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Eyre Peninsula - 26th December 2005 to 8th January 2006.

MONDAY 26 DECEMBER 2005:

It was 8.00am when we left Adelaide with Bruce and Maree following behind. It was a good day to be on the road with no wind to worry about. After a short stop at Port Wakfield we soon arrived at Port Augusta where the weather was noted to be a lot warmer than what it was when we left home. Visited Kerry after refueling before heading for Whyalla and Cowell. Drove non stop to Cowell where we arrived middle afternoon. Set up our site and booked our meal at one of the local Hotels which was to be a meal for Sally's birthday.

TUESDAY 27th DECEMBER 2005:



Sunrise shot of the main town jetty and boat ramp area.

Went for a drive and look around at Point Gibbon which had some campers scattered through out the area. Consisted of large sand hills and rough rocky beaches. The rest of the day built up to be a nasty day weather wise with strong winds and dust blowing. It managed to try to rain a few times which made a mess of the dust covered vehicles and caravans. Bushfires started on the Peninsula with one causing the road that we were to take tomorrow to be closed to the public.



Boardwalk area near the boat ramp.

WEDNESDAY 28th DECEMBER 2005:

We had planned to leave for Elliston around 9.00am but with everyone being up and ready to go, we were on the road shortly after 8.00am. The wind from the day before had all blown itself out so it was a perfect day for traveling on the road. We soon arrived at the Elliston caravan park by 10.15 am which gave us near enough to a full day to do the tourist thing. After setting up, it was off to the local Bakery to sample some of their items before we went for a drive along the two tourist drive. The Ocean Drive with so many spectacular coastal scenery locations reminded us of the Great Ocean Drive in Victoria .



Coastal views near Elliston



THURSDAY 29th DECEMBER 2005:

With the weather forecast for today being for a hot day, we decided to leave for our drive to Sheringa

Beach & Locks Well in the morning before the heat built up. After a traveling the 40 kms from Elliston to Sheringa, we were soon admiring the coastal scenery which was available along the short coastal drive from Sheringa Beach .



Views from the Sheringa Beach tourist drive.



20 kms back towards Elliston from Sheringa Beach was Locks Well, a well know Salmon fishing area. The power of the ocean with it's white water near the beach always makes for nice viewing. This is a well developed area now with the steps going down to the beach from the car park.



Looking from the top of Locks Well



The remainder of the day was spent back at the caravan parks trying to escape the 38 degree heat. The evening saw us trying our luck at fishing on the local Elliston jetty where we caught some Tommy Roughts and one Trevally.



Fishing from the Elliston town jetty.

FRIDAY 30th DECEMBER 2005:

Went for a drive to Camel beach, Venus Bay and Port Kenny for the day before the heat started to build up. By the afternoon the temperature had reached 41 degrees under our awning in the shade. Because of the high temperature, it was decided to go out for tea instead of going the following day which was New Years eve. Unfortunately the Hotel was hot inside so it may not have been the best option.



Coastal Scenery at the Talia Caves



Left: Venus Bay Jetty

Right: Coast from the Venus Bay lookout.



SATURDAY 31st DECEMBER 2005:

This was to be a day of rest with us walking to the local Craft Fair which was held in the beer garden of the local hotel. The weather was cooler although high in humidity making it uncomfortable at times when there was no breeze. We only managed to sit out side until 10.30pm before going to bed to sleep away the remainder of 2005.

SUNDAY 1st JANUARY 2006:

From hot and humid conditions of the last few days, we heard the rain start at around 2.30am which then continued for the remainder of the day. We had to pack up in the rain to move to Port Lincoln where we arrive at 12.30pm. By the time we were all set up, it was off to the local take away for a bite to eat for our lunch. The remainder of the afternoon was spent at the Caravan Park .



Left: Our Park sites



Right: Port Lincoln from Winters Hill.

MONDAY 2nd JANUARY 2006:

After a slow start to the morning with cloud cover before the sun shone, we went out to the Lincoln National Park where we found a lot of the road was closed in with scrub which restricted the scenery at times. Some of the lookouts were very nice although some time in between locations. The caravan and camping spots within the Park offered idea locations with good beaches nearby for camping and swimming.



Lincoln National Park.



TUESDAY 3rd JANUARY 2006:

Today was set aside to top up with the required groceries as it was the first available day with the shops open since the public holidays. Spent the day doing the sites around Port Lincoln Township and relaxing at the Caravan Park . The weather was overcast with cool temperatures.

WEDNESDAY 4th JANUARY 2006:

This was another day spent around the Caravan Park wishing for some sunshine.

THURSDAY 5th JANUARY 2006:

For todays entertainment, we went out to the Glen Forrest Tourist Park which is accessed from the Winters Hill Road. This Park was devistated in the bushfire which ravished the area in early 2005 with heavy losses to the Park animals. The best part of four hours was spent here with a bbq cooked on the free bbq's supplied by the Park for their visitors to use. Animal feeding was a big part of the visit to this Park, in particular the koalas and the birds in the big walk through bird aviary.



Bird feeding at the Glen Forrest Tourist Park.



FRIDAY 6th JANUARY 2006:

With the sun now shining brightly, we were off to have a look at Whalers Way which is a privately owned piece of coast line which has been set up for the tourist. An entry fee is payable and a key for the gate needs to be collected from the Port Lincoln Tourist Information Centre. The road that leads you through Whalers Way is all gravel with some sections requiring care to negotiate some of the stones and gutters. 4WDs are best out here but a normal car would nearly see all of it with care.



Left: Main road through Whalers Way.



Right: Coastal Scenery.



Left & Right: Coastal Scenery .



SATURDAY 7th JANUARY 2006:

It was now time to leave Port Lincoln and head for Arno Bay for the night. We called into Tumby Bay and Port Neil on our way as it was only a short distance for us on the road today. Sally and I had looked at the Arno Bay Caravan Park when we were last at Port Lincoln and said that we would check it out for one night when down that way next. We were not disappointed with our sites having lush green lawn to park on.



Left: Green sites to park on.



Right: Sunrise over the jetty.

SUNDAY 8th JANUARY 2006:

With the long trip home, we were soon mobile and heading for Port Augusta by 7.30am. With no wind, it was a comfortable run into Port Augusta although we could feel the temperature rising as we slowly headed North. After a short stop over in the Port to visit Dad, it was onto Port Pirie for lunch before arriving home safe and sound at around 3.10pm.

