

# SOUTH AUSTRALIA

## CROSSING THE BORDER

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### Waikerie

We stayed one night in Waikerie on the Murray. It is a little oasis surrounded by a dry Murray River landscape. It is nice to see that the river has a reasonable flow. Large gums, low scrubby bush and lightly grassed country cover the surrounding country. We will be back here in early January 2015 for Chad's National Gliding Championships. By then the place will be hot and dusty. Air conditioner please.

### Mildura

We spent two nights on the NSW side of the Murray at Gol Gol. We road into town on the first day but the heavy traffic was very off-putting. The second day we went in by car and then rode our bikes along the river. That was better. We were lucky to see a paddle steamer negotiating a lock on the weir and then visited Mildura's first homstead. We continued riding on beside the river for quite a distance.

We were lucky enough to meet up with a very nice couple - Sue & Peter. They too were teachers and are clever enough to also own an Avan. We had a BBQ with them and chatted for hours.



### Three States

Within a short time of leaving Gol Gol, NSW where we stayed 2 nights visiting Mildura, we crossed over to Victoria and were soon in South Australia. Luckily for us we had juiced our oranges and eaten all our vegetables because security on the SA border was very strict. A great way to keep healthy!



## Barossa Valley

We did not imagine the famous Barossa to be like it was. Yes this is undoubtedly grapeland - cellar door restaurants and outlets everywhere - but we did not expect beautiful rolling hills - green and lush with broad acreage crops and generally uninterrupted by ugly tin sheds or rusting farm machinery!

Our first stop was Angaston - off the beaten track and full of old world charm. We made the mistake of deciding to have a small rest and woke up 2 hours later! With the little time left we started to explore the town. The place had a number of very interesting traditional houses and even a working metal forge with an amazing display of old implements that were lying around as though they were left where they lay when the last working blacksmith died.

We headed for Nuriootpa - Barossa's main town, for a two night stay. The park was next to the show grounds. The sites were shaded and our stay was very pleasant. The park is huge but it was not overly busy. We did spy a number of Avans so, like we always do, we strolled around and chatted to their owners.

We knew the nights would be cold in this Mediterranean climate but the weather has been freezing for a few days. Brrrrrrr. At one stage we both had 5 layers of clothing on. 16 degrees.

The Barossa boasts some of the nicest bike tracks and the brochures were not wrong. We rode to Tanunda and stopped off at a winery. To our great surprise we came out with 3 bottles of honey mead. It is drunk like a liqueur and is used in cooking.



**So many stately homes**

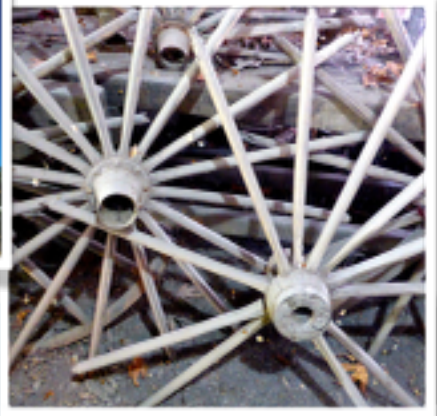


**The Wine Clinic**



**Barossa Valley bike freeway**

  
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Barossa's German heritage found everywhere



World famous Seppelts winery



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