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to the
Outback

— THE KIDMAN WAY —

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WAY**



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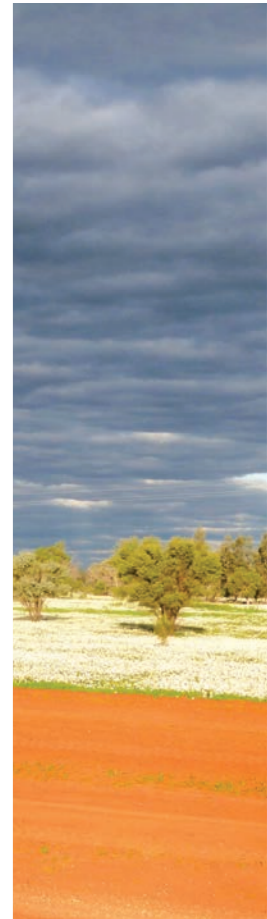
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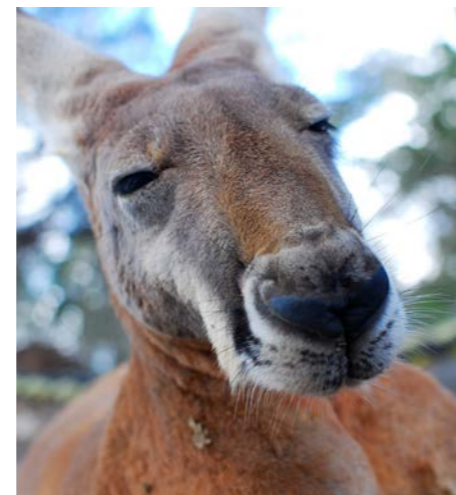
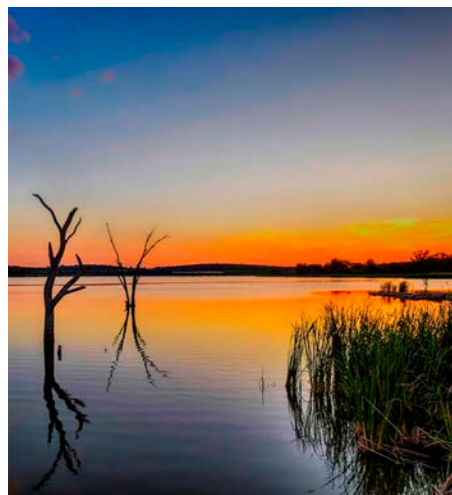
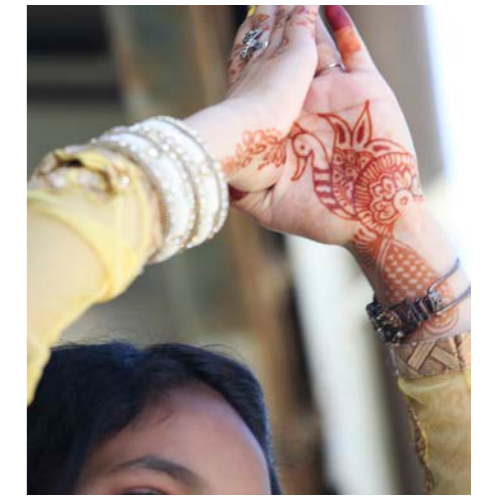


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The Kidman Way

Sir Sidney Kidman (1857 – 1935)

Sidney Kidman was born near Adelaide in 1857. As a boy he worked on stations in SA and Western NSW. In 1870 when copper was discovered at Cobar he set up a butcher shop, selling meat to the miners, he then bought his first station, Owen Downs in the NT in 1886. He went on to become the largest land owner in the world. The Kidman Way road is not named for the person Sir Sidney Kidman but for his inspiring vision to open inland Australia.



The Kidman Way TOP 10

1. Book a visit to **Altina Wildlife Safari Park** a must-see while in the region located east of Darlington Point.

2. Drop a line in the **Murrumbidgee, Lachlan and Darling Rivers** and try your skill at catching a Murray Cod.

3. Go **wine tasting** and explore the region's many cellar doors while near Griffith. You'll find everything from boxed bargains for campfire quaffing to premium labels for special celebrations.

4. The main street of Griffith is lined with boutiques, barbers and bakeries. You'll be impressed by the dress and shoe shops and delighted with the **Italian eateries**

5. Mingle with the locals at a **Country Race Meet**.

6. Explore the many **National Parks** along the Kidman Way – Toorale, Murrumbidgee Valley, Cocoparra, Gundabooka, Willandra – for great walks, bird watching and native animal spotting.

7. Discover Cobar's history and culture at the **Great Cobar Heritage Centre**.

8. Admire the panoramic views of the town and surrounds from **Fort Bourke Lookout**, located just 3km from Cobar.

9. Enjoy vivid sunsets and brilliant night skies.

10. Unearth the stories at the **Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre**, a great tribute to the pioneers and their enduring spirit.

festivals

FEBRUARY

Darlington Point's Riverina Classic Catch & Release Fishing Competition

MARCH

Hillston Outback Triathlon Carrathool Races
carrathoolraces.com.au

APRIL

Griffith Easter Party
griffitheasterparty.com.au

Vintage Festival
unwinedriverina.com

Bourke Easter Festival

The Grey Mardi Gras

Cobar Royal Children's Hospital Golf Day

Jerilderie Easter Radio Control Gliding

Hillston Races

MAY

Riverina Field Days, Griffith
riverinafielddays.com

JUNE

Griffith Shaheedi Tournament
(Sikh Games)

Jerilderie Model Glider Soaring Competition League of Silent Flight

AUGUST

Bourke Annual Louth Races
louthraces.com

Griffith Festa del Salsicce
visitgriffith.com.au

Riverina Vintage Machinery Club Rally, Coleambally biennial event

Hillston Hook Line & Sinker

SEPTEMBER

Bourke's Festival of 1000 stories
festival1000stories.com.au

Jerilderie Gold Cup Race Day

Griffith Cup Race Day

Griffith's Biggest Lap

Jerilderie BnS Ball

OCTOBER

Cobar Festival of the Miner's Ghost

Griffith Spring Fest
griffithspringfest.com.au

Taste Coleambally Food & Farm Festival biennial event next festival 2018
Farm2food.net

