

21ST – 27TH APRIL, 2008. BATHURST – ADELAIDE

***Note:** As none of the trip back to Adelaide has been able to be checked out for road conditions etc. (for obvious reasons), changes may be made as we travel over the next week. We shall keep you informed of any changes to the instructions below.*

Whoever is leading the group may get the job of picking a spot for morning tea and lunches over the next seven days.

We will probably play 'tail-end Charlie' in case anyone gets into difficulties.

MONDAY 21ST – DESTINATION – CANBERRA (APPROX. 300 KMS)

FAREWELL BREAKFAST IS AT 8.00AM AT SHOWGROUNDS. Please be prompt to allow time to eat and say your goodbyes, so we can get away in plenty of time.

PLEASE GROUP AFTER BREAKFAST AROUND 9.00-9.15am READY FOR DEPARTURE.

Due to large hills to the east and longish stretches of gravel roads to the south, we will be backtracking quite a bit before heading towards Canberra.

HEAD WEST BACK ALONG THE MID WESTERN HWY (**Route 24**) THAT WE CAME INTO BATHURST ON TOWARDS COWRA. (108KMS)

AT COWRA, TAKE THE LACHLAN VALLEY WAY (**Route 81**) TO BOOROWA. (78kms) – WHERE THERE WILL BE A --

***REST STOP** somewhere in the town for lunch. This town is known for the amount of its Irish population (or descendants thereof).*

AFTER LUNCH CONTINUE ON THE (**Route 81**) TOWARDS CANBERRA FOR APPROX.58KMS. YOU WILL EVENTUALLY COME TO THE HUME HIGHWAY/FREEWAY, WHICH I THINK WE WILL TRAVEL ON FOR ABOUT 10 KMS TOWARDS SYDNEY.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR DIRECTIONS TO CANBERRA AND FOLLOW THEM. WE SHOULD END UP ON THE BARTON HWY (**Route 25**) HEADING FOR CANBERRA.

FROM THE HUME HWY TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE FEDERAL HWY (ALSO KNOWN AS NORTHBOURNE AVE) (**Route 23**), IS ABOUT 66 KMS.

TL UP THE FEDERAL HWY (NORTHBOURNE AVE) TOWARDS GOULBURN AND SYDNEY.

TR AT THE THIRD SET OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS, WHICH IS STIRLING AVENUE.

ACCOMMODATION IS ON YOUR LEFT HAND SIDE OR JUST AROUND THE CORNER IN ASPINALL STREET.

Accommodation: Red Cedars Motel, Stirling Ave, Canberra. Ph: 6241 1888. This is for 2 nights.

What you do with your time in Canberra is completely up to you. The hotel will probably have brochures on all the usual attractions. ENJOY your National Capital!! You have all day tomorrow (Tuesday) to do your own thing.

WEDNESDAY 23RD – DESTINATION – WODONGA (APPROX 350 KMS)

We will be travelling mainly on the Hume Highway today. Take care and be sensible.

TAKE THE FEDERAL HWY FROM THE MOTEL TOWARDS CANBERRA.

TR AT SIGNS TO BARTON HWY (**Route 25**) AND HEAD FOR YASS AND THE HUME HWY (**Route 31**). (Approx. 58kms)
WHEN YOU GET ON TO THE HUME HWY, MAKE SURE YOU ARE HEADING SOUTH TOWARDS MELBOURNE..

REST STOP – MORNING TEA – Whoever is in front has the privilege of finding a morning tea stop around about 10.00am.

WE JUST FOLLOW THE HUME HWY TODAY. MOST OF THE TOWNS ON THE HWY HAVE OFF RAMPs TO GET TO THE TOWN – KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE FOLLOWING STOPS IF YOU WANT TO HAVE A LOOK AT THINGS.

The Dog on the Tuckerbox is signposted about 8 kms north of Gundagai .

REST STOP – LUNCH STOP - GUNDAGAI Township (162 KMS) – TAKE THE **SHEAHAN DRIVE OFF RAMP**, FOLLOW THE ROAD INTO TOWN (TURNS INTO WEST STREET). **TL** AT SHERIDAN STREET. A PARK IS ON YOUR LEFT HAND SIDE. PARK IF YOU CAN NEARBY AND HAVE A CUPPA.

To return to the Highway – DO A U TURN IF YOU CAN IN SHERIDAN STREET AND HEAD STRAIGHT BACK TOWARDS THE HIGHWAY WHICH IS AT THE END OF SHERIDAN STREET. MAKE SURE YOU TAKE THE LEFT HAND RAMP TO GET BACK ON TO THE HIGHWAY.

