



Adelaide to Alice Springs

via Port Wakefield Rd 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.

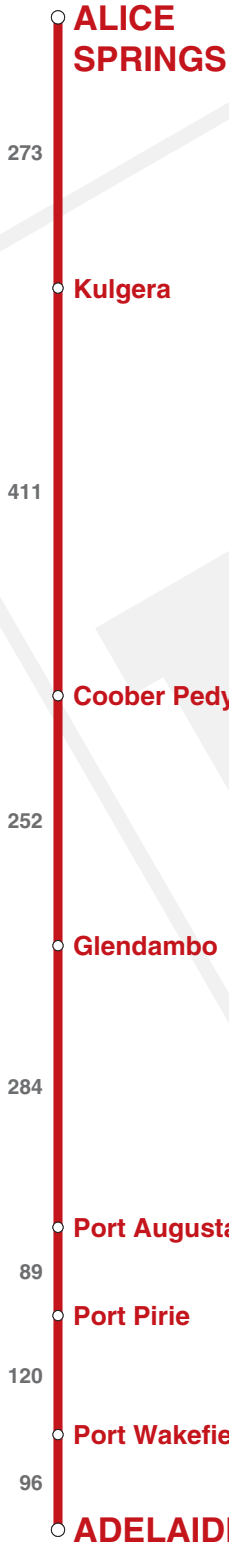
Town Facilities

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.

Total Distance 1525 Kilometres



Legend

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

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Adelaide									
96	Port Wakefield								
216	120	Port Pirie							
305	209	89	Port Augusta						
589	493	373	284	Glendambo					
841	745	625	536	252	Coober Pedy				
1252	1156	1036	947	663	411	Kulgera			
1525	1429	1309	1220	936	684	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 (RACO)
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

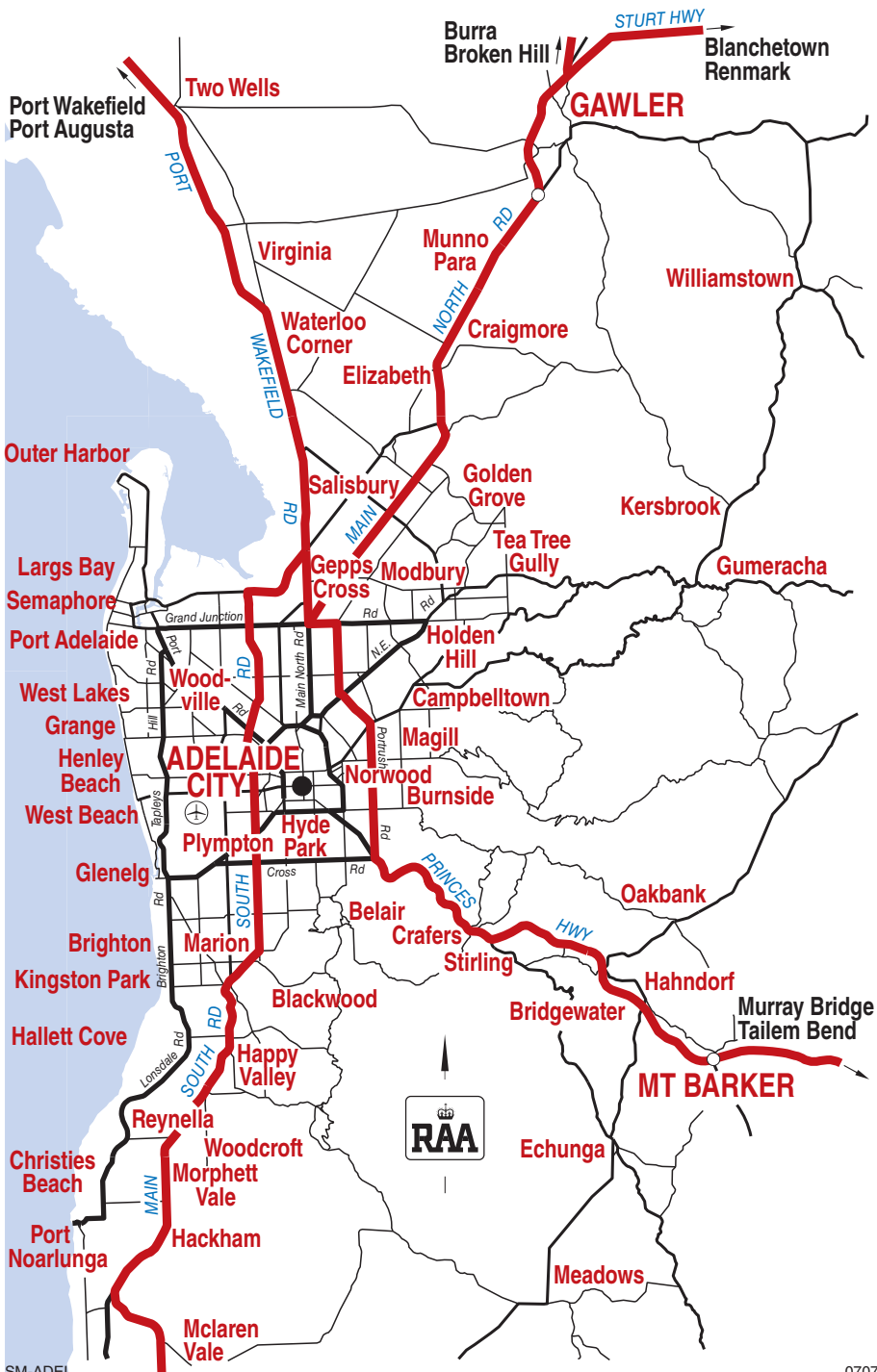
DARWIN: Automobile Association of Northern Territory (AANT)
General - (08) 8981 3837
Road Service - 13 1111

