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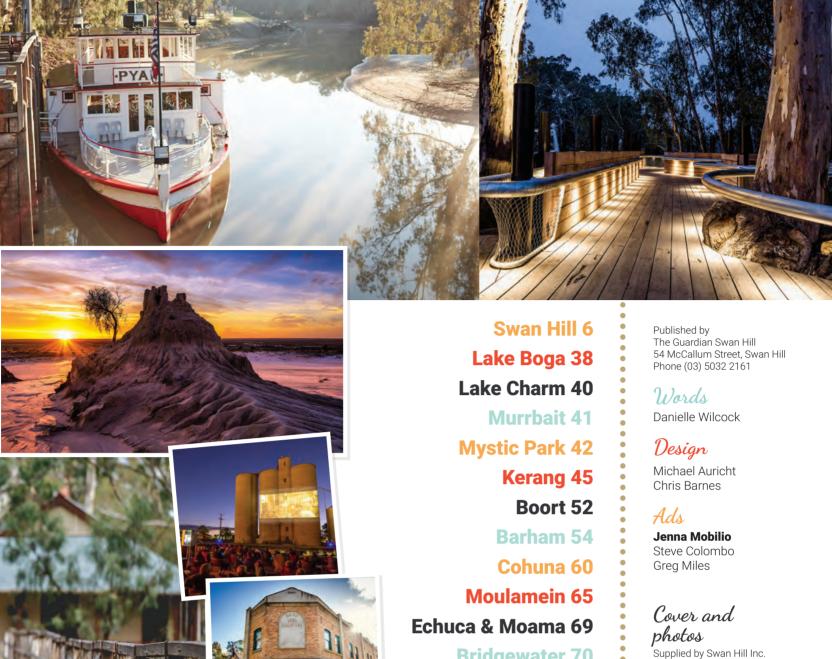


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This 92-page publication showcases the brilliance of our region, spanning north-west Victoria and southern New South Wales with the magnificent Murray River at our heart.

The publication features a blend of information and stunning photography with useful, practical information.

We take a look at the gems which make our towns so desired by tourists and provide an in-depth guide on the things you need to know, ranging from where to get the best feed, to the attractions that keep the family entertained.

From Echuca in the east, Robinvale and Euston in the west, to Bridgewater in the south, each region has diverse landscapes to visit and explore.

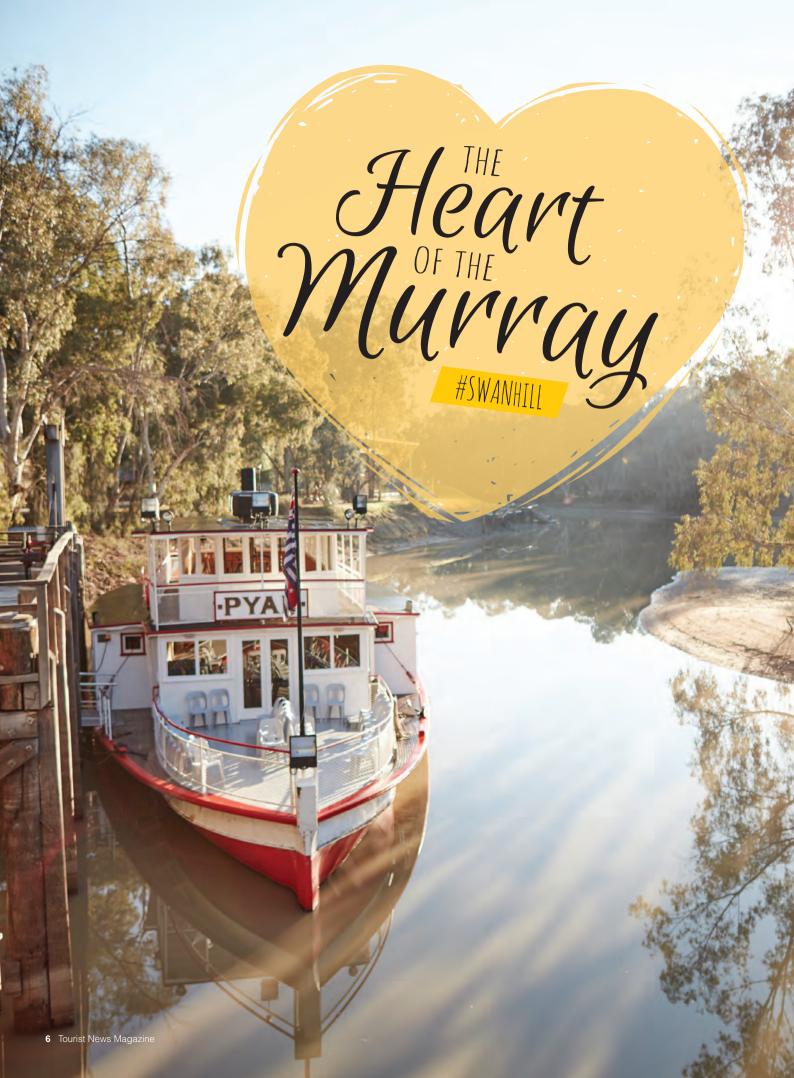
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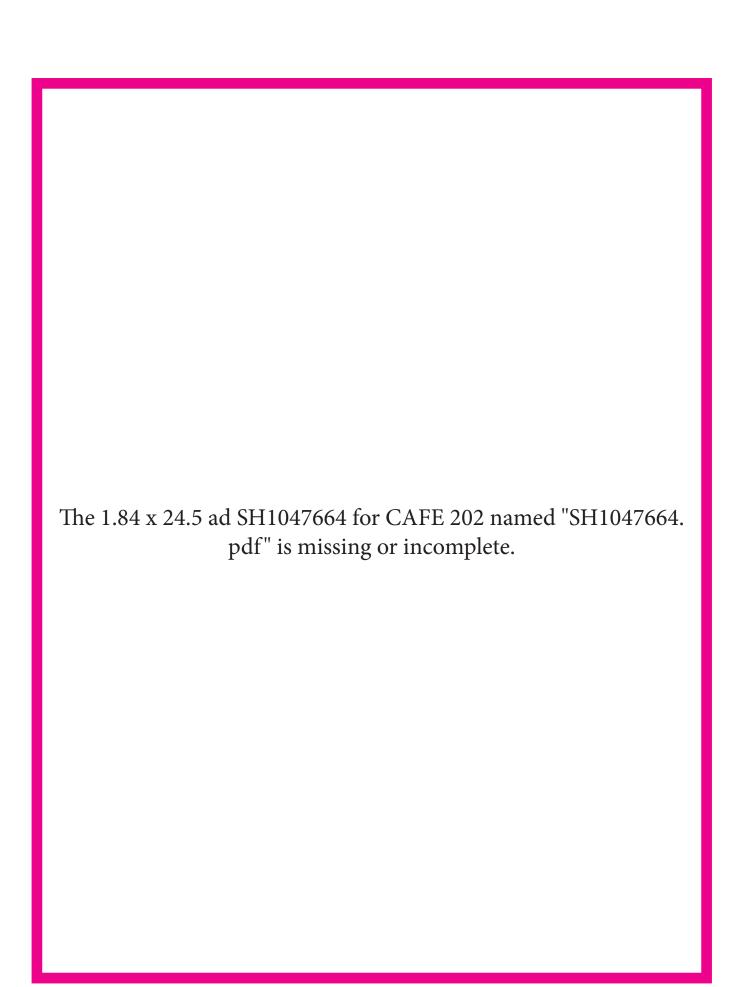
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Heart and soul of the Marray

Swan Hill is a modern yet humble city, on the mighty Murray River.

The region, which encompasses neighbouring towns such as Nyah, Beverford, Vinifera and Lake Boga, is home to a vibrant community of more than 20,000 people.

Just three-and-a-half hours northwest of Melbourne and five-and-ahalf hours from Adelaide, the Swan Hill region is renowned for its Murray River location, fresh local produce, epic landscapes, native wildlife and Aboriginal heritage.

Swan Hill is known to locals as the Heart of the Murray and it's easy to see why.

The town is a wonderful representation of how great life on the river can be.

There are no shortage of great bush trails and river walks, fishing spots and camp sites. Jump aboard the PS Pyap for a scenic river cruise or take

a walk down the Pioneer Settlement's main street for an incredible insight to Murray River life in the 1800s.

The landscapes and riverscapes that line the majestic Murray River are something to behold, but the city itself has an abundance of sites and spots to be enjoyed.

The CBD boasts an array of food outlets as well as fine food restaurants and good bush pubs, many opting to showcase some of the region's fantastic local produce.

There is an incredible selection of shopping outlets and small boutique stores. Many uniquely local stores trade in the city, giving visitors in particular the opportunity to own a piece of the region.

If it's a relaxing afternoon with friends you're after, then take a trip to one of the region's many wineries where you can tuck into some fabulous food and wine

Early settler history

In the early 1850s, a wharf on the Murray River was built and Swan Hill became one of the region's major inland river trading ports. The river trade declined with the expansion of railways, however agriculture spearheaded the town's prosperity with the clearing of surrounding land and the use of the river for irrigation. Vast citrus farms and vineyards surround Swan Hill and extend many kilometres to the north-



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ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

The original custodians of the lands are the Latji Latji, Wemba Wemba, Barapa Barapa and the Wadi Wadi Nations.

Their strong cultural connection to the land, and their contribution to Swan Hill's diverse community, continues to this day.

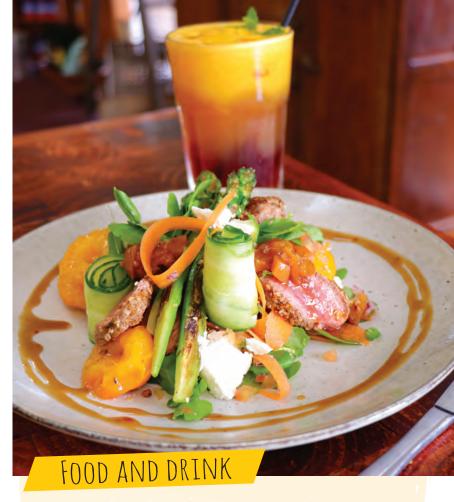
Origins of the Name

The area was given its current name by explorer Thomas Mitchell, while camping beside a hill on June 21, 1836.

"Among the reeds on the point of ground between the two rivers was a shallow lagoon where swans and other wild fowl so abounded that, although half a mile from our camp, their noise disturbed us through the night. I therefore named this somewhat remarkable and isolated feature Swan Hill, a point which may probably be found to mark the junction of two fine streams' - Thomas Mitchell

Perfect time to visit

With more sunny days per year than the Gold Coast, and a temperature that averages 23 degrees, the Swan Hill Region is a natural choice for lovers of sunshine, good food and wine, and many outdoor and water activities to keep you busy, no matter the season.



There's no shortage of variety when it comes to eateries and food outlets in Swan Hill and the surrounding towns. The regions melting pot of cultures is showcased by the vast range of cuisines able to be enjoyed, they include Thai, Chinese, Vietnamese, Italian, Indian, Japanese and

of course, good ol' Aussie pub grub.



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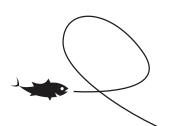
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Fishing Facts

The Murray River weaves it way through the heart of the region, and as a result there are some incredible fishing spots to be discovered. Ned's corner and Loch's 7 and 9 are popular but if it's seclusion you're after then head to Pental Island, 20 minutes from the CBD. Peace and tranquility awaits you.

The Swan Hill boat ramp, located just north of the towns centre, is often a meeting place for anglers, head there for a friendly chat and to snag some fishing tips.

The iconic Murray cod can be caught in the areas waterways, anglers from all over the country flock to the region in the hope of reeling one of Australia's prized native fish. Murray cod commonly range in size from 5-22kg.

Other fish include the unruly European carp, redfin which have been caught to 2.5kg and good numbers of silver perch to 5kg. Silver perch, along with the freshwater catfish, are protected species. Tench and some golden perch to 2kg can be found as well as the Murray spiny crayfish however, these are scarce.



Swan Hill's giant Murray Cod 'Arnold' started his life as a movie prop, despite the movie being long forgotten, Arnold has taken his mantel as one of Swan Hill's premium attractions. Stop by, say "hello" and snap a selfie with this iconic local legend.



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The Pioneer Settlement is one of Swan Hill's beloved tourist destinations. The attraction is an immersive experience, providing visitors with a taste of Mallee life in the 1800s. The focus is on educating present generations with the past, providing an incredible opportunity to experience the Murray River's colourful history through the ages.

As you walk around the settlement experience more than 50 relocated and restored buildings, historic equipment, agricultural machinery and household

items. Interactive pioneer based activities are conducted daily, stop by the blacksmith's workshop to see the craftsman at work, or have a pat with one of the resident nags as he pulls along his owner's jinker cart.

If it's a bit of butter churning or wool spinning you fancy having a crack at, then head to the settlement during the Victorian school holidays. The place really comes alive with demonstrations and fantastic pioneering activities to get involved with.

SPORTS

Swan Hill is one of regional Victoria's sporting capitals and for good reason.

The region is home to an elite range of sporting facilities, including the Heart of the Murray's lawn tennis courts, which have been rated among the best in the country. Regular events are held here, such as the Country Week and the popular Australian Money Tour. These events bring spectators from all over Australia and the world.

For the avid golfer, Swan Hill has you covered, with the ever popular, championship grade, 18-hole golf course. Tackling the 72 par course is no easy feat, but the glorious greens, and immaculate fairways, make it a challenge worth taking.

For the motorsport aficionados, there is no shortage of car, go-kart and motorbike events and for the equine enthusiast, the June Racing Carnival is one not to miss. The event accounts for an incredible part of the region's annual tourism, and thousands make the trip to watch and have a punt on the races.

> If it's a leisurely swim you're seeking, then look to the Swan Hill outdoor pool, it's a hit with the kids and parents alike, especially during the warm summer months.

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1. SWAN HILL REGION FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL

One of the highlights of the region's events calendar, the festival staged each March celebrates much of what is truly great about this region.

Three days of festivities, events, tastings and entertainment can be enjoyed by all the family. An evening cruise on the PS Pyap is followed by a showcase of local food and wine the following day at the iconic Pioneer Settlement. Then enjoy a stroll around the Lions Market on the Sunday.

) PS PYAP

One of those things you simply have to do in Swan Hill is head down to the wharf at the Pioneer Settlement for a lazy trip along the river.

The trusty PS Pyap vessel started its life as a floating general store and is now a highly appropriate way to take in the beauty of the riverbanks outside Swan Hill. An interesting fact about this paddle steamer is that even though it measures 30 metres long and almost five metres wide, the shallow draft of its hull allows it to navigate waters as shallow as just one metre.

The cruise lasts an hour and takes you upstream, past the iconic Murray Downs homestead, built in stages from the 1860s to the 1890s. Take in the beautiful natural sights and the wonderful local history dictated to you by the captain himself.



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HIDDEN GEMS

3. HEARTBEAT OF THE MURRAY

This truly is an experience like no other. Recent winner of the International Laser Design Association's prestigious award for multi-media shows, and set on the banks of the Little Murray River, the world-class 'Heartbeat of the Murray' is a 360-degree multi-media spectacular unlike anything ever seen in Australia.

Using water, light, laser, sound and special effects to tell the story of the Murray, you'll be transported back 30 million years, before travelling forward through time to the Murray River as we know it today.

This state-of-the-art show is the first of its kind in the world to use a natural river environment and setting as the background. Heartbeat of the Murray takes place at Riverside Theatre.

4. SWAN HILL TOWN HALL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

This iconic building is a hub for arts, culture and performance. Built in 1935, the Swan Hill Town Hall/Performing Arts Centre plays host to music and comedic acts, touring performances and shows and deb balls.



5. SWAN HILL REGIONAL ART GALLERY

Recognised as having one of Australia's most comprehensive collections of naïve art, Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery is situated adjacent to the Marraboor River in Swan Hill, Victoria, Australia in a unique purpose built gallery.

Come along and take in the array of exciting and unique exhibitions that can be enjoyed all year round.

6. NYAH-VINIFERA STATE FOREST

Boasting over 1000 hectares of protected forests and native bushland alone the Murray River. It is a popular spot for fishing, four wheel driving and walking.

The park provides direct access to the Murray River, so it is a great place to enjoy water-based activities on camping or caravanning trip.

