



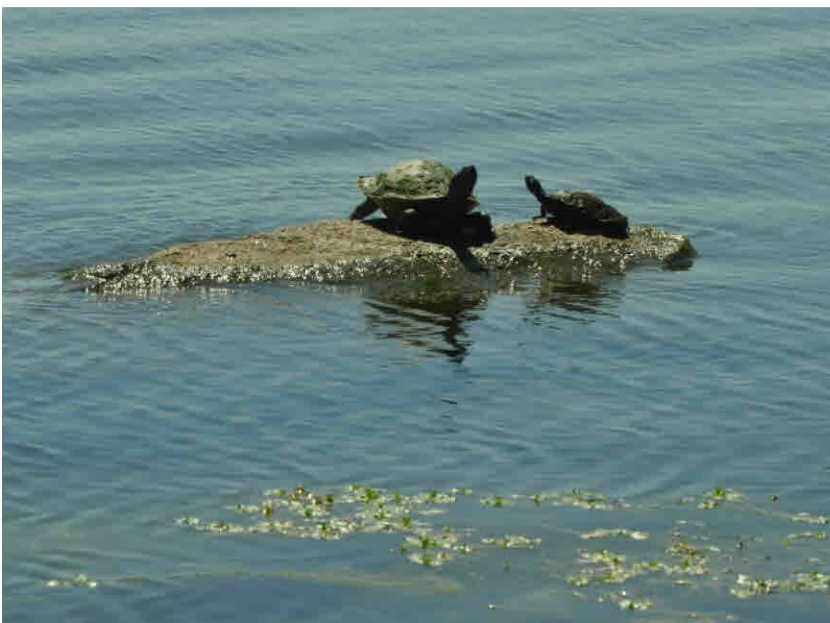
... and the view from our awning!

There is a small toilet block here (flush toilets, septic system) and bins plus a large skip for rubbish. There is no time limit on staying here and some stay for weeks on end. A local tourist operator (Jamie's 4WD Tagalong Tours) brings basic grocery supplies at least once a week and twice May to September and now also brings a 1000 litre water pod so you can refill your water tanks for \$10. It is about a 100km round trip to Monto (or Eidsvold) for groceries in full so we

ended up staying here for 10 days with a shopping (and Laundromat) trip in the middle.



The area in front of us was always populated with Pelicans and other water birds and small turtles come out to lay on the rocks.



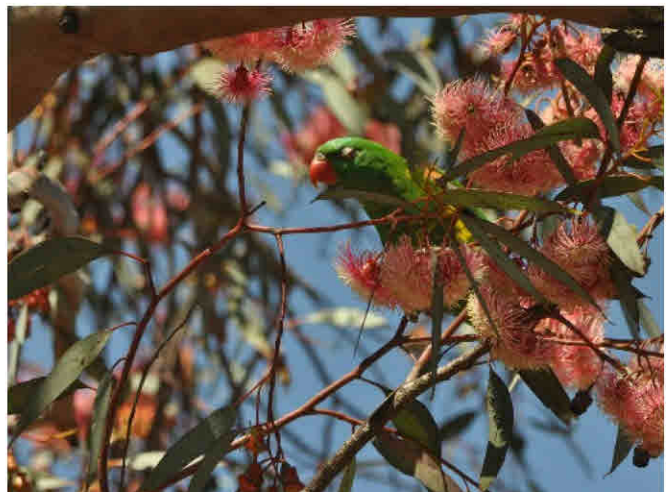
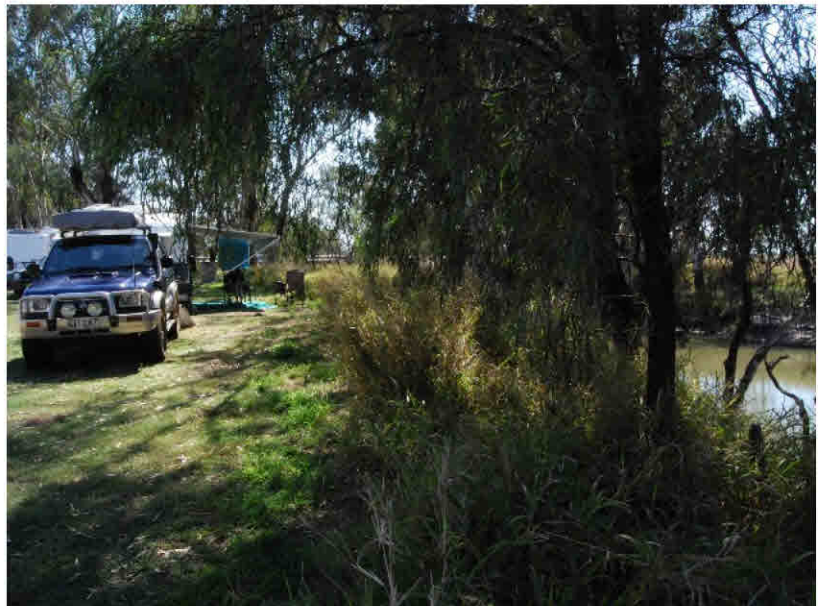


