

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

CREEVE ROE

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Welcome House

We are staying at Creeve Roe on a house swap. The property is beautifully remote from the lovely town of Tanunda. What's more its on Noacks Road! The house, built 20 years ago, reveals itself at the end of a windy drive in to the 40acre property. Every room opens up to striking distant views. The original Dahlenburg settler cottage, outhouse ruins and creek can be seen in the foreground. There are no immediate neighbours, so there is no need for blinds that block the view. The outlook to the setting sun and early morning sunrise is awe inspiring. I believe it would be hard to tire of the kaleidoscope of colour that comes with the changing phases of the day.

Because of a cold snap we have even had the luxury of a roaring fire. Time to reflect, relax, watch movies, read, email and unwind.

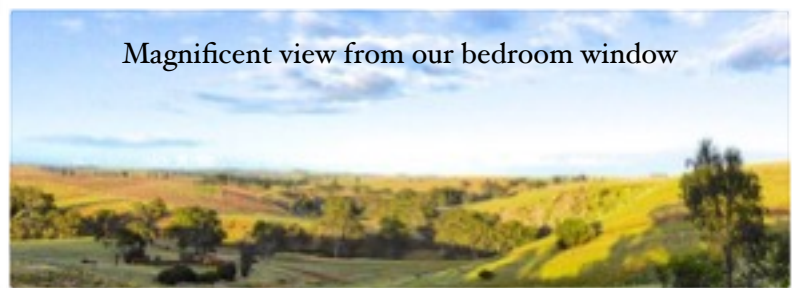


Lyndoch lavender farm

28 different species of lavender make for an interesting array of aromas - all distinctively similar but markedly different nonetheless. The farm is at the end of a long dusty road but well worth the visit. We enjoyed our walk around the extensive hillside garden. We crushed the living flower buds, leaves and stems and sniffed many times over. Its amazing how well this plant, once established, thrives in poor stony soils, cold winters and hot summers with low rainfall. We then spent time in the shop again sampling more aromas and rubbing in and wiping on lavender till we reeked of it. There was even jams and drinks to sample. However at \$7 per nip, and \$70 a bottle, the lavender liqueur was not for us. After our long bike ride in the afternoon we slept well last night.



Dahlenburg ruins



Magnificent view from our bedroom window



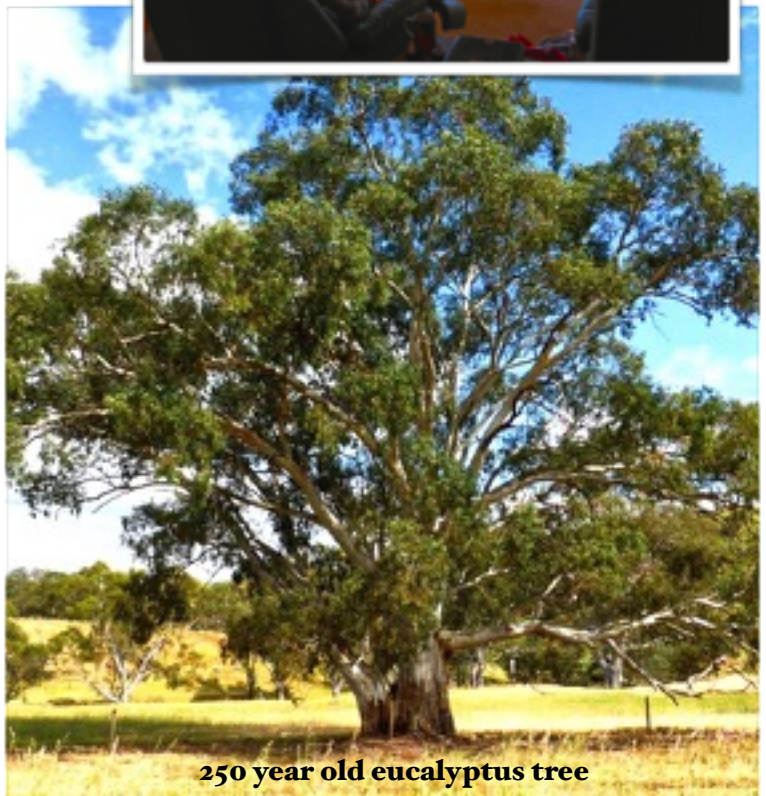
Gliding along

The Barossa Valley has an extensive bikeway system. We have already experienced Nurioopta to Tanunda a few days ago, so this time it was to be Tanunda to Lyndoch. It was an great ride. Chilly conditions greeted us as we started off, but the temperature climbed as the day wore on. The bitumen surface was perfect. Part of the ride, the recently built Jack Bobridge Track, wound through a number of vineyards (Jacobs Creek being the most notable) and beside the North Para River. The ride was twisty in sections and despite numerous small hills it was not too strenuous.

We stopped and took in the scenery a few times. At one point we spied the fastest animal in the world. It sat there watching for prey but we never saw the peregrine falcon go at its top speed of 365km per hour. Rather than stop for a bite to eat in Lyndoch we decided instead to turn around and head back home. It was a long 20km but a very satisfying ride.



Local billabong



250 year old eucalyptus tree



Lavender farm



Cork tree bark

