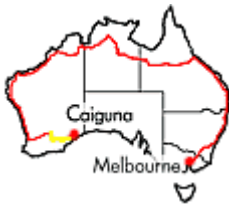




Around Australia Challenge Update
DAY 20: Tues 15-Jan-2002

Yellowdine (WA) to Caiguna (WA)	706 KM
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No rest day as was scheduled but instead a need to make up some lost ground and even to get ahead of schedule in order to finish in Melbourne at 5.00 PM Saturday 19 January.

The target destination if all went well was to be Cocklebidy, over 750 KM along the Nullabor.

Cooler temperatures in the range of 25-28 C were a welcome change and speeds around 80 KPH were maintained easily enough. The image of the Nullabor being absolutely flat are just not accurate. The cross Australia train line is much further north than the Eyre Highway and the landscape is more flat at that point.

Day 20 was just another day of travel. Because of adverse weather in the Around Australia Challenge the Aurora-RMIT 101 team has had to forego 3 planned rest days in order to hold to their schedule and have averaged an impressive daily average distance of 533 KM.

Early in the day 20 run the solar car reached the 10000 KM mark of the journey, constantly resetting the world record distance achieved. A press release to this effect was issued to 500 media outlets. We still plan to be in Adelaide at 12.00 PM on Friday 18 January and arrangements are proceeding for a welcome stop at the Town Hall in the centre of the city.

Failing light had the team call day's end at around 6.00 PM as they rolled into Caiguna.



Day 20, Past Yellowdine (WA) - pulled over to let a big truck past. (click for a larger image)



Day 20, Balladonia (WA) -we have been under cloud for about 50km, and the cloud is going to continue. (click for a larger image)



Not quite at Cocklebiddy but a distance of 706 KM achieved.

Day 20, Give me red dirt! [\(click for a larger image\)](#)

And was there a crowd of people at Caiguna! Peter Pudney reported a line up for the shower, a well patronised motel and crews of people involved in laying fibre optic communications cable across the Nullarbor.

The weather map looks ominous for tomorrow with more cloud persisting. Still the team is now ahead of schedule by nearly 400 KM.