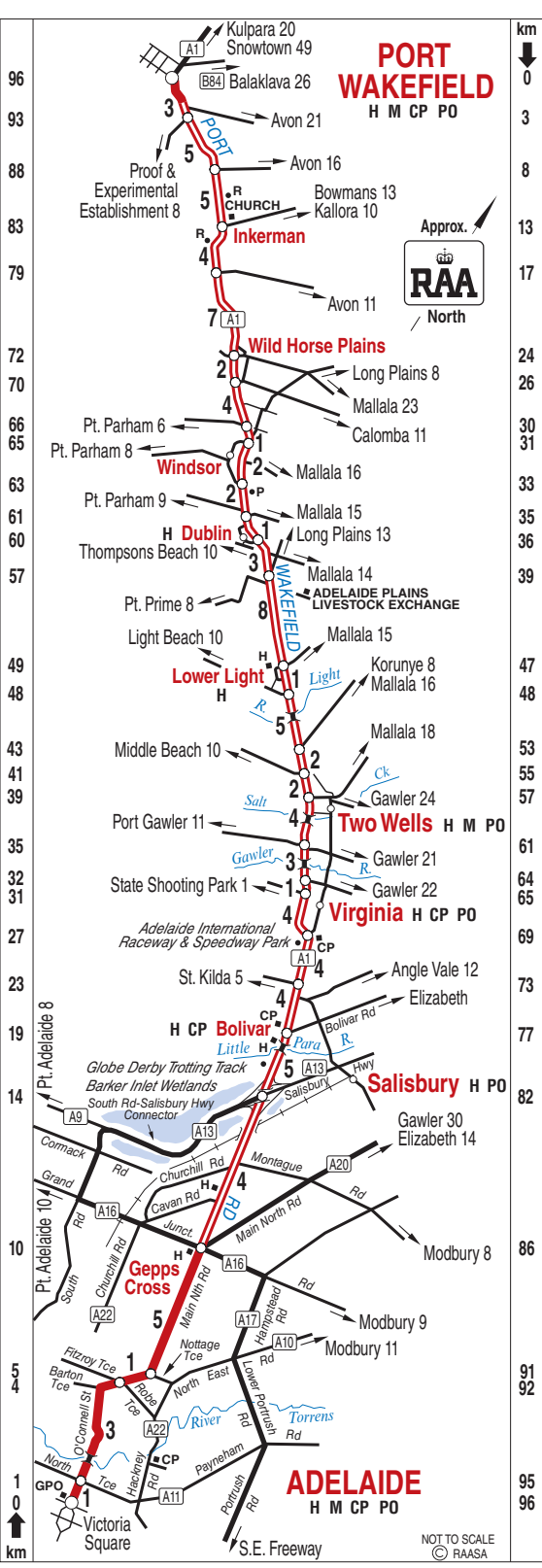
* Service is provided under the conditions applicable to the affiliated Motoring Organisation's equivalent class/benefit/level of membership.

