

31 DAYS PADDLING DOWN THE MURRAY RENMARK TO THE MURRAY MOUTH

15TH OCTOBER 2018
14TH NOVEMBER 2018

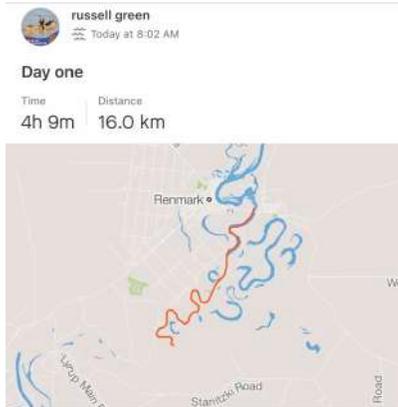


READY TO ROLL.....

Day1 MON

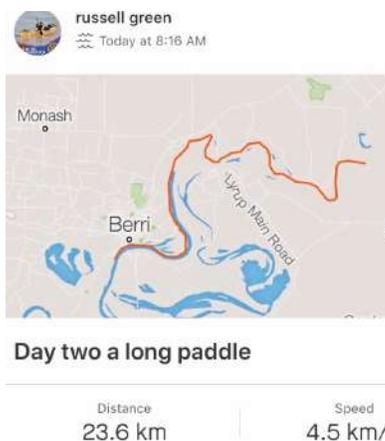
Left Renmark 8:30am

Did 12km and had a break. Watched a roo jump in and swim the river. Then did another 4km and camped @548 marker (Km to the Mouth). Strong northerly behind us on the river, but then had to move tents due to the strong wind. Then a dust storm followed by some rain that was muddy!



Day2 TUE

Wind changed to west, in our face all day. A hard slog. Reached Sandbar Bend @520 mark. During break at Martins Bend, snake slithered through between us and kayaks. Wind has dropped overnight.



Day3 WED

Left Sandbar Bend about 8:15 and paddled for two hours then stopped for brunch having done 10km. Then did another 8km before stopping for a cuppa at Kaesler landing, then pushed on for another 4km to Proud's Sand Bar, arriving about 2pm, having done 22km. Fortunately the wind was a light westerly and we at times did over 6kph. Sky was overcast all day and a bit cool. Bottle of Port had a cork but we had no corkscrew. Took a screw out of the kayak, but cork broke up.



Day4 THU

Left Proud's Sand Bar and paddled down to Loxton. Overcast and no wind. Made good time and stopped for a break after 10km. Then pushed on to Loxton and gave an interview to the Loxton News. Did another 3km to Habel Landing and were met by Noel Walker, President of Loxton Club. His property is right on the river and he has offered us a small cabin for the night. Noel took us into Loxton so that we could shop for supplies, then brought us back to his place. Tonight there will be a gathering of a few Rotarians and we will be presented with a cheque.

 russell green
Today at 8:10 AM

Day 4. Nice light winds.

Time Distance
3h 42m 11.8 km



Day5 Fri

7:45am start, light wind easy paddling. Stopped after 10km for a cuppa. Wind came up, right on the nose, so did another 6km and set up camp about 11:45, just down stream from Gerard Community. Sky is black may be in for a storm. A black snake swam across in front of us. Glad when it kept going!

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October 19, 2018 at 7:44 AM

Day 5. Head winds storm coming!

Time Distance
4h 15m 16.5 km



Day6 Sat

7:45 start from 469 mark. Strong wind from the left kept turning the boat sideways. The wind catches my stretcher on the back deck. About 12 :00 found Blackfellows Creek and got a camping spot. Wind a little strong but ok. Tomorrow down to Cobdogla, Bruno Bay about 12km. Sawyer Water Filters working (Filtering about 7ly/day) and devices charging from my solar panel.

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Yesterday at 7:46 AM

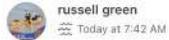
Day 6

Time Distance
4h 9m 16.1 km



Day7 SUN

Reached Bruno Bay about 10:30 and booked in to a cabin with bathroom & toilet. Relaxed during the afternoon, then at 5:00pm headed to the Cobdogla club. Had a couple of beers then ordered roast pork followed by nut sundae. All rather filling. Then we ordered roast beef as a take away for the next day's evening meal . Had a good night's sleep.



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Today at 7:42 AM

Day7

Time Distance
2h 26m 11.6 km



Day8 MON

Today was supposed to be a lay day, but we decided to push on to try and cut down on a long stretch that we had coming up. Stopped at 11:30 after 16km.

Camped on a sand bank and looking forward to our roast beef this evening. Wind has been a bit strong and the day in the mid 30s.



