

Special Bulletin

April, 1996

Dear Members,

Hello there! It's nice to be back in Australia after a very chilly Winter in Germany. My trip was absolutely fabulous, I met some wonderful, wonderful people from all over the world and realised from talking to them how good we have it in Australia and how we need to count our blessings. My course was very intensive, five hours of lectures in the mornings and four hours of homework every day. On top of that I decided to do a major exam and attended an extra ten preparation lectures. I passed and was happy to return having the ZMP Certificate under my belt. On my free weekends, I took the high speed train south and caught up with relatives whom I hadn't seen for 26 years. You can imagine the feasting that went on. Now I'm busy saving again so that Don and I can go over together in a couple of years time. We might even hide Sarah in our suitcase (if she's good).

This bulletin focuses on the Kangaroo Island trip in July. I have included as much detail as I can for you so that you can make up your own minds. If you do decide to go, you will need to **make your own bookings immediately** and then let me know what you are going to do. The only caravan parks are on the eastern side and we hope to stay in one near Kingscote on the first night. After that there are a few historic cottages available but beds are limited. You will need to book these **without delay**. We will be camping on two nights at least, so you will have to bring the appropriate gear. It promises to be a very interesting trip as I've been told that there are Correas everywhere.

I would like to thank Christine Wadey for sending me a few pamphlets and an account of her recent holiday there. This was invaluable information and helped me get started on the program. It will take us three days to get to Cape Jervis and we hope to arrive on the morning of 1st July, which is when the official Correa Crawl begins. This is one week before the official SA school holidays, which means we should be able to get accommodation reasonably easily. I hope the date doesn't cause too many problems. If you can't make it this time, perhaps you will be able to use the report to help you do the trip another time.

Bookings: You need to make all your own bookings, according to the program. As I don't know who is coming, I couldn't make a group booking. This includes the ferry, cottages, and vans.

Food: It would be a good idea (and a lot cheaper) to bring as much as possible with you. Bread and milk are available at several places and there are also a couple of petrol outlets.

Water: We always travel with a spare water container as fresh water is not always available when camping. This can be filled at several points along the way.

Clothing: It's the middle of winter in southern Australia. Be prepared for cold, blustery conditions. Coats and warm clothing are essential. It could rain, but we'll keep our fingers crossed.

Camping Gear: You will need a tent, warm sleeping bags, cooking utensils etc. Hopefully we will be able to have the odd singalong or yarn spinning session. Don might even bring along some of his cleaner bawdy ballads.

Permit: Everyone will need an Island Pass, which entitles you to enter National Parks and participate in several tours.

Costs: All up my family of 3 will pay:

Ferry:	\$270.00
Nepean Bay Cabin:	\$ 33.00
Flinders Light Cottage:	\$ 55.00
Seymour Cottage:	\$ 55.00
Island Pass:	<u>\$ 40.00</u>
	\$453.00

1996 Correa Study Group Expedition to Kangaroo Island

Monday, 1st July Arrive at **Cape Jervis** at 8.30 a.m.

The Sea Link ferry leaves at 9.00 a.m. and again at 6.00 p.m.
It costs \$120.00 per car plus \$60.00 per adult / \$30.00 per child for the return trip.
You need to ring Sea Link (131301) to make a booking.

The ferry only takes 30 cars at a time so you must book straight away. I have booked my family only for the 9.00 a.m. passage. Payments must be made by the 1st June and there is a cancellation fee if you have to drop out before departure.

We should arrive at **Penneshaw** just after 10.00 a.m. in time for morning tea.

We then explore the coast from Penneshaw to Kingscote during the rest of the day, stopping somewhere nice for lunch. Christine says there are hedges of *C. reflexa* interspersed with *C. pulchella* along the way. At Kingscote, we will stop and buy our Island Passes. (0848 22325 for more information)

We will be staying at **Nepean Bay Caravan Park** (0848 22394) near Kingscote for the night.

Accommodation available: On-Site Vans	\$26.00 (2 people) (\$3 per child extra)
Basic Cabins	\$30.00 (2 people) (\$3 per child extra)
Cabins with En Suite	\$45.00 (2 people) (\$5 per child extra)
	(These include linen etc.)