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 WAKEFIELD - PORT PIRIE

120 kilometres
Route A1

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SNOWTOWN

(approx. population 410)

A district noted for its high quality stock breeding, wool and wheat, with its agricultural background beginning in the 1840's when early settlers ventured northwards seeking pastures for their stock.

CRYSTAL BROOK

(approx. population 1,190)

Named in 1839 by explorer Edward John Eyre after the water course located on the town's northern outskirts. A service centre for the surrounding sheep grazing and cropping interests. Many of the town's original buildings remain intact.

PORT PIRIE

(approx. population 13,210)

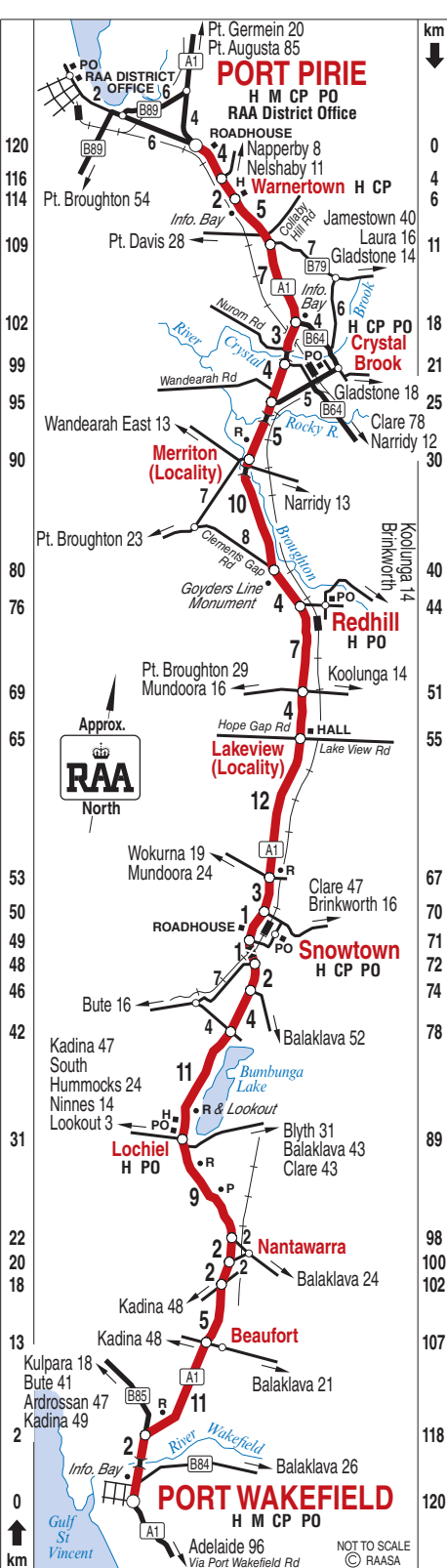
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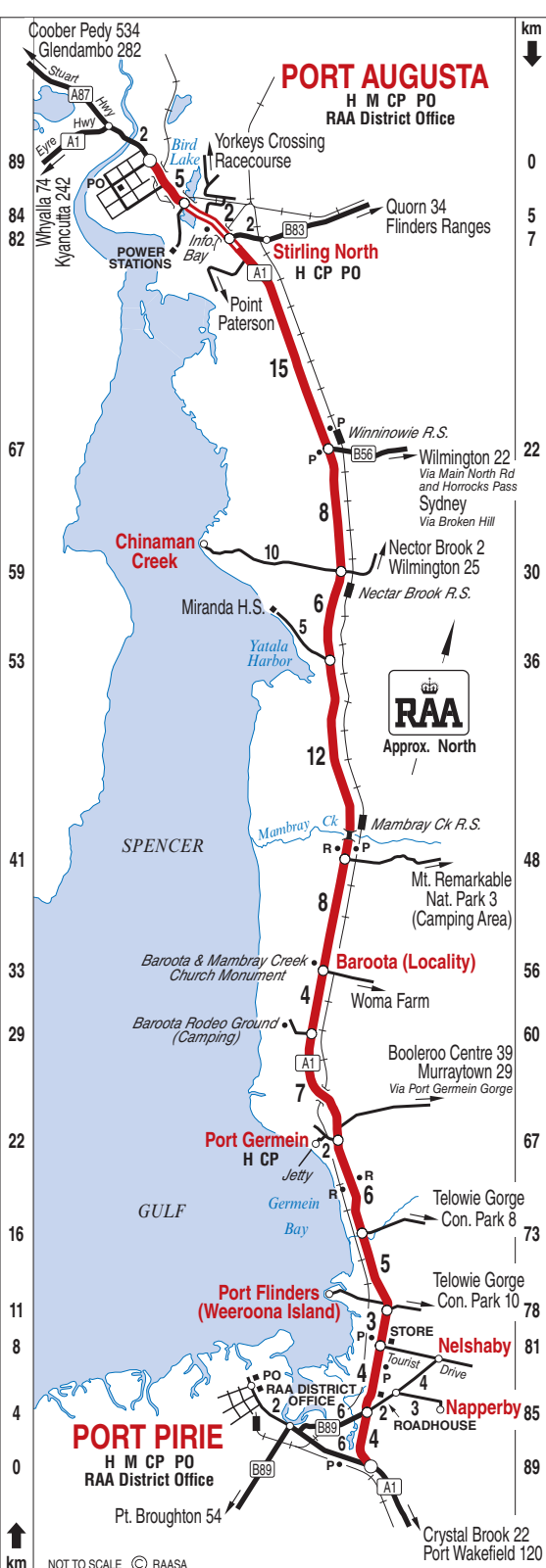
Level to gently undulating farming country. The southern reaches of the Flinders Ranges can be seen to the east of Crystal Brook.

