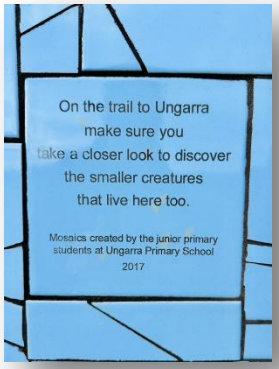
Northern Hills Drive

Twitchers Trail, Lipson, Ungarra, Koppio Hills

Much of this drive is on unsealed roads.
Please drive to road conditions to keep everyone safe.

Head north from Tumby Bay on the Lipson Road and turn right onto the Lincoln Highway (B100). Travel 5.7 km until the Lipson turnoff. Look for the brown sign and on the right, you will find **Site 1 of the Ungarra Twitchers Trail.**







The mosaics are created by the Ungarra Primary School students and community members from Ungarra, Lipson and Tumby Bay in 2017. They were designed and led by renowned artist Karen Carr. Don't forget to look on both sides of the sign.

Continue on the Lipson Road and travel through to **Lipson, a historic town dating from 1881.** Lipson was named after Captain Thomas Lipson, the state's first naval officer, harbour master and collector of customs.

There are nearby historical mines including the Burrawing Copper mine and Talc mines.

After exploring Lipson, travel through the town on the Lipson-Ungarra Road to **Site 2 of the Twitchers Trail** on the west side of Lipson, on the right hand side of the road approximately 500 metres after leaving Lipson.



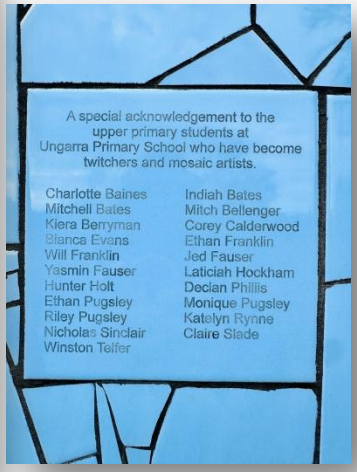










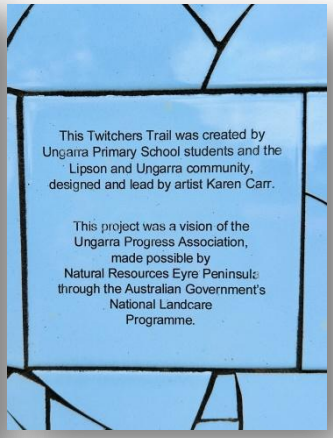


Site 3 of the Twitchers Trail is 10 km from the Lincoln highway on Baillie Hill – to the right 300 metres after the Baillie Hill sign.

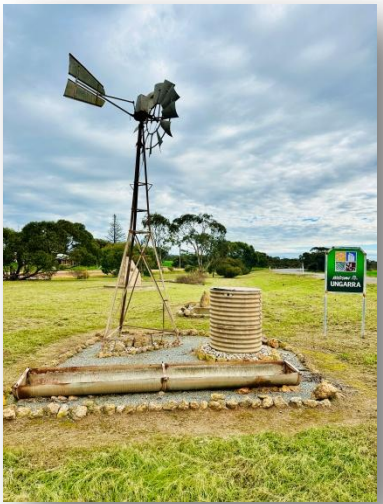
Site 4 is 17 km from the Lincoln Highway at the entrance to Ungarra, turn left onto Stokes Road and then immediately right.







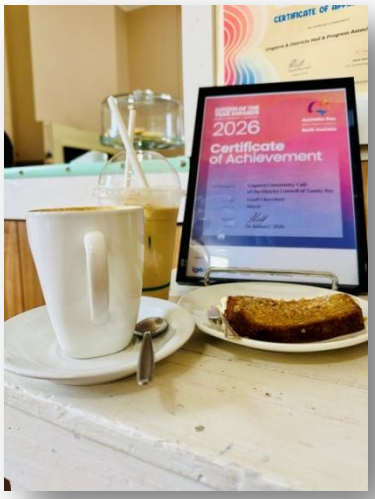
There is other interesting historical information at this site.



