

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

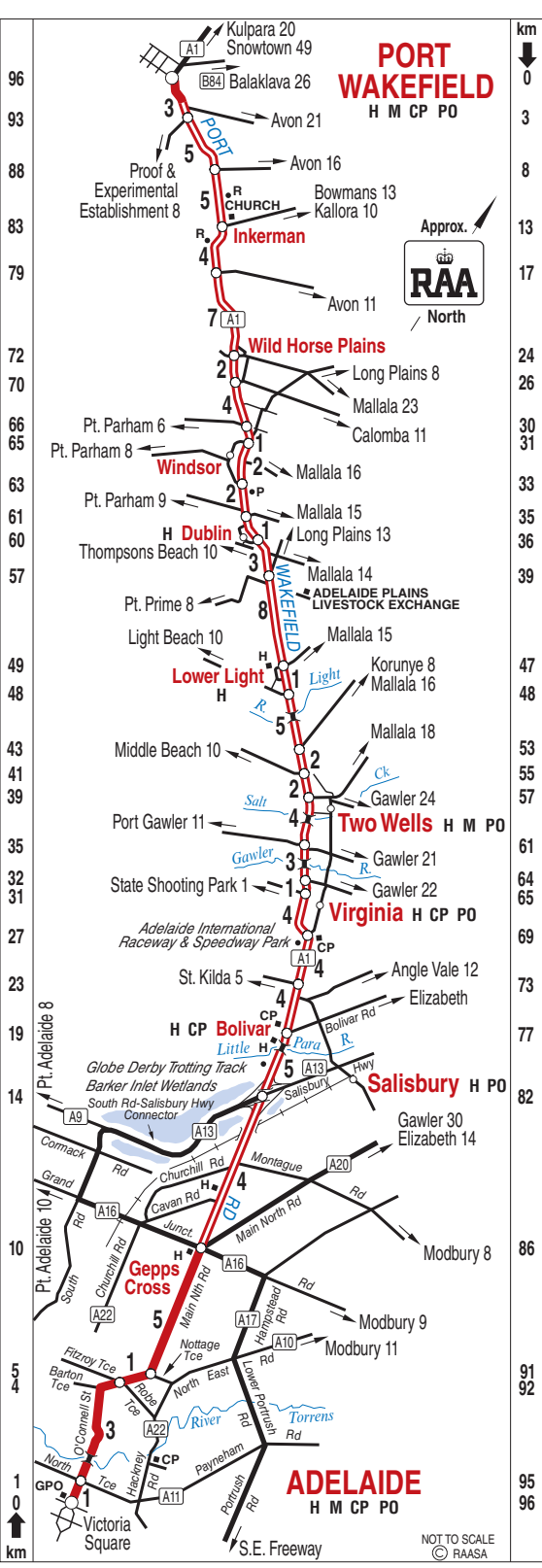
BRISBANE: Royal Automobile Club of Queensland (RACQ)
General - 13 1905
Road Service - 13 1111

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.



ADELAIDE - PORT WAKEFIELD

96 kilometres
Route A1
Port Wakefield Road

ADELAIDE

(approx. population 1,040,720)
Situated 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 Aboriginals and early settlers in the area.

PORT WAKEFIELD

(approx. population 480)

Situated 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

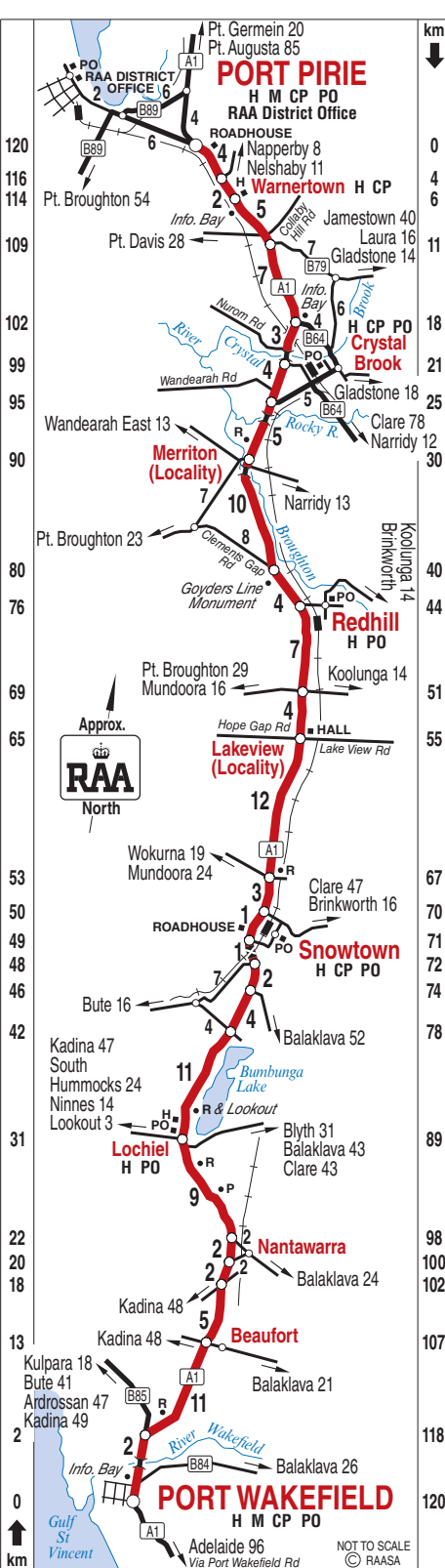
The road traverses generally flat countryside given over to wheat and grazing properties. After crossing the River Light, the small townships of Lower Light, Dublin and Windsor are passed. Access is also provided to coastal areas on the Gulf, offering good fishing and crabbing.

