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NORTTHERN DISASTER

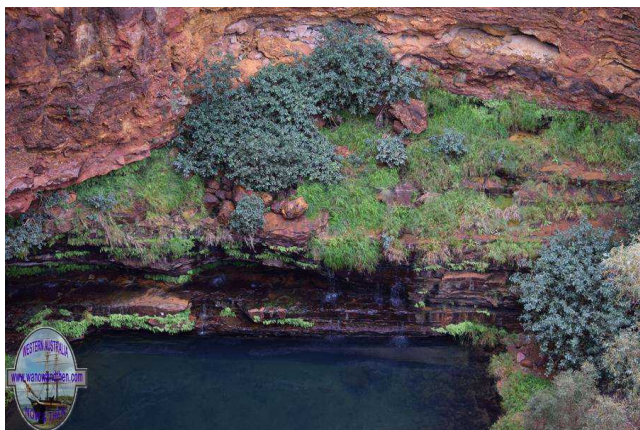
Well we did head north in an attempt to reach Broome but unfortunately the trip turned into a complete disaster for us.

To begin with everything (except the weather) was great. We didn't get to explore Karijini as much as we would have liked because the rain followed us north and most of the gorges and roads were closed by the time we arrived.

Thankfully there was a big enough break in the weather for us to do some filming at Dale's Gorge and you can find the results of that at :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kJvEOlpGoo>

We also visited a few interesting places before we got to Karijini including Peace Gorge near Meekatharra, the Granites near Mount Magnet, Great Fingal Mine office near Cue and the ruins of the old Cue hospital.



Fern Terraces at Karijini

We stopped at Port Hedland to stock up for the 600 kilometre drive to Broome and had planned to spend some time at Cape Keraudren, Port Smith and 80 Mile along the way.

We got to Pardoo Roadhouse, just 13km from our first intended destination when it all went wrong.



Shipping the Coaster to Perth

As we pulled up we could hear a strange noise coming from the engine and as soon as I looked down at the temperature gauge I know we were in trouble.

The coolant had leaked out and the engine had overheated so we had to sit and wait for everything to cool down before we could start to have a look at what had happened.

As it turned out the engine had been damaged and we had no choice but to ship the Coaster back down to Perth at a cost of over \$2,000.

That was the end of our northern adventure and since then the Coaster has been sitting at the mechanic's having the engine re-built along with a lot of other work which we found out on Friday was going to cost us around \$12,000!

As a result we have launched a 'Go Fund Me' page at :

<https://www.gofundme.com/29krqg38>

but the response so far have not exactly been over-whelming. We can only hope that some people out there will consider the work we do to be worth-while and will decide to give us a bit of support.

The details of the entire trip are on our trip blog at:

<http://www.wanowandthen.com/Travel-Blog-26.html>

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LESMURDIE FALLS

One of the places we have visited in the past few weeks is Lesmurdie Falls.

After all the rain we have had over winter we thought now would be a good time to see the falls at their best.



Lesmurdie Falls

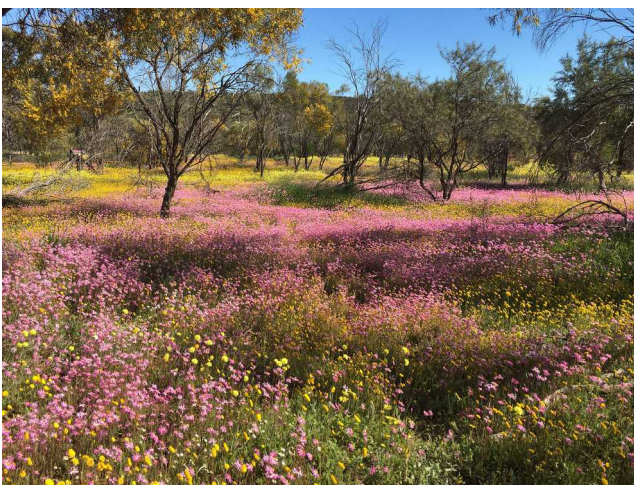
We also made a short video clip of the area from both the top trail and the bottom trail.

You can find this at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hVold64_oCc

The falls were beautiful but we were a little early to see much in the way of wildflowers.

We are waiting patiently to get away and check out one of the best wildflower seasons in many years. The images we have seen on the internet are spectacular and hopefully we will get going before the flowers are all gone.



This year's wildflowers - From Facebook

AROUND AUSTRALIA

In 1997 we went on a round-Australia journey that by the time we had finished, took us over 5 years.

We went north through Western Australia working as we travelled. Eventually we crossed into the Northern Territory and went to Darwin.

After working there for 6 months we moved on to Queensland where we explored and worked for a year.



Fitzroy Island

Our next destination was South Australia and later we went up the centre to Uluru and Alice Springs before coming back to W.A. via Broome.

As we travelled we made videos of the trip and I have finally managed to edit them into a series of segments that cover the whole journey.

Unfortunately all the video was originally shot on analogue cameras and has been lifted from video tape so the quality isn't what we have come to expect from modern digital video.

Even so, there are some interesting places and some (like the Castle Fun Park in Mandurah) that no longer exist.

If you have a few hours spare you might like to work your way through the playlist that you will find on our YouTube channel at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Krax43Md9Mc&list=PLaAMEcpf9NAY4MJGZv_6qqCLi8ULkaeAv

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