

Strathalbyn District Driving Tour

Distance: 100km

Commencing at the **Strathalbyn Visitor Information Centre**, turn left onto **South Terrace** and then turn right at the roundabout onto **West Terrace**.

Take the second road on the left—**Ashbourne Road**.

On the left you will see a lookout with views over Strathalbyn to Lake Alexandrina and over the plains towards Goolwa, Port Elliot and Victor Harbor.

Continue along the road towards **Ashbourne**, passing through majestic tall gums and grazing country.

Take the left-hand fork in the road and drive into Ashbourne, passing the primary school and the Greenman Inn, c.1866.

Turn left into **Bull Creek Road** which takes you through the fertile Ashbourne Valley, with orchards and the opportunity to buy fresh produce.

Leaving the Ashbourne district, continue travelling south. On the right you will see **Cox Scrub Conservation Park**. This is a 539 hectare conservation park on the edge of the Finnis River, with low stunted stringy bark and banksia, providing food for a variety of native animals and birds.

On the right you will pass the **Mt Compass/Nangkita Road** (an optional detour to visit the produce trail in the Mt Compass area and return along the Tooperang Road). Continue past **Tooperang Road** on your right. A short distance along the road brings you to the Junction with the main **Strathalbyn/Goolwa (Alexandrina) Road**.



Turn left at the junction and follow the road east until you arrive at the Milang/Clayton (Main Road/Finniss - Milang Road) turn off - turn right.

From here the road travels along the Finnis River Valley through the old township of **Finniss**. Just through Finnis, turn right on to the **Finniss-Clayton Road**, which takes you through flat grazing land and past the **Winery Road** turnoff (on your right) to One Paddock Currency Creek Winery .

Veer right, continuing along on to the Finnis-Clayton Bay Road.

The road takes a sharp right hand turn which takes you into **Clayton Bay**, a town which was first surveyed by George Moore and laid out as a port in November 1858.

Turn right into **Island View Drive** and follow the road through the township and along the cliff top. Stop to enjoy the scenic views of the northern side of Hindmarsh Island and the lower reaches of the Murray River. This is a popular boating area.

Follow the cliff top road around until it rejoins the main road and turn right.

Travel along the edge of the lake (passing the turn off to Point Sturt (7km) on the right). Point Sturt Church of Christ was built in 1861.

After driving through flat swampy country on the edge of **Lake Alexandrina**, the next town is **Milang**. It was built as a port to assist the riverboat trade. (**Daranda Terrace and Lake Road**)

The jetty was built in 1856. "Milang" was an interpretation of the aboriginal word for the area "Millangk", meaning place of sorcery. In 1853, Milang, being the major town of the district, was surveyed and local farmers grouped themselves into districts which ultimately became Belvidere, Angas Plains, Lake Plains, Point Sturt and Clayton. After leaving Milang, continue along the edge of the lake.

At this point you will pass over the **Angas River Bridge** which is where the Angas River reaches Lake Alexandrina.

The road crosses the **Bremer River** and takes a sharp left hand turn into **Lakes Plains Road**.

Continue past the Horseradish farm (Newmans / Rusticana Wines) and numerous wineries into the **Langhorne Creek wine district**.

At the T-junction turn left onto **Langhorne Creek Road** and travel through Langhorne Creek with its many wineries and cellar doors.

On the left you will see the instant turf farm.

The road back to **Strathalbyn** takes you through the old township of **Belvidere**, which was first surveyed in 1853.

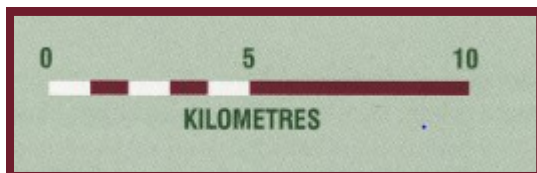
Arrive back at the **Strathalbyn Visitor Information Centre**.

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Route 55



From hills to wine, to where the river meets the sea...



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