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)

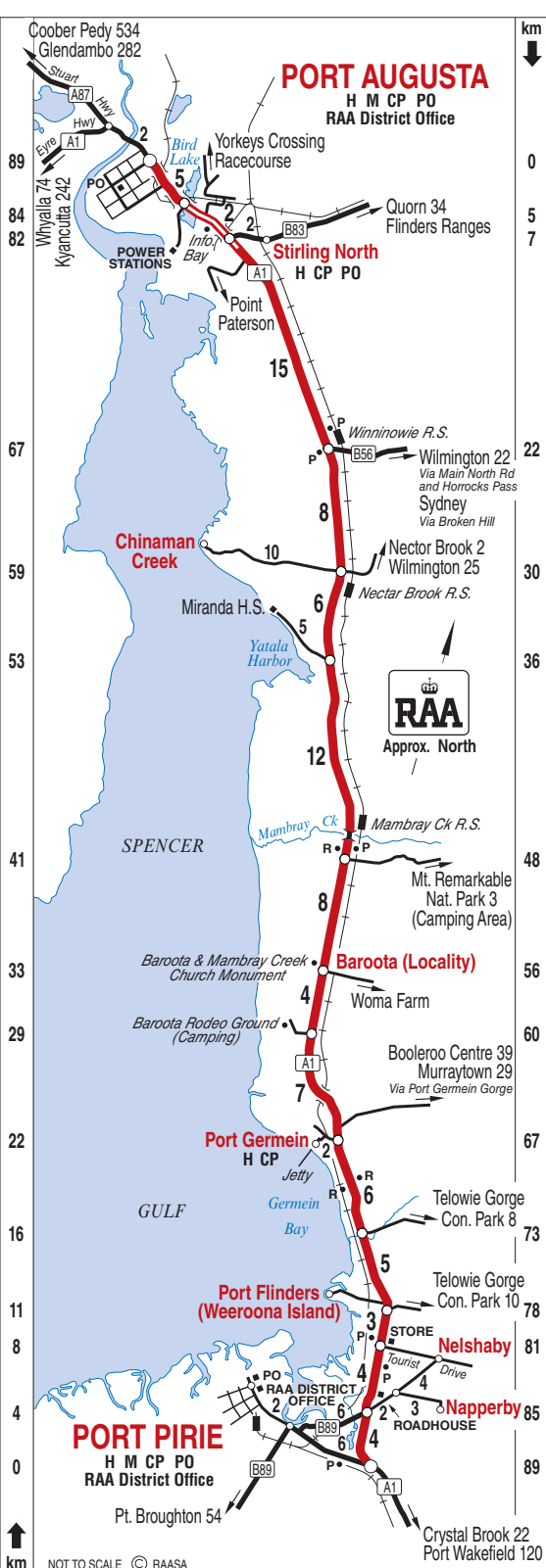
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COUNTRY TRAVERSED

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.



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 - COWELL

180 kilometres
Route B100
Lincoln Highway

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WHYALLA

(approx. population 21,120)

Thanks to the iron supplies in the nearby Middle Back Ranges, the fully integrated steel works has been a major employer for many years, while the township has grown into a modern regional centre.

COWELL

(approx. population 880)

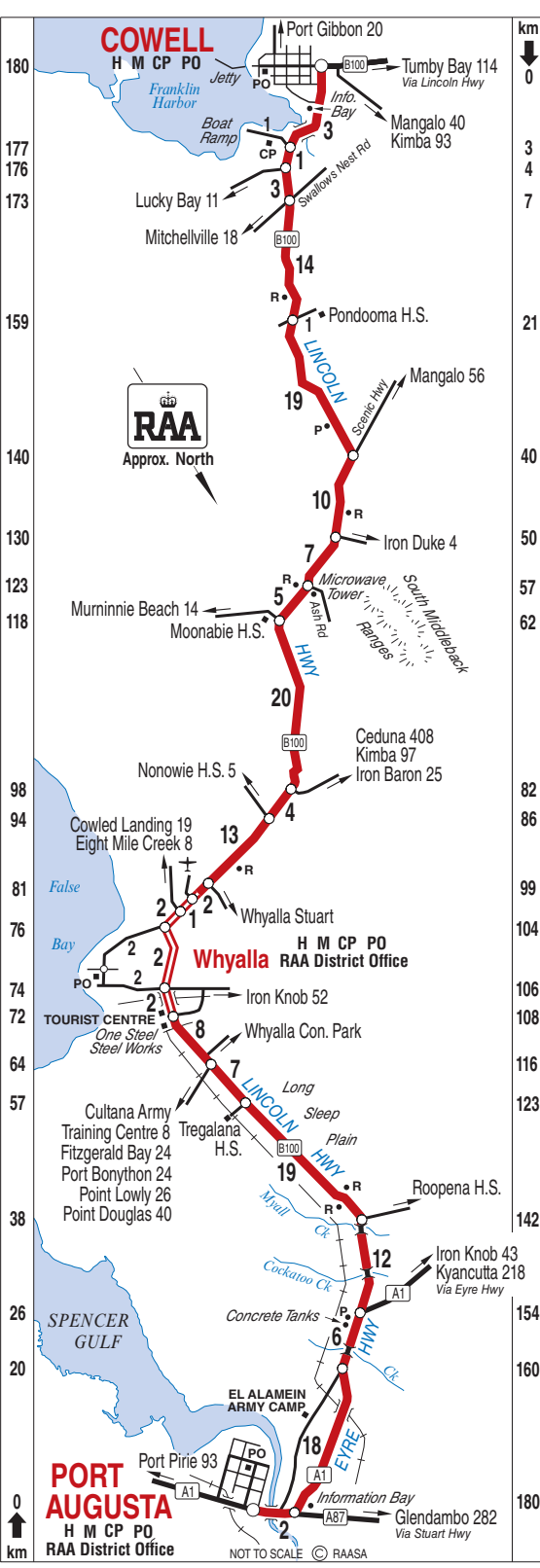
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COUNTRY TRAVERSED

Farmlands and Mallee scrub. Level to undulating terrain.

ROAD SURFACE

Bitumen.



COWELL - PORT LINCOLN

160 kilometres
Route B100
Lincoln Highway

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TUMBY BAY

(approx. population 1,350)

A popular holiday town and centre of a large wheat growing and sheep grazing area. Recreational anglers can fish from the town jetty or launch from the marina.

PORT LINCOLN

(approx. population 13,050).

