



Life Membership for Club President

Joy Unno

At the August General Meeting, Adrian Longwood nominated **David Peck** for Life Membership in the Club. This nomination was promptly seconded by Tony Richards and all present at the meeting in person and on Zoom agreed. Several affirmative proxy votes were also received via email.

Adrian said that although the reasons may be obvious to most, here's a summary about David:

- Dedicated and involved member for 15+ Years
- Club Member of the Year four times
- Trip Leader/Trip of the Year multiple times.
- Led over 50 trips, usually of a more technical or remote nature
- Assisted many members with advice and modifications
- Provided assorted information presentations at meetings
- Committee member over 10 years, and on the Executive for most of that (currently President)
- Represented the Club externally as a delegate
- Carried himself in a very good manner within the Club and when acting on behalf of the Club.

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President's Report

David Peck



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The club email addresses have also been changed to just .au but will run in tandem with the .asn.au for a few months during the transition period.

Please remember to update your email address book and web browser bookmarks for the new website and email addresses.

Cheers,

David

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Writing a Trip Report

Vanessa Carn



On each trip the leader will ask one or more of the members to write a report. If you can't write the report assigned to you, please let the trip leader know. Otherwise, send your trip reports in to the trip leader to review and collate as soon after the trip as you can.

Please **include photos** with your report if you have them. Send photos **as separate files**, or send a link to your cloud image storage (eg Dropbox) to share them. Do not embed them in the trip report document as the image quality is reduced if you do.



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Cover Story

Joy Unno

Tony Richards also spoke about David:

"I would like to congratulate David on becoming a Life Member. It is a well-deserved acknowledgement of David's perpetual willingness to devote his time and effort to Club affairs and Club Members. I cannot remember there ever being an occasion when, if asked, he had failed to help/assist. He has also been willing to lead the Club, as President and in other Committee positions. He has also represented the Club in a variety of capacities, including as Club representative for Tending the Tracks and the WA 4WD Association."

Karl Boeing also stood up and said how he remembered when David first joined the Club, and how David was very keen and immediately became strongly involved with trips and then in the Committee.

Congratulations, David Peck!



Adrian Longwood and Tony Richards congratulating David Peck

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BARGING AROUND DIRK HARTOG ISLAND

Day One - Monday 15 August 2022

Tony Richards (Trip Leader)

Up early for the first day of the trip, excited at the prospect of getting out and about to see just some of the country Australia has to offer. However, I was equally concerned that the whole trip might be at risk, as I had received an email from the Steep Point Ranger (late on the Friday) advising there was the high possibility of road closures due to anticipated rainfall in the area. If the road to Steep Point (Useless Loop Road) was closed, then we would not be able to get to the barge departure point (and across to Dirk Hartog Island) until it opened, whenever that might be!

Consequently, after numerous email exchanges and further enquiries, I had decided to bring forward the departure meeting time from 7.30 (instead of 8.00) and we would now be driving 728kms all the way to Hamelin Pool Caravan Park (HPCP), instead of 530kms to Galena Bridge. The reason for the long first day was so that, on Tuesday morning, we could leave early and get onto Useless Loop Road (only a short distance from the caravan park) before the road got too much of the expected rain and the Shire got around to closing it.

So it was in these circumstances that I arrived at the meeting point ahead of time, only to find that all cars (except one) were already there. Then, when the final car arrived shortly after me, I got the convoy on the road immediately, ahead of the scheduled departure time. We had a long day in front of us! Thankfully, the sky was clear and it was fine and sunny. No sign of any rain.

Down the Brand Highway a bit, we came across a big orange school bus stuck in the muddy shoulder on the other side of the road, but pointing somewhat across the road. Perhaps the driver had been trying to make a U-turn and got stuck in the process? Usefully, we could see that help was on its way.

Originally, we were going to stop for morning tea at Badgingarra but drove further on, stopping for a toilet break at the Puma Roadhouse at Warradarge (unleaded there was \$2.18 a litre). Then, back on the highway quickly (at 9.38) heading for our scheduled morning tea and fuel stop at Liberty roadhouse, Dongara.

