

# Travelling to and from the National Humber Rally 2014 – Murray Bridge SA

I was preparing for the long trip to Murray Bridge, checking everything when I inadvertently knocked a brake pipe of the booster and broke the brass adapter. Not a good start. I by-passed the booster but the pedal pressure required was too much for me. A “brake specialist” had recently installed new brake shoes but they were the non-asbestos type and were a very hard compound which required heaps of pedal pressure to work properly, hence the booster.

A local rod shop engineering managed to fit my original humber ¼ inch fitting to the brake pipe, tapped out booster to fit original pipe which then leaked. I used Loctite thread seal to stop the leak. I checked before I left and it looked good. (Checked when I got home and it was still good)

I fuelled up night before in preparation for the big trip. Next morning I noticed a petrol smell. I quickly put MM4 up on the hoist and noticed a leak was from top of tank. I washed it down and decided not worry about it. Just didn't overfill it for the trip.

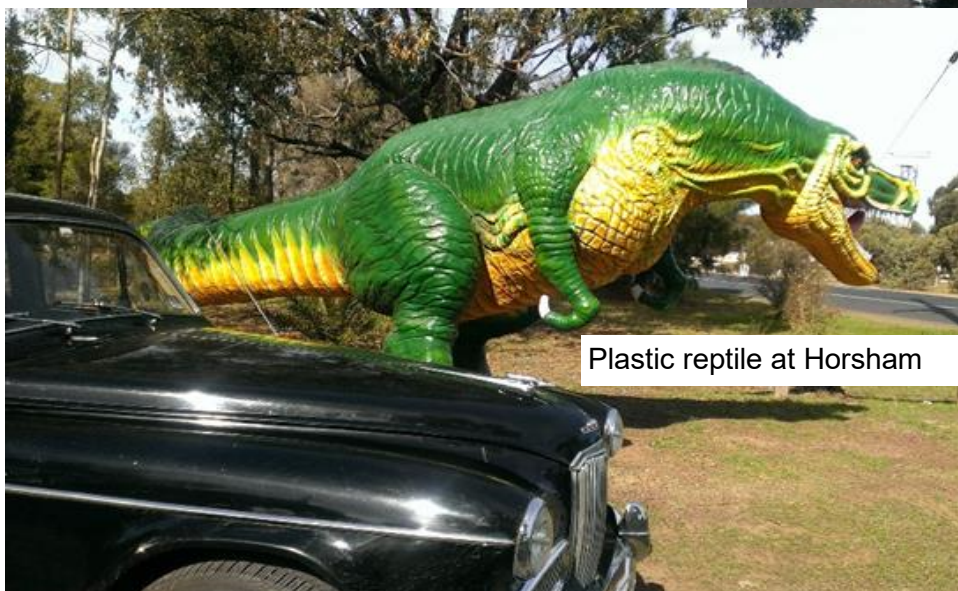


We departed on a great big adventure at about 9:30.



Some time later we caught up to this magnificent 1957 FE Holden which stopped along with us at Dadswells bridge, home of the Giant Koala. The FE was going home to Perth after attending their National Rally in Tasmania. The giant koala complex was up for sale and it all looked a bit sad really.

We had lunch there which wasn't so good. We will know better next time.



Plastic reptile at Horsham





Then we come across this Bikini tree 10km short of Edenhope. We just had to turn around to have a closer look. Not an easy feat in a 57 year old vehicle. The tree was covered with shoes with one lonely bikini top, which is what I saw when hurtling past.



Commonwealth games fish at Edenhope



On to Edenhope and the start of the op shopping tour.

And on to Coonawarra for an overnight stay and winery cellar door tours





We left Coonawarra mid next morning and dropped in to have a quick look at the Naracoorte caves which had recently been upgraded. It is on our list to allow for more time there next time we go past. Into Keith for lunch which was very pleasant and quite relaxing.







We continued to Murray Bridge and arrived about 4:pm, booked in and watched everyone else to arrive.

Now for the National rally, another article

## The trip home



We left on Tuesday morning into light drizzle and scattered showers. Stopped at the big olive just past Taillem Bend.

A very impressive new complex, well set up for tourists. While in there we managed to miss some quite heavy rain.



We stopped at Meningie for morning tea and op shopping.

And we were quite surprised to see this magnificent pelican sculpture



Onto Kingston, and The Big Lobster, and very ordinary lunch. On the way out we saw the place with the fresh lobster sandwiches that we should have stopped at....



Cape Jaffa Lighthouse

Just to be different, we went down the Coorong road to Kingston. After ½ an hours driving, the weather

Then to Coonawarra for a two night stay.

Once again, we had turned a 3 ½ hour drive into a full day event...







Thursday morning we headed towards home.

Casterton, birth place of the Kelpie

Coleriane, fabulous chocolate factory

Hamilton, home of the big wool bales, and Campes Motor Museum, well worth a look

Hamilton (still), had a display in the library of the royal tour in 1954, and lunch,





Dunkeld with its magnificent Royal Mail hotel.

Starting to get a bit late so had to push on to home.

Arrived at 5:30 pm, just before sundown. Another magnificent full days travelling.

Statistics,

This was the most relaxing two weeks that we have had for quite some time, and we are already working on the plans to get to Stanthorpe.

1015 miles all up,

No oil at all used

(ok – maybe a bit leaked out of the gearbox and diff)

Petrol used – lots, but then again, it is only once every two years.