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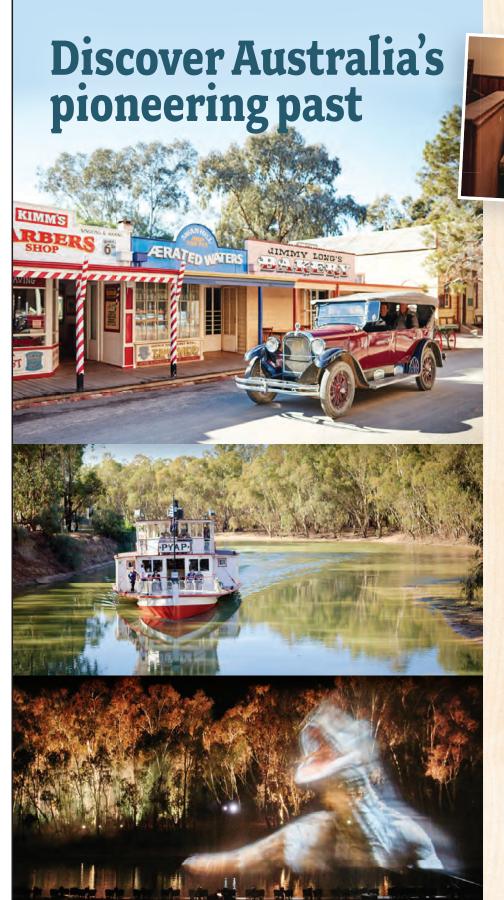


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This 96-page publication showcases the brilliance and vibrancy of our region, spanning north-west Victoria and southern New South Wales with the magnificent Murray River at our heart. The publication features a blend of information and stunning photography with useful information for planning a trip and interesting articles on our history.

We take a look at the gems which make our towns unique and attractive to tourists and provide an in-depth guide on the things you need to know.

We'll look at where to stay when visiting, where to explore the different lakes and rivers that make our region a water wonderland, where to get the best feed and how to locate attractions to keep the family entertained and much more.

With Swan Hill in the heart of the region, we'll explore from Echuca/Moama in the east, Robinvale/Euston to the north, Bridgewater in the south and the majestic Buloke Lakes in the west.

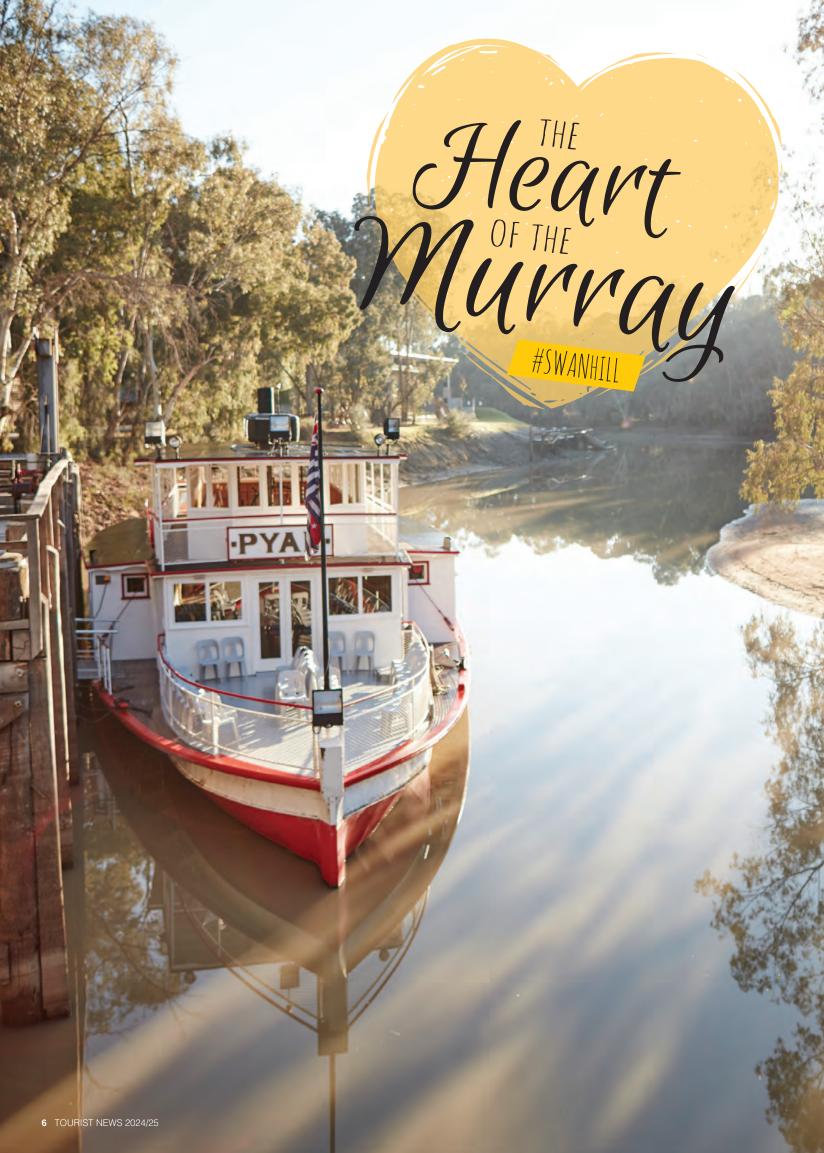
Each region has diverse landscapes, hidden gems and historical stories to tell and are waiting for you to visit and explore.

The publication utilises the services of the Elliott Newspaper Group. We hope you enjoy what these gifted regions have to offer.

Jenna Mobilio

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Located on the edge of the Mallee, Swan Hill is a modern yet humble city on the banks of the mighty Murray River.

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

Once an important inland river trading port, today it is a productive agricultural centre, renowned for its Murray River location, fresh local produce, epic landscapes, native wildlife and Aboriginal heritage.

Swan Hill is known to locals at the Heart of the Murray, and it is easy to see why – the town is a wonderful representation of how great life on the river can be.

There is no shortage of interesting bush trails and river walks, fishing spots and campsites.

Jump aboard 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.

While the landscapes and riverscapes are something to behold, the city itself also

has an abundance of sites and spots to be enjoyed.

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

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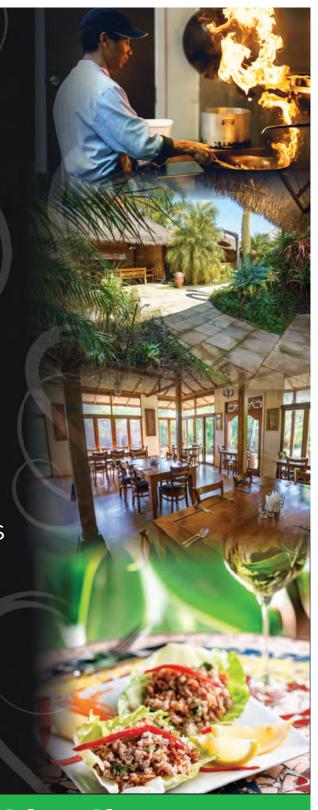
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Aboriginal heritage

The original custodians of the lands are the Latji Latji, Wamba Wamba, Barapa Barapa and the Wadi Wadi nations.

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

Swan Hill.

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

Located approximately 339km 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 or bus via the Swan Hill line from Bendigo and Melbourne.

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

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Venturing out bush

An extraordinary 500 kilometres of river frontage and surrounding native bushlands can be explored in this great region.

There is an abundance of outdoor experiences to be had.

Whether you want a spot to camp for a night or two or to take part in one of the many water sport activities, this region caters for all needs.

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 of which is The River Walk – a well sign-posted 4.5km stroll along the Murray and Little Murray rivers.

Signs line the trail, educating on the local flora, fauna, fish and incredible pioneering history of this beautiful river port.

Very popular with tourists and locals alike, the Now and Then Walk is a historical journey taken through the streets of Swan Hill.

It highlights the wondrous history and heritage of the 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 surrounding areas.

Just 20 minutes north of Swan Hill is Nyah-Vinifera Park, which covers an area of approximately 1000 hectares.

The tranquil and pristine country is an experience in its own right, boasting centuryold redgums, billabongs bustling with wildlife and birdlife, as well as lagoons and tracks that wind their way through the bushland.

There is no shortage of campsites, great fishing spots or watering holes, but it is the Aboriginal historical sites that are the 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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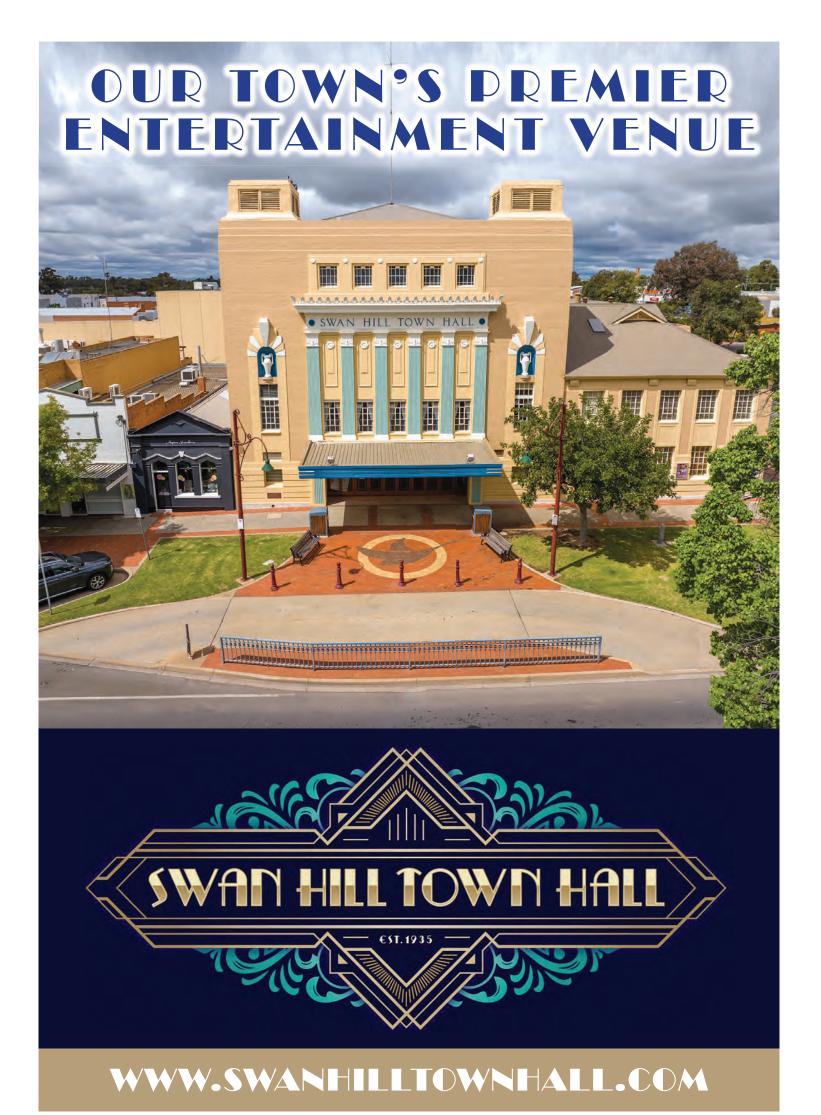
This iconic building in the heart of Swan Hill is a hub for arts, culture and performance. Since its opening in 1935, the Swan Hill town hall has been a gathering place for young and old, playing host to music and comedy acts, touring performances and shows.

The venue features wonderful art deco

designs throughout, as well as a beautiful staircase, theatre floor and balcony seating, and a ballroom floor complete with jarrah

Some past performances in the hall include Jimmy Barnes, Lee Kernaghan, the Victorian State Ballet and Circus Oz, just to name a





What to do REGION

SWAN HILL REGION FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL

One of the highlights of the region's local calendar, the food and wine festival is staged over the March long weekend each year, celebrating much of what is truly great about this region.

Three days of festivities, events, tastings and entertainment can be enjoyed by all the family.

Opening night of the event kicks off with an evening cruise on PS Pyap and it is followed the next day by a showcase of local food and wine stalls at the iconic Pioneer Settlement.



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A visit to Swan Hill isn't complete without a cruise aboard the PS Pyap boat.

The trusty vessel started its life as a floating general store and is now a breathtaking way to take in the beauty of the riverbanks outside Swan Hill.

The hour-long cruise departs from the wharf at the Pioneer Settlement and travels upstream past the historic Murray Downs homestead, built in stages from the 1860s to the 1890s.

Visitors can enjoy insights from the captain as they share the history of

riverboats and how paddle-steamers played a key part in the development of the region.

An interesting fact about PS Pyap 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.







LASER LIGHT <mark>Spectacular</mark>

The two laser light shows nestled on the shores of the Little Murray River at the Pioneer Settlement are truly an experience like no other.

The internationally renowned 'Heartbeat of the Murray' is a breathtaking 360-degree multimedia extravaganza. Prepare to journey back 30 million years and witness the evolution of the Murray River through integration of water, light, lasers and sound.

This state-of-the-art show is the first of its kind in the world to use the natural river environment and setting as its background.

Following in 'Heartbeat of the Murray's' success is a second show called 'Legends of the Mallee', which offers an immersive journey through the region's

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Record attendance numbers increase each year, 10,500 racegoers having attended over the course of the three-day carnival in 2019 and a huge crowd of more than 5,700 people on Cup Day Sunday, confirming this is a prominent long weekend on the Country Racing calendar.

The King's Birthday long weekend in June kicks off with the famous Pooles Accountants \$150,000 Golden Topaz run on Friday.

