

OFFICIAL VISITORS' GUIDE

# Buloke Country

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Welcome to Buloke!

# Buloke Shire... Contents

Victoria's Agricultural Heartland

It is with great pride that on behalf of the people of the Buloke Shire, we welcome you to our place.

Sitting at the heart of northern Victoria, Buloke is our state's true agricultural heartland. Our land and our farmers produce cereal grains, oil seeds, prime beef, lamb and poultry of the highest quality.

The area enjoys four beautiful seasons across our diverse landscape that unfolds beneath wide open skies. There are rolling golden plains that are punctuated by creeks, rivers and spectacular lakes. Our bushland is home to unique flora and fauna.

Our towns are famously warm and welcoming, and I trust you will enjoy the best of country hospitality during your time here. There are many museums and historical societies spread amongst our towns whose volunteers would be only too happy to help arrange tours for you.

Special events held throughout the year are well worth an entry into your calendar and include horse race meetings, music festivals and country shows to name a few.

Enjoy your stay. I am sure you will love what Buloke Shire has to offer.

**Cr Carolyn Stewart,**  
Mayor of Buloke Shire

*Buloke Tourism Board is an incorporated association formed in 2008. The Board is made up of local people and businesses representing the towns of Buloke. The Tourism Board aims to support business and community organisations to grow and promote tourism throughout the Buloke Shire.*

*Buloke Tourism Board is supported in this aim by membership with Wimmera Mallee Tourism which markets tourism for the shires of Buloke, Hindmarsh, West Wimmera and Yarriambiack, and ultimately looks to Tourism Victoria for support.*

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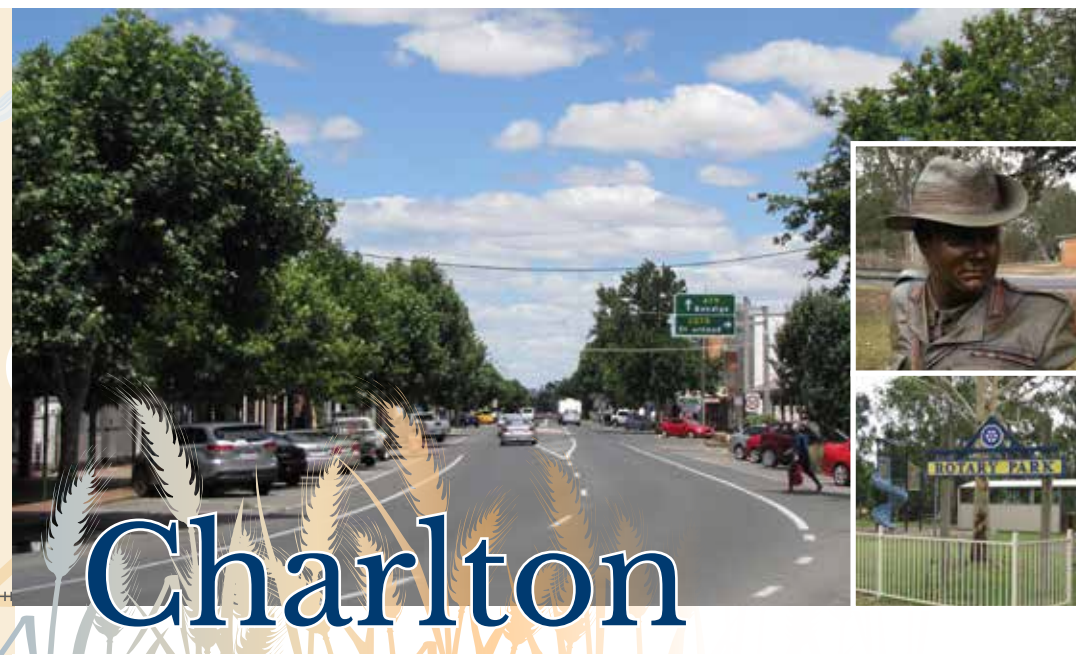






## THINGS TO DO IN CHARLTON

The Rex Theatre  
Golden Grains Museum  
Travellers Rest  
Avoca River Walk  
Wooroonook Lakes



Charlton is a charming tree lined town situated on the banks of the Avoca River. A three hours' drive from both Melbourne and Mildura, it's a perfect place to break up a long drive. Whether it's for five minutes, a couple of hours or overnight, enjoy the river's natural beauty, our heritage style buildings, vibrant shopping precinct and the town's friendly hospitality.

## HIGH STREET

Charlton's High Street has many delightful shops and eateries to enjoy. Cafés, pubs, clothing, antiques and giftware are in abundance. Walking along the street you will find displays and plaques illustrating the history of the township, as well as a bronze bust and audio history of former Charlton resident, Prime Minister John Curtin.

## ROTARY PARK & GORDON PARK

Rotary Park, situated behind the roundabout at the west end of High Street, is a lovely small park beside the river with undercover BBQ facilities, a terrific spiral children's slide and ample picnic seating. A public toilet is located nearby. Gordon Park, located just over the bridge towards Swan Hill, has a large children's playground and skate park.

## TRAVELLERS REST & CARAVAN PARK

The Travellers Rest, located in the heart of the town, features ample parking for cars and coaches, modern toilets, a playground, bocce court and sheltered barbeque facilities. Located next to the Avoca River, it also features first class en-suites, powered sites and an R.V. Park, all of which impress the most seasoned caravanners. The Avoca River provides opportunities for fishing, yabbing, canoeing or tranquil walks amongst the river red gums and wildlife spotting. Just over the swing bridge, a 500 metre sealed walking track along the river has several interpretive signs highlighting the local birdlife. An extended walk will take you to the Charlton Weir, about 1km from town. See Camping and Caravanning in Buloke, page 22.



Top: Goldens Grains Museum.

Above: Rex Theatre.

## ANNUAL EVENTS

Australia Day Tennis Tournament

Redback Motorcycle Rally

Charlton Film Festival

Charlton Pacing Cup

Lions Easter Market

Jazz in July at the Rex

Golf Tournament

Croquet Tournament

Rotary Art Show

Charlton Open Gardens

Charlton A&P Show

Lions Swap Meet

Go to [www.visitcharlton.com.au](http://www.visitcharlton.com.au) to find out more and see what events are coming up.

## THE REX

The heart of Charlton's High Street is the Rex – an original Art Deco cinema that has been community owned since 2007 and is fully run and operated by dedicated volunteers. As well as weekly screenings of current films and other special events and live performances throughout the year, the Rex hosts the annual Charlton Film Festival in February. *See what's screening this week at [www.rextheatre.org.au](http://www.rextheatre.org.au).*

## THE GOLDEN GRAINS MUSEUM & ELLIOTT GARDENS

At the western end of High Street you will find war memorials for the Boer War, WW1, WW2 and the Vietnam War. In the Elliott Gardens a bronze bust and information on Major General Harold 'Pompey' Elliott is located. Pompey was one of WW1's most famous and loved generals and was born and raised in West Charlton. Also located in these gardens is the Golden Grains Museum, housed in the former Mechanics Institute. This award-winning museum has a large collection of memorabilia and photographs dating back to Charlton's early pioneering days.

For opening hours visit  
[www.charltongoldengrainsmuseum.com.au](http://www.charltongoldengrainsmuseum.com.au)

1 High Street, Charlton

P: 0418 361 971

Admission \$5, Groups \$3, Children Free

Open Sundays 11am – 3pm or by Appointment

## CHARLTON COURTHOUSE GALLERY

Located in the former Charlton Courthouse (1883), this beautifully restored building is now used as a community gallery and meeting place. Decommissioned in 1982, the courthouse is worth visiting just to view the main courtroom with the judge's bench still in situ and the amazing crazed timber ceiling. The gallery is host to a semi-permanent photographic exhibition and regular exhibitions from local and visiting artists.

8 Camp Street, Charlton

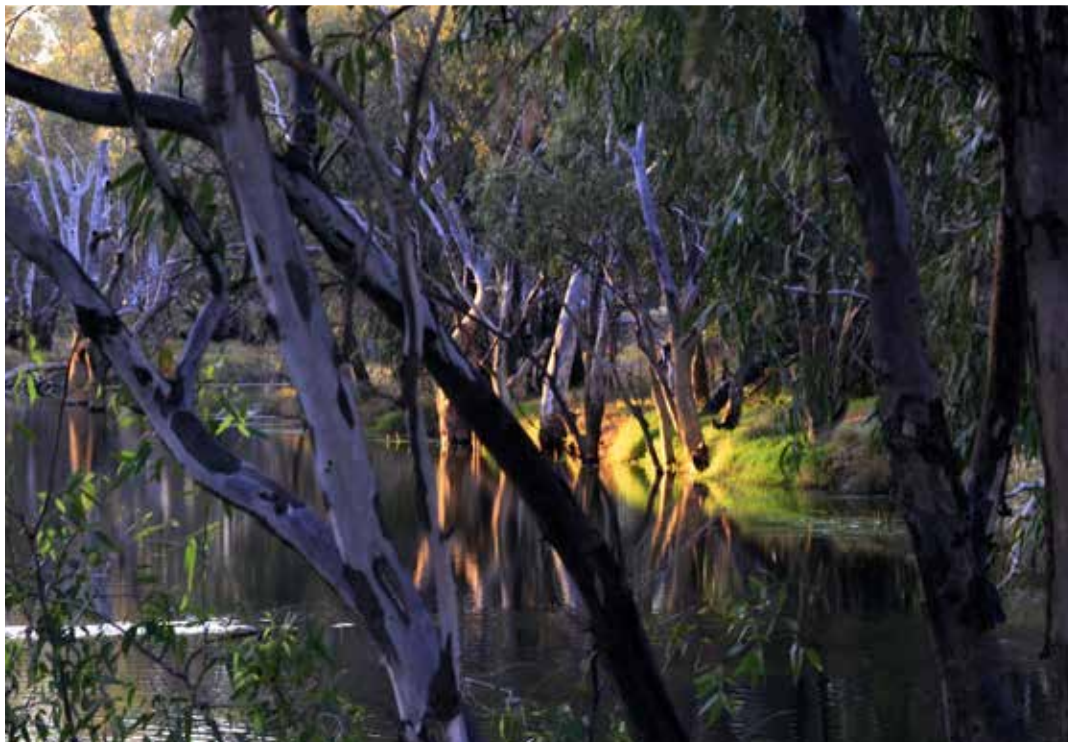
Open by appointment. Call Carolyn on 0418 361 971. Note: No wheelchair access.

