

Sunday 6 April 2025



Western Australia adventure - 6 April

The morning is cool and clear, we enjoyed a starlit night and a Barking Owl calling from somewhere along the banks of the river.

It's a quick visit to the bakery then south along the Newell Highway, crossing the Macintyre River into NSW.

First stop is Moree, at the Botanical Gardens on the banks of the Mehi River. The gardens look like they are still being created but it is a lovely peaceful leafy spot supporting many birds. A number of trees are flowering, the one we particularly favour is the Weeping Myall, drought tolerant, it has a graceful, weeping habit, and striking blue-grey foliage, it softens any hard landscape.

Weeping Myall, Boree, Nilyah, Balaar ***Acacia pendula* A.Cunn. ex G.Don**

Acacia pendula belongs to the Mimosaceae family: leguminous plants. Acacia pendula is a spreading or erect tree, growing up to 12m high. In its native environment, it often grows in alluvial soils (soils that have been washed into by ancient seas, and consisting of sand, gravel, silt and clay). It is also found in relatively heavy clay soils. Its habitat (mainly the western side of the Great Dividing Range), gets between 400-600 mm annual rainfall.

We continue south onto Narrabi for lunch.

As we drive further south and we approach Coonabarabran we pass a number of signs, talking about the planets. We reflect upon the behavior of a particular president and draw parallels to the second last planet in our system. Coonabarabran is a favorite place to watch the night sky and it supports a number of space observatories.

As we approach Tooraweenah we stop to enjoy a view of the Warrumbungle Ranges.

We camp at the Tooraweenah Caravan Park, a quiet green park near the southern end of the Warrumbungles. The little town is about 3kms from the highway, with no road noise we are looking forward to a quiet starry night.