Once at Dongara for our morning tea stop (around 10.30), we all fuelled up. Unleaded only cost a much more reasonable 169.9 cents per litre. At 11.15, it was back on the highway again, heading for our lunch stop at Northampton. It was an uneventful drive, although we did experience a brief heavy shower just south of S-bend. We chose the local **Lions Park at Northampton** for lunch, arriving at 12.40. We were making good time. Lunch was pleasant and the weather was good, although starting to cloud over.



Lunch in Northampton
(Left to right) Greg, Keith, Karen, Tony, Evie, Mark, Tabitha, Mary, Jasmine

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After lunch, it was back on the highway again, for our next leg to Overlander Roadhouse, which was our final stop for fuel before Dirk Hartog Island (DHI). We arrived about 3.20, fuelled up (184.9 cents per litre for unleaded) and bought ice-creams and anything else needed for our time on DHI. After 15 minutes, we were on our way – to our final destination for the day, HPCP. The weather was still only slightly overcast, but there was a decent westerly blowing.



Gnomie II made it to Shark Bay - Image Mark Smithers

We arrived at HPCP about 4.30, in good time to pitch our tents. I had previously booked sites for all of us. We were all on the oval (tents only) and used our cars (parked on the other side of the oval fence) for wind breaks. Most of us ordered hamburgers for dinner in the dining room. We also found out that the bad weather was now expected to slide south of Steep Point, which was good news. But let's wait and see in the morning!



Girls on tour - All smiles once our tents were sorted

CAMPFIRE COOKOUT LEARNING WEEKEND

6 to 7 August 2022

Deborah Thyne



First of all, a **big thank you to Neil Hird** for opening up his property outside York. Some made their own way out to the property while four others took up the offer of a convoy from Midland. We won't mention the interesting 'detour' trip leader Adrian, and David took at the Lakes. But I could guarantee due to the signage there they won't be the last!

The drive out to York gave us all an opportunity to think about what we hadn't packed (well, most of us) so a quick stop was made at the supermarket in York. A short 10km drive to Neil's found us in a somewhat soggy paddock with distinctive boggy tyre marks for those who had arrived before us. I had to use low range and a few revs to prevent myself from getting stuck but unfortunately Stu did! Adrian to the rescue and soon Stu had found himself a spot to camp for the night.



Bogged



With the new arrivals hungry for lunch and thinking ahead for dinner the fire was stoked up. **A variety of jaffle irons appeared in the fire** with discussions on the different types and their advantages and disadvantages.

I had chosen a simple tomato and cheese jaffle and was pleased with the way it turned out. Some others had blackened edges that were expertly sliced off before opening the jaffle iron and carefully getting it onto a plate. Jo decided to try pita bread in the jaffle iron and it puffed up like a pillow.



Not long after lunch, afternoon tea preparation commenced with Rochelle making some lovely **scones** enjoyed with jam and cream and Adrian turning out a delicious maple syrup **dampers**.

It was at this point I searched high and low in the car for my mix of golden syrup dumplings for dinner but a phone call home confirmed I had left it in the fridge. Not all was lost as I had the syrup ingredients so I skipped making a damper and used that flour instead for the dumplings.

As they say, 'necessity is the mother of invention.'



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It was lovely to sit around the fire with fellow travellers and chat, exchange travel stories and soak up the ambience of the fire. Many passing cars on the York/Quairading Road tooted their horns while passing our camp site.

The collection of vehicles reminded me of how gypsy caravans used to form a circle in a field.

It wasn't long before dinners were started. Barbara prepared pork for roasting, Brian a beef casserole and myself a chicken. This was followed by vegetable preparations. There was a mix of cast iron and spun steel camp ovens which Adrian had given a run down earlier in the afternoon on the maintenance and use of the different styles of camp ovens.

