Karda Campground, Hill River WA



We arrived here in mid-October to do a couple of weeks campground hosting to help out in an emergency, as once again we were between appointments in Perth, and booked to base ourselves at Yanchep National Park.

Karda Campground is right next door to the Lesueur National Park, a beautiful park to visit, or go on several walks, all marked and off from selected car parking areas. Through the park, on relatively short sealed roads, are sign posts with information about the land forms or flora and fauna found there.

On one particular day, we could see thick smoke coming from the north west quite near to the camp grounds. Through the VHF we use to stay in touch with the rangers we found out

there was a controlled burn taking place and it had slightly got out of control. The surrounding DBCA fire fighters took all day to bring it under control.

They did a great job controlling it, and it certainly made some spectacular opportunities for stunning photographs in the late afternoon, as you can see from the top photo.

Karda this time might be a little different, as there aren't many campers, so it will give us more time to do some sightseeing in the area. Previously here we've just done quick trips to Jurien Bay for supplies.



The countryside is lush, better than we have seen on our last two visits, and the rangers were busy with the lawn mower, slashing the long grass around each campsite and about a metre either side of the roads.

The season and the weather must have been good for the animals, as there a lot of kangaroos down on the flats eating, playing, and resting in the long grass, with lots of little joeys trying their best to run around. Some we saw play fighting. However, we saw a huge

kangaroo down the track nearby. I'd hate to be in the vicinity if he gets a bit angry, it'll be 'head for the hills' time.

Two campers have seen an albino kangaroo, so my project is to go down there each day to see if I can see him. It's my mission to get a photo. As it is to get one of the emus. The ranger said on or arrival that yesterday she saw Dad with 5 chicks strutting around. We did see 5 adults the next day, and two came into camp, but they creep in and out without much fanfare, so you have to be on your toes to see them.



Mission accomplished!!! Spotted the albino down the bottom of the camp, and in I went in to get a photo. Other kangaroos were a bit wary, but not 'snowy'. Unperturbed, he just kept grazing and took a little while till he turned a bit and stood up. Looks a bit muscular, but beautiful for a young buck.

We also caught up with a couple of YouTube travelling stars, Adam and Jen from On The Move, who'd camped up with their mates for a few days, and made a video of the place here; [Karda Campground – On The Move]

We finished our term as November popped up on the calendar and as luck would have it, we received a phone call from Yanchep National Park to find out if we could help out there and come and host until the end of the month.



Yanchep is one of our favourite campgrounds, so off we went; they didn't have to twist any arms!