Spring in the Springs, Rankin Springs

Darlington Point Spring Festival

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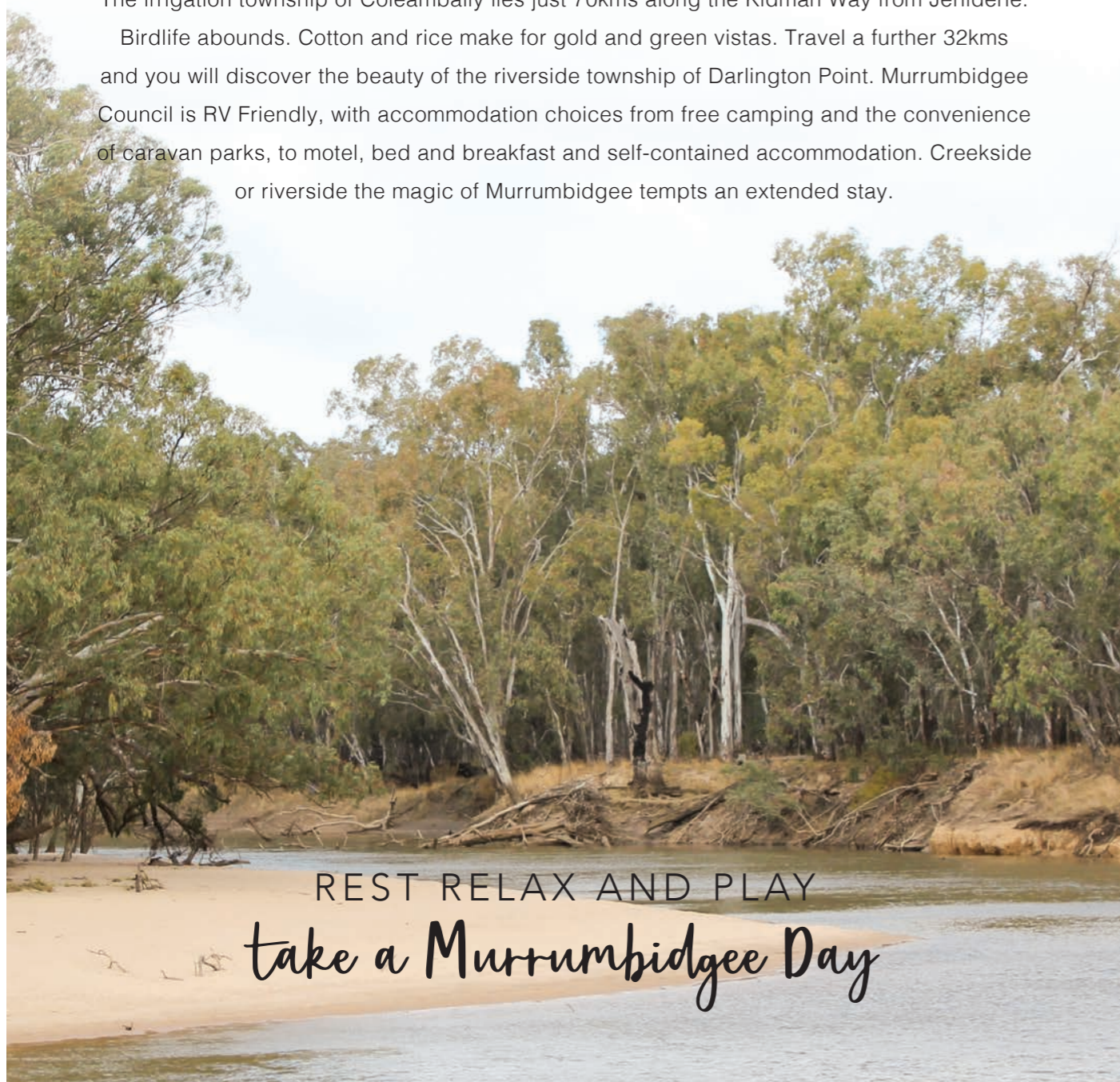
Jerilderie, Coleambally and Darlington Point

Experience the MAGIC that is Murrumbidgee Council. The three townships that form Murrumbidgee Council welcome travellers taking the Backtrack to the Outback to rest, relax and play.

The historic streetscapes and visitor amenities of Jerilderie hold pride of place as the start or finish of an outback adventure of 'Bucket List' proportions. Coming from the south, the Kidman Way turn-off lies just north of the township on the Newell Highway. From this point, sweeping plains, wide skies and stretches of well-maintained sealed road provide safe travelling as you discover the unique beauty of outback New South Wales.

The irrigation township of Coleambally lies just 70kms along the Kidman Way from Jerilderie.

Birdlife abounds. Cotton and rice make for gold and green vistas. Travel a further 32kms and you will discover the beauty of the riverside township of Darlington Point. Murrumbidgee Council is RV Friendly, with accommodation choices from free camping and the convenience of caravan parks, to motel, bed and breakfast and self-contained accommodation. Creekside or riverside the magic of Murrumbidgee tempts an extended stay.



REST RELAX AND PLAY
take a Murrumbidgee Day

REST RELAX AND PLAY
take a Jerilderie Day



while in
Jerilderie

1. Fuel-up, feed-up, provision-up
2. Immerse yourself in the 1879 town hold-up by the Kelly Gang
3. Take a self-guided walking tour-main-street, lake or creek
4. Discover the connection to Sir John Monash
5. Main-street Bakery, Hotels, Café's, Vintage wares
6. Accommodation, Caravan Park, lakeside Dump Point
7. Golfing, swimming, fishing, bowls

Jerilderie welcomes visitors back-tracking to the outback. Rest up. Take the heritage precinct self-guided walk. Pass the home of Sir John Monash. Discover the 1879 exploits of Ned and the Kelly Gang. Read Ned's manifesto The Jerilderie Letter. Visit the Royal Mail Hotel where the Gang held local citizenry captive, outwitted the constabulary, and plundered the bank vault. The Printery, Telegraph Office and Undertakers premises take you back in time.

Rest with a stroll around Lake Jerilderie or take Horgan's Walk by Billabong Creek, the world's longest creek. Discover local Billabong tomato sauces or Bonics organic wines as you provision up at the IGA. Fuel up from one of our three competitive fuel stops. Relax with coffee, bakery, café or hotel fare. Play golf along the Billabong Creek with bar facilities and Chinese restaurant available at Jerilderie Sports Club, which is adjacent to the swimming pool, tennis, lawn bowls and community gym facilities. Stay in accommodation from motels, hotels, bed and breakfast, or the pristinely presented Jerilderie Caravan Park.