Delivering Asian cuisine using the freshest ingredients combined with their special recipes, House of Wok offers a more diverse menu that will satisfy everyone's tastebuds

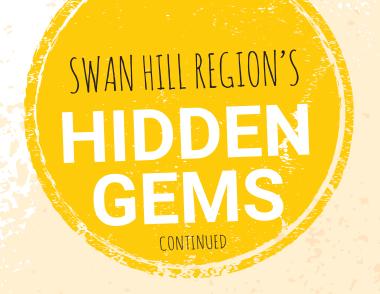
'Wok-hei', which translates as 'breath of wok', is the key technique in creating the unique flaming flavour on each meal we serve from our kitchen



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7. BET365 SWAN HILL JUNE RACING CARNIVAL

The June Racing Carnival has established itself as a well-loved and sought out racing carnival in country Victoria. All local accommodation options book out months in advance, so get your booking in early. Record attendance numbers increase each year with 10,500 racegoers attending over the three-day Carnival in 2019 and a huge crowd of over 5,700 people on Cup Day Sunday, confirming this is a prominent long weekend on the Country Racing calendar.

The Queen's Birthday long weekend in June kicks off with the famous Pooles Accountants \$150,000 Golden Topaz run on Friday. Saturday is the Swan Hill BusBiz Family Fun Day incorporating the Quambatook Cup, followed on Sunday with the big event, the bet365 Swan Hill Cup with increased prize money now valued at \$175,000.

At the Swan Hill Jockey Club, they 'do it for the love of horses'.

8. ANDREW PEACE WINES

This highly regarded winery is in striking distance of Swan Hill, right on the Murray at Piangil, VIC.

Andrew Peace is a large-scale producer, but is committed to sustainability, generating 200kw through solar panels, and reusing 100 per cent of wastewater. Since the early 1980s and through three generations, the winery has progressed to one of Australia's top family owned wine companies, selling over a million cases in its lifetime and crushing more than 30,000 tonnes of grapes each year. Andrew Peace wines has a massive range, dominated by Shiraz and Chardonnay.

If you've ever wanted to see a mass production facility in action you can arrange a tour, or you could simply drop by the cellar door for tastings and sales.

9. SWAN HILL RIVER WALK

Give yourself time to see more of the Murray riverside in Swan Hill on this trail that extends for several kilometres and begins in the very north of the town at Miloo Street.

The Pioneer Settlement is just one of the many compelling manmade sights to go with the natural beauty of the Murray. There are lots of locations harking back to when Swan Hill was a bustling port, like the remarkable Lift Bridge (1896).

The first crossing of its kind on the Murray, this bridge was designed with a central span that could be raised to allow paddle steamers to pass through. There are interpretive boards all along the route highlighting the human and natural history of the area, including the Wati-Wati and Wemba-Wemba people who have been in the region for up to 13,000 years.



Many different

items with mostly







10. LOCAL MARKETS

Everyone loves market to meander through on a lazy week-end. Swan Hill is in the heart of the Murray food bowl and Swan Hill's fresh produce can be found plated up throughout the region at the many regular markets.

The markets in and close by to Swan Hill are well worth a visit.

Friday nights (November to March): Lake Boga Farmers Market

1st Saturday: Murrabit Markets

1st Sunday: Swan Hill Farmers Market

2nd Saturday: Nyah District Lions Country Market 2nd Saturday: Robinvale Community Market 3rd Saturday: Swan Hill Anglican Boot Sale October: Swan Hill Annual Market Day

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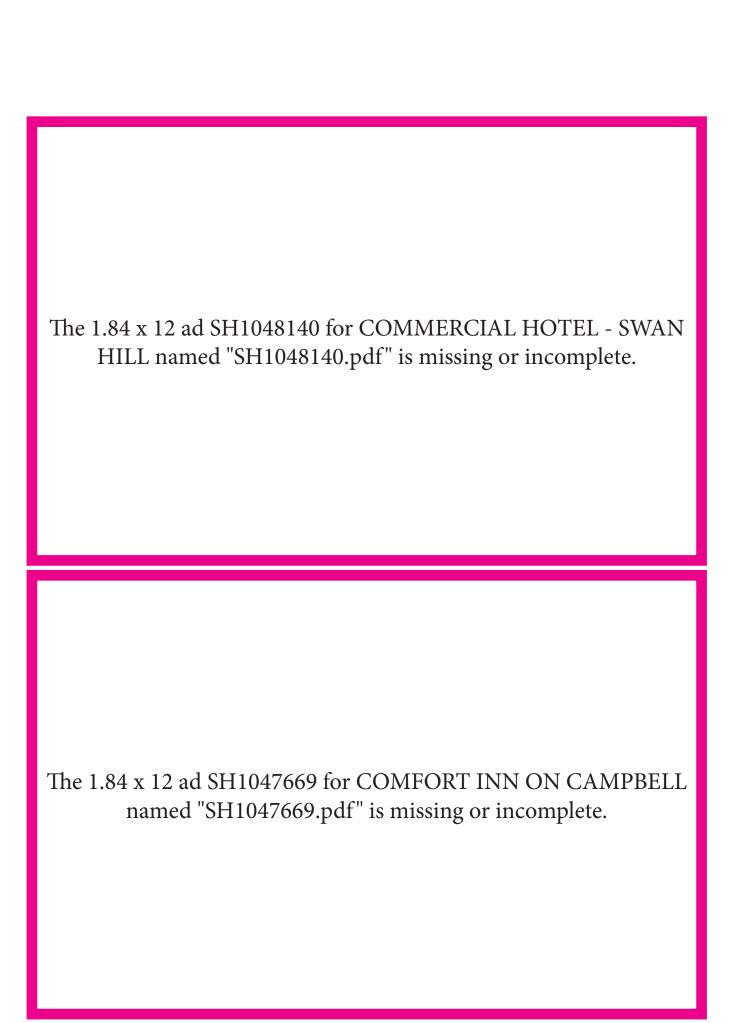


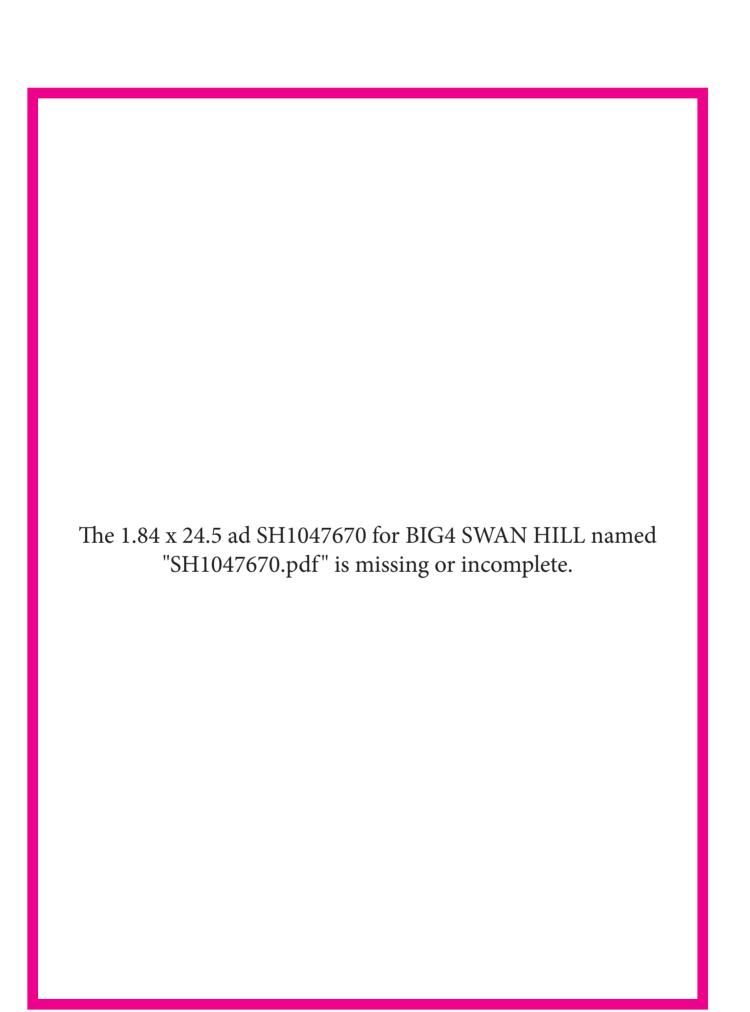
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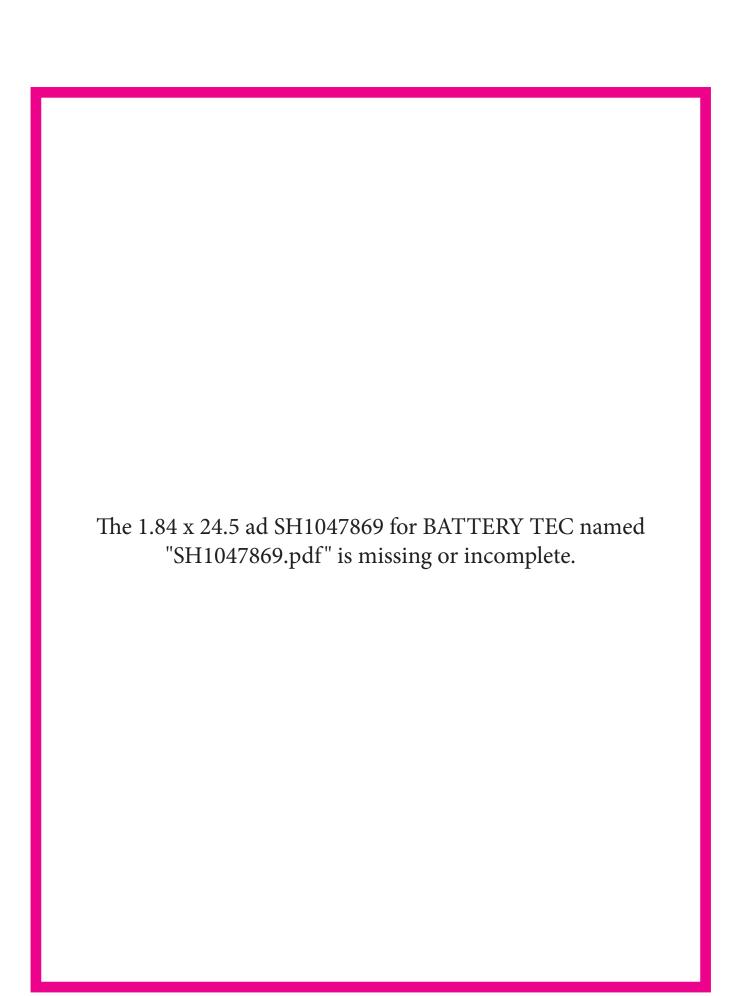
Meander by foot, bicycle or horseback along one of the many scenic trails. Swan Hill's past can be explored down some gentle walks. The easiest is The River Walk, which is a well sign-posted 4.5km stroll along the Murray and Little Murray Rivers. Along the trail are signs that educate on the local flora,

fauna, fish and incredible pioneering history of this beautiful river port.

The 'Now and Then' walk, is a historical journey taken through the streets of Swan Hill and very popular with tourists and locals alike. It highlights the wondrous history and heritage of the surrounding buildings and monuments, including those that have been lost over the course of time.

If you're after a bush spot to rest your head for the night, the region is home to many options for campers right along the Murray and in surrounding areas. Take a drive to the Nyah-Vinifera Park, an opportunity

not be missed when visiting the region. Just 20 minutes drive north of Swan Hill, the park covers an area of approximately 1000 hectares. The tranquility and pristine country, which boasts century-old red gums, billabongs bustling with wildlife and birdlife, as well as lagoons and tracks that wind their way through the bushland, is an experience in its own right. There's no shortage of camp sites, great fishing spots and watering holes but it is the Aboriginal historical sites that are most noteworthy. Artefacts from the Wadi Wadi people such as canoe trees, middens and burial grounds can be found throughout the park.





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Within the precinct, you will find

The Port, Mumma Valley, The Rustic Ivy, and Nail It by Tay, just to name a few.

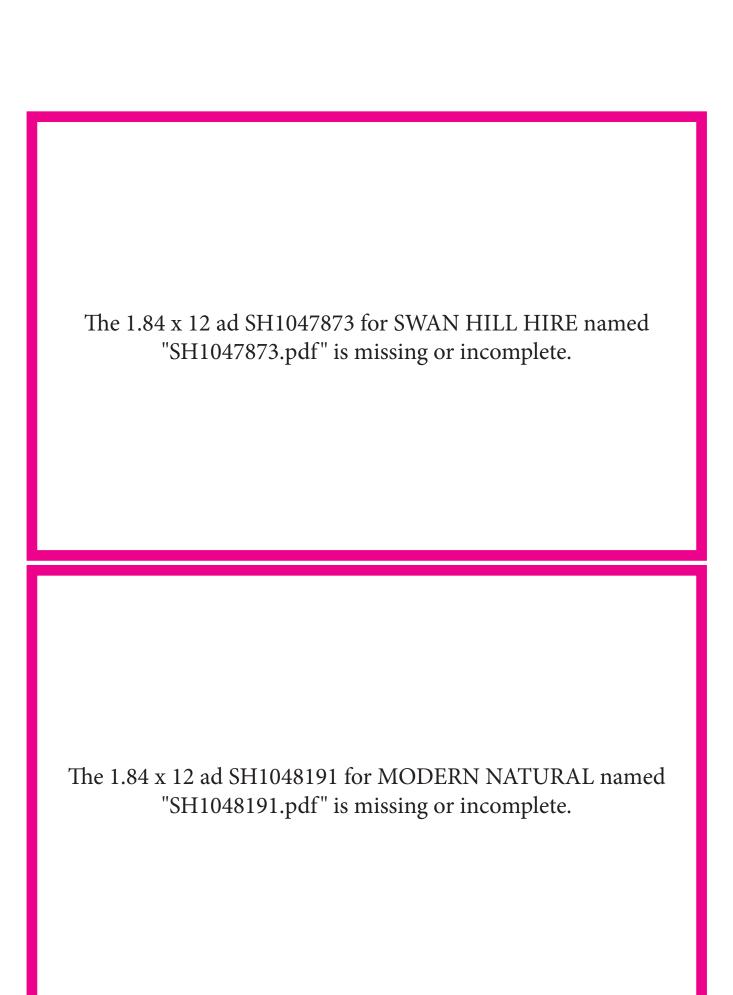
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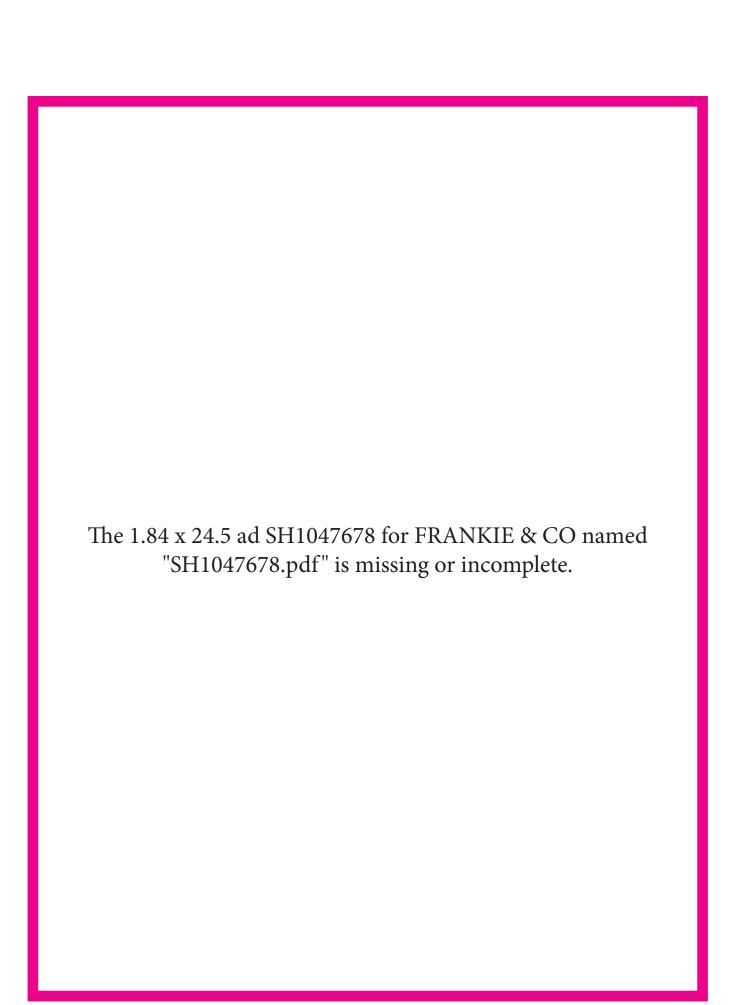
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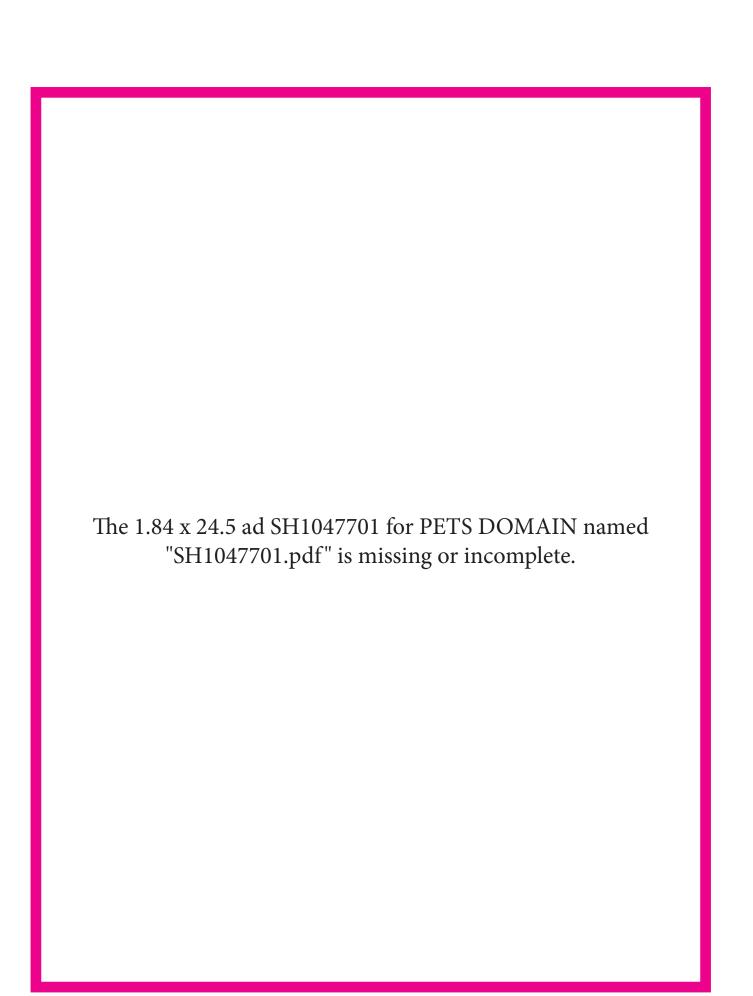
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What's on

