovely few hours enjoying each other's company and solving the problems of the world before we all turned in for the evening.

Steve and I got up just after 5 AM on the Monday and made our way down to the town hall. At 6 AM we went across to participate in the service, a reverent and meaningful remembrance to the Anzacs and those others who fought for Australia. It was over by just 6.10 so Steve and I went up to the dam wall to watch the sun come up.

At seven we went back to our camp and had breakfast and long cups of coffee. Steve Kings was the first to leave, his A-van very compact and neat behind his Jeep. Doug and Winona came to say farewell next, and shortly after Damien and Karen headed for home. We packed and cleaned up and were next to depart, leaving Troy and Marietta to be the last to leave. A great weekend thanks to everyone who participated.