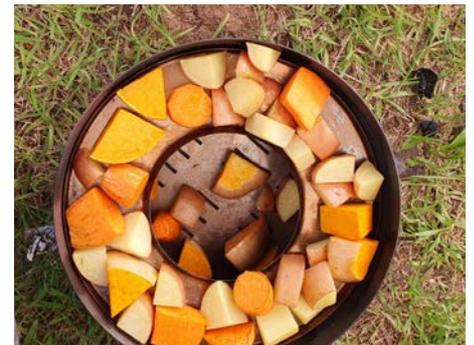
Jo tried an idea she had found where **foil wrapped hot dog rolls containing cheese had been inserted into one litre milk cartons**. She lit the top of the cartons like candles with the idea being the rolls heated through as the carton burnt down. Well, it wasn't just the cartons that burnt! Most of the hot dog rolls were 'well done' but some used utensils to pull the bread and cheese out of the crusts while other rolls were done to perfection. This raised a funny conversation about how the cartons could have been numbered to see which ones were best placed for a perfect result!.

Time passed quickly and before we knew it dinner was being served. Along with the meat dishes there was a selection of vegetables including roast pumpkin, potato and sweet potato and mashed potato. Thanks to Barbara and Gus there was also gravy. Yum! All the meals were delicious and enjoyed by all. Dessert was then prepared with Neil producing an outstanding sticky date pudding and caramel sauce. Roslyn and Leonie made very yummy chocolate puddings in oranges cooked in the camp oven while I made golden syrup dumplings accompanied by custard and from nowhere Adrian produced ice cream. It was a very enjoyable meal shared in great company None of us went to bed hungry that is for sure. Left over vegetables were kept for breakfast jaffles.

The more time we spent around the fire the spongier and soggy the ground became. Some had their chairs sinking into the ground. Conversations continued and, as is the case, people started to wander off to their abode for the night. There was an assortment of accommodation from Avans, a caravan, a camper trailer, swags, tents and a roof top tent. It was chilly but not too cold probably due to the fact it started to rain around 11.30pm.



(Above) Milk carton hot dogs



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It rained on and off overnight and was rather wet when we got up Sunday morning. It drizzled on and off as we began packing up. There were tales of a damp night with Stu's swag leaking leaving him lying in water on his stretcher. A couple of us had a pool of water on our awnings. It became a lesson in how to get the water off one side without having a shower.

Thoughts turned to preparing breakfast. The jaffle irons came out again and there was an assortment of jaffles – left over pork and vegetables but bacon and eggs seemed popular. As I prepared to leave consideration was given to getting out without getting bogged. Adrian and I walked a stretch of grass not previously driven on immediately in front of my car that would take me up to the track out and decided it would work providing I got over a small contour bank and then kept my momentum. It worked for me and others later in the day.



**Thanks to Adrian
for organising
a successful Campfire Cooking Learning Weekend.**

LAKE CLIFTON THROMBOLITES

Day Trip- Sunday 31 July 2022

Neil Hird

We met at the Baldvis BP on a sunny but slightly chilly morning for Joy's wetlands and Thrombolites day trip. After a pre-trip briefing from trip leader Joy, the convoy of nine cars took off south down Kwinana Freeway towards Mandurah.

Our first stop was **Goegrup Lake** at Barragup where a new lakeside boardwalk gave a magnificent view of the local birdlife. The boardwalk is wide enough for a wheelchair to turn around easily and protects the samphire plant community that supports more than 20,000 migratory and resident shorebirds that may visit.



Goegrup Lake Boardwalk

For our visit there were many pelicans, a couple of spoonbills, and a White-faced Heron landed on the boardwalk right in front of a group of us before flying off.

Very picturesque large lagoons at one end and there is the Joseph and Dulcie Nannup Walk Trail along the lake shore.



Goegrup Heron



Goegrup Lake Yellow-billed Spoonbill
Image Keith Wilcox

After the mandatory taking of photos we were glad to get back into the warmth of the cars for the short drive to our next stop at **Creery Wetlands**.

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This Nature Reserve is an oasis at the edge of the Mariners Cove now protected from the risk of developers and 'hoons' in four-wheel drives, and the local dogs are kept out by a high fence. An extensive boardwalk protects the fringing vegetation and gives an excellent view of the birdlife. We even saw two dolphins frolicking in the water near the marina. Nearby, the Nourishing the Soul Café was very popular. After more photos of the birdlife of the area and morning tea, it was back into the cars for another short drive to **Natures' Eye Shelter**.



Creery Wetlands Dolphin



Nature's Eye is a covered rotunda situated on the foreshore of Collins Pool in the Len Howard Conservation Park which gives a great view of the local birdlife and tranquil waters of the Peel Inlet. A walk trail goes along the shore and we spotted two Ospreys in a large Swamp Sheoak tree. There is a long-drop toilet and some concrete picnic benches.