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SWAN HILL RIVER WALK

Enjoy views of the Murray as you meander along 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 dating 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 informative boards all along the route highlighting the history of the area, including the Wati Wati and Wamba-Wamba people, who have been in the region for 13,000 years.





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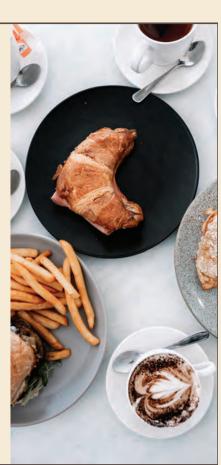
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Everyone loves a market to meander through on a lazy weekend.

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.

1st Sunday: Swan Hill Market

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Origins of the name

While local First Nations people called it Matakupaat, meaning 'place of the platypus', the European name of Swan Hill was given to the town by explorer Sir 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," Mitchell wrote in his journal.















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Sports

Swan Hill is one of regional Victoria's sporting capitals, boasting top-class sporting amenities.

The lawn tennis courts, which have been rated among the best in the country are the largest lawn court facilities in the world outside of Wimbledon. They regularly stage major events such as Country Week which draw spectators from all over Australia and the world.

For the avid golfer, you will not find a better course along the border than the Murray Downs Golf & Country Club. The 18-hole, par-72 championship layout

Motorsport aficionados are well catered for, with car, go-cart and motorbike events staged regularly.

For equine enthusiasts, the June Racing Carnival is one not to be missed.

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

Throw in the Swan Hill outdoor swimming pool in the warmer months. the Swan Hill Aquatic & Recreation Centre when it cools down or a workout at Riverside Park's outdoor gym and there is no shortage of sporting options.

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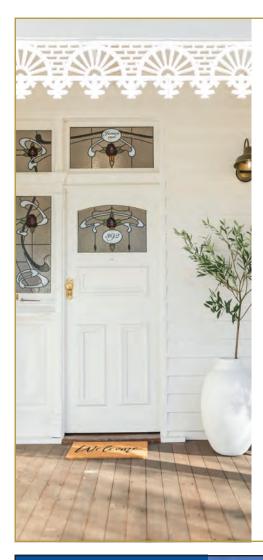


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Situated in the housing development of Tower Hill, it is a well-appointed public space, offering an extensive range of facilities designed to accommodate

The park features a wheelchairfriendly playground, shaded barbecue area, modern bathroom amenities, basketball hoop, cricket pitch and a small lake with viewing rotunda.

Also popular in the park is two offleash dog parks designed to cater for small and large dogs.

A pathway meanders around Tower Hill Lake, offering a scenic route for walkers, joggers, and cyclists to take in the natural beauty of the area. There is exercise equipment

and natural relaxing garden rooms to stop and catch your breath or meditate.

The playground is modern and offers a variety of well-thought-out activities to ensure the kids are entertained for hours.

The lake is home to a variety of bird-life and ducks and its environmentally friendly design ensures it is constantly full of water by catching the Tower Hill community's rainfall through a cleverly designed sway filtering system.

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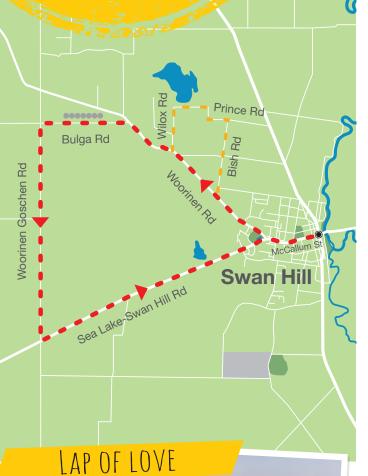
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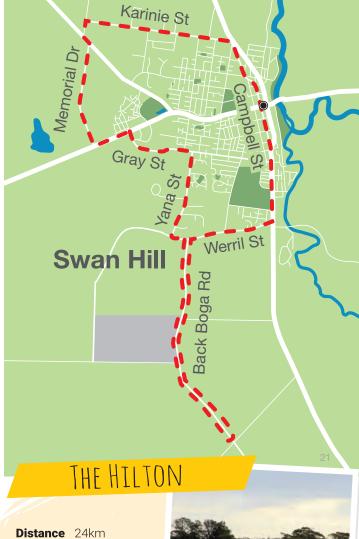
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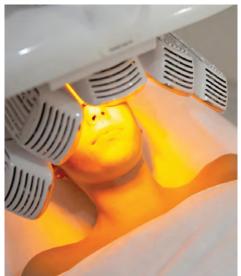


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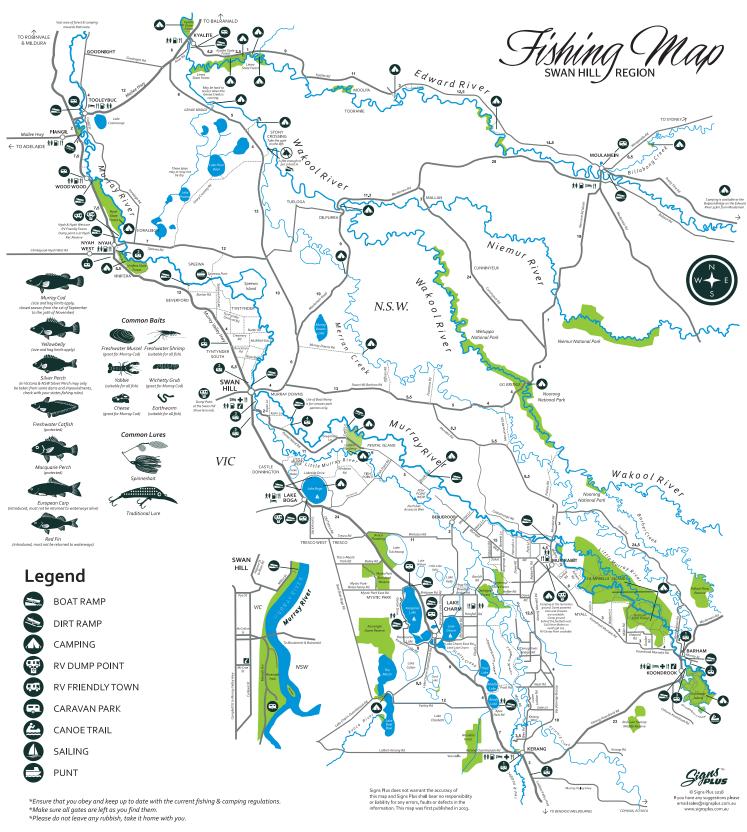


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On the original site of the No. 1 Flying Boat Repair Depot, stands The Flying Boat Museum and an underground Communications Bunker. The Bunker has been restored to a similar way it would have been during WWII operations. The Museum is fully airconditioned 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.

The Museum has an interactive map of the Pacific region, an informative 20 minute film in the theatrette and over one thousand artefacts on display.

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.



A popular family holiday spot, Lake Boga is a one-stop spot for camping, fishing and watersports. Located on the Murray Valley Highway around 320km from Melbourne, it is 15km from the major township of Swan

It sits proudly amongst the collection of lakes located between Kerang and Swan Hill

The fresh water lake measures 3km across and the namesake town is situated to the south-western side.

The foreshore offers lush green lawns, picnic and barbecue areas, children's playground, two boat ramps and multiple docks and jettys.

Popular water sports include water skiing, kayaking, jet skiing, fishing and sailing.

Swimming is safe with gradual declines and many sandy shores on all sides

All access boat ramps and floating pontons are installed and toilet facilities are available as well

as camping, caravan and hotel accommodation.

A new addition to Lake Boga's attractions is the Silo Art situated on The Murray Valley Highway in the centre of town

A walking/ cycling track encircles the lake making it a perfect way to catch a glimpse of the varied birdlife in the area, with 68 species identified including pelicans.

The turtle lagoon is a great exploration site for the whole family and the seasonally stocked lake means there's always something on the bite for keen fishermen.

The Little Murray River is within proximity for those looking to hook a Murray cod between December 1 and January 1. Rules apply to other times of the year and size requirements so check local fishing

Another place worth a visit is the community gardens in Station Street, Lake Boga.



EASTER REGATTA

Lake Boga Yacht Club is renowned for its annual Easter sailing regatta which is one of the largest regatta events in Australia

First held in 1937, many of the regattas held over the years have had well in excess of 250 yachts competing, creating a spectacle of colour from the shorelines.

Participants are able to camp near their yachts in the grassed parklands surrounding the yacht club.

The Lake Boga club has been the host of many National and State Title events held on Lake Boga for various classes of yachts over the years, and draws some of the best competitors in the country.

CATALINA FLYING

BOAT MUSEUM

Under the guidance and dedication of Lake Boga Lions Club, this significant museum transports visitors back to the 1940s with its collection of World War II memorabilia.

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

The museum pays homage to the secret No. 1 Flying Boat Repair Depot of the World War II eraas well as the Catalinas that we common on the

It incorporates the base's hidden communications bunker and features. a gleaming A24-30 Catalina that was restored by Lake Boga Lions Club.

This is accompanied by footage, archive photographs, communications equipment, tools and the engines of several flying boats.

GRAB A BITE

After a fun day on the water, you can satisfy your hunger with a meal overlooking the majestic lake at The Catalina Grill House, located beside the Catalina Flying Boat Museum.

If a good old country pub meal is more your style, check out Lake Boga Hotel in Maraboor Street where you can grab a freshly cooked meal from a changing menu and an ice-cold drink.





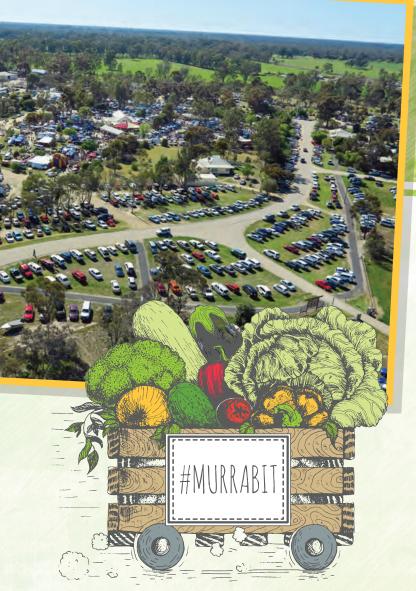
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MURRABIT'S MARKET JEWEL!

Murrabit is a small river town 305km from Melbourne.

It is almost a century old, having been established in 1925 as a railway station.

A short time later the historic lift-span bridge was opened on July 1, 1926.

It is one of four built to cross the Murray River between Victoria and New South Wales.

The Gonn Crossing Bridge, as it was known, was the only one designed to carry both road and rail traffic and is wider than other examples across the region.

It was used as a rail bridge until 1961 but is now open only to road vehicles.

Sitting in a region that primarily grows citrus, the town is also a popular fishing destination where yellow belly (golden perch) and Murray cod are high on the radar for anglers.

In fact, fishing is so popular that

there is an annual catch-andrelease fishing competition that has been running since 2009 and is 100 per cent volunteer run.

The country market held on the first Saturday of each month is well known throughout the region.

It has been operating since 1977 and is considered one of Victoria's longest-running country markets.

Having started with just 19 stalls, it blossomed until there were up to 150 stall holders each month. Selling everything from fresh homegrown produce to clothing, bric-a-brac, woodenware, recycled iron, plants, crafts, tools and fishing gear, it remains a main fixture on Murrabit's calendar.

Traders travel from across the state, NSW and South Australia to take part.

THINGS TO SEE & DO

COD CHALLENGE

The Murrabit Cod Challenge is an annual catch-and-release fishing event run by the Murrabit Football and Netball Club.

Targeting the mighty Murray cod and golden perch, it's a great weekend away with mates or family.

Camping is provided on the Murrabit Rec Reserve on the Friday and Saturday nights, and all meals are provided.

It's an ideal chance to enjoy a fish on the famous Murray River and be in the running for some great prizes.

HERITAGE WALKS

Murrabit is full of history and you can experience it all through the excellent heritage walks and story boards which are a feature of the town

SPORT

Murrabit boasts excellent sporting clubs and facilities. The Murrabit Tennis club has nine lawn courts.

They play on Saturdays, have open practise for anyone on Thursdays and host an annual Easter tournament.

The Murrabit Rec Reserve with its magnificent oval is home to Murrabit Football and Netball club and Murrabit Cricket club.

Murrabit Golf Club has a lovely 12-hole, 73-par golf course with the friendly club playing each Saturday afternoon, and some Sundays.

They also hold an annual tournament.

TAKING VISITORS into the Mystical # MYSTIC PARK / KANGAROO LAKE

Ideally located approximately halfway between Swan Hill and Kerang, Mystic Park is a hidden gem and home to the water oasis of Kangaroo Lake.

When full, the lake covers an area of 920 hectares (2272 acres) and is perfect for a full range of water sports, swimming and fishing.

It is the largest and deepest of natural freshwater lakes supplied by The Torrumbarry Irrigation sytem and holds water all year round.

The palm tree lined foreshore has recently undergone upgrades that include public amenities, deck chair style seating with rod holders and electric and wood-fired barbecue facilities are scattered around the lake's edge.

There are modern boat ramps and charming docks located along picturesque walking tracks.

A haven for birdwatching, Mystic Park is part of the Karang Lakes district with the Ibis Rookery, Lake Charm and Lake Boga all within a 15-minute drive,

Kangaroo Lake Caravan Park is situated a stone's throw from the water's edge and offers powered sites and cabin accommodation.

