

SA's Remarkable Seafood & AquaCulture Trail



Introducing South Aussie writer Di Ross and her partner, photographer John Batty, to F&B readers again. Following their acclaimed F&B series on the Gippsland Lakes, this time they've set out to produce an exceptional six part series closer to home. Over the next few months, they're taking us on a detailed tour of the boating facilities and resources in South Australia. They're going to explore the mouth-watering SA seafood and aquatrail journey around the Gulfs, reminding us that in boating, more often than not, there's 'no place like home!'

Cowell Commercial oyster barge sharing the ramp with a recreational angler. The Honda 130s have been a huge success, having clocked 500 hours trouble free service.

Part 4: Tumby Bay, SA

Departing Port Lincoln we travelled 47 km north where we found the Tumby Bay Tin Man, complete with rod and catch of the day, welcoming visitors to the township. Snuggled along the shoreline of a beautiful horseshoe bay of the same name, Tumby Bay has a population of 1500 and abounds in nature's gifts both on shore and off shore.

Tumby Bay is an important service centre for the surrounding rural district and is well appointed with shopping, sporting facilities, a good range of accommodation and a well-equipped hospital. The foreshore, complete with Norfolk pines, grassy parkland, children's play area, safe swimming

beach and the mandatory jetty is beautifully kept. The rotunda has been converted into an art gallery and has mural paintings depicting life in days gone by. There is a well-appointed caravan park along the foreshore and conveniently, the marina ramp is just out the back gate.

Proprietors, Di and John James, are happy to share their knowledge on local fishing and boating conditions. The blackboard at the park gives a good indication of the whiting catches, best during our stay being 1150 grams - now that's a good size KGW. We quickly cottoned on that size in these parts is determined in weight not centimetres.

The mangrove boardwalk is a must



TOP, BELOW and CENTRE LEFT: Some of the 'locals'! Tumby Bay is all about the succulent KGW that everybody wants - seals and tourists alike! BELOW RIGHT: Rotunda Art Gallery murals depicting musical scenes of days gone by. Definitely worth a visit!



Mangrove Walk. The myriad of water ways with all sorts of marine creatures can be viewed from the walkway.

