

# Updates from the Journey of Muzz

## Day 9



Well today we travelled from Nyah (River Marker 1356) to Marker 1316, a shorter distance but one with many changing aspects of the river. We had wide shallow sections, narrow deep sections, shallow clay based areas and section with fallen trees almost all of the way across the river.

Luckily we **only** hit two underwater snags today and both of those were after Tooleybuc!

We stopped along the way & walked into the scrub, where Muzz found this **stump jump plough**.



Now as Muzz tells the story... this was a South Australian invention which enabled farmers to plough the field (after they had cut / pulled out most of the trees) - and the plough, instead of getting stuck on any remaining stump, would rise up (if the settings were correct - see the three handles) and over the obstacle & continue onwards.

They were - of course - horse drawn, and had a driver who sat where Muzz is seated & had a second person alongside to manage the horse.

## Now who was it who invented the Stump Jump Plough?

## What area of South Australia did they come from?

Muzz has moved on to another boat - phew..... the crew can rest!!!

Muzz has found a friend! He climbed to the top of Solway (one of the timber boats in our mini fleet), when he saw the bowsprit.



Historically boats were not safe places & many were lost in storms, floundered on reefs, were attacked by pirates or simply sprung a leak in the planking. Sailors became very superstitious and feared the dangers of the sea & so many carried small tokens to protect them from harm.

At the front of most sailing ships were carved figurines - usually of women to bring them safely home to their families.

The boat Muzz is on is called Solway, after the ship which brought its owner's family to South Australia in 1837. Now South Australia was only founded by colonists in 1836, so their family arrived in the very early days of Colonisation.

That very year, the original Solway sank in South Australian waters while taking on ballast.

Now, there is a question for for staff / parents & homework - ***what was ballast & why was it necessary for sailing ships in the early years?***

In more recent times many wake boats take on water as ballast for another reason - any wake boarders out there?

Either way Muzz enjoyed the friendship & Solway's owners (David & Lynley) were happy to have him on board.

Muzz was missed from Osprey..... well a little bit anyway!

## Muzz & Crew

