



# houseboating with children



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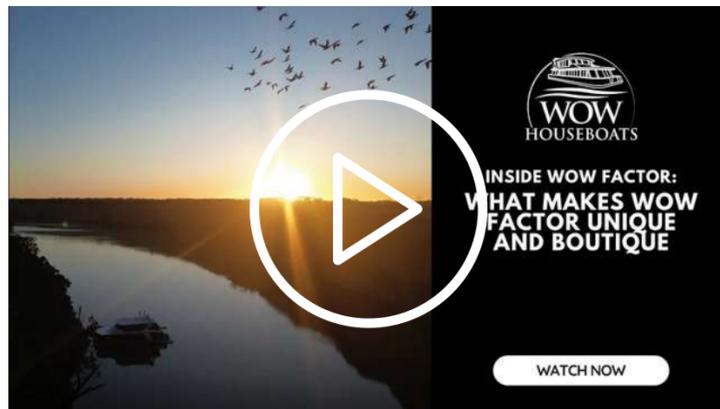


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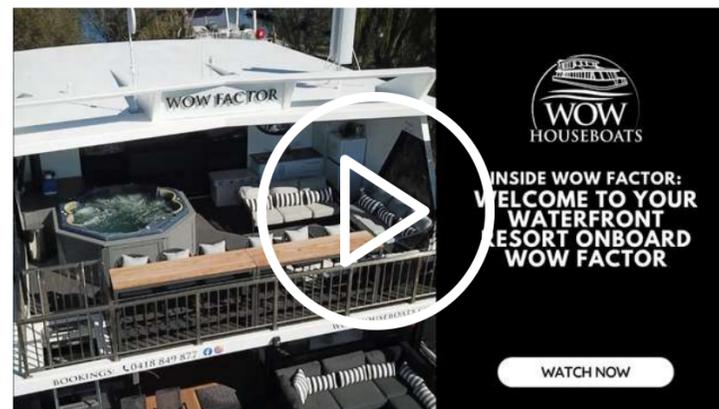
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**The greatest legacy we can  
leave our children is  
happy memories.**

OG MANDINO

# INTRODUCTION

For children of all ages, houseboating can be an educational and eye-opening experience. There are new experiences on the water, places to see, exciting things to do, and most importantly, absolute quality time with the family. However, vacationing with children may be a daunting task: extensive packing lists, grumpy children, and the horrors of "I'm bored."

On top of that, the main concern is whether houseboating is safe for my children. This, oftentimes, could be something that keeps you away from booking that houseboat holiday of your dreams.

But Wow Houseboats defies all of these concerns as we ensure the best out of your houseboating with your children. From our long list of child-safety features, fun and exciting add-ons to add some spice to your water activities to help you create that children's bucket list to avoid the horrors of "I'm bored".

Let Wow Houseboats help you plan and achieve that wow factor holiday with ease. Allow us to transform this daunting task into a fun and exciting opportunity for you and your children to enjoy and maximise the houseboat holiday of your dreams.

Isn't that the point of houseboating in the first place?



# HOUSEBOAT HOLIDAY WITH CHILDREN

Wow Factor is the perfect destination for families looking to enjoy a unique holiday experience with their children. Our houseboat features spacious living areas, comfortable bedrooms, and top-notch amenities that cater to the needs of all guests, including children. The rear-facing kitchen and dining area is a great place to prepare and enjoy meals together, while the upstairs lounge provides a cozy space for the whole family to relax and enjoy the stunning river views.

One of the things guests love about Wow Factor is the safe and secure environment it provides for children. The houseboat is equipped with safety features such as railings and safety gates, and our team is always on hand to ensure your stay is as comfortable and stress-free as possible.

There are plenty of activities for children to enjoy on and off the boat, including fishing, kayaking, swimming, and exploring the beautiful surrounds. And, of course, the chance to meet the local wildlife is always a highlight for kids, from the friendly ducks and swans to the occasional kangaroo sighting.

At Wow Factor, we understand that family holidays are all about creating special memories that will last a lifetime. That's why we go the extra mile to make sure every aspect of your stay is enjoyable and stress-free.



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**My favourite thing about the Wow Factor (houseboat) was very spacious and it could fit all of my friends and all of family and we all had a great time.**

We were delighted to see how much fun the young boys had during their stay on Wow Factor. From the moment they stepped on board, their energy and excitement were palpable, and it was clear that they were ready to make the most of every moment of their vacation. Throughout their stay, they had the chance to explore the beautiful Murray River and take part in a variety of activities on and off the boat.

Watching them reminisce about their vacation and seeing the smiles on their faces as they talked about their favorite moments was truly heartwarming. We're grateful to have been a part of creating such a special and memorable experience for these young guests, and we hope to continue providing wow factor vacations for families and friends for years to come.

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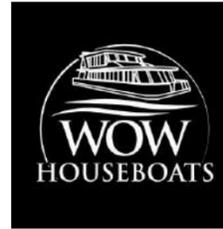




We had a great time on the Wow Factor. The houseboat has all the modern luxuries to ensure a great leisurely time on the river, with plenty of family friendly space onboard. Highly recommended!

*Huy Nguyen*





We stayed on wow factor, and it certainly did not disappoint. As a parent of a young family (1 and 3yrs old) we were relieved to see the quality guard railing around the perimeter of the boat, we also loved the layout, especially being able to go to the up stairs loungeroom for a few drinks when the kids went to bed and not having to worry about waking them up. This houseboat would have to be the best layout I've seen, love the kitchen down the back idea.

*Ryan Smith*

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**We had a couple of games from home that we could put on the Xbox 360. There are lots of things to discover like I didn't know there was a spa. I didn't know that there was remote to light up the whole boat..."**

Curious to know about the highlights of his adventure? We caught up with this young explorer, and he graciously shared his favorite moments and wow factor memories. From thrilling Xbox gaming sessions to serene moments of relaxation in the spa, his journey was filled with extraordinary surprises.

One of the standout features of Wow Factor that captivated our young explorer was the ability to control the boat's lighting with a remote. Imagine cruising along the tranquil Murray River, adjusting the ambiance to match the mood, and creating a truly immersive experience. It's a unique feature that adds an extra touch of magic to the journey.

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Absolutely the best experience we had ever! Todd and Kate are so nice and friendly as boat owner, and Jordy could be the best machinist all around the Murray River! The boat is huge and so easy for driving, thanks Jordy for the clear demonstration, even this is a 4 bedrooms houseboat bur you can learn driving it within 30 minutes.

There is plenty space on board, the kids are getting so much fun for spa and kayak. When you having a glass of wine on the 2nd floor deck by watching the Murray River sunset, you will know this is real life! We 'll definitely come again for next summer holiday!

*Zhang Hong*





We have just spent a very lovely weekend aboard WOW houseboat — 6 adults + 4 children and with age range of 20months to 65years. Spacious enough for everyone to retreat to their own spaces when necessary and enough to keep all ages occupied and happy. Tastefully decorated and very comfortable. Thank you WOW houseboats (special mention for Matthew Jordan who kept everything running smoothly) Highly recommend.

*Marianne Kokotis*

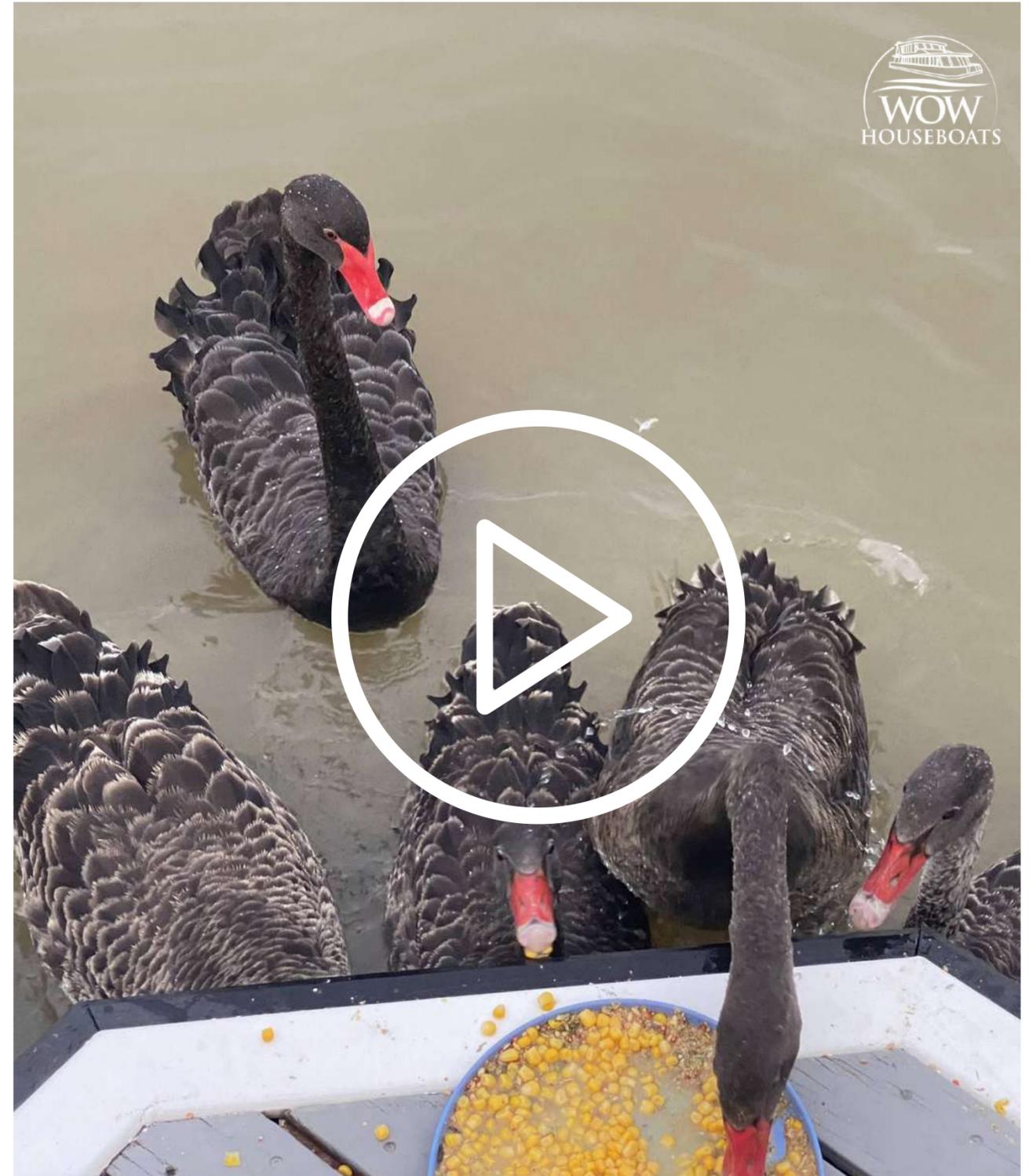
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**We had the most WOW time on the Wow Factor. We love the fishing... we also made a friend with a swan called Goose.**

We couldn't be more thrilled to hear that another family had an amazing weekend on board Wow Factor, making incredible memories at the stunning lower Murray. Despite the current challenging times, we remain committed to offering our guests the best houseboat experience possible. Our team works tirelessly to ensure that every aspect of your stay is tailored to your needs, from the top-notch amenities to the friendly and welcoming atmosphere on board.

During their stay, this family had the opportunity to meet one of the local swans, which they lovingly named Goose. This is just one example of the unique experiences that our guests can have during their stay with us. Whether you're looking to reconnect with nature, spend quality time with loved ones, or simply relax and unwind, Wow Factor provides the perfect escape from the stresses of daily life.

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**If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement, and mystery of the world we live in.**

RACHEL CARSON

# HOUSEBOAT RULES CHILDREN EDITION

Whether you're houseboating with babies, toddlers, school-aged children, or teens, the key to a fun and relaxing family holiday is well-informed planning and smart choices. Although, there are a number of risks that children can face while on a houseboat holiday, putting these simple rules right from the start will help you achieve that wow factor holiday with ease.