You need to send payment after you make your booking to confirm. We have booked a basic cabin. There are full amenities available here.

Tuesday, 2nd July **Kingscote to Cape Borda.**

I'm not sure how much of this coastline has been cleared for grazing but I think we should find some Correas. There are three small Conservation Parks along the way and a lighthouse at Cape Borda. If we arrive around 4.00 p.m., we might be able to go on a museum tour, if there's one going.

There are three cottages here, Hartley, Flinders Light and Woodward. We have booked Flinders Light Cottage. There's room for 3 more people (on bunks). Hartley and Woodward both have 2 bunks each. Hartley costs \$15.00 per adult, Woodward \$10.00 per adult and Flinders Light \$25.00 per adult. (See table for other info.)

Ring (0848 37235) to make your booking (Hurry!) Tell them you're in my group. You need to send payment within 14 days to confirm your booking.

Dinner and entertainment in Flinders Light cottage.

Wednesday, 3rd July **Cape Borda to Remarkable Rocks**

We will spend the day exploring Flinders Chase National Park. There's a lighthouse at Cape du Couedic, seals at Admiral's Arch and I'm sure lots and lots of Correas. We will camp at Rocky River campsite which has showers. There are cottages at both Rocky River and Cape du Couedic for anyone who would prefer to stay there.

Rocky River Homestead	\$25.00 per adult
May's Cottage	\$10.00 per adult
Parndana	\$27.50 per adult
Karatta	\$27.50 per adult
Troubridge	\$27.50 per adult

Thursday, 4th July

Remarkable Rocks to D'Estrees Bay

We'll visit the caves at Kelly Hill and hopefully do a tour. *C. aemula* was seen here so we'll keep a look out. There's petrol and supplies at Vivonne Bay, a Sea-lion tour at Seal Bay and a old whaling station at Port Tinline We'll explore four Conservation Parks and camp near D'Estrees Bay. Murray Lagoon has a big camping ground and some amenities.

Friday, 5th July

D'Estrees Bay to Cape Willoughby

We head inland and make our way across to Cape Willoughby, where there is a lighthouse tour. There are two cottages here, Seymour and Thomas, both are \$25.00 per adult (\$5.00 per child). We have booked Seymour Cottage. There is room for another 5 people (on bunks).

If you want to book Thomas Cottage, please do so immediately (0848 37235) As before, you need to send payment within 14 days and tell them you're in my group. Alternatively, you can stay in the caravan park at Penneshaw.

Anyone who wants to, can make the short drive to Penneshaw that night to see the penguins. This will be our final night together so it calls for a party. It is also the eve of your intrepid leader's birthday, so another good reason for a party. Please hide a few goodies in your vehicles for Friday night.

Saturday, 6th July

Maria's Birthday (39 again)

Cape Willoughby to Penneshaw.

We are booked on the 10.30 a.m. ferry and need to be there by 10.00 a.m. The next one goes at 7.30 p.m.

So there it is. Let me know if you are coming (Ph. 067 75 1139 or FAX 067 72 2290). It's been interesting planning this trip and I'm really looking forward to it. I hope to have some more detailed information regarding Correa locations for the trip. If you have any info to contribute, please send it to me. I'll also bring along a few plants for anyone who wants them, so pack a small empty box.

