



Adelaide to Alice Springs

via Port Wakefield Rd, Oodnadatta Track and Stuart Hwy

The RAA maintains some 300 strip maps covering all major routes of Australia. They are available from RAA Offices and are free to members.

Strip maps are designed to assist drivers by showing distances, roadside features and town facilities on a simple flip-over style map, which can also be used in reverse. These maps are not drawn to scale.

Strip Map Features:

Cumulative Distances

These are provided for both directions of travel and can be matched to the car's odometers for a ready reference.

Intermediate Distances

These distances provide for some localised perspective of scale.

Town Facilities

Hotels, motels, post offices, caravan parks, fuel (in remote areas).

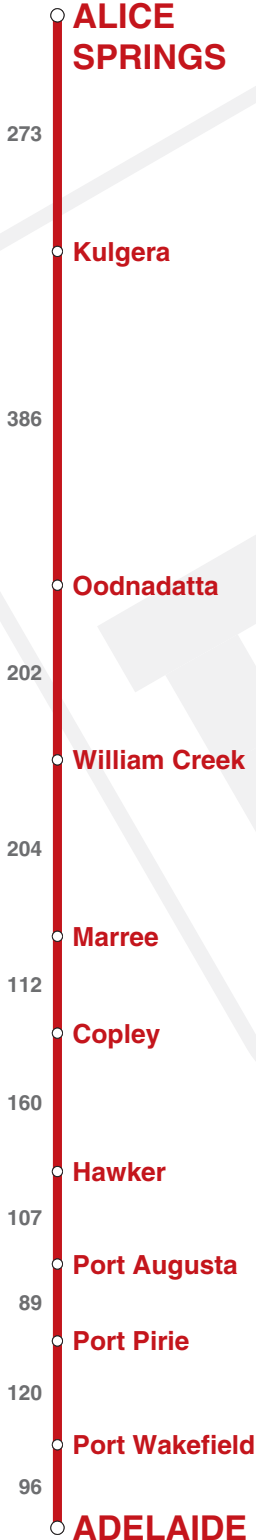
Narrative

Caution notes, road surface, a description of the country traversed, town narratives and populations.

Legend

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| A1 | 1 | ALT | 21 | Route Markers | P• | Parking Bay | ■ | Bridge |
| PO | Post Office | R• | Rest Area | ⊠ | Gate | ⌋ | Overpass | |
| H▪ | Hotel | ⊠ | Grid | ⊞ | Railway Crossing | ⊞ | Railway Station / Siding | |
| M▪ | Motel | ⊞ | Windmill | ⊞ | Airfield | | | |
| CP▪ | Caravan Park | | | | | | | |

Total Distance 1749 Kilometres



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Adelaide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
96	Port Wakefield																
216	120	Port Pirie															
305	209	89	Port Augusta														
412	316	196	107	Hawker													
572	476	356	267	160	Copley												
684	588	468	379	272	112	Marree											
888	792	672	583	476	316	204	William Creek										
1090	994	874	785	678	518	406	202	Oodnadatta									
1476	1380	1260	1171	1064	904	792	588	386	Kulgera								
1749	1653	1533	1444	1337	1177	1065	861	659	273	Alice Springs							

INTRODUCTION

This itinerary has been prepared to assist you on your trip. Please check your speedometer against stated distances during the first few kilometres of the tour. Few speedometers register exactly the same over any appreciable distance, and any discrepancy should be allowed for.

The RAA trusts that your journey will be rewarding, safe and pleasant. Please drive carefully and ensure rest stops are frequently utilised.

EMERGENCY ROAD SERVICE

If possible telephone for assistance however if no telephone is available, complete the slip below and ask a passing motorist to hand it in to the nearest Auto Club Service Depot.

Please note that replacement parts may not be easily obtained when they are needed. Avoid delays - always carry spare fan belts and spare radiator hoses.

N.B : Free Emergency Road Service is available to trailers and caravans up to 2 tonnes gross weight, towed by members, on production of your membership card, both in South Australia and interstate.

Your membership number should be quoted when calling for service and card presented upon arrival of the service person, otherwise a fee will be charged.

ALWAYS WAIT FOR THE PATROL OR MECHANIC, OR ADVISE THE DEPOT IF YOU ARE ABLE TO PROCEED.

TEAR ALONG DOTTED LINE

CALL FOR EMERGENCY ROAD SERVICE

Date: _____ Time: _____

I am a member of the RAA. Please send me assistance.

My RAA membership number is _____

My car is a _____ (Make) _____ (Model)

_____ (Colour) Registration No. _____

My location is _____

(State clearly where you are and give details i.e., "Five kilometres from Jamestown on the Caltowie Road.)

Nature of trouble (if known) _____

Tow required _____

INTERSTATE TRAVEL

Driving licence and Certificate of Car Registration MUST be carried by South Australian motorists visiting other States.

NOTE: Full reciprocity exists regarding the use of driving licences between ALL States and Territories of the Commonwealth for driving cars registered in such States and Territories, but the current licence must be carried by the driver at all times. Travellers from South Australia visiting any other State or Territory may circulate freely as it is not necessary to observe any formalities in regard to registration, insurance etc., either at the border or elsewhere. (Note - Where commercial or other vehicles are used for carrying goods for hire or reward, enquiries should be made in advance as they may be subject to payment of fees and other conditions by the Transport Authorities in each State.)

