

Loxton - December 3rd 2004 until December 5th 2004.

Loxton Riverfront Caravan Park is located 256kms East of Adelaide in the Riverland.

FRI 3rd DEC: With the 3.0 Litre Patrol handling our 21 foot caravan with ease, we were on the road by 6.25pm heading for Wakerie where we arrived by 8.30pm just in time to find a good camp spot along side of the Murray River before it go too dark. With the dual battery system now fitted in our Patrol, we can now run on 12 volts without the fear of running our main battery flat by the morning.



Our campsite for the night and the view we had in the morning.



SAT 4th DEC: With a little bit of reluctance, we left our riverside camp and started to head for Loxton at 8.21am. After an easy drive, we arrived there by 9.23am and wandered the main street and booked in to the local Hotel for an evening meal before calling into the Tourist Information Centre to enquire about the [Christmas light display](#) that Loxton was well know for, after all this was the purpose of our trip this weekend. It was now starting to warm up as we set up in the Loxton Caravan Park where we had booked in for one night. With the air conditioner running during the afternoon, it was a good opportunity to catch up on some lost sleep.

After a quick shower, we headed off to the Loxton Community Hotel where we enjoy our evening meal before going back to the caravan to wait for the sun to set and the lights to be switched on.



Some of the lights in the main street of Loxton.



With great anticipation, we headed off into the darkness in search of some Christmas lights. Our first destination was the Christmas Wonderland display, a private exhibition, which was celebrating it's 20th Anniversary this year and can be found 5kms out of Loxton on Fairweather Avenue.



Lights at the Christmas Wonderland exhibition.



Once we had a good look at the Christmas Wonderland lights, it was back into the main part of Loxton to check out some of the displays in the front yards of the private houses. It was a nice evening to leave the car parked and just walk along looking at the light displays that people had set up.



Some of the private displays found along Santa's Walk.



Big Santa and Santa's Cave at the bottom of East Terrace.

SUN 5th DEC: After a bit of a sleep in today, we were packed up and started heading for Barmera via Berri by 9.20am. We decided to go home this way to check out the open air street Market that was being held in the Main Street of Barmera. By the time we arrived at the Market, there was already a huge crowd walking around the stalls. After purchasing some fruit, we were soon on our way again this time heading for Blanchtown where we arrived at 11.18am and stopped by the river to enjoy an early lunch before doing the final leg back to Adelaide. It was almost standing room only along the river with all of the people with their ski boats out in the summer sun. We finally arrived home at 1.35pm where the caravan was put under cover until Christmas.