



GREEN HILLS AND OAK PARK

SOCIAL WEEKEND

4th, 5th, and 6th JUNE 2022

Trip Leaders: Terry & Jan

Participants: Kerry & Sue

Steve & Kerry

Garry

Les & Carol

It was a chilly morning, but the group warmed up at The Mill Café in York, with hot drinks and food. Kerry Steve, Woody, Sue Kerry, Carol Les, myself Terry. The café is set up behind the Old Mill. The mill was established in 1892. The Gather Museum had history and antiques of those early days. Several of us ventured into the well-stocked book shop.

Had a short stop into York Town, very busy as there was a festival in full swing, shops all open, kids fun and games, bush humpy making, camel rides, lively activities, and atmosphere.



An hour or so later, we headed out of York to Greenhill's Inn. It was a good leisurely drive through farming country some paddocks appeared to be ready for seeding.

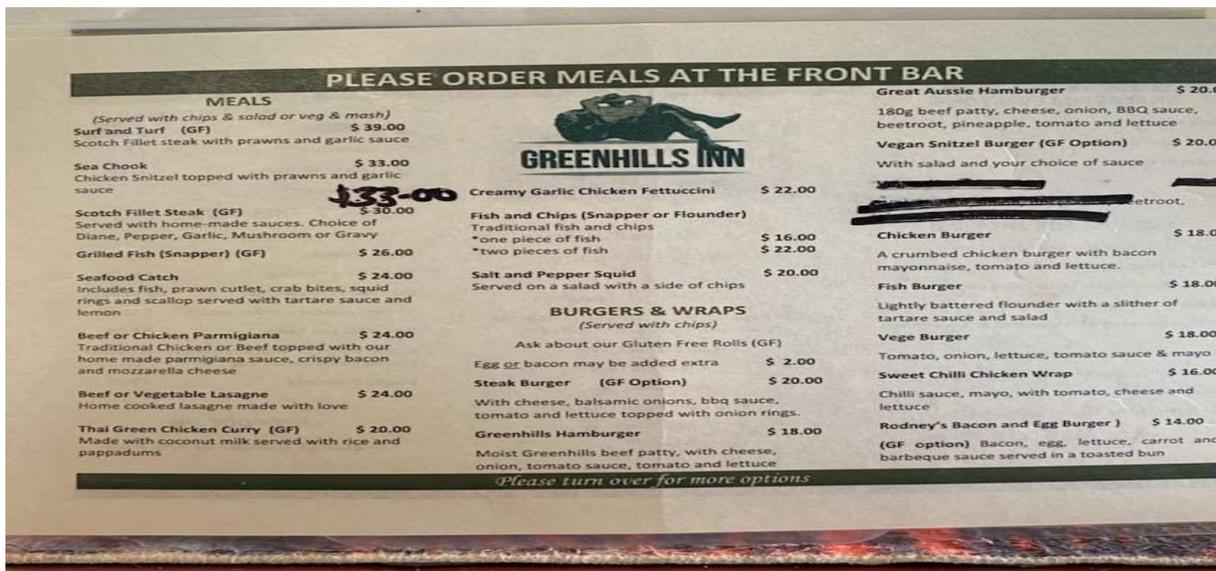
We arrived at the Inn at lunch time, several other unknown campers were already set up, but we managed to find a good spot away from the hotel on a flat hard gravel section next to the railway line.



Kerry Burnett had a new fire pit, so it was erected and put to good use, the heat radiated out of the open grill sides.

During the afternoon we were just relaxing around the fire, it was breezy and cold.

Kerry G, Carol, and I walked to the Inn to check the menu for our evening meal.



6pm we all ventured to the Inn and into the warm dining room. The décor was oldy world in rich green walls and wood furnishings. The food was well reasonably priced, well presented and the staff cheerful and full of fun.

Back at camp the fire had burned low, but it did not take long to get roaring again. However, the evening got chillier, so people retired to the warmth of their vans.

Next morning the fire was stocked up again. Breakfasts were consumed and after a general discussion the majority decided to stay put at Greenhill's for another night rather than pack up and go to Oak Park. Carol and Les decided to head to Oak Park. The guys decided to dismantle the fire pit, take it off its three legs and just bolt it to the flat ash tray hopefully to get more heat coming out. A few of us went for a walk around the town of Greenhill's, there were plaques all around giving the history of the town. Most of the buildings are no longer standing



The bakery was restored in 2001, with funds from a Centenary of Federation grant. Unfortunately, the window was very dirty with cobwebs over it, so a photograph of the inside was not possible.

The bakery was owned by Herbert Taylor who lived in Greenhill's from 1897 to 1909. There was a Blacksmiths Shop and General Store on either side. In 1909 he sold his property to Daniel Anderson a storekeeper. In 1910 it was sold to Arthur Barrell a baker from Greenhill's who then sold it to Mrs. Leah

Mills for four hundred and thirty pounds in 1913. On 17th January 1914, the building was completely gutted by fire. The cause of the fire was reported to have been mice and wax matches.

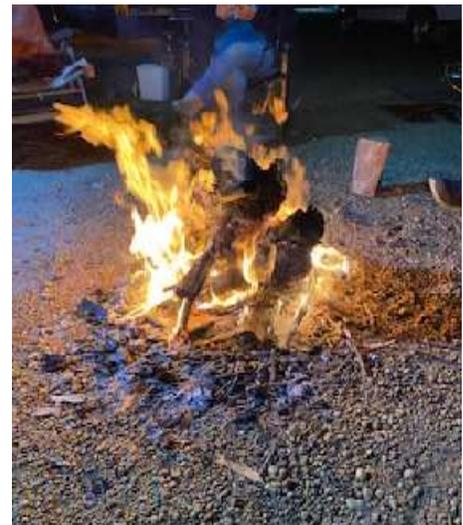
Consequently, the Bally Bally School house from which operated from 1901 to 1909 had closed. In 1910 the Bally Bally weatherboard building was relocated to Green Hills with a brick fireplace, water tank each end of the verandah. The school closed 26th October 1945.



Greenhills town also had a West Australian Bank, a Co-op, a sports field, and a racing track. – it was a thriving little town in its day.



As the evening got colder Woody found a large tree root so this was placed on top of the fire pit, unfortunate it was too heavy and fell down, fire pit was discarded, and we just burnt the tree root out – lovely and warm.



It was a good social weekend, just getting away from the hustle of busy lives with like-minded friends. Thank you all for joining us,

Jan & Terry.