**NO RUNNING on the boat deck at any time.**

RULE NUMBER 1

**At NO POINT should children be left alone on the deck.**

RULE NUMBER 2

**While the boat is in motion, children must wear a life jacket.**

RULE NUMBER 3

**NO DIVING on the water at all times. NO JUMPING from the balustrades.**

RULE NUMBER 4

**DO NOT ENTER the swim deck while the boat is in motion.**

RULE NUMBER 5

**NO GOING BACKWARDS down the staircase at all times.**

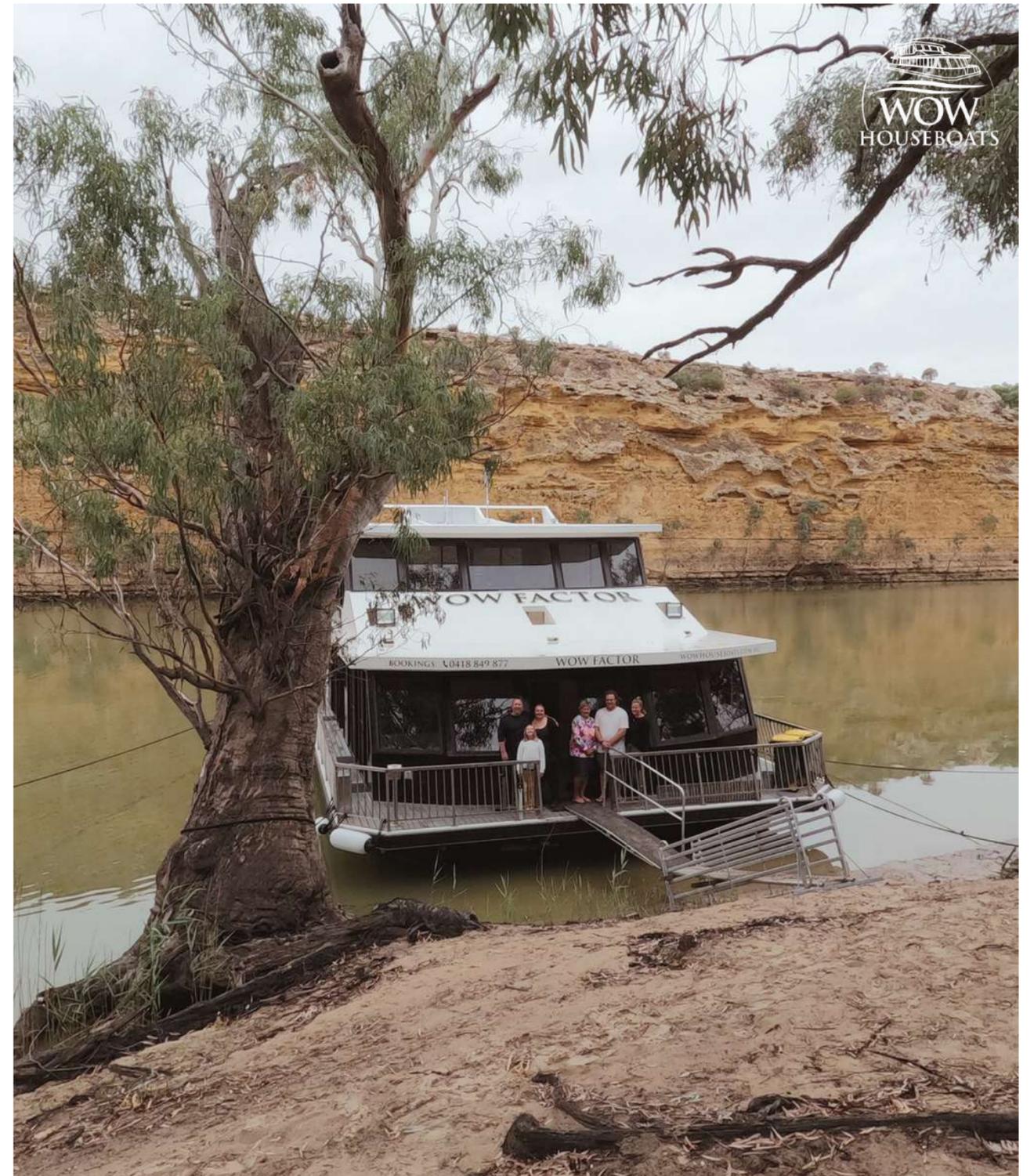
RULE NUMBER 6

**Strict supervision on the spa. When not in use, the spa cover should be put on.**

RULE NUMBER 7

**NO STEERING OF THE WHEEL upstairs while someone is at the downstairs helm driving the boat.**

RULE NUMBER 8



# WOW FACTOR CHILD-FRIENDLY FEATURES

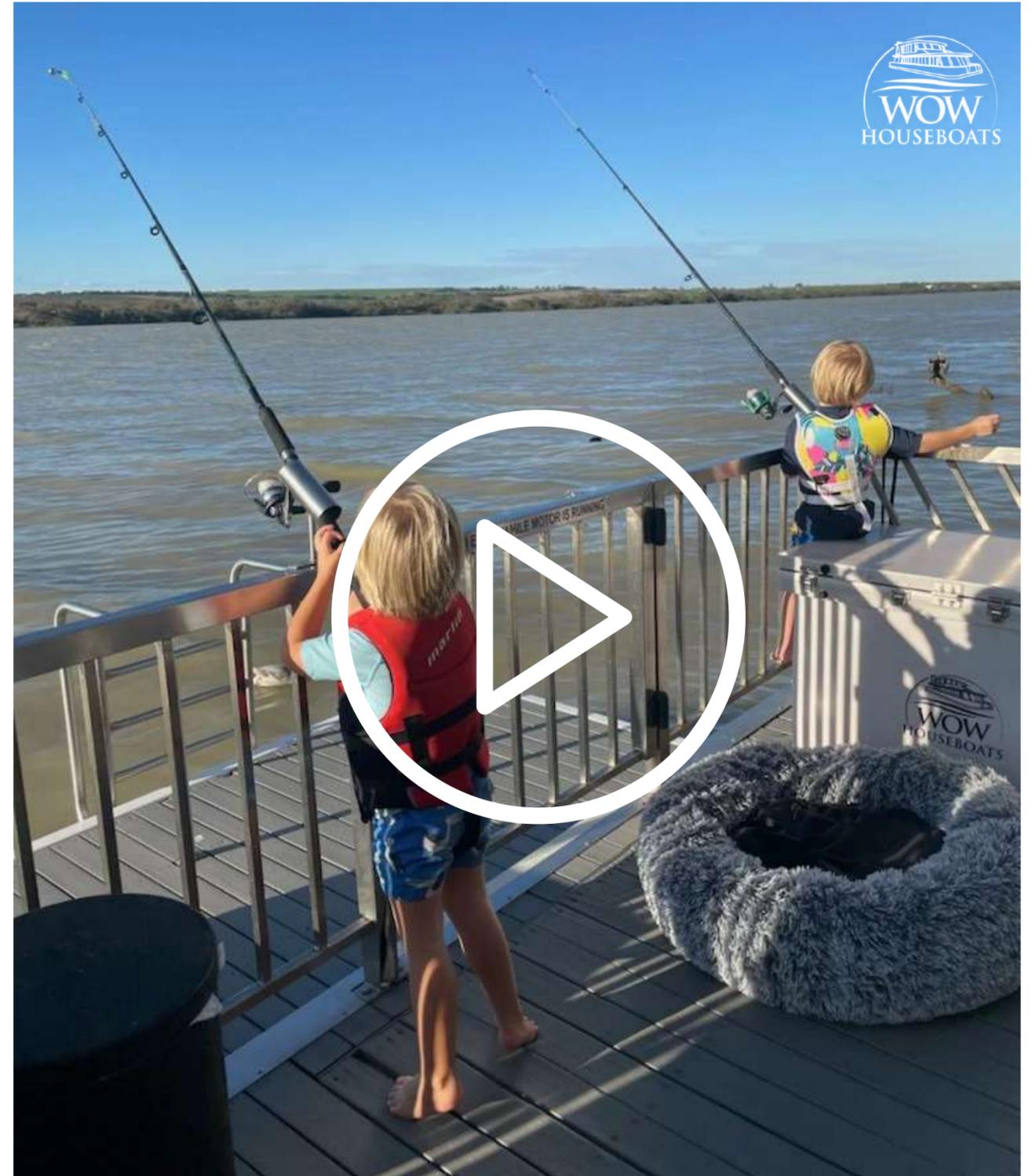
A houseboat holiday can be a magical experience for families with children, full of endless opportunities for creating wow factor memories. Whether it's fishing, swimming, or exploring the scenic beauty of the waterways, kids of all ages will find a plethora of fun and exciting activities to keep them engaged and entertained.

As parents, however, safety must always be the top priority when it comes to family vacations, and this is especially true when it comes to houseboating. Fortunately, the Wow Factor takes safety very seriously, and we have implemented a number of features to ensure that your family can enjoy a safe and worry-free vacation.

First and foremost, the boat is equipped with life jackets for everyone on board, and we require that they be worn at all times when on the exterior decks of the boat. Additionally, we have fire extinguishers and smoke detectors in every cabin, as well as carbon monoxide detectors throughout the boat.

For added security, we have installed a GPS tracking system that allows us to monitor the boat's location at all times, and we also provide a comprehensive safety briefing before your departure, which covers everything from how to properly operate the boat to what to do in the event of an emergency.

With these safety features in place, you can rest assured that your family's well-being is our top priority. So why wait? Book your houseboat vacation on the Wow Factor today and get ready to create memories that will last a lifetime.



# CHILDREN'S LIFE JACKETS

## SAFETY FEATURE #1 ▶

Ensuring the safety of our guests is of utmost importance to us, which is why Wow Factor has been equipped with an extensive range of safety equipment. In addition to the 12 adult-size emergency lifejackets, we also provide 8 children-size emergency lifejackets suitable for those weighing between 15-40 kgs and 2 children-size emergency lifejackets suitable for those weighing between 10-15 kgs.

Furthermore, we have included an emergency lifebuoy for added safety measures. However, please note that it is illegal to use these items unless it is deemed an emergency.

While we do provide a range of emergency lifejackets, we recommend that guests bring their own appropriately sized life jackets if they plan on participating in water sports or spending time around the boat. Children, in particular, should have a life jacket that they can wear comfortably for extended periods, rather than relying solely on an emergency jacket like adults.



# FIRE EXTINGUISHERS & FIRE BLANKETS

## SAFETY FEATURE #2 ►

Ensuring the safety of our guests is our top priority, which is why we have provided several safety measures to prevent and combat fires on the boat. There are currently three fire extinguishers on the boat, which should only be used in the case of an emergency. If used unnecessarily, there will be a \$100 refill charge for each extinguisher.

In addition to fire extinguishers, we have also provided a fire blanket in the kitchen, located on the wall near the fridges. This multi-purpose blanket can be used to extinguish small fires by throwing it over them, wrap up an injured person, or even be used as protection while walking through a fire-ridden area.

To further enhance safety measures, an additional fire blanket will be made available on the balcony upstairs once a BBQ or fire pit is added to the boat. We take all necessary precautions to ensure our guests have a safe and enjoyable experience on board the Wow Factor.



# FIRST-AID / MEDICAL KIT

## SAFETY FEATURE #3 ▶

There is a first aid kit located in the downstairs hallway cupboard. We try to keep this up to date, so please advise us of any supplies that have been used so that we can restock.

### Emergency contact details

- Police, Fire and Ambulance - Phone 000 for emergency assistance.
- Poisons Information Centre - Phone 13 11 26
- CPR instructions visit [health direct](#)

### Manager and Maintenance contact details

Kate Byford - 0466522162 or 0418 849 877

Matthew Jordan (Jordy) - 0438 391 266



# CHILD-PROOF BALUSTRADES

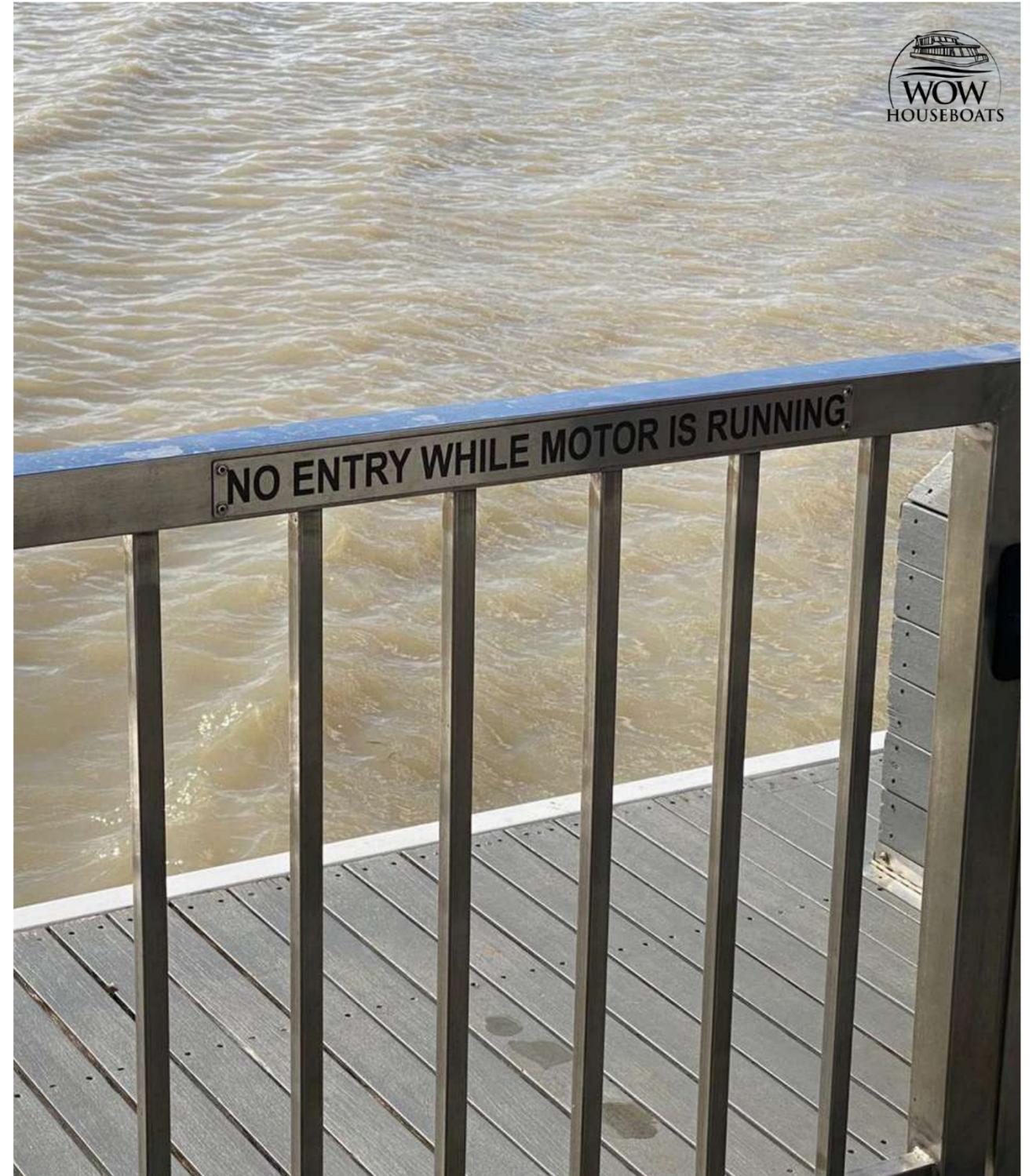
## SAFETY FEATURE #4 ►

The safety of children is a top priority when it comes to houseboat vacations, and the Wow Factor has taken extra measures to ensure that younger children cannot easily access the water.

