

## **SAMIS Audit Road Trip**

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As some of you are aware, earlier in October, I travelled around the state to conduct SAMIS Audits and SAMIS training. In total, I travelled over 2400kms, conducted 24 Audits, and conducted 12 SAMIS training sessions, visited 37 coffee stops and most of all no kangaroos or other roadside wildlife were harmed in the travel.

As well as key outcomes from the trip here are some of the places visited and scenery from the trip. It's no wonder we were voted one of the top five must see regions in the world for 2017.

Of course song selection is very important for any road-trip. So in addition to my WH&S check-in / out routine, I shared my daily best song with the team back in Adelaide. Song feedback ranged from "sad...might put that in you PLA, better choice of music." So I thought I would share the list with you as well, it was just all in good fun.

*Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>*: On the road the again – Willie Nelson (sorry just couldn't resist)

*Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>*: Life is a Highway – Tom Cochrane

*Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>*: Hit the Road Jack – in reference to 30 years anniversary of the Whispering Jack album

*Friday 21<sup>st</sup>*: Life is a Highway – Tom Cochrane (well it was the longest drive)

*Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>*: Well this was a 2 song day. To me these were the most obvious

– Take me home Country Roads – John Denver and of course Six days on the Road – Dave Dudley.

*Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>*: last day I just could complete the trip with – Homeward Bound – Simon & Garfunkel.

I would like to say that I was listening and singing to 6 different CD's in the car and, well, none of these songs were on them.

### **The Scenery**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>** – I drove to Clare, conducted 2 Audits and a training session. What a way to start the trip off with a nice drive to work, but who doesn't like the drive to the Clare region. Along the way I noticed the damage caused by the recent storms and where the edges of roads had been washed away and trees had been damaged. The road crews were busy working to make the areas safe to travel, they were doing a great job.

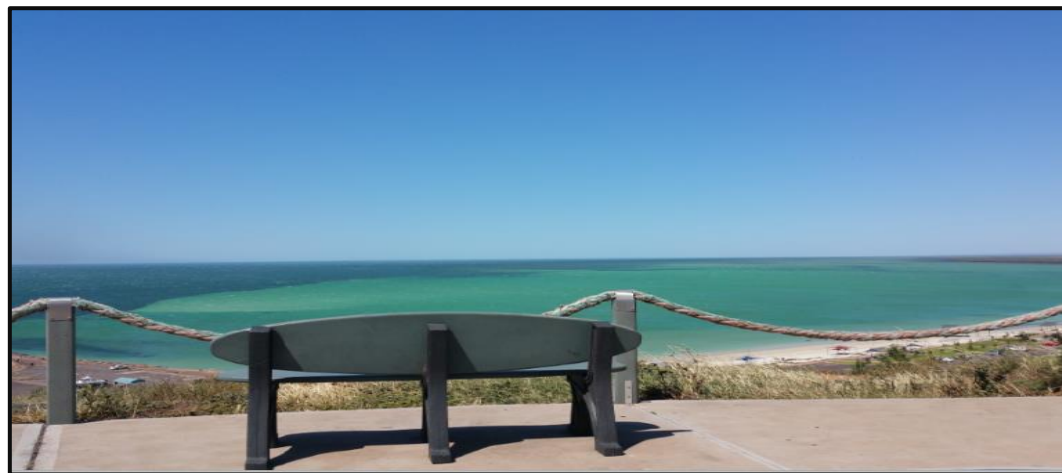
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>** – drive to Port Pirie and conducted 2 Audits and a training session. It started off a bit fresh in Clare but the low cloud and light misty rain stopped as I was coming over the hill into Crystal Brook. Wow, so different to Clare's landscape but still amazing in its own way.



**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>** – drive to Port Augusta where I conducted 3 Audits and a training session. Well another great way to start the day with a drive to work, the drive between Port Pirie and Port Augusta was also so different with the Flinders Rangers in the distance on my right with the slight purple/blue haze from the eucalypts - gum trees, with the morning sun. It was a pity that it was not a long drive being only around 1 hour.



**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>** – My day started with a beautiful walk along the wharf in Port Augusta before jumping in the car and driving to Whyalla. A one hour drive with a bit more traffic on the road this morning. Sorry to see the Flinders Rangers in the rear view mirror but as you turn to go down to Whyalla some more amazing scenery, a lot different to the drive from home to work in the Adelaide CBD.



**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>** – I drove to Port Lincoln to conduct 2 Audits and one training session. This morning's drive was a little bit longer, mmm, it was definitely a 3 coffee/water stop along the way. It was nice to be driving though and seeing Spencers gulf on my left, still an amazing scenery for the drive to work.



**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – driving back home – well it was hard to leave the Port Lincoln Marina, so peaceful overlooking the water while having coffee and breakfast. This is definitely one of the places I would recommend to travel and enjoy. Well it is time to get a coffee for the road and get the music ready and away we go.

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup>** – drive to Mount Gambier, conduct 5 Audits. This drive took me through Keith, Padthaway, Struan Research Centre, Penola and then on to Mount Gambier.

**Tuesday 25th** – stayed local today around Mount Gambier, conducting 3 Audits and a training session, while enjoying some of their sights.



**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>** – drive from Mount Gambier back to Adelaide, conduct 4 Audits. This drive took me through Millicent, Robe and Kingston and then on to Adelaide.

### **Key Business Feedback**

Whilst it was great to have seen so much amazing scenery around this state, it was also good to see that the communication and relationships between the different agencies and the Facilities Managers is actively there, but there is room for improvement.

Some clients and sites are not fully engaging the Facilities Managers to help with the complete process of making modifications and additions to their sites, which in turn as part of this process SAMIS information is not being kept up to date and this is reflected in the site audits.

As you are all aware the SAMIS information/hierarchy, drawings and site plans need to be updated when there are onsite changes made to the assets. I found that the sites that had outdated SAMIS plans were due to the site completing onsite works themselves and not involving their FM in the process.

I heard stories, such as when a site had an after-hours fire and the fire brigade needed to locate the hot water service, as this was the cause of a fire emergency, only to find that the site had made additions and modifications that the Facilities Managers were not involved with, hence the SAMIS plans, drawings and hierarchy had not been updated. The Firemen had trouble locating the hot water service and they nearly lost the building, which would have been devastating to the local community and a bigger expense to the State. Luckily a staff member was contacted who knew the facility well enough to assist with the location of the Hot Water service.

So please, I encourage that you work with your Facilities Managers and that all Facilities Managers make regular contact with the people at the assets they are working with, so that the potential risk is limited.

### **A Big Thank You!**

I would like to truly say thank you to all the staff at the Facilities Services Regional Offices for their hospitality and support whilst working in their regions. Another thank you to the staff at the 24 audit sites and appreciation for the time they spent with me during the auditing process, the pride for their workplace really shines through. It was great to see staff attending the SAMIS training sessions to

learn more about the system, audit process and reporting capabilities and providing feedback to improve future sessions – thank you ! And last but not least a big thank you to the SAMIS User Group for the suggested sites to audit, keep the suggestions coming as we still have many to come.

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### **My Coffee Shop Recommendations!**

Thanks to a number of people for the suggestion of some great little coffee spots around the state.

- ❖ Sefton Park – Café Barun – open early
- ❖ Clare – Little Red Grape (Sevenhill)
- ❖ Port Lincoln – Del Giornos
- ❖ Port Lincoln Marina
- ❖ Lochiel – Jitter Bean (good food too)
- ❖ Port Pirie – Jamaica Blue
- ❖ Port Augusta – Mamma Lou's Café
- ❖ Mount Gambier – Metro Bakery & Café