

# SOUTH EAST AUSTRALIA

## SWAN HILL TO TUMUT

Siggy and Heather | Travel Blog

### Friends

From Swan Hill we drove the relatively short distance to Echuca and stayed there for 3 days visiting two lots of friends.

Firstly we visited Glen & Marion Brotchie - old friends from university days. Glen was our best man and Heather & Marian shared a house when Glen & Siggy first went into National Service.

It was great to talk and share some delicious food prepared by Marian. Despite the small amount of time we have spent together since the early 1970s we seem to be able to strike up a conversation as if we had only met yesterday. Great friends.

Another friend from Mandurang days, also now lives just out of Echuca on a farm with her husband George. We have not seen Marg (Butler now Loft) much over the last 20 years but good friends remain just that and our conversation did not lag. It was also great to have some time to get to know George. We thanked them very much for their hospitality.

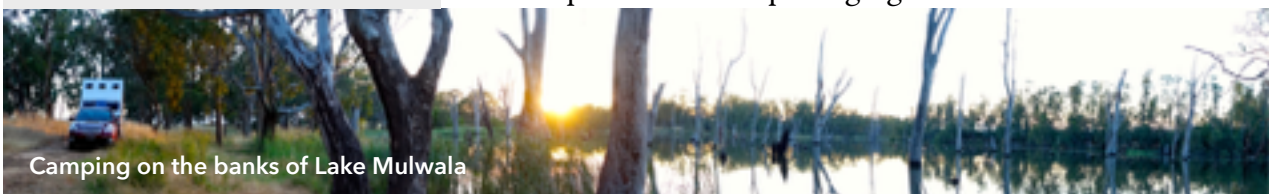


### Echuca

What a great town Echuca has become. The history of the town, in the form of its great buildings and its port, have been beautifully maintained. It is a thriving town with very a classy shopping precinct and burgeoning residential areas. It would be a very easy place to live. It is flat and has some great bike paths, great sporting facilities and a real atmosphere.

### Lake Mulwala

Last night, just past Yarrawonga, we stopped for the night off the side of the Murray Valley highway beside Lake Mulwala, What a pleasant evening - all by ourselves with only the raucous sulphur crested cockies to keep us company. During the evening it was extremely windy so we shifted further away from the big gums on the waters edge. The morning was a pure delight. We woke on sunset to savour the sun rising over the lake. There was not even time to put on clothes. Any mad photographer will know that every second is important when capturing a glorious sunrise!



