

Just Cruisin with Mick and Sally

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Hogwash Bend - 27th June until 29th June 2008.

Hogwash Bend is located kms from Adelaide along the River Murray between Morgan and Waikerie in the Riverland of South Australia.

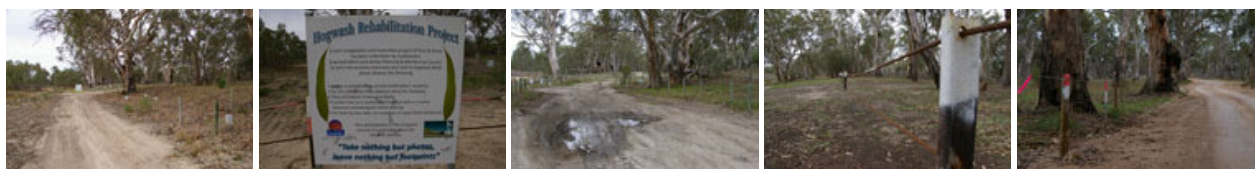
Fri 27th June 2008: With Sally working until 1.30pm and with me coming off of night shift, it allowed me to have a sleep before getting ready to leave by the time Sally arrived home around 2.00pm. Well that was the plan until I woke at 10.00am with a wet leg while in bed. For the second time in fourteen years, our water bed bladder had sprung a leak and had started to fill the bed with water. Just imagine if it had of been after a hard night on the grog and one had wondered where the moisture had come from.

With it in the back of my mind wondering if we should be going away at all with our leaking bladder making our bed useless, I continued to get ready to leave thinking that we can sort the bed out when we get home on the Monday. With hesitation it was 2.22pm when we set sail for Hogwash Bend where it was now nearly twenty months since we had camped there. In just after two and quarter hours we arrived and set up camp alongside the River Murray where another caravan had already arrived. As we sat around our campfire, it was late when a third caravan pulled in for the weekend.

Sat 28th June 2008: Throughout the day today was the only period where we saw any river traffic of any kind on the water. Perhaps it was the inclement weather that was keeping people at bay.



After a cooked breakfast on the open fire, with the sun shining we decided to take a walk up along the river where caravanners and the likes can now no longer gain access to because it is now fenced off. There are a lot of stories going around as to why the fence was erected but the common one that we are hearing as to why it was done was to keep the motor bikes out.



We were last here in October 2006 and there were motor bikes going all weekend. It was a lazy day sitting around the fire until we again for the second night enjoyed a colorful sunset for the second night in a row.





Sun 29th June 2008: Bruce and Maree were not able to join us for the weekend with their caravan, but this didn't stop them for coming up for the day to visit us and to enjoy a camp oven roast for lunch. These lazy days around the fire could become a habit, but what else would you do while sitting alongside of the River Murray.

After giving the water bed some thought over the weekend, we left Hogwash Bend a night early at 4.22pm to head home and get an early start on the Monday morning to purchase a new bed. The trip home late in the afternoon wasn't as good as it could have been with driving into the sunset and then afterwards in the dark towing a caravan when there was so much roadworks in progress.



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