AFFILIATED MOTORING ORGANISATIONS IN OTHER STATES

Membership of the RAA is particularly valuable in connection with interstate touring. The Association is affiliated with automobile organisations throughout Australia, and members are entitled to reciprocal service from these organisations*.

(Such service does not extend to the sale of petrol, oil, spare parts, parking facilities, maintenance repairs or car washing, etc.) Members are advised to carry their membership card with them as proof of their membership status. Failure to do so may result in difficulty in securing service.

The contacts of kindred organisations are as follows:-

MELBOURNE: Royal Automobile Club of Victoria (RACV)
General - 13 1955
Road Service - 13 1111

SYDNEY: National Roads and Motorists' Assoc. (NRMA)
General - 13 1122
Road Service - 13 1111

BRISBANE: Royal Automobile Club of Queensland (RACQ)
General - 13 1905
Road Service - 13 1111

PERTH: Royal Automobile Club of Western Australia (RACWA)
General - 13 1704
Road Service - 13 1111

HOBART: Royal Automobile Club of Tasmania (RACT)
General - (03) 6232 6300
Road Service - 13 1111

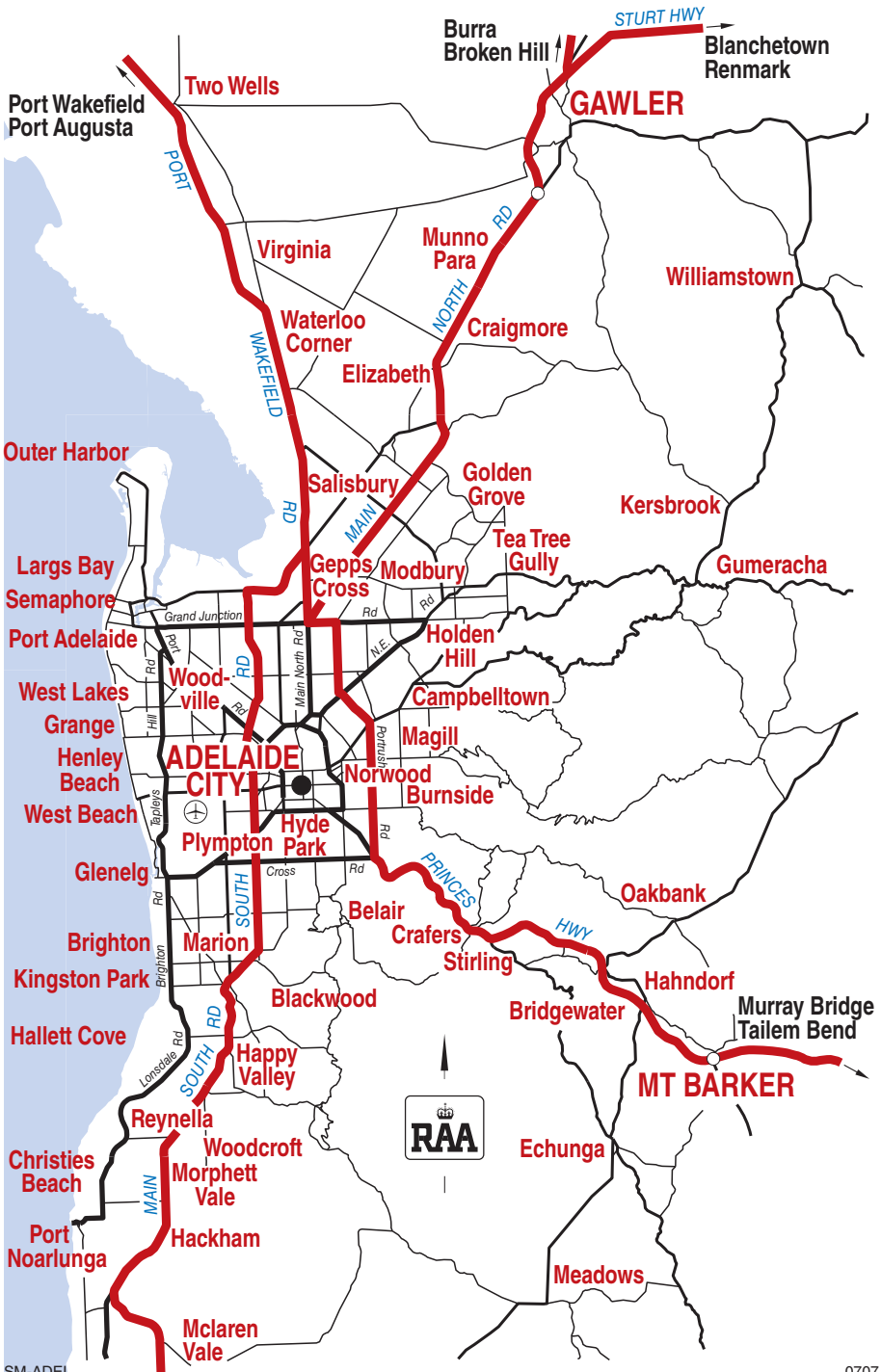
DARWIN: Automobile Association of Northern Territory (AANT)
General - (08) 8981 3837
Road Service - 13 1111

