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## A LONG TRIP AND RAIN

We finally managed to get away on our research trip in May but the whole time we were away we were dogged by rain. It didn't seem to matter where we went, the rain just kept on following us around.

In spite of the weather we did manage to get a lot of filming done and in the end we were quite happy with the results.

## SHARK BAY

The first region we called in to was Shark Bay. It had been about 18 years since we had last ventured up the peninsula to Denham but we found that little had changed.

Denham is still a nice small sleepy little town and it has not yet been ruined by over-development.

Our sincere thanks to Adam at the local Discovery Centre who helped us out with a camp site while we were there.

We managed to update most of our pages related to Shark Bay and you can see the results at :

<http://www.wanowandthen.com/denham.html>

<http://www.wanowandthen.com/Monkey-Mia.html> and

<http://www.wanowandthen.com/nanga.html>

## GASCOYNE

Our next stop was south of Carnarvon at a campsite called Bush Bay. We are very familiar with this site having spent several months there over previous years.

Bush Bay is now, sadly, subject to regular flooding at high tide and we only managed to stay a short time before we had to move on.

Carnarvon had changed little from our previous visit in 2010

but we did notice some of the businesses in town had closed down.

We also stopped in at a campsite north of Carnarvon known as Quobba or The Blowholes. There have been some nice upgrades at this site including nice new toilets.

You can see our updated reviews of Bush Bay and Quobba on the following pages :

<http://www.wanowandthen.com/Bush-Bay-Campsite.html>

<http://www.wanowandthen.com/Blowholes-Campsite.html>

## CAPE RANGE

The last main stop on the trip was at least as spectacular as Shark Bay and maybe even more so.

We had planned to camp in the National park on the west side of the cape but recent heavy rains meant roads and campsites were closed.

Instead we found ourselves at Yardie Homestead which turned out to be a happy accident.

Yardie Homestead is just north of the National Park and turned out to be better value. With access to showers, drinking water and a lovely pool area, Yardie was an excellent base for exploring the rest of the cape.



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During the trip we were using our new Phantom quad copter to get some pictures from the air. We managed to put together a video clip using this new perspective and you can see the results at :

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZkdJ6JKh1o&list=UUcy8liO11\\_fYuRtxwAOUIMw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZkdJ6JKh1o&list=UUcy8liO11_fYuRtxwAOUIMw)

We still have some more gadgets to buy to make filming this way even better so hopefully on our next trip (to the Goldfields) we will have even better pictures and footage to share.

If you want to read the full account of our recent trip you can find it on our blog pages at :

<http://www.wanowandthen.com/Travel-Blog-08.html>



Swimming at Turquoise Bay

The Cape was really magnificent on the days the sun chose to come out and thankfully we did get a chance to 'swim with the fishes'.

For anyone interested in the technology we are using to film from the air you can have a look at a page we have compiled about the subject at :

<http://www.wanowandthen.com/dji-phantom-gopro-hero.html>

and you can find the full photo albums of the trip on our Photo Galleries page :

<http://www.wanowandthen.com/gallery-contents.html>

## GOOD AND BAD NEWS

Not long after we got back from this extended trip we ran afoul of misbehaving technology when our main computer crashed.

With little option, we had to purchase a new computer while the old one went in for repairs.

This held up the production of this newsletter which is a little late in being published due to our misbehaving PC.

Last week we had even more problems when Facebook forced us to change the way our Facebook page operated and in the conversion process they basically destroyed both our information and our ability to re-build it.

The result of this has been a brand new Facebook page at :

<https://www.facebook.com/WAnowandthen>

## ABANDONED W.A.

We have long been fascinated with abandoned buildings and have been following a number of different sites on the net that deal with photographing and videoing these places.

When we had a look through our own albums of photographs we found that we had a fair sized collection ourselves, so a week ago we launched a new Facebook page called Abandoned Western Australia.

This page took off at a phenomenal rate and has attracted over 5,000 likes in about 3 days. We couldn't be more happy with the response and there are plenty of people sharing their own photos and website links. If you are interested in old abandoned places then you might like to have a look at :

<https://www.facebook.com/abandonedWA>



As winter has now set in, we don't expect a lot to report until after our Goldfields trip. Hopefully our next newsletter will be out in October.