## SPORT AND RECREATION

The Charlton Community boasts dozens of excellent sporting clubs and facilities. In the winter months you can enjoy a hot pie and watch country football at Charlton Park on a Saturday afternoon. Harness Racing is another of Charlton's sporting attractions, with regular race meets and the annual Charlton Pacing Cup. Charlton Park is also home to the Charlton Lawn Tennis Club. Facilities include both lawn and hard courts. The club's annual three-day tournament over the Australia Day weekend draws players from across Victoria. In the winter months golfers can enjoy nine holes at the Charlton Park Golf Course or 18 holes amongst beautiful bushland north-west of town on Golf Links Road.

In Gordon Park, just over the bridge you will find the swimming pool, a large playground, skate park and the Charlton Croquet and Bowling Clubs. The park can also be easily accessed via the swing bridge across the Avoca River by walking through the Travellers Rest.

Only 14km west of Charlton are the Wooroonook Lakes – an important source of water in Charlton's early settlement and the site of plenty of fishing, swimming and boating for over 100 years. Excellent facilities include 10 powered caravan sites, an amenities block, BBQ, playground and a pontoon.







### CHARLTON BAKERY CAFE

58-62 High Street,  
Charlton  
P: 03 5491 2277

**Monday to Friday: 6am – 4pm  
Saturday: 8am – 2pm**

**Pizza served Friday and Sunday**

Fresh bread, cakes, pies and pastries baked on site daily, freshly made rolls, sandwiches, focaccias and wraps. Coffee, cold drinks and soft serve ice-creams also available. Pizza served Friday and Sunday evenings from 6pm. Opposite the Travellers Rest.



### TRAVELLERS REST CARAVAN PARK

John Curtin Drive,  
Charlton  
P: 0448 276 631

This exceptional park is set on the banks of the beautiful Avoca River. It is comprised of eight drive through en-suites, each with an individual area of lawn in front, an RV park, grassed powered and non-powered sites, a camp kitchen, laundry, toilets and showers. The park is pet friendly and is only 100 metres walking distance from the main street and shopping precinct.



### TIMELESS TREASURES AND TEAROOMS

9A High Street, Charlton  
P: 0411 203 255  
E: bg2008@iinet.net.au

**Monday & Friday:  
9am to 4pm, Saturday:  
8:30am to 7pm, Sunday:  
9:00am to 5pm**

**Home style cooking – great coffee – pizza  
– wine & boutique beer**

The Finest home-made food we have tasted in a long time (*Chris & Rosemary, Cape Schank*)

Great town – Great food – Great service  
(*Sue & John, Tasmania*)

Beautifully set out. A change from the run of the mill coffee shops. (*Frank & Yvonne – travelling Australia*)

WORK IN YOUR WORLD – RELAX IN OURS



### CHARLTON FLORIST & FASHION

Shop 3, 9B High Street,  
Charlton  
P: 03 5491 2220

**Monday to Saturday: 9am to 5pm, Sunday:  
Open for special events.**

Drop in on Joan for a great range of women's, children's and babies' wear, giftware or to buy a bunch of flowers to freshen up your day.



18 Mildura Way, Charlton  
Ph: 03 5491 1353 (24/7)  
Email: bookings@  
valeofavoca.com.au  
Website:  
www.valeofavoca.com.au

## VALE OF AVOCA

The Vale of Avoca is the perfect stop for all your accommodation needs from an overnight stay to a long weekend or weekly stay. This beautiful, historical building boasts long corridors, high ceilings, a tranquil atmosphere and an extensive balcony which gives you a view of the town and our beautiful sunrises and sunsets. On the 1st floor there are 8 huge, luxury bedrooms (including a suite and a family room), four bathrooms, a separate loungeroom and games room. All rooms have access to free wifi and are equipped with split system heating and cooling, tv, fridge, electric blankets and tea & coffee making facilities. In addition to luxury accommodation we supply homestyle, country cooked breakfasts served in one of our open fired/airconditioned dining rooms on the ground floor.

The Café/Restaurant offers home-cooked meals, barista coffee, milkshakes and home-made cakes and more to all guests, passers-by and locals, served in the dining room or out under the verandah. We also have a cocktail bar which adjoins a magnificent beer garden.

Located on the corner of the Calder & Borung Hwys, it is across the road from Gordon Park, Charlton Swimming Pool and only a short stroll to the Avoca Riverwalk, Rex Theatre and town centre.

Your Hosts are Benno and Carmel. Carmel was born and raised in Charlton before moving to Melbourne for work. She met and married Benno and they have two children. They have returned to Charlton after 35 years together in Melbourne to be closer to family and enjoy the country lifestyle.

### Café opening hours:

Thursday 9 am to 2 pm  
Friday 9 am to 2 pm  
Saturday 9 am to 2 pm  
Sunday 9 am to 2 pm  
Monday 9 am to 2 pm  
(Hours subject to change)

### Evenings:

Saturday from 6 pm  
Sunday from 6 pm

Bookings preferred

Bookings are available for  
private functions.

Long-term stays available  
at discounted rates (*tradies  
welcome*).





### CHARLTON MOTEL

158-164 High Street,  
Charlton

P: 03 5491 1600  
(all hours)  
E: info@  
charltonmotel.com.au

Open 7 days: 9am to 9pm  
(late check in available)

Motel - Function room hire

The Charlton Motel is on the Melbourne end of Charlton (next door to Caltex Roadhouse). There is a swimming pool, free car parking & wifi. All units are ground floor with split system heating & cooling, LCD TVs, tea & coffee facilities, microwave, fridge & private bathrooms. The motel is a budget motel with newly renovated rooms.



### CHARLTON NEWSAGENCY

69 High Street, Charlton

P: 03 5491 1680  
E: news@  
charltonnewsagency.com

Monday to Friday 5:30am - 5:30pm  
Saturday 5:30am - 12:30pm

Visit Troy and Rebecca for a terrific range of newspapers, magazines, toys, sporting goods, cards, giftware and all your stationery needs. You can also buy your lotto tickets as well. It might be your lucky day!



### THE EAST CHARLTON HOTEL

53 High Street Charlton

Ph: 03 5491 1613

The East Charlton Hotel is a family friendly hotel serving up hearty, country pub meals in a relaxed welcoming atmosphere - the ideal dining choice for anyone staying at the adjacent caravan park. For a lighter option drop in to our café - Oogies - with indoor or alfresco seating. We also offer comfortable and affordable accommodation.



### HOUSE TO HOME DECORATIONS

42 High Street, Charlton

P: 03 5491 1691  
E: charltonhousetohome  
@bigpond.com

Monday to Friday: 9am to 5:30pm

Saturday: 9am to 1:30pm

Sunday: During special events

A treasure trove overflowing with an exciting range of homewares, giftware, manchester, baby goods, shoes, scarves, bags, jewellery, cards, garden décor & bedding. Something for everyone. Enjoy exploring and discover that special something hidden in the store just for you.



### REX THEATRE CHARLTON

30-34 High Street,  
Charlton

P: 03 5491 2333

E: boxoffice@  
rextheatre.org.au

Web: rextheatre.org.au

**Screenings:**  
**Saturday 8pm,**  
**Sunday 2pm, Tuesday 8pm**

An historical gem, Charlton's Art Deco Rex Theatre recaptures the glory days of the cinema experience. Fully community owned and operated, the opulent surrounds and welcoming atmosphere of the Rex includes all-abilities access, climate control, and features both digital and analogue screening capabilities.

A unique location for hiring opportunities, including weddings, special events, conferences or filming, the Rex is a "must-see" stop when visiting Charlton.





# Explore

## Victoria's Wild West



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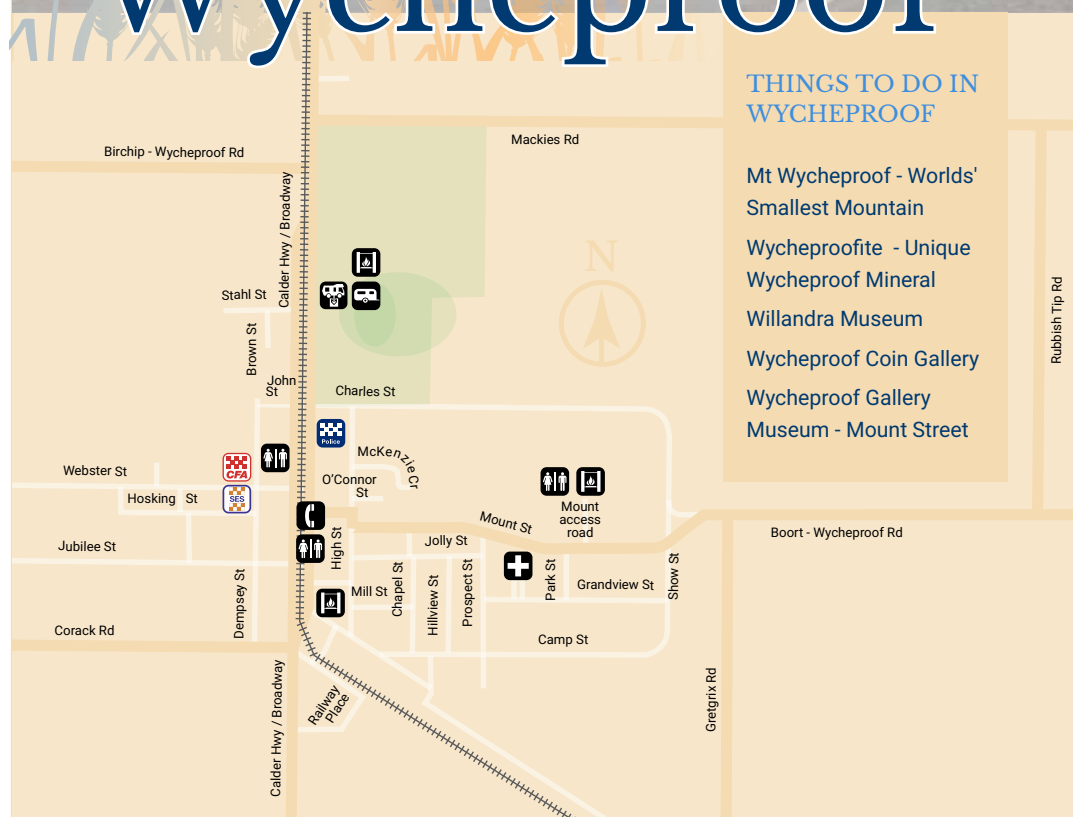
Download the Wimmera Mallee Tourism App today.