REST RELAX AND PLAY
make it a Coleambally Day



“Driving through the region, you are flanked by citrus groves as far as the eye can see, vineyards stretching to the horizon and small brown mountains of harvested almonds. Welcome to the Riverina - the best-kept foodie secret in Australia” **Lindy Alexander, Delicious Magazine May 2018.**

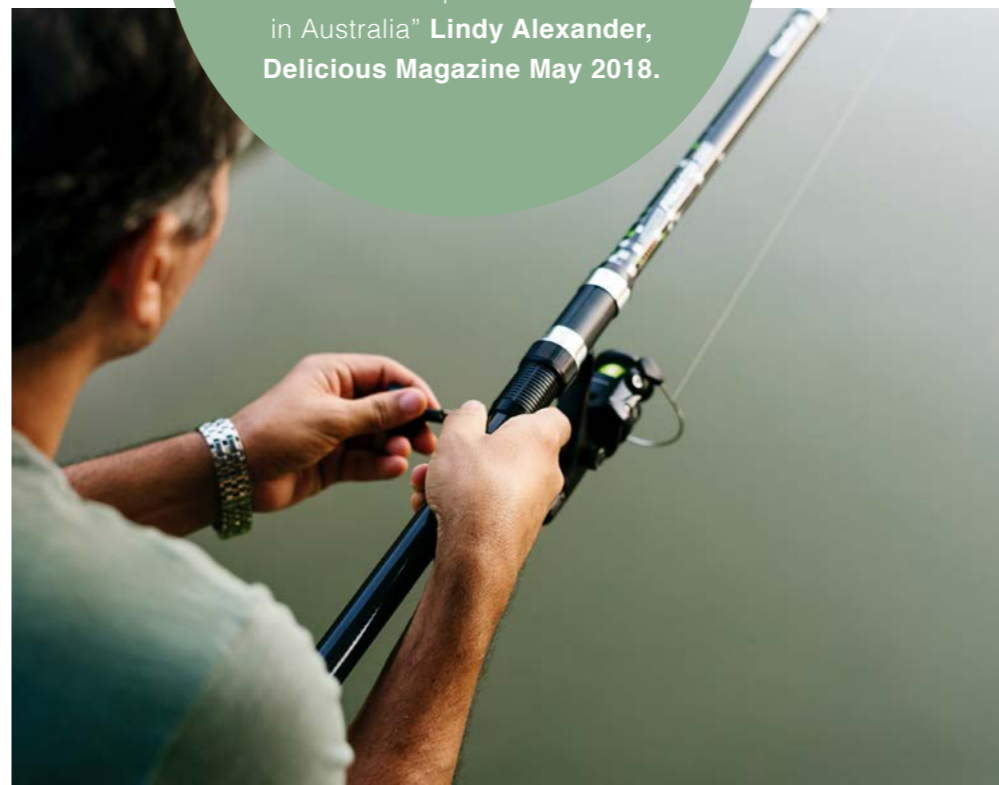
Meet the people along the Kidman



Bruce Dalgleish

Stop in and meet Bruce Dalgleish at his Yarrow Park farm near Coleambally. Bruce runs 38ha of irrigated olive trees and grape vines and produces small batches of extra virgin olive oil and table wine. Yarrow Park cellar door is open on weekends and mid-week by appointment. Be sure to arrange a visit and experience this unique cellar door. Try the varietal oils, Leccino, Coratina, Picual and Arbequina – or make your own olive oil blend!

A warm welcome awaits in Coleambally. The town was established in 1968 to service the Coleambally Irrigation Area. Today it is a young and thriving community with Central School providing k12 education, a Catholic Primary School, exceptional aged-care at Cypress View Lodge, and a modern industrial estate servicing agriculture across the Murrumbidgee Council area. Birdlife abounds around the township. Each street bears the name of local species including the rare brolga and bittern. From barley used for Crown Lager, to cotton rice, popcorn and solar farming Coleambally, is a highly productive area feeding New South Wales and beyond. Relax in Brolga Place retail precinct. Central information boards explain diverse irrigated production. Take a stroll along walking tracks. View the unusual ‘wineglass’ water tower. Rest up in an RV Friendly Town with a great pub, a



REST RELAX AND PLAY
experience a Darlington Point stay

Community Club and cafes where the coffee is as inviting as the people. Stay in motel, caravan park or free camping accommodation.

Darlington Point on the Murrumbidgee River is a nature-based haven for travellers along the Kidman Way. Situated 3km north of the Kidman Way/Sturt Highway intersection, and 30km south of Griffith, it is the perfect place for lazy days of fishing, boating, walking and touring.

The Murrumbidgee River, Wilbriggie State Forest and areas of sheer natural beauty offer majestic river redgums and flowing water access.

Rest and browse giftware, grab a coffee, pasta or pizza. The Post Office and IGA are opposite the iconic Punt Hotel. Pick up hand-smoked meats at an authentic country butchery. The general store is multi-purpose from fuel to NRMA and a newsagency. Pharmacy and medical facilities offer travellers access to services. The Darlington Point Sports Club provides meals, bar, gaming, accommodation and a range of sporting options. The Riverside Caravan Park, free camping, and accommodation in Darlington Point make it a great place to stay as you travel the Kidman Way.

Events Focus

Experience the colour and panache of Murrumbidgee Annual Events



Darlington Point
Riverina Classic Catch
& Release Fishing
Competition- **FEBRUARY**

A weekend fishing competition
raising dollars for charity and
sustaining fish reserves

Jerilderie Ned Kelly Show
n Shine and Tractor
Trek- **AUTUMN**

Car and tractor enthusiasts
converge for a weekend of fun-
filled bragging rights from Camp
Oven Cook Off to Australia
Day Lakeside Firework Check
out murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au
for information and visitor and
community events

League of Silent Flight
Model Glider Soaring
Competition- **JUNE LONG
WEEKEND**

Riverina Vintage
Machinery Club
Rally- **AUGUST**

The past hums to life as vintage
enthusiasts gather and Bucyrus
in the Lions Park is fired up and a
raft of fun times with Colour Run,
billycart races, art and textile
exhibitions all year round

Darlington Point Spring
Festival - **SEPTEMBER**

The community comes alive with
entertainment, market stalls,
vintage cars and country fun

Jerilderie Gold Cup Race
Day- **SEPTEMBER**
Horseracing and high fashion
stakes

Jerilderie BnSBall
SEPTEMBER
Riverina's longest-standing B&S
Ball

Taste Coleambally –
OCTOBER Biennial
A scrumptious weekend
celebration of food, fibre and local
production

....Darlington Point celebrates the
significance of river and land with
cultural and art exhibitions and
events through Waddi Housing and
Advancement Corporation....

CHECK OUT MURRUMBIDGEE.NSW.GOV.AU FOR INFORMATION ON VISITOR AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

seven **WONDERS** of Murrumbidgee

1. Ned Kelly and his gang plundered the Jerilderie bank.
2. Coleambally celebrated 50 years in 2018 making it the youngest town in Australia.
3. Altina Wildlife Safari Park is one of Australia's most important breeding zoos for hooved species.
4. Jerilderie's Billabong Creek is the longest creek in the world.
5. The local rice fields are important breeding grounds for endangered Bittern.
6. Home to many great stations and some of NSW's most significant woolsheds—including Tubbo and Toganmain. Toganmain - originally boasted a 110 blade stand. In September 1876 Toganmain recorded a total of 202,292 sheep shorn by 92 blade shearers, an Australian record never to be beaten.
7. Sir John Monash attended Jerilderie Public School from 1875-1877.

