



## CONTENTS: **THE GREAT SOUTHERN ROAD**

Each page spread is dedicated to the towns and roadhouse settlements along the route of the Great Southern Road. We have endeavoured to include as much information about each particular place as we can which includes a little bit of history from the time of settlement, the population according to the 2016 census, the time zone if it is relevant, the immediate natural tourist attractions as well as some of the infamous events that might have occurred in that area such as the falling to earth of the international space station, Skylab, and where you can go to see some of the debris that was scattered over a huge area.

We have shown the distances between towns and roadhouses so that you can prepare your journey and plan your overnight base stops and the most important fuel stations and mechanical services. We have listed the hotel and motel accommodation and the contact numbers so that you can book ahead.

As well as general location details for each potential stop over we have shown the coordinates so that you can set your navigator and be sure to get to where you are heading without keeping an eye on a map.

Many famous incidents have happened along this track from the time in 1912 when Francis Birtles set off from the east on his bicycle to attempt mapping a route, accompanied only by his dog, to the incredible adventures experienced by those brave and insane motorists who, in 1968, set off on the London to Sydney car rally only to discover that the Australian sector was going to prove to be 80% harder than the tracks they had covered before reaching our shores. In 1993 it was on again and many of the same drivers took part. You would think that they had learned their lesson but ... Oh no! The well prepared and somewhat modern vehicles that were competing kept to the original track while the fragile looking yet robust vintage cars and motor bikes kept to the sealed highway respecting the 1,2 and 3 cylinders that were propelling them to the big finish.

Each page has some information regarding the many incidents from both rallies and the location where they occurred.

It is important to note that planning and preparation is key when endeavouring your journey across the Great Southern Road. If you're coming from the east then take note that Ceduna is the last town before heading through the Nullarbor and Norseman when coming from the west.