Relaxing walking trails and a scenic driving route along Gorton Drive (named after

former Prime Minister Sir John Gorton who was born at Kangaroo Lake) offer visitors a chance to unwind and unplug

An array of flora and fauna are viewable at any time of the year and the lake is stocked with golden perch, bidyan perch, Murray cod and carp, all ripe for the line at most times of the

Kangaroo Lake is very popular with recreational boaters and water sport enthusiasts. During the warm summer months, you will see a range of boating activities including kayaking, waterskiing, sailing and tubing.

The lake's size and depth make it a versatile option for all water sport enthusiasts.

Camping is not permitted on the banks of the lake, but the north end is very popular for day visitors with grass and shaded picnic spots and is suitable for swimming and fishing.

The west side of the lake is bordered by vinevards with the grapes destined for the popular Brown Brothers' winery



A 1930s art deco building set in the Mallee township of Mystic Park, the hotel is the keeper of local history.

It is believed the name of the town itself may have actually stemmed from the name of the hotel, which first opened in 1879

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

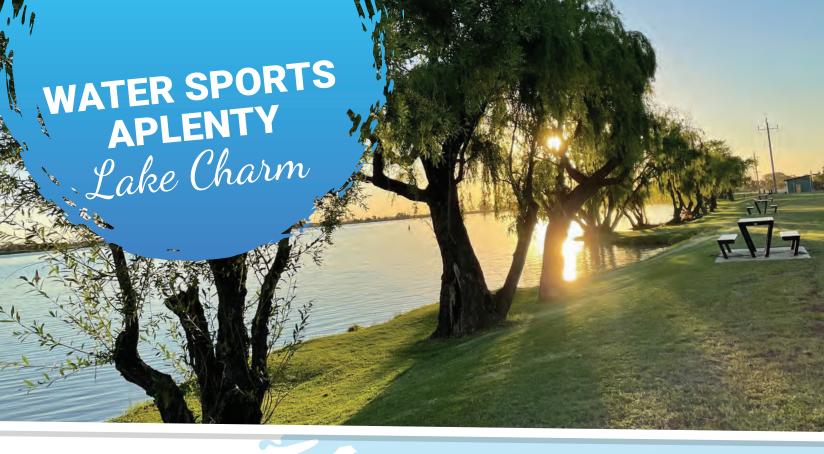
The Mystic Park bush race commenced in 1982, echoing the racing clubs formed in the 1920s and in the 1880s by the original publican.

The present pub – a glorious, iconic, two-storey structure - was built in 1937 and has all the guirks and charms expected of a historic bush pub.

In its heyday it was a thriving hotel with pristine accommodation and hearty meals.

That tradition continues with the current owners offering meals, cold drinks, accommodation and recently hosted country singing star Sarah Storer.





Lake Charm is a watersport playground and host to numerous boating and skiing events each year.

Located 20km north of Kerang it is a popular destination for water skiing, boating, kayaking, fishing and swimming. It offers boat ramps and tennis facilities. Being located in the Karang Lakes region,

it offers scenic drives, birdwatching and a variety of flora and wildlife ripe for photography. Lake Charm is popular with anglers looking to participate in the local Redfin Fishing Classic competition and those eager to relax on the shore with a glass of wine and a good book.

There is a range of accommodation

options including caravan parks and Airbnb holiday rentals offering unique glamping style comfort and more.

There is a public hall that is more than 100 years old and a general store with fuel and take-away food options.

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

The town has a friendly country feel about it, with locals who will greet you on the main street as you pass them by.

The Kerang commercial centre offers an attractive landscaped shopping centre that includes major supermarket chains, hotels and many specialty stores.

Take some time to explore the many retail shops in the CBD with homewares, food and coffee, clothing and fashions, electrical, furniture, and giftware.

An electric vehicle fast-charging station is located at the Albert Street car park.

Across the warmer months, the Kerang Swimming Pool and splashpark are popular with families. A family fun destination, Gray's Bakery indoor playcentre is perfect for fresh pastries and a great coffee.

The town is a centre for manufacturing with renewed business such as Mac's Shortbread, Faucet Strommen, Dunstan Farm Engineering and Kerfab all operating in the area.

Local events are held throughout the year including two country horse racing days in December

and Easter Saturday.

An Easter art show and sporting events such as tennis and lawn bowls are hosted in town.

A community market operates on the fourth Saturday of the month and a wide variety of events happen throughout the

Annual events include the Kerang Show and Shine, New Year's Eve party in the park and agricultural show.

Take part in the Kerang parkrun, where people meet at the town levee at the west end of Wyndham Street each Saturday at 8am.

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







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The Loddon River flows to the west of the township and provides picturesque views from the vantage point of the Kerang town levee walk.

The area west of the river includes the Town Swamp and Back Swamp, unique natural wetlands providing habitat for birdlife and opportunities for kayaking.

A kayak launch facility allows for easy access to the Loddon River in Kerang Regional Park.

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 for dinner. Check local guides for season times



Atkinson Park

Another great local spot for the family located just off the Murray Valley Highway in Kerang is Atkinson Park.

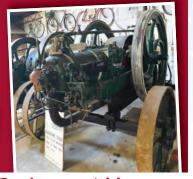
It boasts a well developed skate park, all-abilities playground, changing places facility (public wheelchair-accessible bathroom) and barbecue facilities for parents to cook up a storm. After a feed, have a stretch of legs and take a stroll around the manmade mini lake, there is plenty of birdlife and native flora and fauna to have a gander at.

GETTING TO Kerang

Kerang is situated 281km from Melbourne on the Murray Valley Highway. It is 60km by road from Swan Hill, 130km north of Bendigo and 100km from Echuca.

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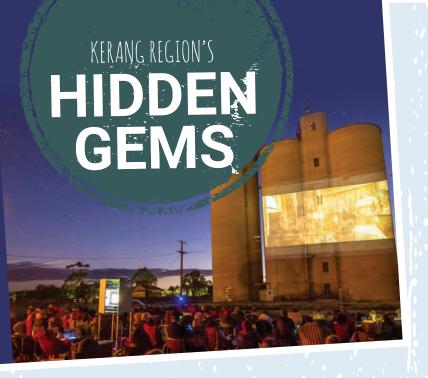
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In 2016, the Quambatook Community Development Association screened their first movie, projecting it onto the town's silos.

It was a unique drawcard for the town, who found an innovative way to attract new visitors to the region.

The concept for the idea came about in 2014 after the town's artist in residence, Dave Houston, projected his short film about Quambatook onto the silos.

Since then, the silo cinema has gone from strength to strength, showcasing a range of films and entertaining locals and visitors alike.

The silo cinema now screens multiple times a year, with screenings taking place to coincide with the new moon in February and October.





Renowned as the tractor pulling capital of Australia, Quambatook comes to life each Easter Saturday when it plays host to the Australian Tractor Pulling Championships.

Expect plenty of high octane intensity as the power hungry modified tractors and trucks make their way down the track in an attempt to cover 100 metres and be eligible for a "full pull".

The family-friendly event is action-packed and promises to be lots of fun for all ages.

3. HERTTAGE WORKING MACHINERY ASSOCIATION

Quamby, as it is affectionately know to locals is also home to the Quambatook Heritage Working Machinery Association. Not only does the association showcase their work during the tractor pull. but they also host their own Harvesting Working Machinery Display and Vintage Tractor Pull each January (Australia Day weekend).

Harvesting and ploughing equipment is put to the test throughout the weekend, and spectators can see the machinery in action as it strips a five acre paddock of wheat.

The dedicated group of heritage machinery enthusiasts restore a range of old farming equipment throughout the year and are only too happy to share their passion and restoration projects with visitors to the town.

KERANG HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM

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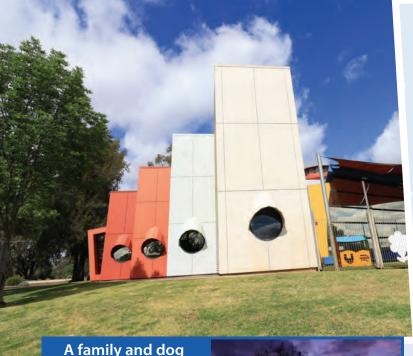
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II. SIR TOHN GORTON LIBRARY

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THE IBIS ROOKERY AT MIDDLE LAKE

Located 6km north of Kerang is a popular destination for nature lovers and bird watchers. The bird hide offers viewers the perfect place to watch straw-necked and white ibis and other spectacular birds such as pelicans, swans, spoonbills, cormorants and darters, egrets and ducks.

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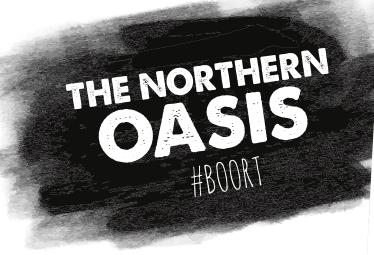


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From misty mornings to spectacular sunsets, Boort Lake provides the ever-changing picturesque backdrop of the Boort township.

Described as "Victoria's northern oasis", Boort's natural landscape and beauty has attracted visitors from far and wide for many years.

Wendy and Tim James have owned and operated Boort Lakes Holiday Park for the past seven years.

Familiar with the township, they enjoyed holidaying in the town for more than two decades before purchasing the park and making it their permanent residence.

They said the lake was the region's drawcard.

The region's natural landscape enables visitors to get back to basics, providing a strong connection with nature via a range of outdoor family-friendly activities.

Nolen's Park is home to Boort's very own historic merry-goround.

Children will love the opportunity to ride the publicly owned merrygo-round which operates during peak periods.

Visitors of all ages can take advantage of the town's beautiful lake, enjoying a range of water sports including skiing, fishing and swimming.

For those preferring to stay on dry land, Federation Walk is a leisurely 3.7km trail which loops around the lake and is popular with both walkers and cyclists.

The looped route sets off from the parking area at Boort Bowls Club.

This track is also home to the Sculpture Trail.

Along the way, marvel at the unique metal sculptures which include Rusty Redfin and the Sculpture Chair.

The walkway also acknowledges Australia's past prime ministers with plaques featured around the lake.

The Yung Balug Aboriginal Artefacts Museum was brought to life by founder Paul Haw in a bid to share the region's rich Indigenous history. Artefacts include grinding stones, boomerangs, carved emu eggs and axes.

Environmental tours of the surrounding wetlands and guided tours around Lake Boort can also be arranged.

The museum is open seven days a week by appointment.

The Boort district is also commonly referred to as the 'Olive capital of Australia'.

Cobram Estate is Australia's largest olive grower and their Boort site has more than 1 million olive trees.

Having opened a new olive mill in the town earlier this year, the facility will have the capacity to process up to 100,000 tonnes of olives per season, making it the largest mill in the Southern Hemisphere.

Family-owned-and-operated Saluté Oliva specialises in producing first-class extra-virgin olive oil and table olives. Tours and tastings of the olive grove and processing facility are available by arrangement.

If you're looking for a unique experience, the late John Piccoli has left a lasting legacy within the township, having designed and created a number of spectacular sculptures welded together from spanners to form Spanner Man Sculpture Garden.

Each sculpture was uniquely handcrafted from the seat of his wheelchair after Mr Piccoli contracted polio in 1949.

The former farmer unlocked his unique artform as a way of filling a void after leasing out his farming land.

Following Mr Piccoli's sudden death in 2021, his family pledged to keep the popular tourist attraction open, sharing his passion with the rest of the world.

His sculptures include a Clydesdale horse and wagon, a Mallee bull, a shearer and a







Bridgewater is one of those little nuggets you only find when you go looking for them.

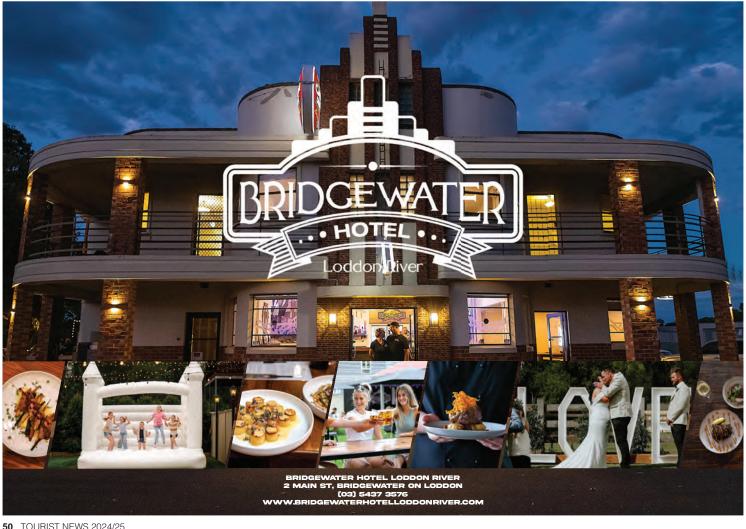
Its history stretches back to the great Australian gold rush in the 1850s but the Loddon River crossing point, which eventually got its bridge (and the town's name) in 1862, is more a magnet for

Instead of funnelling miners stricken with gold fever to the fields around Ballarat and Bendigo, it is now a much more sedate haven for launching your boat or simply sitting back and flicking a line from the banks to see if you can catch your lunch or dinner.

But even if you come up empty, Bridgewater has other options, such as the award-winning Bridgewater Bakehouse and its famous vanilla slices (and more).

backdrop on a warm summer's day while you enjoy lunch or a coffee.

If even that is a little demanding, the bakehouse now offers a drive-through option - the Bridgewater On-The-Go giving you easy access to its full menu. While its gold rush and colonial heyday may have faded into the pages of history, Bridgewater circa the 21st century, is an incredibly vibrant regional community with plenty to offer and plenty of attractions within easy reach.