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Pop into the Griffith Visitor Information Centre for details about what to see and do. Open 7 days

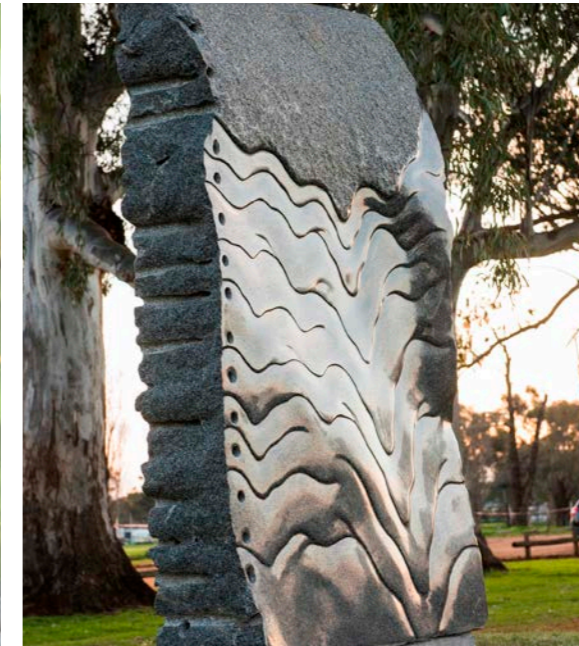
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Agriculture is at the heart of the city, and the stats are impressive: The region grows 90% of Australia's rice and prunes. We grow the sweetest navels and are the largest citrus region in Australia. Home to great orange juice, craft beer and Australia's largest wine region - in fact there are so many kilometres of trellised vines they could lap Australia's coastline three times! Griffith wineries export over \$800M of wine per year and Griffith is the home of Yellow Tail and De Bortoli Noble One.

The region recently planted one million hazelnut trees for chocolate maker Ferrero. Other growth industries include Murray Cod, almonds and walnuts. Griffith is also a significant chicken meat supplier and producer of olive oil, truss tomatoes, quail and melons. Even the popcorn you buy at the movies is grown just down the road! Southern NSW is also known for producing supreme malting barley for beer making in both Australia and overseas. The Griffith Region is a truly diverse food bowl of Australia!

With great local food producers, wineries and passionate chefs, it is little wonder Griffith is fast becoming the new destination for foodies.

seven
WONDERS
of Griffith



“The Riverina region has undergone a renaissance that’s seeing its established traditions given a fresh makeover. The result is a dynamic food and wine experience presenting local produce with European flair”
Nathalie Craig, Selector Magazine Nar/Apr 18.



The Griffith Region is located in the heart of Wiradjuri Country, the largest indigenous nation in Australia.

1. In 2018 the Weekend Australian magazine ranked Griffith as the most liveable country town in NSW!
2. Griffith is a progressive regional city servicing a population of 52,000.
3. Griffith has rich Italian ancestry, claiming the 2nd highest Italian heritage after Melbourne and a main street loaded with Italian cafés, boutiques and beauticians. Visit Pioneer Park Museum and the Italian Museum to learn the history of the region.
4. Seven granite sculptures, created during Griffith's Centenary in 2016, reflect the importance of water and the diversity of cultures. Griffith would not have prospered without the arrival of migrants and the development of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area (MIA): 2010 km of supply channels which operate by gravity flow, supply water from the Murrumbidgee River at Berembed Weir (East of Narrandera) to irrigate the farms.
5. An almost daily wine train leaves Griffith headed for export. And we're home to the fastest wine bottling line in the world – capable of 36,000 bottles an hour.
6. Valeri Ricetti, an Italian migrant, lived on Griffith's Scenic Hill as a hermit for many years and created dry stone walls, stone steps, a chapel and a garden. Visit the Hermit's Cave Lookout for the best view in town!
7. City Park is home to the tallest climbing frame in the Southern Hemisphere.



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Meet the people along the Kidman

Emma Norbiato

WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR 2016 AUSTRALIAN WOMEN IN WINE AWARDS

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN LIVING IN GRIFFITH AND MAKING WINE?

I am a born and bred Griffith girl. I actually grew up on a rice farm in Widgelli. I have been making wine in Griffith for about 12 years.

WHAT MAKES THE RIVERINA/ GRIFFITH WINE REGION SPECIAL?

The majority of wineries in the Riverina are family owned, which means we are here for the long term. We aren't working towards a quarterly announcement for shareholders

WINES TO LOOK OUT FOR AT THE MOMENT?

Alternate varieties from all the wineries are changing perceptions. Our climate is well suited to some Mediterranean varieties (Pinot Bianco, Montepulciano, Aglianico, Nero D'Avola to name a few), when we take

the time to understand the variety we can produce some outstanding wines.

Try anything from the 'Calabria Private Bin' range.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT YOUR TOWN?

Life is easy and simple. I love the fresh air, my kids can ride to school, play outside and I don't have to deal with traffic to get to work!

ANY TIPS FOR VISITORS ...MUST DO'S

Grab a Bertoldo's coffee and biscotti and visit the wine museum - it is a great snap shot of our history and the mural of old labels is worth a look. Following this Visit Calabria Wines cellar door (of course!) And if you're going to eat; my top picks are La Piccola, Zecca and Limone.



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Griffith Events



APRIL

Griffith Easter Party
Action Day at Pioneer Park Museum
A Day in the Orchard
@Piccolo Family Farm



MAY

Riverina Field Days

JUNE

Griffith Shaheedi Tournament (Sikh Games).

MIA Tennis Tournament

AUGUST

Griffith Festa del Salsicce

SEPTEMBER

Griffith Cup Race Day

OCTOBER

Griffith Spring Fest – citrus sculptures, open gardens, long lunches.

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GOOLGOWI – MERRIWAGGA – HILLSTON



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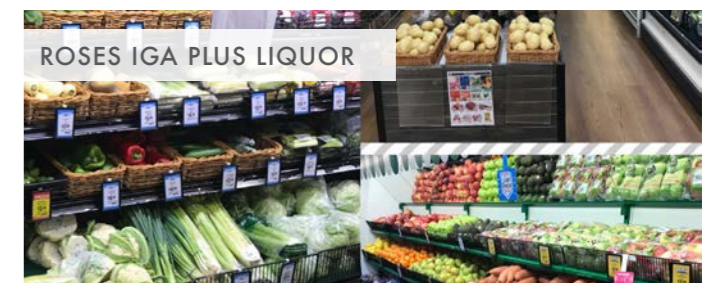
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CAMPING SPOTS
 Camping and caravan sites along the Kidman Way to the north of Hillston include Brewster Weir on the Lachlan Valley Way, Billabourie Riverside Tourist Park (0427 674 131) on the Mount Grace Road and Willanthry Road on the Lachlan River.



