

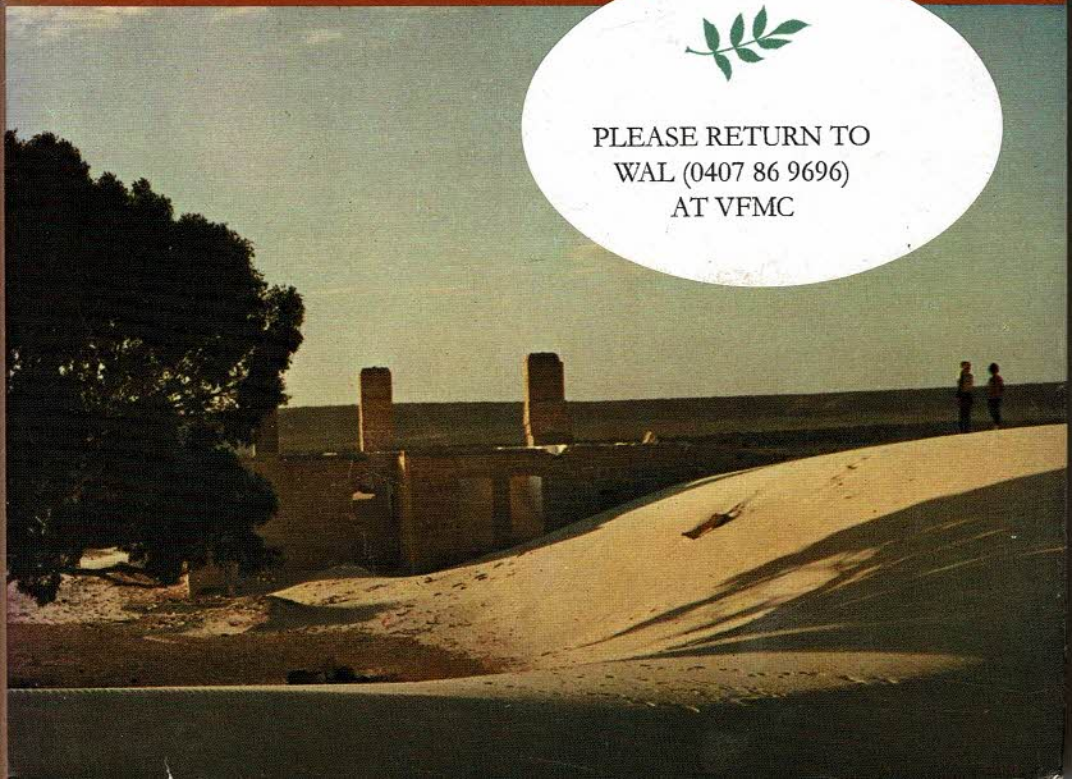


THE NULLARBOR STORY

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This is an intriguing account of a huge area of Australia which is virtually unknown to most people, yet is full of current and historical interest. The vast, empty spaces north of the Great Australian Bight once formed an impassable barrier between the settled East and the developing West, and its conquest by road, rail, and telegraph makes a fascinating portion of the narrative. The story of the Transcontinental Railway is a saga in itself, and is illustrated with historical photographs published for the first time. The author blends the historical picture of the Nullarbor with an account of his own journey across what, to most people, would seem a stretch of land to be traversed as quickly as possible. He writes about the people he met, both the old hands of the area and the variety of unusual travellers, and about the strange landscape in which there is as much of interest under the ground as on the surface. His various tips for travellers will prove invaluable to anyone planning to drive across the continent, and he describes how a new era of communication has opened with the completion of the Indian-Pacific Railway, a microwave radio telecommunication system, and the partial sealing of the Eyre Highway. But the Nullarbor is not yet tamed, and it still has no pity on those who stray from man-made routes through the waterless miles. "Crossing the Nullarbor" still has undertones of adventure, and the author has woven its story into a book which will prove as enthralling to the armchair traveller as to anyone who has travelled across it in ignorance of its complete and colourful story.

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