Childproof balustrades and self-closing hinges with lockable latches have been installed, providing an additional layer of security and peace of mind for parents.

It's important to note that while these childproofing measures can reduce the risk of accidents, they are not a guarantee. Young children should always wear lifejackets and be under parental supervision at all times, especially when outside.

By following these guidelines, families can enjoy a safe and worry-free houseboat vacation aboard the Wow Factor.

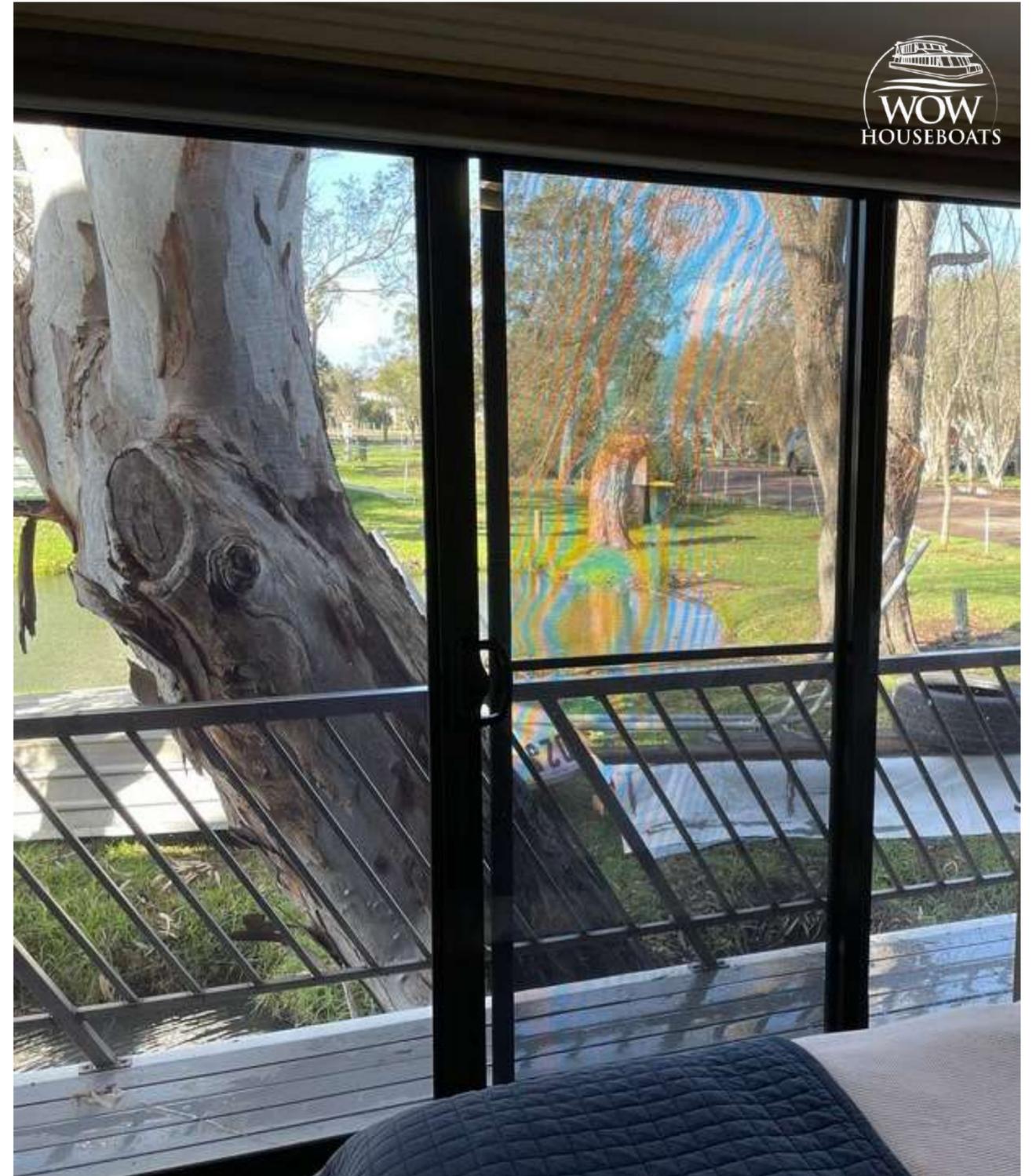


# SLIDING DOORS WITH LOCK FEATURES

## SAFETY FEATURE #5 ►

One of the most important safety features on the boat is the lockable sliding doors. These doors are designed with a lock feature that prevents little ones from getting out of the cabin and accidentally falling into the water from the deck of the houseboat. With these doors securely locked, parents can have peace of mind knowing that their children are safe and secure inside the cabin.

However, it's important to note that while these safety features can help prevent accidents, they are not foolproof. Parents should still exercise caution and supervise their children at all times to ensure their safety. It's also recommended that children wear life jackets when outside on the deck or near the water.



# WINDOWS WITH LOCKS

## SAFETY FEATURE #6 ►

To ensure the safety of all guests on board the Wow Factor, we have established certain guidelines and safety measures. As part of our safety protocols, there are certain areas on the boat that are off-limits or outside the permitted areas. These areas are clearly marked in red on the boat layout diagrams, which will be provided to you upon boarding.

Additionally, we ask that guests refrain from opening any upstairs windows as they are locked for your safety. To further ensure the safety of our guests, we have installed prominent safety markings throughout the boat, including signs such as "no access."

These markings serve as a reminder to all guests to follow the established safety guidelines and help prevent accidents from occurring. Our team is dedicated to providing a safe and enjoyable experience for all, and we appreciate your cooperation in following these important safety measures.



# SIGNBOARDS AND SMOKE DETECTORS

## SAFETY FEATURE #7 ►

We have taken the necessary precautions to make sure that all areas that could pose a safety risk are marked in red on the boat layout drawing to avoid unwanted accidents.

Additionally, we have placed markings throughout the boat to remind guests of the areas that are outside of permitted access. The safety features include the "no access to roof area" signage, which helps guests to recognize which areas to avoid.

In addition to this, we have installed three smoke detectors on the boat to ensure that in the unlikely event of a fire, everyone will be alerted immediately. These smoke detectors are regularly tested and maintained to ensure that they are functioning correctly.

We highly encourage our guests to be vigilant and cautious when onboard the Wow Factor and follow all safety instructions provided to them during the orientation. We want everyone to have a safe and enjoyable experience on our houseboat.



# WOW FACTOR SAFETY TIPS

Houseboating is an enjoyable and unique way to spend quality time with your loved ones. However, it's important to prioritise safety to ensure that everyone on board is protected from unwanted incidents. To help you have a safe and worry-free houseboating experience, we have carefully compiled the following safety tips for you and your family. By following these guidelines, you can enjoy your vacation without compromising your safety.

**Set and enforce rules.**

SAFETY TIP 1

**Teach your children how to swim**

SAFETY TIP 2

**Teach them basic survival skills.**

SAFETY TIP 3

**Teach them on how to use the radio.**

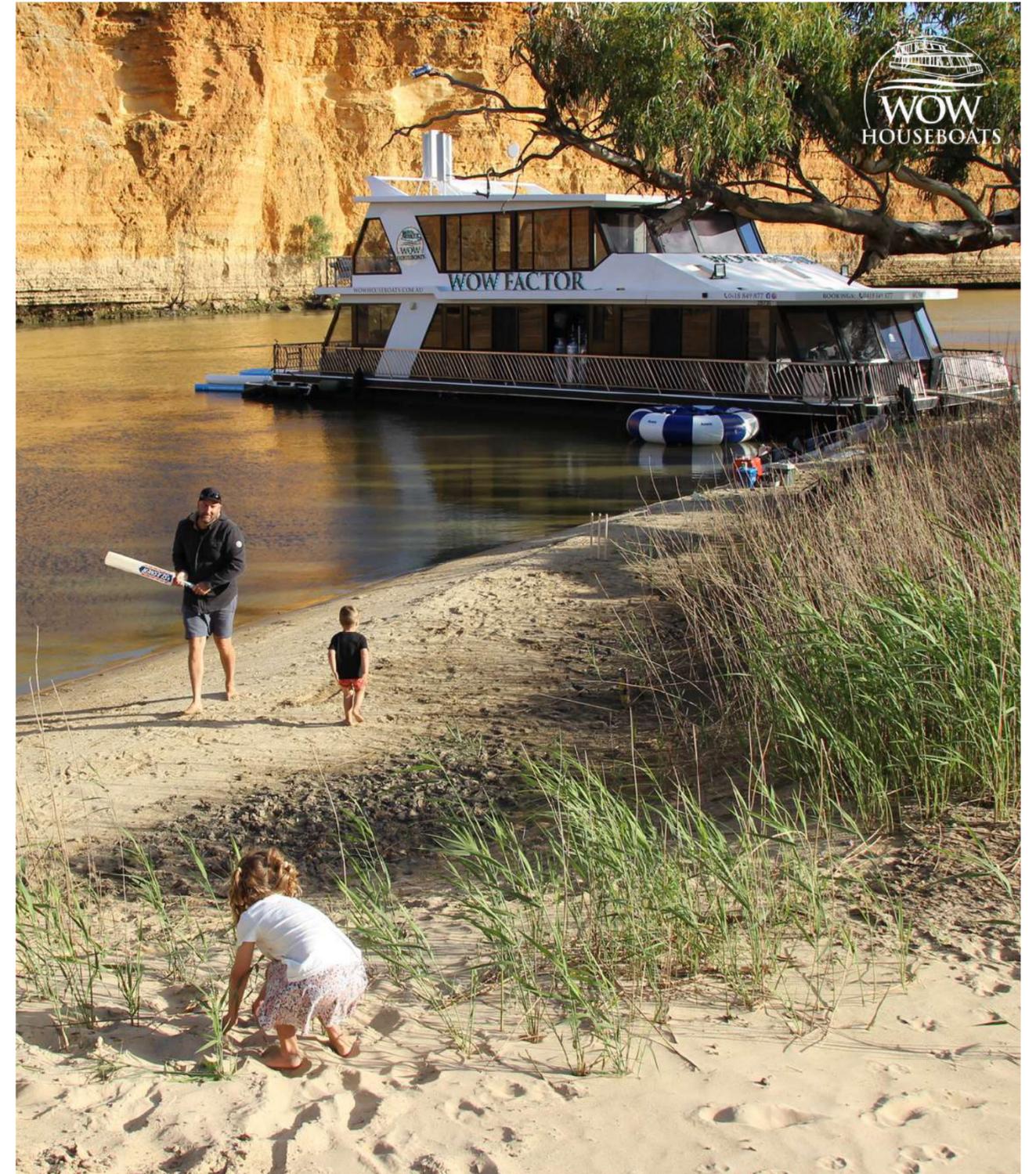
SAFETY TIP 4

**Tour them around the boat and point out safety features and routines.**

SAFETY TIP 5

**Create a safe zone.**

SAFETY TIP 6





**When you travel with children, you are giving them something that can never be taken away... experience, exposure and a way of life.**

PAMELA T. CHANDLER

# WOW FACTOR WONDERS ON WATER

We understand that houseboating is a unique and exciting vacation experience for families with children. Kids love the idea of spending their entire holiday on the water, exploring every corner of the boat and enjoying new adventures.

However, we also know that at some point during the trip, families may want to tie up the boat and explore the surrounding area or engage in fun activities together.

That's why at Wow Houseboats, we have a lot in store for you and your family! We've curated a list of boredom busters that cater to kids of all ages - from babies and toddlers to school-age children and teens. These activities are designed to bring a wow-factor experience to everyone and make your houseboating vacation a memorable one.



# BIRDWATCHING

## WONDERS ON WATER #1 ▶

In today's digital age, it's essential to encourage children to take a break from screens and connect with the natural world. Spending time outdoors can improve their physical and mental health, boost creativity, and enhance their appreciation for the environment.