- The Swan Hill Show is an annual two-day community event held the on the last weekend of the Victorian School Holidays, the first Friday and Saturday in October each year with heaps of exhibitions, rides and activities for all. Why not take one more trip before school goes back and come enjoy Swan Hill.
- The Town Hall hosts an array of live performances, touring shows and acts, for further information check out their website.
- The Food and Wine Festival is held each year in March and is a wonderful addition to the region's event calendar. Three days of festivities, tastings and entertainment can be enjoyed by all the family.
- · Swan Hill Farmers' Market is on the first Sunday of each month, experience and taste the region's finest fresh produce, direct from the farmers themselves, in a unique and tranquil environment at the Swan Hill Farmers' Market. Located on the banks of the Murray River at the picturesque Riverside Park, the market provides the perfect location to relax, be entertained, indulge in an array of unique tastings, while filling up your basket with some of the region's finest produce, directly from the source.
- Just 28km north of Swan Hill, the Nyah Lions Club Market is an event not to be missed. This market is on the second Saturday of each month at the Nyah Recreation reserve from 9am-1pm.



Swan Hill has absolutely no shortage of pubs and clubs to enjoy a bite and a nice cool beverage. Amongst the superb pubs are the Swan Hill RSL, Swan Hill Club, Commercial Hotel and the popular Federal Hotel.

For a change of scenery, try the Murray Downs Golf & Country Club.

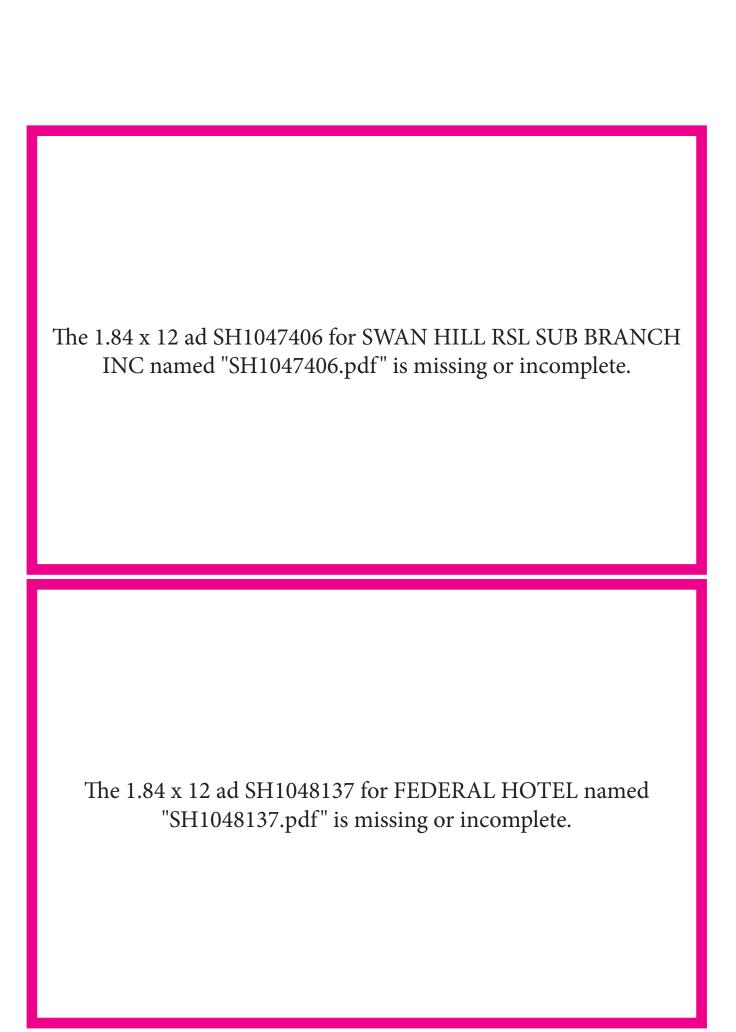
If it's a cold beer in a classic bush pub you're seeking, then take the short drive to The Grand Hotel in Nyah West.

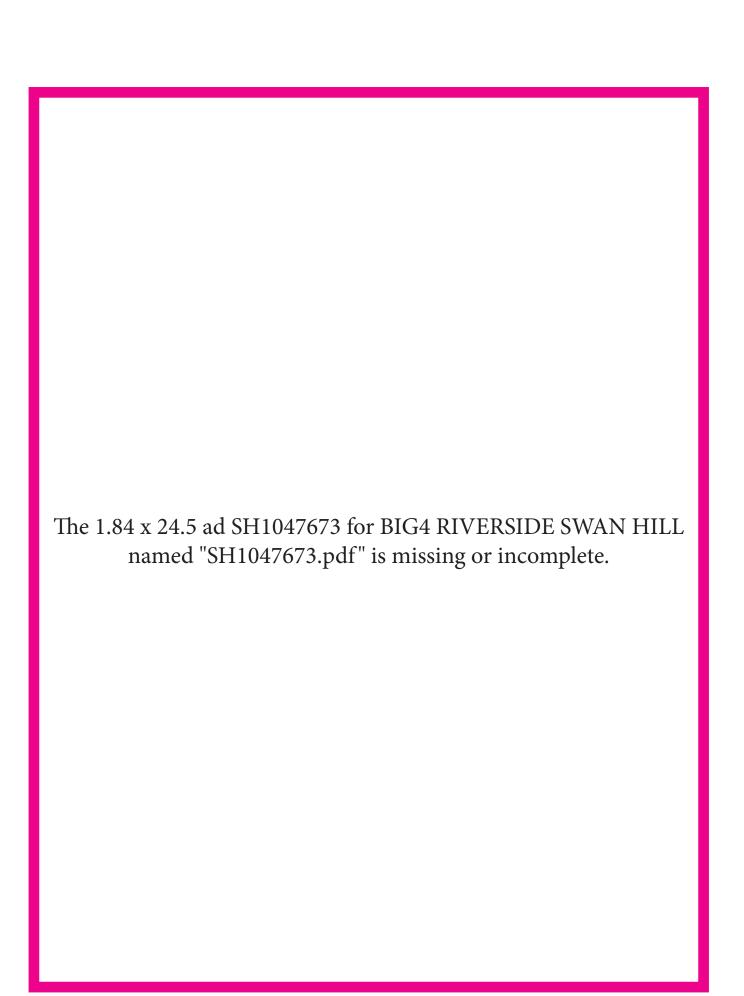
Swan Hill is serviced by three major highways - Murray Valley, Calder and Sunraysia.

Located 335km from Melbourne, the Heart of the Murray is a destination that takes travellers through a series of different landscapes.

The region is accessible by V/Line train via the Swan Hill line to Bendigo and Melbourne.

Once you are here, Swan Hill Bus Lines operates an inter-town public service which operates to towns in the municipality such as Nyah and Nyah West, Wood Wood, Lake Boga, Woorinen South, Ultima and Piangil.



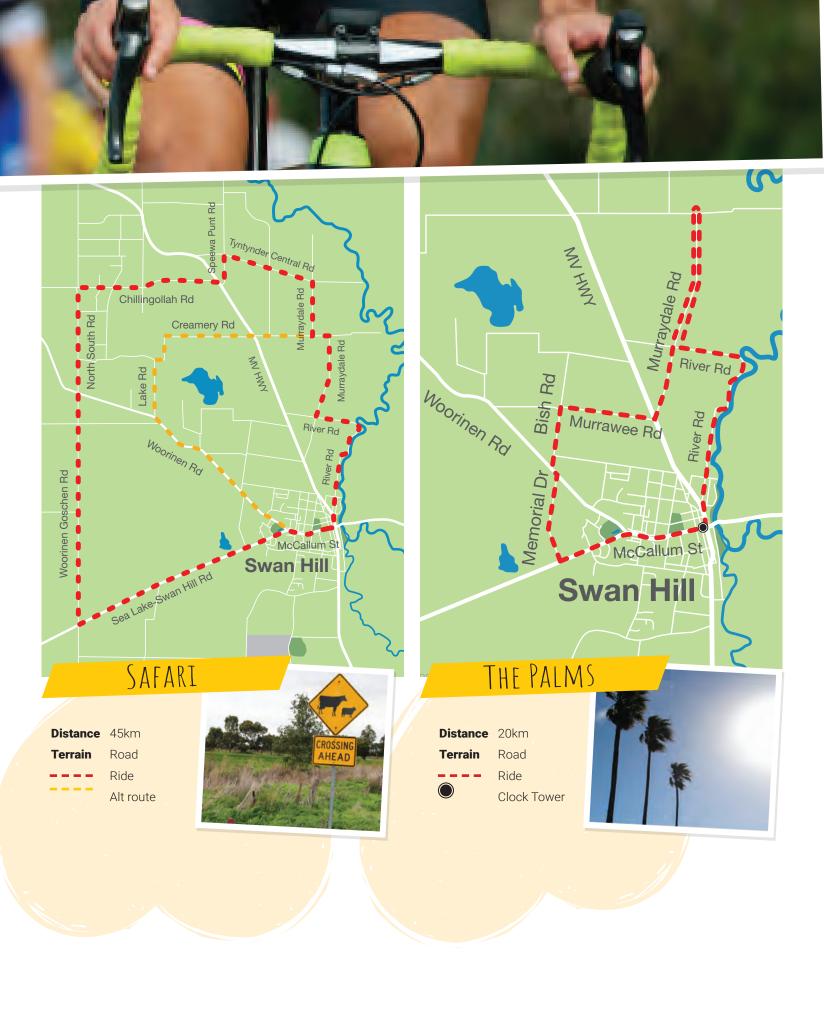


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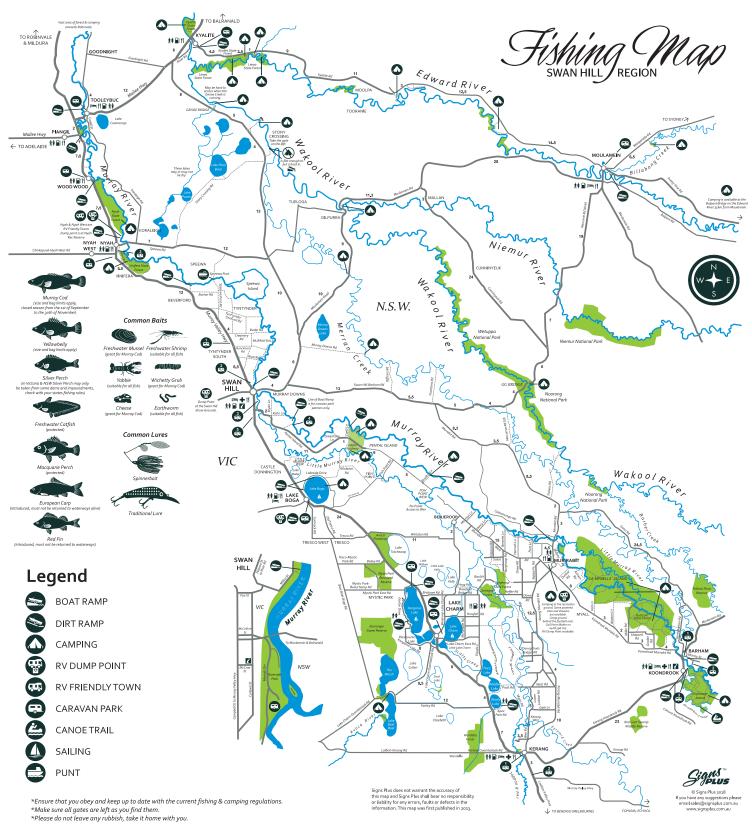
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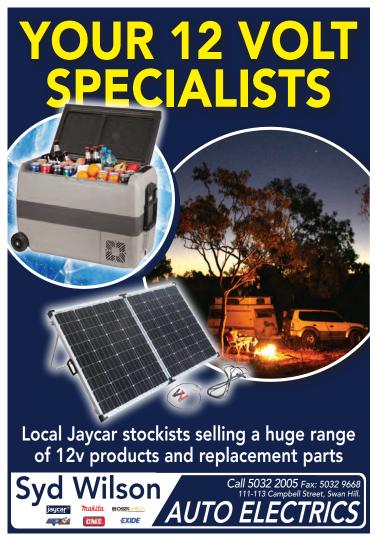
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LAKE BOGA FLYING BOAT MUSEUM









Catalina Park Lake Boga

Victoria – Australia

Lake Boga, situated 16km south of Swan Hill, is home to the famous Catalina Flying Boat A24-30, one of only four in Australia.

Playing an integral part in the allied defence of the South Pacific during World War II, Lake Boga was an ideal stretch of water on which the mighty flying boats could alight.

On the original site of the no. 1 Flying Boat Repair Depot, stands an underground Communications Bunker which has been transformed into the Flying Boat Museum. It is fully airconditioned and is an educational trip into our recent history.

All types of Flying Boats that were serviced at Lake Boga are represented in the museum, with special sections dedicated to the United States of America and Netherlands aircrafts and crew who visited Lake Boga during World War II.

Also at the Museum is an interactive map of the Pacific region and an informative 20 minute film in the theatrette.

Open daily 9am-4pm (closed Good Friday and Christmas Day)

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How to get there



Turn north at Lakeside Drive on Swan Hill side of Lake Boga, turn right at Willakool Drive and follow the lake to the Museum.



and all manners of water activities.

In an almost perfect circle, this freshwater lake sits 10km south of Swan Hill. The namesake township is on the lake's south-western side, with picnic areas, a railway station, holiday accommodation and a wonderful piece of heritage in the form of the Cannie Ridge Steam Pump, which operated from 1904 to 1952.

There's a concrete and gravel track encircling the lake, on which you'll encounter ducks, pelicans and many other species of waterbirds.

The Catalina Flying Boat Museum

Lake Boga's contribution to Australia's military history commenced during World War II, after a flying boat base was established in response to the Japanese attacks on Darwin and Broome.

The attacks created a need for a base and repair depot for Catalina flying boats beyond the range of Japanese raids.

What became the nation's principal flying boat base, had a short lived history after it was closed in 1947, but its memory lives on in the form of a fantastically well put together museum.

The museum incorporates the base's hidden communications bunker, and features a gleaming Catalina (A24-30) that was restored by the Lions Club of Lake Boga. This is accompanied by footage, archive photographs, communications equipment, tools and the engines of several flying boats.

Lake Boga is located on the Murray Valley Highway around 327km from Melbourne via the Calder Freeway. It is only 15km by road from Swan Hill and 49km from Kerang.