CSO DOWN THE HUME (**Route 31**)HIGHWAY.

Holbrook has a submarine sitting in its main street if you have time to have a look!!

ON ARRIVAL IN ALBURY, CSO THROUGH THE TOWN, CROSS OVER THE MURRAY RIVER.

ACCOMMODATION : Travelling from Sydney On Hume Freeway/Highway:
Take the Melrose Drive/La Trobe University/Wodonga TAFE exit (approx. 2kms past the Wodonga High St. exit), turn right at second roundabout (Melbourne Road), 400 metres turn left into Moorefield Park Drive, the Border Gateway Motel is 200 metres on left. Tel: 02 60561011

THURSDAY, 24TH – DESTINATION – ECHUCA (APPROX. 320 kms)

Today we are going for a bit of an amble around the top end of Victoria, travelling along the river for a bit, then heading south into the fruit and dairy areas of the State. Later we will head west and north-west again through the back blocks to get to our destination.

Whoever is in front gets to choose the morning tea stop after a couple of hours from the start!!

LEAVING THE MOTEL, HEAD BACK TOWARDS MELBOURNE ROAD.

TL AT MELBOURNE ROAD (T JUNCTION)

HOPEFULLY, THIS SHOULD LEAD YOU TO A RAMP ONTO THE HUME FREEWAY (**ROUTE31**) (SAME ROAD AS YESTERDAY, BUT THEY CALL IT A FREEWAY IN VICTORIA!!) AGAIN – MAKE SURE YOU ARE HEADING SOUTH TOWARDS MELBOURNE.

CONTINUE DOWN FREEWAY UNTIL YOU SEE SIGNS FOR THE MURRAY VALLEY HWY (**B400**).

FOLLOW SIGNS AND TAKE EXIT FOR MURRAY VALLEY HWY – I THINK THIS IS ABOUT 15KMS FROM MOTEL. YOU ARE HEADING FOR RUTHERGLEN ABOUT 29 KMS AWAY

RUTHERGLEN – YARRAWONGA – STAYING ON THE MURRAY VALLEY HWY (B400**).** APPROX 47 KMS.

YARRAWONGA – COBRAM – STAYING ON THE HWY (**B400**), APPROX. 52 KMS.

FROM COBRAM STILL HEADING WEST ON THE HWY, TO STRATHMERTON, APPROX 15 KMS.

ABOUT 4KMS BEYOND STRATHMERTON, TL ON THE GOULBURN VALLEY HWY (**A39**) AND HEAD TOWARDS SHEPPARTON. (APPROX. 52KMS). (211)

Around 12 noon – 1.00pm, we stop for lunch, wherever we happen to be. Possibly Shepparton.

FROM SHEPPARTON, TAKE MIDLAND HWY (**A300**) FOR ABOUT 20KMS UNTIL JUST BEYOND BYRNESIDE.

TR TOWARDS KYABRAM (**C354**). (20KMS)

HEAD WEST AGAIN ON (**C351**) FROM KYABRAM AND WE SHOULD REACH A T JUNCTION IN ABOUT 10KMS – IF THE MAP BOOK IS CORRECT.

TR AT T JUNCTION TOWARDS TONGALA AND ECHUCA. IN ABOUT 13 KMS, **TR** TOWARDS TONGALA (**C352**), CONTINUING THROUGH THAT TOWN FOR ABOUT 23KMS WHEN YOU WILL MEET UP WITH ANOTHER T JUNCTION.

TL – YOU ARE NOW ON THE MURRAY VALLEY HWY AGAIN AND HEADING FOR ECHUCA WHICH IS ABOUT 22KMS AWAY. FOLLOW YOUR NOSE INTO TOWN THEN **TR** INTO HIGH STREET, (**B75**) WHICH IS ALSO THE NORTHERN HWY, WHERE YOU WILL FIND YOUR ACCOMMODATION.

ACCOMMODATION : Paddlewheel Motel (Golden Chain) 385-389 High Street, Echuca. Tel: 03 54823822 (think it is on the left hand side opposite Darling Street).

Most of you are booked in here for two nights, however the [Hurij](#) and [Ward](#) vehicles with their occupants will be leaving us tomorrow (Fri) morning to head back to Adelaide. On the 26th, the rest of us leave, with the [Gobbys](#) heading south to Melbourne instead of coming with us.