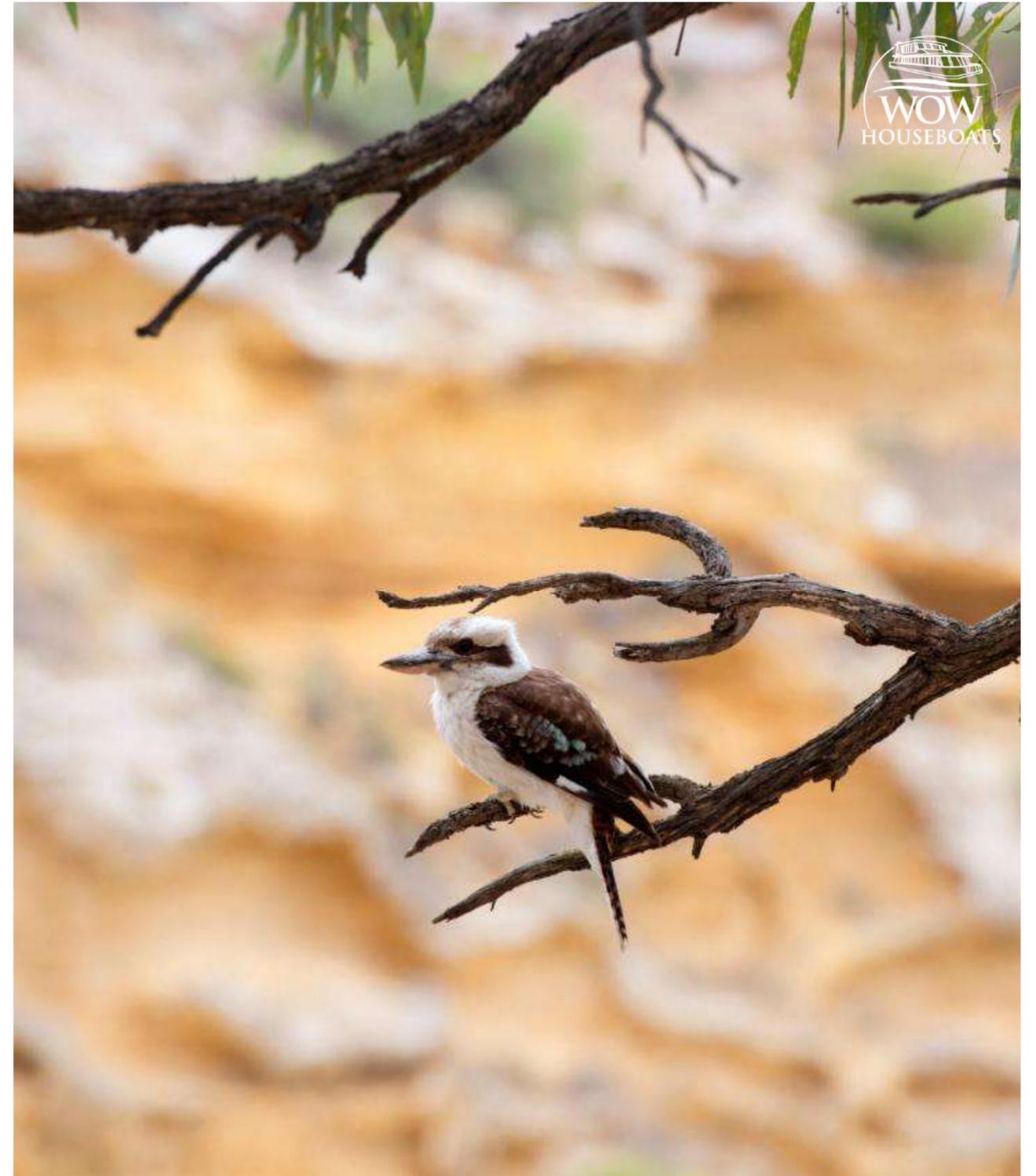
While social media and technology have their benefits, they can never replace the thrill of discovering and learning about nature firsthand.

At Wow Factor, we offer the perfect opportunity for families to disconnect from technology and reconnect with nature through bird watching. The Murray River is a bird watcher's paradise, home to a diverse range of bird species that are waiting to be discovered.

By providing two sets of binoculars and a Bird Watching Book, we hope to make this experience even more exciting and enjoyable for everyone on board.

So, take a break from your screens and join us for a wow factor bird watching adventure on the Murray River.

Image courtesy of South Australian Tourism Commission



# DOUBLE FISHING KAYAK

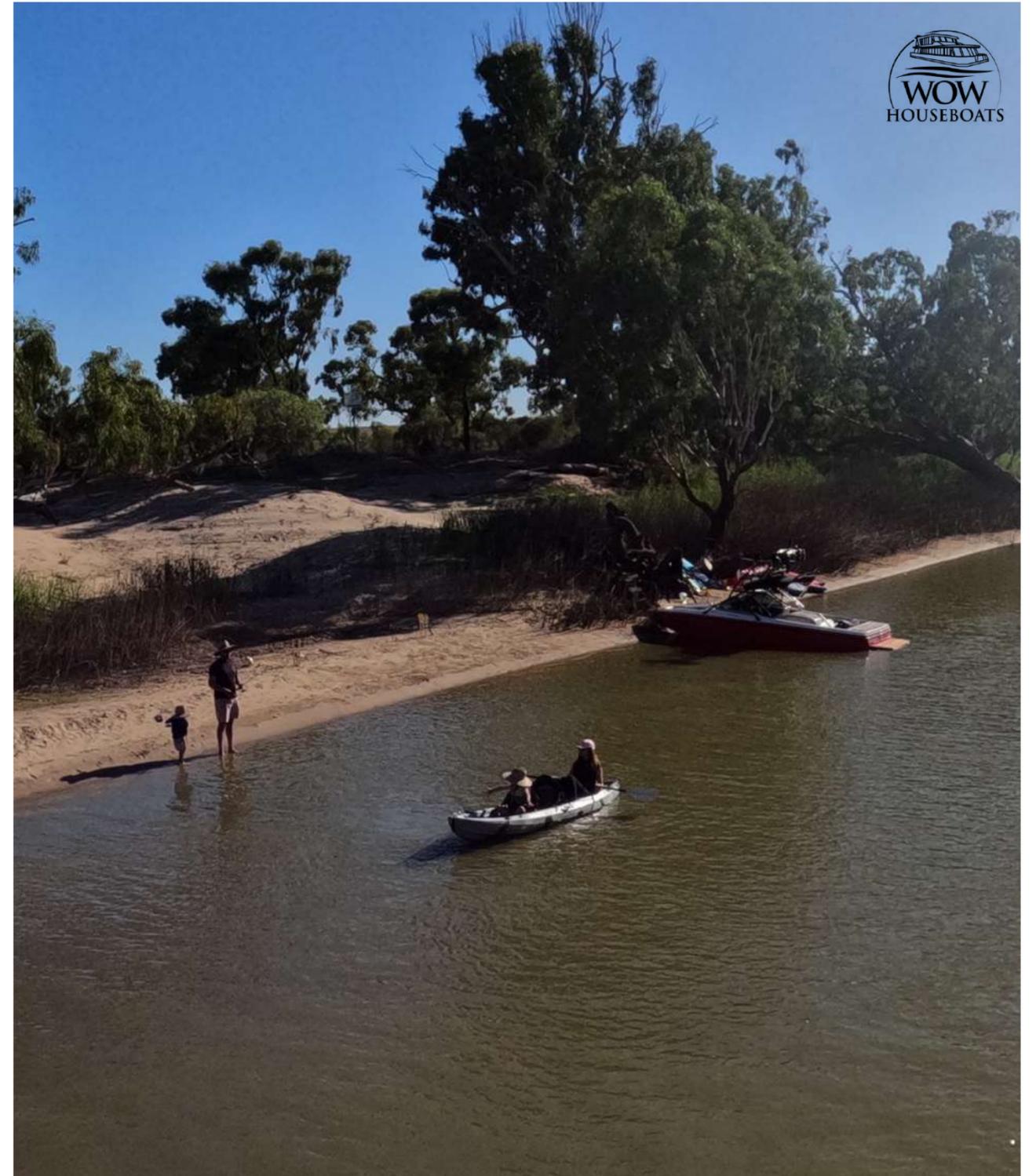
## WONDERS ON WATER #2 ▶

The Eagle Double Fishing Kayak Package is perfect for families or groups of friends who want to explore the river in a unique way. Not only can you paddle through the tranquil waters, but you can also catch some fish while you're at it! Imagine gliding through the river, feeling the cool breeze on your face, and hearing the sound of water gently lapping against your kayak. It's an experience that you and your loved ones won't soon forget.

One of the great things about the Eagle Kayak is that it's versatile enough to accommodate different sizes and ages. With a luxury soft seat in the middle, a small child can join in on the fun while staying safe and comfortable. For larger children, they can either sit in the front or rear seat, but an adult must supervise them at all times to ensure their safety.

Don't worry if you've never tried fishing before, as the package also includes fishing gear and equipment that you can use during your trip. Our knowledgeable staff can also provide you with tips and guidance on how to fish successfully on the river.

So what are you waiting for? Book your houseboat holiday with Wow Factor now and experience the thrill of kayaking and fishing on the Magical Murray River!



# WATERSPORTS

## WATERSKIING, WAKEBOARDING, KNEEBOARDING, BAREFOOTING

### WONDERS ON WATER #3 ▶

The Murray River is a true paradise for water sports enthusiasts! From adrenaline-pumping activities like water skiing, wakeboarding, and jet skiing to more relaxing options like kayaking and fishing, the river has it all. If you have your own gear, you'll find many wide and calm stretches of water perfect for trying out your skills.

But if you don't have your own equipment or just want to try something new, don't worry - Wow Factor has got you covered! We offer top-quality water ski gear that you can rent for an extra cost.

Our team will be happy to provide you with all the information you need, so don't hesitate to contact us to learn more. Get ready for some serious fun on the water!

[Water safety on the Murray River and skiing information](#)  
[Best practice for wakeboarding on the Murray River](#)



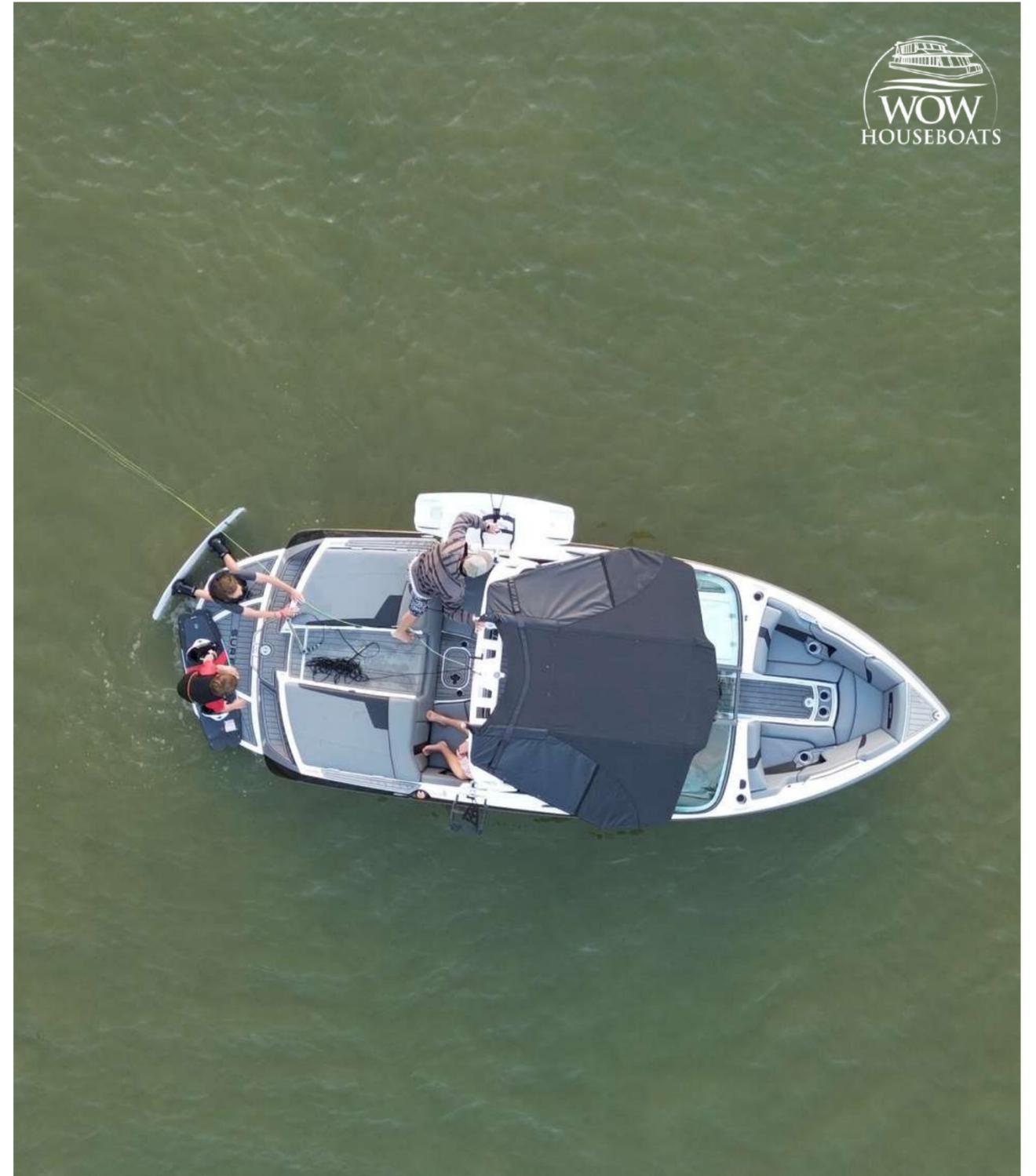
# JET SKI AND SKI BOATS

## WONDERS ON WATER #4▶

Looking for some high-octane thrills on the water? Look no further than Wow Factor! We offer a range of exciting water sports, including jet skiing, wakeboarding, barefooting, water skiing, and kneeboarding.