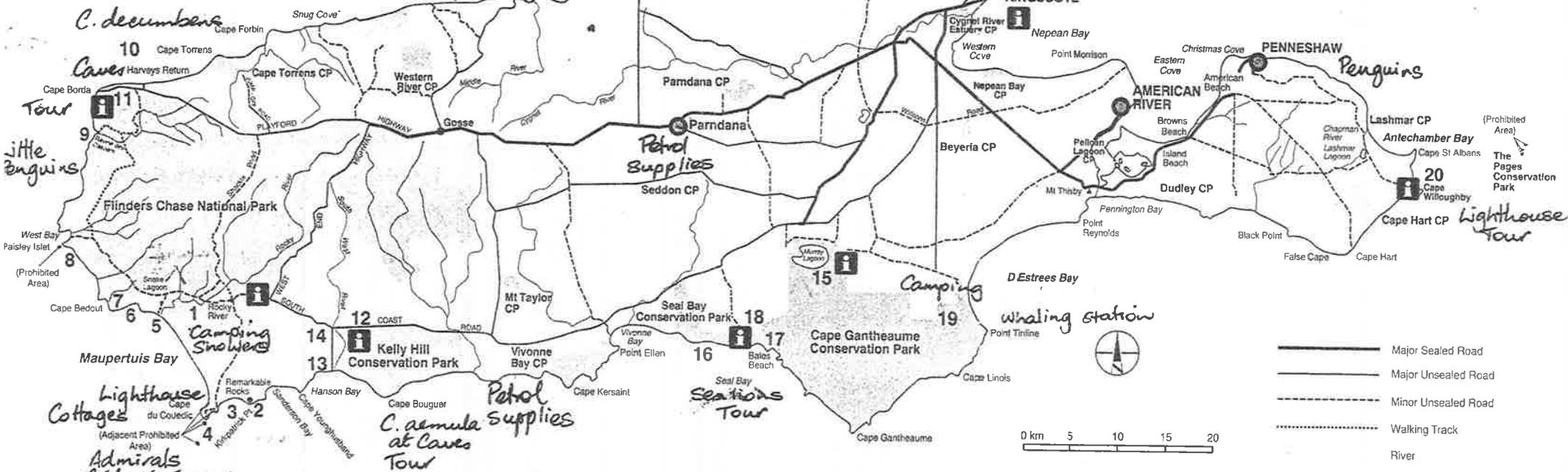
Best wishes,

Maria

Sandy Creek 6



A 1.5 km walking trail passing through several interesting vegetation types eventually finishing at a sandy beach.



Accommodation

Penneshaw to Kingscote
C. reflexa + C. pulchella

Kelly Hill Conservation Park

7 374 hectares



An area with an extensive cave system, wilderness areas and beautiful coastal scenery.

Kelly Hill Caves 12



An attractive area with prolific bird life. Cave tours available.

Hanson Bay 13



Spectacular coastal scenery at the mouth of the South West River. The beginning (or end) of a 9 km walking trail between Hanson Bay and Kelly Hill Caves.

Cape Gantheaume Conservation Park

21 316 hectares



A park possessing vast areas of wilderness and spectacular coastal scenery.

Murray Lagoon 15



Cape Gantheaume headquarters. The largest wetland habitat on Kangaroo Island, supporting abundant birdlife. Ask the ranger about walks around the lagoon.

Seal Bay 16



A unique opportunity to visit an Australian sea lion colony while they bask on the beach.

Bales Beach 17



Beautiful long, white, sandy beach.

Bales Cottage Picnic Area 18



A pleasant picnic area situated near the ruins of an old cottage once inhabited by Alfred Bales, an early trapper.

D'Estree Bay 19



Cottages	Bedrooms	Double bed	Single bed	Bathroom / toilet	Stove	Separate lounge	Heating
Hartley \$15 ad \$5	1	-	2 bunks	yes	gas	no	electric
Flinders Light \$25 ad \$5	3	1	4	yes	gas	yes	oil
Woodward* \$10 ad 1 room only	1 room only	-	2	nearby	small electric	-	-
Old Homestead \$21/45	2	1	2 bunks	yes	wood/electric	yes	open fire
Parndana \$27.50	3	1	4	yes	gas/wood	yes	gas
Karatta \$27.50	3	1	4	yes	gas/wood	yes	gas
Troubridge \$27.50	3	1	4	yes	gas/wood	yes	gas
Seymour \$25/5	4	1	5 + trundle	yes	electric	yes	-electric
Thomas \$25/5	4	1	5 + trundle	yes	gas	yes	electric
May's \$10/5 1 room only	1 room only	-	2 bunks	nearby	wood/electric	-	woodstove

* Woodward Hut has no refrigerator

About the Cottages

- cutlery, crockery, saucepans etc are provided
- you will need to bring all food supplies
- sheets, blankets, pillows and towels are available at an additional nominal charge, otherwise you will need to bring your own
- arrival time 2:00pm onwards
- departure time 9:00am
- ideal for families and priced accordingly
- revenue from cottage rental is used to restore and maintain these historic buildings
- pets are not permitted in the park.