# Wycheproof

## THINGS TO DO IN WYCHEPROOF

Mt Wycheproof - Worlds'  
Smallest Mountain  
Wycheproofite - Unique  
Wycheproof Mineral  
Willandra Museum  
Wycheproof Coin Gallery  
Wycheproof Gallery  
Museum - Mount Street





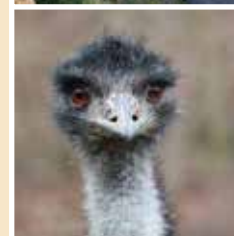
## ANNUAL EVENTS

Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards  
Australia Pool Party  
Labour Day Tennis Tournament  
Mothers Day Classic  
Wycheproof Town Garage Sale  
Lions Club Show and Shine  
Friends of EWHS Garden Walk  
Mt Wycheproof Arts and Craft Show  
Mt Wycheproof Cup Derby Day in the Country  
Lions Club Christmas Eve in the Park

Clockwise above left: View from the summit of Mt Wycheproof, Wycheproof Gallery Museum, steam train display adjacent to park.

Opposite page top to bottom: View from the summit of Mt Wycheproof, Emu on the mount, grain trains frequently roll through the centre of town.

Below: Mt. Wycheproof Cup - Buloke's biggest event.



Wycheproof is 253 kilometres north-west on the Calder highway from Melbourne the halfway point to Mildura, also approximately halfway to the South Australia border, halfway to Albury-Wodonga region of north-west.

## THE HALF WAY TOWN

Wycheproof at the southern edge of the Mallee is the centre of a rich grain growing area with a major central receiving silo complex, including the Million Bushel silo on the northern edge of town.

## MT. WYCHEPROOF

Is the smallest registered mountain (43 metres above sea level) in the world. At the base of our mount is a flora and fauna park with emus and at times kangaroos. Perhaps its most notable feature is the railway track running down the middle of Broadway on the Calder Highway – one of only three towns in Australia with on-road rail. Since 1873 the railway line has run through the middle of Broadway, and today the sight of a massive grain train going through town continues to thrill.

WYCHEPROOF is the headquarters for the Buloke Shire, which occupies an area of 8,004 square kilometres, with a population of 6,201 people (2016) census.

WYCHEPROOF also has excellent sports facilities; these are all within walking distance from the town centre. Tourist accommodation is well catered for with modern motel, caravan park and two hotels. A walk along Broadway reveals the local arts and craft shop, supermarket, newsagency, chemists, café, hotels, hardware store, hair and beauty, and the award winning Bakery on Broadway. For the traveller wishing to have a rest, we boast a very picturesque park, with free BBQs, gazebo, playground and bird aviaries. Adjacent to the park is a steam train display complete with turntable etc. The town museum and coin art gallery are two of the many tourist attractions in the town. Our post office & courthouse are both listed by the National Trust. The Airport is rated to the standard required for both Ambulance and commercial flights. For people looking for a friendly place to live we offer a mid summer climate, with a top ranked P-12 college, kindergarten and excellent medical, hospital & aged care facilities.

WYCHEPROOF – we have it all.





## WYCHEPROOF COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Opening hours: Monday to Friday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm

280 Broadway WYCHEPROOF VIC 3529

P: 03 5493 7455

E: [mwrcr@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mwrcr@bigpond.net.au)



W: [www.wycheproofcra.org.au](http://www.wycheproofcra.org.au)

Neighbourhood House, Learn Local provider, access to Internet and fee for service printing and secretarial services.

Buloke Library Services, Centrelink Access Point, VicRoads Agency,

Visit our friendly staff for enquiries/bookings for the Wycheproof Op Shop, Men's Shed, Mt Wycheproof & District Racing Club, Art & Craft Shop, Community Car, Wycheproof Golf Club bookings, Railway Place, Cemetery Trust and local information.



### MT WYCHEPROOF MOTOR INN

360 Broadway, Wycheproof  
P: 03 5493 7224 E: [bisore@bigpond.com](mailto:bisore@bigpond.com)  
[www.mtwychemotorinn.com.au](http://www.mtwychemotorinn.com.au)

7 Days: 7am to 9:30pm  
Night Bell for out of hours service.

The Mount Wycheproof Motor Inn provides all the comforts of home with queen beds, ensuite bathrooms, air conditioning and heating, tea and coffee making facilities, toaster, electric blankets, ironing facilities, hairdryer, and flat screen TV with DVD player. Cooked or Continental breakfasts available.

Located in the heart of the main street it's the perfect position to stroll to Wycheproof's shops, museums, parks and eateries. You can also pick up a picnic hamper from the Foodworks Delicatessen and enjoy a walk up to the summit of Mount Wycheproof – the world's smallest mountain!



BAKERY ON  
BROADWAY  
317 Broadway,  
Wycheproof

P: 03 5493 7183

Open 7 days a week  
Monday to Friday 7 to 5  
Weekends and public holidays 8 to 4

[bakeryonbroadway@gmail.com](mailto:bakeryonbroadway@gmail.com)



Bakery on Broadway is a halfway stop for those travelling from Melbourne to Mildura.

Visit the award winning business that is situated in the original Shire Chambers and enjoy the outdoor area on a sunny day.

Everything, apart from some gluten free options, is made on the premises. The pies and pasties are much sought after, using the best quality meat from the local Chalmers Butchers.

The bakery has easy access and toilets for all abilities.







## MARLBRO HOUSE

**Broadway, Wycheproof**  
Ph. 03 5493 7577  
marlbrouhouse@  
gmail.com  
www.marlbrouhouse.  
com.au

**Opening hours**  
**Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm**  
**Saturday 9am - 12pm**

Marlbro House is a boutique space that stocks an evolving range of home decor, clothing and accessories to suit any need from all over Australia and internationally.

We pride ourselves on stocking unique ranges that cater to suit any style and love being able to help you out with a gift for any special person in your life, including yourself!

With fashion, furniture, soft furnishings, artwork and even pot plants for the garden lover, you are sure to find something you love at Marlbro House.



## WYCHEPROOF CARAVAN PARK

**462 Broadway,  
Wycheproof**

P: 0477 616 743  
E: caravanpark@  
wycheproof.vic.au

The Wycheproof Caravan Park is in a quiet bush setting.

On site caretaker, budget prices, powered & unpowered sites, clean amenities, free BBQ area, free wi-fi.

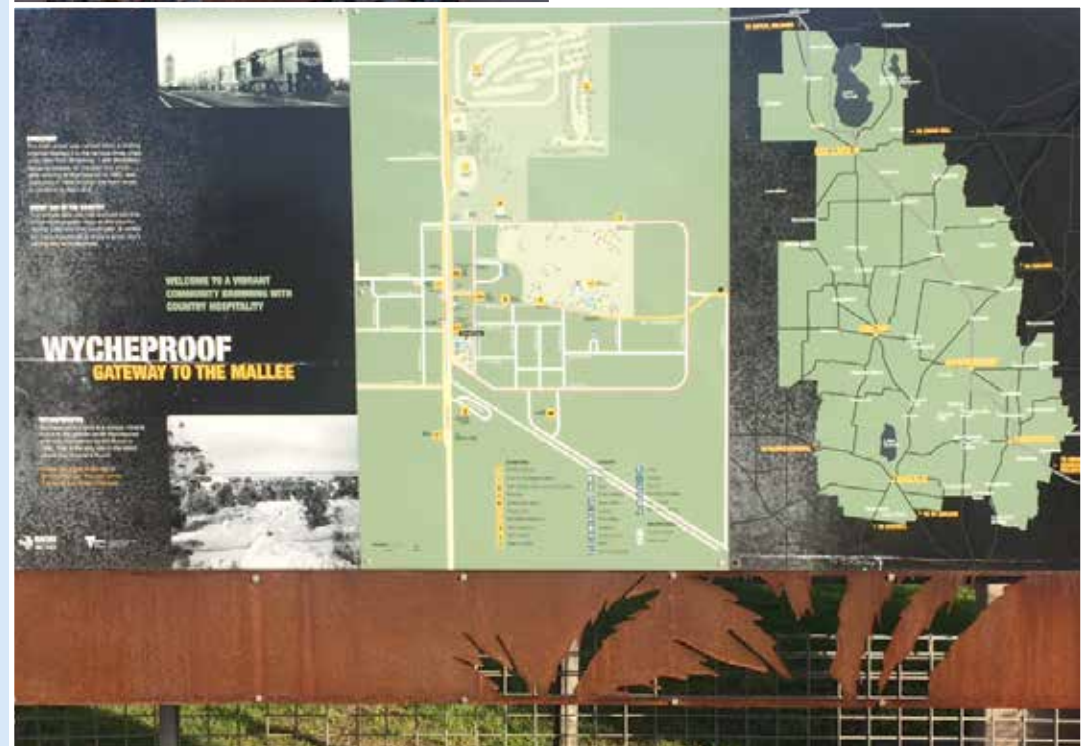
Campfire and pet friendly, close proximity to the Silo Art Trail, make this your base as you go view this amazing art.

For bookings ☎ or just arrive, we will look after all your needs.

Happy caravanning.



Clockwise from top left: Coin Art Gallery, Mt. Wycheproof from a distance, Centenary Park and Signage.







Enjoy spending time with your family and friends at one of our beautiful lakes for a spot of fishing, swimming, and water skiing.

## LAKE BULOKE

A shallow lake, covering an area of 10,000 hectares when full. During drought it is used as farm land as it is no longer recognisable as a lake. Lake Buloke is home to a range of flora and fauna, including wedge-tailed eagles. It is also the centre for duck hunting during the season.

