

Just Cruisin with Mick and Sally

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Hogwash Bend South Australia - 14th August 2009 until August 17th 2009.



Hogwash Bend is a large camping area along the Murray River situated 196kms from Adelaide between Morgan and Waikerie.

Fri 14th August 2009: With Sally arriving home from work at nearly 2:00 o'clock, it was 2:15pm when we were on the road traveling in sunshine with no wind heading towards Blanchetown on our way to Hogwash Bend for the weekend. The new section of road from Gawler to nearly Nuriootpa was now open giving us a dual carriage way to travel on as we heading towards the riverland.

Some two and a half hours after leaving home we arrived at Hogwash Bend where there were four other campers set up for the weekend. On this trip we had hoped to be able to get right down by the waters edge where we had never stopped before but unfortunately there was someone already set up there so we settled for a spot where we normal stop.

Sat 15th August 2009: Much to our surprise, the caravan which was camped in the spot that we were going to use for the weekend had pulled out and moved on allowing us to move down to our preferred spot for the weekend. Once the short move had been done, the chore of sitting by the water and relaxing had begun. The biggest part of Hogwash Bend is now closed to camping because of people not doing the right thing with rubbish as well as the over use of the area with motor bikes. It was interesting to hear one father say exactly that even though he had his two sons cutting up the country side over the weekend with their two motor bikes. Our afternoon entertainment was when a houseboat got stuck on a sandbar outside of our caravan.



Saturday night was a very rough and windy night with some lightening and thunder to go with it. The wind was so strong at times it made me glad that we were not parked near any old river gums where there would have been the possibility of a limb dropping on us during the night.

Sun 16th August 2009: Thankfully the wind had eased from what it was like over night although it was still gusting at times. Mid morning a family group of two vehicles arrived and with all of the room available, they had to park on our front bumper and proceed to unload their bbq and chairs. It makes us wonder why they choose to sit on top of us with so many other spots available to them. They also brought with them a motor bike for their kids to ride now making this three bikes running around cutting up the area. Throughout the day everyone had packed and departed leaving us as

the only one to be in the area for the Sunday night. Well that is what we thought until a motor home arrived and set up camp just a little way up from us.



Mon 17th August 2009: There had been a little rain over night but that had gone by the time we woke from our final night at Hogwash Bend. It was now clear skies and no wind. The water was flat with a lot of reflections as we looked across the river. After the usual chores were completed and everything packed away for the trip home, it was 8:30am when we started to head back home where we finally arrived at 10:40am and starting to think about our next trip which will be to the Gawler Ranges and then onto the Googs Track.

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