It is now early September and so we finally dragged ourselves away from Wuruma in order to keep a reasonable schedule for arriving in Gunning in early November (giving us plenty of time to return to Brisbane for Christmas).

From Wuruma we moved South through Munduburra (overnight at the rest area - Top Left) then via Jandowae

to Dalby for a few days in the caravan park.

Continuing South we moved through the free camps at Cecil Plains (right) and Millmerran, (below) staying at each for the 3 day maximum allowed. These are both great little spots arranged by Toowoomba Regional Council. Cecil Plains is a Picnic Area and has toilet block and fresh water; Millmerran is the conversion of a disused park with picnic table and rubbish bins but there is a dump point

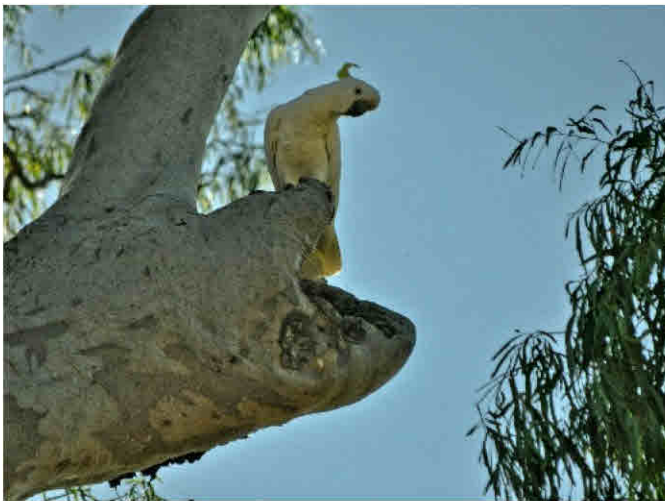


Next overnight stop was at the RV area at Inglewood before travelling South towards the NSW border along the Dumaresq or McIntyre River system. As it was coming into the weekend of Australia's major motor race, the Bathurst 1000, Keith wanted a spot with good TV reception. We had discovered that there are several "fishing camps" along the river maintained by Goondiwindi Shire Council.

These are all no facilities but have some mowed areas and access roads (gravel). We ended up at Rainbow Reserve which is the closest of these to Goondiwindi at about 17km East. There was one other camper when we



arrived and after that, in 4 days we only had an odd one come in for an overnight stay so mostly we had our area to ourselves as there is a lot of room here. This stretch of water is not the McIntyre itself but a sort of Anabranch which flows only



in flood conditions but does serve as an irrigation feed to nearby farming.

Because of this you are not actually on the state border which is the river proper. The major problem here were the bush flies which made it impossible to watch TV outdoors and Frances had to wear her personal mossie net under her hat which Renee had given her in Alice; must get another one when we come across one! There was a lot of

bird life here, especially Sulphur Crested Cockatoos which make a lot of noise! Sunset over the river here wa very colourful.



