

Farina bound in June 2023... VK3CAM







Will be heading back to Farina, should be there around the 16th June, for about 2 weeks. Farina is located between Leigh Creek and Maree, outback South Australia.

I will be part of the Farina Restoration Group, stabilizing old abandoned stone buildings. Farina is now a ghost town, originally founded in 1860 it became the railhead for moving goods north from Adelaide. The goods would come up on the narrow gauge line, and transferred to camels. For shipping further north. Around 1890 population peaked at 300 residents.

The town had many stone buildings, pubs, post office, accommodation, police stations 3 in fact over the life of the town. Residential buildings more simply constructed from corrugated iron and limited timber. These residential buildings did not survive the time.

Eventually the standard gauge came through Farina, and continued north. Which then saw the Ghan operate through Farina. In 1960 due to constant floods washing tracks out, the line was moved further to the west.

So Farina became a ghost town. Farina was also famous for the underground bakery, which has been restored with its Welsh Oven. The other stone structures are slowly being repaired and

stabilised. This work is carried every year by volunteers, between end of May and July. More information on the web site.

www.farinarestoration.com

While most of my time will be taken up with stonework. I will take a HF box and some wire, along with a battery. Will try and make a few calls, suggest 20m and 80m, if later in the day.

