



GYPSY ADVENTURE UPDATE

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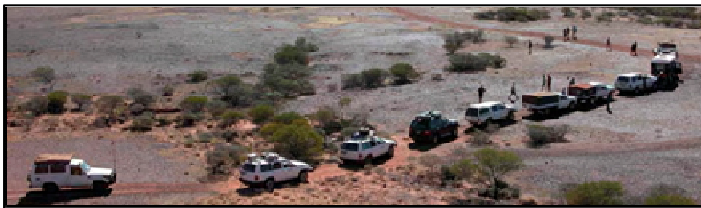
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MYSTERY FEVER STRIKES GYPSY CAMP!

Over the past few weeks, dozens of loyal Gypsies have been struck down by a fever that spread like wildfire - *Canning-itis*! The response to our proposed 2013 Canning Stock Route Expedition was so overwhelming that we found ourselves in the embarrassing position of having too many people & not enough places! What to do??? Solution! Run TWO Canning adventures in 2013! So pack your bags & fill your fuel tanks, folks! The dates for next year's **TWO** Canning Stock Route Expeditions are **May 22 – June 10** and **July 24 – August 12, 2013**. There are still a few places available & we'd love to have you along! Here are the details:



- Award-winning Tour Guide & Global Gypsies Director, Jeremy Perks, will lead both expeditions;
- Jeremy's partner & co-Director, Jan Barrie, will be 'riding shotgun' on one of the tours & our previous Office Manager & good friend Pam Vassi will accompany Jeremy on the other;
- Both tours will be of 20 days duration;
- Both tours will begin in Wiluna & end in Halls Creek;
- Both tours will be SELF-CATERING;
- Both tours will cost \$3800 per vehicle (2 people);
- No towing of any trailers will be permitted;
- No children under 16 or pets please;
- Only robust, self-sufficient 4WD vehicles can join the convoy.



Once Canning fever strikes, if remedial action is not taken promptly, results can be painful & long-lasting. So if you're suffering from *Canning-itis Seriosa*, send us a 10% non-refundable deposit today to confirm your place on this wonderful outback adventure! For more info visit

<http://www.globalgypsies.com.au/tours/Australian/Canning-stock-route-Expedition/>.

PROJECTING A BIG 'THANK YOU'!

We'd like to say a huge thank you to our loyal clients & dear friends, Jim & Lisa Bond. Apart from joining us on numerous safaris over the years, they recently gave us a top quality, near-new data projector. We'd been wanting to buy one for ages but kept putting it off cos' they are so expensive. On a recent tour we happened to mention the piece of presentation equipment that was on our wish list. Jim & Lisa promptly offered to give us one that was due for replacement by their company, Airlite, a leading service provider in the retail & commercial cleaning sectors. Thanks, Jim & Lisa! Your generosity is much appreciated & we've already put your fabulous gift to good use at several 4WD training sessions & boardroom presentations!

HELLO SAILOR!



What's a nice gypsy like you doing in a place like this? American sailors must have been asking themselves that very question when Global Gypsies Director Jeremy Perks was spotted driving Naval Officers around during a visit of the USS CARL VINSON to

WA in April. We were asked to assist with local transport arrangements while the boys & girls in navy blue were in town & we were more than happy to come to the party. And there were several of those! Guided tours of wildlife parks, Swan Valley wineries & other local attractions were in high demand while the massive "Top Gun" ship was berthed off Fremantle. The troops had the time of their lives & we certainly enjoyed looking after them! Ya'll come back real soon now, you hear?

DEC's DREAM JOB

We were pleased to help out our friends at the Department of Environment & Conservation recently. They had an awesome job going but they just couldn't fill it - it was running the tourist boat at a spectacular place called Geikie Gorge in the Kimberley. For some reason they just weren't getting any interest in the position & the season was fast approaching. They asked us to tap into the gypsy network to spread the word so we sent out a message for potential applicants on the jungle drums. Within a week DEC had more applications than they could handle AND had appointed not one, but TWO candidates! We were delighted that the story had a happy ending! And remember to take a cruise through Geikie Gorge if you're up that way – it's an amazing part of the world!

KAKADOODLE-DOO!!

We can hardly wait to lead our inaugural gypsy caravan & motorhome safari through Kakadu National Park in July! But before that, Jeremy & Rebina will be leading another happy group on a 4WD safari through the Kimberley – they'll be touring as you read this! - while Jan does a spot of whale-watching in Augusta.

Coming up in August is our Rudall River Expedition (if you're into history, read on!); in September Jeremy's been invited to lead a private coach & walking tour through Karijini & Kalbarri National Parks; then in November there's our annual Holland Track Expedition. There are so many fantastic things to see & do in the outback it's hard to know where to begin!

And if that's not enough excitement for one year, in October we head off for South America with 18 clients to explore such exotic destinations as Machu Picchu, Cusco & Lima. We'll also do some traveling independently to the Galapagos Islands, Quito, Santiago, Rio & Iguazu Falls. WOW! As the gritty American writer Susan Sontag once said, "*I haven't been everywhere, but it's on my list!*"

RETRACING FOOTSTEPS OF THE EXPLORERS!