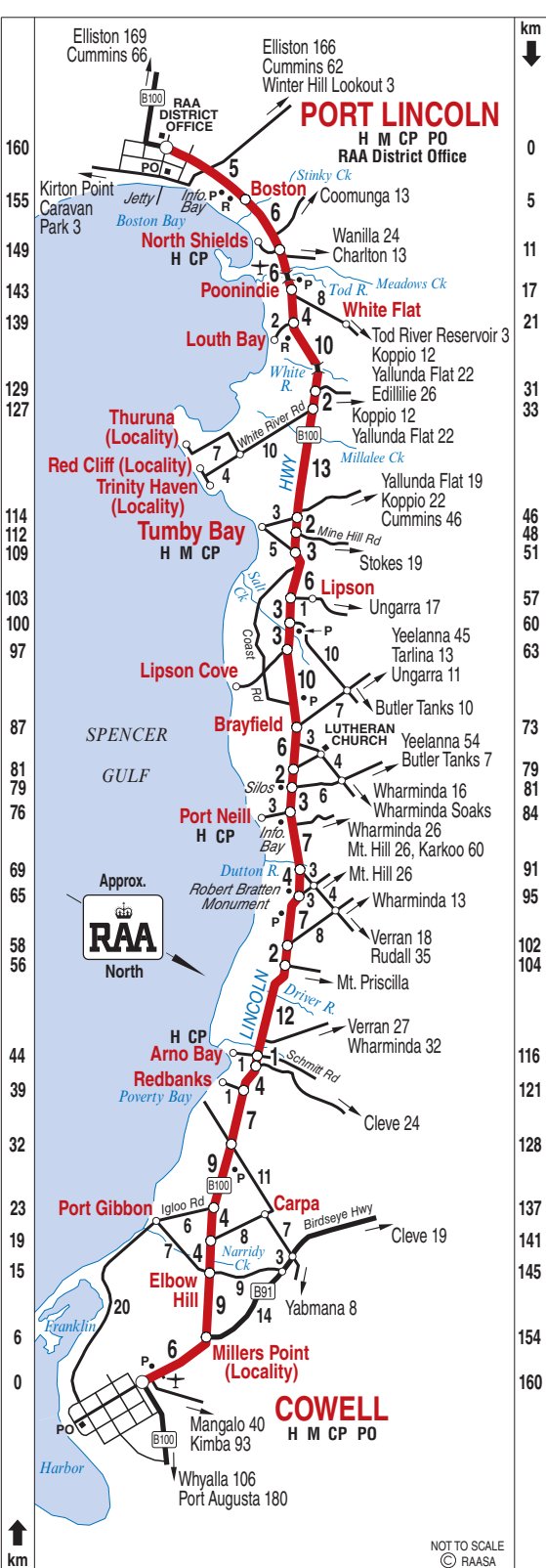
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COUNTRY TRAVERSED

Level to undulating farmlands. The coastal villages of Arno Bay and Port Neill are only a short distance from the highway.

ROAD SURFACE

Bitumen.



PORT LINCOLN - ELLISTON

169 kilometres
Route B100
Flinders Hwy

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COFFIN BAY

(approx. population 480)

Named in 1802 by Matthew Flinders in honour of his friend Sir Isaac Coffin. An ideal bay for boating, fishing, sailing and other water sports. The region is also renowned for Oyster farming.

ELLISTON

(approx. population 200)

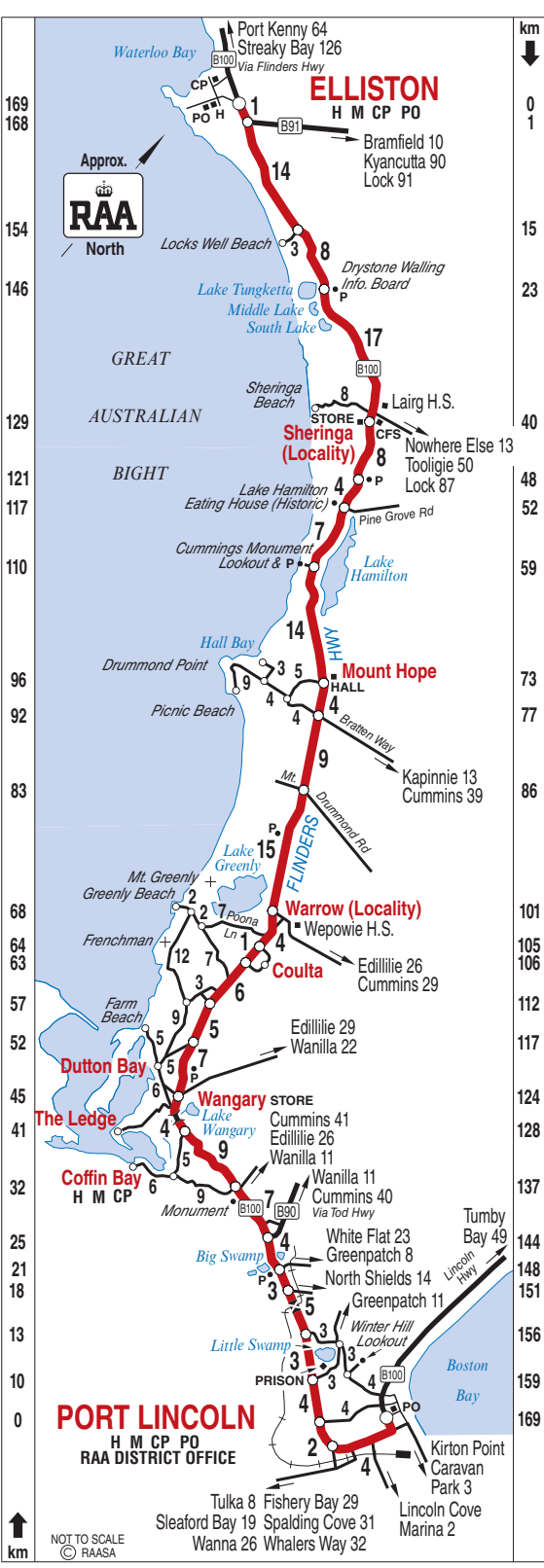
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COUNTRY TRAVERSED

Level to undulating farmland. Rugged coastline and sweeping beaches make the short side trips worthwhile.

ROAD SURFACE

Bitumen.



ELLISTON - CEDUNA

237 kilometres
Route B100
Flinders Hwy

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PORT KENNY

Set on the shores of Venus Bay, the town is a popular holiday centre and offers excellent fishing.

STREAKY BAY

(approx. population 1,060)

Named by Matthew Flinders after bands of colour in the water caused by seaweed oils. This picturesque coastal settlement owes much of its prosperity to the fishing industry, cereal grain and fat lamb production.

