



Joint RCBC-WBASA Cruise Mannum to Morgan and Beyond 9 - 15 June 2025

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INTRODUCTION RCBC will be joining with the Wooden Boat Association of South Australia (WBASA) and a few paddle wheelers in a run to Morgan, commencing at either Mannum or Younghusband. This cruise was planned to finish at the 2025 Morgan Living River Festival, but this was cancelled only very recently. We will be continuing with our cruise and with the weekend now free, some members might like to travel further upstream for an additional overnight camp, before returning to Morgan for retrieval of boats or to continue back to Mannum/Younghusband.

LAKE CARLET WEEKEND Each year WBASA has a boating and camping event over the June long weekend at Lake Carlet, near Younghusband. This will precede the cruise to Morgan. RCBC members are welcome to join WBASA for some or all of this activity, which typically starts with most boats arriving on the Saturday and leaving on the Monday. WBASA may also organise a pub or club dinner at Mannum on the Friday night for those coming in from Murray Bridge and further downstream.

RCBC CRUISE The RCBC component of the cruise will commence at Mannum on Monday 9 June, with boats being on water and ready to depart at 10am. WBASA registrants will be advised of arrangements for this group, but the WBASA cruise is likely to commence from Lake Carlet.

The RCBC Mannum (150km mark) flotilla will join the rest of the fleet at Lake Carlet (168km mark), which is about 17 km upstream. Should the Lake Carlet flotilla (which might include RCBC registrants) decide to get away earlier than about 12 noon, we will simply catch them up along the way or at the next campsite.

This cruise covers a total distance of approximately 170+ km one way, but some may wish to do it as an out-and-back return trip. Boat retrieval may be done at Morgan or for a return trip, at Mannum or Younghusband. Support for car and trailer storage for those launching at Younghusband should be discussed with Lindsay Dent.

BOAT RAMPS There are three boat ramps in Mannum. Perhaps the best is near the rowing club in Polack Street (off Wattle St./River Lane) at the northern end of Mary Ann Reserve. There is no pontoon, but the (very short!) Stop and Shop jetty is nearby. Boats can be moored bow to bank in this general area for short and overnight stays and there is a wharf about 150m upstream near the bowling club

(popular with houseboats, so may be competitive). There are public toilets and BBQ facilities near the rowing club and the shops and Club/pubs are just a short walk away in the main street. There are excellent boat ramp at Morgan and Cadell, for those not planning to do a return trip.

There are other ramps in Murray St. (no facilities) and also across the river at Bolto Reserve (also no facilities except a public toilet and casual camping area). For those wishing to launch closer to the camp on Lake Carlet, there is a ramp at Younghusband, near the general store.

ITINERARY AND CAMPSITES This will be a very informal cruise and the campsites will mostly be chosen on the day, based on local knowledge, needs and conditions. We intend to travel about 30 km per day, with about 45 km on the first day for some. Campsites might be somewhere near Purnong Lagoon or Caurnamont (190 - 194km mark), Wongulla (218km mark), Swan Reach (246km mark), Roonka (280km mark), Morgan (320km mark), Hogwash Bend (348km mark). In most cases we will be going for bush camping sites. It may be necessary to accommodate the paddle wheelers first in some instances, but smaller boats and cruisers will also be able to raft up to them. Paddle wheelers will include *Daisy* and *Kulkine*, with *Marion* operating a commercial cruise starting from Mannum on the Tuesday.

I will not be organising dinners ahead of time, but for those who are interested, we have the opportunity to dine at Mannum (Friday and/or Sunday night), Swan Reach (Wednesday night, 246km mark) and I am following up on an offer of a private BBQ near Morgan on the Friday night (13 June).

PROVISIONS Boats should be fully provisioned for independent boating and camping. This should include sufficient food for meals on every night of the cruise and provision for waste and sanitation. The comprehensive RCBC first aid kits and the defibrillator will be carried by the fleet. **Fuel** should be available at Mannum, Bowhill (186km mark), Walker Flat (208km mark), Punyelroo (240km), Swan Reach (? , 246km mark), Blanchetown (a significant walk, 274km mark) and Morgan (320km mark), but you are strongly advised to carry sufficient for the whole distance you intend to travel.

The RCBC Amenities Trailer will not be available for this event. Public toilets are available at various small towns along the way, but you probably won't be able to purchase a **shower** anywhere accept perhaps at Punyelroo and Morgan Caravan Parks. Mannum and Morgan have pump out facilities.

Parking for cars and trailers and driver shuffles can be organised at Mannum and Morgan, but please contact me immediately upon receipt of this email should you wish to use these, i.e. well before close of registrations.

Registration Deadline: 29 May 2025

REGISTRATION

Many of the participants in this event are likely to be members of both RCBC and WBASA. Those of you who hold joint memberships can register your interest through either or both organisations, but if you don't register through RCBC you will not be included in further updates and in bookings for ancillary support such as car and trailer parking and driver shuffles. You will also not be covered by RCBC insurance.

As WBASA does not have registration fees for events, for this event only, RCBC will waive a registration fee. However your cooperation in providing prompt and accurate registration details would be greatly appreciated.

REGISTRATION DETAILS - please complete all sections (ticking or circling as appropriate)

Name of Corresponding Participant -

Names of Additional Persons:

Phone Number -

Email Address -

BOAT, CAR AND TRAILER DETAILS (please circle where appropriate):

Are you bringing a boat? YES / NO

Boat name and registration number -

Type of Boat -

Approx. dimensions of boat - LOA (m)

Beam (m)

Trailer Registration Number -

Car Registration Number -

Where and when do you plan to launch?

When (please provide date and approx. time)?.....

Where? Mannum? Younghusband? Elsewhere (please name location).....

Do you plan to camp at Lake Carlet with the WBASA group? YES / NO

Do you require a car and trailer storage and a driver shuffle? (please circle) YES / NO If YES, please specify requirement i.e. storage at Mannum or Morgan (please circle or tick)

Will you be bringing a canoe/kayak/tinny? YES / NO If YES, type?.....

Are you planning a caravan/camping tag-along where possible?

(e.g Mannum, Younghusband (Lake Carlet is not accessible by road), Curnamont, Wongulla (no formal camp ground), Punyelroo or Swan Reach, Roonka, Morgan, Hogwash Bend) YES / NO

If YES, type of vehicle and extent of involvement (e.g. locations, participation in other people's boats?)

If you are doing a tag-along, please note that you will be responsible for your own camping fees and the actual campsites used by the fleet may be at some distance.

Return your completed registration form to Lindsay Dent by email if possible (lindsay.dent27@gmail.com) or post (Lindsay Dent, 27 Tapson Crs., Pasadena, South Australia, 5042) by **Thursday 29 MAY 2025**

GENERAL INFORMATION

RCBC insurances do not cover your boat or any damage it may cause. We expect that you carry appropriate insurance.

A medical form is attached with this registration form. Please complete and hand it to a coordinator on arrival (not opened except in the case of emergency, can be recovered at the end of the event).

CONFIRMATIONS (please tick each line):

- I / We have all safety equipment necessary for this event.
- I / We will bring an envelope with our medical form, only to be opened in an emergency.
- I / We agree that all crew/passengers will comply with all COVID Safe restrictions in place at the time of the event, and all directions of the Committee in relation to COVID Safety.
- I / We agree that if exhibiting symptoms of COVID 19, we will only attend if we have recently tested negative for it and will practice social distancing until symptom-free.

SIGNATURE OF CORRESPONDING PARTICIPANT:

DATE:

YOUR COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS.....