- Duck Shooting
- Fishing • Bird Watching

## LAKE TYRRELL

Victoria's largest salt lake covering 20,860 hectares. Heading north on the Calder Highway, the viewing platform is well signposted on your right-hand side. The Lake environment is host to Mallee reptiles, kangaroos, emus, white-face chats, and an inland gully.

This ancient lake is dry most of the year although at times it may be covered by shallow water. Evaporation leaves a salt crust which is commercially extracted by the Cheetham Salt Works at the northern end of the lake. Over 100,000 tonnes of salt is extracted from the lake each year. The first recorded salt harvest from Lake Tyrrell was in 1896.

- Sea Lake Mallee Rally • Bird Watching
- Star Gazing • Nature Walks • Photography



## LAKE WOOROONOOK

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

- Nature walks • Camping (Tents and caravans) • 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.

- Nature walks
- Water sports (Skiing, Swimming) • Fishing
- Camping (Tents and caravans)

## 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.

- Water sports (Skiing, Swimming)
- Fishing • Camping (Tents and caravans)

## 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.

- Fishing • Camping (Tents, caravans & on-site accommodation).

## GREEN LAKE

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

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

The lake is suitable for swimming and limited boating. Bushwalking can be enjoyed around the outskirts of the lake bed and in the adjacent reserve of Mallee and Pine-Buloke woodland.

- Nature walks (320 hectares of bushland)
- Water sports (Skiing, Swimming)
- Camping (Tents and caravans)

*Dormitory style accommodation may also be available if pre booked.*



# Camping

## Caravanning and Nature

Enjoy the beauty and tranquillity of the region at its finest and immerse yourself in the stunning vistas, starry skies, and wild bushland of Buloke.

### CAMPING

Camping and caravan sites throughout the Shire provide a fantastic opportunity to experience the unique Mallee environment first hand. Our many sites provide the perfect spot to stop overnight on a journey around the country, or settle in for a week or two of peace and quiet.

### NATURE

The Buloke Shire has an abundance of natural attractions – including the smallest mountain in the world! Below is just a taste of what Buloke Shire has to offer.

- **Avoca River** – Nature walk in Charlton
- **Green Lake** – Nature walks, camping
- **Lake Buloke** – Nature walks
- **Lake Tyrrell** – Nature walks, star gazing
- **Lake Wooroonook** – Nature walks, camping
- **Mt Jeffcott** – Nature walks, flora and fauna

- **Mt Wycheproof** – Nature walks, world's smallest mountain
- **Rich Avon Weir** – Nature walks, fishing, camping
- **Richardson River Walk** – Walking trail in Donald
- **Tchum Lake** – Bird watching, camping
- **The Bullock's Head Lookout** – View the Bullock's Head tree on the Richardson River
- **The Rocks** – Natural rock formation at Chirrup
- **Tyrrell Creek** – Walk at Culgoa

### WATER ACTIVITIES

Enjoy spending time with your family and friends at one of our beautiful lakes for a spot of fishing, swimming, and water skiing.

### CARAVAN PARKS

- **Charlton** - Ph. 0448 276 631
- **Donald** - Ph. 0497 770 064
- **Birchip/Tchum Lake** - Ph. 0447 557 837
- **Wycheproof** - Ph. 0477 616 743
- **Sea Lake** - Ph. 0427 701 261







Nullawil is a small welcoming country town of the Southern Mallee approximately 302 kilometres from Melbourne on the Calder Highway. Nullawil is nestled within the Buloke Shire Council. It is a pleasant resting stop with friendly locals, a charming general store, two peaceful parks, public facilities, petrol at Nullawil Motors and a regular V-Line bus service.

O'Brien Park at the centre of town is home to Nullawil's famous sculptural creation, the Iron Man.

Our parks are ideal for picnics and getting back to nature.

Arrange a visit to Auchmore Heritage Museum housing all the necessities used by the early pioneers of the district. Auchmore Museum is an original homestead fitted out in period design as well as many outbuildings from the area. The museum proudly preserves the history of Nullawil and district for further generations to enjoy. **Open by appointment.**

Several annual events take place within the town. All are welcome to Nullawil's Australia Day breakfast, Anzac Day service, Christmas Eve in O'Brien Park and Remembrance Day service at Auchmore Heritage Museum.

There are many great nature sites in the region, including Tyrrell Creek, Cokum Reserve and Uttiwillock wetland, providing habitat for an array of native Mallee and Wimmera Mallee fauna and flora.

Nullawil Silo Art – Stop, rest and enjoy.

Photographers – the wide open spaces, picturesque flat farmland and divine sunrises and sunsets make perfect photo opportunities all year round.

So next time you are passing through the thriving little township of Nullawil, don't just slow down to 60 kilometres per hour and focus on the road ahead, dare to slow down to 10 kilometres per hour and take a left or right to explore our wonderful little town.

Not only is Nullawil a great place to visit, Nullawil is a strong, resilient, innovative, inclusive community and a great place to live.

## NULLAWIL SILO ART

Nullawil's silo is part of the Silo Art Trail (Brim, Patchewollock, Sea Lake, Sheep Hills, Rupanyup, Lascelles, Rosebery). It displays the unique artistic and photorealistic talents of Australian contemporary street artist Sam Bates (Smug).

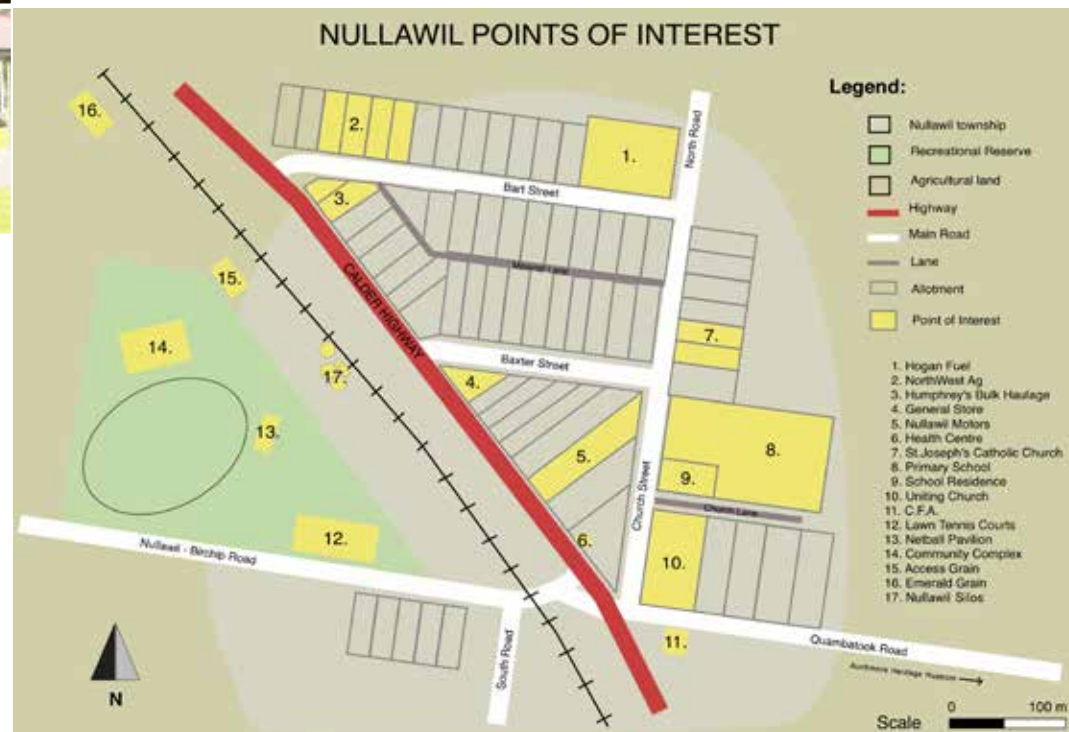
Set within its unique rural landscape, visit and gain a greater appreciation for the true quality of the art work.

Take time to view and reflect on the photo-like

realism of the working dog and his master from various angles, distances and perspectives.

Chat with other Silo Art Trail tourists, meet some locals and maybe even get to pat Jimmy the sheepdog!

A mini replica of the silos, an artwork in itself by Valweld, has been placed in front of the silos as a donation box with donated money going to future Nullawil community projects.



## NULLAWIL – VIBRANT TOWN

### Things to do in Nullawil if you have 10 minutes

1. Have your photo taken with the Iron Man located in O'Brien Park.
2. Visit Hall Corner Park.
3. Walk the length of North Road (Church St) to admire the Historic Churches.
4. Look for further information on Nullawil - signs are situated in the parks.

### Things to do in Nullawil when you have half an hour

5. BBQ available in O'Brien Park in the centre of town.
6. Hall Corner Park is the perfect place to stretch your legs and allow the children to use the playground.
7. Stop – spend some time in our parks and enjoy the abundant bird life.
8. Bring a picnic and spend some time enjoying the tranquillity.
9. Take in some of the Mallees unique flora and fauna.

### Things to do in Nullawil when you have an hour or more

10. Visit the Nullawil Historical precinct where you will need at least two hours to peruse all it has to offer. Please contact 0428 935 270
11. In winter attend a home football and netball game, soak up the atmosphere and partake of some delicious home cooking. In summer the recreation reserve is a hive of activity on a Saturday when there is either or both cricket and tennis to watch.
12. Visit a number of nature reserves within half an hour radius of Nullawil.
13. Nullawil is a farming community with associated industries – Access Grain, Emerald Grain, North West Ag, Humphrey's Bulk Haulage. Take a drive to explore.
14. Take advantage of the many photo opportunities eg. flat farmland, wide horizon sunrises and sunsets, remnants of yesteryear. Hues of many colours that need to be seen to be believed.
15. Nullawil Silo Art: Stop, revive with a coffee at Nullawil General Store and let Smug's artwork inspire you.

Pictured left: An image which evolved from Nullawil's finest sunrises, sunsets and ever-changing skies. The town name Nullawil derived from Aboriginal term "Nulla Nulla," meaning hunting stick and "Willock," meaning galah. A galah sits happily perched in a Mallee tree and a locally grown, golden wheat crop proudly stands in the foreground.



### NULLAWIL GENERAL STORE

P: 0448 841 107 or 0447 234 285

**Open seven days a week**

Excellent coffee and take away food.