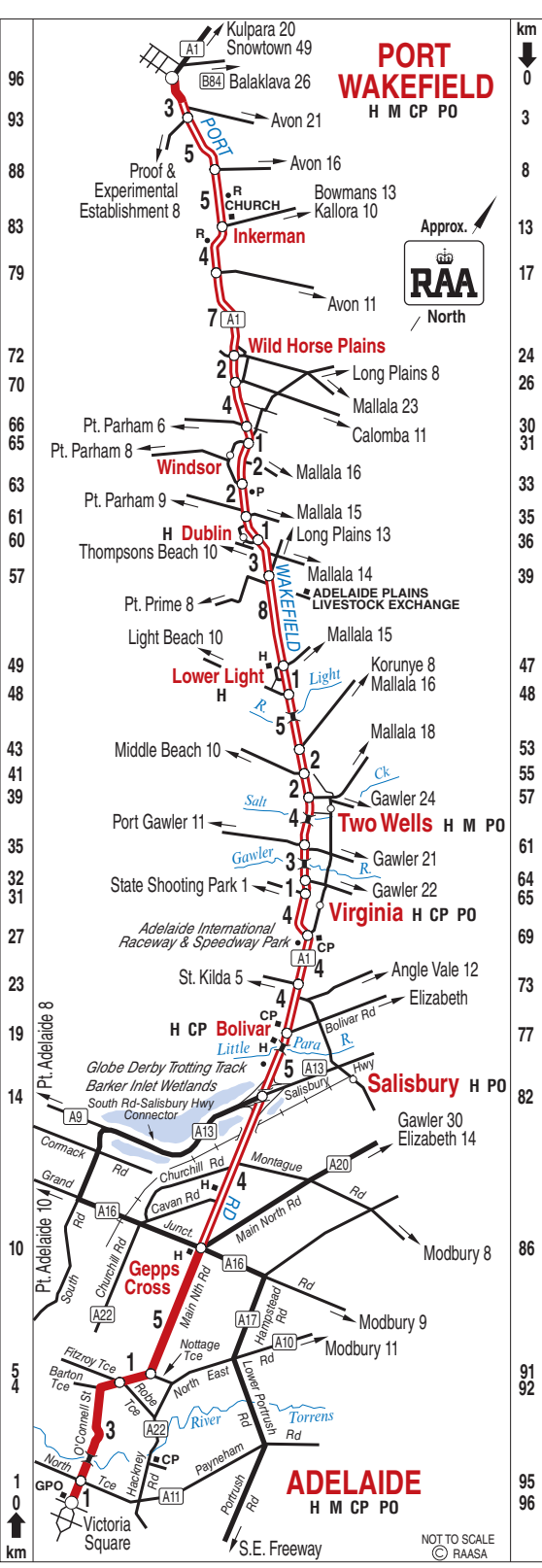
* Service is provided under the conditions applicable to the affiliated Motoring Organisation's equivalent class/benefit/level of membership.

Major Arterial Routes & Suburbs

This map is intended to aid planning - alternative maps should be consulted for route detail.

Detailed maps are available from RAA offices or visit www.raa.com.au/travel for detailed route descriptions.





ADELAIDE - PORT WAKEFIELD

96 kilometres
Route A1
Port Wakefield Road

ADELAIDE

(approx. population 1,040,720)
Situating on the banks of the River Torrens and capital of South Australia, Adelaide is renowned for its town planning by Colonel William Light who is rightly referred to as the "founder and father of Adelaide". Founded in 1836, Adelaide is now a modern, well established city, noted for its lush parklands, festivals and churches.

TWO WELLS (off highway)

(approx. population 720)

So named because of two natural wells which served as watering points for Aborigines and early settlers in the area.

