



WILDFLOWER TRIP - 14th & 15th October 2017

Trip Leaders: Terry and Jan

Convoy: Terry and Jan (Caravan)
Alex and Maria (Caravan)
Steve and Kerry (Camper Trailer)
Andrew and Hertha (Tent)

Report By: Hertha and Andrew

All except Andrew and Hertha met at Oak Park, about 20km North of Goomalling on Friday evening and were treated to a spectacular thunderstorm with lightning and heavy rain during the night. We did not mosey up until Saturday morning and arrived at Oak Park about 8.30am just in time for coffee before the Convoy headed off. The Oak Park campsite overlooks some beautiful water holes surrounded by large expanses of rocks (Gnamma holes).

We passed through Konnongorring on the way to Gabby Quoi Quoi lookout. Gabby Quoi Quoi is a large farmland and water catchment area that has been rejuvenated over many years and is an ongoing project. Unfortunately wildflowers were few and far between.



We then headed North to Wongan Hills, had morning tea, and dropped into the Visitor Centre for info on where we may find wildflowers. They advised that we were a bit late for some and too early for others. Following their suggestion we proceeded to Reynoldson Reserve about 20km out of town. Most plants were in bud but we were too early to see the full blooms but could appreciate how spectacular it would be in a couple of weeks.





We then headed to Pedtrudor Rocks arriving about 1pm. On the way Alex had a puncture in the Jeep. The puncture was plugged with his new repair kit at the lunch spot. Everyone enjoyed lunch sitting under Terry and Jan's Van awning. It was too early to set up camp so we proceeded further North. We passed a sign saying Gnamma Holes – the track looked a little damp – Alex said “proceed with caution” – Kerry said “go for it” – so we did (well Kerry is the President). About 300 metres in Terry shouts “don't follow me, I'm bogged. About 2 hours later after much digging,

some gentlemanly cursing and encouragement from the ladies the Ford Ranger snatched the Toyota, with Van attached, to hard ground. The beers after went down very well.

Again the wildflowers were very sparse with only patches of various types along the roadside. What we did see were very bright and colourful.

Seeing it was now nearly 5pm we looked for a camp spot and came to Xantippe Tank free camp. Wonderful spot, lots of birdlife, but not many wildflowers. After setting up camp and getting a fire underway, we enjoyed a few drinks, dinner and good company before calling it a night about 10pm.

We departed Xantippe Tank about 9.30 and meandered through picturesque farmland, even along a 'no thru road' on our way to the Cailbro one room School. On the way we had an escort from 3 Kangaroos who didn't want to jump the fence so they lead the Convoy for a few hundred metres. The School was built with mud bricks by the Cail family in 1939 – very historical. We had morning tea at the School and about 11am headed off towards Dalwallinu where we lunched in the Park.



This was the end of the trip and we went our separate ways home. Thanks to Terry and Jan for organising and leading a very enjoyable trip.