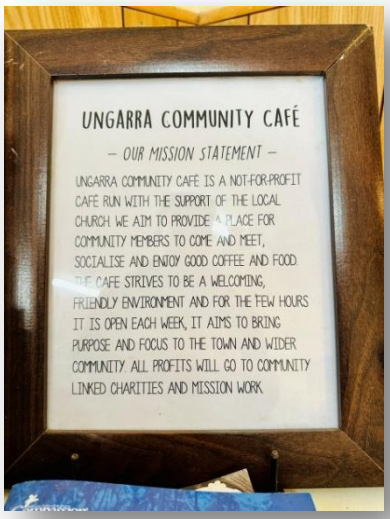




Stop for a coffee and food at the **Ungarra Community Café** if it is open (Monday and Friday– check their Facebook page for opening times).







After exploring Ungarra, travel 6.6 km to Moody Tank - travel through the town, cross over the railway line and turn left onto the Ungarra- Yeelanna Road.

Moody Tank will be on your right. Explore the area around Moody Tank which was a water catchment from Moody Rock for the steam trains from 1913 – 1969. There is a sign with information at the turn off.

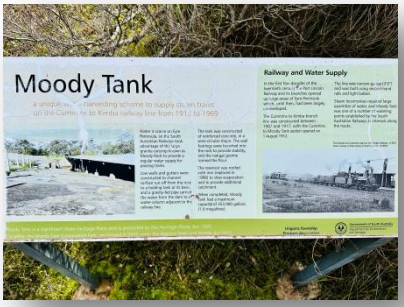






There is a track into the tank which at times, can be driven on, but it is a short walk through to the rock and tank.

Opposite the turn off next to the railway line there is a pipe that was used to fill the steam trains with water from the tank.



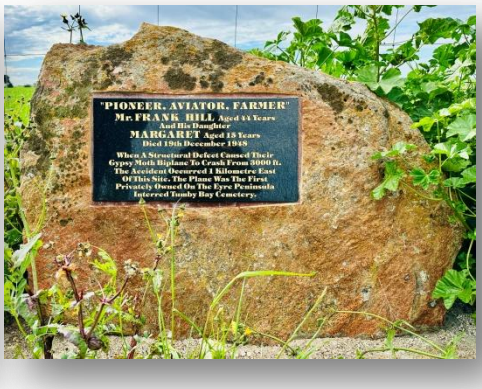




Continue along the road for 7.3 km, following the railway line for part of the way, turn left on **Degners Road** which extends into **Chinmina Hill Road.**

6 km from the crossroad on the left, there is a **memorial monument** for Mr Frank Hill, a pioneer aviator, and his 15 year old daughter who died in a plane crash in 1948.





This area is one of Eyre Peninsula's most productive cropping ground, with beautiful views and impressive crops during the growing season. Crops grown include canola and wheat.





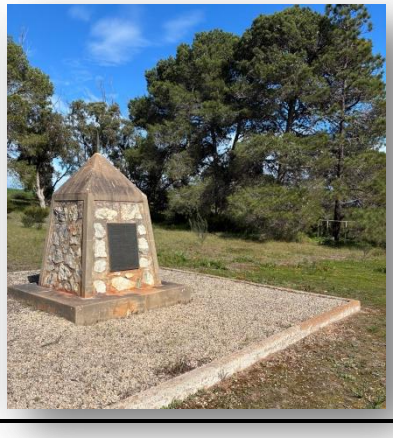
Continue along the same road for a further 3.7 km to the **top of Chinmina Hill** where you can view the district to the left. There are also beautiful views to the right.

Continue along the road towards **Stokes** for another 1.8 km over the brow of a hill for another **beautiful viewpoint** from a pull-off.

Continue on a further 3 km until you discover **Stokes Church** on the right which opened 1910 and closed in 1967. It cost 298 pounds to build ($596). Part of the building was also used as a school from 1939-1955. To the right of the church is a **Pioneer Women's Memorial** which was unveiled on Mothers' Day in 1963.