PORT WAKEFIELD

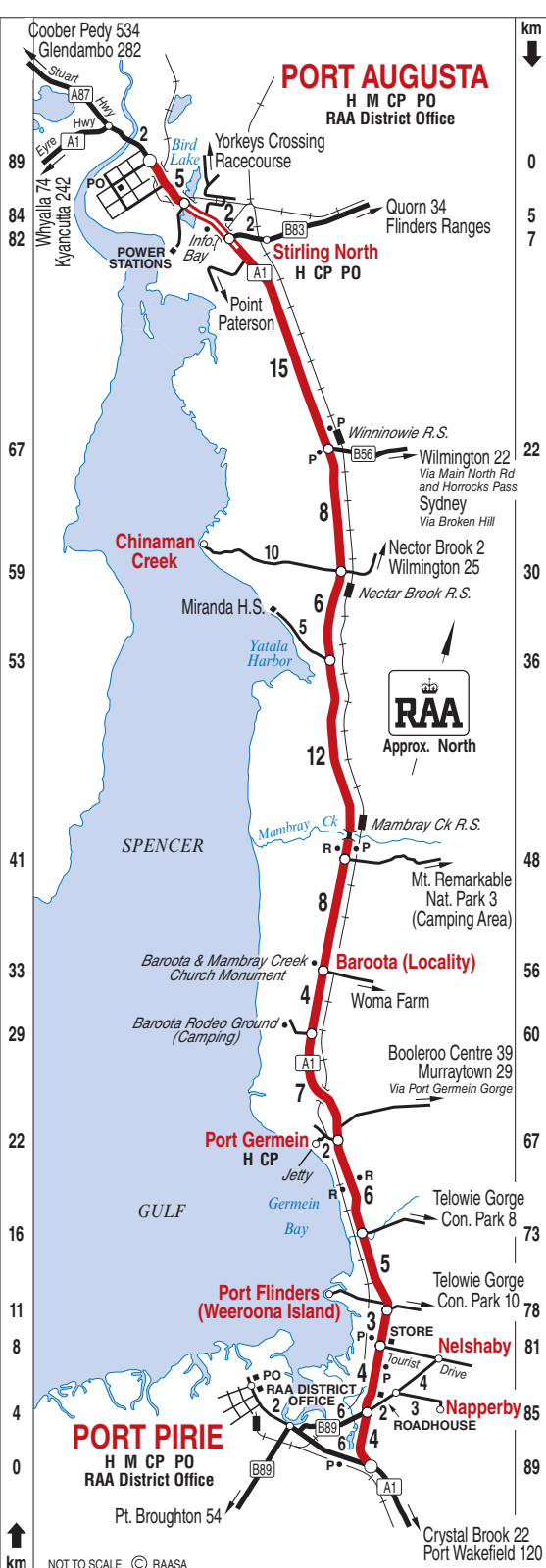
(approx. population 480)
Situating near the northern tip of St. Vincent Gulf, Port Wakefield has grown into an important service town for motorists travelling to Yorke Peninsula and the northern reaches of the state.

COUNTRY TRAVERSED

The road traverses generally flat countryside given over to wheat and grazing properties. After crossing the River Light, the small townships of Lower Light, Dublin and Windsor are passed. Access is also provided to coastal areas on the Gulf, offering good fishing and crabbing.

ROAD SURFACE

Bitumen.



PORT PIRIE - PORT AUGUSTA

89 kilometres
Route A1

PORT PIRIE

(approx. population 13,210)

Established in 1845, Port Pirie was South Australia's first provincial city. The original settlement of Solomontown now lies in the shadow of the more recent township, developed in the 1870s. Initially a port for agricultural produce, the discovery of silver and lead at Broken Hill saw the development of suitable port and smelting facilities.

PORT GERMEIN

(approx. population 250)

Once a major seaport, this tiny town is home to the longest wooden jetty in the southern hemisphere, extending over 1500m into Spencer Gulf.

PORT AUGUSTA

(approx. population 13,260)

At the head of Spencer Gulf, the town was first settled in 1852 and named after the Governor's wife (Lady Augusta Young). The huge power station, fuelled by brown coal from the open cut mines at Leigh Creek, supply much of the State's power requirements. The Wadlata Outback Centre houses an accredited Visitor Information Centre and through its many displays, interprets all facets of the Flinders Ranges and Outback.

COUNTRY TRAVERSED

Mainly flat farming country. The Southern Flinders Ranges can be seen to the east.

ROAD SURFACE

Bitumen.

PORT AUGUSTA - HAWKER

107 kilometres
Route B83

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QUORN

(approx. population 1,070)

Once an important railway junction on both the east-west and north-south transcontinental journeys, Quorn has retained its pioneer character. The dedicated volunteers of the Pichi Richi Preservation Society continue to operate a train service between Port Augusta and Quorn, through the spectacular Pichi Richi Pass. The town now provides facilities for the surrounding agricultural interests and acts as a base for travellers exploring the southern and central Flinders Ranges.

HAWKER

(approx. population 220)