A few more photos and it was back into the cars to **Warrungup Spring Reserve** on Estuary Road, just past the Dawesville Cut.



Natures Eye Osprey - Image Keith Wilcox

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Warrungup Spring Reserve was known as an Aboriginal birthing spring and has a boardwalk and public toilets. Highlight of this stop was a large Osprey nest high up in the treetop with two Ospreys in attendance. Also, there was a lovely display of red Cockey's Tongue and purple Hardenbergia wildflowers.



Warrungup Spring car convoy



Warrungup Spring White-Cheeked Honeyeater
Image Keith Wilcox



Warrungup Spring Osprey
Image Keith Wilcox

Another short stroll along the boardwalk viewing the birds then back into the cars to **Lake Clifton**.

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A short 15-minute drive brought us to the Lake Clifton Thrombolites area of Yalgorup National Park. Thrombolites are formed by bacterial microorganisms (blue-green algae) which live in the shallows of Lake Clifton and only about a dozen other places in the world, three of which are in Western Australia. The water level in Lake Clifton was quite high due to the recent rain so the thrombolites were all well under water.



Scientists know little about the thrombolites and why they form at Lake Clifton, but one theory is that they form because the lake is associated with upwellings of fresh groundwater that is high in calcium carbonate. The micro-organisms living in this environment are able to precipitate calcium carbonate from the waters as they photosynthesise, forming the mineralised structure that is the thrombolite. The difference between the stromatolites in Shark Bay and thrombolites is that the former are layered in cross-section while the thrombolites have a clotted, clumpy structure.

After viewing the thrombolites it was time for lunch which we had on the picnic benches near the car park. We were entertained by the Ring-necked Parrots, a Red-capped Parrot, and a cheeky, bright red, Scarlet Robin hopping about. Several members headed for home after lunch while the rest of us headed to Rockingham to visit **Naragebup** (Rockingham Regional Environmental Centre). Naragebup is a volunteer run organisation established as an education and resource facility for the community, to enable a greater understanding of environmental issues and sustainable lifestyle choices. Items on display included a variety of insects, frogs, and reptiles, a marine pool, organic veggie gardens, worm farm, chooks, ducks, geese and a turkey (sounds like Xmas dinner).

Naragebup concluded the trip and everyone went their separate ways home. There are thrombolites at Lake Richmond opposite Naragebup but the water level was too high to see them.



Lake Clifton Thrombolites



Lake Clifton Lunch



Lake Clifton Scarlet Robin
Image Keith Wilcox



Red-Capped Parrot



Naragebup Displays



Naragebup Bobtails

Thanks to Joy for showing us some of the places of interest close to home that we normally drive past for destinations further afield. Thanks Keith Wilcox also, for some excellent close-up bird photos.

HALF OF HUNT

9 - 10 July 2022

Keith Low (Trip Leader)

A trip to travel east as far as Bodallin – bush camp at the old railway dam – and visit or pass about half of Hunt's wells, plus several other wells and points of interest.

Well, well, well, what a trip! Whilst that is a terribly predictable – if irresistible – introduction to this report, it also a reasonable summary of a couple of days checking out a series of wells, dams and soaks on a convoluted trip through the Wheatbelt that took us as far east as Moorine Rocks.

The inspiration for the trip was the series of wells developed by explorer, **Charles Cooke Hunt**, during several exploration trips between York and the Hampton Plains (south-east of present-day Kalgoorlie) in the early to mid-1860s. A major aim of these Government-sponsored trips was to find and open the way to new pastoral lands in the interior of the State, and Hunt sadly regarded his efforts as largely in vain when suitable country was not found.

However, little did he know how significant his work would become. Nearly three decades later (and after his early death), gold discoveries in the Yilgarn and then the eastern goldfields attracted a stream of thousands of fortune-seeking prospectors to the area, on horses, donkeys or camels or, in many instances, on foot. There is no doubt of the importance of Hunt's line of wells, which became known as **Hunt's Track**, in providing the essential water supplies along the way and preventing untold deaths.