Supplies

Rocky River Visitor Centre has basic food supplies and souvenirs. Tandanya Kitchen, near the entrance to Flinders Chase National Park, has fuel and supplies.

What visitors say

"We class this as being in the top 3 of all our trips throughout Australia. Only wish it could be longer." Gold Coast, Queensland

"We loved every moment but the stay wasn't long enough, the accommodation was excellent." Laverton, Victoria.

"10 wallabies greeted us at Karatta Lodge and the fur seals sported around both sides of Admirals Arch. What an arrival. We loved Karatta Lodge just as it is. Thank you." Canada

For bookings and information contact:

Flinders Chase National Park
PMB 246 via Kingscote 5223
Phone (0848) 37235 Fax (0848) 37268

Prices are subject to change without notice.



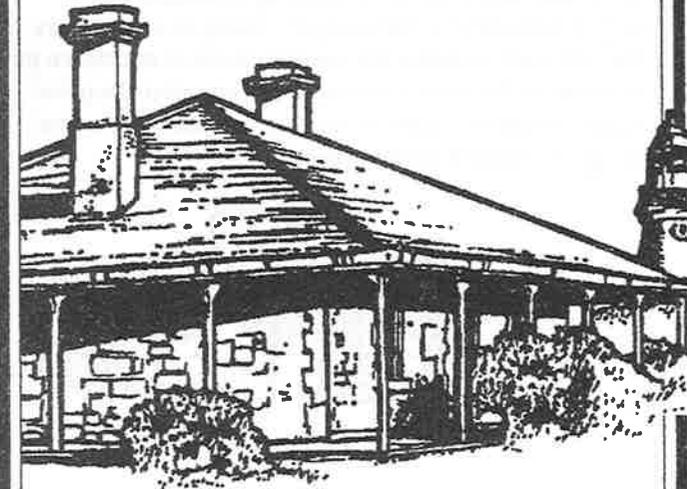
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Looking for a total Wilderness Holiday



Kangaroo Island Wilderness Accommodation

Stay in one of these unique heritage cottages and experience the romance and hardship of a bygone era.



Flinders Light Cottage, Hartley and Woodward Huts

Located at the north-west tip of Flinders Chase National Park, this accommodation forms part of the remote and once very isolated lightkeepers settlement of Cape Borda. **Flinders Light**, built in 1937, is a large and roomy stone residence.

Hartley Hut is a prefabricated, former relieving "Keeper's" quarters.

Woodward Hut, also known as Backpackers Hut, is a former storeroom for lighthouse supplies.

Tours of the Cape Borda Lighthouse are available.

