

The Good Life – Jobry Style – Month 10

Life is so simple in the Metro area. Example 1 - You might recall last month that we had acquired a black lamb, well it needed it's tail docking didn't it. The previous month my brother in law, an ex farmer, had been down and simply cut Sally's tail off so I figured I can do that!!

Welllll, I kept putting it off until it had to be done, then I rang the brother in law and sought advice, so the first question he asks is "is it a ewe or a wether?" how do I know, what is a wether anyway? Stupid question! So Jo tells me it's a wether and I pass this on, and then he says to cut the tail so it just covers the volvo! Well, I hadn't seen any Swedish car bits hanging off this lamb it's a Suffolk not a Swedish lamb, but Jo once again came to the rescue.

That was the easy bit, when you have a sharp kitchen knife in your hand it is not the easiest thing to do to cut off a part of a live animal I'll tell you right now. One slice and all was done, Molly never felt a thing, me - I skipped lunch that day. Still haven't told Joann which of her kitchen knives I used!

Example 2 - Young Jade decided to come and spend a few days with us during the school holidays. Jade is 14 and quite a young lady, so I show her how to ride the quad bike, and because the small one needs some repairs, Jade gets to ride the "BIG" bike, for those of you that have been here you know the one - Joann's.

So Jade does well on the bike and on one lap even managed to get one hand off the handlebars to wave to us, funny how things work each lap seems to take less time to complete or is it my imagination? After a few laps I heard the bike go past and then silence, so I wander up the block and there is Jade standing alongside Jo's bike which is tangled in the boundary fence. Jade had a few cuts on her hands but apart from that she was ok, but when I looked where she had been she had gone through a large shrub/small tree, come out the other side and completely snapped off one of our native shrubs before hitting the fence. The bike is ok as well, but guess who got into more trouble than the rider?

We also have a new addition to the family, although no one should be surprised because we seem to pick something else up each month, although we cannot eat this one. We now have a Labrador pup with the proper name of 'Dirty Harry'. He comes from champion stock and is very placid, except he chews everything. Joann has started taking him to dog obedience classes every Saturday afternoon. Boy, does he like the puddles, especially the ones in the clay!!

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Here is Harry and (Crash) Jade enjoying some of the sunshine we have been having too much of. I must say that Harry seems to fit neatly on the petrol tank at the moment and seems to enjoy moving without having to walk.

The South West radio has just said that it is -1 here at the moment, oh well we still have plenty of firewood.

Apart from the destruction being caused by pets and visitors, there is still some construction going on. Tony has commenced the limestone retaining walls around the house so that we can finally get the garden going. Tony, you might recall took over 9 weeks to do our brick paving but he is a perfectionist, so we are looking forward to seeing the finished result.

The builders have asked if we would mind if they put our house in the Housing Industry Awards (HIA) South West Division. The judges are coming to have a look in mid-August and we'll keep you posted on that.

In the last month we have had a lot of visitors either popping in for a coffee on their way back to Perth or staying overnight. John and Maria Charohaus came down for John's birthday with Stefan and Enika. John, as usual loved the fuss over his birthday as can be seen from the photo.

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We went to the Wine & Truffle Co in Manjimup last weekend. I cannot see why there is so much fuss over what looks like some petrified animal thing - \$3,000 per kilo they are getting for it. Mind you their wines are pretty good.

Forthcoming activities in the Bridgetown area for anyone thinking of coming down are:

August	12-20	Nannup Flower and Garden Festival
	13	Markets
	26-27	Balingup Medieval Fayre
	26-27	Geegelup Cup - State Down River Kayak Championships
	27	Markets
September	10	Markets
	24	Markets
	30-1	Blackwood Classic Power Boat Race
October	8	Markets
	14	Sons of Gwalia Open Mine Day
	14	MG Car Rally to Bridgetown
	22	Markets
	28	Blackwood Marathon
	28	Harvey Dickson Rodeo Boyup Brook
November	1-5	Festival of Country Gardens
	5	Markets
	10-12	Blues at Bridgetown
	18-19	Festival of Country Gardens reprise

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19	Markets
24-26	Art happens at Balingup
25	Bridgetown Agricultural Show
25	Jalbrook Classic Concert (Balingup)