The track significantly influenced the route of the old Goldfields Road - which our trip followed much of - and subsequently influenced those of the railway, and later the Goldfields pipeline. So next time you drive east along the Great Eastern Highway, spare a thought for CC Hunt and his crew who pushed through dry and uninhabited country to open the way over a century and a half ago.

Given the full extent of Hunt's Track is too much for a weekend trip, we satisfied ourselves with around a dozen wells, or roughly half of the total. We found them in various states of repair, some in excellent condition after restoration work by local historical societies or other interest groups, some in poor condition, some little more than a depression in the ground, a couple on farms that had been ploughed over or were inaccessible, and a couple where the exact location is no longer known. This is not unexpected given the passage of time and, whatever their condition today, the wells collectively evoke visions of those who travelled the route long ago, back to Hunt himself.

We also took the opportunity to visit some other wells and dams along the way that provided additional points of interest in a similar theme. Other highlights of the weekend included the picturesque route along Wheatbelt back roads, visiting several hitherto unvisited granite rocks (which were the source of water for many of the wells), the lovely town of Westonia, the excellent Bodallin railway dam campsite, the generally compliant weather, great company and, of course, Deb's superb golden syrup dumplings!

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The only 'downer' was the inconsiderate bollard that ducked into Jo's intended route out of the carpark at Totadgin, and damaged poor Oscar. He is, however, a tough and experienced traveller, and is preparing to Gallivant the Goldfields in September.

Well well well ...



Tammin Well (No.2)



Checking out the Government Well at Kokerbin Hill



Impressive stonework in Government Well



A temporary fix for poor Oscar



**Boodalin Well (No. 10)
Near Westonia**



Burrocoppin Well (No.9)

HALF OF HUNT - Another Perspective

Deborah Thyne

Our first stop on this very interesting, historical journey through the Wheatbelt was St Ronan's well on the York Road. Like some of the wells, weirs and dams we were to see over the weekend it isn't one of Hunts.

Before our departure, Joy (my passenger) and I had discussed the benefits of taking recovery tracks and decided they wouldn't be required. We had second thoughts on visiting this first well negotiating a very watery large muddy hole in the track. Fortunately, this was the only real experience of this on the trip.

We had beautiful weather for the whole day as we wound our way on the backroads of the Wheatbelt visiting the wells. It was heartening to see the different crops growing healthily and, in some places, canola already flowering. Farmer Chris says this is not unusual and flowering will peak in about late August. I love flowering canola and refer to it as 'paddocks of sunshine'.

At well four, located just off the road in a paddock, the farmer came along to see what we were doing! It must be unusual for five cars to be all together on their back road. The lady was concerned about biosecurity and mentioned the outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Indonesia. We were able to reassure her we were up to no harm and that we had not been to Indonesia recently. We had a chat with her before we moved off.

Most of the wells were located, not unsurprisingly, at the base of granite rocks. Until recently I was unaware of the many granite rocks and outcrops across the vast Wheatbelt. I just love them as there are many different and unusual formations of the weathered rocks some of which perch very precariously on the edge of the outcrops. The vegetation both large and minute adorn the base and surface of the rocks.

Our outward and return journey took us through Westonia. I hadn't been here for about twenty-five years. Once upon a time the mine was closed and then re-opened. In the days it was closed it was a massive 'well' itself with the pit full of water. There is a lot of pride in the town with scaled down, replica building facades dotted around the town. Even a miniature cabin as you drive out of town.

Our camping spot at Bodallin Dam was well chosen. It is only about a kilometre or so from the Great Eastern Highway and railway line but the noise was not a bother. There was plenty of room to spread out, little campfire spots marked out with rocks and the dam to explore.

It was a pleasant evening by the fire and mild compared to what I had prepared for. I was pleased to be able to make golden syrup dumplings in the camp oven to share. The coals were a bit 'cold' so I resorted to putting the camp oven into the fire and they were cooked in no time at all. They went down well with custard.

Rain was expected but it held off until we had all retired for the night. We had light intermittent showers until about 3am.

By the time we got up Sunday morning the sun was starting to shine again but the overnight showers made the bush look so different and fresh.

Sundew plants glistened in the sunlight.