The Old Rocky River Homestead

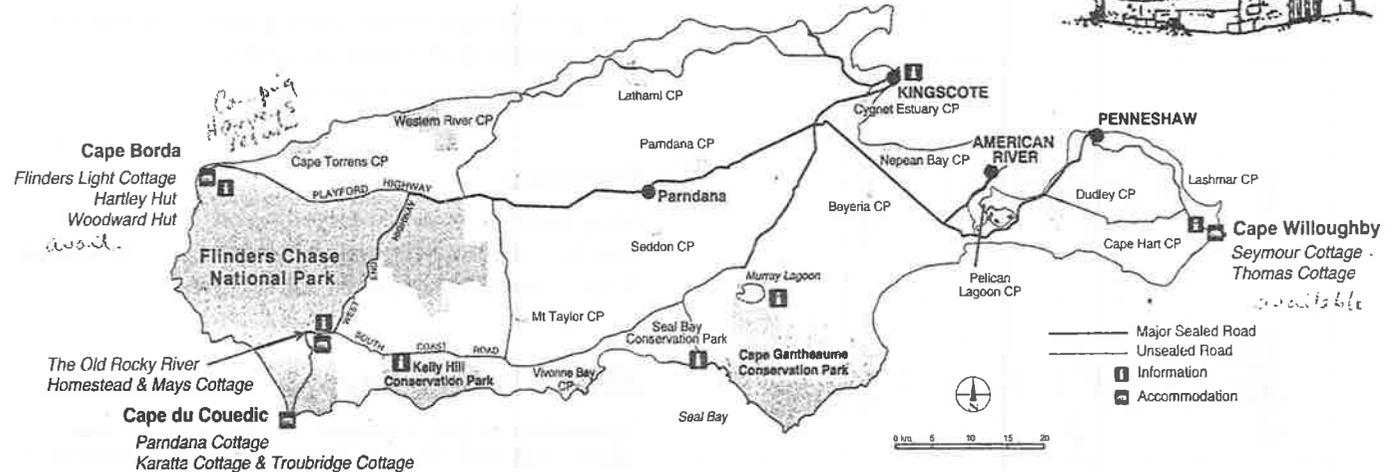
The Old Homestead is a quaint four roomed stone cottage which was built in the early 1890's by Charles May, the original pastoralist at Rocky River. During its early history, the occupants provided the nearest source of assistance for survivors of the many shipwrecks that occurred along the rugged coastline. Later the building was used by the first ranger at Flinders Chase National Park.



Parndana, Karatta and Troubridge Cottages

These are classic lightkeeper's cottages, large and roomy, built in 1907 from local limestone laboriously carved into solid building blocks. Magnificently restored, featuring tiled roofs and polished pine floors, these three bedroom cottages are heritage listed.

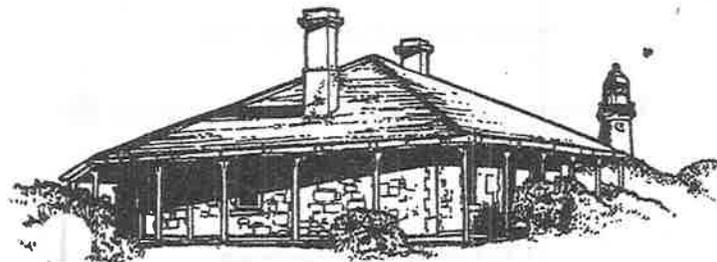
Situated in Flinders Chase National Park, approximately 14 kms from Rocky River at Cape du Couedic, these cottages are isolated and provide comfortable accommodation in a spectacular coastal environment.



Recollection from Wally F Beare

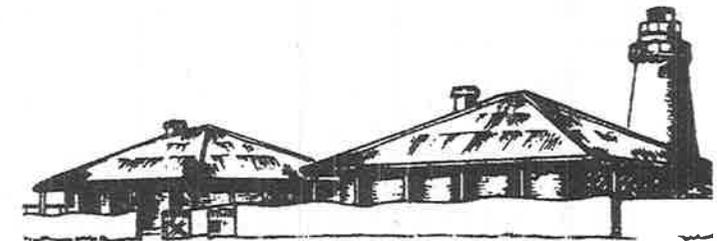
(Son of lighthouse keeper)

"In the days we were at Cape Borda there was not electricity so we had to rely on kerosene lamps and cool safes to keep the water a little cooler. We had two horses called Major and Dick. One day mum baked some bread and put it on the open window shelf and left the window open to cool the bread down. Next thing, we heard a mouthful of abuse from mum. Dick the horse took one of the loaves and took off with it. We chased him all over Cape Borda."



May's Cottage

May's Cottage is a one roomed stone hut built for the mailman who would call and stay overnight once a fortnight. The cottage is located next to the Old Homestead, close by the Rocky River Headquarters in Flinders Chase National Park.



Seymour and Thomas Cottages

Located on the rugged eastern most point of the island and overlooking treacherous Backstairs Passage, these cottages, built in 1927, form part of the lightkeepers settlement of Cape Willoughby. Stones from the original 1850's lighthouse dwellings were used to build the large white fence around the cottages.

Tours of the Cape Willoughby Lighthouse are available.