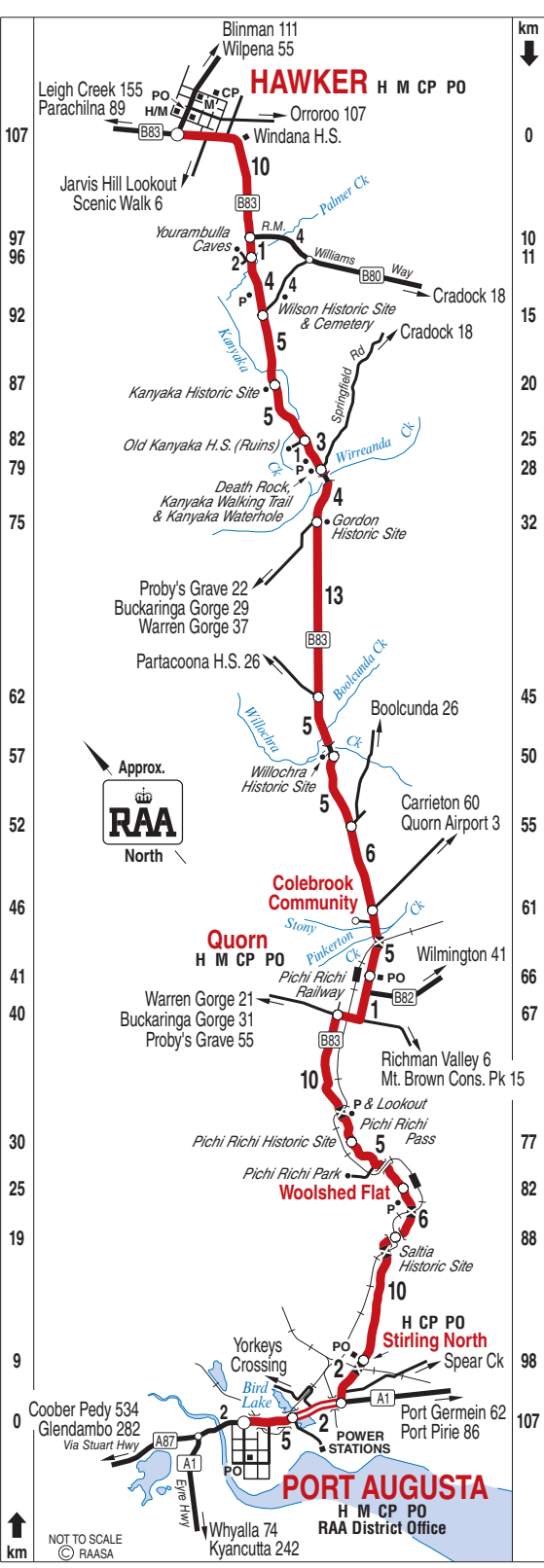
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COUNTRY TRAVERSED

Narrow, winding road through the Pichi Richi Pass. Level to undulating scrub and pastoral country between Quorn and Hawker.

ROAD SURFACE

Bitumen.



HAWKER - COPLEY

160 kilometres
Route B83

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PARACHILNA

A tiny settlement with a famous pub, Parachilna was a station on the original Ghan railway until the new line was opened in 1980, some distance to the west.

LEIGH CREEK

(approx. population 550)

A purpose built town providing facilities for employees and their families associated with the nearby coalfield. Coal is sent south from Leigh Creek by rail to the huge Port Augusta power stations, which supply much of South Australia's electricity. A lookout on the access road to the coalfield provides a spectacular view of the massive open cut mine.

COPLEY

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POINTS OF INTEREST

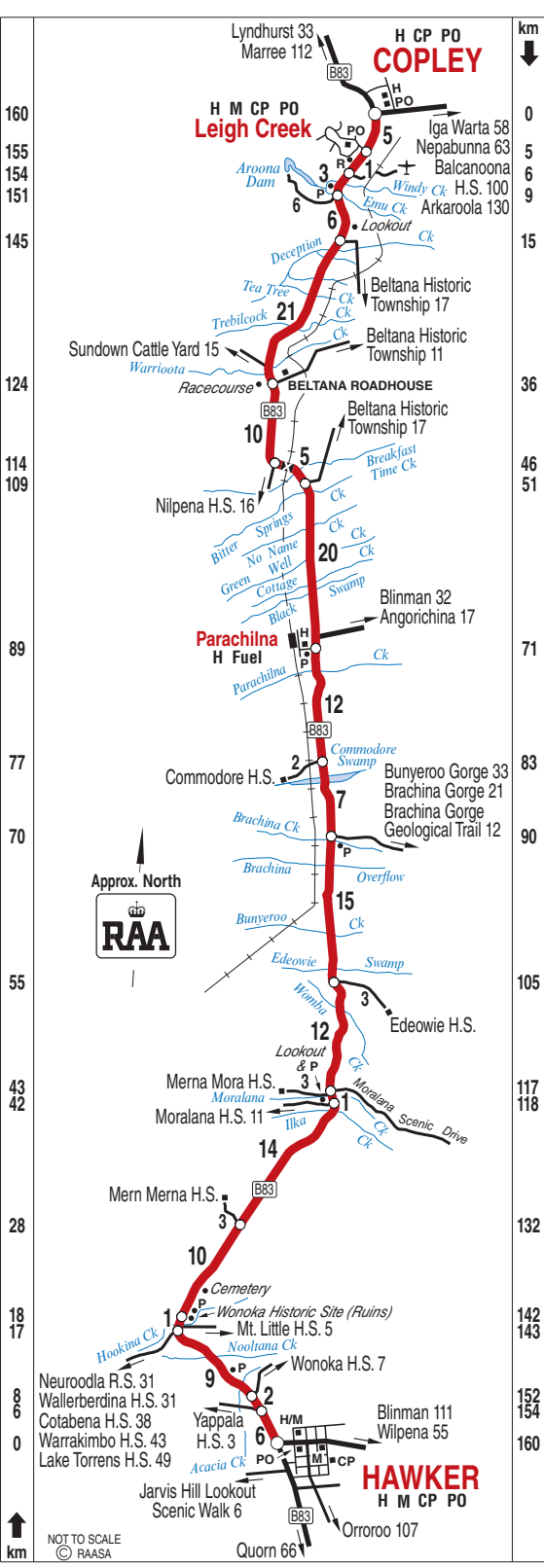
The Flinders Ranges, in their present form, show the tremendous erosion which has taken place over countless years leaving a hard crystalline surface rich in metallic ores.

