

## COVID Crusaders (aka Kimberley/Cape... Crusaders) – Part 2

Aug 24 - 2020 – 2,607km (1,629miles) from home



From Bollon we drive the 'long road' west to Cunnamulla and on to Eulo. Love those wide open spaces: Room to breathe deeper, it seems! And we love frequently listening to podcasts to "tie over" the miles 😊



**Eulo camp by the Paroo River.** We've been here before in 2017. A nice spot to hang out for a few days:



Only a short distance from the main road we find the bird sanctuary **Eulo Lagoon**.  
At this location there are plenty of camp sites to choose from as well!





Australian Pelican



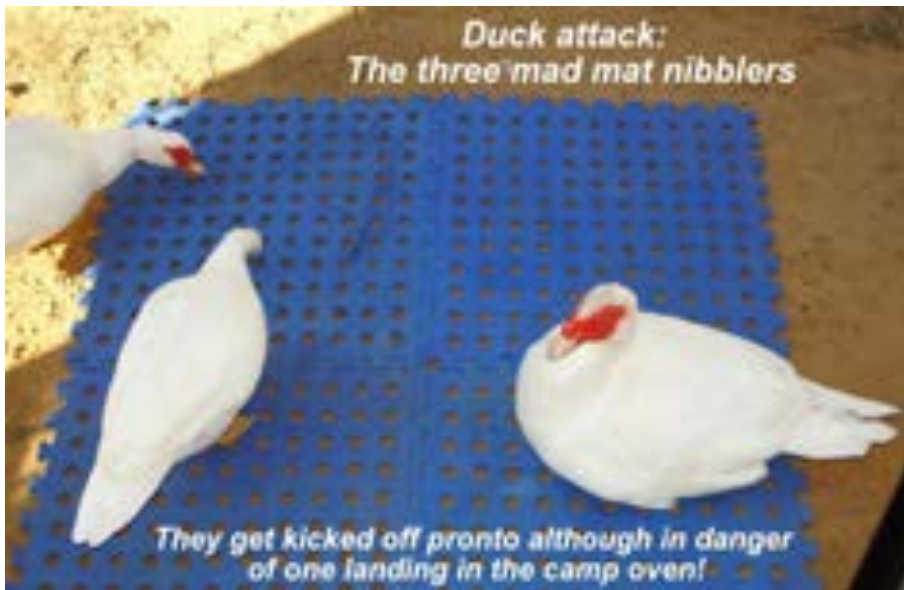
White-browed Woodswallow



Budgerigars flock in their hundreds



Zebra Finches



Duck attack:  
The three mad mat nibblers

They get kicked off pronto although in danger of one landing in the camp oven!



Done like a dinner



Mouthwatering!