Phone orders welcome.

Eftpos facilities available.



### NULLAWIL MOTORS

P: 03 5493 5210

**Open Monday to Friday  
9am – 5.30pm**

Fuel and general repairs.

### AUCHMORE HERITAGE MUSEUM

P: 03 5493 5270  
M: 0428 935 372 or  
M: 0438 935 271

Auchmore was established to preserve Nullawil's local history. The museum is situated in a rural setting and depicts the cultural heritage of the area. Guided tours available.

**Open by appointment.**

E: nullawilhistorical@hotmail.com  
W: www.nullawilhistoricalsociety.com  
Fb: Nullawil Historical Society



Enquiries welcome.

Caters for visiting groups and private functions.

**Please call:  
0428 935 270**

Ample bus and caravan parking available.





Make sure you turn off the Calder highway when you see the **Culgoa Water Tower** because if you blink you will miss it.

Don't let the name and the size of the Town fool you as **Culgoa** is situated right next to the Calder Highway and is the perfect stop over for Caravaners and travellers.

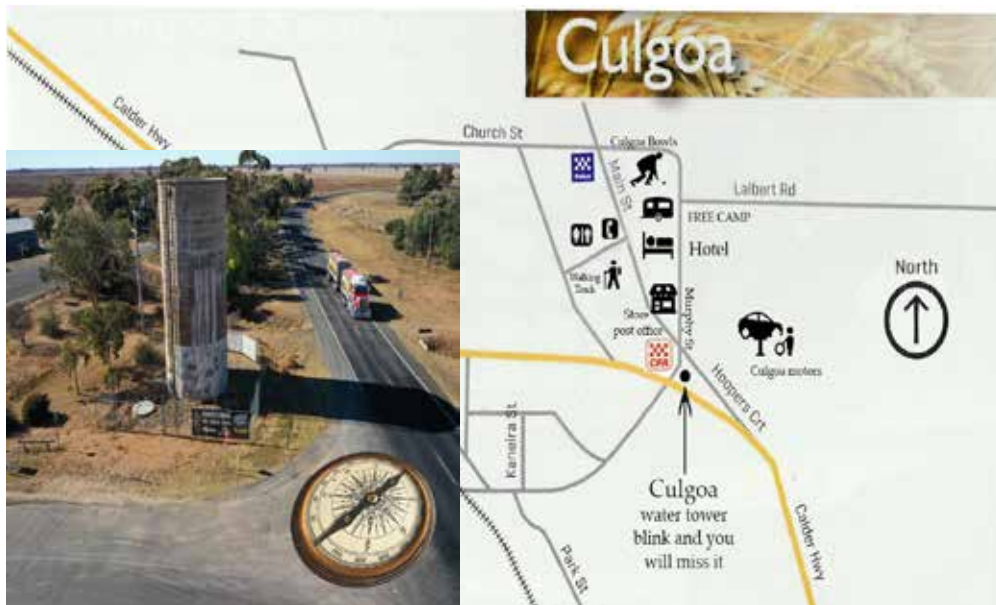
Boasting **free Camping** right next to the Kaneira Hotel and Community Store / Post Office. As well as the Bowls Club, Tennis Court, Motor Mechanic, CFA and Police Station.

Culgoa has a lot to offer for those needing some lunch, dinner, drinks, coffee, take away food, accommodation, groceries supplies, op shop, repairs or fuel.

Culgoa is also the only Town that is right along the Tyrrell Creek and is presently developing the David Barry Pioneer Walk as a gate way to walking through the Tyrrell Creek. The park and walking track has a new Gazebo along with historical Information about Culgoa, and is directly opposite the Kaneira Hotel.

We also have our Culgoa Soldiers Memorial and Play-ground Park which provides a shady setting for the kids and has a coin operated BBQ available for use.

Culgoa is a small Town community that welcomes and embraces all travellers and is well worth the visit anytime you are travelling through or when you need a well deserved break away.



# KANEIRA HOTEL / CULGOA

## FREE CAMPING

### BAR / BISTRO

### TAKE AWAY

## ACCOMMODATION

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CULGOA VICTORIA



**Culgoa Publicans  
Marty and Leigh**





Clockwise from top left: Culgoa township, David Barry Pioneer Walk, The Meeting of the Waters information signage.



# Berriwillock

Berriwillock is situated approximately half way between Bendigo and Mildura on the Calder Highway, and 70 km west from Swan Hill and the Murray River. It is a small town within the Buloke Shire of around 150 people, and a renowned wheat growing and farming community.



## THINGS TO DO IN BERRIWILLOCK

## Tynan Park Swimming Pool



CULGOA  
COMMUNITY  
STORE

6 Main Street, Culgoa

P: 03 5077 2211  
F: 03 5077 2232  
E: [culgoastore@bigpond.com](mailto:culgoastore@bigpond.com)



Monday - Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm  
Saturday - Sunday 9.00am - 12.00pm

Culgoa Community Store & Cafe is a one stop shop open 7 days a week. The Store is owned and run by the community. We make Barista coffee, can do made to order meals or have takeaway hot/cold food ready to go. We have papers, bread, milk and other basic food essentials for purchase. Plenty of free parking for cars, caravans and trucks. Everyone is welcome and our friendly staff are happy to help.

Need to pay a bill, recharge your pre-paid mobile, get money out, post/send a letter? We have you covered with our post office. (Open Mon - Fri)

Take a look at our op shop while waiting for your coffee. It has a great selection of clothes, shoes, household items at bargain prices. We have an awesome collection of second hand books which you can have for a small donation.

We also do catering from small to large, nibbles to sit down meals; just ask one of our staff and they will assist you.

Tynan Park in the heart of town sits under the impressive grain silos, and features lots of shady trees, public amenities and BBQ facilities.

The town is serviced by the Berriwillock Hotel, Post Office, farm supplies retailer and grain storage facilities. Sporting facilities including bowling, tennis and golf clubs, as well as a local swimming pool, keep the small north-western Victorian town of Berriwillock active.

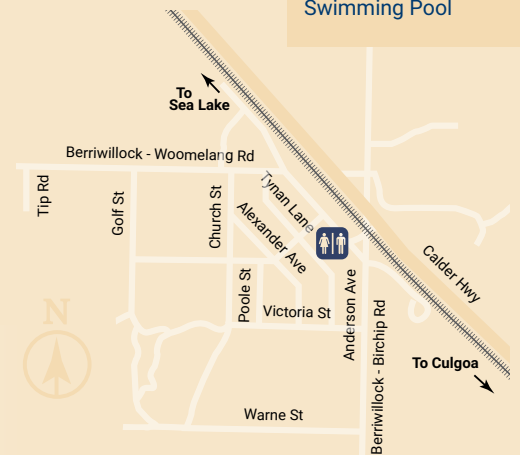
For more information on the history and community of Berriwillock and where to stay while in the area go to [www.berriwillock.vic.au](http://www.berriwillock.vic.au)

## BERRIWILLOCK HOTEL

**55 Taverner Street, Berriwillock**  
P: 03 5079 2248

Open Tuesday to Sunday  
Meals available Friday & Saturday night.

Accommodation available. Right opposite the park and swimming pool.







The Town of **Sea Lake** was formed in the early 1890s when farm selectors arrived and the **rail line** was extended north from Wycheproof. Surveying of the township was undertaken when the railway extension was completed in **1895**.

**Sea Lake** became an important service town for the region's farmers. During the 1960s, with a burgeoning economy, the population grew to over 1000 people.



In 2019, **Advance Sea Lake Inc** was awarded a grant from FRRR (Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal) for our **impressive street art** walls.



Mallee Rally

**Sea Lake** is home to the second-longest running Off Road event in Australia – the Sea Lake **Mallee Rally**.

First run in 1973, this race gives a huge boost to the **Sea Lake** economy during the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June, attracting hundreds of competitors and crews from all over Australia.

The Rally circumnavigates the famous **Lake Tyrrell**, 88kms of sand, grass, clay and salt.

The **Mallee Rally** is truly a community effort with more than 120 local volunteers on race day and throughout the three day Family Friendly event.

It is all hands on deck as the town's population swells by hundreds.





In late 2016, **Sea Lake** became an international tourist destination. Sea Lake is home to Victoria's largest salt lake, **Lake Tyrrell**, which spans 51,500 acres.

Visitors are flocking to **Sea Lake** to experience the beautiful reflective photo opportunities that this shallow salt-crusted lake provides.

It would appear that you are walking on water and, at night when the stars are reflected in the shallow water, you might imagine that you are in the middle of the **Milky Way**.

These unique night skies are a photographer's dream. From all over the world, people are trekking to **Lake Tyrrell** to capture the clear skies, beautiful sunsets and sunrises and dense constellations in the night skies.

A new modern interpretative centre is being built at **Lake Tyrrell** to enhance the visitor experience. Boardwalks, sky lounge, walking tracks and signage are all being incorporated in the infrastructure.



### Green Lake Regional Park

On the Sea Lake-Birchip Road, 10 km from **Sea Lake**, you'll find this peaceful relaxing spot, perfect for camping and bushwalking. **Green Lake** has BBQ areas, toilets, powered-sites, showers, a play area for the kids, signposted bushwalks, and a large range of unique flora and fauna.

### Travellers Rest and Caravan Park

**Sea Lake Travellers Rest**, located on the highway, is a fabulous facility with toilets, showers, and a **BBQ area** with history and information boards. It's a nice place to sit, **relax** and revive, while looking at the beautifully-kept gardens and lawn.



Travellers Rest

The caravan park, which is **RV-friendly**, has powered sites under the **gum trees**, with plenty of shade. Located well off the road, providing **peace and quiet** at night, it is just a short stroll to the hotel, supermarket, shops, and cafes.

On the opposite side of the highway, is the **Sea Lake** swimming pool. Open between November and March, **entrance is free**.



### Apex Park, Best Street



Enjoy family-friendly play equipment in the heart of the town.





GrainCorp Silos at Sea Lake entitled *The Space in Between* by artists, The Zookeeper and Drapl.

This artwork is a celebration of this special space in rural Australia. The artwork depicts a young girl swinging from a mallee eucalyptus gazing out over the endless vista that is **Lake Tyrrell**.

