

Bridgetown - March 2007

Another month has passed and still very little rain. One good thing though, we can get back to normal time on Sunday morning. Down here in Bridgetown it is quite dark at 7.00am and that's our time of day. I am sure that Joann would be out in the garden with one of those lights that fit on your head if she could!

So, what's happened down here, well we had the assessor from AAA Tourism come around to examine the place and establish a star rating. At the end of the inspection we ended up with four and a half stars so we are pleased with that. Given our setup we cannot ever get higher than that, so that is good.

There have been a number of suggestions that we only advertise as a 4 star rating as this is the most popular rating for bookings, but I think we'll savour the moment and use the full 4.5 stars. We've even been told we should put our rates up but we are not ready to do this. It would be nice to get known a little bit better before we start trying to top the market tariff wise!

We have had a few guests in over the last month despite the heat during the day. The evenings and early mornings are great though. We just have to wait until the area starts to look green again, that's when this place really comes to the fore.

You only have to look at Harry to know that you have to bunker down in this weather!! Can you imagine how impressed Joann was with this photo when I sent it to her at work



Talking of Harry, you might recall that last month I said that we had covered 3 fruit trees, well the parrots managed to get under one of the nets, much to Harry's delight. He would wander up to the tree and pounce on the bird from outside of the netting, that is, until he was pecked on the nose by one rather irate bird.

We did manage to get fruit from the 3 trees and here is a photo of the apples on one of the trees just before we harvested (like that word - harvested - all 15 apples). Remember that old TV show 'The Good Life' I was going to send Joann to the Sunday market to sell our crop but it would have cost more in petrol to get there



The social scene down here is quite extensive, we have had the Garden Club afternoon tea, the Repertory Club play, 'Murder on the Nile', St Patrick's Day at the Cidery. We still have the Balingup Small Farm Field

Day and the Bridgetown Heritage Day coming in April, phew it's all go down here.

Funny thing, you build a web site and wonder whether anyone looks at it, well last month we drove up to Perth and near Dardanup I rang Peter Newman at Curtin FM radio (100.1 on the fm band) to tell him we had good reception from there. I ended up talking to him on air and he gave us a good plug including our web address. A week later I checked the stats and we had 534 hits for that day, no bookings but they may come later hopefully.

To finish off here is a photo of one of Joann's clematis flowers that she has all around the house garden.



Well that's it, folks. Take care and have a good Easter.

The Moore's