The Lake Boga Yacht Club is renowned for its Annual Easter Regatta, first held in 1937. The regatta, which is one of the biggest inland regattas in Australia, has been held every year except for on two occasions. The first was during World War II, the second was more recently when severe drought conditions forced the lake totally dry for almost four years.

Many of the regattas held over the years have had well in excess of 250 yachts, which created a spectacular site on the lake. Apart from the clean, open waters of the lake a major attraction to Lake Boga is that the regatta participants are able to camp near their yachts in the grassed parklands surrounding the yacht club.

In mid 2010, the lake was once again full, enabling the yacht club members to sail regularly during the warmer months and to organise their Easter Regatta again.

For the avid water sport enthusiast, there are significant Skiing Victoria events held on the lake, most often in March and August, these attract visitors and competitors from all over the Victoria and interstate.

MURRABIT MODEST TOWN'S MARKET JEWEL!

Murrabit is a modest river town, 305km from the state's capital Melbourne. The township of Murrabit was established as a railway station on the Kerang-Stony Crossing Border Railway in 1924. The existence of the railway station made Murrabit an obvious place for shops and houses to cluster. The town was built two miles from the river, a stipulation set by the New South Wales Government as a condition of collaboration with the Border Railway Scheme.

The area is renowned for Murray Cod and Yellowbelly (Golden Perch) which prove a popular challenge to any angler.

The small country town is most famous for its down to earth, humble monthly country market. At dawn on the first Saturday of each month, the town comes to life when it hosts the Murrabit Country Market.

The market is in its 46th year of operation with the first market held in November 1977 when 19 stalls set up in front of the Murrabit Hall.

The market continues today as one of Victoria's longest running country markets, held on the first Saturday of every month (including Easter Saturday), with stallholders filling up to 150 sites from

across the state and across the borders of NSW and SA

Wares from fresh home grown produce, woodenware, recycled iron, plants, craft, bric-a-brac, hardware, tools, fishing gear and clothing are there to delight the purchaser.

Aromas of freshly cooked barbecues and hot food fill the air and morning tea at the hall, consisting of cappuccinos, scones, sandwiches and sumptuous cakes is not to be missed. Live entertainment adds to the relaxed atmosphere and popular entertainers perform at each of the markets.



THINGS TO SEE & DO

1. COD CHALLENGE

The Murrabit Cod Challenge is a catch and release fishing competition on the Murray River at Murrabit in March, targeting the mighty Murray Cod and Golden Perch. Camping is provided at the Murrabit Rec Reserve on the Friday and Saturday nights, with all meals catered for. So catch a weekend away with your mates and enjoy a fish on the famous Murray River, snag a Murray Cod and win some awesome prizes.

2. GOLF

Murrabit Golf Course is a wonderful 12 hole, 73 par golf course. Murrabit Golf Club is a very friendly club that plays every Saturday afternoon from Easter and holds an annual tournament that is wholly contested from locals and golfers further afield.

3. BUSY BEES

Busy Bees of Murrabit is operated by the Murrabit Promotions Committee, a not-for-profit community organisation. Opened in 2005, Busy Bees of Murrabit provides a central location to promote tourism, an outlet for the sale and display of locally produced arts and crafts, and of course an additional attraction for visitors to enjoy. Open Fridays between 10am and 4pm and Wednesday prior to a market 10am to 4pm and Murrabit Market mornings between 9am and 12.30pm, or by appointment by phoning 5457 2205.

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#MYSTICPARK

Nestled a stone's throw from the railway line that connects the neighbouring north west Victorian towns of Kerang and Swan Hill, is the rural village of Mystic Park.

During early settlement, farm selections were taken up in the 1870s when the Murrabit pastoral run was subdivided.

The Murrabit or Marabout pastoral run, established in 1848 was a subdivision of the Reedy Lake run (1845) which extended as far southwest as Quambatook. Pastoral runs relate to areas of land occupied by early European settlers for grazing, before regulation by state and colonial governments. The runs were eventually subject to a yearly lease payment, and the option to also lease up to 640 acres of adjacent land

The parcels of land to be subdivided, were located on the edge of the Mallee. a not-so-favourable destination. However, the two neighbouring lakes, Kangaroo Lake and Lake Tutchewop, offered the prospect of a reliable water supply and therefore the potential for irrigation.

Proclamation of Mystic Park as a township was made three years after the opening of the regions railway in 1890. This small country town grew in size and population shortly after the opening of a mechanics institute in 1894 and the local school in 1900. The school unfortunately closed in 1977, due to dwindling enrolments, with its assets divided between nearby the schools at Lake Boga and Lake Charm.

A turning point in the townships early settlement history, came a decade after the schools opening, in 1910 when the Mystic Park Irrigation Company was founded. The organisation drew its water lifeline from the nearby Kangaroo

It took a further ten years for the town to establish a syndicate comprising of several local irrigated citrus orchards. This syndicate was headed by businessman and advocate for the development of the regions irrigation, J. R Gorton.



Iconic bush pub

The origin of the name is obscure, beginning with the Mystic Park Hotel (1879) which was opened on the coach run to Swan Hill. The inspiration for the hotel's name may have been the publican's affection for horse-racing, as there was a Mystic Park race track in Massachusetts, USA, until about 1900.

In 1982 the Mystic Park bush race began, echoing the racing clubs formed in the 1920s and in the 1880s by the original publican.

The town's present pub, a glorious two-storey structure, its most iconic building. Built in 1936 this wonderful bush pub has all the quirks and charms you'd expect. In its heyday, it was a thriving hotel with pristine accommodation and hearty meals. At the time, the railway train stopped at Mystic Park Station which is now closed. The accommodation was used up until the late 80s. After 30 years, the hotel presents 13 renovated upstairs rooms.

Located a few kilometres from Kangaroo Lake, it can be a little tricky to find but well worth discovering.

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FUN FACTS

- 1. The west side of the lake is bordered by vineyards, with the grapes destined for the popular Brown Brothers' winery.
- 2. A former Prime Minister was born at Kangaroo Lake. Sir John Grey Gorton was Prime Minister from 1968 to 1971. Gorton's Drive and Gorton's Point were named after the Gorton family.
- 3. Another former Kangaroo Lake resident, Dr Stanley Argyle, was Premier of Victoria from 1932-35 and then knighted as Sir Stanley Argyle.

Activities and recreation

Kangaroo Lake is very popular with recreational boaters and water sport enthusiasts. During the warm summer months, you will more often than not, see the lake's surface awash with canoes and kayakers and because of it depth and size, it's also incredibly popular with water-skiers.

Despite camping not being permitted on the outskirts of the lake, the north end is still very popular for day visitors with grass and shaded picnic spots and suitable for swimming and fishing.

The lake is well serviced, with ample car parking, boat ramps (there is a boat ramp at the Kangaroo Lake Caravan Park and also on the west side at Gorton Point), playground, toilets and a wood-fired BBQ.

Staying at the lake

Kangaroo Lake Caravan Park is on a beautiful foreshore of this big lake. The park is proudly pet-friendly, with a relaxed atmosphere offering cabins, large caravan camp sites, both powered and non powered sites, and a kids playground as well

The park has a licensed kiosk offering grocery lines, ice-creams, our wonderful pizzas, fish and chips and much more. Kangaroo Lake is the perfect destination for the keen angler, kayaker and swimmer.

Why not end the day, marvelling at the beautiful sunset across the lake, with a cold glass of wine in hand





Other amenities include laundry, recreation room, free gas BBQ's and children's playground.

The Kangaroo Park Caravan Park is the ideal place to enjoy fishing, water skiing and all other water sports including swimming.

The Parks licensed kiosk offers grocery lines, ice creams, pizzas and fish and chips.



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Kerang is a surprising oasis in the north-west of Victoria.

The town has a friendly country feel about it, and locals who will greet you on the main street.

There is a mix of franchise and boutique stores in the CBD, and the town is a centre for manufacturing with renewed business such as Mac's Shortbread, Faucet Tapware, Dunstan Farm Engineering and Kerfab.

Kerang boasts an incredible wetlands system that supports one of Australia's largest ibis breeding grounds, amongst other native bird species.

The intricate system of more than 50 lakes, swamps and lagoons that stretch from Lake Boga in the north to Kerang in the South attracts anglers, bird watchers and campers from all over the country.

This series of lakes are easily accessed off the Murray

Valley Highway just north of Kerang, stretching almost as far as Swan Hill.

Lake Charm and Kangaroo Lake are the most popular for campers, water-skiers, boating enthusiasts and families looking for fun in the autumn. But there are smaller waterways, too (23 in all), meaning you can escape the crowds and enjoy a quiet swim or cast a line and catch a redfin, yellow belly or Murray cod (season open until August 31) for dinner.



by road to Swan Hill, 130km north of

Bendigo and 100km from Echuca.

KERANG REGION'S

1. QUAMBATOOK SILO CINEMAS

Thisis an incredible experience, worth travelling to. The Silo Cinema held its first screening of The Labyrinth for National Youth Week in April 2016 to an audience of about 50.

It now screens a couple of times a year to audiences of 200 or more. Screenings are held for exclusively Australian movies and are scheduled in line with a new moon in February and October.

The event has gained momentum and gathered support since its inception six years ago and is now famous for its atmosphere, food and fun before the movie as much as the uniqueness of siloscreened movies.



2. THE IBIS ROOKERY AT MIDDLE LAKE

Six kilometres north of Kerang is a popular destination for nature lovers and bird watchers. The bird hide offers viewers the perfect place to watch Strawnecked and White Ibis and other spectacular birds such as pelicans, swans, spoonbills, cormorants and darters, egrets and ducks. Two species of ibis inhabit the rookery with numbers often exceeding 20,000. The white ibis is identified by its almost entirely white body plumage. The straw-necked ibis has unique. yellow, straw-like feathers on its neck.

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3. GRAYS BAKERY

Located on Scoresby St, Kerang, the bakery has been serving the district for over 50 years. The proprietors hold strong community values, priding themselves on high-quality traditional bakery food made on-site. There is indoor seating for over 80 people along with free Wi-Fi internet, ATM and EFTPOS. Open seven days, it is ideal for any traveller looking for a break with easily accessible parking. Giant Weeping Elm trees and outdoor seating offer an opportunity to sit out, soak up the sun and fresh air. Simply phone through your order and have it waiting.

4. KERANG HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM

Located on Riverwood Drive, in the town's centre. It hosts a wonderful selection of artefacts and furnishings that are a fantastic celebration of the town's pioneer past.

5. ATKINSON PARK

Another great local spot for the family. Located just off the Murray Valley Highway in Kerang, Atkinson Park boasts a well-developed skate park, a number of climbing farms, slides, swings and a flying fox and barbecue facilities for parents to cook up a storm. After a feed, have a stretch of the legs and take a stroll around the man-made mini lake. There is plenty of birdlife and native flora and fauna to enjoy.



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6. WETLANDS

The many wetlands and reserves across the region are a haven for birdlife (up to 200 species). The Kerang Lakes are recognised as internationally important wetlands under the Ramsar

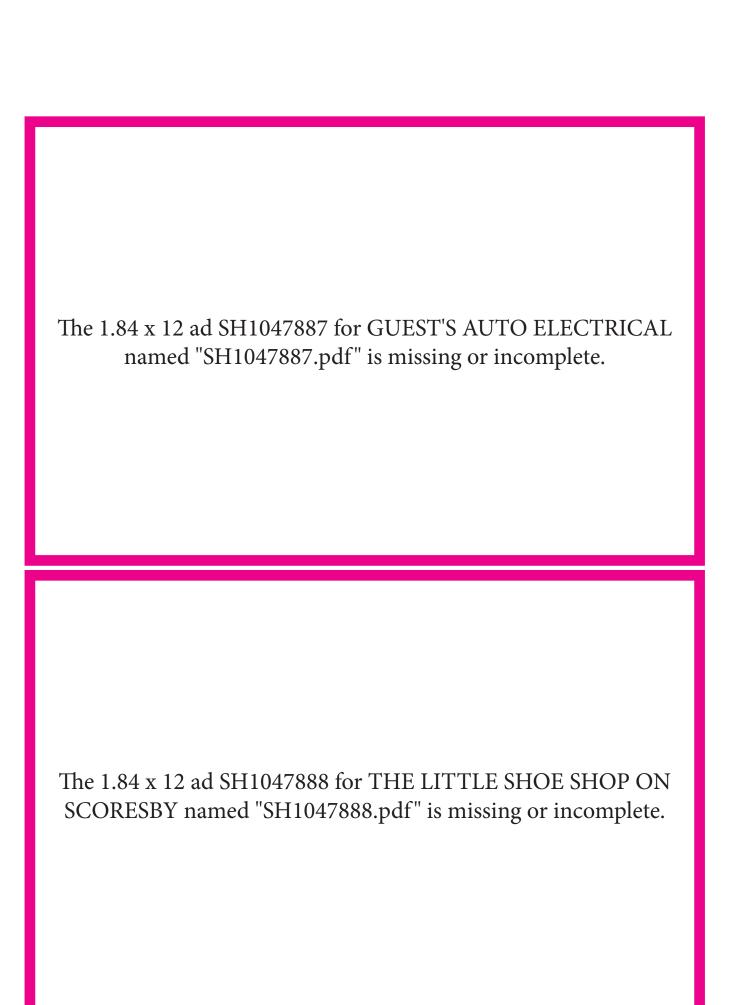
The Kerang Ramsar site comprises 23 lakes and swamps on the lower reaches of the Avoca and Loddon Rivers and Pyramid Creek.

It is a very diverse system and the wetlands are large and differ widely in permanence, depth, salinity and vegetation type. The wetlands regularly support large numbers of water birds.

The wetlands of Gunbower Island support a unique array of water birds, wildlife and aquatic plants and animals, with over 170 bird species recorded. It also contains 24 reptile species, a variety of fish and approximately 200 plant species. Kangaroos and emus are very common throughout the forest, with koalas being a bit more elusive.

Campers will almost certainly hear calls from mopoke and barking owls, a variety of frogs and a range of woodland and water birds.

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recognised under the Ramsar Convention. The largest and most populated of the lakes, in terms of visitors and tourism are Lake Charm, Kangaroo Lake, Lake Meran and Middle Reedy Lake.

> Lake Charm is a large freshwater lake that is part of the Murray Irrigation storage system. It is a popular location for water sports including swimming, waterskiing, bird watching, fishing, and kayaking. Lake Charm regularly hosts the Victorian Ski Racing titles as well as Victorian point score events. Competitors come from all over Australia to compete in the events.

The relaxed setting of Lake Charm is the ideal destination for a family getaway or day trip. The eastern shore of the lake is a haven for birdlife and fishing is very popular, with redfin, yellow belly and Murray cod regular catches. In spring, the Redfin Fishing Classic is an attraction for hundreds of

Pelican Lakes Tourist Park is a great spot to enjoy Lake Charm. Located right on the lake banks, it's the perfect spot for all water sports, including fishing, boating and water skiing.

Kangaroo Lake is the former home of the 19th Australian Prime Minister Sir John Gorton, who

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was born in 1911. The lake is well-known for fishing and water sports with the caravan park right on the lake foreshore. The north end of the lake is popular for day visitors with all types of recreation.

The west side of the lake is also used for watersports, fishing and swimming while many residences are located high on the lunette overlooking the lake. Brown Brothers has its largest vineyard located at Kangaroo Lake and Lake Charm while local winemakers the Dent family, are producing some fine wines under the label Countertop Wines. Jetski races return to Kangaroo Lake across the autumn months, including the National Championships.

Lake Meran is a picturesque freshwater lake on the northern end of Leaghur Forest. The lake has white, sandy beaches and is surrounded by healthy red gums. It truly is a beautiful spot to camp, swim, fish or simply relax with a picnic in natural surrounds.

Middle Reedy Lake is home to the Ibis Rookery where thousands of ibis breed annually. The wetlands are home to many species of waterbirds including ibis, coots, sea eagles, herons, kites and spoonbills. Watch a video of the wetland at Middle Reedy Lake.

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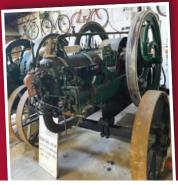
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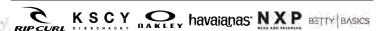
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Boort is a little known gem fondly referred to by locals and nature enthusiasts as the 'Northern Oasis'. Its charm is held in the abundance of Mallee, rivers, lakes, creeks and outcrops, making it one of the best spots to bushwalk and set up a bush camp for

The township of Boort was established around the banks of Little Lake Boort in the early 1840s. Its thriving wetlands

the night.

led to it becoming known as the 'Northern Oasis'. Situated 270km north west of Melbourne, this delightful little jewel in the crown of Loddon shire is not short of things to see and do. Sample some of the local produce include award-winning green tomatoes and olive products or why not explore the rich indigenous history of the Dia Dja Wurrung people who used Bald Hill to send smoke signals. Boort is an Aboriginal name meaning, 'smoke from the hill'. Wander through the dense bush and discover scar trees, from which Indigenous people took bark to make canoes and shelters, among other Indigenous artefacts.