CEDUNA

(approx. population 2,300)

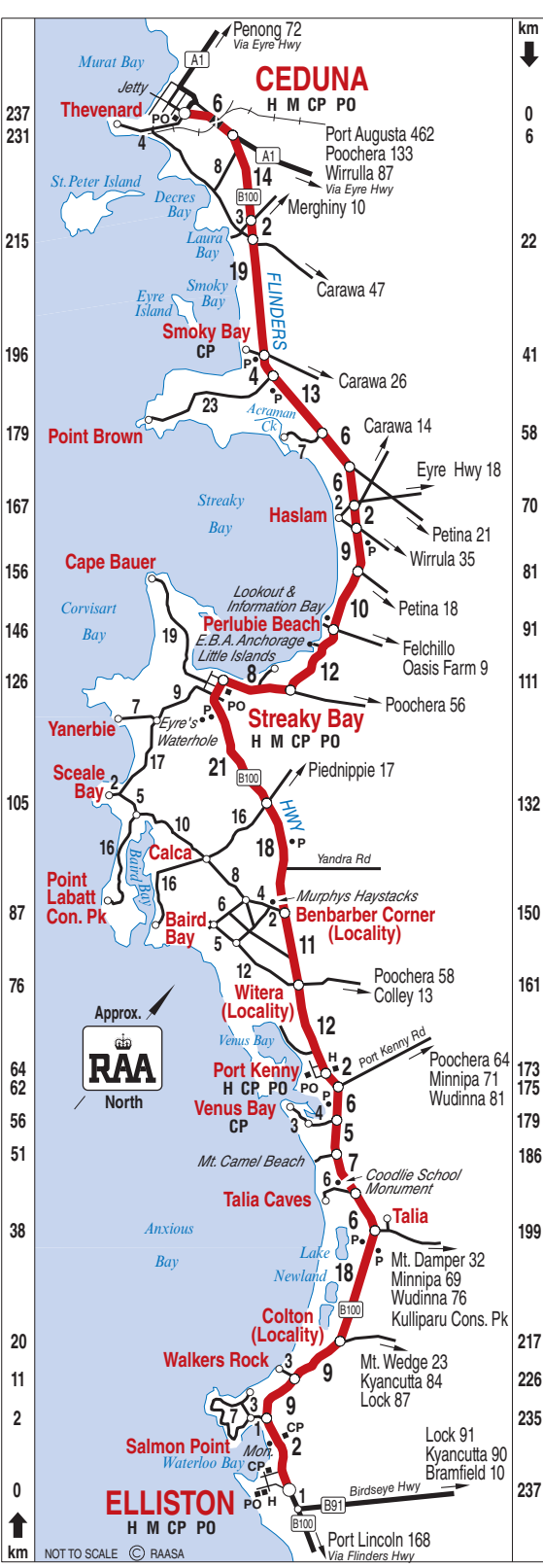
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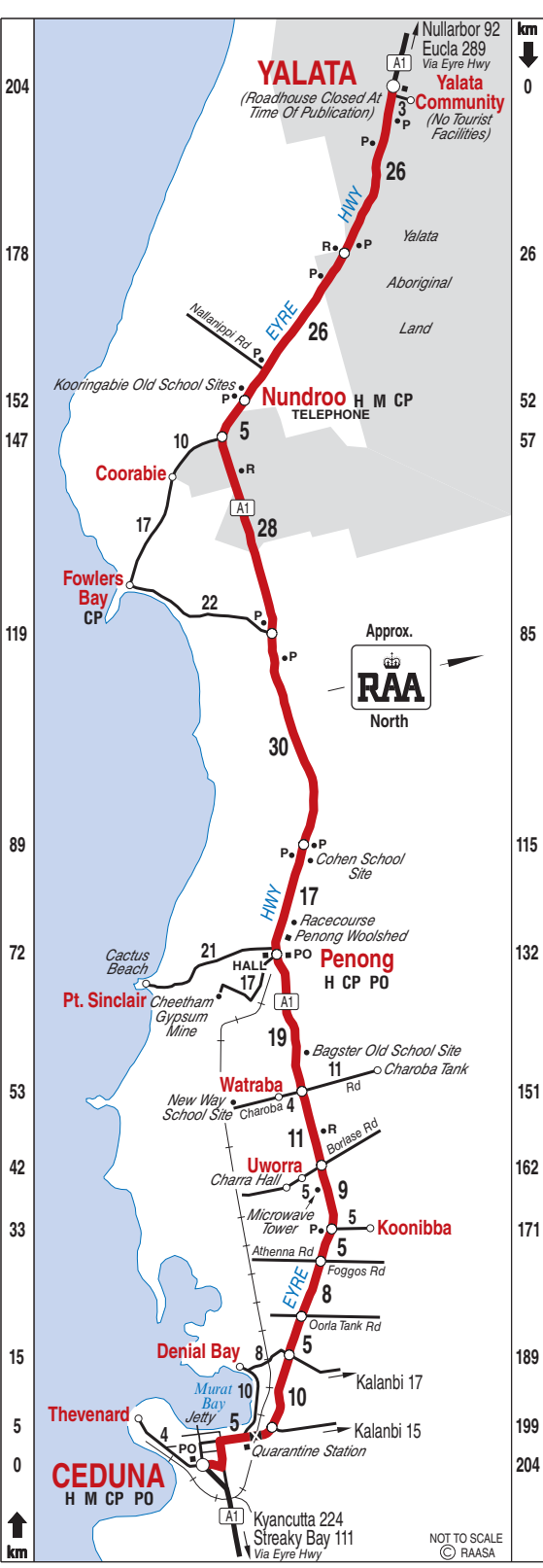
COUNTRY TRAVERSED

Mainly level to gently undulating, pastoral and cereal crop country. Side trips to the stunning coastline will be well rewarded.

ROAD SURFACE

Bitumen.





CEDUNA - YALATA

204 kilometres
Route A1
Eyre Highway

CAUTION

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PENONG

Centre of the surrounding agricultural district. The town sits above a substantial body of underground water, which explains the number of windmill operated bores in the vicinity. Nearby, is the famous surfing location, Cactus Beach.

COUNTRY TRAVERSED

Mainly flat farmland to the east and a mixture of undulating farmland and scrub to the west.

ROAD SURFACE

Bitumen.

YALATA - EUCLA

289 kilometres
Route 1
Eyre Highway

CAUTION

1. Kangaroos and Wombats present a collision risk, particularly at dawn and dusk.
2. Observe warning signs at scenic lookouts. Extreme caution should be exercised around cliff tops.

THE NULLARBOR PLAIN

Meaning 'no trees' in Latin, the Nullarbor Plain extends north towards the Great Victoria Desert. The Eyre Highway skirts the southern edge of this vast wilderness, and near the Nullarbor Roadhouse motorists will experience several kilometres of barren landscape.

EUCLA

Eucla was first established as a settlement in 1877 to enable direct telegraphic communications between Adelaide and Perth. The partly visible ruins of the old telegraph station have succumbed to the drifting sands. The rolling surf of the Great Australian Bight is within walking distance.

WHALE WATCHING

Southern Right Whales congregate at the head of the Great Australian Bight to mate and calve. During whale watching season – 1st May to 31st October – whale watching passes are available from the Whale Watch Interpretive Centre at the Head of Bight. Opening hours are 8:00am to 5:00pm.