Tomorrow (Fri) is ANZAC DAY – Dawn Service for those who wish is at – I wish I knew, they never got back to me!! I might know by the time we get there.

SATURDAY 26TH – DESTINATION – OUYEN, APPROX. 290kms

Today we head north west on the good old Murray Valley Hwy (B400), before going west to our destination Ouyen. As usual, if you want to stop anywhere, feel free to do so. I haven't allocated stops – as usual, lets break for morning tea about 2 hours after we set off and lunch around 12noon-1pm.

LEAVING THE MOTEL, TL INTO HIGH STREET.

TL AT WARREN STREET. FOLLOW IT UNTIL IT MEETS THE HIGHWAY. VEER RIGHT TO GET ON THE MURRAY VALLEY HWY, (B400) HEADING FOR COHUNA.

WE JUST FOLLOW OUR NOSE THROUGH GUNBLOWER - 42KMS, COHUNA – 23KMS, THEN HEAD FOR KERANG - 31KMS, SWAN HILL - 58KMS AND KEEP GOING ON THE HWY UNTIL WE GET TO THE TURNOFF TOWARDS PIANGIL – 40KMS.

TL ONTO THE MALLEE HWY (B12) AND HEAD FOR MANANGATANG – 42KMS AND OUYEN – 54KMS.

TL AT THE T JUNCTION AS YOU COME INTO OUYEN. (CALDER HWY) HEAD UP THE HILL FOR A SHORT DISTANCE JUST PASSED THE CARAVAN PARK AND TL INTO YOUR ACCOMMODATION FOR THIS EVENING.

I have taken the liberty of booking us in to the Ouyen pub for tea at 6.30pm.

ACCOMMODATION: Hilltop Motel, 20 Calder Hwy, Ouyen. Ph 03 50921410.

**SUNDAY, 27TH – DESTINATION – SHORES CARAVAN RESORT, WEST BEACH.
APPROX. 380 KMS.**

Last driving day everyone. We have a reasonably long hike before us today. As usual, stop where you wish for breaks or for looking at things along the way. Morning tea 2 hours after we start, lunch around 12noon-1pm.

FROM THE MOTEL, **TR** OUT OF THE MOTEL AND HEAD TOWARDS TOWN, **TL** AT FIRST STREET, CROSS OVER THE RAILWAY LINE AND FOLLOW THE ROAD PASSED THE SWIMMING POOL, HEADING WEST ON THE MALLEE HWY **(B12)**.

FOLLOW YOUR NOSE ON THIS HIGHWAY THROUGH SEVERAL SMALL TOWNS, GALAH, WALPEUP, TORRITA AND SO ON UNTIL YOU GET TO THE SA BORDER, SOME 86 KMS FROM THE START.

CONTINUE ON THROUGH PINNAROO, LAMEROO, TOWARDS TAILEM BEND AND MURRAY BRIDGE.

The Bristow-Staggs will be leaving us at Murray Bridge – give them a wave goodbye!!! See you back in the West, guys. Travel safely.

CONTINUE ON - WE WILL BE ENTERING ADELAIDE VIA THE MALLEE HIGHWAY **(B12)** WHICH BECOMES THE PRINCESS HIGHWAY **(M1)** (FORMALLY KNOWN AS THE SOUTH EASTERN FREEWAY)

TAKE CARE COMING DOWN THROUGH THE HILLS – IT IS A REALLY GOOD ROAD THESE DAYS, BUT DON'T WEAR YOUR BRAKES OUT!!!

AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL, **T/L** INTO CROSS ROAD AT THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS **(A3)**.

KSO - YOU WILL GO THROUGH ABOUT 10 SETS OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS.

CROSS OVER MARION ROAD

TL INTO ANZAC HIGHWAY **(A5)**

TR INTO TAPLEY HILL ROAD (2ND SET OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS). **(BRIGHTON ROAD TO YOUR LEFT)**

TL INTO AFRICAINE ROAD **(APPROX 1 KM) JUST AFTER THE BRIDGE.**

TR INTO MILITARY ROAD

THE CARAVAN PARK IS ON YOUR LEFT WHERE ALL THE PINE TREES ARE.

ACCOMMODATION – CABINS AT SHORES CARAVAN RESORT. PH: 83557320.

There is a restaurant at the caravan park and a shop with takeaways for tea if you wish, or you can venture further afield – up to you.

We will probably need to convene a little meeting sometime in the evening to discuss tomorrow's arrangements to get cars where they need to be and people to the airport. See Peter or Toni.