

WELCOME TO WELL 33, KUNAWARRITJI

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Halfway across the longest stock route in the world, where the Canning meets the Gary Junction Road, is a special little campground. Well 33 used to be a popular oasis on the famous Canning Stock Route until two years ago, when the windmill stopped pumping water.

Now, thanks to John Collins of Track Care who put us on to the talented team of Chris and Shawn Graham, the windmill at Well 33 is once again pumping, gradually refilling this historic waterhole. Plans are being made to increase the size of the waterhole and turn our little campground into something special. It is arguably the most remote community in the country, and our water tank is about to become a member of the Australian Silo Art Trail Group as local artists and school kids decorate it with a mural.

At the halfway point on the gruelling Canning Stock Route, Kunawarritji Community offers a 16-room accommodation complex for those wanting to wash off the red dust.



Shawn servicing the windmill head. ▲

▼ *After the rain (1 March 2021).*





▲ *School kids and the well starting to pump water.*

The air-conditioned rooms provide access to television, kitchen facilities, hot showers and clean toilets.

Or for those committed to the outdoor life, the campground offers some respite after a long day battling the sand and dust. Set up your camp around a fire, or even enjoy a beer or glass of wine if they have survived the trip. The community also offers a quality store to re-stock your supplies, as well as fuel for your thirsty vehicles. Relax by your campfire underneath the Southern Cross, watching for satellites

passing overhead or shooting stars as they blaze across the clear night sky.

Well 33, Kunawarritji welcomes those brave souls tackling the longest stock route in the world, travelling east or west across the Gary Junction

Road to Port Hedland on the coast, or inland to Kiwirrkurra and on to Alice Springs.

The community welcomes you to the land of the Martu people and wishes you a safe onward journey. Come and say “palya”!

▼ *End of the first day - tyre gone, rods pulled, ready for stage two.*

The Canning Stock Route is currently affected by COVID-19 restrictions. For access updates, bookings and entry permits contact Kunawarritji Aboriginal Corporation on kunawarritji@bigpond.com or phone (08) 9176 9040.