If you were to join our Rudall River Expedition this August, you'd be retracing the footsteps of the early explorers. Situated about 800 kms inland from Ningaloo Reef, Rudall River National Park (now known as Karlamilyi after a local Aboriginal tribe) is a 250 tough kms away from the mining town of Newman. Bordered by the Great Sandy & Little Sandy Deserts, it boasts ancient hills, rainbow-hued rocks, crystal clear skies and the occasional oasis. Hardy spinifex grass is punctuated by salt lakes, sand dunes & rocky outcrops – it's wild and woolly country indeed yet is home to over 120 species of birds & mammals.

Rudall/Karlamilyi's history is as harsh as its terrain. William Frederick Rudall was employed as a surveyor by the WA Government in the late 1800's. In 1897, he was leading a search party trying to find two men from the Calvert Scientific Expedition who had been missing for almost a year. Their disappearance had created great excitement in the colonies - nine separate attempts were made to try and find them. Although Rudall didn't locate the missing explorers, he successfully mapped 60,000m² of previously unexplored country during the six months of his search. (Later that year, the leader of the original Calvert Expedition, Larry Wells, found the bodies of the two men, one of whom was his cousin, less than a quarter of a mile off the track.)

During Rudall's search, his party unexpectedly bumped into eccentric explorer Frank Hann who was on a similar mission. Hann was almost dead from thirst, so the meeting was a welcome one for him! Hann and Rudall admired each other's achievements & spent two days together in the bush. Hann later named the river that winds through the park after his friend, William Rudall & the park was proclaimed 80 years later. To find out more about this fascinating outback destination first-hand, join the 14-day adventure departing Newman on August 15!

BRILLIANT BIGHT REPORT

We enjoyed another excellent *Brilliant Bight Tour* in March – that part of the world just gets more beautiful every time we visit! Thanks to our courageous gypsy contingent of Brad Kent, Max Le Clercq & Christine Polmear, Ross McGillivray, Nigel & Chris Wright & our Office Manager Di Gardiner for making the trip such fun!



Highlights included a light-hearted round of golf on the Nullabor Links; celebrating Brad's bush birthday; an overnight stop at rustic Deralinya station incorporating a fiercely fought yabby catching competition; watching from the cliffs at Toolina Cove as circling sharks 'herded' schools of salmon below into a frenzied whirlpool; tackling a challenging 4WD track to the Baxter Cliffs when the tide was too high to drive along the beach; navigating the steep 4WD track to Quoin Head; our first sighting of the sand dunes at Bulbinya; sundowners on the beach at Point Anne; a private tour of the Yongerup Mallee Fowl Centre by our friend Vicky Bilney and, of course, our candlelit Farewell Dinner prepared by Rebina. What a great trip – cheers, everyone!



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RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS

When we come across new or interesting products or services we like to spread the news, so here are two of our latest discoveries...first, a laundry product called *Dizolve*. Small dry sheets of a kleenexy-type material about the size of a paper towel are impregnated with laundry detergent. They come in a lightweight, flat packet (32 sheets for about \$10) – no messy liquids or powders – perfect for travelling! And a new service that we're loving is affordable home delivery of quality fresh fruit & veggies from a company called *Aussie Farmers Direct*. Great quality & the profits go straight to the people who grow the goodies – not the big supermarket chains! For more info phone 1300 645 562 or visit <http://www.aussiefarmers.com.au>.

ESCAPE OF THE BANDICOOTS!

What a thrill! We ran our first *Science Safari* with the Department of Environment & Conservation (DEC) in May & it was fantastic! Six lucky clients along with Jeremy, Jan & Rebina helped a team of expert scientists with the first release of golden bandicoots into the wild at a nature reserve in the Pilbara region called Lorna Glen. For 10 days we assisted the scientists to clean, bait & set traps within a specially 'penned' area; set up 'critter cams' to record nocturnal activities; sample soil & flora near boodie warrens; collect animals from the traps (bandicoots, boodies, mulgaras & marsupial mice) then record their details & attach tiny tracking devices to the soon-to-be-emancipated bandicoots.



But the highlight of the adventure was releasing 48 of these delightful little creatures into the wild, wishing them well in their new home & then monitoring their progress!



On these new 'voluntours', DEC coordinates & supervises the scientific activities while we provide tour coordination & catering. We also donate a percentage of tour proceeds to DEC's Operation Rangelands Restoration Project – \$2500 from this safari alone!

We'd like to thank the dedicated 'voluntourists' who joined us on our inaugural *Science Safari* - Jim & Lisa Bond, Max Williams & Lynn Fisher, & Win & Ernie Walker – DEC says your assistance was invaluable! And, of course, a huge thank you to our scientific gurus Keith Morris, Colleen Sims, Tamra Chapman & Madison Read. We hope to run a number of other *Science Safaris* with DEC in the future so keep your eyes peeled for news! We'll also be running a similar, shorter 'voluntour' to the **Mallee Fowl Centre** in Ongerup in November & we'd love to have you along! Call us for details!

Until next time, happy travels from -

Jan & Jeremy

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