COUNTRY TRAVERSED

The road traverses level to undulating, lightly timbered, sheep grazing country. The Flinders Ranges can be seen to the east

ROAD SURFACE

Bitumen.



COPLEY - MARREE

112 kilometres
Route B83

CAUTION

1. Exercise care at all grids.
2. Gravel and Earth sections require care due to rocks, corrugations and dust.
3. Beware of wandering stock.

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LYNDHURST

Like most of the settlements en route, Lyndhurst was a rail stop on the old Ghan line. It now provides fuel, accommodation and supplies to travellers heading up the Strzelecki and Oodnadatta Tracks.

MARREE

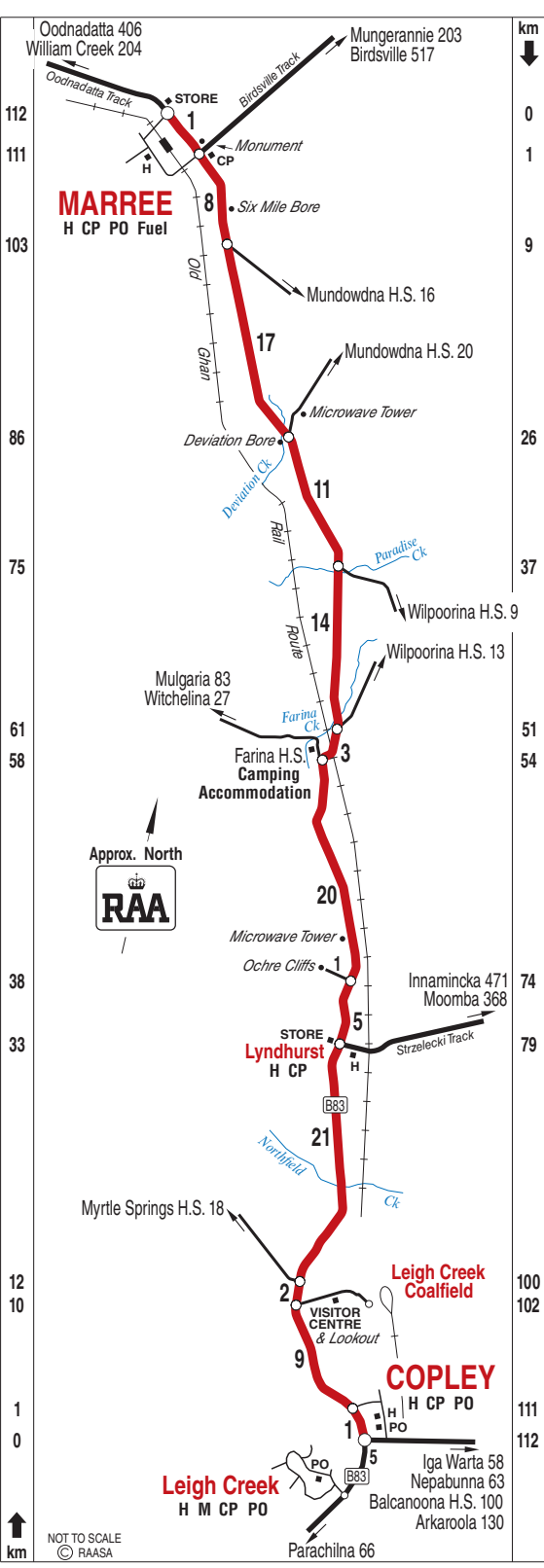
With its imposing heritage listed hotel rising above the salt bush flats, Marree is the starting point for the legendary Birdsville and Oodnadatta Tracks. It was the major break-of-gauge station on the original Ghan rail journey to Alice Springs, until 1980, when the new line was opened 190 km to the west.