TIME ZONE

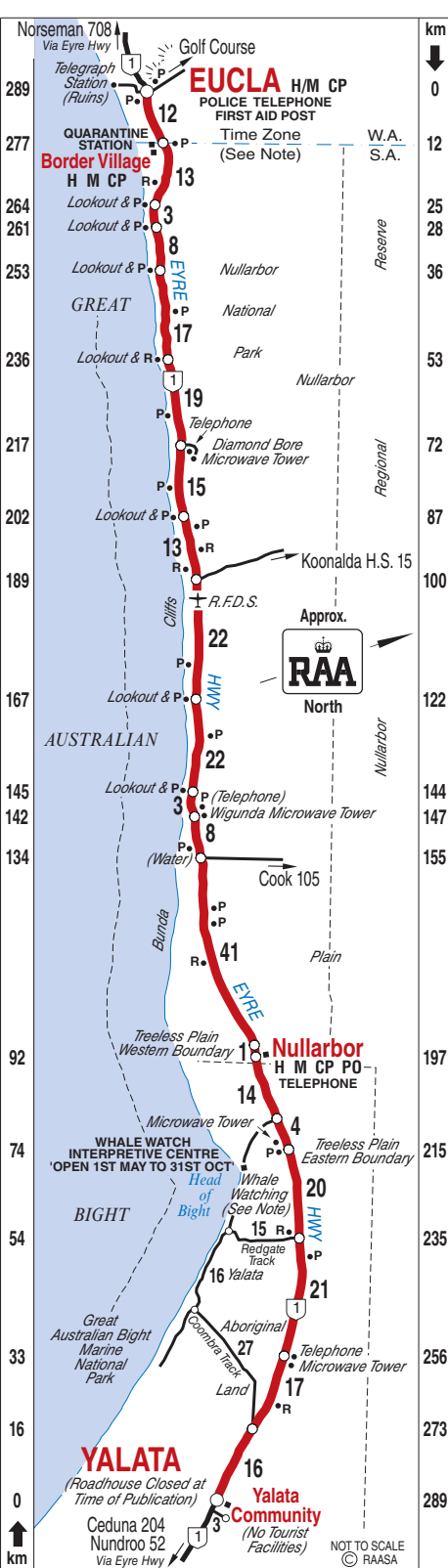
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COUNTRY TRAVERSED

Mainly undulating scrub country near Yalata and then flat plains dotted with low shrubs through to Eucla.

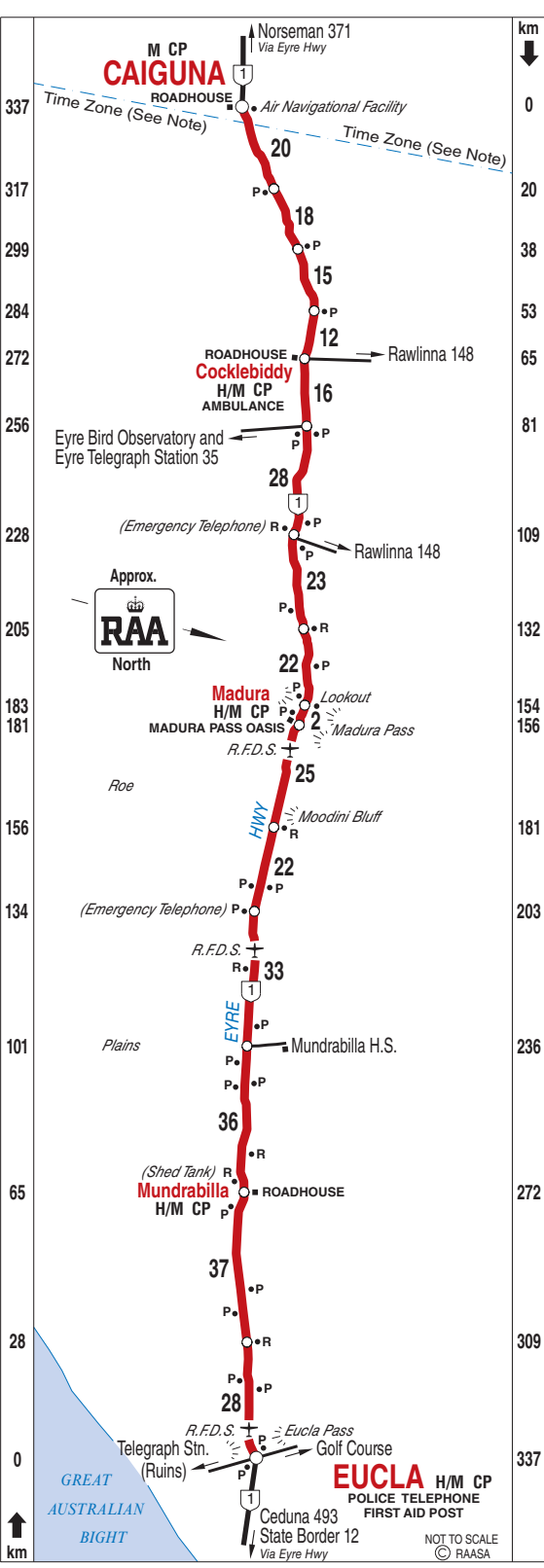
ROAD SURFACE

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EUCLA - CAIGUNA

337 kilometres
Route 1
Eyre Hwy



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MADURA

The first pastoral lease to include Madura Station H.S. was taken up in 1876. For many years, horses were bred for the Indian Army here and shipped from the coast south of the homestead.

