

Saturday 5 April 2025



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We spend the morning with family before heading off on our Western Australia adventure. 3 months on the Western Australia Nullarbor coastline then traveling west and then north through the state.

Once we pass Toowoomba and cross to the western side of the range the landscape is notably inundated. Paddocks are boggy and many look like billabongs. The road is passable but several sections of the Gore Highway are rough due to flood damage and water is still flowing across the road within 20kms of Goondiwindi. The Murri Murri Creek is water from portside overflow channel to main channel to the starboard overflow channel.

Home tonight is the Rivergums Caravan Park, Goondiwindi it is small and quiet, 7 minutes walk to the pub for tea and the loveliest helpful host. Such nice people.

The name Goondiwindi comes from an Aboriginal word Goonawinna which means resting place of the birds!

We walk along the bank of the Macintyre River with our friendly swarm of mossies, native fish have a lot of eating still to do, admiring the river, still carrying flood water and debris and there are interesting historical sites, such as Goondiwindi first water pumping station.

The scheme comprising an electrically controlled and driven Pumping. Installation which drew water from a well, on the banks of the Mcintyre River, to the small Water Tower in McLean Street, was accepted. Sir Manuel Richard Hornibrook, who was responsible for major civil projects in Queensland during the 1920s and 1930s, was appointed contractor.

We have dinner at the Queensland Hotel allegedly one of Queensland many first pubs. The staff are very friendly and the food is great. Beautiful clear sky and an orange pastel sunset accompanied by waxing half moon. Mossies rising from their daytime camp time to retreat to bed, nothing a bit of Deet won't fix. Little Red Flying foxes in town, it's wonderful to see.