ROAD SURFACE

Bitumen.



NOT TO SCALE
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PORT PIRIE - PORT AUGUSTA

89 kilometres
Route A1

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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 - GLENDAMBO

284 kilometres
Route A87
Stuart Highway

CAUTION

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WOOMERA

(approx. population 300)

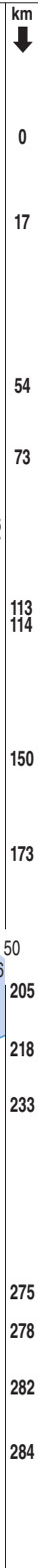
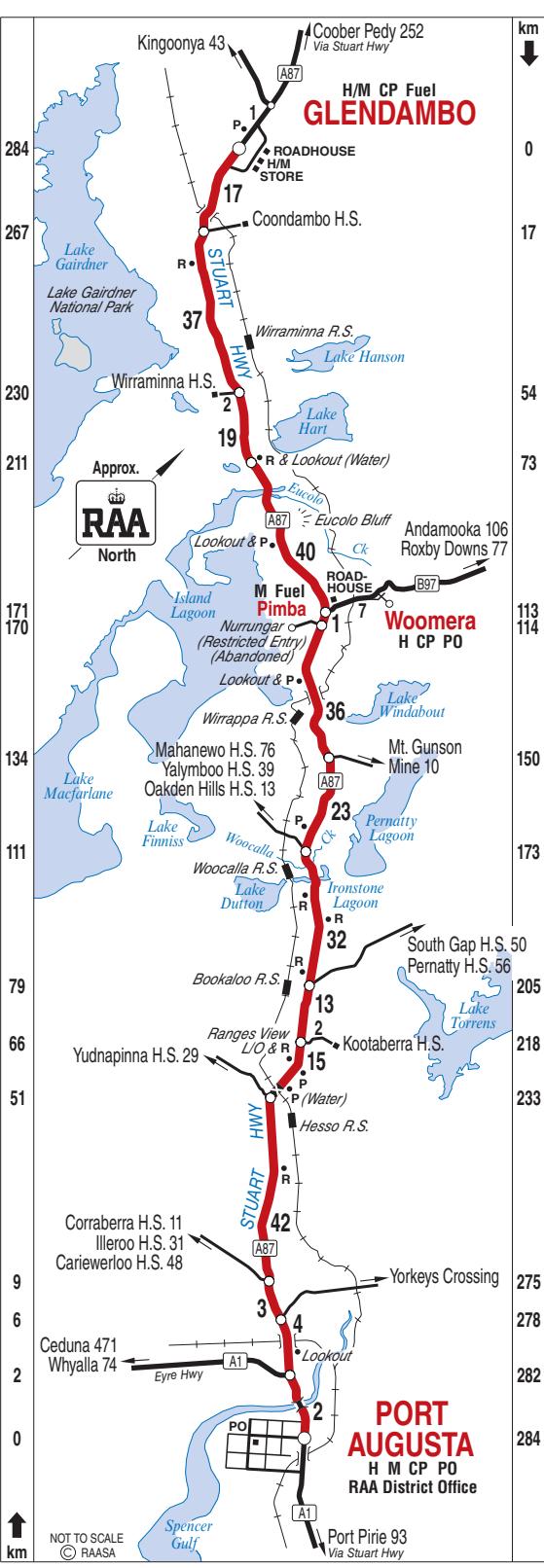
Established in 1947 to support Anglo-Australian rocket-launching operations, Woomera was a restricted township until 1982. Following its heyday in the rocket industry Woomera became a support centre for the nearby US-Australian Nurrungar Joint Defence Facility, which closed in 1999. The Woomera Range is still occasionally used for rocket and munitions testing. The Missile Park and Heritage Centre dramatically reveal Woomera's history.

