

Port Vincent & Moonta Bay – January 21st until January 30th 2004.

Port Vincent Foreshore Caravan Park is located 181kms West of Adelaide on the Western side of Gulf St Vincent.

Moonta Bay Caravan Park is located 167kms North West of Adelaide and is situated on the Eastern side of Spencer Gulf.

FRI 21st JAN 2005: As I was on afternoon shift and not finishing work until 6.00pm, it wasn't until 6.48pm when we were on the road heading towards our first stop for the night which was the Port Arthur rest area. With an easy run up through Port Wakefield, we soon arrived by 8.00pm

SAT 22nd JAN 2005:



We woke to a spectacular sunrise on the Saturday morning.

After a shower and breakfast, we were soon heading for Port Vincent by 9.19am. As it was a short run to our next destination, we called into Ardrossan to pick up the Advertiser and to look around in the main shopping street. Back on the road again and heading towards Port Vincent, which was to be our home for the next four nights. With ideal travelling conditions, we soon arrived by 11.00am to set up on our site.



Port Vincent Caravan Park is situated on the point giving it water frontage on two sides of the Park.



The north end of the Port Vincent Caravan Park which joins the main swimming beach

SUN 23rd JAN 2005: As the weather forecast was for the days to get hotter as the week went by, today we decided to visit the Innes National Park at the bottom of Yorke Peninsula. This is a 9141 hectare National park which has the ocean as one of its boundaries. Leaving Port Vincent, we headed for Marion Bay via Yorketown and Warooka. Once at Marion bay we stopped for a short look around before heading into the Innes National Park. There is an entry fee at the entrance of the Park which cost us \$7.00 for a 24 hour vehicle entry permit. Once inside of the Park, there are some very pretty coastal scenery which would equal some of the Great Ocean Road scenery as well as some of the coastal scenery heading across the Nullarbor Plains.



The road leading into Innes National Park

Coastal views near Cape Spencer Lighthouse looking towards The Gap



Cape Spencer Lighthouse with Althorpe Island in the background with its three Lighthouse Keeper cottages. If you look hard enough, you will see Kangaroo Island behind Althorpe Island.



The famous Browns Beach where all of those Salmon fish are caught.

Our return route to Port Vincent saw us heading along the coastal road and scenic drive between Marion Bay and Edithburgh. It was a sight to be seen when we spotted the enormous size and number of the wind turbines being assembled on the southern side of Edithburgh. We counted approximately 33 turbines already standing with many more still being assembled on the ground that will make up this massive wind farm.



Coastal view south of Edithburgh.

MON 24th & TUES 25th JAN 2005: With the hotter weather now with us, it was time to sit back and enjoy the cool sea breeze that this part of South Australia has to offer. It is normally up to ten degrees cooler over here than what it is in Adelaide which is one of the many reasons that the location is so popular for visitors. For the Monday and Tuesday, we took short walks along the water front and within the Caravan Park and enjoyed doing not much else.

WED 26th JAN 2005: Leaving Port Vincent around 9.30am, we were now heading for Moonta Bay via Maitland where Sally was going to stay with the caravan while I went back to Adelaide for work on the Thursday and Friday. There was some wind about today not that it was a concern to us with the caravan on the back. It was just before 11.00am when we booked into the Moonta Bay Caravan Park for the next four nights. Sue and Malcolm had been at the Caravan Park since January 20th with their caravan and were not expecting us to arrive until 28th so it was a bit of a surprise for them to see us two days early. After a lazy afternoon sitting in the shade, it was 7.00pm when I headed home for work.

THURS 27th UNTIL SAT 29th JAN 2005: For the first two days while I was hard at work earning money to finance Sally's holiday (just joking there), the gang were doing over the nurseries and Lavender Farm. I was again back at Moonta by 2.00pm on the Friday where it could be seen where the Caravan Park had started to empty out with the kids all leaving and going home ready for the new school year. Sue and Malcolm's family arrived later on the Friday afternoon and they were with us for the next two nights.



This was the view that greeted us looking from the front of our caravan each morning.

SUN 30th JAN 2005: With perfect weather, we started to pack up ready to head for home. After saying our goodbyes to everyone, we were soon heading down the road by 9.30am and arriving home around 11.45am. There were a lot of caravans on the road today with large numbers heading into Adelaide as well as heading away.