Camping&Nature

The Boort district is characterised by a delightful mix of rolling Mallee, rivers, lakes, creeks and granite outcrops, so the camping opportunities are many and varied.

From civilised camping experiences with full facilities, to remote bush camping with no mod cons, Boort and district has it all.

There's a wide range of holiday cabins, camping and caravan sites available in the town's main caravan park, including spots with beautiful water frontage.

At nearby Lake Meran, on the road between Kerang and Boort, there are showers, toilets, playground, barbecues and sealed access. Just make a donation in the box available.

In remote areas, there are hidden gems along the Loddon River, Serpentine Creek and Leaghur State Park.



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1. SPANNER MAN

Boort is home to the Spanner Man, the world-class metal sculpture, who is accompanied by over 25 more unique life-size and largerthan-life sculptures in the country garden of the late John Piccolo. After contracting polio in 1949, Mr Piccoli carried on farming his third-generation Central Victorian property from a wheelchair before retiring to embrace life as an accidental artist.

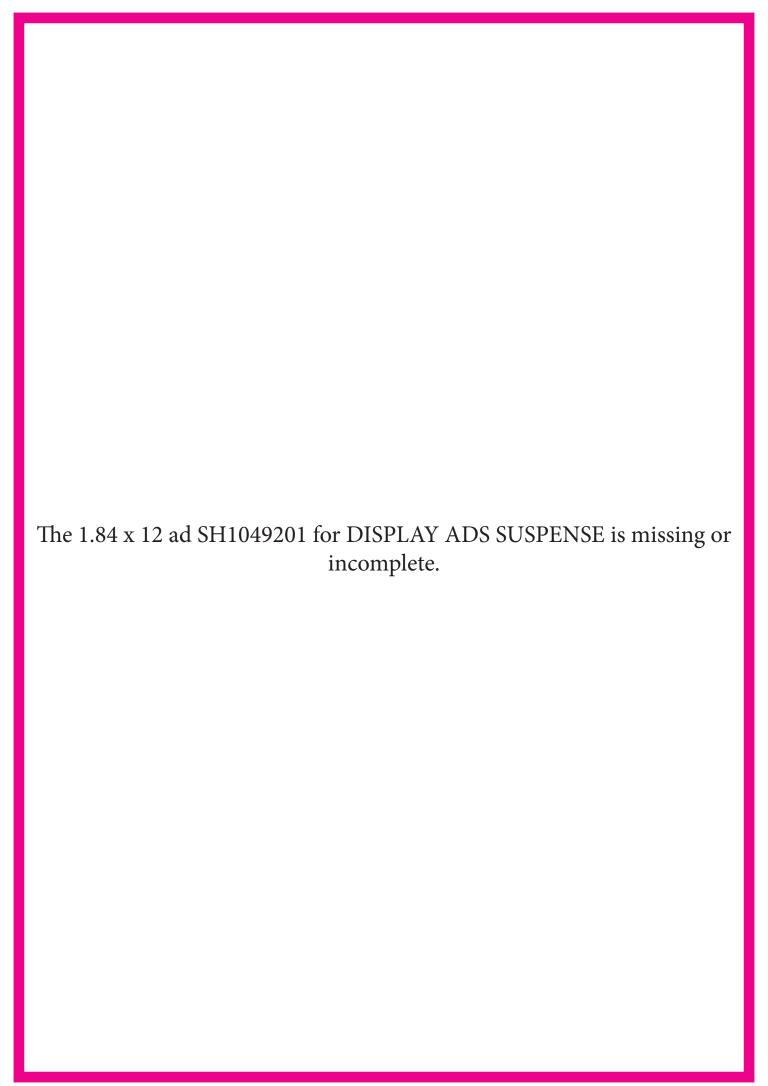
John Piccoli sourced antique spanners from far and wide to create his many sculptures. After a fair bit of convincing, he opened up his creations to visitors.

The craftsmanship on display is incredible. A top destination when visiting this delightful country town.

2. SIMPLY TOMATOES

Simply Tomatoes, renowned manufacturers of highly sought-after speciality green tomato products, are located in Boort next door to the Godfrey & Bear Cafe.

They also sell produce at The Country Shop on the main street.





Barham, the NSW river town best known for its citrus groves and abundant fishing spots, is on opposite sides of the majestic Murray River, to Victorian country town; Koondrook.

The twin towns form the commercial centre for the region's fat lamb, cattle, cropping and dairy producers and together, they service the extensive pastoral and horticultural regions.

Koondrook is a quiet town whose economy is driven by the timber, dairying and citrus fruit industries on the surrounding rich river plains of the Murray River.

Today it has become a popular inland holiday destination for families and anglers as there is excellent fishing for Murray cod, golden perch, carp, silver fish, catfish and yabbies as well as canoeing on the river and bushwalking on Gunbower Island.

laygrounds

Apex Park at Koondrook, located on Arbuthnot Street, is fenced and features a structure in the shape of a tram.

The park has tunnels, ladders, inclined walkways, a fireman's pole, abacus, small wave slide, shop front and climbing wall with curved slide. Look out for the frog springer and the wooden sculpture of a pelican.

A new skate park at the Barham Recreation Reserve was completed in March 2019.

The concrete park features a flow bowl area opening up into street obstacles.

Restaurants&Hotels

Koondrook and Barham have a diverse and exciting range of eateries.

Enjoy the hot rocks experience at the Royal Hotel or the bistro at cluBarham.

Want something a little less heavy on the stomach, then the Riverside Cafe, Canvas Coffee and Providore or the Koondrook General Store could be for you.

Barham Bakery has fresh pies, pasties and sausage rolls, while sweet tooths are sorted with their impressive cakes.



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Things to do



Barham Bridge, is iconic to the twin town's identity and early settler history. The bridge, which was built in 1904, crosses the Murray between Koondrook and Barham is one of the oldest on the river. It was constructed so that the central section could be lifted so that paddle steamers plying the river between South Australia and Echuca could pass under the bridge. From 1904 until it was mechanised in 1997 the lift section of the bridge was raised and lowered by two men using a system of pulleys and weights. Today it is rarely raised but it remains largely operational.

The Koondrook Barham Redgum Statue River Walk which commenced in November 2002 with the carving of Alexander "Sandy" Arbuthnot, is a wonderful attraction iconic to the twin towns heritage and cultural identity.

The carvings depict wildlife and local people who are of great significant to the region.

The walk is an evolving project, as new sculptures are added to the collection each year. There are now fifteen statues (two in Barham and 13 in Koondrook) including such notables as Alexander Arbuthnot (located just outside the Arbuthnot Sawmill), a range of local characters and iconic local animals as a Murray Cod, kookaburra and wedge-tailed

The incredibly crafted, redgum sculptures are carved by chainsaw by Kevin Guilders, a world renowned chainsaw carver from Melbourne, who has produced most of the sculptures in the 'Walk'.

Koondrook Track on Gunbower Island,

affectionately

referred to as 'Victoria's Kakadu' or the Gannawarra Wetlands as a treasure trove for avid bird watchers and native enthusiasts. Visitors flock to the wetlands to marvel at the abundance of native flora, fauna and birdlife. An astounding 160 different species of birds and countless numbers of native fauna can be found in this wonderful marshland habitat. Barham Lakes is a must see when visiting the region. The wonderful 32 hectare lake complex constructed by the Barham Services Club, includes amenities such as sheltered picnic areas, playgrounds and barbecues, making it an ideal spot for a restful break. There are also wide expanses of lawn, 4.5 km of cycling/walking tracks and the lake system is stocked with native fish.

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The Log Buggy, located on the corner of Main Street and Punt Road is an old log buggy owned and operated by William Thomas Grass. It was built around 1930, was hauled by bullocks, and was used to carry logs from the local forests to Arbuthnot Sawmill.

In the middle of Main Street is the Koondrook Tramway Station, it was not built until 1913 despite the rail line opening in 1889. The track beside the station now holds some interesting old rolling stock from the Kerang & Koondrook Tramway which, when it was first constructed, carried produce and passengers between Koondrook and the railhead at Kerang. The railway closed in

Punt Road, named because a punt operated from 1884 until the Barham bridge opened in 1904, was the main road leading down to the river crossing. The punt can still be seen, along with a number of wrecks, when the river is low. It was also here that barges and paddle boats were constructed between 1881 and 1923. A remarkable relic of the town's boom period in the 1880s and 1890s is the Arbuthnot sawmill, which was built in 1890 for Alexander Arbuthnot and which is still operational today.



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Koondrook eventually was settled by farmers about 1881. There has been over recent years an increasing demand of tourists. Just out of town are the extensive river red gum forests of Koondrook and Perricoota.

For many years the twin towns were important trading stops on the riverboat journeys and also developed sawmills which provided red gum sleepers for the Victorian Railways. Of the two towns, Koondrook developed faster, perhaps due to Barham's more isolated location. After the towns became linked by the bridge over the Murray in 1904, Barham's township and population began to grow.

Beyond the wetlands is Kow Swamp, where in the late 1960s anthropologists uncovered 13,000 year old fossilised bones, which gave way to the notion that at least two distinct Aboriginal clans had resided there.

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CAMPING & NATURE

Koondrook State Forest has a series of excellent camping spots on the banks of the Murray and superb fishing.

The river red gums are supreme as you can fall asleep to the sounds of cockatoos and the timeless flow of one of Australia's premier waterways. Make sure you bring drinking water though and respect the fire ban from late in the year until Easter.

The forest is accessed via Murray Street in Barham. If cycling the scenic riverside trails are more your go, then you are more than catered for, with cycling tracks along the Murray. New to Koondrook is Koondrook Retreat.

The newest nature-based tourism attraction in the Gannwarra shire, located on the Gunbower Creek. You can enjoy uninterrupted creek views from luxury self-contained glamping tents suitable for groups of up to four. If you have a boat, you can drive right up on the banks and step out to your retreat tent.



GETTING TO Barham AND Koondrook

The twin towns of Koondrook and Barham are a comfortable three-and-a-half-hour (300km) drive north-west of Melbourne.

The Loddon Valley Highway and Calder Freeway ensure a smooth trip. Those heading from west or east are likely to use the Murray Valley Highway and turn off from either Kerang or Cohuna.



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HIDDEN GEMS OF COHUNA

1. GUNBOWER ISLAND

Gunbower Island is a 26,400 hectare island which is surrounded by Gunbower Creek, which is very popular with water skiers, and the Murray River. Its 50km length qualifies it as Australia's largest inland island. It extends right the way from Koondrook to Torrumbarry Weir and Lock 26. Visitors to the island can expect endless swamps, countless river red gums and, on the higher ground, a pristine box forest. Birdwatchers will have no shortage of birdlife to marvel at, with over 200 bird species which call this wonderful island home.

The island is also home to a wide range of native mammals,

amphibians, fish (notably the Murray Cod, golden perch and redfin) and 24 reptiles. It is believed the island was originally inhabited by eight clans of the Barababaraba people. If you look carefully, you will still see signs of their settlement. There are mounds and middens of shells and bones and many of the trees are still scarred. Their diet was believed to be a combination of yabbies, grubs, fish and flour made from Nardoo and turned into damper.

2. FARMERS AND MAKERS MARKET

The Cohuna Farmers and Makers Market is a boutique market showcasing fresh food, produce and quality crafts from the local and surrounding areas. Located at the Cohuna Garden Park on the picturesque Gunbower Creek. The market runs on the fourth Sunday of every month from 8am-noon.



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3. BIG COHUNA FESTIVAL

Every year, the Big Cohuna Festival attracts people from all over the country. Held on the Melbourne Cup long weekend, the event attracts many new visitors, as well as those who return year after year to come and support the region's incredible and vibrant history.

4. BEACH AND PARK

Cohuna Beach at Apex Park includes two jetties and a 150 metre sections of beautiful soft sand. During summer, kayakers, stand up paddle boarders, swimmers and remote controlled boat enthusiasts flock to the area to take in the sights and smells of the wonderful Gunbower Creek.

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5. INLAND ISLAND

Gunbower National Park, along with the adjoining Gunbower State Forest, make up largest inland island in Australia. The country consists largely of largely floodplains, forest and Ramsarrecognised wetlands. It's a well-known haven for canoe and kayak enthusiasts as well as campers, bushwalkers and birdwatchers.

6. THE WETLANDER

Wetlander Cruises on Gunbower Creek are a must-do for all visitors. A relaxed cruise along a beautiful stretch of water awaits you. Take a deep breath as you take in the natural beauty of your surrounds and spot the native wildlife as you meander down the creek. The cuisine on board compliments the tasteful surrounds and offers various cruising times. Start your day with a glorious breakfast abroad a beautiful vessel, while taking in the birdlife and local flora and fauna. A delicious lunch and dinner will complete this unique experience.

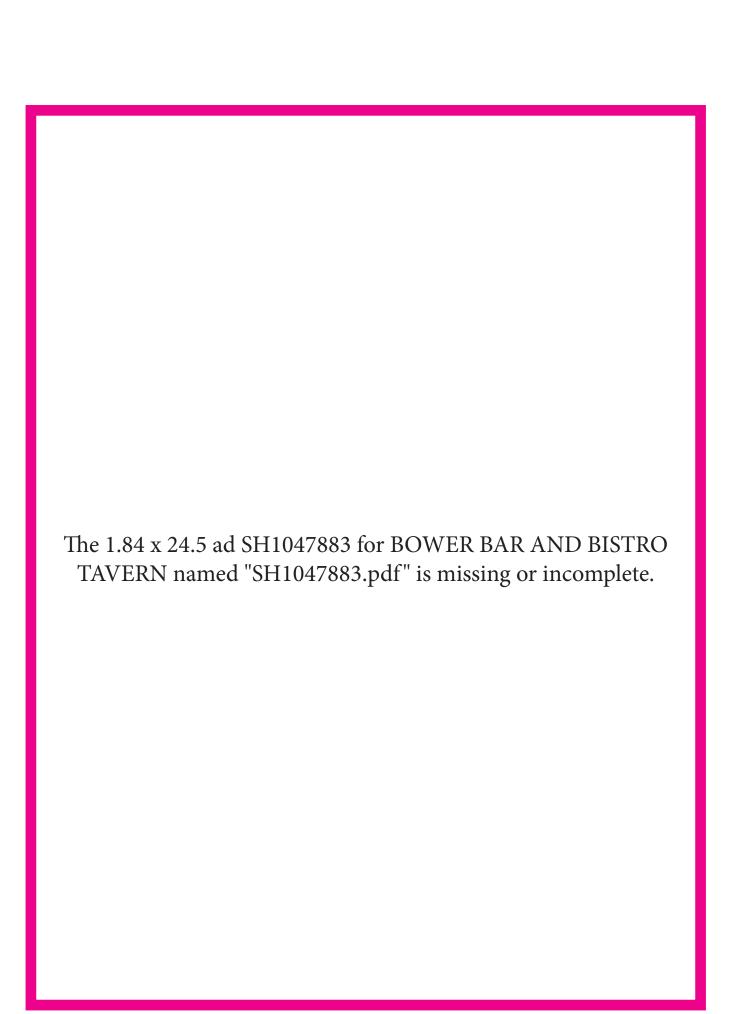
GETTING TO Cohuna

Cohuna is located on the Murray Valley Highway 274km from Melbourne. It is 32km by road from Kerang and 92km from Swan Hill.

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#MOULAMEIN

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Situated at the junction of the picturesque Edward River and neighbouring Billabong Creek, is the quaint township of

The pioneer settlement, which is the oldest in the Riverina, is also sandwiched between two majestic major rivers; the Murray and Murrumbidgee.

Its prominent location afforded the town and its community agricultural success during its infancy. Buildings and other markers that hark back to those early pioneering days can be found throughout the town.

Moulamein's modest size and population of 484 people, could easily lead you to thinking that there isn't much to do here, but think again! This delightful country town has a host of wonderful attractions for all the family to enjoy. The town itself includes the awe inspiring Jeraly woodshed, the unique Werai horse stables as well as the magnificent Moolpa blacksmiths shop.

THINGS TO SEE & DO

MOULAMEIN HERITAGE VILLAGE

Moulamein has honoured it's pastoral roots by showcasing artefacts and machinery from the era in the Moulamein Heritage Village.

The Moulamein Community proudly opened their new Heritage Village in December last year.

The Village offers an information centre housed in the old Dhuragoon School building, and displays a number of objects and buildings that have historical significance to the local area.

Years of planning have brought the project to fruition.

It was thanks to a grant received from the Australian Government's Drought Communities program that took the village from an idea to a reality.