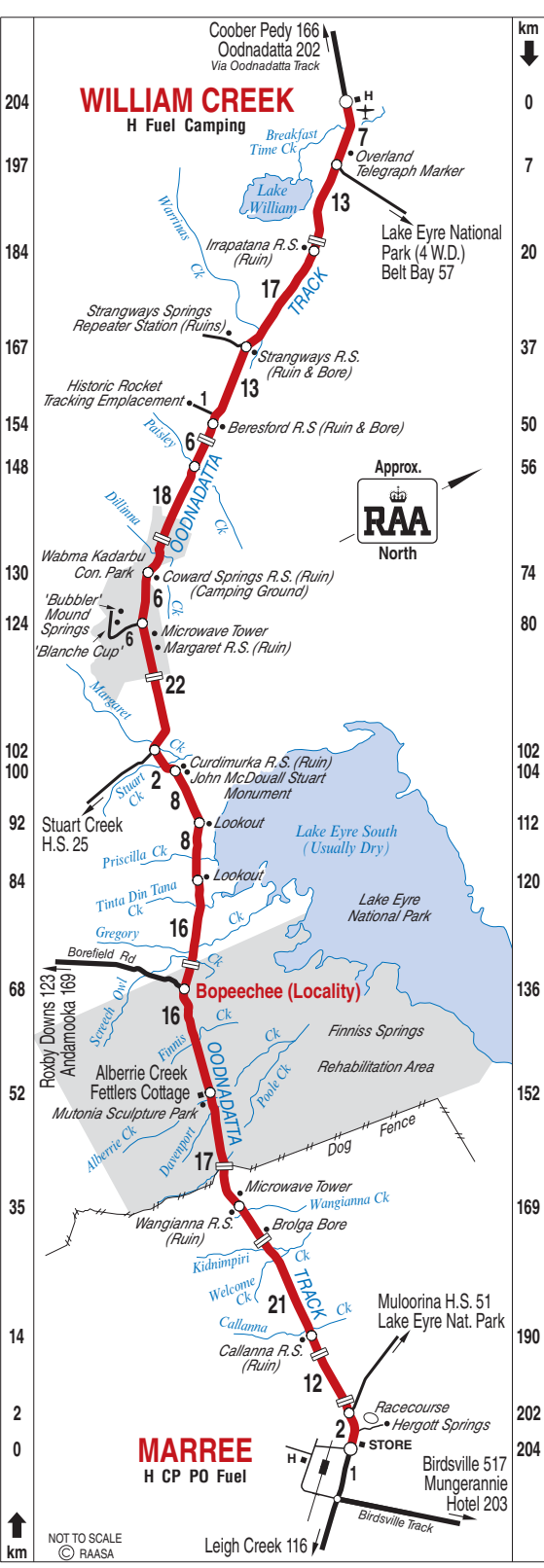
COUNTRY TRAVERSED

This section passes through undulating pastoral country with a few rocky hills near Leigh Creek. Open plains between Farina and Marree.

ROAD SURFACE

Bitumen between Parachilna & Lyndhurst. Short section of bitumen north of Lyndhurst followed by formed gravel and earth road.





MARREE - WILLIAM CREEK

204 kilometres
Oodnadatta Track

CAUTION

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2. Exercise care at all grids and creek crossings.
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POINTS OF INTEREST

This route follows the alignment of the original Ghan railway and many of the old railway stations can be seen, in various stages of ruin, on the roadside.

Lake Eyre South, a giant salt pan stretching some 185 km to the north, can be viewed from two lookout points along the track.

The Bubbler and Blanche Cup Springs are two of the many springs that rise under pressure from the Great Artesian Basin.

COUNTRY TRAVERSED

Open pastoral country. Mainly gibber plains. Low, rocky hills around Bopeechee and red dunes south of William Creek.

ROAD SURFACE

Formed gravel and earth. Stony sections and sandy patches. Rough creek crossings.

WILLIAM CREEK - OODNADATTA

202 kilometres
Oodnadatta Track

CAUTION

1. Roads in this area can be adversely affected by rain. Seek local advice at all times
2. Take care when crossing grids and creeks.
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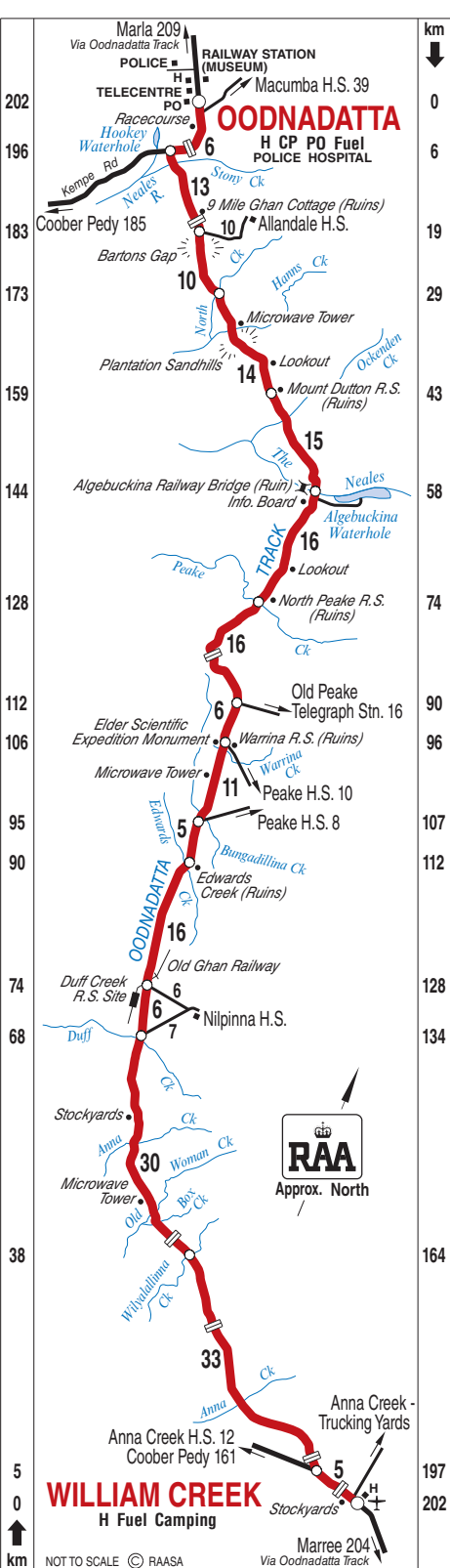
For the intrepid 4wd enthusiast a side trip to the Old Peake Telegraph Station will reveal one of the region's most evocative historical sites.