There might not be its former 11 hotels, breweries, blacksmiths, saddleries and flour mills, railway or the old Chinese market but today's Bridgewater still offers a caravan park (with dump point), a 24-hour access motel, service station, hotel, post office, art shop, nursery, motorbike shop and a specialty goods store, all connected by walking tracks along the Loddon.

There's also the Laucke Flour Mill, Hay Australia and Scato Mushroom Farm – and the bakery isn't the only local award winner, there's quite a few gold medal wineries in the neighbourhood.

With these supplies, you can make your way down the river to the natural infinity pool, with a swimming platform surrounded by river red gums (and in the distance you'll see the century-old Laucke Flour Mill).

Or you can head down the river on a canoe or ski on the long stretches where the Australian Masters are held every January. If you have even more get up and go, why not sign on for the Bridgewater Triathlon, which draws competitors from around the country in February each year.

Or just walk the many trails, try a spot of cycling, or shopping, and see how the hours just drift away.



- $oxedsymbol{\mathrm{l}}$. Kooyoora National Park is where locals 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
- 2. The Bridgewater Ski Club is proud to boast about the Loddon River's capabilities. There is a designated 3.2km general water skiing area and 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
- 3. Bridgewater's Historical Water Hole has afforded many generations of Bridgewater residents fond 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 summer day.
- 4. Chinaman's Hole is popular with locals and tourists alike. It is a serene place 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 including redfin, Murray cod and 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











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In more recent years they have also become major destinations for the mountain bike movement, not to

mention the birdwatchers, who come seeking everything from the elusive Plains Wanderer to the spectacular palette of Australia's native birds.

The Pyramid Hill locale has something for everyone and every age and back in town itself, the Pyramid Hill and District Historical Society has a vast collection of district history which is well worth

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Opened for farm selections in the 1870s, Leitchville remains a strong agricultural community.

It is also a close neighbour to Kow Swamp which, apart from the fishing and boating, is home to some of the world's oldest known burial sites, with remains discovered in 1925 shown to stretch back 20,000 years.

Today the imposing Leitchville Hotel and trendy Redgum Bakery are great places for a break and the local IGA supermarket and shops are good places to restock for the next stage of your journey.

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And it is the importance of the forest, where brumbies still roam, and the appeal of the Murray River, which is central to the attractions in the area.

The Barmah Community Walk offers a variety of trails in and around the town, the

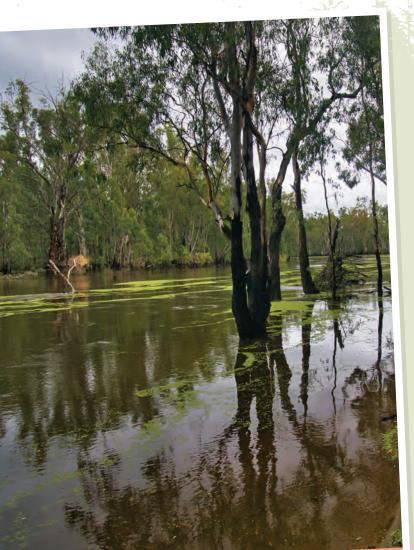
surrounding countryside and along the river.

The combination of the Barmah National Park and the Moira State Park (in NSW) forms the largest redgum forest in the world, which now has a World Heritage listing.

It is also on a major flight path for migratory birds and is an important breeding ground for waterbirds amidst trees standing a soaring 45m and many estimated to be more than 500 years old.

The park is filled with local wildlife including emus and kangaroos and offers a glimpse of ancient indigenous craftmanship with a number of canoe trees and ancient middens in the forest.

Each winter's usual floods create a wetland biosphere which becomes a breeding ground for those birds (there are 206 species in the forest), making it a popular spot for birdwatching, as well as fishing, walking, boating, camping and picnicking.

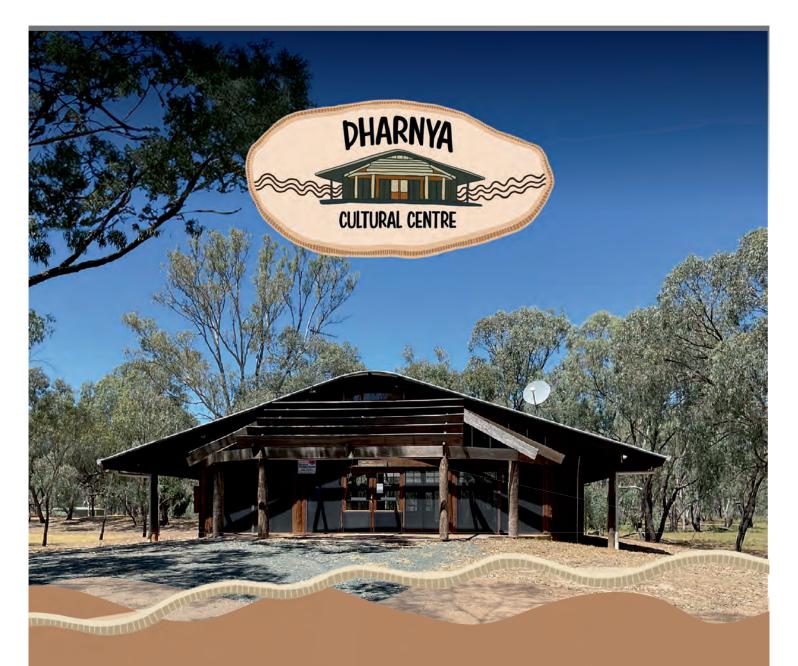


Barmah's history

Prior to the arrival of Europeans the area was occupied by the Yorta Yorta First Nation people. They lived in the Barmah forest which offered a good supply of food.

- In 1856 Joseph Rice arrived in the area and established the Murray Fishing Company.
- By 1863 the Barmah forest was providing red gum sleepers for the railway which was being built from Bendigo to Echuca
- A state school was established in 1876. Around this time there were around 100 people in the district. A post office was opened in 1876.
- St Michael's Catholic Church was built in 1877
- The Barmah East Wine Palace, now known as Moira Lakes Wine Palace, was built sometime between 1876 and 1880

- The Barmah Common, designed for feeding stock, was established in 1879.
- In 1886 the town was surveyed on ground near the town punt.
- In 1894 the Barmah Village Settlement program brought people to the town.
- Barmah Post Office was officially opened in 1902.
- In the 1920s the town became popular with anglers and campers.
- Flood regulators were established on the Murray in
- A bridge was built in 1966. It replaced the local punt.
- The Dharuya Centre was opened in 1985.
- In 1993 the Yorta Yorta people made a native title claim on the Barmah Forest



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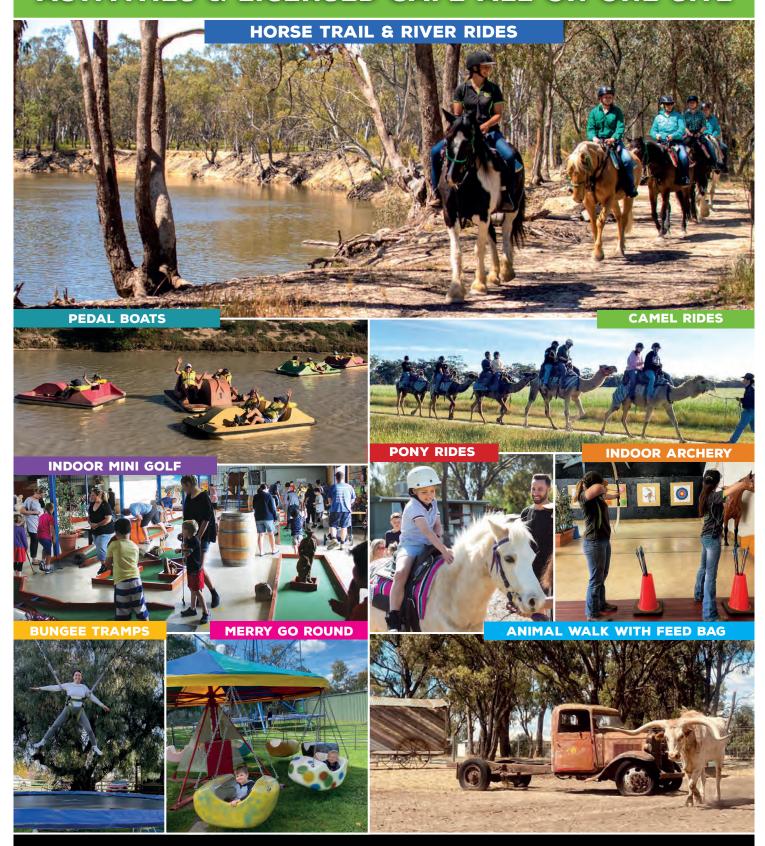
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Echuca

All The Rivers Run embedded the romantic history of Echuca-Moama into the Australian consciousness as it brought the heyday of the paddlesteamers back to life in loungerooms across the country.

And today the port and the world's largest fleet of original paddlesteamers continues to be the very heart of this major regional hub, drawing tourists from around the country and the world.

Even the gentle clip clop of stately draught horses can be heard echoing through the streets as an old style coach carries visitors around the historic port and surrounds.

As the closest point of the Murray to Melbourne, Echuca is a comfortable day trip if you are looking for a quick fix, but its enormous number and variety of motels, hotels, B&Bs, apartments and lodges make it the perfect base for a serious getaway.

Originally there for a booming wool industry, bales were shipped up and downstream to Ecuca. where they were offloaded onto the railway and headed for Melbourne and the wider world.

Today people have replaced wool as the primary paddlesteamer cargo and between them, Murray River Paddlesteamers and Echuca Paddlesteamers have vessels of all sizes plying the river year-round.

The big news for 2025 will be the commissioning

of the PS Australian Star

The Star is being built in a specially designed facility beside the Murray River in Mildura and, after her launch in June 2025, will offer yearround, all-inclusive, overnight three, four and seven night cruises on the Murray from its Echuca base.

The vessel will be Australia's first five-star river cruise product, the largest paddlesteamer in the Southern Hemisphere and the only wood-fired, five-star, accommodated paddlesteamer in the world.

Australian Star will sport a modern, energyefficient, hybrid diesel/steam propulsion system featuring a vintage, refurbished 1907 Richard Garrett and Sons wood-fired steam engine, adding a touch of nostalgia and authenticity to the journey.

But if you want to get your kicks on dry land with some occasional mud thrown in - you might consider Billabong Ranch.

Set just outside Echuca on a sprawling 390 acres, it offers an amazing range of activities and accommodation options, including horse trail rides, pedal boats, rock climbing wall, ten pin bowling, camel rides, archery, minigolf, animal nursery and horse drawn museum.

There is onsite family care, and after a snack you could head out on a leisurely trail ride through

magnificent red gum forests following the river trails (Billabong also operates the horsedrawn carriage around the port).

If you want to challenge holiday boredom with the kids, you can't go past Twisted Science, where there is hands-on and interactive education and entertainment all rolled into the one scientific spectacular.

There's reality gaming, rock wall climbing and if you are feeling peckish, look out for the roach wandering around with a tasty selection of insects and worms for you to sample.

You can test your reaction speed, discover the future of food, build a river or your own fantasy island, make fantastic flying machines and launch them on the wind table or design a ball run.

And for something completely unexpected, try the Great Aussie Beer Shed, a family-run venue with more varieties of beer cans on display than you could possibly imagine have ever existed.

It also has an eclectic collection of historical memorabilia such as shearing and milking sheds, a blacksmith, saddlery and old-style country kitchen. Speaking of which, there is also a range of dining options and barbecue facilities.

Finally, if you are there on the first and third Saturday of each month, you can spend plenty of time at the Echuca Farmers Market on the banks of the Murray River.

Moama

The smaller part of the Twin Towns, Moama's history, like Echuca's, reaches back to the foundation days when Henry Hopwood on the Victorian side of the river, and James Maiden in NSW, set up punts and river crossings.

And the rest, as they say, is history.

Today the view is very different – with two bridges spanning the Murray to join the towns, and a world of attractions in between.

Such as reconnecting with nature as you take a stroll through the 21st-century-designed Moama Echuca Botanic Gardens, where you can learn about unique arid and semiarid Australian landscapes with indigenous plantings and explore the formal entrance garden, settler's garden and dry billabong.

Or take a break and enjoy the tranquillity seated under the vine-covered arbour or picnic on the lawns under shady ironbark trees.

It is right next door to the very kid friendly Moama Adventure Playpark, with its undercover barbecue facilities and toilets.

The Moama Recreation Reserve is a perfect spot for visitors looking to relax, play, and explore in the heart of Moama, with its many sporting fields, off-leash dog park and

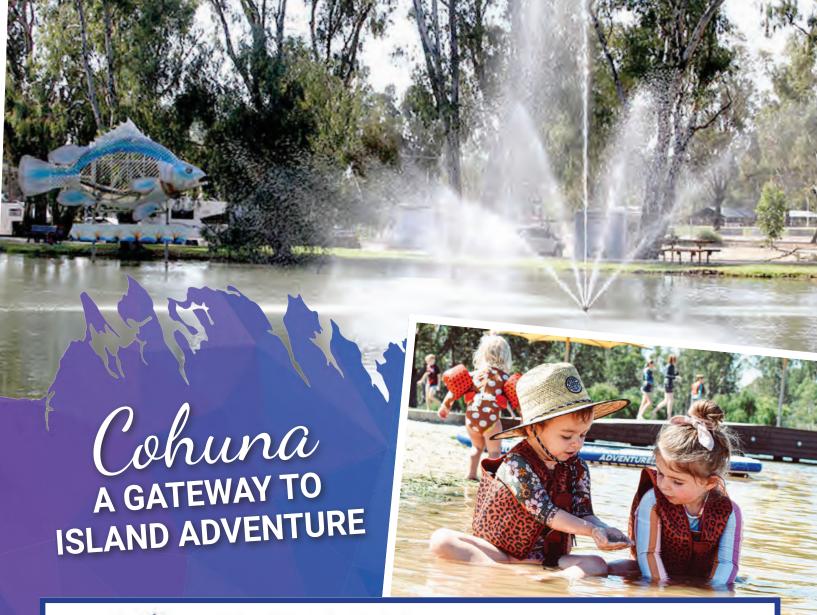
paths and tracks winding throughout the reserve and along the river.

