

Margaret Thew – Snakes alive

While approaching the BBQ I got a surprise to see a long green snake with yellow underbelly curled up sitting on the sandstone support for the BBQ.

Hmmm, I didn't know what to do so I went inside to get my camera (as you do) hoping the snake wouldn't move. I took a lovely photo of him but as he was so pretty, I decided not to put on the BBQ as he was right beside it.

I poised my camera for a close up shot to show my friends and took it. He didn't move until he heard the shutter click. I stepped back from my two foot stance and let him slide away down behind the sandstone support where he found an independent snug-away. At least I had my photo.

The next day, I was having a coffee on my veranda and saw another green snake, the same but smaller, sunning itself below the sandstone rocks on the pine bark. I decided it was quite a bit smaller than the one I saw the day before.

Once again, I took a photo but left it to sun itself. It too slid under the rock behind the BBQ. I think they must have been making babies as two days later when the sun came out, there were five snakes, the mother, father and three baby green snakes, sunning themselves on the steps beside the BBQ. What to do? I took yet another photo and decided to send it to Wires as the snakes seemed quite friendly and shy.

The WIRES representatives came around and carefully put all the snakes into a big bag and took them to the National Park where they let them go. They explained they were only green tree snakes that are harmless but would be quite at home in the National Park.

At least, I had my photographs to show my friends. I am glad no harm would come to them as they were very pretty.