TIME ZONE

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COUNTRY TRAVERSED

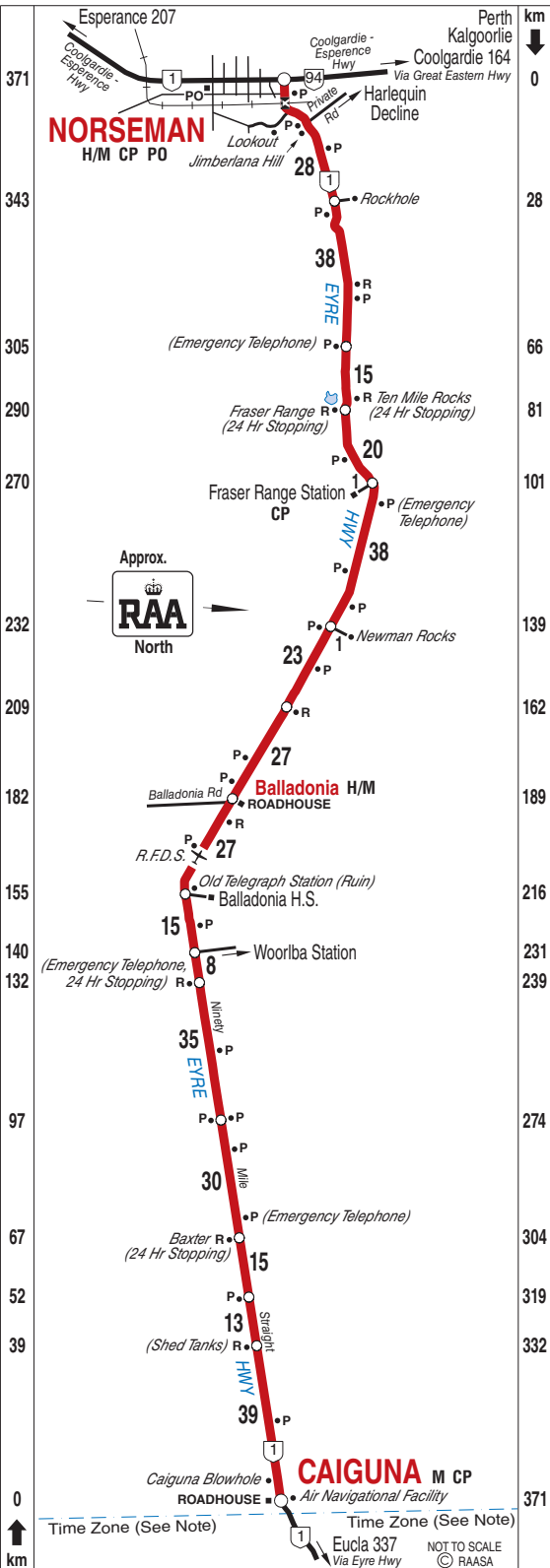
Mainly level terrain. Mixture of scrub country and saltbush/bluebush flats. Between Eucla and Madura the highway drops from the escarpment to the Roe Plains, an ancient sea floor uplifted millions of years ago.

ROAD SURFACE

Bitumen.

CAIGUNA - NORSEMAN

371 kilometres
Route 1
Eyre Hwy



BALLADONIA

Balladonia was first settled in 1881 by the Ponton Brothers and a Mr Sharpe, who made the overland trek from Albany and built the first building. In 1979 this tiny settlement hit the headlines when debris from the US Skylab rained down on the area.

NORSEMAN

(approx. population 860)

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TIME ZONE

Travelling west turn watches back 45 minutes. Daylight saving may affect time adjustment.

COUNTRY TRAVERSED

Level to undulating scrub country becoming a flat, sparsely vegetated plain towards Norseman.

ROAD SURFACE

Bitumen.

NORSEMAN - COOLGARDIE

164 kilometres
Route 94
Coolgardie - Esperance Hwy

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WIDGIEMOOLTHA

Widgiemooltha found fame in 1931 when the 32 kilogram Golden Eagle Nugget was discovered nearby.

COOLGARDIE

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KALGOORLIE - BOULDER

(approx. population 28,240)

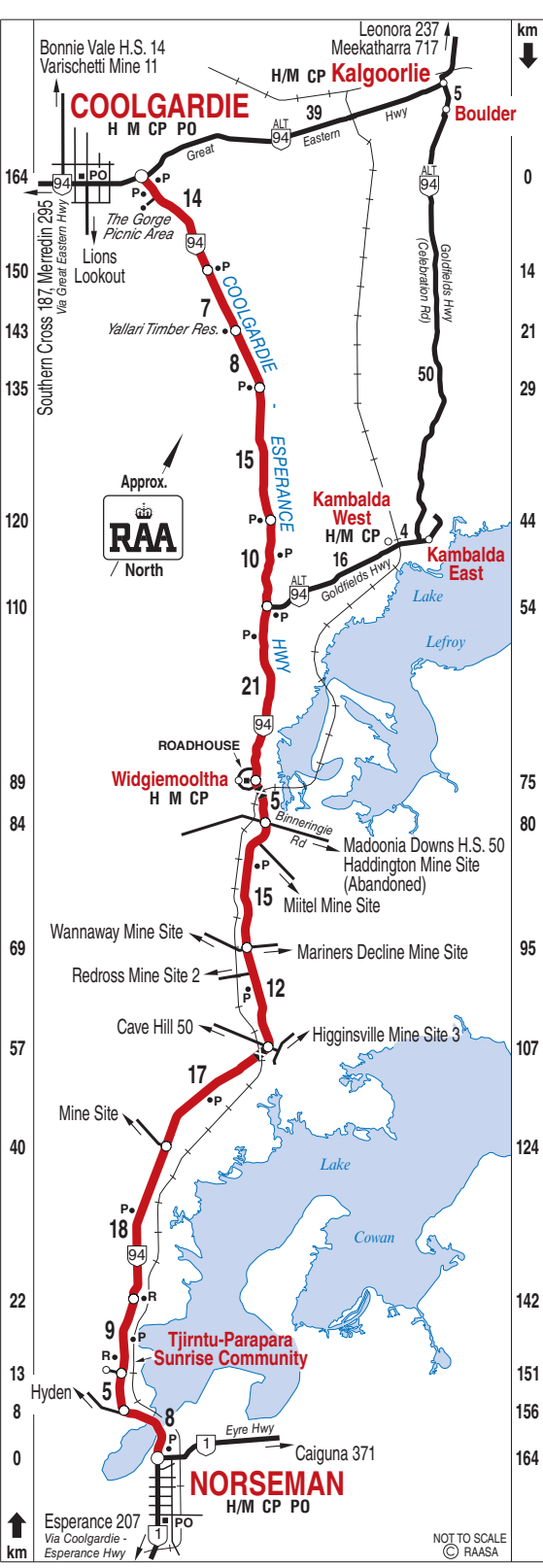
When Irishman Paddy Hannan discovered gold here in 1893 it sparked Australia's last major gold rush. The population surged to 30,000 and 93 hotels helped accommodate the miners and sate their thirsts. Since then the fortunes of the gold industry have fluctuated but the Kalgoorlie region is still one of the world's major gold producers.

COUNTRY TRAVERSED

Level to undulating bush country. Salmon gums decorate the landscape.

ROAD SURFACE

Bitumen.



