



Trip Report (Waterloo)

Waterloo Day Trip Report

10 June 2018

After meeting at "Map the Miner" in Kapunda, the group of 19 people travelled to the Kapunda Art Gallery.

Maxine, our friendly guide, gave a short introduction about the local Art and Craft Gallery and introduced us to the story of Sam Blooms tragic accident which left her a paraplegic and suffering from depression. Into her family's life came a special feathered friend called Penguin, who became a symbol of love, hope and courage that helped save the Bloom family. A very touching true story. Books are now available and it's soon to be made into a movie.

From the Art Gallery we travelled via Allendale North and Hamilton through wind turbine country and crossed the beginnings of the Light River. Through Marrabel to Waterloo, the birth place of Tom Kruse (a former mailman of the outback on the Birdsville track in the border area between South Australia and Queensland.) Here we shared Morning tea at Tom Kruse Park, which comprised a neat shelter and playground and displayed information on the history of Tom.



On our way to Burra, we travelled the Old Adelaide Road, a picturesque but still very dry region. We passed Princess Royal Station, many old stone buildings and ruins and the head of the Light River. We also checked in on the ongoing renovations of the old Burra Railway Station. Good progress is being made there with the next project being the restoration of an old railway carriage into a dining car. After stopping at the local bakery, we enjoyed lunch and friendship at the Burra Creek

Park.

We then travelled to Clare and were given a grand tour of the Wolta Wolta Homestead which has been brought back to its former glory after being destroyed by the Ash Wednesday Bushfires in 1983. Wolta Wolta was constructed by John Hope in 1846. Its last addition was completed in 1871. In 2007 it was purchased by Robert Parker who commenced its restoration and brought it back to its original grandeur. With the features of elegant ruby glassware, gas operated lighting and elaborate silverware, together with polished Tasmanian oak and Jarrah floors, it is truly exquisite and has brought to life a by-gone era for future generations of South Australians to enjoy.



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Our day was complete after visiting the Olive Bus for coffee and cake. A quaint little olive grove, featuring a Bus Cafe with delightfully friendly staff, gr eat coffee and knee rugs to keep warm!!!

It was a wonderful day and great to see some new faces joining our group. Those present were Wayne & Fiona,

Steve & Jenny, Garry, Roy & Bron, Chris & Julie, Max & Lyn, Jo & her Mum, Peter & Sandra and Keryn & Brent.



Thank you Q and Deb for organising and leading the Waterloo day trip.

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