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VICTOR HARBOUR

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A View to Die For

Spending time in Victor Harbour is one thing, spending it in a beautiful hilltop house is even better. Time to again luxuriate and smell the roses.

We have been in the Encounter Bay area of Victor Harbour for nearly a week on a house swap. Garry and Cheryl have been with us for most of the time. It has been great to enjoy this beautiful location together.

The house gives us great sea views and all we need to relax and enjoy this tranquil environment. Interesting books, someone else's video library, a good music collection and comfortable beds. The weather has gradually warmed up to the point where today it is really too hot to do much in the way of physical exercise. However most days we went for a walk in the morning and a bike ride later in the day. Garry and Cheryl were particularly into this. We even discovered that a childhood neighbour was living in the area - Jan Rogers of McQueen Avenue fame - the street where Heather grew up. It was a great reunion for Heather & Garry. Jan was even able to give us some old photos of kids in the street.



A Pilgrimage

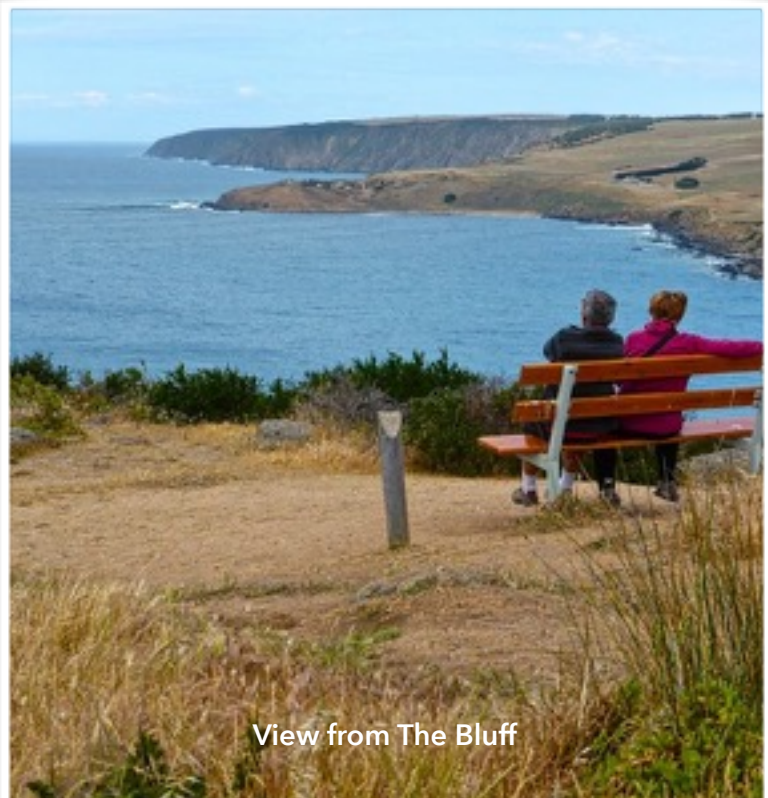
For many Australians, a trip to the mouth of the Murray is something that we would all like to do. We finally got there a few days ago. The place where the Murray finally reaches the sea (sometimes with help from a dredge) is through the Coorong National Park. A boat would have been handy to get up close to the mouth but binoculars were all we had! Heather completed her pilgrimage by walking as far as she could on the sand bank. She only stopped when she started to sink into the mud. \$6mill a year is spent on dredging . Apparently, if the area is allowed to silt up it badly affects the estuary and its plants and bird life. In the worst of times the Murray water is saltier than the sea - but that's another story.



Places to experience

Our major interest here has been using the bike tracks that are located along the coast from Encounter Bay to Goolwa. Goolwa is the entrance to the Coorong National Park. The scenery ranges from quiet beaches with interesting rounded rocks to quite steep cliff faces. The towns themselves have a considerable number of old stone buildings and have been very interesting to wander through. The area was the centre of an early whaling industry. Yesterday we walked out over the old jetty to Granite Island. We could have travelled by horse drawn tram. Lots of people were taking advantage of it.

Today we walked up a promontory near our house called the Bluff and noticed a walking track going off into the distance. We decided to try taking our bikes along the track and see how far we could get. It was a great ride along an isolated stretch of wild coastline. Only the increasing temperature made us turn back. Tomorrow there is a change to cooler weather expected. On Sunday we leave for Clare and the Eyre Peninsular.



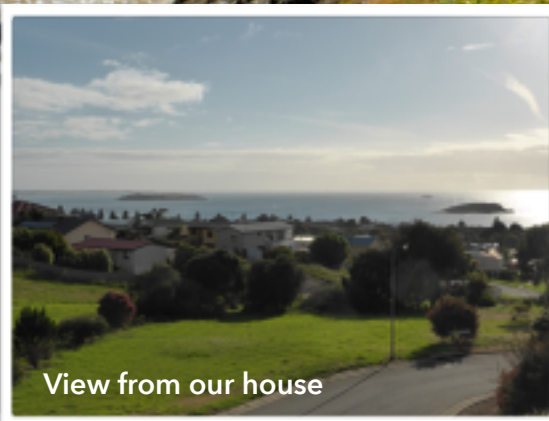
View from The Bluff



Murray River entering the sea



Sunburn country



View from our house

