

The Good Life – Jobry Style – Month 6

What a month! After the last update I received a call saying it was the most boring thing the caller had read. Does this deter me, NO, and what's more I am not removing the unnamed female artist from the distribution list.

Before I get on to the progress down here, think about this – you need a rest so you take a cruise from Fremantle to Singapore. 9 nights on board a luxury liner. On the second day in you start to think you have mysteriously been transported into a floating geriatric home, 1100 passengers where the average age is 72. Imagine the fun watching a person on a wheeled frame manoeuvring along a ship passageway when there is a good swell about. You cannot get past, what should be a 1 minute walk turns out to be a ten minute crash course in survival! Then the Captain interrupts your exciting game of afternoon bingo seeking regular blood donors of the 0 RH negative type. It's no wonder the ship broke down after we got off.

But it did give us a break and that was good. We have decided that our next cruise will be when we are at an age to be a nuisance to everyone else on board – no rude comments from you either.

Well, we are in the final stages of unpacking boxes, mainly junk and my stuff – Joann can't differentiate between these categories, so I have taken to unpack whilst she is at work.

The driveway is finished by local standards. It is gravel embedded into bitumen, so as to retain the 'country' look. We were going to have black bitumen with concrete kerbing but it would have looked like a metropolitan street, so we went local.



Last week we had two airconditioning units installed to service the house. One unit feeds the three guest bedrooms and the other 5 horsepower unit does the rest of the house. Fortunately we have had some hot days so we know that it does work.

An application has now been made to the local Council to operate as a Bed and Breakfast, so we now await the bureaucracy and their requirements. Once approved I don't know how we'll go because we have had a number of friends stay for weekends and Joann keeps telling me that my job is not to sit down and have breakfast with them and just talk, it is to assist her, so I'll have to lift my game or we'll close before we get any paying customers.

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We are coming into the good season to visit the South West, cool mornings, pleasant days, autumn tonings in the trees so you guys should think about coming down to help Jo while I remain an observer to the proceedings. No, seriously we would like to see you down here (there is plenty of gardening to be done). It must be good, my son Bruce and his family have been down twice. So far they have been relegated to the shed so that the paint on the walls remains green for a little longer. Actually it's good to see the little 'uns running and playing without a worry about the traffic around. Did I tell you how much they enjoyed the wet clay soil, I think I'm still in the bad books with Sharon.



The
'Quiet'
Room

As you would expect, I have been busy installing ceiling speakers. I have contained myself to 6 this time, although there are 10 on the outside walls. That's been fun inside the colorbond roof during the hot weather.

Did we mention that we have a couple living temporarily in the shed while their house is being built around the corner from us. It's very handy because they do some watering and look after the cats and dog if we want to go away or to Perth. Fred and Margaret come from England and this is the first house they have ever had built (Fred is 70). It is a real adventure for them. I thought I took a lot of photos but I think Fred has a photo of every brick being laid.

You know how Bridgetown seems to have the lowest minimum in the State often, well this is great. As soon as the sun goes down the weather cools off. We have some very pleasant evenings down here. Since the last rambling The minimum and maximum temperatures for Bridgetown have been – February 4.4C and 37.6C, March 3.9C and 37.1C.

So, what's happening down here in the area –

Apple Festival	Donnybrook	Easter
Balingup Small Farm Field Day	Balingup	April 29
Weekend markets	Bridgetown	every fortnight
Festival of Country Gardens (Autumn Delights)	Bridgetown	6/7 May

In addition there are plenty of good drives nearby, even to a local artist Sheila Friedauer if the cows let you past on the track.

We seem to gravitate to Jarrah Jacks Brewery at Pemberton whenever we have guests. They provide an excellent lunch and do some great beers and wines (Woodsmoke Wines).

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Whilst my mind is on alcohol, the local Bridgetown Cidery is trialling ‘Perry’ which is similar to babycham and made from pears. I think the surplus of pears may have had something to do with this.



Here's the nerve centre of the house – the kitchen

Joann is now working in the Bunbury office for 3 days a week. She catches the bus on a Tuesday and then gets the company car to come home and back again and then gets the bus home on a Thursday afternoon. On the subject of driving, since the majority of you have been down here a number of new overtaking lanes have been constructed on the Donnybrook – Bridgetown stretch of road. Currently there are two more being done, one north of Donnybrook and the other just north of Bridgetown. Both of these restrict traffic to one lane at this time causing slight delays.

Well I guess that's it for this month. As previously stated, we would like to see some of our metropolitan friends!!!

Regards to all,

Joann & Brian