COOLGARDIE - SOUTHERN CROSS

187 kilometres
Route 94
Great Eastern Hwy

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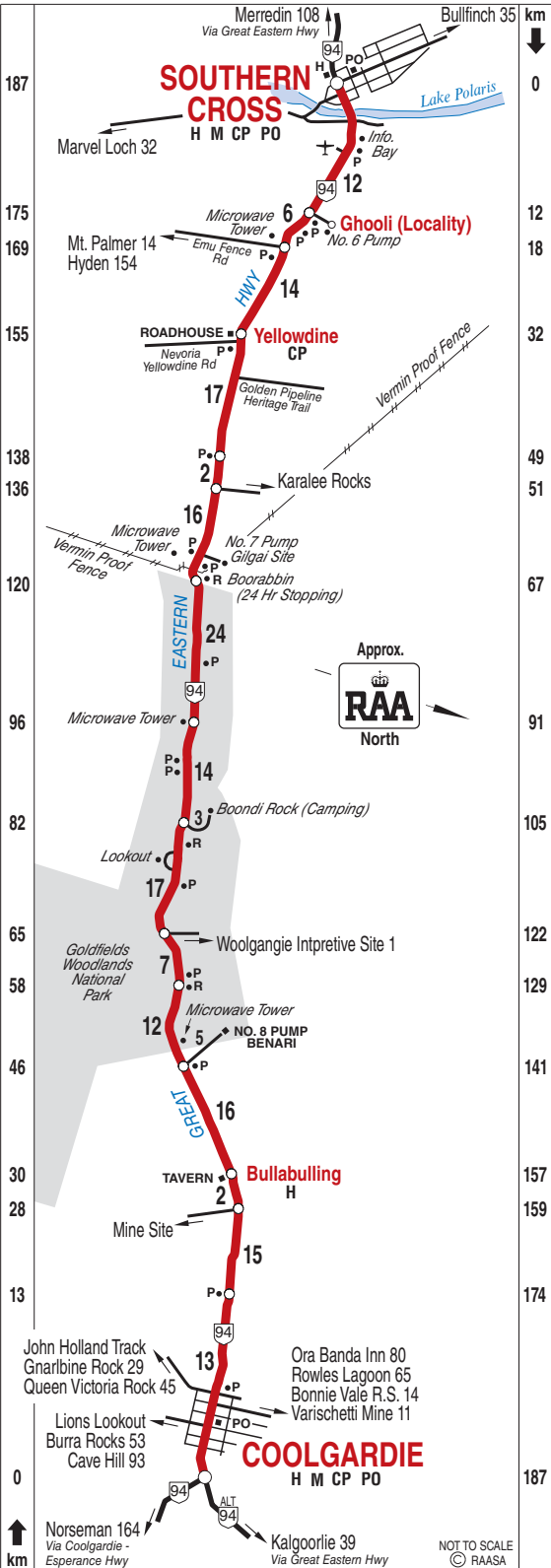
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COUNTRY TRAVERSED

Flat to gently undulating terrain. Mainly native forest, scrub country and some farmland.

ROAD SURFACE

Bitumen.



SOUTHERN CROSS - MERREDIN

108 kilometres
Route 94
Great Eastern Hwy

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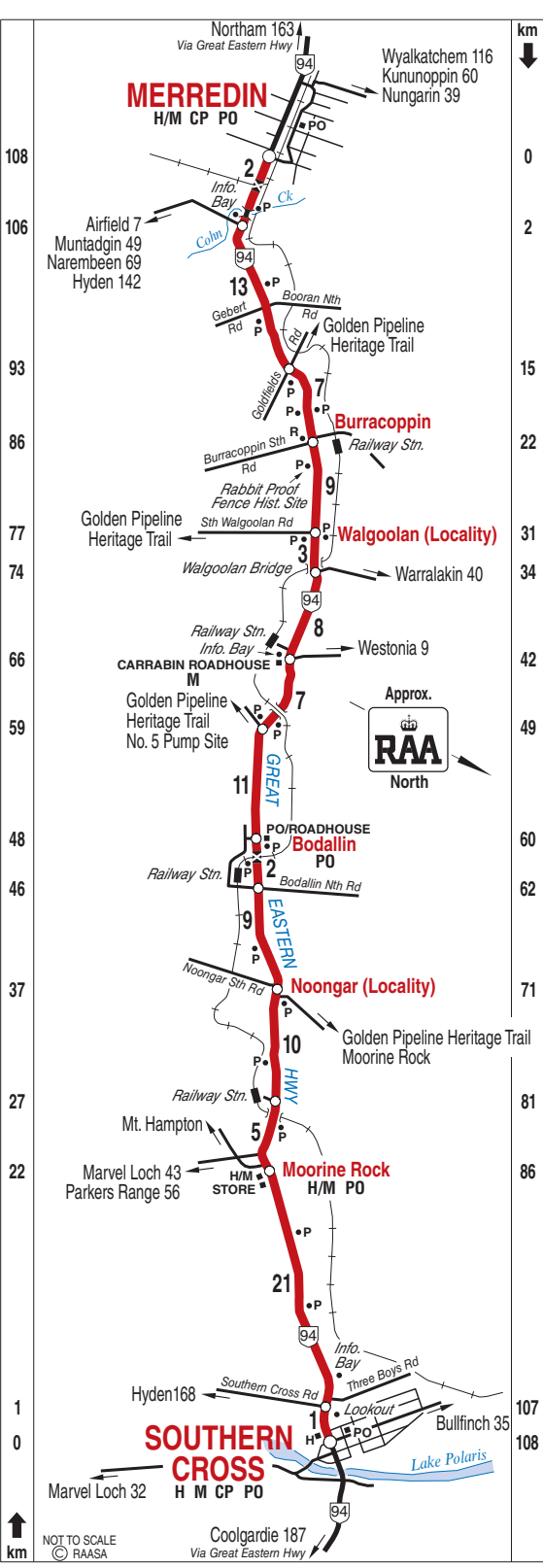
Merredin is the major service centre supporting the eastern wheat belt. In WW2 the town played an important role as a second line of defence, hosting a field hospital, an RAAF stores depot and other defensive installations. From mid July to late October the area is popular with wildflower enthusiasts.

