



Corner Country Exploration

Sturt's Inland Expedition

The quest for water continues.

Desperate to find further water, Sturt took three men along the trail to the north but this time travelled further west of the Wilson River.

Locating Frome's Creek, he followed it to its end at Pinaroo Lake.

Sturt returned to The Depot, but within a few days headed off with Browne to search the country to the east, found no water and returned to camp



One of the older men from local Aboriginal people fueled hope during a visit to The Glen. Seeing the boat, he pointed towards the very direction in which Sturt believed the inland sea lay.

Rain brings relief but Poole dies.

Sturt was encouraged by the old man's words, but still the group waited.

By June 1845 James Poole was desperately ill and Sturt began to make plans for him to return to Adelaide as soon as it rained. A special bed of sheep skins was prepared on a cart.



Rain began to fall and on July 16th 1845 the expedition left The Depot; Sturt's party to the north-west, Poole and his carers along the south-bound route.



Within hours of departure a messenger from Poole's party rode back to Sturt with the news that Poole had died.

The expedition resumes .

Poole's body was returned to The Depot and solemnly buried beneath a beefwood tree a short distance from The Glen.

The following day the retreating party again set off for Adelaide and Sturt and his team returned to their course to the north-west, measuring the distance covered with chains. A base camp was set up at Fort Grey.