

Border Track – June LWE (6th-8th June 2015)

Left from the Gawler Visitors Centre at 8.35am with Wayne & Sandra, Bronte & Norma, Brent & Keryn, Darryll & Joan, Martin (only 1 Martin this time) and Max & Lyn.

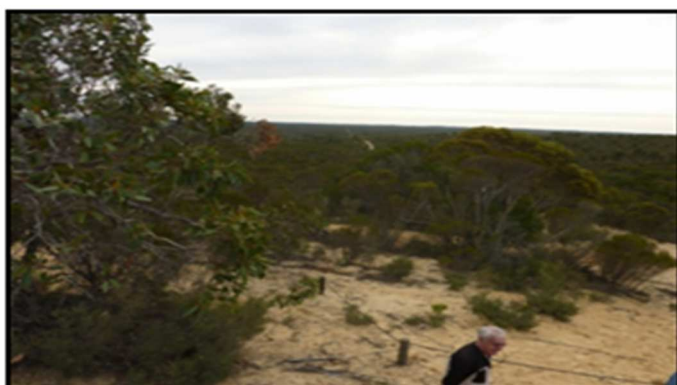
We travelled through Williamstown, seeing a pelican on the "Warren", then to Mt Pleasant, Tungkillo, Palmer, Murray Bridge and stopped at Tailern Bend bakery for morning tea. Checked out the Tailern Bend Railway Museum before moving through some *funny* named towns of Buccleuch, Jabuk, Panitya, Carina, and having our lunch stop at Pinnaroo bakery where we just scraped in with our purchases before the shop put up their closed sign. Along our travels we saw farmed deer's & black calves but very little wild life.



Our destination was the Murrayville Caravan Park where we quickly dropped off our camper trailers and caravans so we could visit Wayne's cousin, Ken Menzel, who showed us his and his son's miniature train sets and workshops.

Several hours were spent watching the trains in action and Ken was proud to show us his workshop skills of making nothing into something. I was gob-smacked to view his tiny office filled with paperwork without a computer!!!

Wayne pointed out where he grew up as a child and the post office and shop which his parents managed for many years. Went back to the caravan park to set up and walked to the Murrayville Hotel for dinner. It was a long wait but a very enjoyable meal.



The campfire was appreciated to warm up before retiring for bed. Sandra had extra warmth by bringing her electric blanket at the camp fire, only to find it gets colder as the night moves on, ask her why!!!



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A long day on Sunday leaving at 9.00 am to explore the Border Track and arriving back at 5.30pm. The track became quite busy with motor bike riders and several other explorers on the track.

It was excellent to see the annual hard effort the Ngarkat working bees in March put in just to make this track remain open for us all to enjoy. Thank you to all those workers who prepare the track in such great condition.



Several wildflowers and banksia bushes lined the Border Track. Our men are viewed having a discussion at the base of the trig point taken from the photo platform on the track.



Once again the mallee stumps we collected on our way home were welcomed at yet another camp fire. Darryl was grateful his prescription glasses were found after falling out his pocket while collecting and loading the mallee stumps.



Monday came around only too soon to pack up and leave by 10.00am but were delayed searching for Sandra and Keryn walking the streets for their perfect photo shoot.

Travelled some back roads via the North J Chain road to get to Pinnaroo where we looked through the museum.

Finished our trip by having lunch at Lameroo.

Thank you Wayne and Sandra for leading this trip and to Wayne for especially sharing and showing us your family history and where some of your cousins still live today.

[Lyn Leske]