Camping on the banks of Lake Mulwala

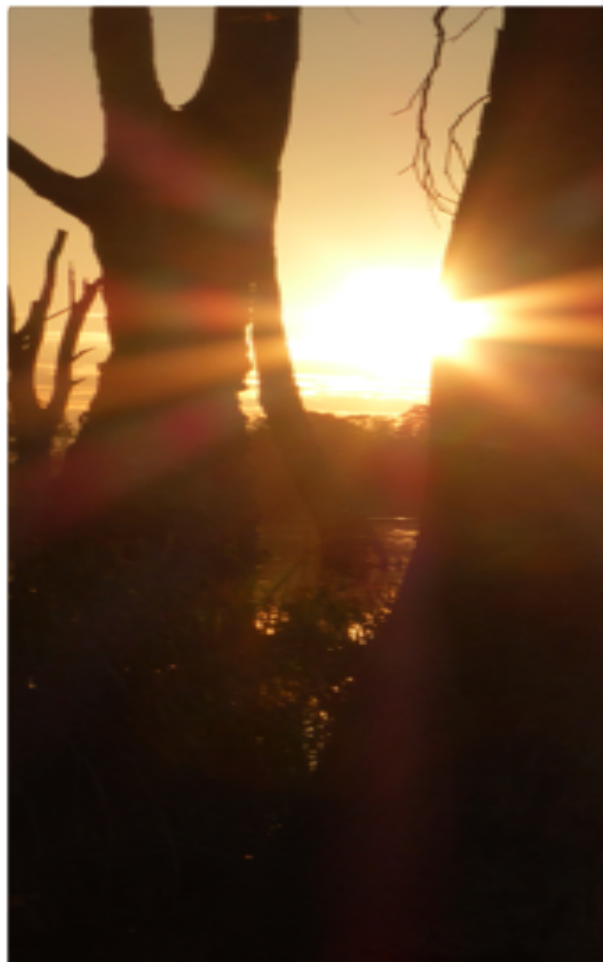


## Driving to Tumut

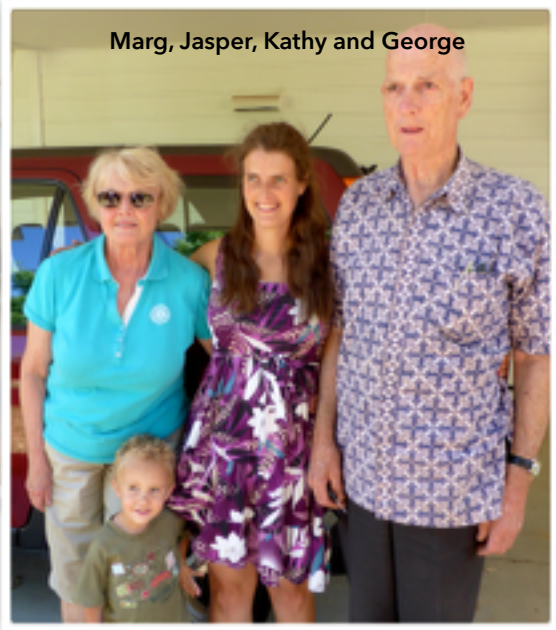
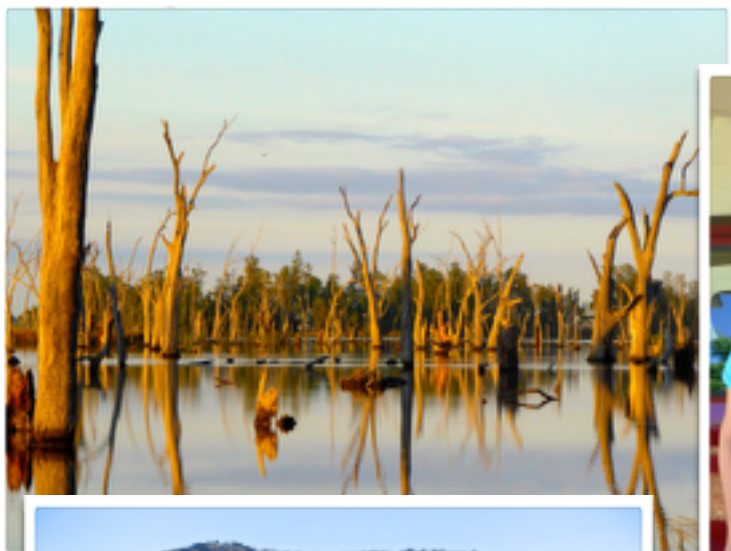
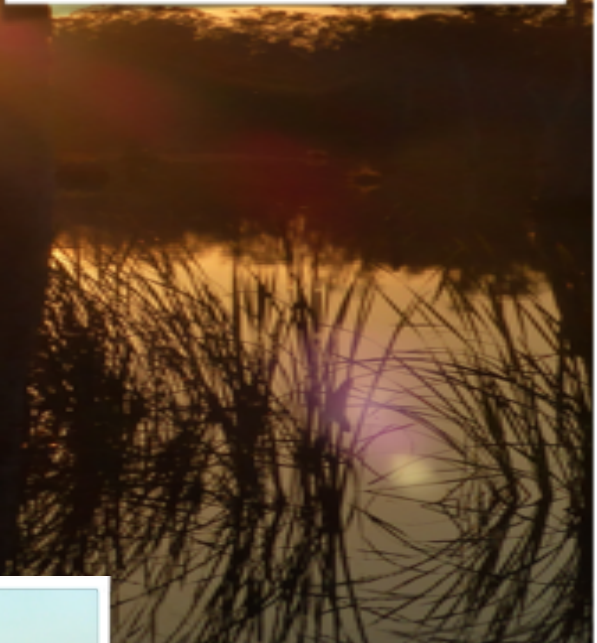
Today we really had no definite plans other than to continue in a direction that would get us closer to home. This led us along the Murray and eventually to the Hume Reservoir. Instead of going into Albury we opted for Tallangatta because it involved following the perimeter of the lake. What great views of sweeping country side and vast expanses of water. Lots of cattle populated the countryside and drowned trees stood starkly and defiantly in the still water. This area has had good winter rains and thus the whole area is looking quite luxuriant. After a lunch break at Tallangatta, a lovely green, tidy settlement, we decided on an indirect northerly route via Jingellic and then up into the foothills of the Snowy Mountains to Tumut. As we got higher the lush bush took over and great views opened up. To our surprise, once over into the next valley, we came upon a large apple growing area. We are now in the small town of Tumut enjoying this green spot and the fast flowing Tumut River that is flowing beside us.







Marian and Glen



Marg, Jasper, Kathy and George



Upper reaches of Lake Hume