Whether you're a seasoned pro or a beginner looking to try something new, we have you covered. We can even book jet skis and ski boats for you, complete with a driver and coach, so you can focus on the fun without any hassle.

And if you're bringing your own equipment, we can offer you access to our ski boat shed, located conveniently next to the houseboat, to complement your water ski boat. Get in touch with us to learn more about our options and pricing.



# STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING

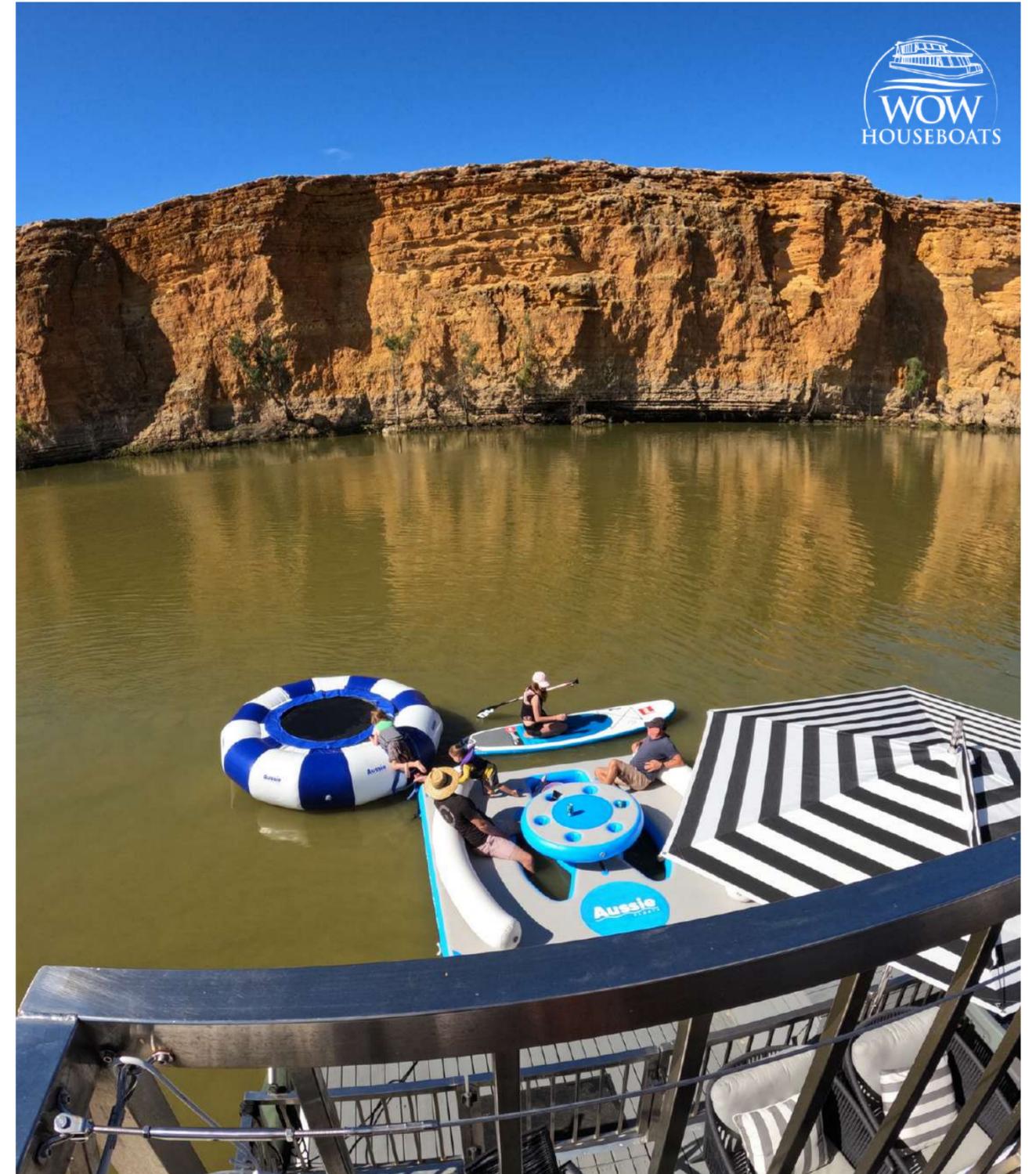
## WONDERS ON WATER #5 ▶

Looking for a fun and exciting way to explore the Murray River? Look no further than paddle boarding! With the gentle rhythm of the oars and the sounds of the river around you, it's the perfect way to experience the natural beauty of the area.

At Wow Factor, we offer a 10'8" Ride MSL Inflatable Paddle Board Package for hire. Whether you're a heavier rider or just looking for some company on the water (including furry friends), this package is perfect for you.

With its increased volume, it offers super stability and performance that will make your paddle boarding experience even more enjoyable. So why wait? Come and enjoy the serene beauty of the Murray River with our inflatable paddle board package today!

[Check this paddling tips](#)



# RIVERBANK COOKING AND CAMPING

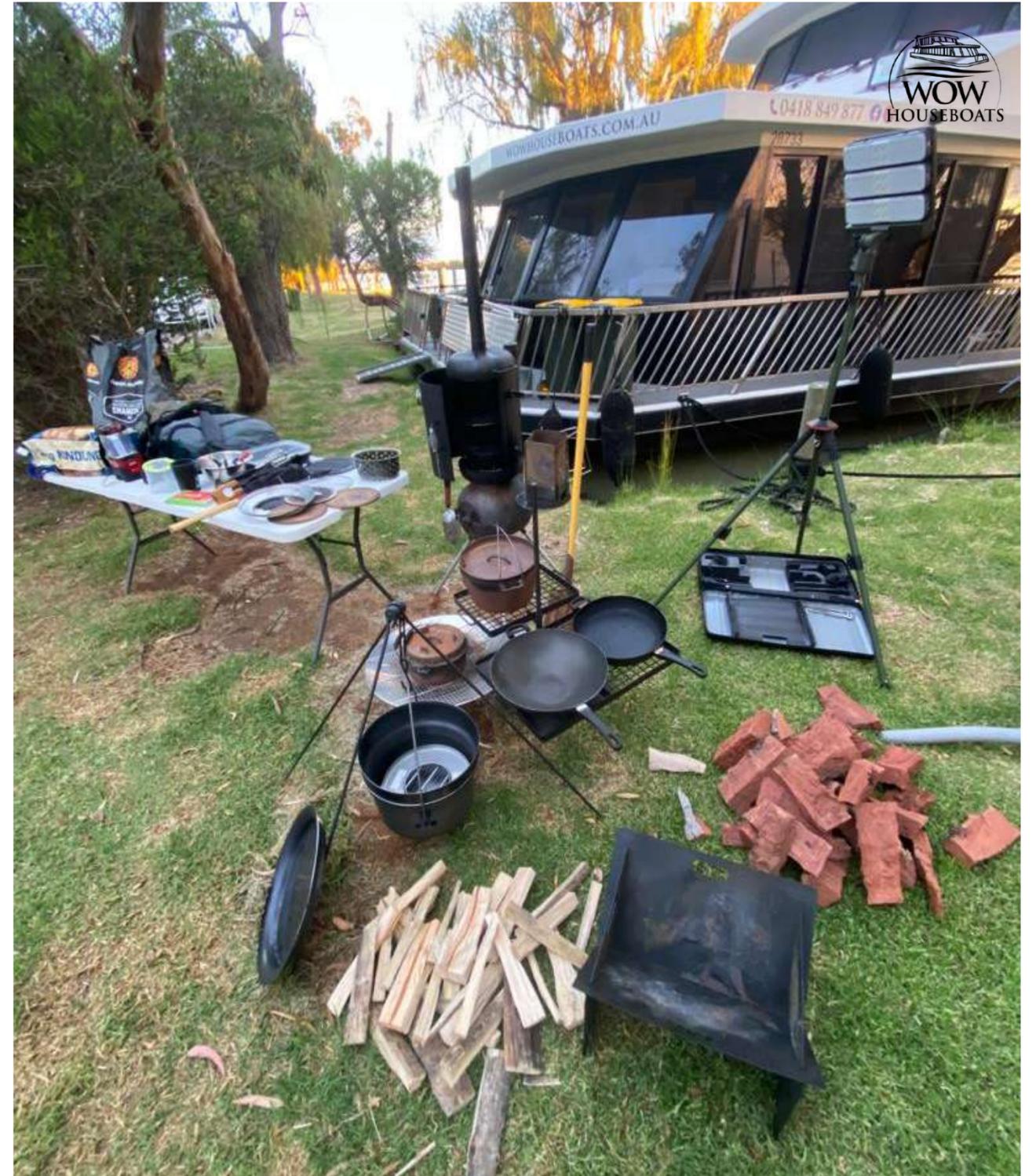
## WONDERS ON WATER #6 ▶

Teenagers love to be around the fire while the adults prefer to spend their nights on the boat. We provide camping essentials such as outdoor cooking equipment for open fire:

- 2 x camp ovens, BBQ over coals, kettle
- Torches (everyone have torches!)
- 12 x deck chairs with heat pack (you can also rent some swags)
- Oz pig smoker (on shore only; not to be used on the boat)
- Fire to Fork Cookbook

Wow Factor also boasts the brightest flood lights on the River Murray, perfect for riverbank cooking and camping. The boat's signage lights up as well like the lights on a Christmas tree.

[Check the River Camp \(Caravan & Camping\) Map](#)  
[Fire Prevention and Fire Danger Season](#)



# STARGAZING AT THE BIG BEND

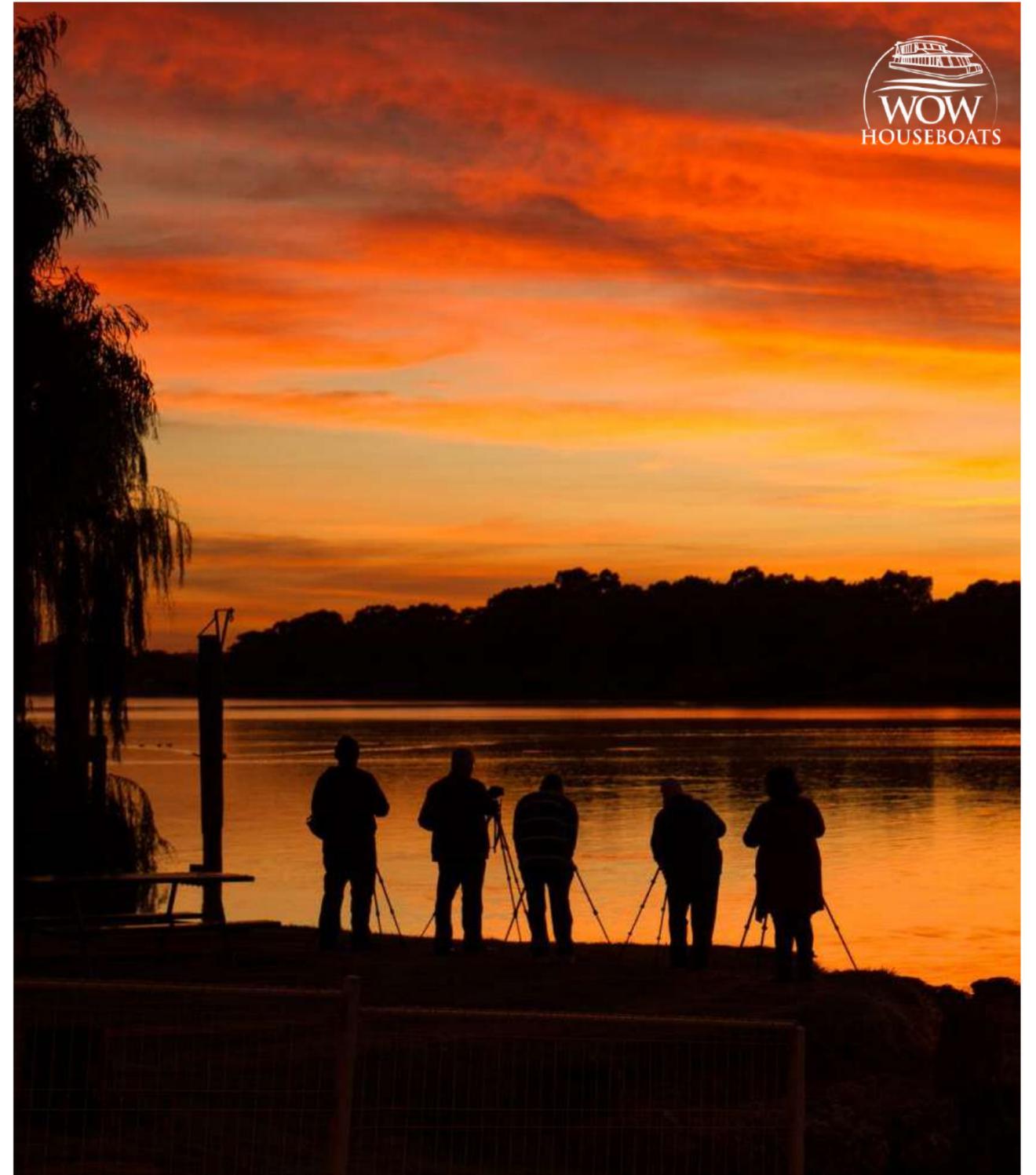
## WONDERS ON WATER #7 ▶

Experience the wonders of the universe and the magic of the night sky like never before in the River Murray Dark Sky Reserve of South Australia!