Stop by and learn all about the regions rich agricultural and iconic wool industry operations.

MOULAMEIN LAKE

One of the town's major attractions is the 12 hectare Moulamein

Its extensive bird life, including the locally adored black swans, attract bird watchers from near and far.

Facilities at the lake include a superb swimming pool, very popular during hot summer months, as well as a boat ramp.

The lake is ideal for all manner of water-based activity, including boating, kayaking, windsurfing, paddle boarding, fishing, and water skiing.

Interestingly, Moulamein Lake is home to several endangered species of native fish, and the Southern Bell Frog.

Ask one of the locals about these wonderful creatures, and they will be glad to offer some further information.

MOULAMEIN COURT HOUSE

Head back in time to the days when Moulamein was a thriving settlement of the Southern Riverina.

Discover the carefully restored Old Court House, which served as court house for the town from 1890 to 1968.

The original court house had been operating since at least 1848 and was the oldest court house in the Riverina, in fact prisoners were brought to Moulamein from as far away as Albury to be tried. It was destroyed by fire in 1890 and rebuilt later that year.

The courthouse is open via appointment.

WOOLSHED PAVILION

Beside the Art Gallery is the Woolshed Pavilion, a wondrous building erected by the dedicated members of the local men's shed group.

It's location in the heart of town makes it a convenient meeting place, for locals and visitors alike, to have a cuppa and yarn, while putting their hand to some incredible artworks and building projects. It is home to some outstanding

award winning sculptures. It's well worth a stop by.

MOOLOOMOON WOOLSHED

Mooloomoon is a beautiful property nestled in native bushland on the banks of the Edward River, within walking distance from Moulamein.

The Mooloomoon shearing shed offers a taste of the pastoral past.Displays inside the atmospheric old shearing shed tell incredible tales from the settlers, shearers, and other wool industry representatives.

The shearing shed offers a unique glimpse into the once enormous wool industry that drove the settlement of inland



Mooloomoon River Front Accommodation and **Historical Shearing Shed**

A beautiful property nestled in native bushland on the banks on the **Edward River**

The perfect place for fishing and boating

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Boat Trip at Moulamein

Departing from Historical Mooloomoon Shearing Shed

The Vessel 'Goldsborough' will travel along the Edward River including a tour of the historical shearing shed

Allow 2 hours - Booking essential Maximum of 12 people

Bookings 0427 340 537



MOULAMEIN ART GALLERY

Located on Morago Street,in the heart of town, is this delightful and well executed art gallery.

The Moulamein Art Gallery is a great place to take a break from your journey, pop in for coffee and cake, whilst enjoying a range of art, craft, and produce from local artists.

Moulamein Art Gallery prides itself on being an inclusive place where people come together to be inspired and imaginations sparked.

Talk with the artists who volunteer their time to open the gallery. If you have a little more time to spare, look up the gallery's regularly held workshops and exhibition openings. You won't be disappointed!

The gallery is open to the public on Thursday and Friday each week, or by appointment.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Fishing is one of Moulamein's real draw cards. It's easy access to the Edward, Wakool, and Neimur Rivers, along with the Billabong Creek, make it a prime spot for anglers and leisurely fishing activities.

The Edward River, and the Billabong Creek, run through the centre of town, and have some of the best fishing spots in the area.

The wide concrete boat ramp behind the Tatts Hotel, at the Edward River and Billabong Creek junction is one of the best destinations to offload your boat. Moulamein is an incredibly popular camping, fishing, and canoeing destination, especially during the summer months.

There is no shortgae of spots along the river to unhook your boat, and enjoy a day in a beautiful riverscape setting.

BIG TRFF

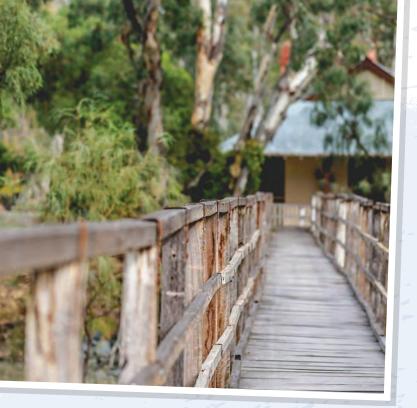
"Big Tree, you say? There are plenty of those!"

That may be true, but not many are quite as special or of greater significance than Moulamein's "Big Tree".Located on the Moulamein River Walk, this magnificent River Red Gum is one of the largest in the Riverina, measuring approximately 11.5 metres in circumference.

The Big Tree is regarded as a meeting place, and is culturally significant to traditional Indigenous owners.

The age of the tree is estimated to be between 500 and 1000 years .You can visit the Big Tree, on the Moulamein River Walk, and read the story boards that depict the regions rich history and environment in images and text.

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GETTING TO Moulamein.

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The Gallery regularly hold art workshops and exhibition openings.

Open Thursday and Friday 10am-4pm or by appointment 33 Morago Street, Moulamein

0437 192 648 & 0428 875 137

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THINGS TO SEE & DO

MOULAMEIN RIVER WALK

The Moulamein River Walk winds its way along the very picturesque Edward River, and its neighbouring Billabong Creek.

There is a sign posted, self guided tour, that lines the walk, which gives the reader an amazing insight into the history and heritage of the Riverina's oldest town.

This peaceful walk takes you through an abundance of river gum trees, and is a prime location to spot some of the areas native wildlife, such as: Kangaroos, echidnas, goannas, bearded dragons,, and kookaburras, just to name a few.

Highlights of the walk include some of the main attractions already discussed, including the Mooloomoon Shearing shed, and the famous Big Tree, in addition to the old Moulamein wharf, and the iconic Ring and Scar trees.

The area has great cultural and historical significance to the local Wamba Wamba people, who have hunted, fished, cooked, camped, and held ceremonial gatherings in this area for thousnads of years.

The signage scattered along the walk makes reference to the regions rich and deep rooted ancestral history.

CRUISE THE EDWARD

You can now enjoy a different view of the oldest town in the Riverina, on a cruise down the Edward River, an anabranch of the Murray. Climb aboard the passenger vessel Goldsborough III, at the historic Mooloomoon shearing shed, and take a leisurely cruise down this beautiful waterway.

The pontoon boat can carry ten passengers. So don't pass up on a unique opportunity to enjoy this majestic stretch of river.

What's On

Yabbies are intrinsic to the identity of the Riverina region; this is reflective each year at Easter, when the population of Moulamein swells with people returning for the annual Moulamein Yabby Races.

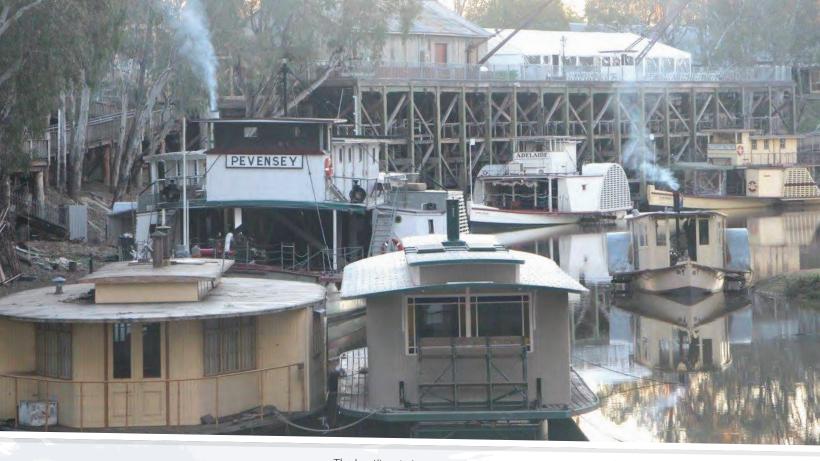
If it's working Dog Trials that interests you, Moulamein has the ever popular Annual Sheep Dog Trials, usually held in August.

For keen punters and avid race goers, the annual Moulamein Horse races are run on the second Saturday in December, featuring the Elders Cup. Racing has been held at Moulamein Racecourse since

The South West Riverina Zone Polocrosse Championship carnival is held at the Bluegate Polocrosse grounds at Moulamein, first week of August.







Bustling Twin Towns #MOAMA #FCHUCA

The bustling, twin towns of Echuca and Moama are located on the banks of the mighty Murray River just two-and-a-half hours from Melbourne by car.

The most notable landmark is the historic Port of Echuca and Wharf which is recognised as one of Australia's finest heritage icons.

Echuca and Moama perfectly represents a bygone era with its heritage attractions and activities but also offers all the conveniences of the modern era, with tourism offerings/infrastructure

that are second to none. The twin towns play host to an ongoing, broad program of exciting activities which incorporates historic attractions, events and festivals; sporting events and unique river experiences.

Echuca is also the home to the largest paddlesteamer fleet in the world.

The centres are tourist hubs with day trippers, tour companies, general travellers and even locals all embracing the holiday spirit of the towns. For more details on Echuca and Moama tourism call 1800 804 446 or see www.echucamoama.com.

Echuca/Moama has the largest operating fleet of paddlesteamers in the world. You can choose your preferred day or overnight cruise option from a variety of famous riverboat experiences.

It's your choice; take a relaxing lunchtime cruise or experience a unique overnight stay exploring the mighty Murray River.

Consider the accredited eco tour option of taking a personal voyage of discovery aboard the vessel, Kingfisher, taking in a unique two-hour cruise along the Barmah Choke — through the world's largest River Red Gum Forest.

Wine & Dine

Echuca/Moama and district offers the very best for those who appreciate delicious food and wine.

Echuca's wine bars will allow you to sit back and enjoy the ambience and service while in great company. You will be spoilt for choice with more than fifty eateries gracing the twin towns.

Chinese, Italian, Indian, Greek, Thai and Western cuisine are all available.

The town's contemporary restaurants are second to none, while a selection of unique pubs offer tasty counter meals and the expansive range of cafes ensure visitors can sample absolute delights from day-time menus. The towns have many bakeries which will also be hard to pass up on.

You can tempt your tastebuds with unique high quality produce available from farm

gates and markets around the region. With more than 80 hectares of vine plantings and associated cellar doors across the Echuca and Moama region, those of you who enjoy wine will also be in for a treat.

Experience Echuca and Moama's many exciting attractions and activities.

Investigate the region's rich and diverse history at one of the many museums while taking a stroll through the famous historic Port of Echuca.

Hire a canoe or take a horse and carriage ride, go on a horse riding adventure, take an adrenaline-fuelled water ski lesson, experience laser or paintball, explore a maze or play a round of mini golf, ten pin bowling or go for a swim.

Visit the fauna park, take an eco tour through the wetlands or explore a food and wine trail to re-ignite your taste buds.



Echuca/Moama is 222km from Melbourne by car via the Calder Highway. It is 156km from Swan Hill on the Murray Valley Hwy and 71km from Shepparton via the Murray Valley Highway.



Bridgewater on Loddon sits proudly on the wide banks of the Loddon River, and has a rich history from the gold rush era in the mid nineteenth century.

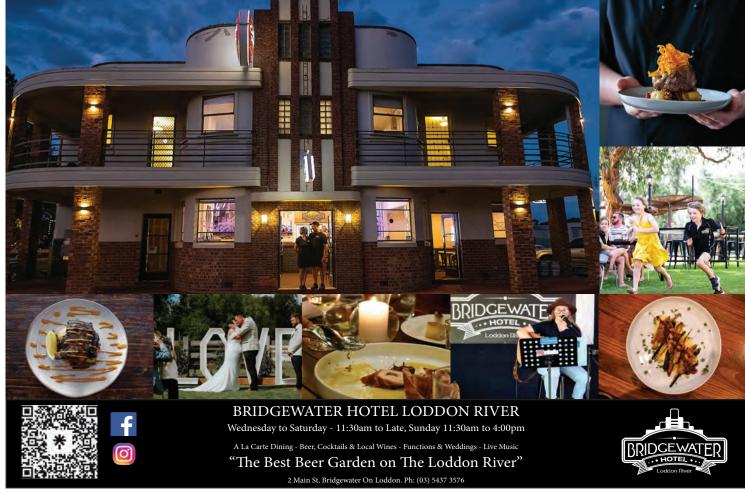
Once the crossing point for gold diggers, today it is a key destination for visitors seeking a place to launch their boat, cast a reel or canoe down the majestic Loddon riverscape.

If its a retail hit you're after, Loddon

has you covered. Take a step into the historic church's op shop, or wander through the antique and collectibles shop, swing by the Water Wheel Winery and grab a bottle or two, or grab a delicious picnic lunch from the ever popular Bridgewater Bakehouse, which was awarded first place for Australia's best vanilla slice in 2018.

In the late 1830s, central and southern

areas around the current Bridgewater township were selected by squatters and held under licence. The township was established after a nearby discovery of gold. This commodity attracted prospectors from far and wide, as a result, the township began to thrive. Undoubtedly, the influx of people on the hunt for gold, lined the pockets of the local business owners and operators.



But it was the liquid gold of the Loddon River, that was responsible for the community's prosperity and

Water afforded the local community a comfortable and thriving existence. cementing the Loddon River as Bridgewater's heart and lifeline.

In its heyday, Bridgewater boasted up to 11 hotels, general stores, bootmakers, breweries, cordial, cheese and butter factories, butcher shops. blacksmiths, saddlers shops, bakeries, flour mills, fruit and lolly shops, the railway and its own Chinese market

The Shire takes its name from northcentral Victoria's largest watercourse, the Loddon River. Home to many threatened species and a source of great pleasure to Victorians for generations, the Loddon River's journey begins in Victoria's Great Dividing Range, not far from Trentham. Its journey continues some 392km north through the rural townships of Newstead, Bridgewater, Serpentine, Boort and Kerang, before joining the mighty Murray River between Barham and Swan Hill. When reasonable water levels flow, the Mill Rapid downstream of the Calder Highway bridge provides technical whitewater kayaking of Grade 3 standard, featuring a short fast run. The Bridgewater Triathlon attracts competitors from all corners of Australia and in February 2023 it will celebrate its 17th year.

Top 5 things to see & do

- 1. Kooyoora National Park is where local and visitors alike can travel back in time to the township's origins and go gold prospecting. For those with a taste for adrenaline, there is abseiling and rock climbing as well as an incredible amount of Aboriginal heritage and native flora and fauna to enjoy. The park is the reputed home of the infamous Captain Melville. who built a reputation for robbing the gold out of the wagons passing below, seeking refuge in the park's many caves.
- 2. The Bridgewater Ski Club is proud to boast about the Loddon Rivers capabilities. There is a designated 3.2km general water skiing area, a 950m slalom and ski jump area with water skiing events held throughout the year, including the Australian Masters in January, the pre-Moomba tournament in February and the Bridgewater Ski Club Tournament.
- 3. Bridgewater's Historical Water Hole has afforded the many generations of Bridgewater residents many memories. Whether you want to swim, have a leisurely paddle or just dip your feet in while watching the kids have a frolic, it is a great spot to spend a hot summers day.
- 4. Chinaman's Hole is popular with locals and tourists alike. It is a serene spot that's ideal for a picnic, or to drop in a line for a spot of fishing. Many wonderful fish can be caught along the length of the river include redfin, Murray cod, golden and silver perch.
-). Step into the iconic Bridgewater Hotel. The glorious, art deco inspired country pub is primely located beside the majestic Loddon River and boasts a magical beer garden with eye catching views of the river. It's much more than a "small country pub".

WHERE THE WETLANDS Outback

Balranald is a quiet, humble town, notable for its access to Lake Mungo and the newly established Yanga National Park.

Located on the western edge of the vast Hay Plain at a place once used to ford the Murrumbidgee River, the town is now a service centre for the surrounding irrigation district.

Balranald's modest population is lucky enough to have the region's rich natural landscapes at their fingertips.

Anglers from far and wide flock to the area to take in the magic of the five rivers, lakes and wetlands that are within a short 30 minutes' drive from the town centre. The Murray, Murrumbidgee, Lachlan, Wakool and Edward rivers draw in boaters, kayakers and campers all year round.

The CBD is a charming place, filled with equally charming locals who don't hesitate to offer a welcoming g'day. Visit surrounding villages, such as Euston, Kyalite, Penarie, Oxley and Hatfield and you will receive much the same warm and friendly reception.

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GETTING TO Balranald

Balranald is located on the Sturt Highway, a comfortable five-hour (430km) trip from Melbourne via the Calder Freeway and Murray Valley Highway. Despite being in the same state, Sydney is 854km away. Balranald is easily accessible from towns such as Mildura and Swan Hill.



The Balranald Ex-Services Memorial Club is a friendly and welcoming place with very approachable staff that are always willing to help.

