

## Breakfast Run to Milang

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We have not had much luck lately with the weather, however despite the rain 16 cars made the run to Milang on the shores of Lake Alexandrina. (Albeit only half of them were MGs), but the social get together always promises a fun morning. David noted that a few of the "T" register had planned to do the run, but decided that the rains had won on the day.

Despite the rain Terry Cook drove the whole day with the top down! and new club member Vera Robjohns, who had only joined the club 2 weeks prior, came along in her red B with daughter Imogen .A great effort and we trust they become regular brekky runners.

Milang is well worth a visit if you have not been there before or for a while. A pleasant town with lots of history, and indeed some years back we did an MGB Register run to the railway museum and display there.

The town has a proud history, dating back to settlement in 1853. Prior to rail, wool from Victoria was brought down the Murray and unloaded at Milang's port, and then hauled to Adelaide by horse and bullock teams. and later, from 1884, by rail. Hence by the 1860's, Milang was both a major trading port and also boasted a regular paddle steamer link with Meningie. In addition, it soon became a major boat building port up until 1900.

A jetty was needed due to the shallow waters of the lake. Built in 1856 it was extended from 67 to 217 metres in 1869, until shortened to its present length in 1958. The hand crane at the end of the current jetty is believed to be the oldest in SA.

Such was the importance of Milang to SA's trade, it received royal visits in both 1867 and 1881 by the then Duke of Edinburgh, being Queen Victoria's son

Currently there are about 70 holiday shacks on the waterside. First established in 1947 these shacks are the largest collection of such structures in the State. Their future is often under debate by local and State governments, but currently the registered owners have a life tenure lease on each. What happens afterwards is unknown. It is well worth a stroll around this little community.

So; that's a potted introduction to the town, and after our education we all headed home, joining members of the Rolls Royce Club also out for a wet drive around the Fleurieu.

### Attendees:

Graham Loader	MGY
Gary & Velli Algate	MGA TC
John Roach	MGB GT
Vera & Imogen Robjohns	MGB
Terry Cook.	MGB
Leigh & Judy Albertson	MGB
Lynden Burns	MGB
Bill & Sue Gilson	MGB V8
Ken & Heather Burke	Mercedes
Tevor Praite	Rover 75
Olaf & Ryan Wegner	Toyota 86
Paul & Carol Grech	BMW
Leigh & Kaye Richter	BMW
Steve Spong & Barb Harrington	Audi
Dietmar & Wendy Sauer	Pajero
David McNabb	Holden Commodore

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