For millennia this lake has existed, unchanged and untouched. It is a place of wonder and story. In recent years, the lake has become

a focal point for tourists travelling from many different corners of the world.

In this ever increasing busy day and age, people universally long for space and solitude. While the people of outback Australia may experience a constant feeling of solitude and uninterrupted horizon lines, travellers from urban landscapes are drawn to places like **Sea Lake**.



Get yourself in the picture!



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[www.sealaketyrrelltours.com.au](http://www.sealaketyrrelltours.com.au)



# Lake Tyrrell Accommodation



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## SEA LAKE MOTEL

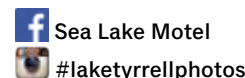
*& visiting Lake Tyrrell*

Sea Lake Motel is located at the south end of Sea Lake township on the Calder Highway. Seven minutes drive further on is the spectacular Lake Tyrrell – a photographer's dream for sunset and sunrise photo shoots. In the winter season sunset is 5.30 to 6.45pm and in the summer it is 7.30pm to 9pm.

The motel boasts refurbished rooms – Queen, Triple and Family Rooms, a four bedroom house and a one bedroom cottage – all with crockery, cutlery,

microwaves and complimentary high speed Wi-Fi. There is also a fabulous pool area with lovely shade sails.

We have an easy-to-use 24 hour check in machine – perfect for late arrivals. The process is simple, just go to our website ([www.sealakemotel.com.au](http://www.sealakemotel.com.au)) and make your reservation. To check in, attend the kiosk at the front of the motel, confirm your room and make a payment by VISA, Mastercard or American Express.



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## SEA LAKE FOODWORKS

P: 03 5070 1090  
E: sealakefoodworks@bigpond.com

### Trading hours:

Monday 7.30am – 5.30pm  
Tuesday 7.30am – 6.00pm  
Wednesday 7.30am – 5.30pm  
Thursday 7.30am – 7.00pm  
Friday 7.30am – 5.30pm  
Saturday 8.00am – 1.00pm  
Sunday 11.00am – 2.00pm

Sea Lake Foodworks is our local licensed supermarket located in Best Street, just off the Calder Highway. We provide all your grocery needs including fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh meat and a great variety of delicatessen lines. Our in-store bakery provides fresh cakes and packaged meals, and a large selection of wine, spirits and beer is also on offer. Our Supermarket boasts a newsagency and a Tattslo to agency in store.

Join us on Facebook "Sea Lake Foodworks" and browse our range of products for sale.



## SEA LAKE SHARED SHOP

P: 0403 035 298 (BH)  
0427 702 273 (AH)

E: sharedshop1@gmail.com

**Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm,  
Sat 9am to 12pm, Sunday 9.30am to 2pm.**

*We aim to open 7 days a week, although sometimes life gets in the way.*

The Sea Lake Shared Shop is an initiative of the Sea Lake Business Network with the support of the Buloke Shire Economic Development Program and Advance Sea Lake Inc. Their aim was to reduce the number of empty shops in the town. The Sea Lake Shared Shop has been a huge success since opening in July 2014.

There are nine traders sharing the space, showcasing a varied and diverse range of giftware, garden products, wall art and ornaments, life-like resin animals, vintage and pre-loved items, beautiful jewellery, fashion accessories and Slappa's thongs, a variety of unique handcrafted items, and condiments. The honey is straight from the hive and packaged for your convenience.

No visit to the Sea Lake Shared Shop is the same. It is always changing, as products are sold and new stock is introduced to fill the void. The individual products are too many to mention; however, be certain that the shop is well worth a visit to appreciate the diversity of the store and the items available.

Like us on Facebook, 'Sea Lake Shared Shop', to keep up to date with current products and promotions.



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85 Best Street **SEA LAKE**

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## BRIDGEWATER MOTEL

Bridgewater Motel is nestled on the banks of the Loddon River and is a convenient drive to Bendigo and many historic towns and sites in the region. It's the perfect spot for a quiet break or overnight stay for travellers, families and business people. It's also a great starting point for your Silo Art Trail discovery tour. When you stay make sure you take a walk along the river bank, sample a prize-winning vanilla slice at the Bakehouse, visit the Waterwheel Winery cellar door and finish your day with a meal at the hotel.

Beds are delightfully comfy with lovely crisp linen and fresh white towels. All rooms have microwave, crockery, cutlery, and complimentary Wi-Fi. There is also a guest BBQ area.

Check in easily via the 24 hour kiosk – perfect for late arrivals and last minute bookings. Help with check in is always available.

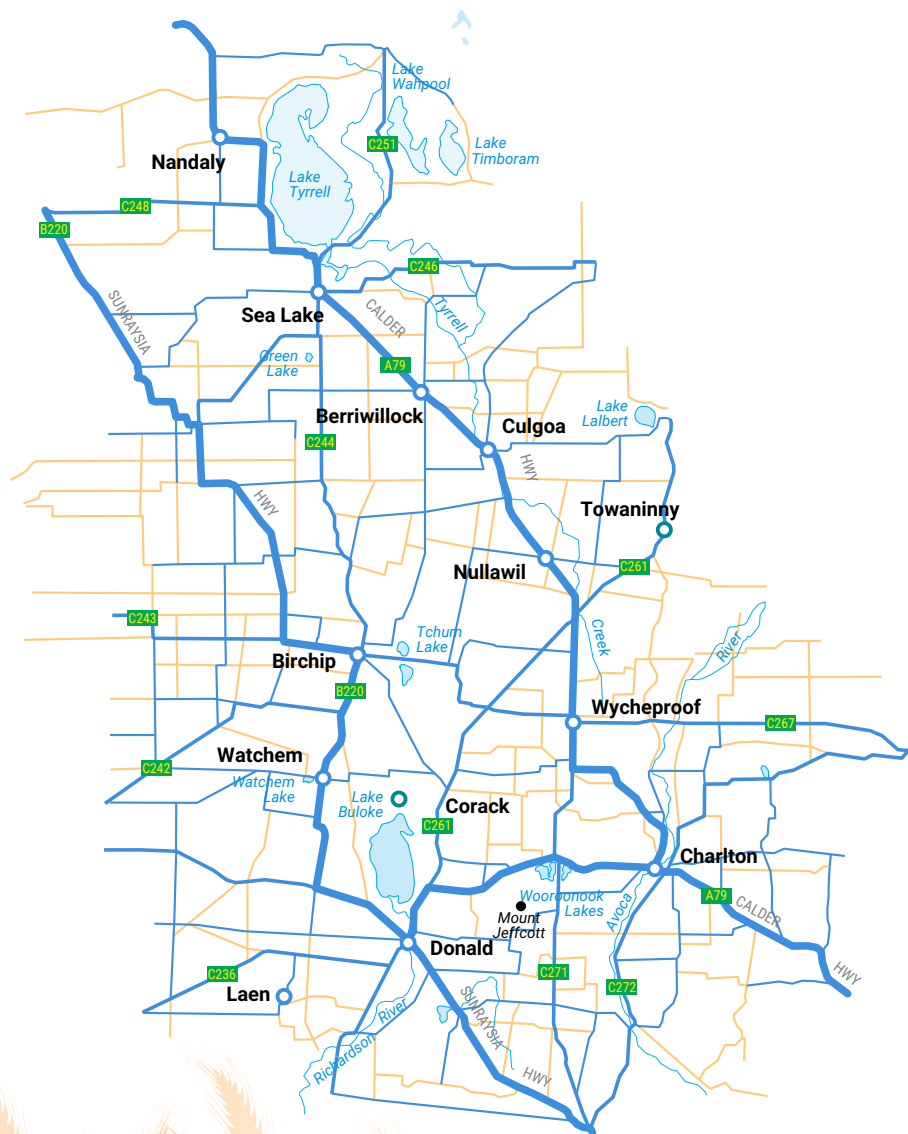
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## Buloke Shire

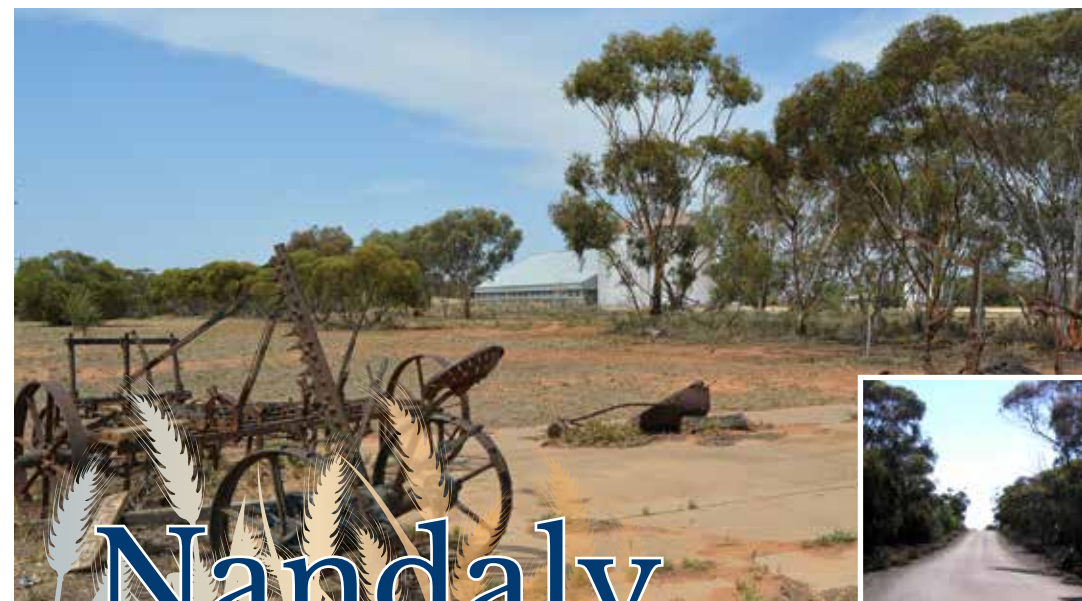
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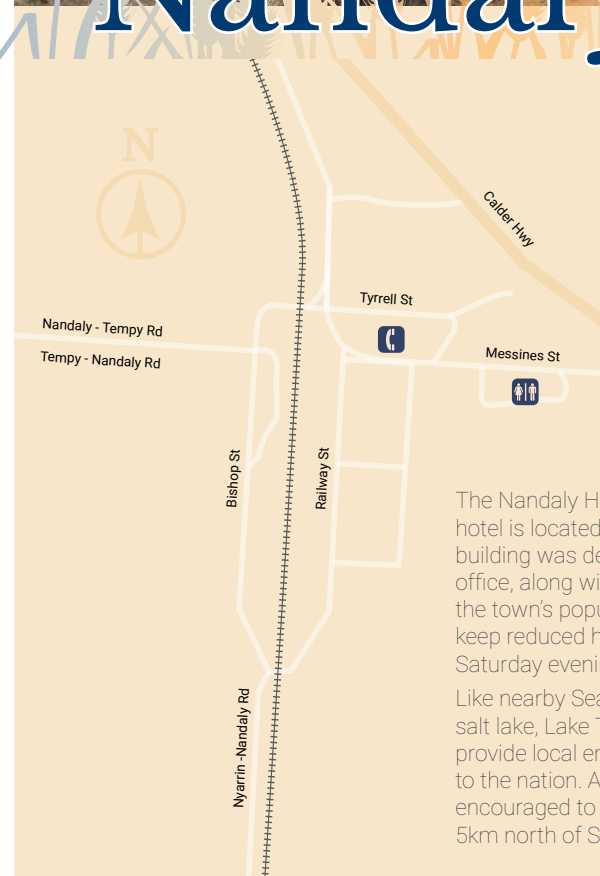


