

## CAIGUNA

Established 1962, mainly consists of a road-house with a population of 8, according to the 2016 census.

They boast clean rooms, comfy beds, friendly staff and good food and a 3.8 (almost 4) star rating. All that plus a chance to fill up the tank because its 1098 km to Perth, 1634 km to Adelaide or only 65 km to Cocklebiddy.

Coordinates:  
32° 16' 8" S, 125° 29' 24" E

Time Zone: GMT+8

Accom: John Eyre Motel & Caravan Park 0890393459.

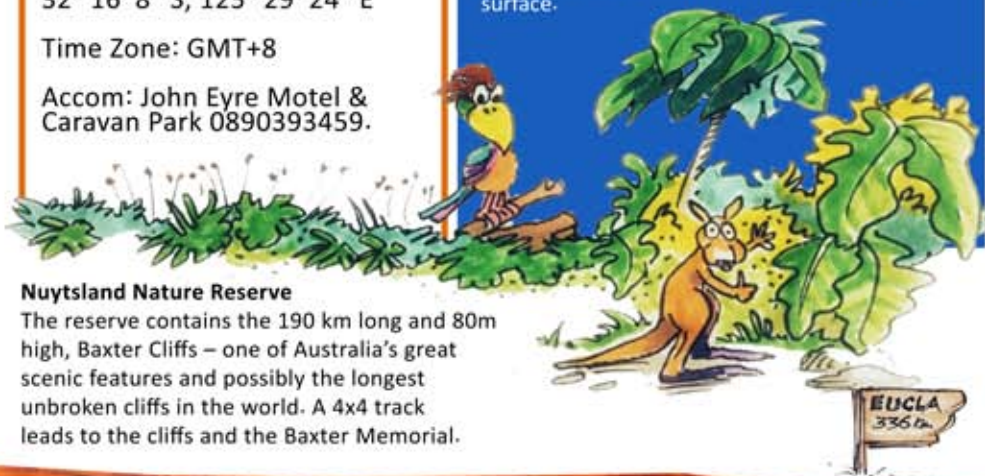


THE CAIGUNA ROADHOUSE



CAIGUNA BLOWHOLE

Located 5 km west of Caiguna these unusual formations are a product of the limestone which is common in the area. They are holes in the limestone which give the appearance of "blowing" when the air pressure differs between the caves underground and the air above the surface.



### Nuytsland Nature Reserve

The reserve contains the 190 km long and 80m high, Baxter Cliffs – one of Australia's great scenic features and possibly the longest unbroken cliffs in the world. A 4x4 track leads to the cliffs and the Baxter Memorial.



THE BAXTER CLIFFS



### A LITTLE HISTORY:

It is claimed that 'caiguna' is a word from the Aboriginal Mirning language, meaning 'spear track' which may refer to the speargrass which is extensive in the area.

Caiguna offers a unique opportunity to reflect upon the remarkable 1841 expedition across the Great Australian Bight by Edward John Eyre, three Aborigines and John Baxter who died during the expedition. About 40 years later John Healy discovered Baxter's remains - minus the skull however. The remains were sent to the Colonial Secretary of Western Australia. Curiously all records relating to the disposal of Baxter's remains were lost. In 1930 the Western Australian Historical Society erected a memorial for John Baxter which can be viewed 20 kilometres south of Caiguna.



THE BAXTER MEMORIAL

### RALLY & ROAD SNIPPETS:

In the 1950's, famous 'Dunny Destroyer' Galignite Jack Murray, whilst crossing the Nullarbor hit a kangaroo. Trying to find humour out of a sad situation he put his sports coat and co-driver's sunglasses on the poor creature for a photo opportunity. However, the kanga was only stunned, came to and bounded off across the plains.

GJ placed an advert in the National newspapers requesting information from anyone who has seen a 'well dressed' kangaroo because it had his wallet in it's pocket with over 100 quid.



Galignite Jack Murray took part in both the 1968 and 1977 London to Sydney Marathons.

Jack Murray along with Evan Green and George Shephard entered as the BMC works team in an Austin 1800, arriving in 21st place,



CAIGUNA

90 MILE STRAIGHT - 146.6 KM

EYRE HIGHWAY