MERRIWAGGA

Located on the Kidman Way between Goolgowi and Hillston, Merriwagga is the very heart of Black Stump Country. The village of Merriwagga was surveyed and gazetted in 1924. The name Merriwagga is believed to have come from it being an outstation of Merri-Merrigal Station, situated on the Lachlan River 100kms away to the north. A visit to the Black Stump Memorial tells of the gruesome tale that gave Black Stump Country its name. A bullocky passing through in 1886 left his wife, Mrs Barbara Blain to make camp for the night while he attended to his cattle. The day was hot, windy and dusty, and while his wife prepared the evening meal, the campfire flared, burnt her clothing, and she sadly was burnt to death. When people expressed their sympathy on his loss, the bullocky simply said "When I returned, my wife was dead, and she looked just like a black stump." And so the Black Stump legend was born. Mrs Blain is buried in Gunbar Cemetery.

The Black Stump Hotel is a character-filled pub that boasts the tallest bar in Australia. Legend has it that the bar was built at that height so local stockmen could ride their horses right up to the bar, order a drink, without having to dismount. Across the road from the pub is the Memorial to Pioneer Women, a Ron Clarke sculpture dedicated to the hardships endured by our women pioneers when settling the land. Take a step back in time at The Old School Caravan Park which is located nearby in Marne Street on the site of the old Merriwagga Public School. Wander through the museum which showcases many items from times gone by.

GOOLGOWI

Situated at the crossroads of the Mid Western Highway and the Kidman Way, the village of Goolgowi was settled in 1905, following the development of the railway line between Griffith and Hillston. Located on the edges of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area, Goolgowi is still essentially a wheat farming and sheep grazing area; however in recent years, the agribusiness sector has diversified significantly to include chicken broiler farms, olives, walnuts, grapes, almonds, citrus, horticulture and a large cattle feedlot. The soft sculpture curtain, created by a number of

local women in 1988, commemorates Goolgowi's pioneers and history, and depicts the various aspects of the settlement and development of the district. The sculpture, located at the Goolgowi Hall, can be viewed by contacting the Carrathool Shire Council Office in Goolgowi. Goolgowi services the surrounding farming district, and as such offers a variety of services, including caravan park, 25m swimming pool (open summer months), skatepark, fitness equipment, children's playgrounds, two motels, pub, fuel, general store/post office, ex-servicemen's club and mechanical workshop.



seven **WONDERS** of Carrathool Shire

1. Lachlan River and Lake Woorabinda - water activities and birdlife abound
2. Willandra National Park – nature and history
3. The Black Stump – explore the grisly tale of Mrs Barbara Blain.
4. Red Dust and Paddy Melons Gallery - a showcase of our local talented artists
5. Gunbar Historic Precinct – William Jackson VC Memorial
6. Carrathool Races – great day out in the outback.
7. Glossy Black Cockatoos - inhabit the area around Rankins Springs

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sandgreen golf course located just over the river on the Mossgiel Road, a challenge for all golfers. The Hillston Visitor Information Centre is located at the Red Dust and Paddy Melon Gallery. The Gallery showcases paintings, sculptures and craftwork of the Hillston Creative Arts Council, inspired by the unique flora, fauna and scenery of the area. The Gallery stocks local olive products such as oils and skincare products processed locally along with many souvenirs of the area. There are murals and mosaics to enjoy along the main street with 2 triptychs located in the Community Hall foyer and Council's Hillston office both painted by a talented local artist. View the correspondence between Sir Winston Churchill and Prime Minister Menzies as they discuss a present given to Sir Winston Churchill from the people of Hillston in 1956. View the paintings and letters at the Shire office, 139-145 High St. Hillston offers a variety of services for the traveller, from Caravan Parks to motels, pubs to clubs, a butcher, pharmacy, beautician, doctor and a new Multi Purpose Centre Hospital.



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THE GREAT COBAR HERITAGE CENTRE

On a clear western night, travellers approaching Cobar could see a sky filled with blazing red light and intermittent splashes of silver and gold. It was 1911, and they were seeing the Great Cobar Copper Mine smelter at its height.

In its boom years, Cobar had a population topping 15,000. They were miners and graziers, business men and women, labourers, developers and entrepreneurs, hard-working folk who built the Great Cobar Copper Mine into a national showcase of industrial technology and turned the town into a byword for success. At its height, the Great Cobar led Australia in the production of copper, processing ore at the rate of 1,000 tons per day. Record

quantities of rich gold deposits and other minerals were also discovered in the immediate vicinity.

The Great Cobar Heritage Centre is the former administration building of the Great Cobar Copper Mine, completed in 1912. It houses the Visitor Information Centre, ready to help with all traveller's needs and questions, and the museum.

Museum visitors can explore the building and the extensive yard displays, peeling back layers of mining, pastoral, Aboriginal and social history. What will be your highlight? – the balcony view, the stunning mineral display, the intriguing "mystery" objects, the Royal Far West Railway Carriage... there is so much to see.



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seven WONDERS of Cobar

1. Population of Cobar Shire: 4,764
2. Area of Shire: 44,070km². There are 99 countries smaller than Cobar Shire, including Denmark, Lebanon and Switzerland.
3. Quirky: We have our own currency, Cobar Quids.
4. Best Lookout: Fort Bourke (for a truly deep insight into Cobar).
5. Top Attraction: The Great Cobar Heritage Centre
6. Key Industries: Mining and Grazing
7. Fun History: Festival of the Miner's ghost – The Beginning

MINING IN COBAR

Since the first mineral discovery in 1870, Cobar has been 'The Copper City.' The original mine, the Great Cobar, closed down in 1919, but copper continues to be mined, particularly at the CSA. CSA stands for Cornish, Scottish and Australian, the nationalities of the men who discovered it in the 1870s. The first CSA Mine closed down in 1920, due to an underground fire that burnt for – wait for it – sixteen years. It was re-established in the 1960s. It closed briefly in 1998, but was re-opened by Glencore in 1999, who continue to own and operate the mine. Ore grades at the CSA average 6 - 12%, compared to a global average of 0.5 - 2%, making it one of the richest ore bodies in the world.

But Cobar is not just a copper city, it is also a city of gold, silver, zinc and lead.

Peak Gold Mines Pty Ltd, which processes gold and copper ores, is located approximately 8km to the south-east of town. The surface structures of the mine can be seen from the Golden Walk viewing area. Their New Cobar operations can be observed from a viewing platform above the pit at Fort Bourke. Endeavor, originally called Elura, is 47km to the north-west of town. In operation since 1983, it is the region's largest producer of zinc, lead and silver. Ore is stockpiled at the surface before being concentrated by a process called froth flotation. Endeavor freights its metal concentrates by rail to Port Pirie and overseas, mostly to Japan.