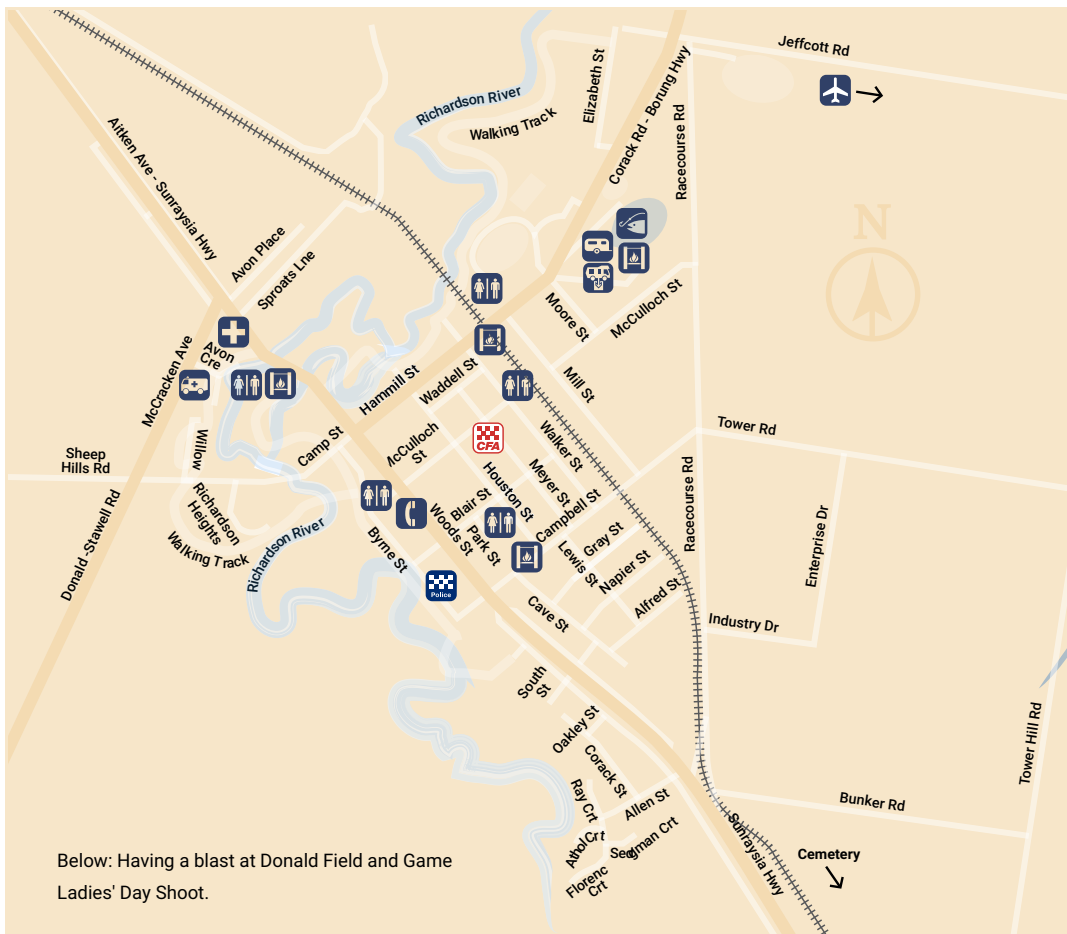
## Nandaly

Nandaly is the northernmost township in the Buloke Shire, and exemplifies the small frontier settlements of the Mallee. Edward John Eyre scouted the region in 1838 before the land was subdivided in 1840. It would be almost 60 years until farmers began to take up these parcels. The journey to Nandaly was a long and arduous one, with rough tracks and horse drawn carts.

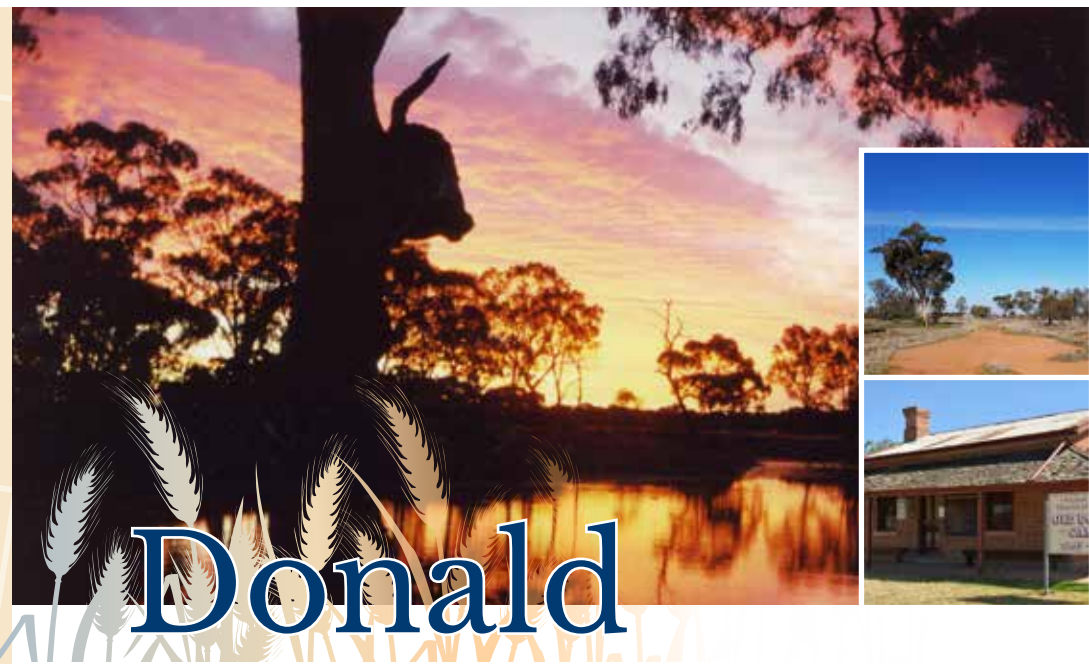
The Nandaly Hotel is the social centre of the town. The hotel is located in its second home, after the original building was destroyed by fire. Nandaly's store and post office, along with the school, were built around 1916-17. As the town's population is around 100 people, the businesses keep reduced hours. Hotel meals are served Friday and Saturday evenings.

Like nearby Sea Lake, Nandaly sits near Victoria's largest salt lake, Lake Tyrrell. The Cheetham Saltworks here provide local employment, and culinary and industrial salt to the nation. As the salt works are in operation, visitors are encouraged to view Lake Tyrrell from the viewing platform 5km north of Sea Lake.





Below: Having a blast at Donald Field and Game Ladies' Day Shoot.



Donald is located on the Sunraysia Highway, half way between Melbourne and Mildura. Set amongst several lakes and waterways, Donald provides a diverse range of activities and attractions for those that are travelling through the town or staying for a few days.

With a diverse range of accommodation options, which include motels, a caravan park, country pubs or modern self contained units, Donald offers a variety of options for all travellers and budgets.

Whether visiting for a few days or just stopping to break your journey, Donald can offer you a number of choices for a quick bite to eat or a more relaxed dining experience at affordable prices. Boasting three hotels in the main street with cafes and a restaurants you are spoilt for choice.

There are several great parks in the town centre for a stretch or a picnic lunch, most with playgrounds, toilets and BBQ facilities. Apex Park, on the river between the bridges, attracts nature-lovers of all ages, and features the town's original water-pump wind mill, and a swing bridge connecting walking tracks.

Rail enthusiasts won't want to miss The Lions Club Train Park and Rail Museum on Hammill Street. It is the perfect spot if you're travelling with kids, with a safety fence around the park, an old J-Class engine for them to play on, and lots of railway history. The Memorial Park on the corner of Houston and Campbell Streets also has a wonderful shaded playground and excellent barbecue facilities.

Donald's well-defined walking tracks loosely follow the path of the Richardson River, and although you are only a stone's throw from town thoroughfares you can still enjoy the peace and tranquility the river brings. The walking trail provides a delightful opportunity to see some of the many birds and animals along the river as well as its diverse flora.





## ANNUAL EVENTS

Field and Game Poachers Weekend  
Labour Day Tennis Tournament  
Esoteric Music Festival  
Debutante Ball  
Cuisine in the Crop  
P&A Society Show  
Bowls Tournament  
St. Mary's Twilight Fete

For more information on Donald, or events in Donald go to [www.donald.org.au](http://www.donald.org.au)

### Court House Museum

Open when sign is out.  
Woods Street, next to the Post Office.  
For admission phone 0419 281 742

### Historic Police Camp

For free guided tour  
P: 0419 281 742



## KOOKA'S COUNTRY COOKIES

Tucked behind the former meatworks on the Sunraysia Highway south of Donald, Kooka's has a factory outlet with direct biscuit sales to the public and a range of souvenirs.

