

Renmark April 23rd 2004 until April 28th 2004.

Renmark Riverfront Caravan Park is located in the Riverland 256kms North East of Adelaide. With absolute river frontage, it is pure pleasure to visit this park. All of the sites are grassed with plenty of shade on offer.

FRI 23rd APRIL: Finishing night shift at 6.00am in the morning, it allowed us to be on the road at 7.00am heading for the Riverfront Caravan park at Renmark. We had received 50 points of rain during the night, but it had now cleared for our trip. With a short stop at Blanchtown to stretch the legs, we soon arrived at Renmark by 10.00am. It was a quick set up and then into bed for a few hours sleep. Patrick & Leanne (Mick's sister) who had a cabin booked for the weekend arrived at 2.00pm.



Entrance to the Riverfront caravan park at Renmark.

Bruce and Maree sent us a message to say that they had left Adelaide at 2.00pm. They were about 30kms out of Renmark when they lost all but fourth gear in their Pajero manual gearbox. They managed to make it to the main street of Renmark where we unhooked their caravan and then towed it to the park for them. A quick phone call to the local RAA saw a speedy response and the vehicle was soon under lock and key for the night. As the time had run away and with all of the excitement and disappointment of the gearbox failure, we decided to go to the Renmark Hotel for an evening meal.

SAT 24th APRIL: It was out of bed and down to the local RAA to make final arrangements to have the Pajero transported back to Adelaide. It was very pleasing to have the RAA outlet at Renmark and the RAA itself so helpful during this time of need. RAA Plus is well worth the cost when travelling away from home.

While Bruce and Maree did all of the required stuff with the RAA, we had the front tyres balance on our Patrol and then it was back to the caravan park for a lazy afternoon.



Park sites.



View from the front of our sites.

SUN 25th APRIL: With a cool and cloudy start to the day, we rode our bikes into town to purchase our tickets for a cruise at 2.00pm on the Murray River with the River Rambler. Once we had our tickets, it was onto the Tavern for a \$6.00 roast lunch.



The River Rambler cruise took us downstream to the Paringa area where we viewed the historic bridge open up to allow river boats to pass through. From here we headed upstream to view the cliffs along the River Murray. The cruise lasted for just over two hours with scones, jam and cream being served along the way.



When the bridge is raised at Paringa, the Sturt Highway is close to traffic.

MON 26th APRIL: The nights all weekend were cold, but the days were very nice allowing us to ride our bikes to Lock 5 at Paringa first thing in the morning. Renmark has excellent walking and bike trails from the Pumping Station through to Paringa.



Cold nights didn't keep us indoors.



Walking and bike trails around Renmark.



Bruce and Maree had arranged a ride home with people leaving from Barmera during Monday afternoon so it was off to Barmera to drop them off. With lunch on the banks of Lake Bonney, we went out to Lock No 3 for a look around before heading back towards Renmark via Berri.



Lock No 3.



Berri speed boat area.

TUES 27th APRIL: Tuesday morning saw Patrick and Leanne leave us to head back to Adelaide leaving us alone to soak up the sunshine (someone has to do it). We had a short ride on the bikes to collect some duck weed from the river for our turtles and then back to the park for some relaxation. It was a surprise to us, the number of vans that had come into the park on the day now that the school holidays had finished.

WED 28th APRIL: Work was calling us both home so it was on the road at 8.00am. On our way home we passed Bruce who was on his way back to Renmark to collect his caravan. We arrived home safe and sound at 11.00am.