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Today at 7:35 AM

Day8

Time Distance
4h 23m 16.1 km



Day9 TUE

Early start about 7:30. Began quite calm, but then ran into big headwinds with whitecaps. One 5km reach into the wind, then a second of 2km into the wind. Fortunately there were a few places that were protected from the wind by cliffs.

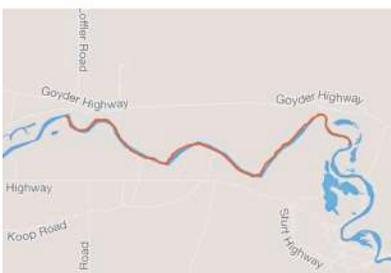
Despite the wind we did 22.5 km and set up camp on a sandbank at the 406km mark. Winds should be better to morrow and we have not got as far to go.



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Today at 7:24 AM

Day9 the 406km mark

Time Distance
6h 20m 22.5 km



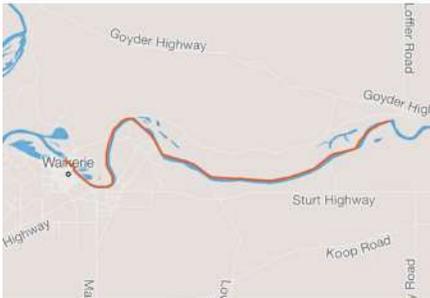
Day10 WED

Left the sandbank at 7:30 with the intention of doing about 16 or 18km. However, with a favourable light tail wind, we pushed on to Waikerie. There we took a cabin. Conveniently, it is Waikerie Club's meeting night, so we are going along to meet with them. The club gave us a donation.

 russell green
Today at 7:30 AM

Day10

Time Distance
5h 15m 23.7 km



Day11 THU

Left Waikerie and paddled 17km into a stiff breeze. Found a landing at the 369 mark and set up camp. Very windy for some time but managed to keep the tent up.

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Today at 10:04 AM

Day11

Time Distance
4h 34m 17.4 km



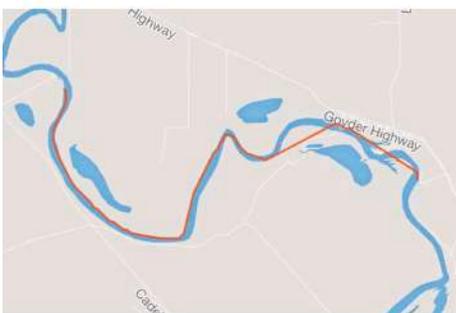
Day12 FRI

Paddled 2.5km to Lock 2, then made our way another 3km to the home of Andr'e from Waikerie Rotary. Steve And Bob were there and Andr'e's wife. They cooked up a very big breakfast, bacon, eggs, tomato, sausage. Didn't want to leave. Anyway, pushed on to Hogwash, (a big sandbar) and set up camp about 1:00pm.

 russell green
Today at 7:28 AM

Day 12 (Strava oops this morning) 14.45km

Time Distance
5h 24m 10.8 km



Day13 SAT

Did Hogwash to 2km short of Morgan a distance of 27km. A bit of wind on the nose, but kept pushing through looking for a good landing.



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Today at 7:19 AM

Day13

Time Distance
7h 13m 28.0 km



Day14SUN

Set off for Morgan about 7:30 aware that it was a Sunday and would probably be too early for shops. However got to the supermarket a bit after 8:00 and found that it was open, so we stocked up on vegetables....didn't want scurvy. (Also bought a box of screws incase of need)

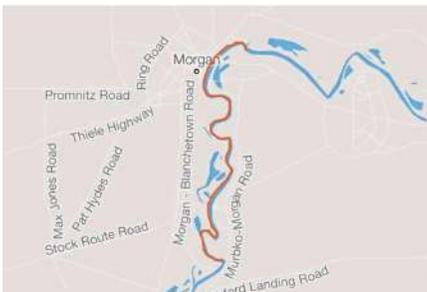
Only intended to do 12km today, but down river from Morgan there are all houses on the bank for 15km so nowhere to camp. We finally settled on a landing opposite Pelican Point having done 26km. (And still houses on the starboard side).



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Today at 7:37 AM

Day14

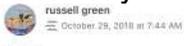
Time Distance
5h 57m 18.4 km



Day15 MON

Paddled 22km today to near Roonka, at the 282 mark. We camped on a nice grassy landing right on the bend of the river. Good weather very light wind. Last night we got hit by the "Fremantle Doctor", a wonder the tent survived.

A support beam for my rear hatch came away. Used Araldite and a few screws, and that should hold. Yesterday afternoon I lowered the rudder and the steering now works very well.



russell green
October 26, 2018 at 7:44 AM

Day15

Elapsed Time Distance
6h 13m 22.1 km