## DONALD CEMETERY

Donald has a well-maintained cemetery that shows the human history of the town from original settlement days. Located on a rise just to the south of Donald, tours can be arranged if there is enough interest.

## LAKES

Lake Gil Gil is a popular fishing spot and great for observing native bird life and reptiles including long-necked tortoises.

Lake Buloke is fed by the Richardson River. When full it has a huge circumference and can cover up to 10,000 hectares, however it is extremely shallow. When empty it is possible to crop the lake bed and drive across it to investigate the huge wedge-tailed eagles' nests and other flora and fauna.

## MT JEFFCOTT RESERVE

Declared a flora and fauna reserve in the 1970s, Mt. Jeffcott is slowly re-establishing its rare flora, including orchids and a unique form of eucalypt. It is home to kangaroos, wallabies, wedge-tailed eagles, goannas and of course snakes. Keep to the track as you climb the mount to avoid disturbance. The view from the top is well worth the climb, and you can return to the carpark for a barbecue and water.

## THE BULLOCK'S HEAD

Located on the Richardson River near the corner of Byrne and Blair Streets you'll find the tree that has intrigued people throughout Donald's history. This natural formation on a dead gum tree is remarkably like a bullock's head. Town wisdom has it that if the bullock takes a drink, the town is in danger from flood waters. The bullock has taken more than a drink on at least two occasions. The 1909 floods and the 2011 floods saw the bullock at risk of drowning, with only the top of his horn showing!

During the long drought at the start of this century, the tree fell down. It has been protected with fibreglass and restored to its original position, and its appearance has been unaltered in this process.

## THE AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM

Hammill Street – part of the Recreation Reserve  
This museum was established during the 1960s when so many farmers were replacing their aging machinery and cleaning up their farms. It is now rather crowded, but it has been a project of love by many volunteers to restore some of the machinery to full working order.

## COURT HOUSE MUSEUM AND DONALD ARCHIVES

The courthouse is the site of many exhibitions throughout the year, and a repository for many local artefacts. The courthouse museum has been designated as an official Aboriginal Keeping Place. The Archives is one of the best collections in Victoria of local written records, including indexed and bound copies of the Donald Express and the Donald Times newspapers. The Archives also house a very impressive photographic record of the town and its people.

## THE HISTORIC POLICE CAMP

Woods Street. The first police station in the district was established at what was then known as Richardson Crossing, later renamed Donald. This little four-roomed house was built in 1869 at the request of the local squatters to control the drunken behaviour of their shepherds. The house has been restored by volunteers, and the lockup has been rebuilt from two old lockups of the same vintage. Over time, several other buildings have been relocated from farms of the area.





## DESTINATION DONALD

**When you're travelling along the Sunraysia Highway why not break your trip and stop at Donald.** Halfway between Melbourne and Mildura this great little town offers the traveller plenty to see and do in Victoria's Wimmera Mallee.

Boasting two motels, self contained accommodation and a quiet caravan park nestled around the lake on the Swan Hill Road, as well as a 72 hour free camp spot alongside the Richardson River, Donald caters for all travellers.

With walking trails and free bbq's dotted around the town Donald offers plenty of activities to cater for all tastes.

A compact, vibrant shopping strip caters for all tastes and with two hotels serving meals and cold beer Donald is a perfect stop to break the trip.

If you want more information about Donald follow us on Facebook at Donald 2000 and keep up with new and exciting projects or request a Destination Donald Prospectus to weigh up the benefits of Moving and Living in Donald.

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### BEV'S BAUBLES

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## GEORGES HALL 74 Woods St, Donald

Are you passing through Donald? Well why not call into Georges Hall, built in 1884 and home to an interesting collection of antiques and collectibles housed in one of the area's oldest building which has served as home to a music hall, billiard parlour or community meeting place and now houses an interesting retail space.

Right in the heart of Donald, Georges Hall, boasts an interesting array of collectibles, curiosity pieces and those hard to find reminders of bygone days.

Situated alongside the Mall and public toilets, it is a great place to stop and browse whilst taking a break from driving or wanting to grab a coffee before your trip continues.

Georges Hall, 74 Woods Street in Donald for that curiosity piece or collectible as you pass through Donald.



## WEIRS IGA DONALD SUPERMARKET 41-43 Woods St, Donald P: 03 5497 1110

**Open 7 days a week**  
**Mon-Fri 8am – 7pm, Sat 8am – 6pm**  
**Sun 9am – 6pm**  
**Public holidays 9am – 6pm**  
**Anzac Day 1pm – 6pm**  
**Closed Good Friday, Christmas.**

Weirs IGA Donald is a modest size IGA that boasts a well-sized delicatessen that also bakes fresh rolls daily, extensive butchery, ample fresh fruit and veg, a variety of grocery and general merch products as well as tobacco and liquor.

Weirs IGA has a large range of weekly specials and competitive locked down prices.

We also hold a market day with hot prices once a month. Weirs is a supermarket that is very supporting of its community making donations to local sporting clubs, Donald Fire Brigade and other local organisations.

We are a great supplier for all your camping needs such as fishing, worms and ice etc. Our car park accommodates caravans and trailers with rear entrance and exit.



**Birchip is a welcoming farming community with a thriving township. The median strip in Birchip's main street houses attractive gardens and gazebos and a wide range of memorial sculptures featuring early settlers.**

Travellers will find the Soldiers Memorial Park the perfect place to stop, with clean toilet facilities, playground, BBQ, shady Morton Bay Fig trees and the Lion's Club Information Shelter. Visitors travelling by V Line will also find the coach stop here.

The former courthouse at the corner of the five ways junction is now the home of the Birchip History Museum and research archives for those interested in genealogy or local memorabilia. A replica of the Wild Dog Fence, also known as the Netting Fence, provides part of the fence on the South East of the Museum. A section of the original fence remains near Kinnabulla on the Sunraysia Highway.

Birchip also has a fantastic selection of hotels, cafes and shops to while away the day – including award-winning vanilla slices from the local bakery and award-winning sausages from the local butcher.





## ANNUAL EVENTS

Hang Gliding - Flatter than the Flatlands  
Easter Competition  
Debutante Ball  
Cropping Group Expo  
Annual Golf Tournament  
Birchip B&S  
Birchip Trots  
Flower Show  
Bi-ennial Art Show  
Tchum Lake New Year's Eve Party



Clockwise above left: Incredible sunset over Tchum Lake, Birchip Trots, Birchip Flower Show, Boating on Tchum Lake.

Opposite page top to bottom: The Mallee Bull, Birchip History Museum.

Below: Fun for young and old at the Birchip Trots.



## THE MALLEE BULL

In the heart of town you'll find many sculptural works, plaques and memorials, the most famous of which is Big Red the Mallee Bull. As early as 1847 cattle that had gone wild and formed their own herds were seen in the area. The cattle adapted to the harsh Mallee climate admirably (like their human counterparts) bringing us the old country adage "Fit as a Mallee Bull". Legend tells of Big Red, the chief bull of the herd who fought off predators, challengers, aboriginal hunters and settlers to rule the dusty plains. Mallee children were kept in their beds at night or from dawdling from school with the threat that Big Red would get them. The legendary bull was a fearsome sight and his roar was heard for miles around. Of course, all legendary tales get exaggerated somewhere along the line, but Big Red lives on as the spirit of the Mallee.

## TCHUM LAKE

This popular recreation reserve is about 8km east of the town centre. It's the perfect spot for swimming, boating, water-skiing, fishing and other water sports. The reserve features walking tracks for fitness and bird watching, and excellent camping facilities. For camping details contact 0400 571 126



## BIRCHIP POST OFFICE AND BOWEN'S SPORTS STORE

79 Cumming Avenue,  
Birchip  
P: 03 5492 2546

**Monday to Thursday: 8am to 5pm**  
**Friday: 8am to 6pm**  
**Closed weekends**

The Birchip Post Office provides all regular Australia Post services and bill paying facilities, V/Line booking office and a wide range of stationery and giftware. Also home to Bowen's Sports Store where you'll find a great selection of footwear, apparel and sporting equipment.





## SHARP'S BAKERY

47 Cumming Avenue,  
Birchip

P: 03 5492 2616

**Monday to Friday: 8:30am to 5:30pm**  
**Saturday: 8:30am to 12pm**  
**Sunday: Closed**

Visit today for fresh sandwiches, salad rolls, pies, cakes and pastries, all baked on the premises – the site of the Birchip Bakery since 1890.

Eat-in and take-away meals, coffee and cold drinks are available six days a week.

We are the proud winners of Australia's Best Vanilla Slice in 2009, 2012 and 2016, and gold medal winners in the Great Aussie Pie Comp.

Come and see what left the judges smiling!



## THINGS TO DO IN BIRCHIP

- Mallee Bull
- Tchem Lake
- History Museum
- Sharps Bakery
- Wild Dog Fence
- Marlbed







# Watchem

Watchem is a welcoming place only 317km north west of Melbourne, halfway to Mildura on the Sunraysia Hwy. Features include a fantastic lake with new amenities where skiing, fishing, etc, are popular, community owned historic church/ event centre, hotel and local store/s. Visit [www.watchem.org](http://www.watchem.org) or find us on Facebook.



## WATCHEM HOTEL

Camp Street, Watchem  
Contact us via Facebook



**Closed Mondays**  
**Meals Wednesday – Sunday**  
**Open 4pm - 11pm**

Watchem Hotel sits at the cross roads in town and is easy to find. Current owners are improving the facility as they go and offer cold beer and excellent meals. Spacious bar with wood fire, lounge and dining room, there is space for what ever function you want. Face book is best contact.



## WATCHEM LAKE

Bookings  
P: 0411 890 172



Watchem Lake is approx 28 Acres /11hec and is filled by the GWM Water pipe system. With a new amenities block c/w laundry, 20 powered sites, camp kitchen, several shelters, plus caretaker in season, the lake offers skiing, sailing, fishing, swimming, canoeing and other recreational water activities. Set only 1km from town via walking track, the lake is ideal for any type of stay.

## ANNUAL EVENTS

Australia Day  
ANZAC Day March  
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