

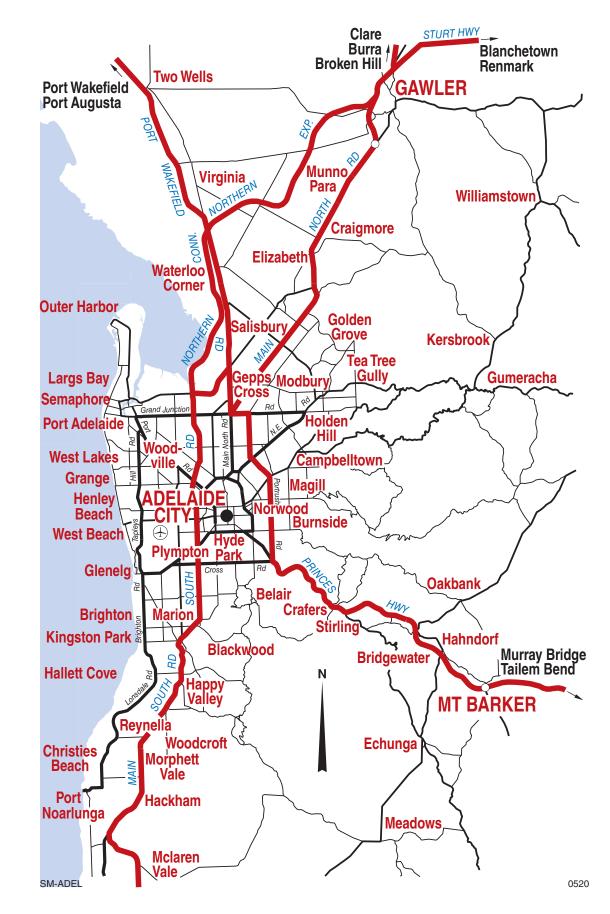
# Adelaide to Coober Pedy via Port Wakefield Rd and Stuart Hwy





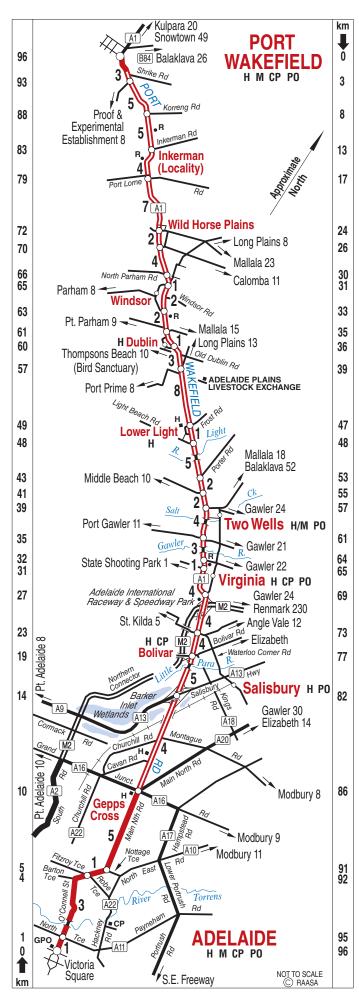
# **Major Arterial Routes & Suburbs**

This map is intended to aid planning - alternative maps should be used if more detail is needed.









# Adelaide - Port Wakefield

### 96 kilometres Route A1 **Port Wakefield Road**

### Adelaide

### (approximate population 1.295.710)

Located on the banks of the River Torrens, Adelaide is the capital of South Australia. Thanks to the foresight of Surveyor-General Colonel William Light, this welldesigned city is blessed with wide roads and expansive park lands. Every year, the festivities and events of 'Mad March' attract thousands of visitors from around the world.

### **Two Wells**

(approximate population 1,930) The town is named after two natural wells that served as watering points for the Kaurna people and early settlers in the area.

# Port Wakefield

(approximate population 560) In the mid-1800s, Port Wakefield was a bustling harbour town, shipping out copper, wool and wheat. It's now a popular destination for recreational anglers, and an important service town for motorists travelling to Yorke Peninsula, Eyre Peninsula and the northern reaches of the state.

### **Country traversed**

Mainly flat farmland. The small settlements of Lower Light, Dublin and Windsor are just beside the highway.