Then there is the Long Paddock, the iconic touring route meandering through the heart of Australia, inviting travellers to follow the footsteps of the early drovers moving sheep and cattle north and south, through landscapes that resonate with history, culture, and the spirit of the outback.

Stretching from Echuca/Moama on the Victorian Border, through to Wilcannia. The Long Paddock, also known as the Cobb Highway, weaves a tapestry of discovery, historic sites, and natural wonders.

The modern Cobb Highway follows part of this great network of stock routes, which once served as an industry's lifeline for drovers moving cattle across NSW, southern Oueensland and into Victoria.







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COHUNA is a charming rural town on the banks of the Gunbower Creek, which is an anabranch of the Murray River.

Its major attractions relate to the creek which provides still waters for water sports and the Torrumbarry Irrigation System, which is incredibly vital for the region's thriving local agriculture.

Located between the creek and the Murray River, which lies 8km to the north, is Gunbower Island.

Cohuna is the main access point to the island and its many attractions.

There is a pleasant short walk around a section of Gunbower Island and, for those wanting more extended bushwalks with excellent opportunities for bird watching.

Browse specialty stores or dine at local eateries including the Bower Tavern which is popular with local and visiting families all year round.

The Big Cohuna Stockyard is a must-visit,

offering great food, coffee and bar.

Cohuna hosts many events throughout the year including the agricultural show, Bridge to Bridge, Chilli Festival, the New Year's Eve carnival, sporting events, and monthly farmers and makers market.

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GUNBOWER ISLAND

Gunbower Island is a 26,400-hectare island 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 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 as more than 200 bird species 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 different reptiles.

COHUNA 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 till noon.

COHUNA BEACH

Enjoy a swim or build sandcastles along the sandy shores of Cohuna Beach located at Apex Park.

The park also features an all-abilities adventure playground, an impressive skate park and modern barbecue facilities.





COHUNA GOLF COURSE

Play the home course of Australian professional golfer Stuart Appleby. The extraordinary fairways and greens of the Cohuna Golf and Bowls Club have been carved out of the Gunbower Forest along the

GUNBOWER NATIONAL PARK

Gunbower National Park and the adjoining Gunbower State Forest make up largest inland island in Australia.

The country consists largely of floodplains, forest and Ramsarrecognised wetlands

Gunbower Creek.

It's a well-known haven for canoe and kayak enthusiasts as well as campers, bushwalkers and birdwatchers.

(LOHUNA ART (JALLERY

The Cohuna Art Gallery presents a diverse exhibition program each year and houses rock 'n' roll memorabilia honouring Cohuna as the launching place for many iconic music industry names including John Farnham and the Bee Gees.

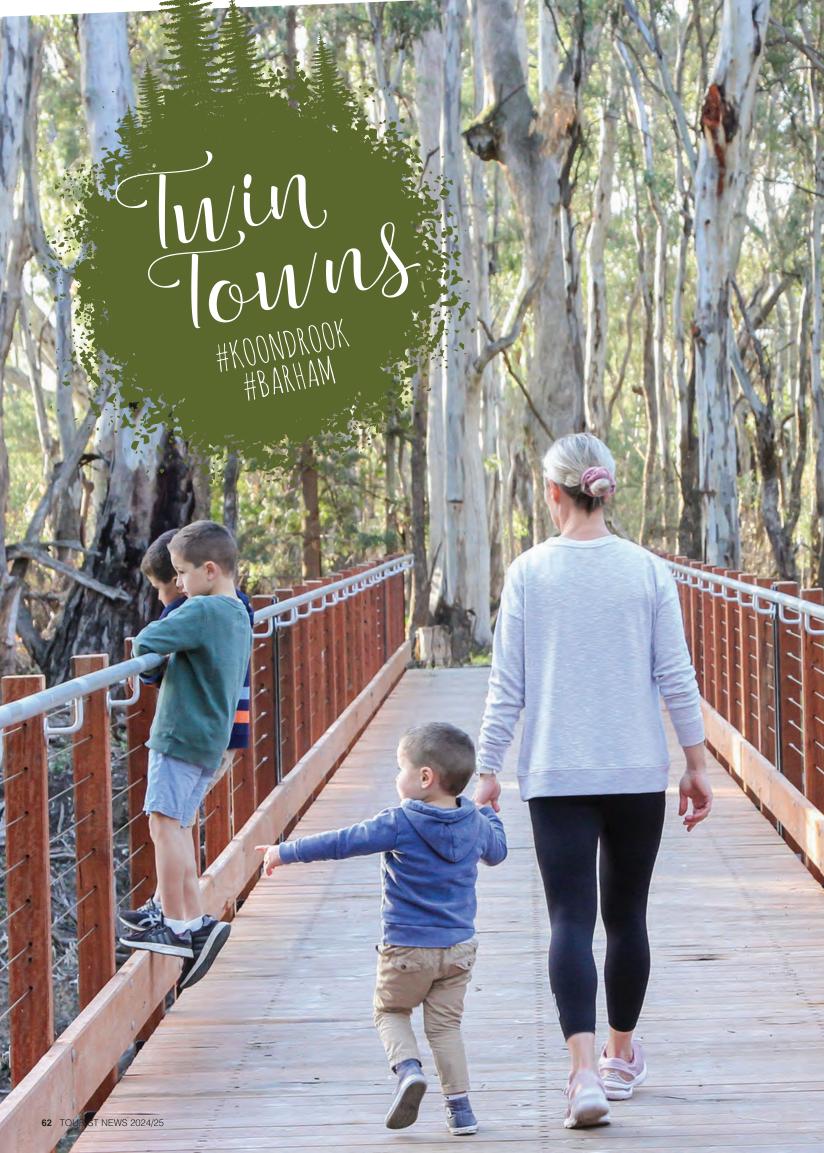
COHUNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

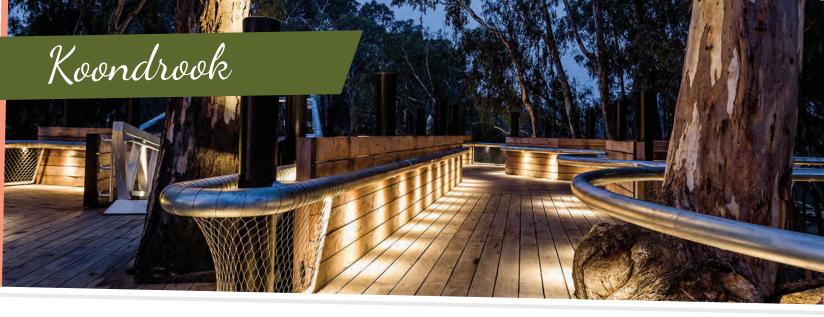
Featuring a museum, an archives centre and trash and a treasure hall, the Cohuna Historical Society is a treasured resource for locals, visitors and historians alike.

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.







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 is a popular holiday destination for families and anglers as there is excellent fishing as well as canoeing on the river and bushwalking on Gunbower Island.

It's equally a historic town, where paddle steamers and river transport were a hive of activity in the early 1900s.

Koondrook offers a range of

waterfront accommodation and local guest houses and apartments.

The Koondrook Retreat features six safari-style glamping tents, complete with an ensuite, a kitchenette and a private deck offering magnificent views of the creek and forest.

The retreat is connected to Gunbower Island via a redgum footbridge and links to a 3km looped walking track via the historic Condidorios Bridge.

The border town has a rich food culture with local produce and great places to eat.

The Long Paddock Food Store is an ideal place to stop for coffee and cake or a gourmet lunch, or try the delicious fresh-baked bread from Koondrook General Store.

Traditional pub cuisine at Mate's Royal Hotel is perfect any day. In Koondrook, visitors should also take time to enjoy the historic walk of the town and reflect on a time when paddle steamers and steam trains were a common mode of transport. Visit the old Kerang-Koondrook tramway or explore the Redgum

Statue Walk along the Murray

River and see the magnificent redgum sculptures.

There is the Koondrook wharf to enjoy, best seen lit at night, and there is also the all-abilities adventure playground for the children to be kept engaged.

Easily accessible from the town, on Koondrook Track is the Gunbower Island Canoe Trail, the 5km self-guided paddle on the canoe trail at Safes Lagoon where platypus, sea eagles and water birds live in the ageless wetlands is the perfect experience close to nature.



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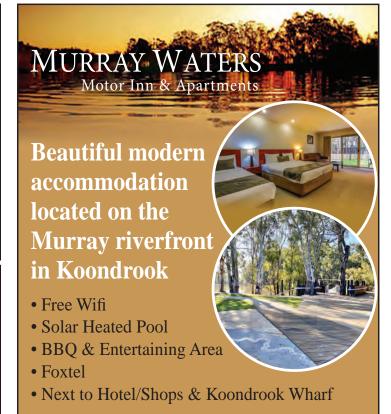
Originally built in 1911, the Old Koondrook Bakery has been fully renovated and given a new life, accommodating for up to 6 people.

Located in the main street and just a short stroll from the mighty Murray River and local to the pub, café and shops.

Old Koondrook Bakery is a great base while exploring the local area of Koondrook.



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Must-do experience in Koondrook

- · Visit the Koondrook waterfront incorporating the award-winning wharf, meticulously restored Goods Shed, historic Arbuthnot Sawmills, all-abilities playground and landscaped walking path linking to Koondrook Retreat and the redgum footbridge.
- The internationally recognised Koondrook Wharf was constructed in 2016 in recognition of the old wharf that once serviced the paddlesteamer trade. Leading to the wharf's entrance lies an old tram turntable, which has been resurfaced with redgum, slate and basalt artworks by renowned Aboriginal artists Glenn Romanis and Esther Kirby to tell the story of the original Aboriginal inhabitants.

- · Wander across the redgum footbridge along the Goanna Walking Track, a 3.2km walking loop through the Gunbower Forest via Condidorio's Bridge.
- Enjoy a gourmet breakfast or lunch at the Long Paddock Food Store.
- Relax in the outdoor beer garden or dine in the distinctive indoor bar and lounge, decorated with local memorabilia and taxidermy, at Mate's Royal Hotel.
- Indulge in a day spa treatment at Skin Essence.
- Book a unique glamping and nature experience at Koondrook Retreat. Enjoy unspoiled views of the creek and forest from your luxury self-contained safari tent.
- Nestled on the final bend of the Gunbower Creek before it re-enters the Murray River sits Murray Waters Motor Inn and Apartments and Koondrook Caravan Park, offering accommodation with riverfront views close to the centre of town.

- · Echoing across the quiet town for more than 130 years are the working blades of Arbuthnot Sawmills. Stroll along the walking track that passes through the work yard or make a booking to view milling operations from an elevated platform.
- Walk across the historic Barham-Koondrook Bridge, one of the oldest lift span bridges on the Murray River, built in 1904.
- Follow the history of the timber industry on the Koondrook Barham Redgum Statue River Walk along the Murray River and discover magnificent redgum sculptures carved by chainsaw, depicting local identities and native
- Find the Eagle Tree along the Koondrook Red Gum Forest Walk. The 1000-year-old heritage-listed river redgum sits more than 50 metres into the forest canopy and was named due to a sea eagle's nest built high in
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Wales half of the twin towns of Koondrook-Barham, Barham is known as a riverside spot to take in some of the finer things in life

A 307km drive from Melbourne, Barham and its Victorian counterpart form a commercial hub of the region's fat lamb, cattle and cropping production.

Barham is famous for its citrus groves, the redgum timber trade, the ample opportunities for fishing and the 18-hole golf course in the native bush surrounds at CluBarham Golf & Sports Club.

Just 2km from the Murray River and Barham's town centre, CluBarham is the perfect spot

getaway.

Lawn bowls and tennis are two of the popular sports on offer, while thrill-seekers can drop in at the skate park at Barham's Recreation Reserve.

Barham is also the perfect spot to put a kayak or canoe into the Murray River.

Visitors can learn about the local history from the water on one of Barham's river cruises.

Barham Riverside Park provides a perfect location for an afternoon picnic, a grassy expanse with access to Barham's boardwalk or the pontoon, as well as a playground for the children to

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

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





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More than 130 species of birds have been identified locally by birdwatchers, and visitors are

encouraged to see how many birds they can spot and tick off an available list of local birds.

Three walking tracks make their way through the reserve with signage along the tracks that can aid in the identification of plants and animals.

More signage also tells the story of the local Indigenous Barapa Barapa people and how they made use of the region's natural resources







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A welcoming and friendly club, volunteers enjoy passing on their knowledge to young and old, and live by the motto "Once it is gone, it is gone forever".

The club's museum also contains a collection of historical artefacts that were used by the local Barapa Barapa people, who have given permission to house the collection in the special "keeping place".