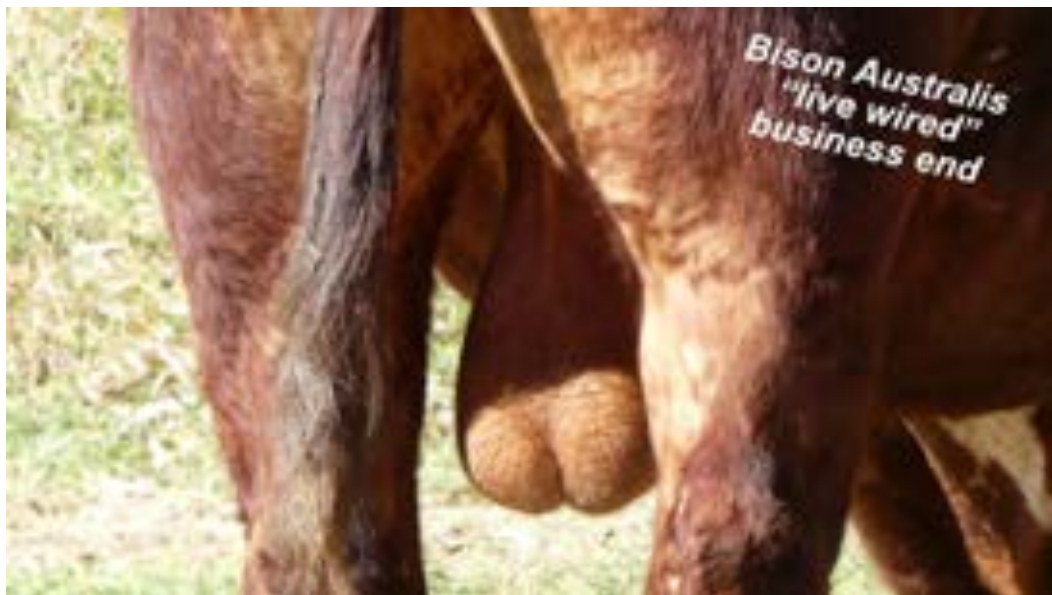
Roast on the road

← Luck for the duck:  
Decided on beef roast instead ☺

Talking 'beef'...



"Bison Australis"



The local pub at Eulo offers good fare!



They used to have 'Lizard Races' here once upon a time...





Then one day some spoil sport 'do-gooder' came along and deemed the activity 'cruel'... ☹️  
 I doubt, many lives were lost in 'Formula Lizard' – most likely casualties would have been those losing bets!!!  
 Notably, in Australia a multitude of unusual things are raced: Camels, cane toads, cockroaches, crabs, sheep, boats in waterless rivers, beer cans, dunnies, even husbands ☺️ (piggybacking their wives)!  
 Alas, plenty food for thought for future reports but what else is there at Eulo...?



**It's all happened before:** As records in museums all over the country document... heatwaves, storms, droughts bushfires and floods have forever shaped Australia's landscape.



Back at Camp Matrix:

Getting the crackling going ↓



With top heat boost from the blower!





Some fairly decent overnight rain fills the bush with loads of water. The black-clay soil doesn't easily let the water dissipate. Large puddles form all over and many creeks we've only ever seen bone-dry before, now flow strongly. Quite unusual and exciting sights for us; first time we experience the Outback like this:



**Many roads become impassable even with the slightest bit of rain and are being closed by the authorities.**



We are holed up at the quirky opal mining town of **Yowah** while we wait for the land to dry out. Good thing they sport a soothing hot thermal spring: No better way to keep warm while this cold front moves through.