GLENDAMBO

Established in 1982 when the Stuart Highway was realigned, to provide the services to travellers previously available at Kingoonya on the old highway.

ROAD SURFACE

Bitumen.



GLENDAMBO - COOBER PEDY

252 kilometres
Route A87
Stuart Highway

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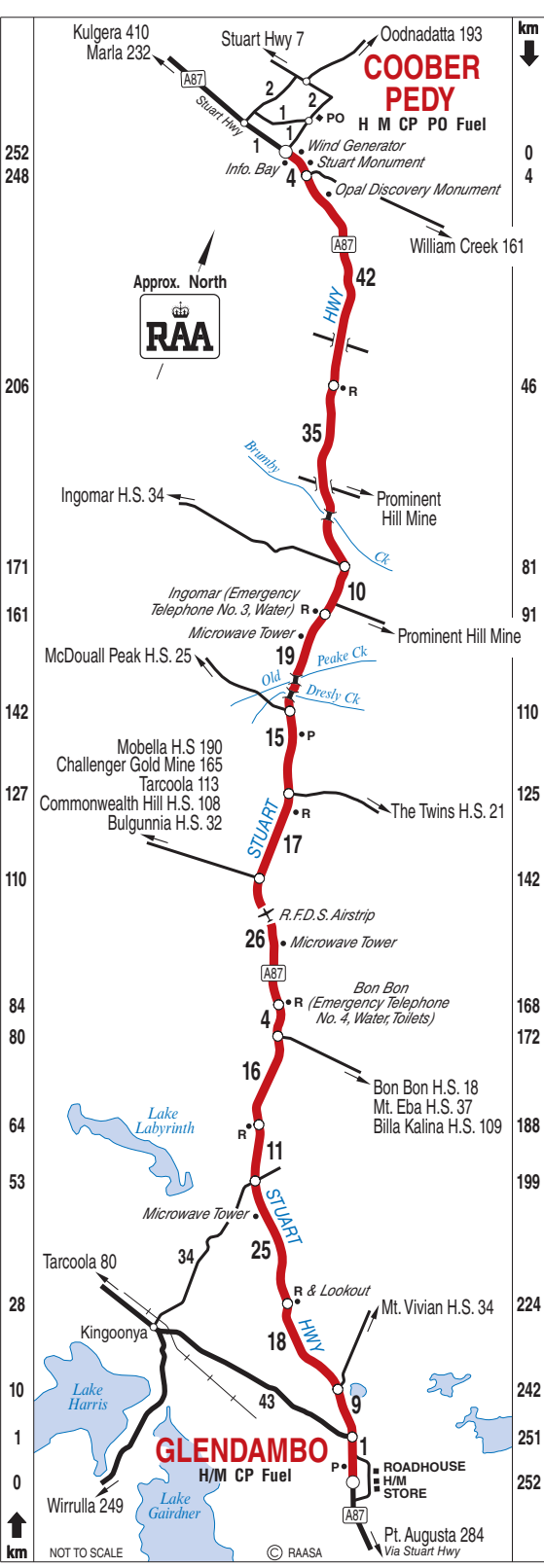
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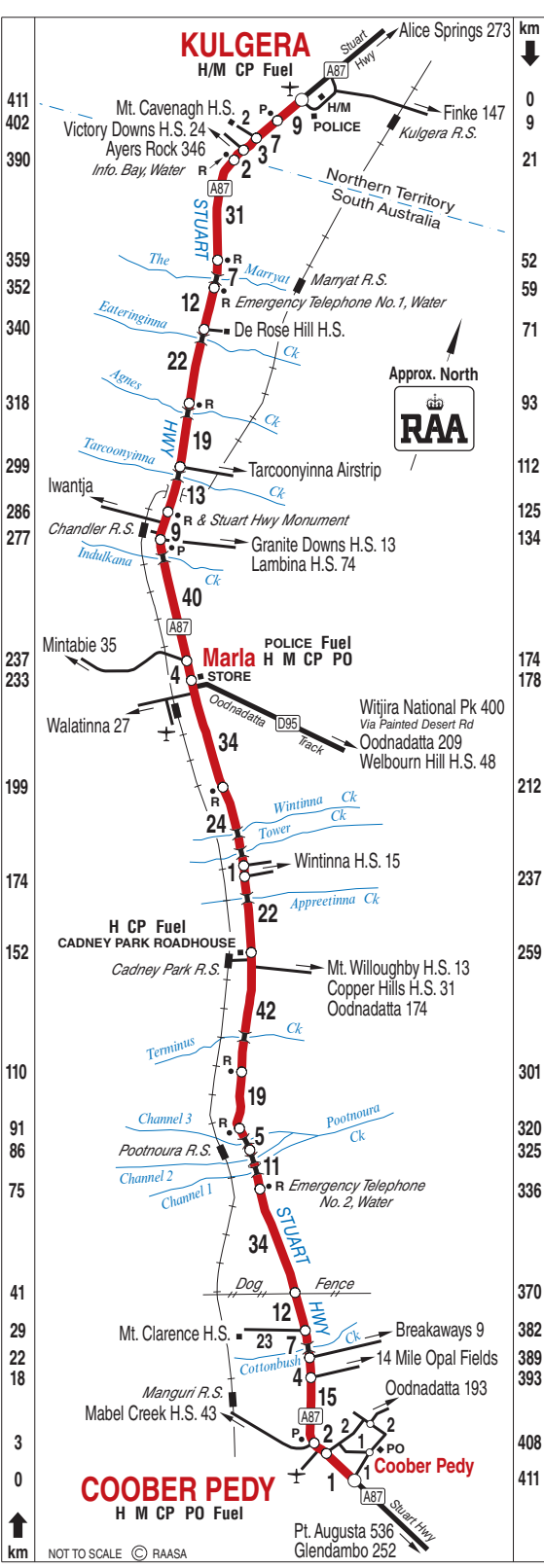
COUNTRY TRAVERSED

Level terrain and open plains. Mullock heaps around Coober Pedy indicate the extent of the opal fields.

ROAD SURFACE

Bitumen.





COOBER PEDY - KULGERA

411 kilometres
Route A87
Stuart Highway

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CADNEY HOMESTEAD

Provides accommodation and other facilities for travellers.

MARLA

Marla has grown into a major service centre since the sealing of the Stuart Highway in the 1980s.

KULGERA

A service centre just off the Stuart Highway, providing a range of facilities for travellers.

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 level grazing country. Large rocky outcrops rise above the plain near Kulgera.

ROAD SURFACE

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.