Sundew Plant

It was an easy start for our return journey so I took the time to walk around to the dam. The spillway was a piece of art with the rocks on the base being placed to resemble a huge mosaic.

The trip home took us on more back roads through the Eastern and Central Wheatbelt. We only had one shower of rain at Totadgin Well with us donning raincoats but the sun was out again a short time later when we stopped for lunch at the locality of Korbel. Back in the day I was a member of the Korbelka CWA and played golf on the bush course. I spent more time in the bush rather than on the course!

The next leg I found very interesting as we zig zagged our way across to Kokerbin Rock and the last well. This was large in diameter and deep with water at the bottom. This rock has several walks you can do and it would be interesting to return to do these.

Such an interesting weekend with great commentary, history and background provided by Keith Low. In one discussion with Keith, we agreed on the bravery and skill of the early explorers like Hunt who headed off into the virtual unknown on a mission to dig these wells to assist all manner of travellers out to the Goldfields. They were amazing people.

Even though I lived in the Eastern Wheatbelt for some years I am only just starting to learn of some of the history and sights to be seen out there.



Campsite at Bodallin Railway Dam

Thanks for a great trip
Keith!



Bed of Bodallin Dam Spillway

More highlights from Half of Hunt



Campsite at Bodallin Railway Dam



Old bread oven at Bodallin Railway Dam



Keokanie Rock
NE of Westonia



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Westonia facades



Hunt's Dam near Merredin

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Part II - Newman to Karijini

Day Three - Monday 16 August 2021

Vanessa Carn & Ross Mead



Up with the birds, bush camp breakfast, all packed up with Greg helping Stu and Mike get the 'Subiloo' sorted by 8.30. Ross led us into **Newman** to the tourist centre to enquire about camp options for our second night as he wasn't happy with Sandy Creek, where we camped on our arrival in Newman. He felt that the camp area was too exposed to be able to safely leave our gear whilst we explored for the day.

The tourist centre referred us to the local council office who helped us book five unpowered grass sites at the caravan park. Bookings and payments all sorted, the group checked out the caravan park.

It was a bit bare and unwelcoming with a high fence around an open area that looked as though it had once been a mine camp. There was a patch of recently laid turf for camping which was fortunately next to the boundary so did get afternoon shade from the trees outside the fence (there was no shade within the park). Happy with the grass and shade, even happier with hot showers and laundry after two days travelling.

After checking out the camp area, everyone split up to go exploring on their own.

Vanessa and Greg headed to the local Dome for brunch and to catch up on news and social posts. They stocked up on supplies at the local IGA and were happy to source a drill bit and small torch at the Mitre 10 too. They even found their way to the tavern for a bet stop before heading around the corner to set up their campsite just after 1pm and then settle in for a relaxing afternoon in the shade.

After getting a Rail Access Road Pass from the Tourist Bureau, Stu and Mike headed off to explore the track into Kalgan Creek off the Marble Bar Rd. They reported back that they were only able to get to the first creek crossing as the water was too high for them to make a safe crossing. However, Stu reckoned that there was a good campsite next to the crossing for future reference. On the way back, they checked out Ophthalmia Dam which provides water to Newman. There is a picnic area at the dam wall which is also a good spot to do some bird watching.

Ross also headed to the Dome Cafe for a much needed coffee and cake for morning tea before setting off to check out the Newman Lookout and a few other tourist spots.

Daniel also did his own exploring around town and the local area.

Jason and Nathan filled in the day exploring before heading off to pick up Julia, Adelaide and Minabelle from Newman airport at 4pm. They reported having had a good flight up and were all happy to be reunited. There was much swapping of stories on the trip so far.

After dinner, Stu, Mike, and Ross joined Greg and Vanessa for campsite chats.

All headed to bed by 9.30.

Day Four - Tuesday 17 August 2021

Vanessa Carn

Woken by the sound of trains and traffic, we took advantage of the hot showers at the camping ground after breakfast. Packed and ready to go just after 8.30 we decided to hit the local Muzz Buzz for hot fresh coffee and bagels. Half an hour later we were joined by Ross, Daniel, Stu and Mike at the Shell service station. While waiting for the Moore family, Stu sourced and booked a quad bike tour during our Exmouth stay which we decided to join. The Moore family were not ready to hit the road so agreed to meet us along the way, and it was 26 degrees just after 9 when we pulled out onto Great Northern Highway from Newman.