We are an integral part of our local community and a great meeting place for locals and visitors to our town. Facilities include a Bistro, Tab Lounge, Lounge Bar, Coffee Lounge Area, Auditorium and Meeting Room.

The Balranald Club is here for the local community – it is a meeting place, a place to come together to celebrate and, when needed, commiserate. Once you become a member you will never want to leave.

> **OPEN 11.30AM DAILY** P: (03) 5020 1205



The Balranald Club Motel is a modern 4 star motel situated in the centre of Balranald.

The motel aims is to provide high standard accommodation and service at a reasonable price. Each room is smoke free, scrupulously clean and equipped with a luxurious pillow top king size bed and modern bathroom with amenities.

112 Market Street, Balranald NSW P: (03) 5020 0444 Web: www.balranald.net







- 1. Take a trip to The Discovery
 Centre, at 83 Market Street, where
 you will be met with an impressive complex
 of buildings, sculptures and historic
 memorabilia. The Balranald Discovery Centre
 precinct includes three iconic buildings the
 Malcolm Building Museum, the Old Balranald
 Gaol and the first school in the area, the
 Wintong School building. Inside the museum,
 the front rooms are set out in their original
 format, as a 'Stock and Station Agency'. The
 display room contains a mural of the history
 of horses and was created by local school
 students with the guidance of local artist Jan
 Lawler.
- 2. Balranald and District Military Walk is a remarkable project, which begins outside the town's Services Club. It is a collection of 45 signs each of which tells the story of an individual service person. The signs are spread over an entire kilometre which stretches from down Market Street into River Street and then continues along Court Street until they reach the town's War Memorial. They have been set 22 metres apart so that

- anyone reading the very detailed plaques can pause and contemplate the sacrifices made by the people described.
- 3. The grave of Josiah Viles is a rare piece of local eccentricity. Australia has no history of town criers and therefore the grave of Josiah Viles, which is in the Church of England section of the Balranald Cemetery, is worth visiting. Viles was an eccentric and much loved town crier who used to carry a rifle which he fired when he needed to make an important announcement. He died in 1925.
- 4. Visitors mustn't pass through without learning about the Mungo Man and Alice Kelly. Near the Visitor Centre is a fascinating sign recounting the return of the bones of Mungo Man to Lake Mungo. The plaque was erected to commemorate Mungo Man's stopover in Balranald on November 16, 2017, on his journey back home to Lake Mungo
- and also to honour the late
 Alice Kelly. The Mutthi Mutthi elder
 and original custodian of Lake Mungo
 National Park and the Willandra Lakes area
 ensured that the remains of both Mungo
 Man and Mungo Lady were returned to the
 area. A wonderful piece of local history.
 Mungo Man was first discovered in 1974
 by Geologist Dr Jim Bowler at the banks
 of Lake Mungo within the Balranald Shire.
 The discovery and subsequent research
 conducted by archaeologist Dr Alan Thorne
 changed the world's understanding of the
 antiquity of human occupation in Australia.
-). The Frog Sculptures Trail is very popular with the children. There are twenty frogs dotted around the heart of the town. Two can be found cutting a huge log beside the river and a trio of frogs can be spotted outside the Services Club. The idea originated from a need to bring a novelty to the town that would make it distinctive, leading to the creation of the Southern Bell Frog Trail. This frog is only found in semi permanent wetlands of eastern Australia and is know regarded an icon of Balranald.

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Nibrant town's warm welcome

GETTING TO Tooleybuc

By road it is 385km from Melbourne via the M79 and Murray Valley Highway. It is 47km from Swan Hill and 182km from Mildura.

Top Spots To Stop

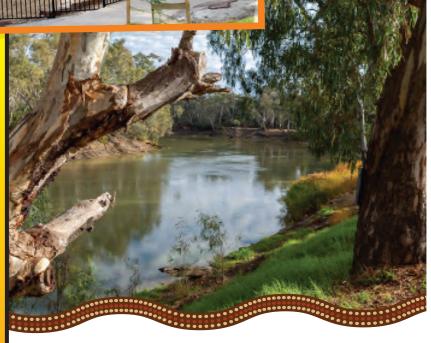
The heritage-listed Tooleybuc Bridge is certainly worth stopping and viewing. It was constructed in 1924 in response to the speedy expansion of the fruit-growing industry in the area. This bridge is a timber truss bridge with a vertical lift span and was the last of engineer Percy Allan's bridge designs.

It's also the last in the series of timber truss bridges with lift span to be built over the Murray River. It is one of only two surviving bridges over the Murray River that incorporate Allan truss spans.

When the bridge opened, a caretaker was appointed to operate the lift span for river traffic and perform general maintenance and cleaning. The caretaker's cottage was built next to the bridge in the 1930s as a residence for the caretaker and his family. This heritage-listed 'Bridge keepers Cottage' building is a wonderful place to stop by and experience some of the town's incredible history.

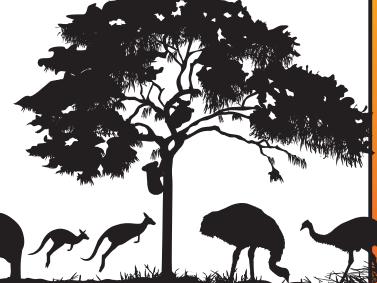
Mensforth Park is a lovely place to stop and enjoy what the Murray River and its surrounds has to offer. The park boasts beautifully maintained lawn, a recently constructed children's playground includes the ever popular flying fox, as well as some great amenities for the public to utilise, including public toilets, an outdoor kitchen and undercover deck area at the adjacent Bridge Keepers Cottage. Mensforth Park is a fantastic spot for a picnic, perfect for families or for those in need of a rest stop. If you need to stretch your legs, the Tooleybuc River Walk starts at the park and finishes at the Tooleybuc Sporting Club.

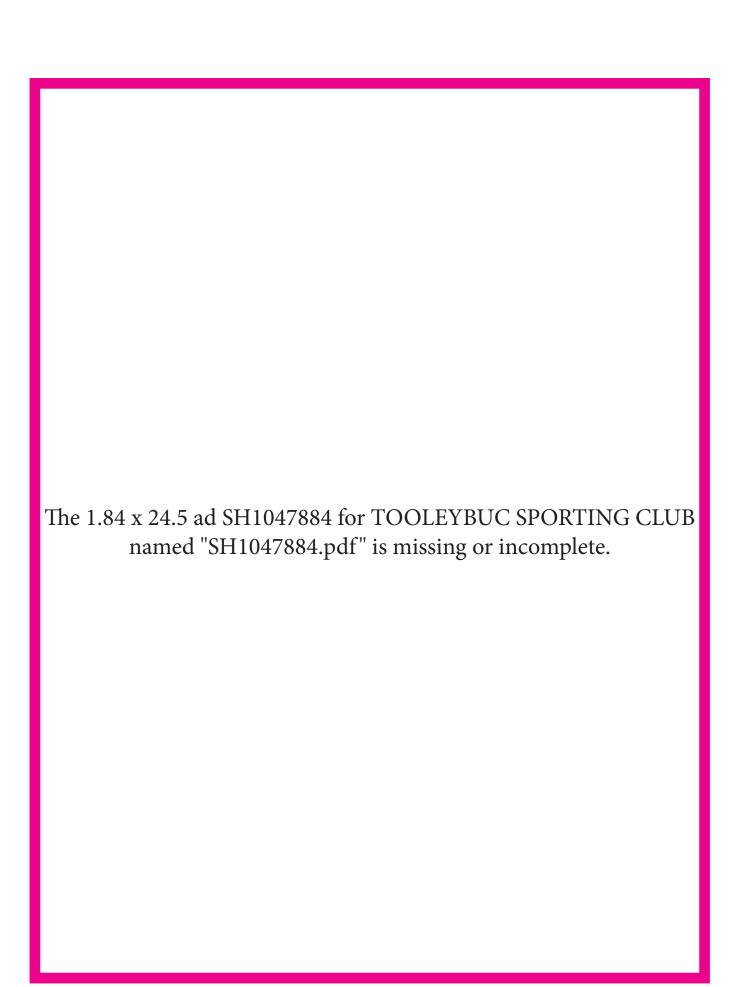
The newly constructed Tooleybuc Pontoon makes for easy access to the town and its public amenities. Water traffic are well serviced, as the pontoon as the capacity accommodate riverboats, kayaks and fishermen. The two gangways; an eight metre fixed gangway and 28-metre hinged gangway enable access to the mammoth 25-metre long cement structure.

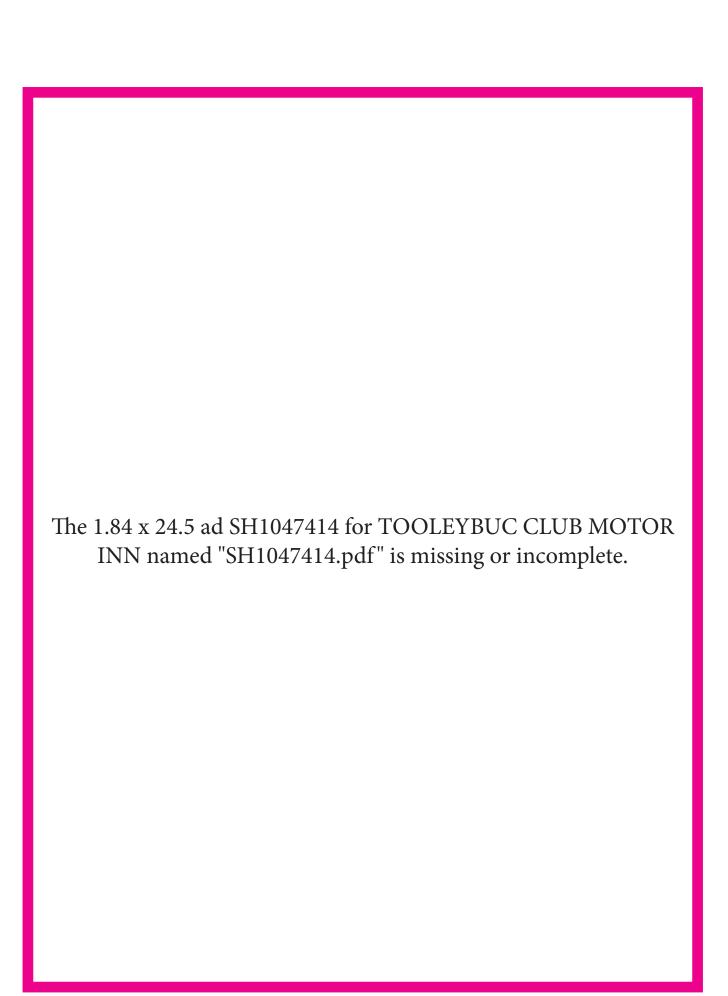


Across the Murray River, and 1904 bridge from Piangil, is the popular riverside location of Tooleybuc. A small yet vibrant NSW border town, set among hectares of irrigated citrus blocks, vines and nut farms.

This quaint country township, boasts a wonderful community that is warm, friendly and very proud to be part of this prosperous farming district. Rich in industry, the area ranges from largescale dry land cereal and livestock production, to small intensive horticulture to a credible selection of both boutique and large scale wine producers.

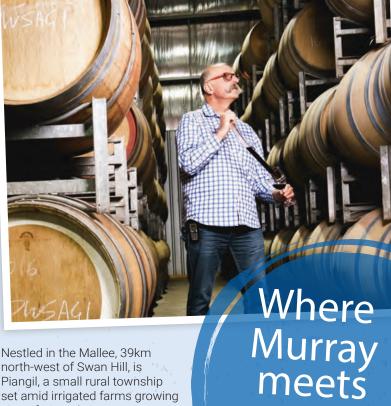






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Nestled in the Mallee, 39km north-west of Swan Hill, is Piangil, a small rural township set amid irrigated farms growing citrus fruit and vines.

The town serves as a junction for the Mallee Valley Highway and access point to the small northern Victorian town of Ouyen and also South Australia.

The township and the Murray River, for which the region is famous, are 3km apart and are separated by the Murray Valley Highway.

Piangil's name is believed to have originated from the Piangil pastoral run which was established in the mid nineteenth century by pioneer pastoralist William Coghill and his two brothers.

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Mallee

#PIANGIL



Robinvale and its neighbouring town, Euston, are nestled in the heart of north western Victoria, on opposite banks of one of the most userfriendly stretches of the Murray River. Both towns are proudly agriculturally diverse and boast strong

horticultural and multicultural traditions.

With close access to Mungo National Park as well as Yanga and Hattah Kulkyne National Parks, the cultural presence is strong and awaits your exploration.

RESTAURANTS, CLUBS & HOTELS

From clubs to restaurants, cafes and takeaways, Robinvale and Euston offers a diverse meal offering for all budgets and tastes. 'Family friendly' is the aim of the businesses in the townships.

The Euston Bowling and Recreation Club set the standard with a diverse offering of dining experiences.

Locals and tourists alike, also choose to take their meals outdoors and have a leisurely picnic on the banks of the Murray River.

Must See

The replacement of the old Robinvale-Euston Bridge, which was finalised in 2006, saw the complete removal of the old, ageing structure and the construction of a new bridge with modern engineering.

The new structure replaced the archaic lifespan bridge, which was introduced as part of a railway extension that consequently failed in 1924.

There is one surviving element form the previous structure which was the lift span. This has been erected in a nearby park in Robinvale and serves as a permanent display of the twin towns local history.

The Euston Lock and Weir 15 is located off Pethard Rd and with its friendly staff on site, who are available to offer insight to the lock itself and the history of the Murray River in the region. An astounding 32,000 mega litres of water flows through the system daily, the weir pool itself stretches back 60km.

Robinswood Homestead is an iconic building, integral to the early settler history of the area. The small historic house in the heart of Robinvale was the home of the Cuttle family, founders of the town. Memorabilia of the Cuttle family, especially Robin Cuttle for whom the town is named, are displayed, together with some documents and photographs of the town twinning with Villers-Bretonneux.

The Homestead is in McLennan Drive and is a very well preserved building showcasing a home that was modern by the standards of the time. The rendered concrete walls, roof tiles, and leadlight windows and doors are all original. A

n immense mirror in the entranceway has only recently been returned to the Homestead by the family in Melbourne, after having been removed in the 1940's.













Euston Motel is a new and modern motel, offering spacious rooms with functionality and a contemporary design

Our dedicated staff are on hand to ensure you enjoy a personalised and seamless experience from when you first arrive until the moment of your departure

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What's On

Robinvale-Euston is home to some wonderful community events, some of the most iconic and abundantly visited are listed below:

Robinvale-Euston 80 Ski Race - this incredibly popular event draws in spectators and competitors from all over Victoria and neighbouring states. It takes place annually in March on Labour Day long weekend and is one of the biggest events in the tourist calendar.

Mallee Almond Blossom Festival

- this an annual August event that showcases the products, people and art of the Mallee District. The Festival coincides with the blooming of the almond trees at the beginning of spring. With over 30 speciality stalls ranging from toys, clothing to jewellery, art, oils, balloons and produce. There's definitely something for everyone. One of the most popular attractions of the festival is the tour of the almond blossom. This will be happening once again with a new farm open for inspection. But be quick to book a tour, as they sell out very fast!

Manangatang Races - are just a short drive away, each October punters and race goers from all over the Mallee region as well as race horse owners from near and far, flock to take part in the ever popular annual race meeting.



SPORTS AND LEISURE

The Robinvale-Euston region is home to many great sporting clubs and organisations, as well as offering is a surprising number of places to enjoy family orientated recreational activities.