COUNTRY TRAVERSED

Mainly flat cattle grazing country, lightly timbered. Section of undulating and winding roadway north of North Peake RS.

ROAD SURFACE

Formed gravel and earth. Sections of loose stone, sandy patches and bulldust. Rough creek crossings.



ODNADATTA - KULGERA

386 kilometres
Route A87
Oodnadatta Track & Stuart Hwy

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MARLA

Marla has grown into a major service centre since the sealing of the Stuart Highway in the 1980s. Permits are required to travel to the opal town of Mintabie, 39km to the west, and these are available from the Marla police station.

KULGERA

A service centre just off the Stuart Highway.

TIME ZONE

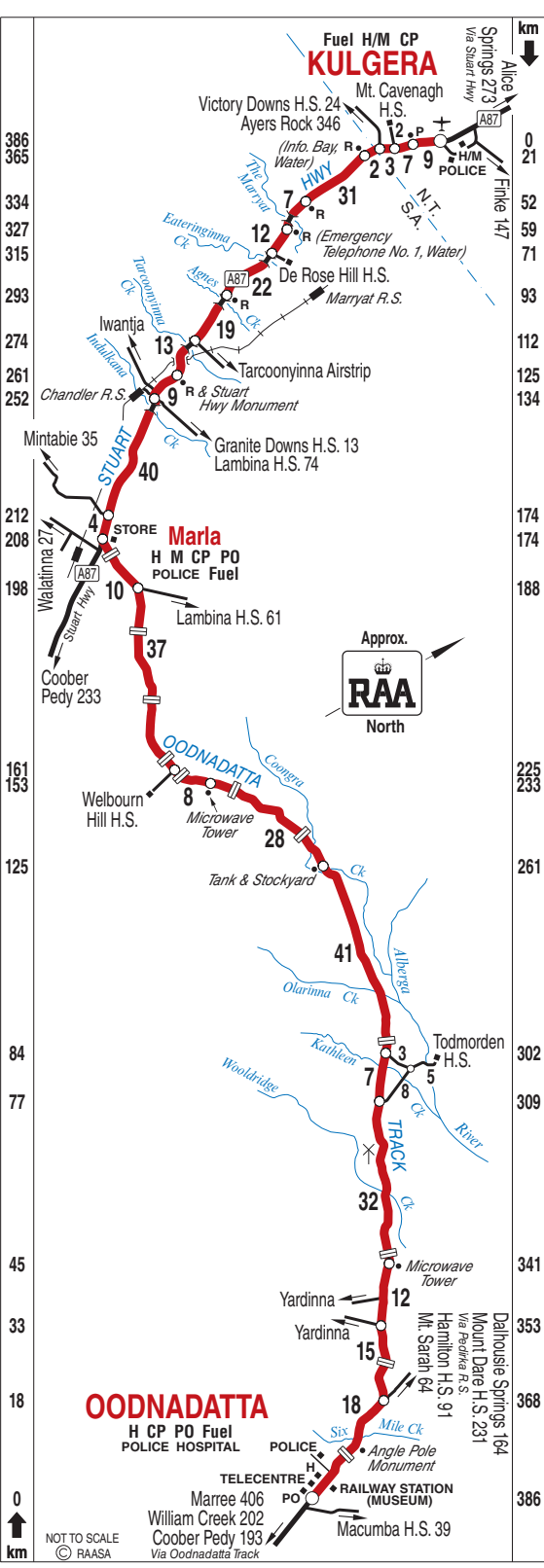
South Australia and Northern Territory operate in the same time zone, however the Northern Territory does not observe daylight saving.

COUNTRY TRAVERSED

Mainly open cattle grazing country. Sparse vegetation between Oodnadatta and Marla. There are several rocky outcrops around Kulgera.

ROAD SURFACE

Oodnadatta – Marla: Earth and gravel.
Marla – Kulgera: Bitumen.



KULGERA - ALICE SPRINGS

273 kilometres
Route 87
Stuart Highway

CAUTION

Straying animals present a hazard, particularly if travelling at night. For maximum safety restrict driving to daylight hours.

KULGERA

A service centre just off the Stuart Highway.

ALICE SPRINGS

(approx. population 21,620)

The 'capital' of Central Australia, Alice Springs is one of the country's most famous outback towns and is a popular destination for visitors from around the world. With the MacDonnell Ranges providing a spectacular backdrop 'the Alice', is surrounded by rugged gorges, cool swimming holes, exciting four wheel drive trails and beautiful desert scenery. The town itself has a host of attractions including the Telegraph Station, the RFDS base, School of the Air, the Desert Park plus many Aboriginal art displays and cultural centres.

POINTS OF INTEREST

The Henbury Meteorite Craters Reserve is located 19 km west of the Stuart Highway junction. A short walk is necessary from the car park to the craters.

COUNTRY TRAVERSED

Mainly flat to undulating with some sections moderately timbered.

ROAD SURFACE

Bitumen.