The shire and town are steeped in rich Aboriginal, mining and pastoral history that colour its present and guide its future. 'Kubbur', meaning burnt earth, came from the Ngiyampaa people. They were the first miners in Cobar, digging ochre and other minerals to make paint. One of their uses of paint can be seen in the rock art at Mt Grenfell, approximately 70km west of town. This rock art site, which houses 1,300 motifs, is one of the most significant in New South Wales. A visit there is a very special experience.

top attraction

FORT BOURKE LOOKOUT

Only 3km from town, a sealed road takes you to the Fort Bourke Lookout. The lookout provides dramatic panoramic views of the town and surrounds from a platform that is 150m above the floor of the New Cobar Open Cut Gold Mine. The rich mineral belt of Cobar is clearly visible as you look out and down, down, down. Photographs and information boards tell you all about the history of this fascinating operation.

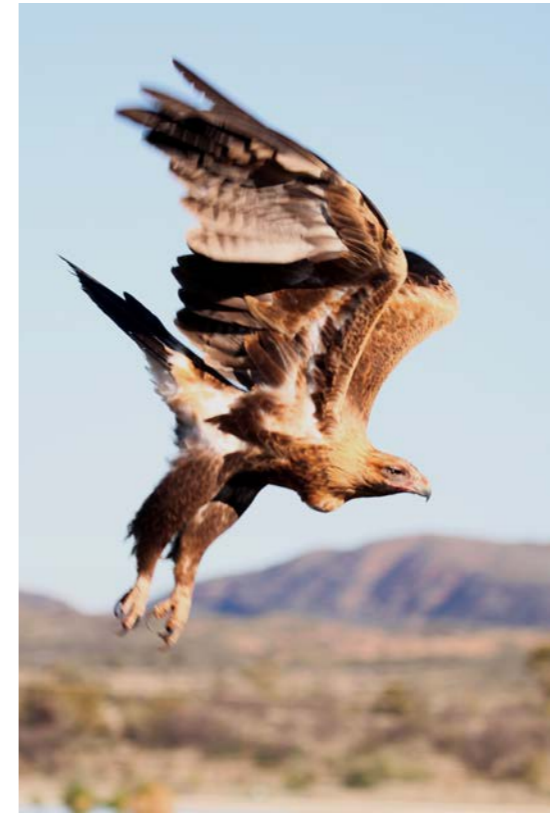


Landscape, Weather and Wildlife



Cobar's landscape has a beauty all of its own. The red bones of the ancient country show through on the wooded ridges and in the dry but picturesque water courses. Here, you are close to the vastness of geological time with the remains of ancient volcanoes and the fossils of a long-ago seabed. To the north, the Shire is bounded by the Darling River and to the south, by the Lachlan. Mallee, Bimble Box, Belah, White Cypress, the graceful Leopardwood and the shady Kurrajong are common trees. Prior to European settlement, the country had a park-like appearance with stretches of perennial native grasses scattered with trees and shrubs. Now, little more than a century later, much of it is dominated by shrubs such as Turpentine, Budda, Hopbush, Puntly and Mulga. Spring rain brings great and delicate beauty with expanses of white, yellow, blue, pink and purple wildflowers. The average annual rainfall is 371mm, although this decreases as you travel further west. The wettest year was 1891 with 799mm recorded. Compare this to 1982 when only 101mm of rain fell in 12 months! The average summer temperature is 33.4°C and the winter temperature is 15.5°C. Cobar's highest ever temperature was in January 1939 when

the thermometer reached 47.8°C. In February of that year, Cobar claimed an unenviable Australian record when an average maximum temperature of 42.2°C for 40 successive days, and 56 days with an average above the old 100°F (37.8°C) were recorded. Most of the time, it's hot enough in summer to enjoy a swim in the beautiful town pool and in winter, the mild weather invites you outdoors to explore. Cobar's abundant wildlife includes four species of kangaroo: the Eastern and Western Grey, the Euro, and the Red Kangaroo. Emus are often seen picking their elegant way through the bush, and you might also spot echidnas, rock wallabies, bearded lizards and giant goannas. **Over 200 species of birds are at home in Cobar**, including the magnificent Major Mitchell Cockatoo and the spectacular bird of prey, the Wedge-Tailed Eagle. Fork-Tailed Kites are common, soaring about town or above roads, seeking the small animals and carrion on which they feed. The 'Newey' and 'Old Res' water reservoirs are especially good places to see herons, ibis, ducks, terns and wanderers. Other common birds are honeyeaters, wrens, parrots, robins, apostle birds, babblers, swifts, and the irrepressible galahs.



Key Events / Festivals

THE GREY MARDI GRAS

Everything that's fun from the '50s, '60s and '70s! Be in Cobar April 12th-14th 2019 and get in the mood for a weekend of food, music and fashion. It's everything you remember – or wish you remembered! Friday kicks off with dance lessons, stomping, twisting, jiving and fox-trotting to the beat, followed by a dinner dance. Fashion and street parades, Baby Boomers Concert and more. Wear your flares, button down your shirt, let your skirts be full, maxi or mini, go wild with paisley and plastic!

FESTIVAL OF THE MINER'S GHOST

October is an exciting time with the annual Festival of the Miner's Ghost, which celebrates Cobar's history. It is a great opportunity to immerse yourself in the culture of our community and meet some of the locals. Events include mine surface tours, live music, markets, cemetery walks, ghostly displays and the must-see fireworks display exploding over the old open cut.

INTERESTING HISTORY

In 48 years of operation, 70 men and boys died at the Great Cobar Copper Mine. They were crushed, scalded, blown to bits, and fell down shafts. Are their spirits uneasy? Colin Jones, a former curator, thought so. He slept one night in a room at the museum and was woken in the dark hours by a cold hand gripping his ankle. He cried out and kicked at the strange hand. It vanished, leaving an icy atmosphere that no heating could disperse. What was that cold grip – was it a desperate spirit reaching for help as it plunged into the mine? Or were the only spirits around that night rum and Irish whiskey? Whatever the answer, from this haunting beginning, the idea of the Festival of the Miner's Ghost was born.

Our Villages and Surrounds

CANBELEGO

Gold was first discovered in Canbelego in 1889, but it wasn't until about 1901 that the Mount Boppy Mine went into production. By 1905, it was considered the leading gold producer in New South Wales. The Mount Boppy Mine closed in 1922 and Canbelego became a sleepy little village with the relics of its mining past evident in

NYMAGEE

A well-formed unsealed road links Canbelego to Nymagee. It is worth the drive to go through the very pretty hills at the Gap and arrive in the village, whose name is an Aboriginal language word meaning 'surrounded by hills'. Once home to over 2,000 people, at least half of whom were Chinese, Nymagee now has a population of about 150.