The keeping place also features a painting by Wadi Wadi artist Robyn Davis that depicts the story of the artifacts coming home to Country.

Barham Bridge

One of only two bridges of its kind, Barham's Bridge over the Murray River is famous for its scenic river location and engineering marvel.

Linking Barham and Koondrook, the bridge was built in 1904 after Barham was settled by graziers in the 1840s.

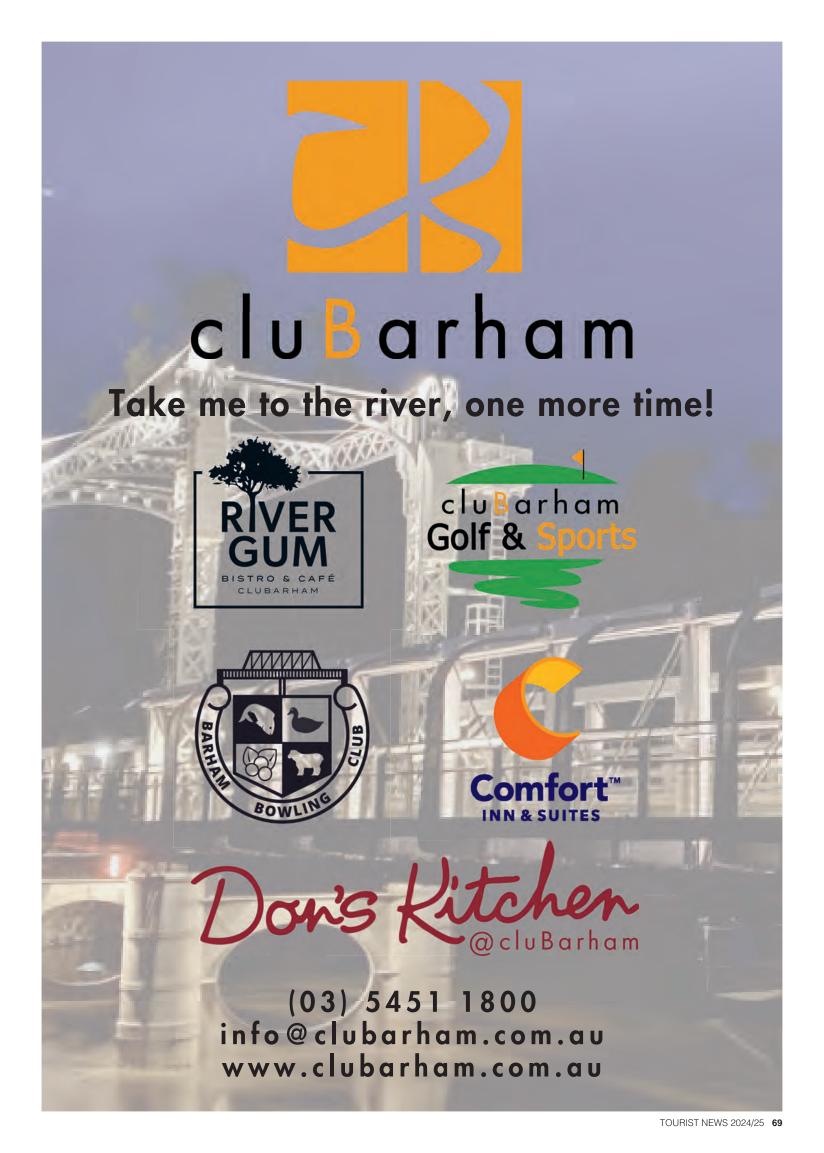
The heritage-listed bridge has historical significance and is an example of the evolving bridge design in Australia.

The central section of the bridge was constructed in a way that allowed it to be able to be lifted for paddle steamers and large boats to pass through.

Initially lifted by two men using a system of pulleys and weights, the bridge's lift was mechanised in the late 1990s.

While it is rarely used now, the lift is still in working order.









tranguil Edward River in New South Wales, the charming town of Moulamein offers a delightful escape for travellers seeking a taste of rural Australia.

This hidden gem boasts a rich history, breathtaking natural beauty, and a warm and welcoming community.

If you're looking to explore the lesser-known corners of Australia. Moulamein should be one of the stops on your list.

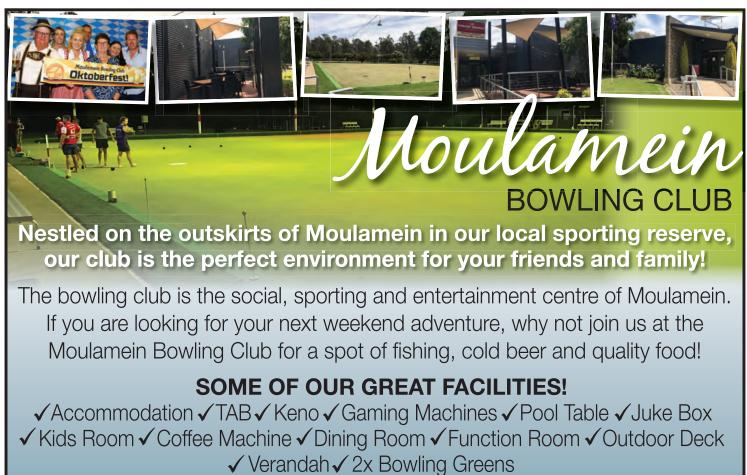
The oldest town in the Riverina, Moulamein was established around 1850 as a pivotal port for the transport of goods along the Edward River.

Wakool and Niemur rivers and Billabong Creek, Moulamein has made a name as one of the best camping and fishing destinations in the region.

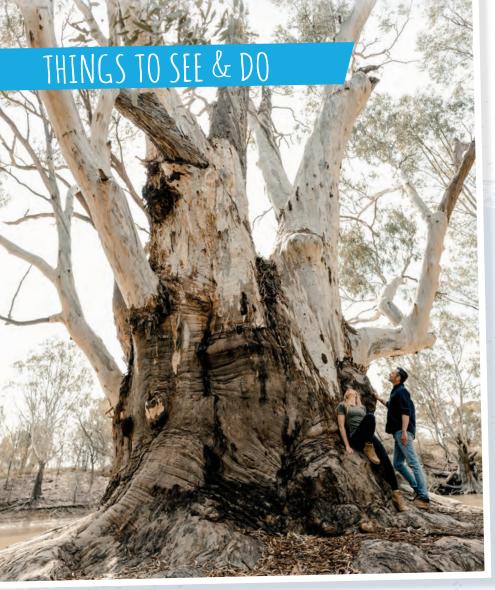
Its history extends far beyond its settled age, with the area holding strong importance to the local Wamba Wamba people.

The Moulamein River Walk, which follows the Edward River and Billabong Creek, is an area where Aboriginal people hunted, fished, cooked, camped and gathered as a community.

More culturally significant landmarks include the Ring Tree, the Scarred Trees and the Shell Midden.



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ART GALLERY

Located in Morago street in Moulamein's town centre, Moulamein Art Gallery is a volunteer-run space where visitors can enjoy a coffee and local art.

Open to the public every Thursday and Friday or by appointment, the gallery is filled with paintings and sculptures as well as a selection of products including handmade jewellery and craft items which are available for nurchase

The gallery's colourful outdoor mural provides the perfect backdrop for the outdoor seating at the gallery while admiring the metal sculptures on display outdoors.

The gallery also hosts amateur competitions for those interested in photography, sculpture and other mediums

MOULAMEIN RIVER WALK

Take a stroll along the Edward River and the Billabong Creek while learning about the historical and cultural significance of the local waterways.

Park the car in the Big Tree carpark before setting off through the native bushland along the river.

The self-guided tour follows signage through redgums, providing the perfect chance to spot native wildlife such as kangaroos, emus, goannas, bearded dragons and kookaburras

One of the walk's highlights is the famous Big Tree.

Living up to its name, the Big Tree measures 11.6 metres in circumference and is one of the largest river redgums in the region.

It is estimated to be between 500 and 1000 years old and is a culturally significant meeting place.



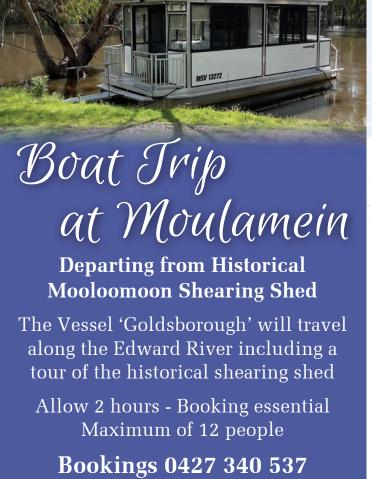
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MOULAMEIN HERITAGE VIII AGE

Billed as "a window into the past", Moulamein's Heritage Village is a must-visit for those with an interest in the area's historical significance.

The village was opened by community members in 2021 and displays items and buildings that provide an insight into the town's pastoral roots.

The village's information centre is in the old Dhuragoon School building, and other historical buildings have been rebuilt on the heritage village's site.

It also hosts the yearly Celebrate Moulamein festival.

MOOLOOMOON SHEARING SHED

Located in Hay Street, the historic Mooloomoon Shearing Shed gives insight into the history of Moulamein's shearing settlers as well as the history of the Australian shearing shed.

The shed is open every day; guided tours are available by appointment.

The large property also houses self-contained cabin accommodation for those looking to rest their head: deluxe cabins with room for either five or seven people.

Those travelling with their boats can make use of the onsite boat ramp while anyone without a boat can take a Mooloomoon boat cruise.

This unique cruising experience along the Edward River aboard Goldsborough gives a different perspective.

Moulamein Lake

This 15-hectare lake is one of Moulamein's most popular tourist destinations, providing the chance for a leisurely swim, a spot of fishing, kayaking or boating all in one location.

The lake is home to an abundance of birdlife including pelicans, ducks and black swans.

The lake complex contains a boat ramp, three sheltered areas and a free gas barbecue for

Adjoining the lake is Moulamein's swimming pool.



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cake whilst enjoying a range of art, craft, and produce from local artists.

Moulamein Art Gallery is an inclusive space where people come together to be inspired and imaginations sparked. Talk with the artists who volunteer their time to open the gallery and serve you coffee.

The Gallery regularly hold art workshops and exhibition openings.

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Hidden gem #NYAH / NYAH WEST

NYAH is located 26 Kilometres north of Swan Hill and is quite literally full of secret gems that are hidden in plain sight.

Historically, Nyah was considered the smaller cousin to Nyah West which had the rail line running through its centre.

But with the development of the Murray Valley Highway, Nyah was thrust into the limelight of the region.

At the heart of Nyah is the recreation reserve, formally the trotting club, which hosts an array of community events such as the monthly market as well as being home to the local football and netball club.

Next door and located just a stone's throw from the river, The Nyah Lions Club Recreation

Reserve offers free camping amongst huge gum trees and a plethora of bird life including kookaburras, galahs and cockatiels.

Pet friendly with a sevennight stay cap, the site is walking distance to the Murray River where fishing for the mighty Murray cod is a popular pastime.

The camp site offers a dump site, portable water station, fire pits, picnic tables and good mobile phone coverage.

There are also two caravan parks, local store as well as multiple fuel stations located in

But the real gem of Nyah is its close proximity to the Vinifera Forest which hosts a diverse eco-system that supports a wide variety of wildlife.

The forest has two entrances, one being off the Murray Valley Highway at Nyah, and visitors can immerse themselves in tranquility, enjoying the sights and sounds of the river and forest.



Camping is permitted but there are no facilities and access is via an unsealed road that may require a 4WD in the winter.

To top off your visit to Nyah, why not take a short drive to Nyah West where a variety of old stores

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#BALRANALD

THE tranquil township of Balranald is renowned as the gateway to the Yanga and Mungo national parks, but the town itself contains its own beauty.

While Balranald is situated in southern New South Wales, its closest state capital is Melbourne, a 482km drive, while Sydney is located 853km away and Adelaide 529km.

Surrounded by a unique natural scenery, thanks to the Murrumbidgee, Murray, Lachlan, Wakool and Edward rivers, Balranald provides a link between the wetlands and the outback

The five rivers and access to local lakes and wetlands make Balranald a must-stop spot for travelling fishers, campers and kayakers. The area is also

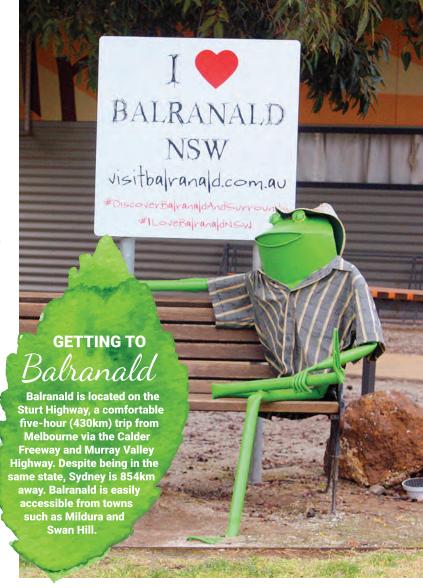
with birdies who are drawn to the wonderful birdlife that the natural land and waterscape attract. Visitors can collect a list of local birds from Balranald's Visitor Information Centre before setting off on your birdwatching adventure.

popular

Visitors to the town should make their first stop the Balranald Discovery Centre, a state-of-the-art tourist complex which includes the Visitor Information Centre and the Discovery Cafe.

The Discovery Centre precinct is also home to a number of iconic historical buildings including the Old Balranald Gaol and the Wintong School Building, the first school in the area.

History buffs can marvel at the stories of the past housed in the precinct and browse the collection of historical artefacts and photographs within the Malcolm Building Museum.