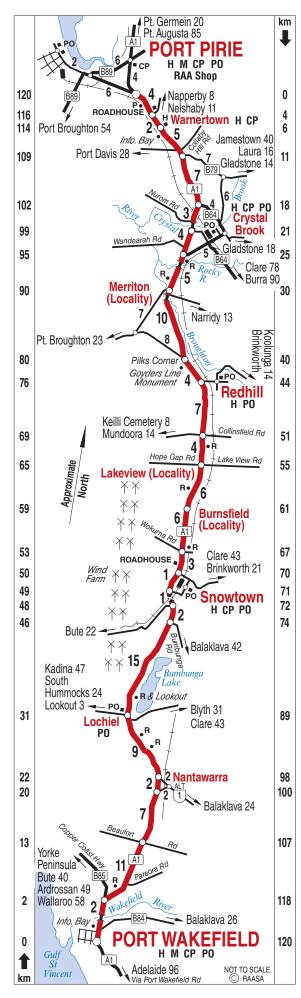
### **Road surface**

Bitumen. Dual carriageway throughout.

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# **Port Wakefield** - Port Pirie

### 120 kilometres Route A1

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### Snowtown

### (approximate population 390)

Snowtown is the service centre for a productive wool and wheat producing district. The town's wind farm display includes 'The Big Blade' from a wind turbine. There are more than a hundred turbines dotted along the Barunga and Hummocks Ranges to the west.

### **Crystal Brook**

### (approximate population 1,320)

Named in 1839 by explorer Edward John Eyre, after the watercourse on the northern edge of town, Crystal Brook is the service centre for the surrounding sheep and cereal farms. The Heritage Centre/Museum is housed in a former bakery, built in 1875, and is easily identified by the historic 'Rosella unrivalled pickles' sign painted on the side wall.

### **Port Pirie**

### (approximate population 13,740)

Established in 1845, Port Pirie was South Australia's first provincial city. Initially a seaport for shipping agricultural produce, the discovery of silver and lead at Broken Hill saw the development of suitable port and smelting facilities. The city has one of the world's largest primary lead smelters. Telowie Gorge Conservation Park, in the southern Flinders Ranges, is 30km from town and 8km from the main highway. Staying the night? We recommend John Pirie Motor Inn.

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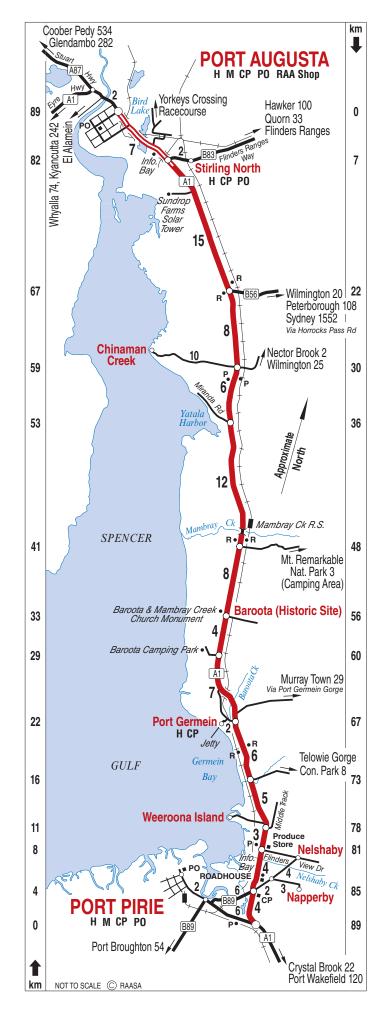
Level to undulating farmland. The southern reaches of the Flinders Ranges can be seen between Crystal Brook and Port Augusta.

### **Road surface**

Bitumen.

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89 kilometres Route A1

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### Port Germein (approximate population 310)

Once a major seaport, this tiny town is renowned for the length of its jetty. Opened in 1881, it was extended in 1883 to eventually stretch 1,676m out into Spencer Gulf. It was reputed to be the longest jetty in the southern hemisphere. Battered by storms over the years, it's been reduced to around 1,500m, which is still an impressive round trip of 3km.

### Port Augusta (approximate population 12,900)

Port Augusta sits at a major crossroad for travellers heading east to west or south to north across the continent. The awardwinning <u>Wadlata Outback Centre</u> has excellent exhibits and is a great introduction to the Flinders Ranges and Outback. Set in native bush beside the red cliffs at the very tip of the Gulf, the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden features a wide variety of desert plants. Staying the night? We recommend <u>Majestic</u> <u>Oasis Apartments</u>.

