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SITE UPDATES

We have finally completed all the pages associated with both our 'Goldfields trip' and the more recent 'Ruins Trip'. There are too many pages to list here but just flicking through the towns listed on our travel blogs for those areas will take you to the new information and many new photographs.

We are still working on updating the look of the rest of our site but this is a very long process that will still take many months to complete.

UPDATED CAMERA GEAR

We recently updated our main stills camera to a Nikon D5300. Although there hasn't been a great opportunity to test it out recently, we did have a chance to visit Churchill Park in Rockingham and shoot a few stills.

We did a quick comparison with our old cameras and found that the new camera produces much more detail and allows us to more heavily crop pictures that will hopefully produce better results.



Grain silo – Rockingham

RECENT TRIP

With all the work going on updating our site there has been little chance to get out and visit interesting places.

The only recent outings were a day trip to Waroona and Yarloop and another day trip to Ellis Brook Valley. We were searching for abandoned buildings and in the case of Ellis Brook looking for wildflowers to photograph.



Ellis Brook has a pleasant picnic site with BBQs, toilets, shelters, chairs and tables and if you are fit enough there is a walk trail up to 60 Foot Falls. Unfortunately when we visited the falls were just a trickle.

The walk trail is quite rough and steep, so is only recommended for people with a reasonably good level of fitness and good balance.

Luckily the wildflowers were still out and we managed to get a few new varieties to add to our [Wildflower ID Gallery](#).



Flannel Flower

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Our day trip to Waroona and Yarloop allowed us to update our photos of those towns and also to visit the small settlement of Hamel.

Along the way we also dropped in at Logue Brook Dam to photograph the campsite on the north side as well as the pleasant picnic areas.

The dam is the subject of some controversy at the moment with plans by NPaw to close the existing campsite. This is being resisted by the community who want the campsite left as it is for everyone to enjoy.



Logue Brook Dam picnic site

COMING UP

Our next trip is coming up very soon but for once it is going to be more of a holiday trip than a research trip. In preparation for taking our dinghy and the caravan together for the first time, we have installed a Lazy-T outboard carrier on the draw bar of the caravan.

This will leave more room inside the car for packing other items.

We are hoping to go north next year with this setup and this short trip is really just a test to see how everything works.



Lazy-T outboard carrier

Another addition to our collection of camping and caravanning accessories has been installing Rhino rack bars and a roller on top of our existing roof rack on the 4x4, to carry the dinghy.

These bars are wide enough to carry the dinghy without losing the carrying capacity of the existing roof rack.

The full length roller bar on the rear makes it just a bit easier to get the dinghy up on top of the car.



Rhino rack bars with roller

Just before we go away we will be doing a night tour of Fremantle Prison. Although we have already been to the prison and have a feature page at:

<http://www.wanowandthen.com/fremantle-prison.html>

seeing the buildings at night promises to be a whole new experience and a good opportunity for us to try out the new camera.

We will be staying in Fremantle overnight at Fremantle Colonial accommodation that is within walking distance of the prison, so by the time the next newsletter comes out (hopefully in January 2015) we should have a few more interesting places to report on.

As Christmas is almost here again we wish all our readers a happy and safe holiday season and don't forget to check out our website for places to go and see during the holidays.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