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.

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

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TOP 5 THINGS To See & Do

FROG SCULPTURES

One of the most eye-catching features in Balranald is the Funky Frog Sculpture trail, with a collection of bright green frogs dotted around the township.

The trail was initially set up to bring a novelty attraction to the area but the sculptures quickly became some of the town's most iconic residents.

The sculptures are in reference to the southern bell frog, a frog found in semipermanent wetlands across the nation's east that is known to be found in the local wetlands

Keep an eye out for the frog kicking back on the riverbank, the welcoming frog at the Discovery Centre, the two frogs sawing a tree trunk, the pole dancing frog and the three uniformed frogs located outside of the Balranald Ex-Services Club... just to name a

WALKING TRAILS

In addition to the frog sculpture trail, Balranald is home to a wide range of walking tracks and trails that can keep locals and visitors active while learning on the move.

Balranald's Military Commemorative Trail runs along River Street, Court Street and Market Street and tells the stories of Balranald Shire residents during international conflicts.

History lovers should also make sure to give the Balranald Heritage and Historical trail a go, the 90-minute walking tour follows a series of plaques that teach about the town's unique history.

Those looking to get closer to nature can

take a river

walk commencing at the Balranald Swing Bridge in Court Street.

Visitors should check in with the staff at the Visitor Information Centre to learn of the various nature and river walks around the town

YANGA NATIONAL PARK

Step back in time and learn of Balranald's wool history by taking a short drive from town and visiting Yanga National Park's woolshed (8km from town) and homestead (11km from town).

Yanga National Park also offers the picturesque Yanga Lake which can be viewed and accessed from the homestead.

Visitors can also take a leisurely walk along the lake from the homestead and take in the stunning lakeside views and birdlife.

There are two tours on offer to Yanga National Park: the Wetlands & Wildlife Tour and the Sunset & Heritage Tour.

Both these tours leave from Balranald and can be booked directly from the Balranald Visitor Information Centre.

MUNGO NATIONAL PARK

World Heritage-listed Mungo National Park is home of the famous Mungo Man and Mungo Lady, the world's oldest human cremations.

These fascinating 42,000-year-old ritual burials, along with past human footprints, tell an incredible story about the long history of Indigenous peoples and led to the establishment of the Willandra Lakes World

Heritage area and Mungo National Park.

The spectacular landscape is almost always described as "lunar" and is tinged with the classic hues of inland Australia.

The most dramatic formation is the Walls of China, which can only be accessed with a licensed tour operator.

There are two tours on offer to Mungo National Park from Balranald: the Mungo Sunset Tour and the Mungo Day Tour.

Both these tours leave from Balranald and can be booked directly from the Balranald Visitor Information Centre.

FISHING TRAIL

The 5 Rivers Fishing Trail is the perfect chance for fishers to cast a line and chase a bite from the Murray cod. Balranald has five rivers that converge within its shire; the Murrumbidgee, Murray, Wakool, Edward and Lachlan.

All five of the rivers provide recreation for both anglers and those who love water

Balranald has easy access for boats into the Murrumbidgee thanks to two sealed boat ramps.

For those who want to keep their feet on dry land, there is still great fishing from along the riverbanks.

The Wakool and Edward rivers at Kyalite, a 35km drive from Balranald, have built a formidable reputation as one of the best spots for catching Murray cod in the nation.

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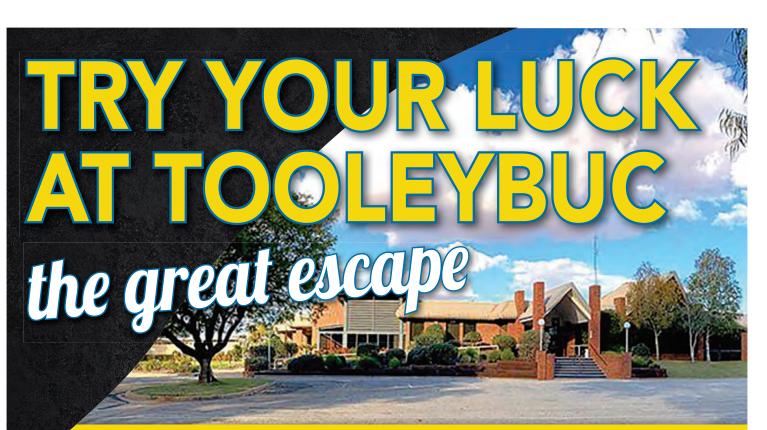




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Nibrant town's warm welcome

A popular stopover point for travellers between Adelaide and Sydney, Tooleybuc is a small but vibrant town that sits on the banks of the Murray River on the NSW side

It is set in prime farming land that grows citrus, grapes and nuts.

Crossing the heritage-listed Tooleybuc Bridge, opened in 1925, travellers cross the last of the timber truss bridges with lift span built over the Murray River.

The bridge has now been labeled "of state significance" because of its technical and historical importance.

The vertical lift span is a rare feature and has associational links with the historic river trade, with much to reveal about late-19thcentury civil engineering and manufacturing technology.

After the bridge was opened, a caretaker was appointed to operate the lift span



and undertake general maintenance and cleaning.

The caretaker's cottage was built next to the bridge in the 1930s and remains today in Mensforth Park, which is named after the original caretaker.

Local volunteers have breathed new life into the cottage, crafting wares and sourcing produce and knick-knacks from around the

Mensforth Park forms the heart of the town and is a great place to stop and take a break with a bite to eat from the local cafes.

It is beautifully maintained and includes a children's playground, public toilets and an outdoor kitchen area that is a perfect spot for a picnic.

The newly built Tom and Doigy's Pontoon on the bank of Mensforth Park makes the perfect kayak launch and mooring point for larger boats.

Starting at the park is the Tooleybuc River Walk, which leads along the banks of the Murray River to end at the Tooleybuc Sporting Club.

The club has a nine-hole twin-tee golf course complete with golf carts for hire.

There is also a mini golf course, bowling greens, a bistro and regular live music.

The club offers free unpowered caravan sites, a motel and self-contained cottages.

A few kilometers east of Tooleybuc, on the Koraleigh Road, is the Ring Tree.

The veteran tree has grown with its branches in a circular shape resembling a

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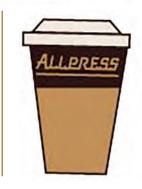
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In the right season, roadside stalls sell farm-fresh produce.

The little town has free camping at Memorial Park as Park.

On the outskirts of town you will find the well-known Andrew Pearce Wines.

In 1995 the vineyard that had been established in the 1960s produced its first vintage.

Andrew Peace Wines has since grown to be one of Australia's largest family-owned wineries, crushing more than 43,000 tonnes of grapes per year.



Two towns, one unforgettable experience # ROBINVALE / EUSTON

FOUNDED in 1924, Robinvale is named after George Robin Cuttle, a local lad who was killed in an air battle near Villers Bretonneux in France in World War I.

A charming district in Victoria, Robinvale and its neighbouring New South Wales border town, Euston, offer a unique and enjoyable experience for visitors.

With a sunny Mediterranean climate, this idyllic region is the perfect holiday environment for those wanting a relaxed and fuss-free break with plenty to see and do.

Boasting one of the widest stretches of the Murray for many kilometres, Robinvale is a hotspot to enjoy all sorts of waterfront activities including fishing, water skiing, swimming, camping, bike riding, birdwatching and bushwalking.

With large irrigated fruit and vegetable farms and close access to Mungo National Park as well as Yanga and Hattah Kulkyne national parks, journeying to this pristine part of Australia should be on every travellers must-do list.

REGIONAL FLAVOURS

Eat and drink your way around a region bursting with flavours. Savour delicious cuisine at local eateries, including freshly harvested produce and regional specialities.

Choose from friendly cafes and bakeries or visit the Euston Club Resort which offers lunch and dinner menu options and a casual sports bar.

Both Euston and Robinvale offer classic Aussie country pub meals as well.

Things to see and do

The Rural Life Museum is a step back in time that preserves Robinvale's rural history with a large collection of farming machinery, engines, tools and memorabilia from the early days of settlement.

Robinswood Homestead is a historic homestead which was the former home of Margaret and Bert Cuttle, founders of the township of Robinvale.

Memorabilia of the Cuttle family - especially Robin, for whom the town is named - is on display.

Lake Benanee is a large freshwater lake 13km east of Euston on the road to Balranald.

When full, it covers an area of around 750 hectares.

With a large beach area and public toilets, the lake is easily seen and accessed from the Sturt Highway

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What's on

Robinvale-Euston has a distinctly 'community vibe' as many popular events take place throughout the year.

Country towns are renowned for their sense of community, and Robinvale-Euston embraces its local community and those visiting the region.

For up-to-date information about all events, contact the Visitor Information Centre.

ROBINVALE COMMUNITY GROWERS MARKET has

a wide variety of stalls showcasing everything from fresh produce such as vegetables to sauces, jams, pickles and locally made olive oil products.

With arts, crafts, children's activities, and live entertainment, visiting the market is a must-do.

Dates differ depending on the season:

· March to August, held on the second Saturday from 8am to 1pm

· September to February, twilight markets held on the second Friday from 5.30pm to 8.30pm.

ROBINVALE EUSTON 80 SKI RACE is held annually in March on the Labour Day weekend and draws spectators and competitors

from all over Australia.

This is one of the biggest events for the district and highlights the wonderful river that binds these two towns together.

ALMOND BLOSSOM

FESTIVAL is 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 music, food, market stalls and tours of the almond blossom, this festival really puts Robinvale-Euston on the map.

The blossoms are a glorious

sight, making this festival well worth a visit.

BEATS AT THE BEND

Grab your family and friends and bring them along to the 2nd Annual live music at Boundary Bend's Memorial Park while enjoying delicious food and drinks.

THE GREAT MURRAY RIVER SALAMI FESTIVAL is held in

November each year on the Euston Club Resort riverfront. With free entry, you'll love learning about how salami is made, with free tastings to

This is a festival for all the family to enjoy with children's activities, live music, food vans and market stalls located right alongside the

WHY YOU'LL LOVE ROBINVALE-EUSTON

sample.

It's all about the river, the scenery and the rich history here, with the bonus of unique culinary delights with fresh seasonal food and locally made alcoholic and non-alcoholic wine.

Murray cray and Murray cod fishing is popular at certian times of the year. Check local guidelines for season times.

FISHING & CAMPING

Freshwater fishing is on most anglers' wish-lists when they visit Robinvale-Euston, and there are many accessible campsites available alongside the Murray River.

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The Robinvale Murray River Walking Track is a great way to enjoy a stroll along the beautiful Murray River and learn about significant points along the way.

With information signs along the way highlighting the regions history, take your time to stop and read more about:

- Bumbang Station
- Bumbang Island
- · Robinswood Homestead
- The local canoe tree
- The Cut
- · The Big Windmill.

It's the perfect combination with the Euston Walking and Bike Trail as you stroll along Robinvale's River Walk Track and over the bridge to meet the Euston walk.

Euston Walking and Bike Trail is a leisurely and peaceful 2.5km path that links Robinvale and Euston on opposite sides of the river.

Enjoy views of the Euston Weir and Lock 15 as you stroll along. The sealed surface of the track makes the path easy for walkers, cyclists and joggers and is shaded for most of the distance.

Billabongs along the way provide a natural wetland environment for frogs which croak loudly throughout the day, including the endangered southern bell frog.

A pergola has been constructed approximately halfway along the path to offer a perfect vantage point for an up-close view of the river, with flocks of pelicans and black swans in evidence

Access for bikes, prams and wheelchairs is available by parking your vehicle under the bridge on the Euston side of the river and starting your walk from there.

Alternately, start from Robinvale by crossing over the bridge, taking in the spectacle of the Murray River from up high before heading down the stairs or ramp to the Euston sid, to begin the trail which ends in the township of Euston.

















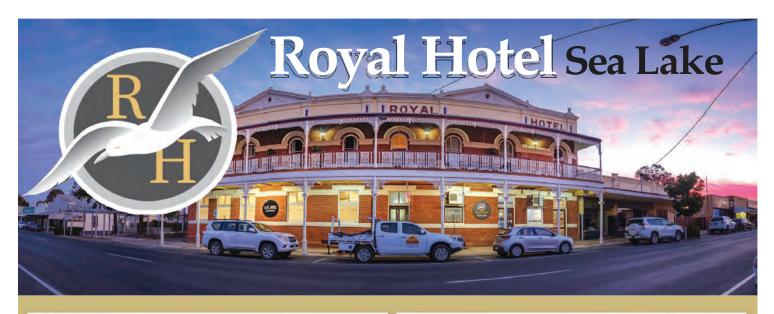
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SEA Lake is a small town that's leaving a big impression.

Fast becoming a fashionable tourism destination, the town is home to Lake Tyrrell, a unique salt lake that spans more than 20,000 hectares.

The shallow, salt-crusted depression is the largest salt lake in Victoria.

The lake's natural beauty, night sky and reflective water have become a major drawcard for local and international tourists.

It has been dubbed the "sky mirror", and it's these reflective images and optical illusions of walking on water which have wowed audiences across the world.

Newly installed tourism infrastructure at Lake Tyrrell includes a boardwalk, interpretive signage, a sky lounge, a viewing platform and walking tracks.

While in town, visitors should be sure to check out SkyMirror gallery and cafe, showcasing the works of award-winning photographers who have captured breathtaking images of Lake Tyrrell and the night sky.

Within Sea Lake itself the main street has undergone a refurbishment as part of a streetscape beautification project.