EUABALONG

Euabalong, founded in the 1870s, is a village of around 150 people. The Lachlan River flows by the town and is a well-known place to catch 'the big one'.

MT HOPE

Mt Hope was another copper town with mining starting in 1874. By 1882, the mine employed 200 men and the town had a population of 800 with four hotels, a post office, savings bank, a billiard room, boxing saloon, at least four butchers and three bakers.

Family fun In Cobar

Swimming pool, playgrounds and skate park, Cobar has heaps for kids of all ages. Our waterslide is the best in the west and our new playground equipment is ready for fun. Active families can join parkrun, leaving from the 'Newey' at 8am every Saturday morning. Our heritage track can be safely ridden or walked and there is plenty to do exploring the town and the bush. Budding geologists enjoy our mine lookout and museum mineral displays while young naturalists find plenty to interest them in our birds and wildlife. However long your stay, whatever your interests, your whole family will be kept busy in Cobar.



LOUTH

The historic and tiny village of Louth is on the Darling River, 100km south-west of Bourke and 130km north-west of Cobar.

It was first settled by Irishman Thomas Mathews in the 1860s. Today, you can marvel at the stunning granite monument he erected in memory of his first wife over 140 years ago. Each afternoon, the monument reflects the setting sun back into the village for a period of several minutes. On the anniversary of her death in August, the reflection can be seen from the site where her home stood all those years ago. It's a feat of engineering and astronomy and a tribute to the long-dead lady.

The highlight of the year is the Louth Outback Races.

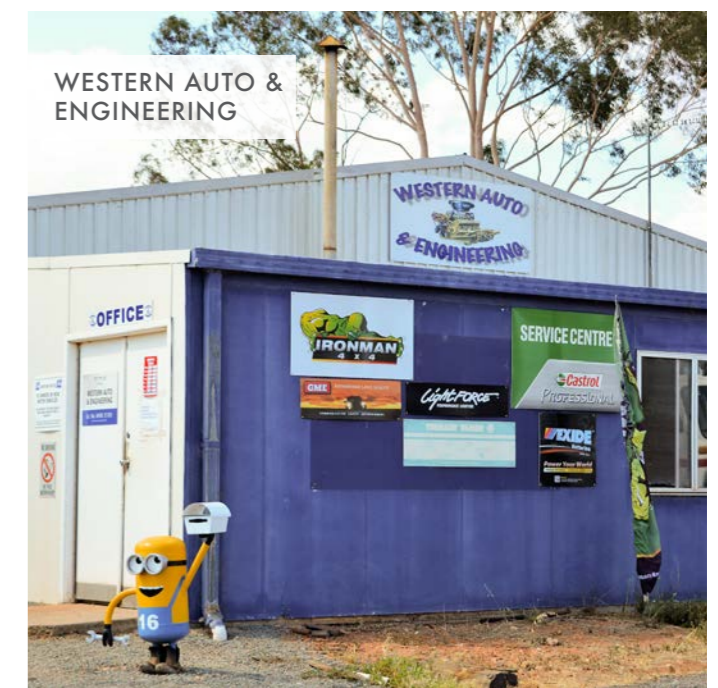
TILPA

'The Village of the Flood Plain' aptly describes Tilpa. It is situated on the western bank of the Darling River and is surrounded by large pastoral properties with extensive merino flocks. The Darling River is a popular fishing spot with cod, perch, catfish and bream for the keen angler. Tilpa is a perfect example of an outback village, renowned for its hospitality, wildlife and awe-inspiring landscape.



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Willandra National Park



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Entrance, accommodation and camping fees apply.
Approximately 73km north-west of Hillston off Mossgiel Road (unsealed and impassable after rain). Vehicle entry fees apply.



Mount Grenfell Historic Site



Mount Grenfell Historic Site protects Ngiyampaa rock art. It's a short walk to this important Aboriginal site, and a more challenging one to Ngiyampaa walking track, taking you further into this gorgeous landscape of red dirt, mallee bushland, open grasslands and the rocky rise of Mount Grenfell itself. In the surrounding rocky ridge, you can see richly coloured paintings of human and animal figures, representations of the natural environment, and hand stencils which are of ceremonial significance to traditional owners. Bring the family and a picnic lunch, and take your time and learn more about Ngiyampaa culture.

Dubbo NPWS office:
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Free entry. As this is a day use area only no camping is permitted. Approximately 70 km north – west of Cobar. Allow 1 hour driving time.



Gundabooka National Park



Gundabooka National Park is a vast area rich in Aboriginal and pioneer heritage that stretches from the banks of the Darling River, to the summit of Mount Gunderbooka. Climb rugged Mount Gunderbooka, drink in the view and understand why this majestic mesa is of such great significance to the local Ngemba and Baakandji Aboriginal people. Walking tracks will take you on an exploration of the woodlands and red sand dunes including the spectacular Mulgowan (Yappa) Aboriginal rock art site. Camp at Dry Tank camping area or book your stay at Redbank Homestead or Belah Shearers Quarters (Ph:1300 072 757).

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Toorale National Park



Explore the vast floodplains near Bourke on a car tour of Toorale National Park. Located at the junction of the Warrego and Darling rivers, Toorale offers the rare opportunity to see the floodplain come to life after rain. Picnic by the river bank Many Big Rocks picnic area (Karnu Yalpa). Camp on the banks of the Darling River at the Darling River camp (Yapara Paaka Thuru) where you can enjoy fishing, birdwatching, dramatic sunsets and starry nights. Stop and explore the ruins of Toorale Homestead This park lies within the traditional lands of Kurnu-Baakandji People. It's the perfect addition to an outback tour, taking in neighbouring Gundabooka National Park

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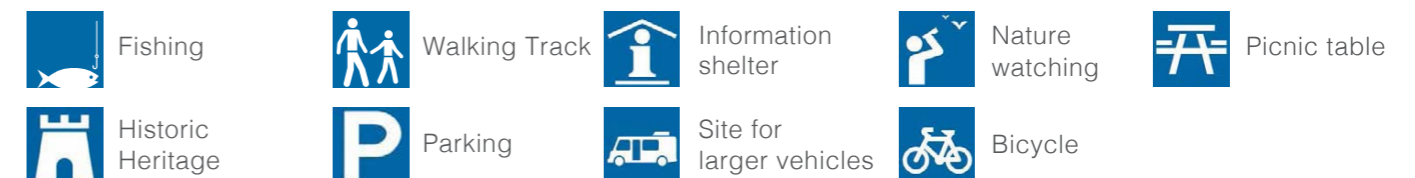
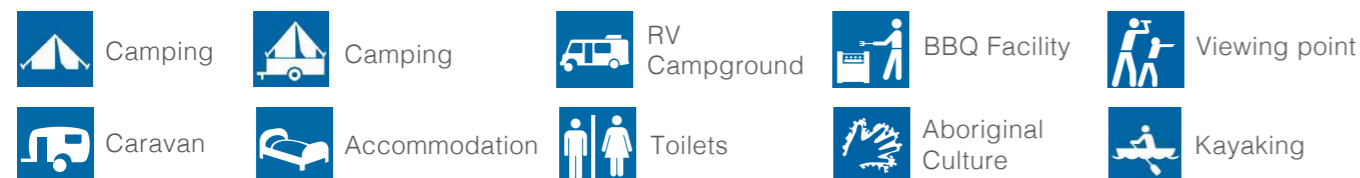


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Bourke Shire, at the junction of the Mitchell and Kamilaroi Highways and the Kidman Way, covers an area of 43,000 km² and is home to approximately 2600 people. The Shire’s main agricultural industries include cotton, cattle production, as well as a nsw small stock abattoir and of course the wool industry, part of Bourke’s history since the 1860’s.