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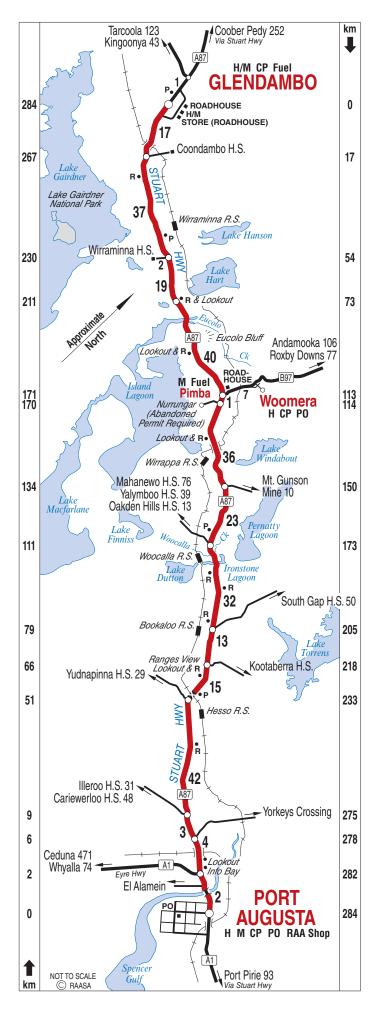
Mainly flat farming country. The southern Flinders Ranges can be seen to the east.

### **Road surface**

Bitumen.

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# Port Augusta - Glendambo

### 284 kilometres Route A87 Stuart Highway

### Caution

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### Pimba

(approximate population 36)

A service centre for travellers and locals.

### Woomera

### (approximate population 146)

Woomera was established in 1947 to support rocket testing operations, as part of an Anglo-Australian agreement. In its heyday it had a population of several thousand, and access was restricted to the general public until 1982. When rocketry operations wound down, it became the support centre for the nearby US-Australian Nurrungar Joint Defence Facility, a top-secret surveillance operation, which closed in 1999. The Missile Park and Heritage Centre provides a fascinating insight into Woomera's history.

### Glendambo (population nominal)

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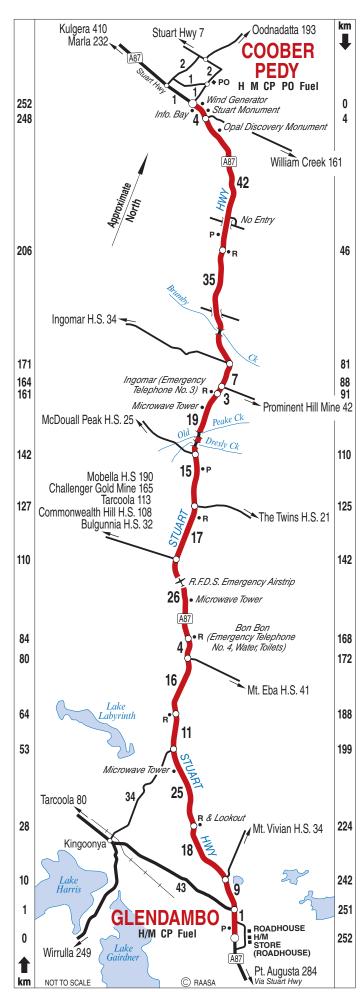
### **Country traversed**

Flat, pastoral country. A mixture of saltbush plains and light scrub.

### **Road surface**

Bitumen.

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# Glendambo - Coober Pedy

### 252 kilometres Route A87 Stuart Highway

### Caution

- Keep an eye out for straying animals, particularly at night. For maximum safety, restrict driving to daylight hours.
- 2. Take care around the hundreds of unprotected mine shafts in the Coober Pedy opal fields.

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# Coober Pedy

(approximate population 1,630) Coober Pedy is the administrative centre for one of Australia's most productive opal fields. Millions of dollars' worth of precious stones have been unearthed here since mining began in 1916. Many of the town's residents live underground in 'dugouts' to escape the summer heat and winter chill. There are also several underground accommodation options, ranging from backpackers' digs to our recommendation the 4-star **Desert** Cave Hotel. Local attractions include underground churches and homes, the Old Timers Mine, and the Big Winch lookout, offering expansive views across this unique town. Enquire at the Visitor Information Centre about self-drive or organised tours out to the Kanku Breakaways - ancient hills that reveal a rich palette of colour as they crumble to the desert plain.

### **Country traversed**

Level terrain and open plains. Mullock heaps – mounds of loose stone taken from mine shafts – indicate the extent of the opal fields around Coober Pedy.

## Road surface

Bitumen.

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