Immerse yourself in the breathtaking beauty of the cosmos and explore the vast expanse of stars and galaxies visible to the naked eye. From the comfort of Wow Factor's deck, you can enjoy a panoramic view of the stars, and even capture some wow factor astrophotography.

For an even more wow factor experience, head to Big Bend Cliffs, where you can witness the Milky Way in all its glory. And if you're feeling adventurous, why not set up camp at one of the designated camping areas in Meldanda, Cambrai, or Walker Flat, and spend the night gazing up at the stars? It's an experience you'll never forget!

[Check the River Murray International Dark Sky Reserve](#)





**Build traditions of family vacations  
and trips and outings.  
These memories will never be  
forgotten by your children.**

EZRA TAFT BENSON

# WOW FACTOR WONDERS ON LAND

Escape to the beautiful river city of Murray Bridge and experience a wonderful family-friendly holiday that will create memories to last a lifetime! Nestled along the banks of the Murray River, this charming city has something for everyone.

Take a stroll through the cultural precinct, which boasts a modern library, art gallery, and museum. Stop by the iconic Bunyip statue, a beloved local landmark, and snap a photo with the kids. If you're a golf enthusiast, check out the picturesque Murray Bridge Golf Club, with its lush greens and stunning views of the river.

For those looking to get out on the water, enjoy an array of water sports such as fishing, skiing, wakeboarding, kayaking and paddleboarding. The Murray River is the perfect spot for all water activities! Visit the nearby vineyards and experience the fantastic wine tasting offered in the region, or explore the rich history of the city by visiting the Old Courthouse Museum.

When you're ready for a bite to eat, Murray Bridge has a great selection of restaurants and cafes to choose from. Sample fresh local produce, enjoy a picnic by the river, or indulge in a hearty meal at one of the many family-friendly eateries in town.

There's no shortage of activities and experiences for families in Murray Bridge. Plan your next weekend escape or longer holiday here and discover all that this wonderful city has to offer!

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# VISIT THE CAPTAIN'S COTTAGE MUSEUM

## WONDERS ON LAND #1 ▶

If you're interested in history and want to learn about the rich heritage of Murray Bridge, Captain's Cottage Museum is the perfect destination to start your journey. The museum is a treasure trove of exhibits featuring old engines, agricultural machinery, trains, and toys, offering a fascinating glimpse into the past.

Built-in 1890, the cottage was the residence of Captain Adam Johnstone, who lived there with his wife and nine children. The museum provides an excellent opportunity for visitors to experience life as it was in the past and learn about the history of Murray Bridge.

In addition to exploring the exhibits, visitors can also learn about the paddle steamers of the Murray and their role in shaping the region. The museum provides a fascinating insight into the workings of these historic vessels, and you can read anecdotes about the paddle steamers' heyday on the river. Whether you're a history buff or just curious about the past, Captain's Cottage Museum is a must-visit destination in Murray Bridge.

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# LEARN ABOUT THE MURRAY BRIDGE BUNYIP

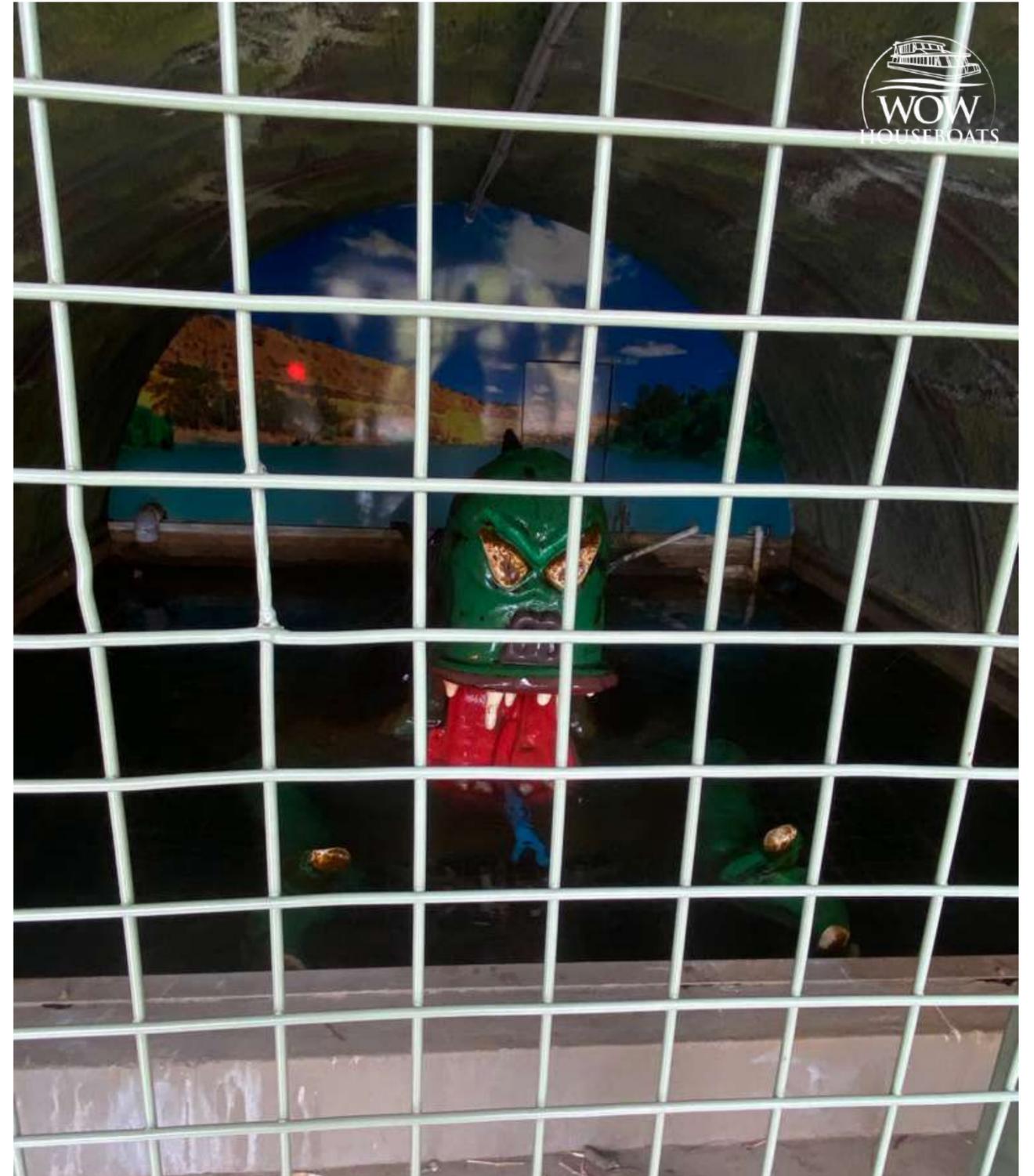
## WONDERS ON LAND #2 ▶

The Bunyip, known as the Mulyawonk to the Ngarrindjeri people, is a fascinating part of local Aboriginal mythology. According to legend, the Bunyip is a fearsome creature that lives in the Murray River, and children are told never to swim alone or to take more fish than they can eat, or else the Mulyawonk will get them.

This ancient story not only captures the imagination of children but also teaches them water safety and respect for the river's inhabitants. You can view a replica of the Bunyip for free by simply pressing a button, which will cause the creature to rise from the depths of its cave and let out its booming, ferocious roar.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience a part of local culture and history.

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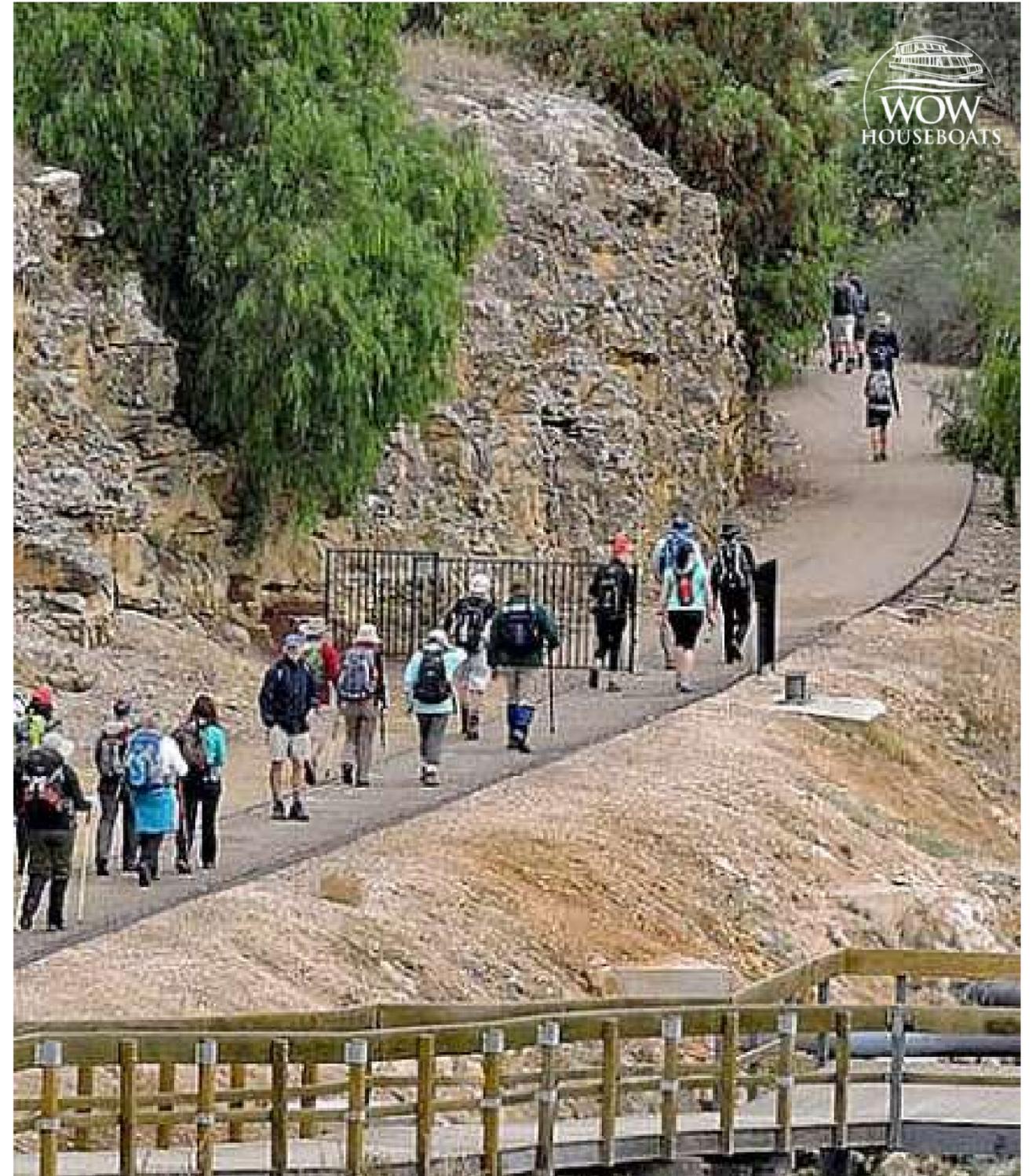
# TRY A SECTION OF THE LAVENDER FEDERATION TRAIL

## WONDERS ON LAND #3 ▶

The Lavender Federation Trail, a 325-kilometer walking trail that starts from Murray Bridge and ends in Clare Valley, is a must-visit for hiking enthusiasts. The path meanders through some of the most breathtakingly beautiful locations in South Australia, providing hikers with a w experience.

While the trail is best suited for multi-week hikes, you can still get a taste of its beauty by exploring its initial section that leads to Rocky Gully. This classic South Australian walking trail is perfect for a day hike or a weekend getaway, giving you the opportunity to appreciate the stunning natural surroundings and take a break from your busy schedule.