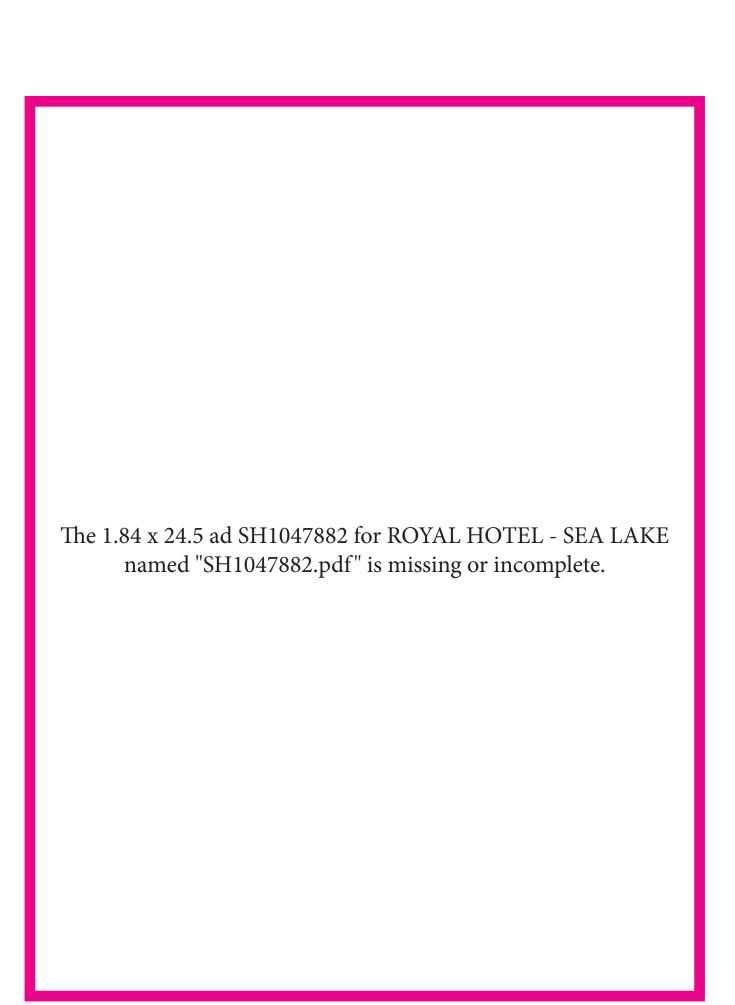
Take a leisurely swim in one of three well equipped and serviced outdoor pools during the summer months. Take your friends for a round of golf at the Robinvale Golf Club, where the gum tree-lined green is something to behold. Alternatively take a short drive over to Euston and enjoy a

social afternoon of lawn bowls at the everpopular Euston Club Bowling Green. During the winter months, the football season is in full swing, the local AFL community brings a new lease of life to the towns at the weekends. If tennis is your sport of choice, dust the racquets off and hit some rallies down at the Robinvale Lawn Tennis Club. Their annual Easter Tennis Tournament is always hotly contested and well supported by locals and visitors alike.

NG & CAMPING

The famous Murray cod, Australia's largest freshwater fish is on the wishlist of most anglers when visiting this region. Along with the cod, yellowbelly and silver perch are targeted by fisherman, and in season, so are Murray crays. Non-native fish such as carp should be destroyed and not released back into the river alive. As for camping, you would be hardpressed to find so many lovely accessible sites with access to the Murray as along the Robinvale and Euston part of the River.

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Sea Lake is a modest country town, in the heart of Victoria's wheat belt, it has a vibrant community and is just 7km north from the state's largest salt lake, Lake Tyrrell.

The ancient lake, which spans 20860 hectares, makes for epic viewing, particularly around sunrise and sunset, and there is evidence of ongoing Indigenous occupation, going back 45,000 years. It is one heck of a photo backdrop, and affords the region's photographers some of the most magical and awe-inspiring photos opportunities. Marvel at its magnificent reflective surface and delightful pink hues.

The lake can be accessed via the Calder Highway at any time of the day or night. Chartered tours will give you a local perspective on Lake Tyrrell and its significance to the area. The depth of knowledge of the operating tour guides is outstanding.





Your Adventure Starts Here

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THE FARMHOUSE

119 Hanns Road, Sea Lake, Victoria, Australia Email: info@the-farmhouse.com.au Phone: 0428 792 334

Dine and dash

Drop into the newly refurbished Royal Hotel Sea Lake and be waited on by a wonderful group of locals, who recently purchased the pub, and restored it back to its beautiful best.

Take your pick from the main bar, sports bar or beer garden, alternatively, sit back and enjoy the true country ambience on the first floor veranda. The Juke restaurant brings a new approach to dining in Sea Lake with a menu that showcases a collection of elegant a-la-carte dishes and classic pub meals with a delicious brunch menu on the weekend

What better way to experience this historic hotel than to spend the night in one of the 10 refurbished bedrooms. On offer are Queen, Family and Twin rooms all comfortably fitted with split system heating and cooling units. Beds have fresh linen and are serviced daily.

This proudly community owned and operated country pub is the place to be. Enjoy a warm summer's day in the beer garden with a cold glass of chardonnay, or take yourself inside on a cool winter's day and enjoy a pint by bar. The Royal Hotel is the only place in Sea Lake where you can drink, eat, sleep and repeat.

GETTING TO Sea Lake

Sea Lake is located 353km north-west of Melbourne, close to a four-hour drive on the Calder Highway.







A fine selection of delicious, gourmet food, light meals, cold drinks, ice creams and great coffee.

Dine in or Takeaway

Monday - Thursday: 6am–2pm, 5–7pm Friday: 6am–2pm, 5–8pm | Saturday & Sunday: 6am–2pm, 5–7pm

THE BOTTOM CAFE

Sealake

P: 03 5070 2044 | 106-110 Best Street, Sea Lake

Silo art at its best

If art piques your fancy, then stop by one of the latest silo artworks to be added to Australia's largest outdoor gallery; the Silo Art Trail.

The works, titled "Space in Between" is the masterpiece of street artists Drapl and The Zookeeper.





The Lake Tyrrell Accommodation in Sea Lake has 20 new motel rooms with Wi-Fi, air conditioning, fridge, microwave and television.

Distinctive looking domes shelter new modern ensuite rooms. In addition to the comfortable accommodation, there is undercover barbeque and entertainment areas ideal for large groups and bus tours.

Villas are also available for up to 10 people with full kitchen facilities. Conveniently located to both the famous Lake Tyrrell and the Silo Art Trail.









97 Railway Avenue (Calder Hwy), Sea Lake (03) 5070 1000 www.laketyrrellaccommodation.com.au

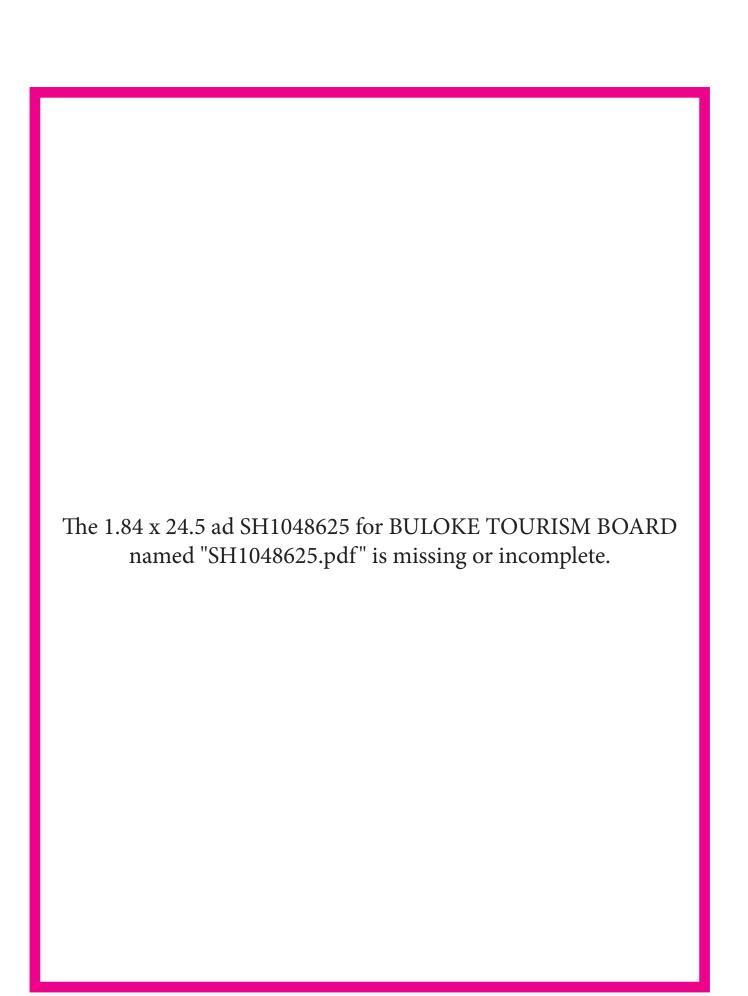


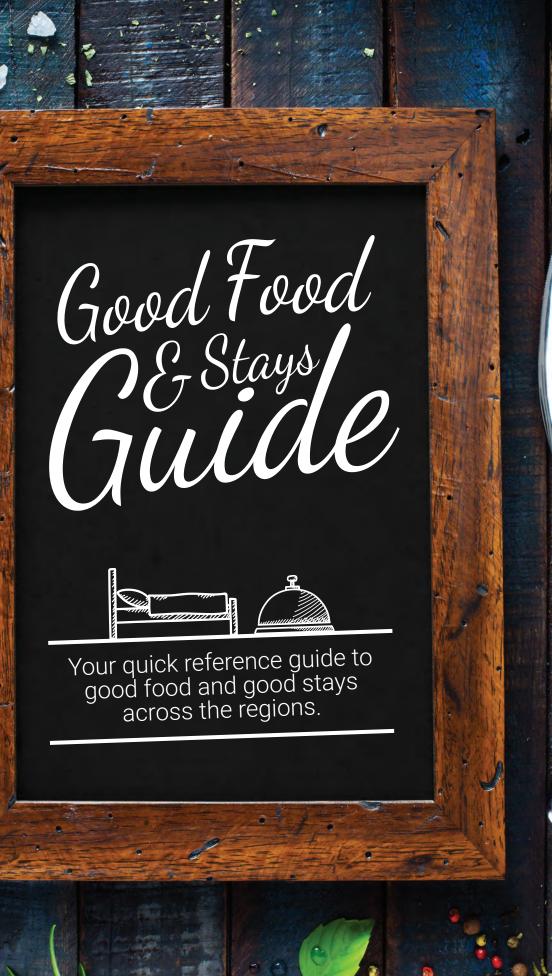
Skymirror Gallery

The Skymirror Gallery is wonderful spot in the heart of Sea Lake to enjoy some fabulous local photographic works of Lake Tyrrell and the wider Mallee region. An in-house barista serving artisan coffee will satisfy the most avid of caffeine fixes.

The gallery also plays host to some fantastic photography workshops that can be enjoyed by both well-founded and aspiring artists. Inside is a range of local produce and handmade gifts to be purchased and taken home as a memento of our visits to one of the region'[s best townships.

Prints of all the photos on display are available for order both in store and online. Skymirror Gallery is open 9am-3pm, Sunday-Friday.





BARHAM/KOONDROOK - FOOD

BARHAM BAKERY For breakfast, lunch or something

to take home for tea, Barham Bakery is the place to be. Great food all made on the premises. Friendly service. Open 6 days from 6am-3pm. 6am-2pm Saturdays and public holidays.

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BARHAM/KOONDROOK - FOOD



Don's unique blend of Chinese & Malaysian cuisines is something you won't want to miss out on. Located just past the cluBarham auditorium, you can explore the newly decorated restaurant and enjoy the delicious selections available from the Don's Kitchen menu, and top it off with the newly renovated bar attached! Open Wednesday to Sunday for lunch and dinner.

(03) 5451 1800 | 6-8 Niumur Street, Barham

BARHAM/KOONDROOK - FOOD



Local and regional food with a seasonal menu. Indoor and outdoor courtyard dining, takeaway. Wednesday to Saturday 8.30am - 2pm. Daily lunch specials 12pm - 1.30pm. Sunday to Tuesday closed.

0497 792 360 | Shop 2/86 Main Street, Koondrook

BARHAM/KOONDROOK - FOOD



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Cold Beer and Great Pub Meal. Our goal at Mates Royal Hotel is to make the best darn feed you can get in Koondrook. We know how to do this, too. With fresh, wholesome ingredients and lots of TLC. From the local produce and premium incredients we can give you a fine selection of hearty meals every day.

> Sunday – Wednesday 12pm – 9pm Thursday - Saturday - 12pm - 11pm

(03) 5453 2406 | 85 Main Street Koondrook

BARHAM/KOONDROOK - STAYS



The Barham Services Club offers members and visitors everything from promotions, meals, drinks and FREE weekly entertainment. cluBarham also offers weekend getaways with packages that can be tailored to individual needs. Come for the day or spend the weekend with us at cluBarham.

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KERANG - FOOD





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(03) 5452 1031 | 25 Victoria Street, Kerang

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(03) 5450 3812 | 62 Wellington Street, Kerang





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KERANG - STAYS



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MYSTIC PARK - FOOD

MYSTIC PARK HOTEL



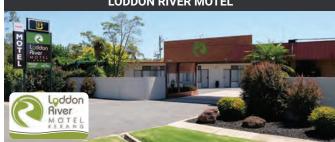
Traditional pub grub, cold beer and local wines. Open Thursday - Sunday from 4pm and available of group bookings anytime of the week by arrangement.
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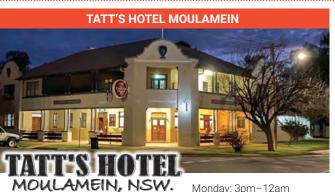
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MOULAMEIN - FOOD



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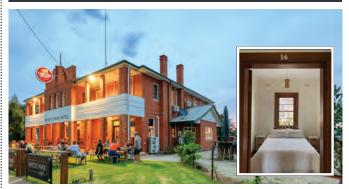
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MYSTIC PARK - STAYS

MYSTIC PARK HOTEL



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mysticparkhotel.com.au

| 1/15 Wilson Street, Mystic Park VIC 3579

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(03) 5033 1422 | 100 Murray Downs Dr | www.murraydownsgolf.com.au



The Swan Hill Club is located in Swan Hill's CBD and is open daily for lunch and dinner with quality pub style meals. Daily specials and signature hot and cold rock dining are unique to the Club. There is quality live music every Friday night of the year in the beer garden. The are also a range of function rooms to hold a variety of events both inside and outside.

(03) 5032 2060 | 5/17 McCallum Street | www.swanhillclub.com.au

SWAN HILL - STAYS

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SWAN HILL - STAYS



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Enquiries/Bookings - (03) 5032 4466 | 6 Whittaker Street Swan Hill

SWAN HILL - STAYS



(03) 5032 2017 | 421 Campbell Street, Swan Hill



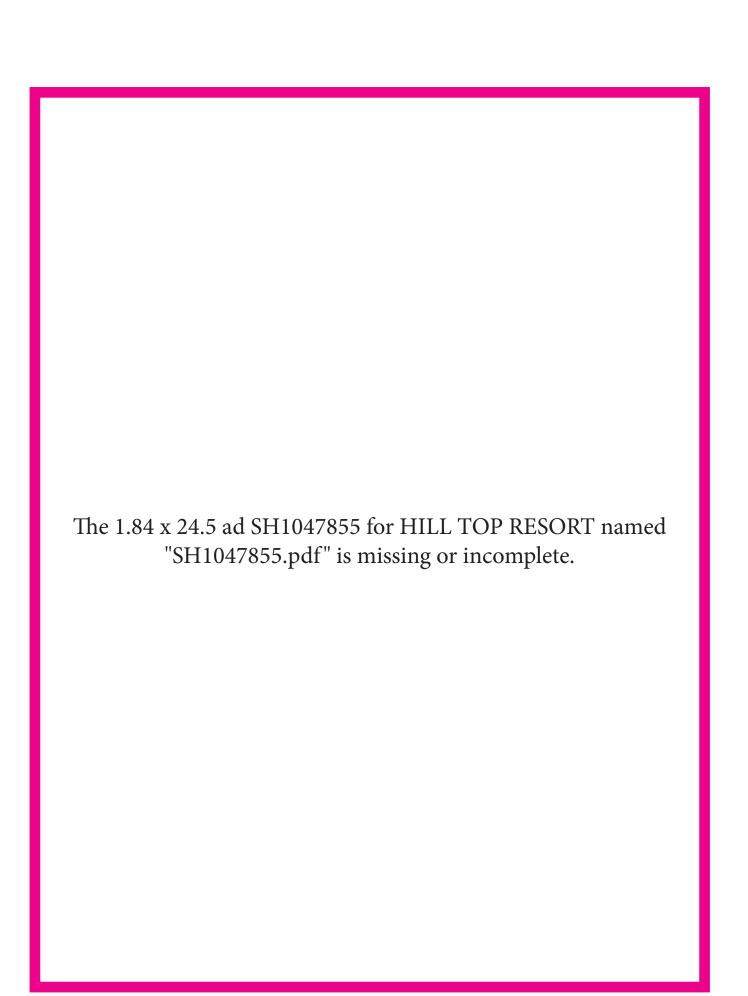


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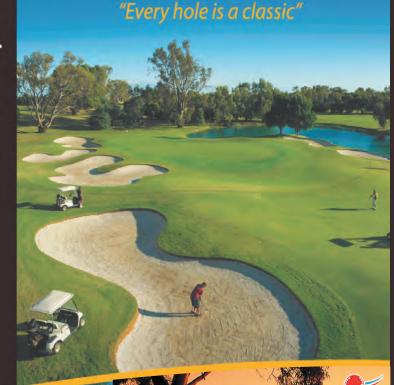
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