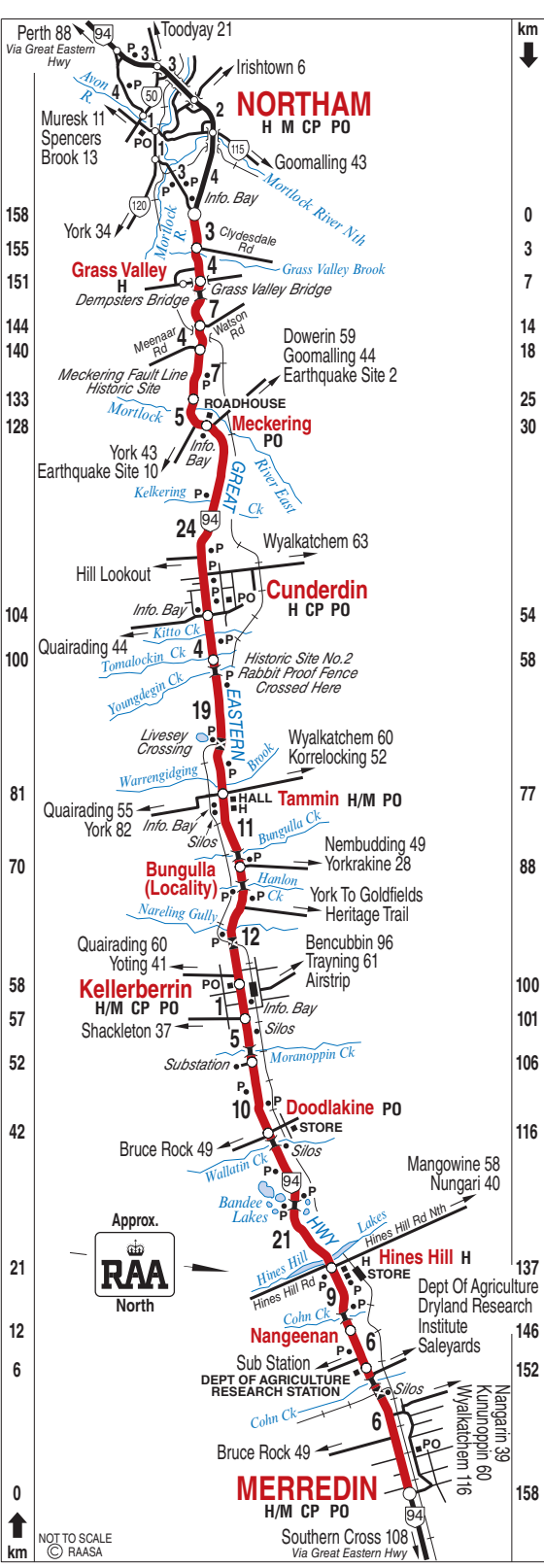
COUNTRY TRAVERSED

Level to gently undulating crop country.

ROAD SURFACE

Bitumen.





MERREDIN - NORTHAM

158 kilometres
Route 94
Great Eastern Hwy

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MECKERING

On the 14th October 1968 the town was virtually destroyed by a massive earthquake registering 6.9 on the Richter scale. Most of the town's services including road, rail, water, telephone and power were disrupted, while pipelines supplying water to the eastern goldfields were ruptured.

NORTHAM

(approx. population 6,010)

Located in the fertile Avon Valley, Northam is a prosperous town servicing the surrounding farms producing cattle, sheep, pigs and cereal crops. In the late 1800s it served as a staging point during the gold rushes to the eastern goldfields.

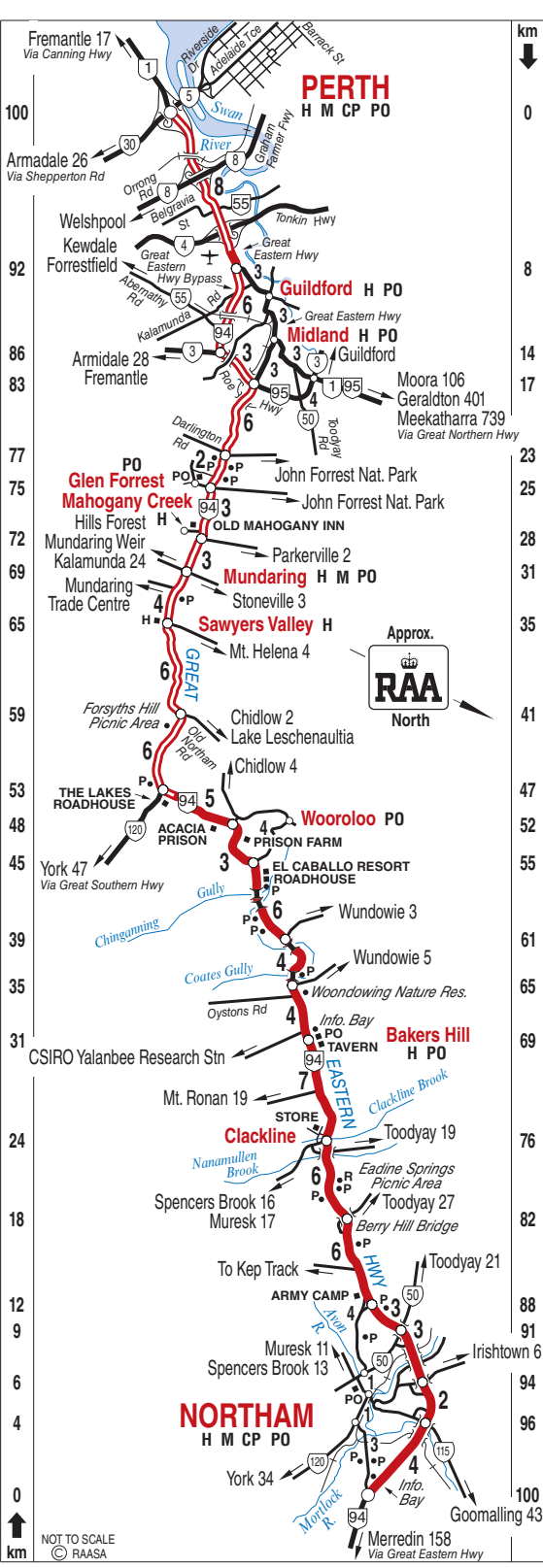
COUNTRY TRAVERSED

Level to gently undulating farmland. Salmon gums (*Eucalyptus Salmonophloia*) are a prominent feature of the wheat belt and are particularly prevalent around Hines Hill and Doodlakine. During late summer and autumn they shed their old bark and take on a vivid salmon-orange colour.

ROAD SURFACE

Bitumen.





NORTHAM - PERTH

100 kilometres
Route 94
Great Eastern Hwy

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PERTH

(approx. population 1,256,040)

Founded in 1829 by Captain James Stirling, Perth was not proclaimed a city until 1871. Situated on the banks of the beautiful Swan River and the shores of the Indian Ocean, the city abounds with parks and gardens, galleries and museums. Noted for its fine colonial architecture and cosmopolitan atmosphere, the nearby seaport of Fremantle is popular with both locals and visitors alike.

COUNTRY TRAVERSED

Mainly undulating terrain. Native bush and pastoral country. Heading west, long moderately steep descent to Midland.

ROAD SURFACE

Bitumen.