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# SPEND A DAY AT MONARTO SAFARI PARK

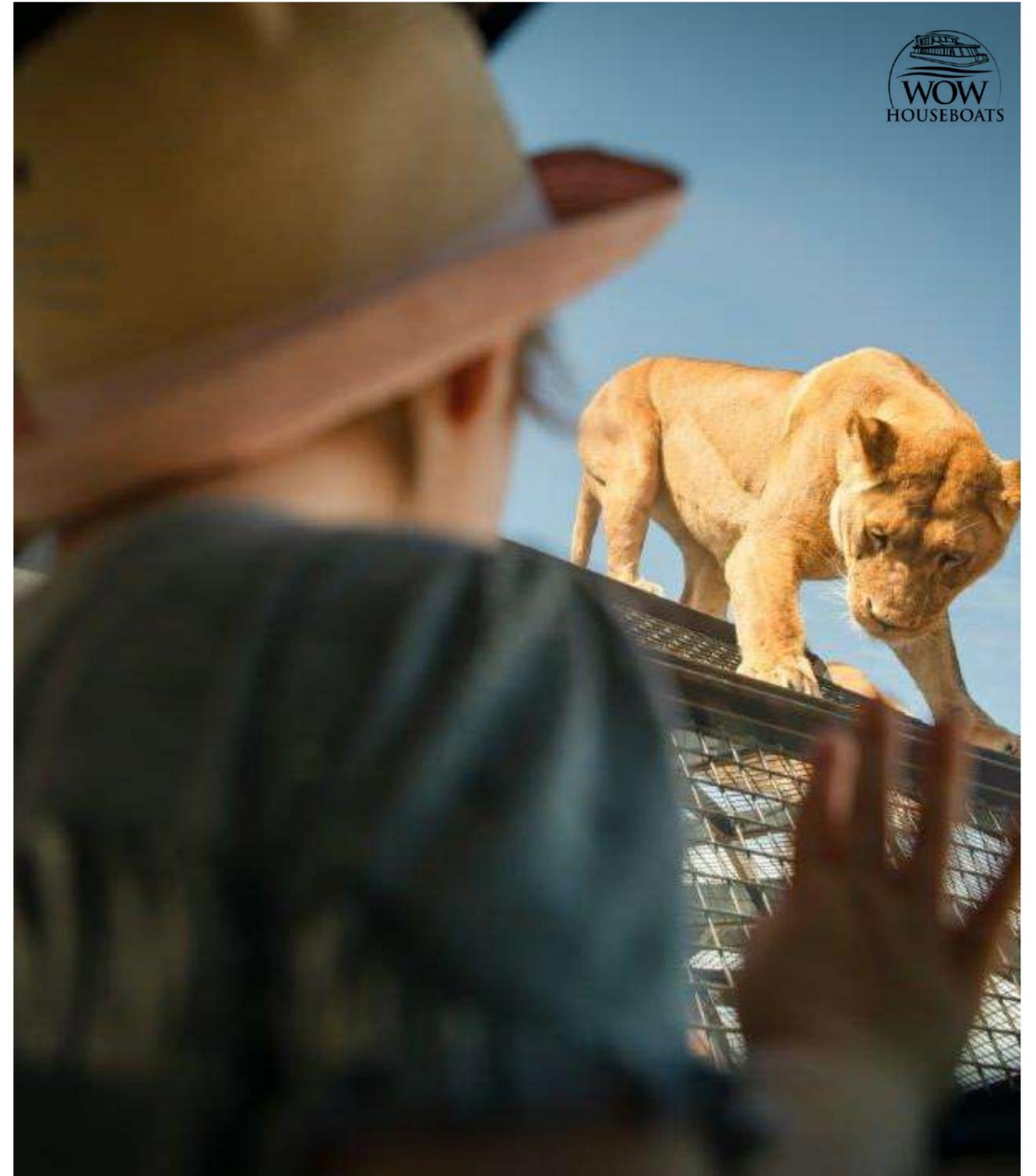
## WONDERS ON LAND #4 ▶

Monarto Safari Park is a must-visit destination for wildlife lovers in Murray Bridge. As Africa's largest safari park outside of Africa, Monarto is home to a range of fascinating and endangered species, all of which are being carefully conserved as part of a vital conservation effort.

With the free Zu-loop bus, you can easily explore the vast open-range exhibits and learn from the knowledgeable guides about the incredible creatures you'll encounter. For those seeking a more active adventure, there are 10km of walking trails winding around the park, offering a chance to get up close and personal with the animals.

It's the perfect place to spend a day with the family and create memories that will last a lifetime. Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind experience!

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# DISCOVER OLD TAILEM TOWN PIONEER VILLAGE

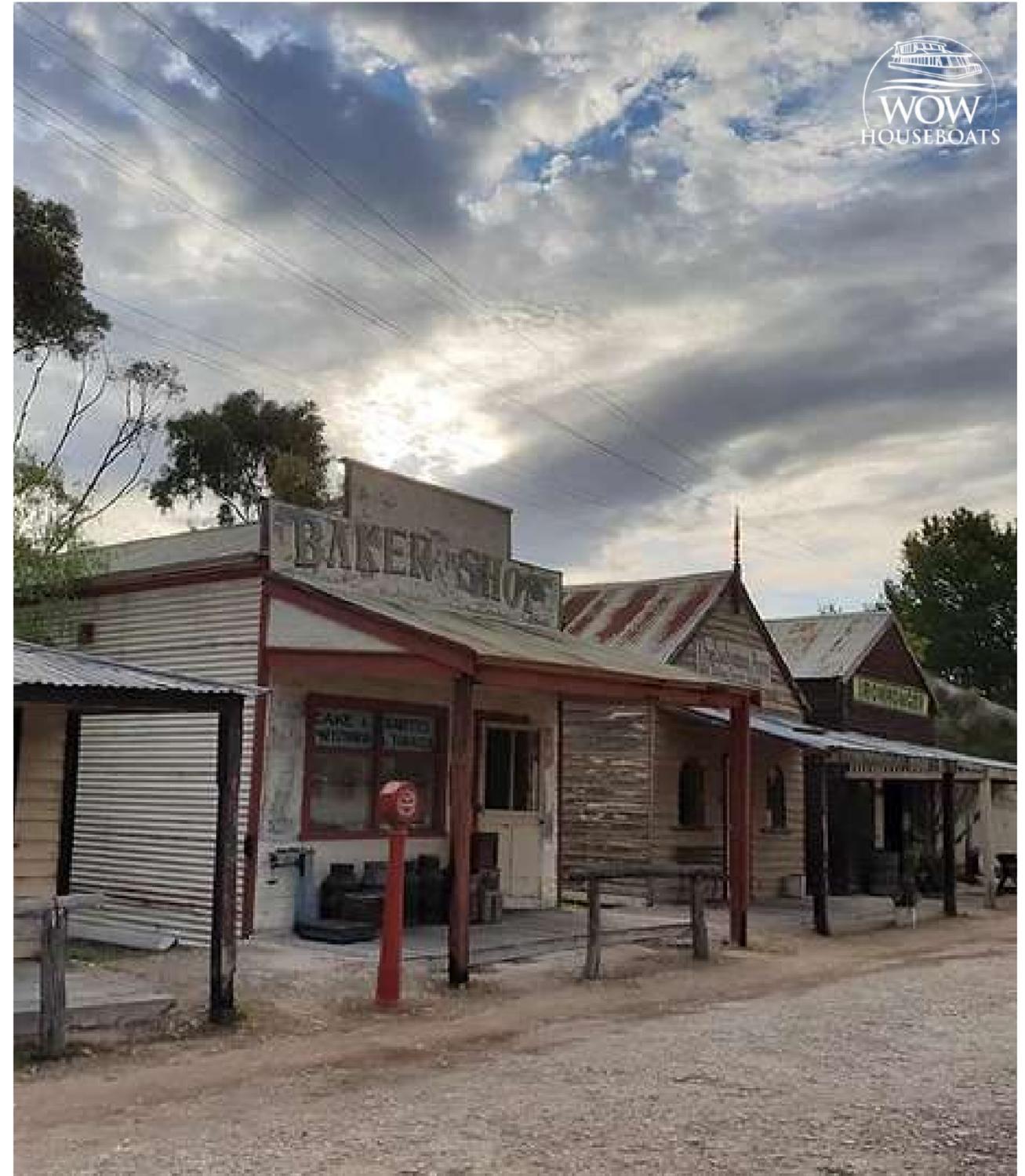
## WONDERS ON LAND #5 ▶

Old Tailem Town is a fascinating pioneer settlement that was established in 1982 by Peter Squires. His vision was to create an educational and realistic pioneer community that would preserve history for future generations to enjoy.

With over 100 buildings, it's Australia's largest pioneer settlement, and the structures here date back to the 1800s. The town is a wonderful place to spend a day, have a cup of coffee or tea, and stroll around the village.

You'll be transported back in time as you explore the blacksmith's shop, general store, post office, and other historic buildings. It's a perfect destination for anyone interested in Australian history or looking to experience life as it was lived in the past.

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# RELAX AND PLAY AT STURT RESERVE

## WONDERS ON LAND #6 ▶

Sturt Reserve, the jewel of Murray Bridge, is a stunning outdoor destination that offers visitors a chance to connect with nature and relax outdoors. This riverfront reserve provides ample space for picnicking, walking, and wildlife spotting.

Additionally, a well-equipped playground ensures that young children have hours of fun. The serene green surroundings are perfect for a leisurely morning stroll by the river or for burning off some energy with family and friends.

Don't miss out on the paddleboats and canoes available for hire, providing an ideal way to take in the river's beauty at a leisurely pace. Sturt Reserve is a must-visit destination for all nature enthusiasts and those looking for a fun-filled day out.

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# RELAX AND PLAY AT STURT RESERVE (CONTINUED)

Sturt Reserve is not only a scenic spot in Murray Bridge, but it's also home to the annual Murray River Splash Festival that takes place every January.

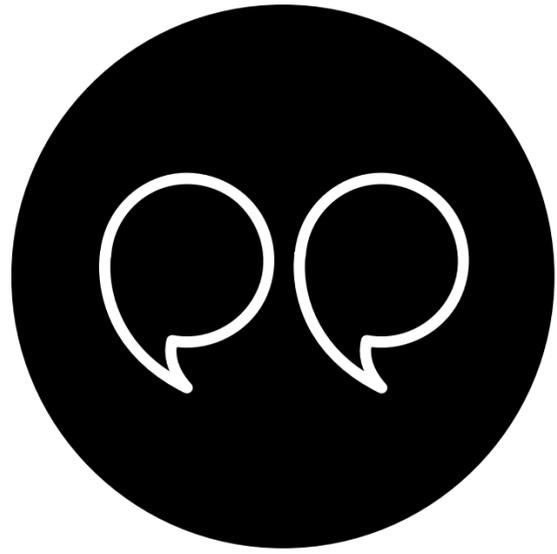
Families can enjoy various activities, including playing on the foreshore, tackling the giant inflatable Slip 'N' Dip obstacle course on the water, and indulging in delicious food truck treats.

Aside from the festival, Sturt Reserve offers a range of amenities, including a children's playground, skate park, lawn tennis courts, community club, and dining options. The reserve is also a haven for local wildlife and features jetties for fishing and popular water sports such as swimming, rowing, boating, water skiing, and wakeboarding.

If you're planning to stay a while, the reserve is houseboat friendly, and mooring sites are available for your convenience. Whether you're looking for a fun day out or a peaceful spot to relax by the river, Sturt Reserve is the perfect destination for you.

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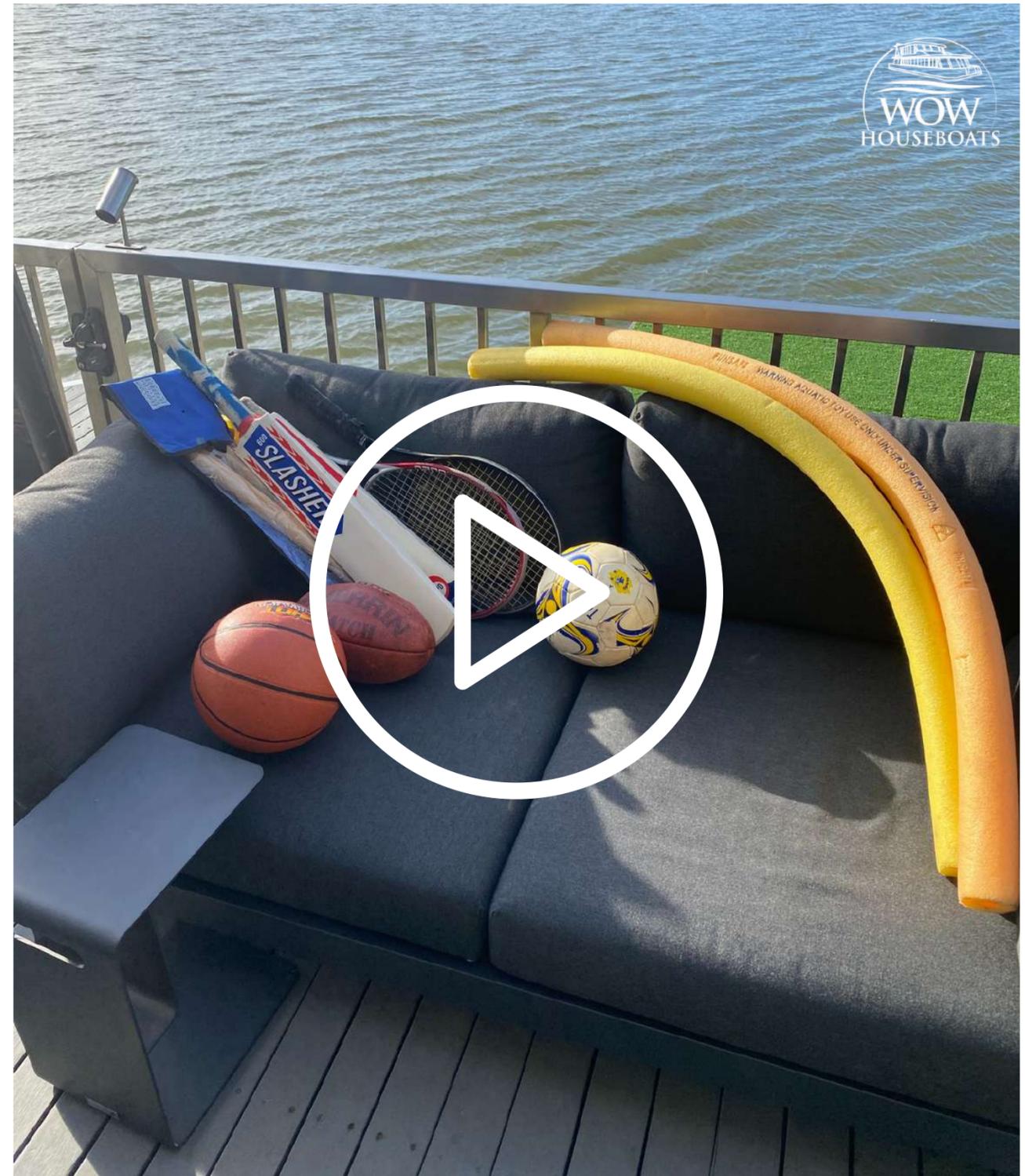
**The greatest legacy we can  
leave our children is  
happy memories.**

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# WOW FACTOR ACTIVITIES ON BOARD

Aside from the water activities, we also have some exciting things in store for you to keep your children busy (especially if the weather is not favourable) and to avoid the horrors of "I'm bored".