After stopping to capture the view of **Cathedral Gorge**, we headed to Mt Robinson where we arrived just after 10.30 for morning tea. Jason and the girls arrived half an hour later and headed off to explore when we were ready to leave, so the four car convoy was back on track just after 11.30 with the car temperature showing 29 degrees.

Ross' plan to take us to Mount Bruce ended up being a tour of the Ranger Headquarters, and the car temperature was 30 degrees when we pulled into the Karijini Visitors Centre just before 1. Taking full advantage of the opportunity to learn more about the natural and cultural history of Karijini National Park, we collected maps, information, and tips on experiencing the gorges from the visitor centre staff in air-conditioned comfort.



Sandy Creek



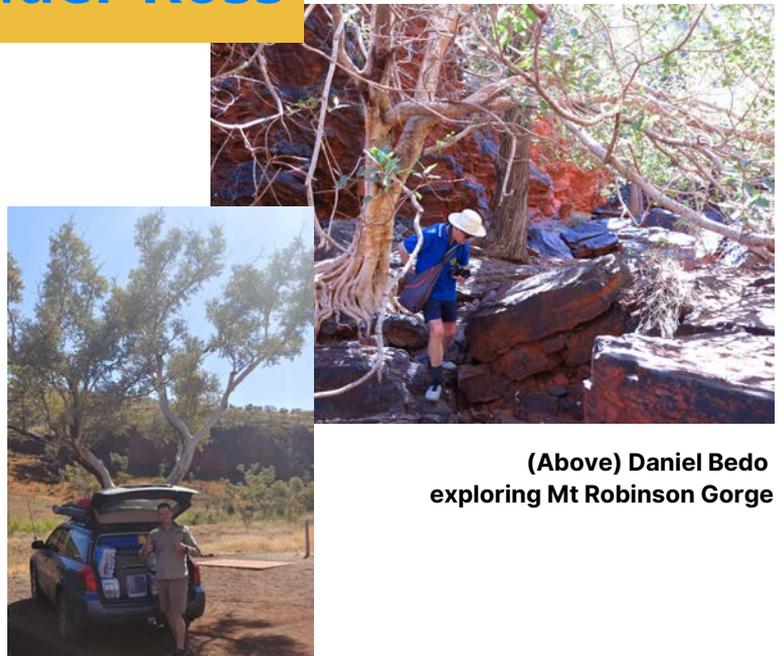
Newman

Trip Leader Ross



Karijini

(Right) Stu Rosethorne
enjoying morning tea at Mt Robinson



(Above) Daniel Bedo
exploring Mt Robinson Gorge



Car convoy at Cathedral Gorge



Shady ladies - Julia & Minabelle Moore

Enjoying lunch outside in the shaded seating area we were joined by the Moore family and hit the road to Dale's Campground to check in just after 2. The friendly campground volunteers directed us to our sites booked in Kangaroo Loop and warned us not to leave any food or rubbish out due to dingo activity in the campground recently.

Although happy to have been allocated an extra-large site with afternoon shade, securing tent pegs in the rock-hard ground proved to be quite a challenge, even with a drill! Once set up, we settled in for the afternoon while Stu and Mike headed off for a swim at Fern Pool.

After enjoying a clear and stunning sunset scene, we joined the rest of the group at Ross' site after dinner to plan our days exploring.



Karijini campground sunset scene

(Story continues next month)

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SEPTEMBER 2022

Gallivant the Goldfields
3 to 18 September
Jo Norton

Explore the Wheatbelt
16 to 18 September
Jo Norton

Nambung Station Stargazer Tour
24 to 26 September
Vanessa Carn

OCTOBER 2022

**Subaru Olympics
Annual Dinner & Awards**
Greenhills Tavern
22 October

DECEMBER 2022

Club Christmas Picnic
Whiteman Park
3 December 2022

Christmas Lights in Albany
Deb Thyne
8 to 11 December

APRIL 2023

Quobba Astronomy Adventures
Quobba Stations
16 to 23 April



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