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Renmark South Australia - April 22nd until April 25th 2006.

Renmark Riverfront Caravan Park is located in the Riverland ar Renmark 256kms North East of Adelaide.

Fri 22nd April 2006 : As I was now on Annual Leave and Sally wasn't rostered on to work until next Wednesday, we were soon on our way to the Lyrup Flats which was in the Murray River National Park for our first overnight stop before going on to Renmark the following day. After a 2 1/2 hour drive from home we arrived at Berri where we had lunch before making our way to the Lyrup Flats. When we arrived, we were surprised to see a camper trailer all set up with it's owners no where to be seen. It was an overcast day with some sun every now and then.



Sat 23rd April 2006 until Mon 24th April 2006: After moving on to the Renmark, we took the opportunity for morning tea at the local bakery and then a quick bit of shopping before arriving at the Riverfront Caravan Park. The days were starting of with cloud cover in the mornings and moving on to nice sunny afternoons. It was around 7.30pm on the Friday evening when Bruce and Maree arrived at the Park to join us for the extended weekend.

This Caravan Park is situated right on the waters edge of the River Murray making it idea for water sports of any kind. During the peak of the summer months, there are literally thousands of speed boats along the bank where it joins the Caravan Park. As it is getting a bit colder around this time of the year, there wasn't very many boats out on the water while we were there. All of the lawns were in good shape with plenty of trees around for shade. The Caravan has on just been sold and there is talk of a lot of changes that will take place with more cabins and a swimming pool to be added.



The township of Renmark is well laid out with lots of green lawned areas and plenty of walking and bike riding tracks for everyone to use. The weather was fine during the day with some early cloud cover followed by some cold nights while we were there on this trip.



On the Saturday it was off to the Bamera Field Day site where the National Hot Rod Show was being held over the Saturday and the Sunday. Once again the day started of overcast but once the cloud cover lifted, the paint sparkle on the Hot Rods started to shine. There was a good crown on the Saturday while we were there and no doubt with the weekend weather forecast the following day would be even better. When some of these machines started their engines, you could feel the ground shake where you stood

from the vibration of the exhaust notes, pure grunt at it's best.



Once we had had our lunch at the Hot Rod Show, it was time to head into Berri to visit one of my old work mates of some fifteen years ago. After our short visit, it was back to Renmark where we enjoyed our usual Saturday evening meal out. This time it was off to the Renmark Hotel where we ate last time we were here in 2005. As usual, the meal was first class. We returned to the Caravan Park and sat outside for a period before calling it a day.

Sunday saw us heading into Victoria to check out a place called Neds Corner along the River Murray. It was 9.30am when we left for what was thought to be a few hours driving before arriving back at the Park. Well we were wrong there as we didn't get back much before 4.30pm in the afternoon. The amount of dirt tracks that shot off of the main Mail Road was unexpected so it was a bit confusing to find our way around. It was our intention to say hello to one of our friends who was camping along the river while we were there, but by the time we found him we had nearly given up.



We found lots of lovely campsites and rest areas that allowed us to get right up to the waters edge as seen here. The cloud cover didn't spoil our day for a bbq along the way although it did spoil the light for good photos.



We had a nice drive along the river track which followed the river from Lock 9 to Lock 8. Heaps of camp sites were available which were too rugged for a caravan to be taken in to although we did see a lot of caravans in some of the campsites.

Monday was our day of relaxation although after our very dusty trip at Neds Corner yesterday, I had to take the Patrol down to the local car wash and give it a good wash to make it a little more presentable as it was covered with dust and a little mud. We all ventured down to the Tavern for a midday meal before

returning to the Caravan Park to laze around for the afternoon. Bruce and Maree decided to visit Bruce's cousin at Loxton during the later part of the afternoon so Sally and I took a walk over to the lifting bridge at Parings.



It was in 1927 when the Paringa Bridge was first opened for service and still operates today. We took these photos from within the Riverbend Caravan Park at Paringa which we found to be a very neatly maintained Caravan Park and well worth the visit one time. It is like the Riverbend Park where the sites are right on the waters edge.



Tues 25th April 2006 : We were all packed up and pulling out of the Caravan Park by 9.30am on our way for home. We arrived at Nuriootpa at lunch time so it was decided that it was a counter meal at one of the local Hotels for lunch. The honey prawns that I had for my lunch were huge, almost too many for an lunch time meal. Once home and most of the unpacking done, it was around to our eldest son's house to collect our two dogs. Our next trip away is in a week and a half's time which will see us heading to the House Boat weekend at Mannum.



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