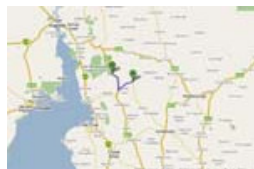


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Melrose South Australia - 16th April 2009 until 19th April 2009.



Melrose is located 286 kms north of Adelaide in South Australia.

Thurs 16th April 2009: After filling the water tanks at Sue & Malcolm's house, we left them behind as we headed towards Melrose just before lunch time with Bruce and Maree following behind us. It was a quick stop at the local IGA Grocery shop at Booleroo Centre to pick up some fresh bread and milk. After filling up with diesel at the fuel outlet, it was a very short drive from Booleroo Centre to Melrose where we were to spend the next three nights camping at the Show Grounds and attending the Rock The Mount concert on the Saturday night. Once at the Show Grounds, the next task was finding a suitable location to set up the caravans. We arrived one day earlier than last year's event so that we would have more of a pick as to where we wanted to stop.



Fri 17th April 2009: Today was to be a day of rest, after all it isn't every day that I turn fifty. It was a non eventful day with us watching the hundreds of caravan and campers rolling in all day with the Show Grounds slowly filling all of the available camping locations. It was also the day that the preparation work started to get serious for the Saturday night's concert.

Sat 18th April 2009: We were very lucky with the weather since the beginning of the Easter period with clear skies and very little wind and today for the concert was to be no exception to that. Due to the fireworks after the concert, we had arranged to drop off our dogs back with Sue and Malcolm for the night so as they were not frightened by the extra noises so after a quick drive back to Booleroo Centre and Booina with the dogs, it was back to the concert area. Camping so close to the concert venue enabled us to go for walks every hour or so the check on progress and to look at the various things that were on display during the afternoon prior to the main concert starting up at around 3:30pm.

AROUND THE OVAL



The first performer on the stage at 3:30pm was a fifteen year old girl who unfortunately we did not capture her name to print it here. We will endeavor to do our best to retrieve her name and update this page when we have the name. For someone who was only fifteen years of age, she has a great future ahead in the music industry. Other performers were The Noll Brothers, Jasmine Rae, Catherine Britt, The Sunny Cowgirls, Lee Kernaghan and Steve Forde.

15 YEAR OLD



THE NOLL BROTHERS





JASMINE RAE



CATHERINE BRITT



THE SUNNY COWGIRLS



LEE KERNAGHAN





At the conclusion of Lee Kernaghan's performance, for the first time at a Rock The Mount Festival a fireworks display was shown prior to Steve Forde coming on stage.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY



Shortly after the end of the fireworks display, we returned back to the caravans where we stoked up the campfire and had a small bbq and a few glasses of port to warm up before retiring for the night at 1:00am.

STEVE FORDE



Thurs 16th April 2009: After walking down to have some of the recovery breakfast, it was back to the caravans to start packing ready for the trip home. The camping area was well and truly crowded now with all of the late arrivals during the eve of the concert so it was a bit of a shuffle to get our caravans out to enable us to start to head for home. Once the caravans were out, we headed to Murraytown where we were to meet up with Sue and Malcolm who had our dogs ready to greet us.

RECOVERY BREAKFAST



After a few moments discussion with Sue and Malcolm, we were soon on our way south heading for the Stone Hut

Bakery where we bought some bakery items to take home and freeze for later. With two very dirty and dusty caravans we all arrived home around 2:30pm after a comfortable drive back.