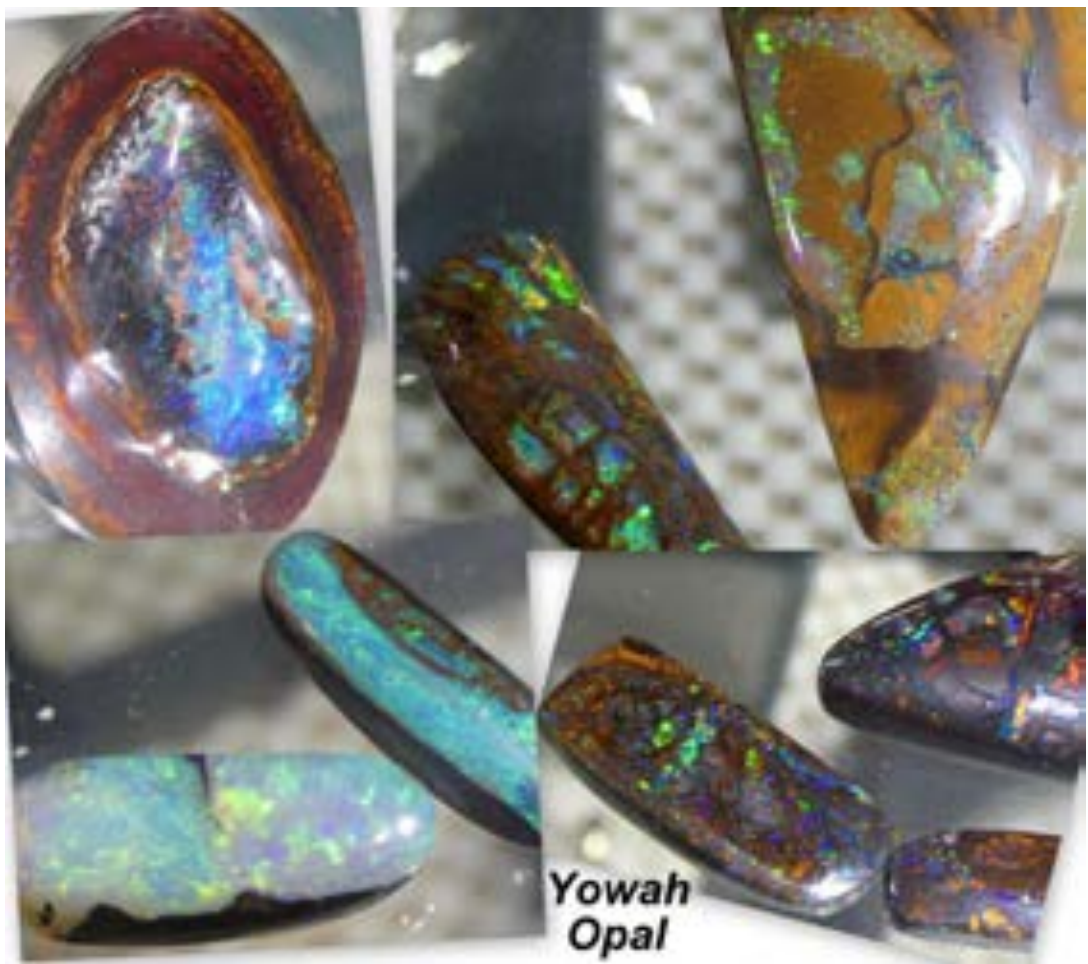
*"Chewing the fat" with Yowah locals*



*Opals for sale at Yowah*



*Opal Shop inside the dusty lust bus*



Fresh from the  
"on-road bakery":

**While we are on power  
Katherine makes  
use of the  
opportunity  
whipping up a loaf  
in the  
convection oven!**



*Skies are clearing - we're off the next day*



Enroute to **Kyabra Creek** we pass through **Eromanga**. There is a well-known museum where they puzzle-piece together those fossilized fragments of once prolific and terrifying monsters:



And some others still inhabit the fields to this day...







*Nightfall at Camp Matrix*



*Nothing like a piece of Vegemite toast in the morning with your cuppa!*



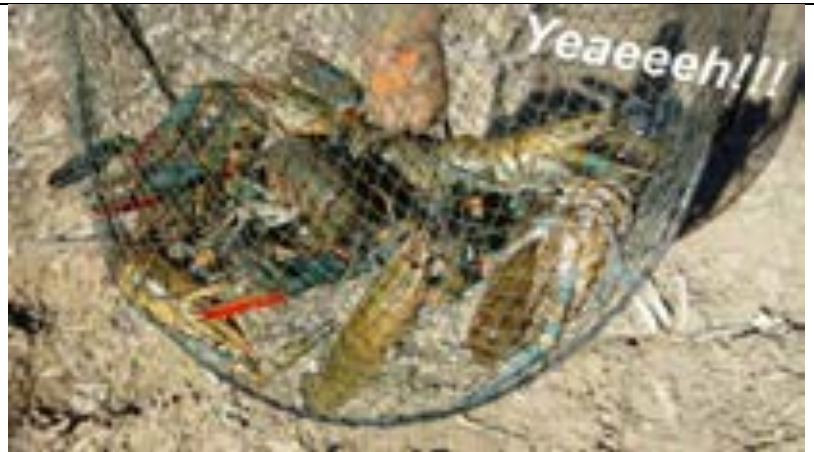
*First call in the morning:  
Check fishing lines*



Second morning duty: Yabby trap retrieval



Oh, we got goodies!



Yeaaaaah!!!

Living off the land

*We catch loads of these tasty crustaceans which are promptly processed into an ongoing string of various gourmet meals in 'Katherine's Camping Kitchen'.*

*Looks like we are substituting the lack of gorges in the Outback with gorgeous culinary experiences instead? 😊*



Sweet Tamarind Yabby Curry



Thai Red Curry Yabby Noodles



Healthy hauls of good size waterhole dwellers. Nature provides...!





*Before...*

**One bucket load of bush tucker**



*...after*



*Job done!*



**Sunset at Thylungra/Kyabra Creek**



Ever wondered what the Outback night sky looks like?



*Milky Way over  
Camp Matrix/Outback QLD*



*Putanesca 'Katrinesca' Pasta*



*Bush TV is best - no commercials!*



*Always on the move to new horizons*



*"The best parts of Australia begin where the bitumen stops"*



*Into the sticks...*

*Near Thomson River/Jundah*







*Greetings from Chris and Katherine*



*More soon...*