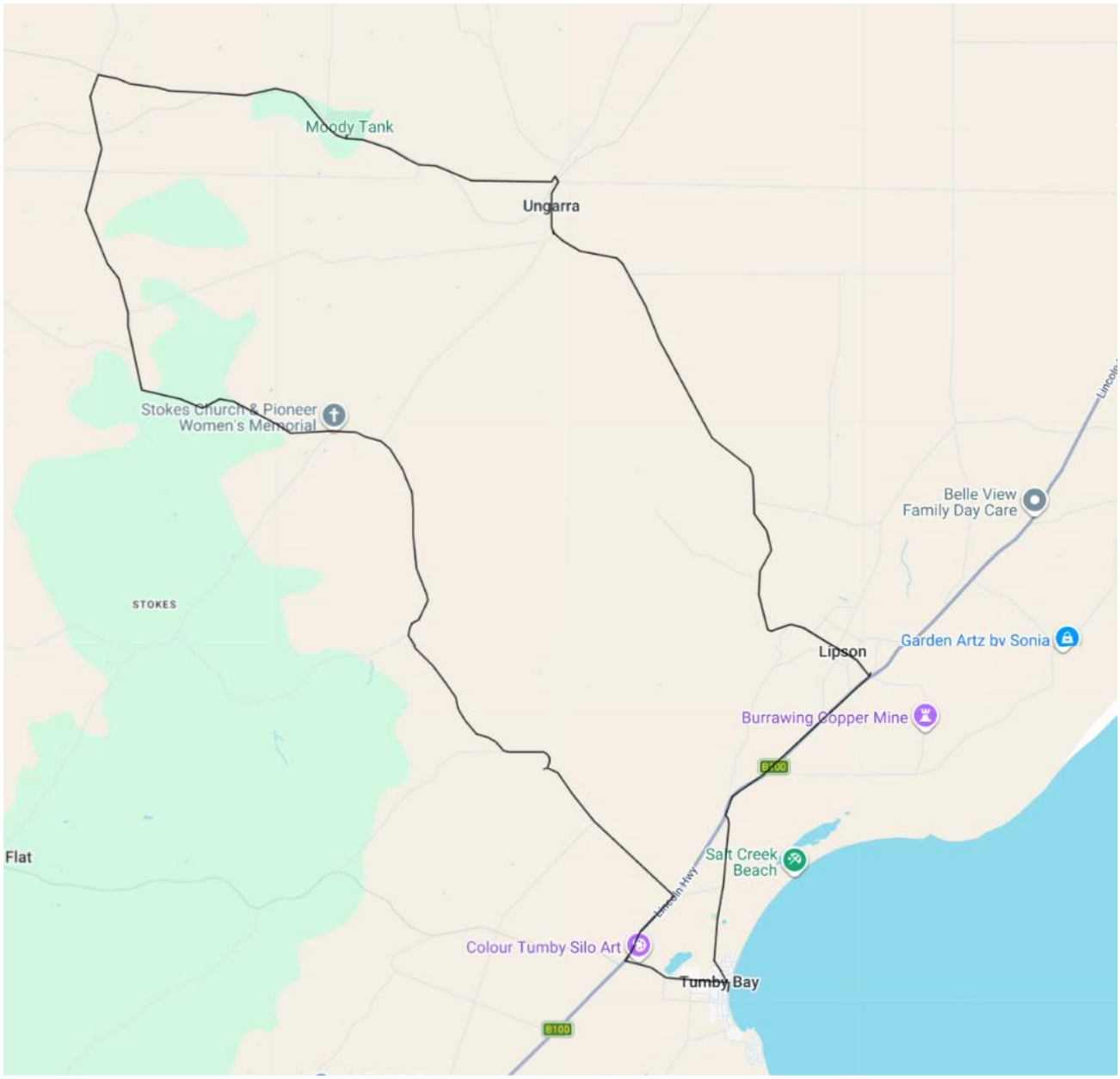
The farms in this area have no reticulated water relying on dams and natural water soaks.

Continue straight on **Chinmina Hill Road** which melds into **Mine Hill Road** towards Tumby Bay for 13 km to a pull off on the right at the end of the guard rail for **a spectacular view towards the Tumby Bay township and beyond.** The view from right to left encompasses Port Lincoln, Stamford Hill, Boston Island, Louth Island, Cape Donington, Taylor Island, Thistle Island, Sir Joseph Bank Group of islands, Tumby Bay, Tumby Flats, Tumby Island.



Continue on **Mine Hill Road** until you reach the **Lincoln Highway**, turn right and drive 2.3km until you reach the silos and then turn left on Bratten Way and continue into **Tumby Bay**.

Map of the Northern Hills Drive



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