

CUSTODIAN NEWSLETTER

Welcome to 2024 Volume 2 Edition 9

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CMCA RV Park Geeveston opened on 1 October for the new season. Unfortunately, we have had a late withdrawal by our planned Custodians, so we do not have anyone to manage the park between the dates of **7th October to 14th November**. Our local members Miles and Jo Pitman have kindly given their time for a week to open the park and get the place ready for the season.



Figure 1 Geeveston RV Park on arrival by the Pitmans

There was plenty of mowing and whipper snipping to be done when they arrived!

We are hoping that someone will be able to fill some weeks from 7 October or we will be forced to close the park again until such time as we can secure new Custodians.

Dump point use at our parks

There is still a lot of confusion around the use of our park dump points and who can access this service.

The dump points are installed by CMCA at our cost and are primarily for the use of paying park guests. In most situations we also allow our members to access our RV Park dump points free of charge. There are some locations though that this is not the case. Our two parks in Humpty Doo and Batchelor have septic systems and we must monitor the load that they receive. Given they are both on private land, we only allow guests to use these dump points or in the case of Humpty Doo we require a small payment from CMCA members if they are not staying overnight.

Non-members do not have access to our dump points, however because they are listed on travel apps, we do get the odd traveller dropping in to use them. Our Custodians must then manage how to diplomatically advise these travellers that the dump point is for guests and CMCA members only.

This is also an opportunity to encourage the traveller to stay at our parks and to promote our club to them. They may even choose to book a site to access the dump point, which is acceptable.

Latest work at CMCA Nyngan Van Park

The large tourist sign has now been installed at the Van Park at the happy hour area. The next improvements will include a skillion roof over the happy hour area and installation of a basic camp kitchen for guests.

The remaining cabins are being removed which will free up several more powered drive through sites for guests.

Our Custodians Col and Eva Burgess continue to do a great job at the park and we are grateful for their efforts in making the park look as good as it can. Col is our new Bear Grills, dealing with snakes and wild pigs as part of his weekly routine.



Figure 2 New tourist sign installed at CMCA Nyngan Van Park

New RV Park developments

Although there has been no new RV Parks for some time now, we continue to investigate sites and progress development where we can.

The development application has now been lodged with Tenterfield Shire Council for a site adjacent to the Tenterfield Transport Museum. We will now await the assessment of this application to determine if we can proceed with the development of this RV Park. If we receive consent, we can then finalise the lease agreement and start construction in early 2025.

We are still waiting for Western Downs Regional Council to make a determination on our tender for a site in Dalby. If this is supported, we can then finalise the lease and lodge the development application. Unfortunately, due to delays with council, this development will not get approval prior to the end of 2024 so we will not be able to start construction (assuming we get consent) before early 2025.

Custodian Profile

Steve (Crafty) & Kim Moore Q130145

Steve was a fencing contractor/builder for 40 years and retired in December 2022. Kim was an aged care worker for the last 20 years.

“We are currently travelling Australia and have been keen to do small jobs at racecourses and caravan parks or anything that keeps us a bit busy (haven’t gripped old age yet)” Steve said.

“We have had the pleasure of doing our first custodian stint at Boyup brook WA and loved it from the start” he added.

“Our next custodian job is at Sundance Farm in Batchelor NT in October so if you are nearby pop in and stay a while.”

Steve added “I love looking after the lawns and trees when we are in the parks and fiddling with small maintenance jobs.”

“Boyup Brook is different to our other parks as it is the only one in WA and is a fully operational caravan park with ensuites and powered sites. A must visit for everyone travelling in the Big State.

“Hoping to catch up with old friends and make many more on our travels.



Figure 3 Steve and Kim Moore (Q130145)

Custodian Vacancies

Geeveston TAS: 7th October – 14th November

Geeveston TAS: 11th January onwards

Railton TAS: 31st January onwards

If you are interested and able to assist with all or part of these dates, please call Emily on 02 4978 8788 or email emilyking@cmca.au as soon as possible.