

## Series information

**Title:** Outback Adventure  
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**Station:** 2NVR, Nambucca Valley, NSW

### Synopsis:

I'd like you to tag along with me on an Outback Adventure, discovering people and places around Australia. You'll meet some characters and maybe even learn something, because everyone has a story to tell, and you just don't know, until you ask. Come on, let's go Bush.

Sound track 'Australia' by 'didJital' from their album 'Message Stick'.

### Opening Dialogue:

*Hi, I'm Ceri Wrobel & I'd like you to tag along with me on an Outback Adventure, discovering people and places around Australia.*

### Closing Dialogue:

*That was '.....' talking to Ceri Wrobel of 2NVR, Radio Nambucca, on location for the Community Radio Network. Sound track, 'Australia' by 'didJital' from their album 'Message Stick'.*

<b>EP 1:</b>	<b>Opal Fever in White Cliffs</b>
Interviewees:	Dick Wagner, Opal Miner, White Cliffs, NSW
Synopsis:	Only the fool hardy might venture to the desiccated moonscape of White Cliffs, Western NSW. Beware! Tread carefully amongst the ancient diggings; one slip could precipitate a close encounter with a crazed miner, with only opals for eyes. Yes, there is an 'underground' movement in White Cliffs; they even live in 'dug outs', rarely seeing the light of day. Dick Wagner is one of those poor souls who went for a holiday and never came back!
Duration:	7.50

<b>EP 2:</b>	<b>Life on Goodwood Sheep Station</b>
Interviewees:	Louise Turner, Goodwood Sheep Station, White Cliffs, NSW
Synopsis:	'A sunburnt Country, a land of sweeping plains', romantic, heh? What is the reality of living on a remote Outback station? What about school? Shopping? They are 80kms from the small township of White Cliffs and 300kms from Broken Hill. Why do they carry a gun and a compass whenever they leave the house? To

	Zane & Louise Turner of Goodwood Station, this is everyday life.
Duration:	7.50

<b>EP 3:</b>	<b>Arkaroola Magic</b>
Interviewees:	Marg Sprigg, Geologist and co owner of Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary, Flinders Ranges S.A.
Synopsis:	A wild, wonderful, wilderness in the Northern Flinders Ranges is the Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary. A rare, untamed jewel, appreciated by Sir Douglas Mawson, saved by his Post Grad student, Professor Reg Sprigg with help from Sir Mark Oliphant & the legacy continues with Marg & Dougie Sprigg. Imagine scientific study, conservation, astronomy, volunteering & tourism, wrapped into an incredible encounter with nature that leaves you feeling very, very small. The beauty & the history will intoxicate you.
Duration:	8.00

<b>EP 4:</b>	<b>Friends of Farina Ghost Town</b>
Interviewees:	Doug McLennan, volunteer, Farina Ghost Town, S.A.
Synopsis:	In 1878 a town was established at the head of the Ghan railway in Outback S.A. They planned to grow wheat, so the town was named, Farina, Italian for 'flour', fool hardy, for a town in a desert. Now, derelict streets echo the stories of settlers and Afghan cameleers; every step reveals a relic of the once thriving community. Tumble weed rolls past the ruin of the Intercontinental Hotel. There is hope amongst its 'Friends of Farina' who bestow their love and time on maintaining this fascinating Ghost Town.
Duration:	7.28

<b>EP 5:</b>	<b>Outback Charity Rallies</b>
Interviewees:	Ben Stacey, President of the Volks Enthusiasts Club of S.A. & Rick Percival from the 'Shitbox' Rally.
Synopsis:	*Mild Language warning* There is a rare breed of motoring heroes; convoys of them often gather in the Outback, in frail vehicles, on dirt roads, throwing caution to the wind, and all in the name of fund raising and adventure.

	They wander the desert sometimes, crossing paths with other nomads on similar missions; they gather at sacred watering holes, like the Marree Hotel. That was where I met Ben Stacey & Rick Percival, raising money for Cancer in Outback car rallies.
Duration:	8.00

<b>EP 6:</b>	<b>Coward Springs, desert oasis</b>
Interviewees:	Greg Emmett, Owner of Coward Springs Campground, museum & Camel Tours, S.A.
Synopsis:	As you reach the edge of Marree, you are thrust into a desert of salt lakes & remnants of the Old Ghan Railway. A weary traveller, of the Oodnadatta Track, could be forgiven for believing that Coward Springs, S.A. is a mirage. This oasis boasts green shade trees, mineral springs to wallow in & hot showers (if you light the 'Donkey' to heat the water); magnificent Date Palms planted by Afghan Cameleers and an old Railway siding, faithfully restored by the owners and all thanks to the Great Artesian Basin.
Duration:	8.00

<b>EP 7:</b>	<b>Larapinta Trail</b>
Interviewees:	Nick & Ewa Tuckett, hikers on the Larapinta Trail, West MacDonnell Ranges, N.T.
Synopsis:	The West MacDonnell Ranges rise up, west of Alice Springs for 650kms, they epitomise the raw, breathtaking beauty of the Red Centre. They are special to the local Arrente people and have inspired many artists, including Albert Namatjira. The Larapinta Trail is a world class, long distance hiking trail, running along the backbone of the ranges & some people actually want to walk it! Let's hear from Nick & Ewa Tuckett who survived the Larapinta Trail.
Duration:	8.00

<b>EP 8:</b>	<b>Junior Rangers, Roo Tails &amp; a Slide Show</b>
Interviewees:	Gererd Laselles, Ranger Coordinator, Finke River National Park, N.T.
Synopsis:	The Hermannsburg Lutheran Mission, west of Alice Springs, was home to Albert Namatjira. A vibrant arts community remains, many of them descendents of the great Aboriginal artist. The

	community has built up around the mission with a strong sense of 'working on Country'. From Hermannsburg, a track leads to Palm Valley where we met a group of dedicated Junior Rangers, with swags, kangaroo tails on the fire & a surprise slide show under the stars of the old mission days.
Duration:	8.00

<b>EP 9:</b>	<b>Alice Springs School of the Air</b>
Interviewees:	Yolanda, Tour Guide, Alice Springs, School of the Air, N.T.
Synopsis:	The first School of the Air was established in Alice Springs in 1951, thanks to the Royal Flying doctor Service and their pedal operated radios in Outback homes, enabling children, in remote locations, to access education by radio. Technology has progressed and the School of the Air Visitor Centre allows you to witness the delivery of online lessons to children, in the biggest classroom in the world. Yolanda, our Tour Guide, proudly explains how it works.
Duration:	8.00

<b>EP 10:</b>	<b>Dotty over Dinosaurs</b>
Interviewees:	Dr. Alex Cooke, Palaeontologist, 'Lark Quarry' Dinosaur Track Way & George Stenopious, Fossil Laboratory Coordinator, Winton, 'Age of Dinosaurs'. Central Queensland.
Synopsis:	Winton in Central Queensland is a pilgrimage for lovers of Dinosaurs; thanks to the geology of the Winton Formation, fossils, literally pop out of the ground. Lark Quarry Conservation Park reveals a precious snapshot from 95 million years ago, a preserved Dinosaur trackway, evidence of a dinosaur stampede. Palaeontologist, Dr. Alex Cooke, explains the remarkable footprints. George Stenopius from the 'Age of dinosaurs', describes how passionate volunteers actually pay to be trained and then spend their holidays cleaning dinosaur bones!
Duration:	8.00

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