It provides a perfect rest-stop for travellers on the Calder Highway as the town is situated almost halfway between Bendigo and Mildura.

Sea Lake boasts lovely artworks and murals and is part of the silo art tour.

The town is well serviced and has a supermarket, post office,

hardware store, chemist, hairdresser, gift shop, beauty salon and an electric vehicle charging station.

There's also an op shop where funds raised assist the local hospital and a shared shop featuring a number of traders under the one roof selling a range of products including jams, honey, jewellery, home and garden décor, books and body care products.

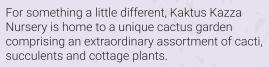
The town's information centre, on the Calder Highway, is a central hub for tourists visiting the area and features local produce and an Indigenous art display.

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The different cacti varieties combine to create a colourful display of varying textures, shapes and shades.

The town's Royal Hotel is also an architectural delight, having been restored to its former glory by dedicated community members who have invested in the community-owned facility.

The Mallee is a rich agricultural region, and Sea Lake is predominantly a broadacre cropping area, growing a range of crops including wheat, barley, peas, legumes, vetch and canola.

Visitors may be lucky enough to enjoy the colourful landscape of canola paddocks in full bloom throughout August and September.

The crops are sown between April and May and harvested in November and December.



Escape to Tranquillity #BULOKELAKES

Discover the beauty of Buloke's Lakes

Amongst the wide-open plains of the Buloke Shire are some untapped treasures – its lakes. The lakes of Buloke offer a tranquil escape, inviting nature lovers and adventurers alike to explore their beauty and natural surroundings.

Enjoy spending time with family and friends at one of Buloke's lakes for a spot of camping, fishing, swimming, and water skiing, or just soak up the serenity and peaceful surrounds.

Located in the heartland of the Mallee, visitors are spoilt for choice with several lakes to choose from.

All offer a range of camping options—powered and unpowered sites, as well as newly constructed self-contained accommodation.

Playgrounds, picnic and barbecue facilities, and quality amenities make Buloke's lakes great for a day visit or extended stay.

All lakes are close to nearby towns making it convenient to grab supplies or enjoy a night off from cooking.

Buloke makes a great base to explore the region, visiting the silo art trail and the numerous attractions the area has to offer.

And for something different, make sure to visit Lake Tyrell, Buloke's amazing salt lake.

The majority of the lakes were managed by volunteers, who took great pride in ensuring they were well maintained.

The lakes have recently been equipped with cabins and there are plans to install more in the near future.



WOOROONOOK LAKES

Situated 14km west of Charlton or 30km north-east of Donald on the Borung Highway, the Wooroonook Lake system provides freshwater lakes surrounded by shady trees.

It boasts a playground, pontoon, barbecue, picnic area, showers and a large bush area for walking and camping.

FEATURES: Nature walks • Camping (tents and caravans) • On-site accommodation • Water sports (Skiing, swimming) • Fishing

TCHUM LAKE

On the Birchip Wycheproof Road, eight kilometres east of Birchip, lies the Tchum Lake system. The main lake holds approximately 900 mega-litres of water and is a popular holiday spot for campers and water skiers.

FEATURES: Nature walks • Water sports (Skiing, swimming) • Fishing

• Camping (tents and caravans) • On-site accommodation

WATCHEM LAKE

A small lake located west of Watchem on the Warracknabeal road. The lake has camping facilities and is used for water sports. The small island in the centre breaks the waves created by speed boats and makes it a good lake for water skiing.

FEATURES: Water sports (Skiing, swimming) • Fishing • Camping (tents and caravans) • On-site accommodation

GREEN LAKE

Green Lake is a very attractive lake in the middle of a wheat-belt area with sandy shorelines, powered camping sites, showers and lots of picnic/barbecue areas, bush walks and shade.

It is located 10km from Sea Lake and has powered sites and facilities for individuals or groups to meet for the day, or stay.

The lake is suitable for swimming and limited boating.

Bushwalking can be enjoyed around the outskirts of the lake and in the adjacent reserve of Mallee and Pine-Buloke woodland

FEATURES: Nature walks (320 hectares of bushland) • Water sports (Skiing, swimming) • Camping (tents and caravans) • On-site accommodation

DONALD CARAVAN PARK LAKE

This small lake is ideal for fishing and, with the caravan park situated right on its shores, you can stay for as long as you like.

FEATURES: Fishing • Camping (tents and caravans) • On-site accommodation

LAKE TYRRELL

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FEATURES: Bird Watching • Star Gazing

Nature walks
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BARHAM/KOONDROOK - FOOD



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 ingredients we can give you a fine selection of hearty meals every day.

> Sunday - Monday: 12pm - 8pm Tuesday - Saturday: 12pm - 11pm

(03) 5453 2406 | 85 Main Street Koondrook

BRIDGEWATER - FOOD



We do way more than just coffee. From the best toasties, delicious home-made sweets and, of course, coffee, we have it all at Coffee on Loddon. A friendly and relaxed place to relax at their easily accessible van with a lovely outdoor eating area. If you are travelling, we hope you can always stay safe and are able to take some time out to recharge and relax at Coffee on Loddon. Open 6 days til 3pm.

Coffeeonloddon@outlook.com | 12 Main Street, Bridgewater

COHUNA BUTCHERS

Cohuna Butchers - family owned, retail butcher selling our own locally grown, grass fed lamb and beef. Fresh pork, poultry, small goods and select condiments always available, fresh seafood every Wednesday. Centrally located with a wide variety of cuts and ready to cook options. Quality quaranteed!

(03) 5456 2327 | 53 King George Street, Cohuna

CENTRAL TAKEAWAY KERANG

Enjoy the freshest, quality produce cooked fresh to order. Passionate local owner Nick is proud to provide a large range of seafood on his menu, along with delicious hamburgers and scotch fillet steak sandwiches. Special menu options available from large family packs including parmas, to specialised chicken nugget, snack

pack and hamburger deals. Freshly cooked pizzas from our range of of 17 different flavours including gluten free options.

(03) 5452 1908 | 61 Wellington Street, Kerang

KERANG - FOOD



The Royal Hotel, Kerang provides quality pub meals at reasonable prices, with meals available 7 days a week. Our recently updated menu provides the usual hotel options with specials available. Come in and relax and have a cold, refreshing tap beer with your meal.



(03) 5452 1063 | 60 Victoria Street, Kerang

KERANG - FOOD



AMANTI COFFEES - The One With Aroma

Extensive menu and Devonshire teas baked daily on the premises

- Turkish Bread
- · Cakes, slices, muffins and biscuits
- Hot and cold drinks
- Smoothies
- Gourmet sandwiches Jamie's Fine Dressings
- Mon-Tue: 8.30am-3pm | Wed-Fri: 8.30am-5pm | Sat: 8.30am-1pm

(03) 5452 1200 | 47 Victoria Street, Kerang

KERANG - FOOD



Proudly managed by Barb and Milton, the Kerang Classic Fish Shop is the premier fish and chip shop in Kerang. From kebabs, fish and chips, hamburgers, steak sandwiches, fried chicken, potato cakes and scallops, to schnitzel/chips/gravy, dim sims, sandwiches, seafood baskets and of course delightful tea and coffee, the Classic Fish Shop serve you to serve again.

(03) 5452 1908 | 61 Wellington Street, Kerang

MOULAMEIN - FOOD



MOULAMEIN

- · Riverside cabins
- Accommodation
 - Restaurant
- · Beer garden/outdoor dining

Monday: 3pm-12am Tuesday: 3pm-12am Wednesday: 11am-12am Thursday: 11am-12am Friday: 11am-12am Saturday: 11am-12am Sunday: 11am-10pm

(03) 5887 5017 | 52 Morago Street, Moulamein NSW

MURRAY DOWNS - FOOD

MURRAY DOWNS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Murray Downs Golf & Country Club is open from 10am daily, 7 days per week. The Fairways Bistro is open for both lunch and dinner, with a large food offering to suit the whole family. The cafe is also open from 10am daily offering coffee, cake and lighter options. The renowned 18-hole Championship Golf Course is rated Number 1 on the Murray River. Three floodlit bowling greens and a range of regular activities make Murray Downs a must-visit whilst in the Swan Hill Region.

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

MYSTIC PARK - FOOD MYSTIC PARK HOTEL



Traditional pub grub, cold beer and local wines.

Open Thursday - Sunday from 4pm and available for group bookings anytime of the week by arrangement.

Courtesy bus available. Conditions apply.

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mysticparkhotel.com.au

(03) 5457 9283 | 1/15 Wilson Street, Mystic Park VIC 3579

SWAN HILL - FOOD



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 - FOOD



Situated on the corner, Logan St has always been a much loved space for many years. Servicing the Swan Hill & Murray surrounds, you will always get fresh food made with love – it's our guarantee. Feeding you 6 days a week. Monday - Friday: 6am - 4.30pm. Saturday: 7am - 11am.

(03) 5033 2662 | 2 Logan Street, Swan Hill

BARHAM - STAYS

COMFORT SUITES - CLUBARHAM GOLF RESORT



Comfort Suites cluBarham has exceptional oncourse accommodation ranging from deluxe apartments to Caravan sites located at cluBarham Golf & Sports providing a stunning view of the golf course and natural bush surrounding. Stay and Play options available.



(03) 5451 1800 | 6788 Moulamein Rd, Barham, NSW 2732

BARHAM - STAYS

COMFORT INN - CLUBARHAM



Comfort Inn cluBarham is a short stroll from the centre of Barham making it perfect for your next Murray River getaway. Offering 54 rooms with varying accommodation for business and leisure guests.



(03) 5451 1800 \mid 45 Murray St, Barham, NSW 2732

BARHAM BRIDGE MOTOR INN Experience accredited 4-star comfort with king beds, a solar-heated pool, free Wi-Fi, and pet-friendly options.

KERANG VALLEY RESORT

Only 500m from the heart of town. Offering 31 modern motel rooms - including spa rooms. In-ground pool, conference centre, playground and high-speed broadband internet.

(03) 5452 1311 | 76 Murray Valley highway, Kerang

MYSTIC PARK - STAYS

(03) 5453 2777 | 1 Murray St, Barham | barhambridgemotorinn.com.au

Perfect for families, couples, and corporate stays. Off-street parking and EV charging available.





Traditional pub style accommodation. Free camping on pub property for those that are self-sufficient and want to enjoy a hearty feed and cold drink. Pet-friendly room available.

mysticparkhotel.com.au

(03) 5457 9283 | 1/15 Wilson Street, Mystic Park VIC 3579

SWAN HILL - STAYS



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

SWAN HILL - STAYS

BIG4 RIVERSIDE SWAN HILI



BIG4 Riverside Swan Hill is the only holiday park located in the heart of Swan Hill and right on the banks of the Mighty Murray River. With cabins to suit most families, river-edge powered sites and just a short stroll to the main street, Riverside is the place to be! *** Check out our Glamping Tent! ***



Free Parking Free WiFi Self-Serve Laundry Jumping Pillow Pet Friendly Pump track Close to Shopping Precinct and Tourist Attractions Minutes from town centre

(03) 5032 1494 | 1 Monash Drive, Swan Hill

SWAN HILL - STAYS





Spacious grassed sites, ensuite cabins, swimming pool, games room, LPG gas refills and onsite caravan repairs. Pet-friendly sites.

Amenities & Services

Camp kitchen & rec room Inground and toddlers pool Amenities and laundry **Ensuite Cabins** Kiosk, public phone 500m from Town Bus Free courtesy bus to Murray Long Term sites & Van Storage

(03) 5032 4112 | 5587 MV Highway | swanhillholidaypark.com.au









Great resort for short or long stays



- 16 fully self contained motel rooms with two connecting rooms to make family rooms
- 9 fully self contained cabins
- Kiosk
- BBQ
- Playgrounds/Roo Zoo
- Commercial kitchen/hall for parties, functions & get-togethers
- Pet friendly

659 Murray Valley Highway, Swan Hill hilltopresortau@gmail.com (03) 5033 1515

Reception open
Monday-Saturday 9.30am-5pm
(Late arrivals by arrangement)
CLOSED SUNDAY

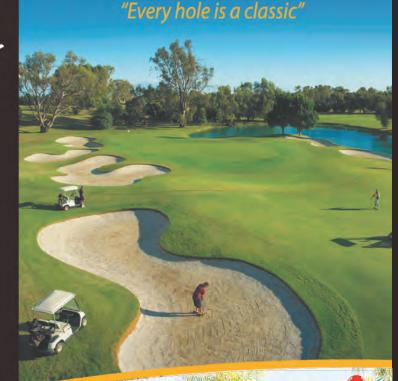
Visit the Number 1 course by the Murray River

The Murray Downs 18 hole championship course at Swan Hill is regarded by many as the best regional resort golf course in the country.

Featuring an array of charming holes, perfectly groomed fairways, well placed water hazards and stunning signature holes.

PLAY, STAY, ENJOY

Golf, bowl, relax in sunshine by the large tropical pool. Wine, dine and enjoy full NSW clubhouse facilities at the Country Club, before finishing the perfect day with a spa at the resort.







MURRAY DOWNS

RESORT

Murray River - Swan Hill

Free Call: **1800 807 574**

www.murraydownsresort.com.au

GolfPackages

2 Nights from **\$360***

5 Nights from

\$920*

Both Packages - Per Person (twin share minimum).

*Conditions Apply!
Prices subject to change

On-course Accommodation

- A country style cooked breakfast each morning
- A meal voucher for 'Fairways' bistro each night
- Unlimited golf each day*

Self Contained Apartments are also available!