- **Activity #1 Grill and Chill.** Children love to get messy, so get them to help you cook and prepare the table. You can also add some fun by having a DIY pizza competition to bring out your creativity and fun in one! So please don't forget those pizza bases!
- **Activity #2 Play board games.** Although in today's generation, video games are in and classic games are out, we encourage you to have a techie-break while on a houseboat holiday. Reintroduce the classic board games such as chess, checkers, snakes and ladders, Monopoly or Clue and get the whole family involved!
- **Activity #3 Read some books.** Pack some books for you and your children. Magazines are also enjoyable to read! For your little ones, we recommend you bring something from home, like their favourite stuffed animal or toy, so they won't feel strange staying in a houseboat for a couple of days.



# WOW FACTOR ACTIVITIES ON BOARD

- **Activity #4** Time for some movie-marathon. Not to boast, but Wow Factor has a complete list of movies suited for all ages. We certainly have our favourite, but should you not find what you're looking for on our list, you may request it from us before your arrival. [Check out our Wow Factor Movie List.](#)
- **Activity #5** Reel 'em in. A trip to the Murray River is a great opportunity to throw a fishing line to make that award-winning catch of the day. Fishing with your children is an amazing way to appreciate and learn about the wonders of the river. Check the [Murray River: Best Fishing Spots](#)
- **Activity #6** Cruise the sights. Sightseeing along the Murray River on Wow Factor is the best experience ever! With binoculars in hand, travel along the river for a glimpse of local wildlife, and then moor the boat to take advantage of the river's best swimming spots. [Check the River Safety 101.](#)





**Every day, we make deposits  
in the memory banks  
of our children.**

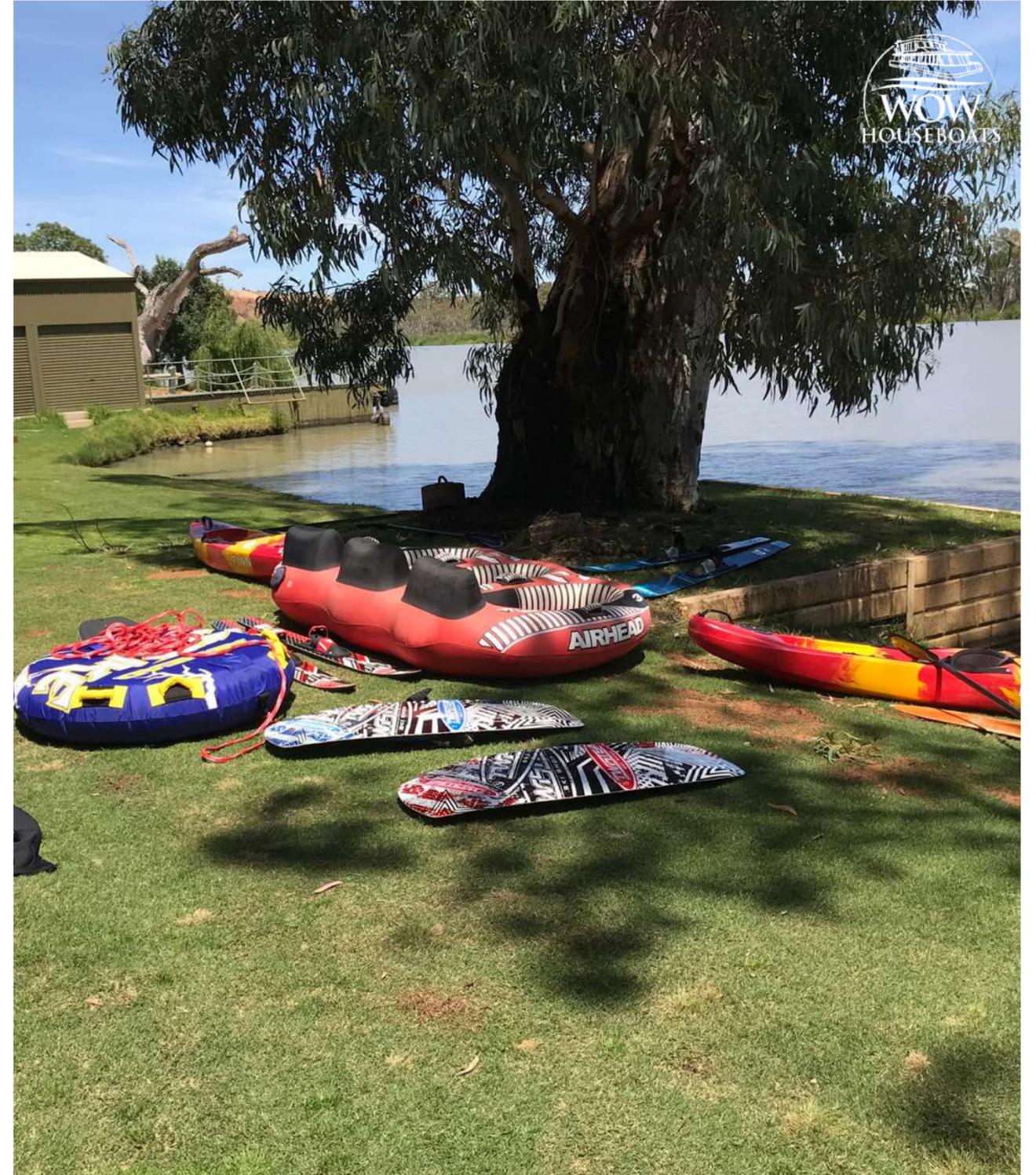
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# RETURNING TO ADELAIDE DAY TRIP ITINERARY

What to do next after flipping the houseboat? There is still plenty of time to explore and experience the wonders of vacationing with children. Indeed, the fun never ends!

Wow Houseboats listed below are our top picks that you and your family will undoubtedly enjoy! Adelaide is certainly full of family-friendly activities, from picking strawberries at Beerenberg Farm to heading over to Melba's Chocolate Factory. If your teens are seeking some action off the road, then the ATV is the best way to keep that adrenaline rush pumping.

Check out our Wow Factor Bucket List below:



# HAHNDORF FARM BARN

## BUCKET LIST #1 ▶

Hahndorf Farm Barn is an award-winning family-friendly attraction located in the picturesque Adelaide Hills region of South Australia. The farm barn offers a range of activities for visitors of all ages, including animal feeding, milking a cow, and petting, tractor rides, mini-golf, and indoor play areas.

One of the highlights of the Hahndorf Farm Barn is the opportunity to meet and interact with a variety of friendly farm animals, including lambs, goats, chickens, and rabbits. Kids can also enjoy pony rides, which are always a hit with young visitors.

In addition to the outdoor activities, the indoor play areas at the Hahndorf Farm Barn are perfect for those days when the weather isn't cooperating. The Barnyard Bounce and Hay Bale Maze offer hours of entertainment for children, and there is also a café on site where visitors can enjoy a range of delicious snacks and refreshments

### Location:

2282 Mount Barker Rd, Hahndorf

Image courtesy of Hahndorf Farm Barn Facebook



# STRAWBERRIES AT BEERENBERG FARM

## BUCKET LIST #2 ▶

Beerenberg Family Farm is a family-owned and operated business located in the beautiful Adelaide Hills region of South Australia.

Established in 1839, the farm has been producing high-quality, home-grown produce for over 180 years. Visitors to the farm can enjoy a range of activities, including picking their own fresh strawberries, shopping for a range of locally-made jams, sauces, and relishes in the farm shop, and taking a self-guided tour of the farm to learn more about the farming process. The farm also offers a range of seasonal events, including a popular strawberry festival in November.

Beerenberg Family Farm is a must-visit destination for anyone looking to experience the best of South Australian produce in a picturesque and family-friendly setting.

### Location:

**2106 Mount Barker Road, Hahndorf, Adelaide Hills**

Image courtesy of Beerenberg Family Farm / Dan Schultz



# CHOCOLATE FACTORY AT MELBA'S

BUCKET LIST #3 ▶

Melba's Chocolate Factory is a must-visit destination for all chocolate lovers. Located in the charming town of Woodside in South Australia, this family-owned chocolate factory has been creating delicious chocolates for over 35 years.

Visitors can watch the chocolatiers at work, indulge in some free tastings, and purchase a variety of chocolate products and gifts. Melba's Chocolate Factory also features a range of other sweets, including fudges, candies, and lollies.

With something for everyone, Melba's Chocolate Factory is a fun and tasty experience for the whole family.

## Location:

22 Henry Street, Woodside, Adelaide Hills

Image courtesy of Melba's Chocolates Facebook



# VISITING THE HAHNDORF SWEETS

## BUCKET LIST #4 ▶

Hahndorf Sweets is a charming candy store located in the historic town of Hahndorf in South Australia. Visitors of all ages will be delighted by the extensive range of sweets available, from traditional favorites like handmade toffee and fudge to unique Australian treats like Tim Tam biscuits and Minties.

The store's friendly and knowledgeable staff are always happy to help you find your perfect treat, and the quaint interior creates a nostalgic atmosphere that will transport you back to childhood.

Whether you're looking for a sweet souvenir to take home or simply want to indulge in some delicious treats, a visit to Hahndorf Sweets is a must when exploring the Adelaide Hills.

### Location:

54A Main St, Hahndorf

Image courtesy of Hahndorf Sweets Facebook



# PLAYGROUND AT THE RESERVES

## BUCKET LIST #5 ▶

The magical Murray River is home to several beautiful reserves that offer families a chance to relax, unwind and play. One of the key features of these reserves is their well-maintained and exciting playgrounds.

These playgrounds are designed to cater to children of all ages and are equipped with a range of fun and challenging equipment, including swings, slides, monkey bars, climbing walls, seesaws, and more. The playgrounds are usually located in a shaded area to provide relief from the hot sun during the summer months.

Parents can enjoy peace of mind knowing that the playgrounds are regularly inspected and maintained to ensure their safety. Furthermore, many of the playgrounds are located in close proximity to other amenities such as picnic tables, BBQ facilities, and toilet facilities, making it easy for families to make a day out of their visit.

[Check our Mooring Locations brochure to learn more](#)



# SPECIAL WOW FACTOR OFFER

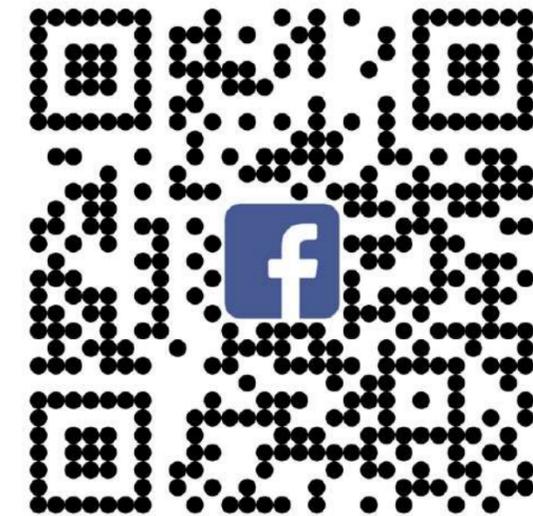
We have some exciting news for our valued guests! For a limited time, we're offering an amazing deal for both repeat customers and those who leave us a positive review (either on Google or Facebook) after their stay. If you're a repeat customer, you can enjoy 7 nights on our stunning houseboat for the price of 6. That's one free night to soak up the beauty of the river and make even more wow factor memories with your loved ones.

But that's not all - if any of the guests leave us a positive review after their holiday and books within 7 days after, we'll give you the same deal of 7 nights for the price of 6. Not only will you be helping us by sharing your experience, but you'll also be able to save money on your next trip!

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to relax and unwind on our luxurious houseboat. Book your stay with us now and take advantage of this special offer. We can't wait to welcome you aboard!

Share your experience on social media with **#wowhouseboats** and **#wowfactor** to help us continue providing exceptional service. Thank you for choosing Wow Houseboats!

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# STAY IN THE LOOP

Come and discover why Wow Factor is the best hire/drive houseboat on the lower-to-mid Murray River. Follow us on our official Facebook Page @wowhouseboats to see why our guests love their experience with us.

Our team and valued guests regularly post videos, photos, and the latest promotions, giving you a glimpse of the unique and amazing experience that awaits you.

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# LET'S TALK!

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