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Key Events

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Bourke P&A Show

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Comp - August

Festival of 1000 Stories & Poets

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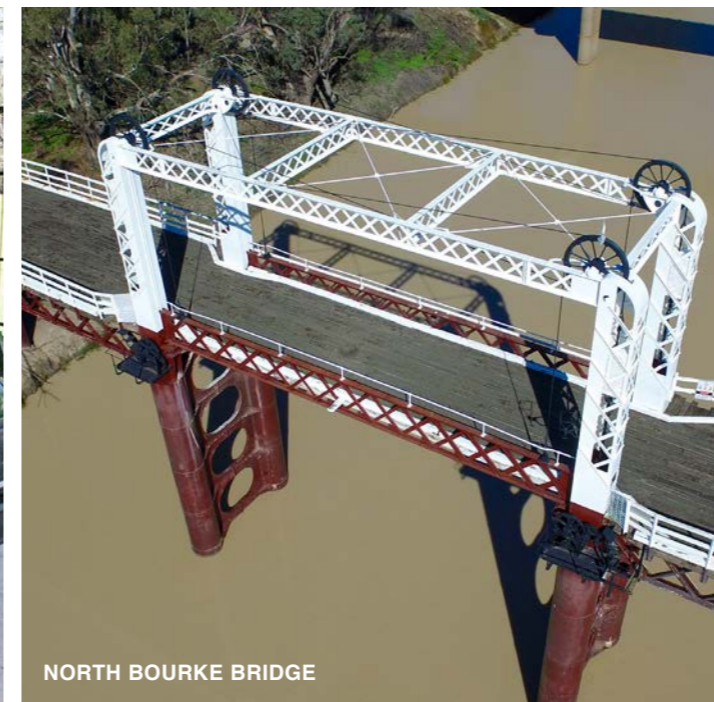
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NORTH BOURKE BRIDGE



HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Bourke showcases many historically significant buildings well over 100 years old. Of particular interest is the Court House built in 1900 at the cost of 9,500 pounds. It is the farthest inland Maritime Court in Australia. Other noteworthy old buildings include the Post Office and the Post Office Hotel, the Western Lands Department, the Roman Catholic Church and Towers Drug Company.

NORTH BOURKE BRIDGE

The historic North Bourke bridge is the gateway to the outback. Linking the east to the west of Bourke and beyond.

As the oldest surviving lift-span bridge in Australia, it was designed to allow paddle steamers and barges to pass through during high water in the early years of riverboat trade. The bridge, built over a hundred years ago, is now closed to traffic, but still in use as a foot-bridge and popular photographic hotspot.

CROSSLEY ENGINE

This twin cylinder oil-fuelled stationary engine was manufactured by the Crossley Brothers of Manchester, England in 1923. It has an impressive history before being fully restored by the Bourke Shire Council. It is now located in the Wharf Precinct at the northern end of Sturt Street.

MT OXLEY

An hour spent with eagles in the silence atop Mt Oxley looking across a 100km expanse, rekindles the experience of explorers Sturt and Hume in 1829.

Mt Oxley, rising from the perfectly flat landscape, has without question the best views of the area. A must see panorama stretches as far as the eye can see.

The sunsets at Mt Oxley are stunning with vibrant pinks and purples painting the sky. Mt Oxley showcases the abundance of wildlife in the region including wedge-tail eagles and wallabies. This is a photographers, bushwalkers and bird-watchers dream.

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3 WONDERS OF BOURKE

Iconic saying "Back O' Bourke" has the meaning of outback – extremely remote place and was coined by William Ogilvie in his poem "At the Back O' Bourke"
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GUNDABOOKA NATIONAL PARK

Gundabooka National Park is ideal for hiking and birdwatching. Mt Gunderbooka lies within the magnificent rust coloured cliffs and gorges of the Gunderbooka Range. Allow time to explore the Aboriginal Rock Art and climb the heights of the 'Valley of the Eagle' track.

LEDKNAPPER NATURE RESERVE

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The Darling River drive is a perfect area for camping and exploring the park. The Homestead precinct offers interpretive displays and Mount Talowla lookout provides the perfect vantage point with views over the vast floodplains and across to Mount Gunderbooka.

NOCOLECHE NATURE RESERVE

Nocoleche Nature Reserve was created to protect a nationally important network of river channels, wetlands and floodplains. Visitors are welcome at the King Charlie Day Use Area (20km south of Wanaaring) where you can enjoy picnicking and fishing on the banks of the Paroo River at King Charlie waterhole.

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FORT BOURKE STOCKADE

Built as a depot and defensive fort by Major Thomas Mitchell during his exploration to the region in 1835. The Fort was named after His Excellency Richard Bourke, the Governor of the Colony at the time. A replica of the original fort was built in 1983.

BOURKE HISTORIC CEMETERY

The Bourke Cemetery contains a great variety of graves of historical significance. The most famous grave is that of Fred Hollows, the highly respected eye surgeon. Fred Hollows developed a strong affinity with the Aboriginal community in Bourke and Enngonia, to the extent of his wish for Bourke Cemetery to be his final place of rest. Also buried in the cemetery is Senior Constable McCabe (shot by bushranger "Captain Starlight"), bush poet Francis Brown, and many other local characters.

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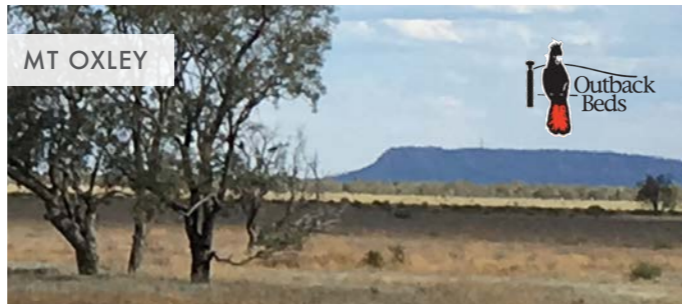
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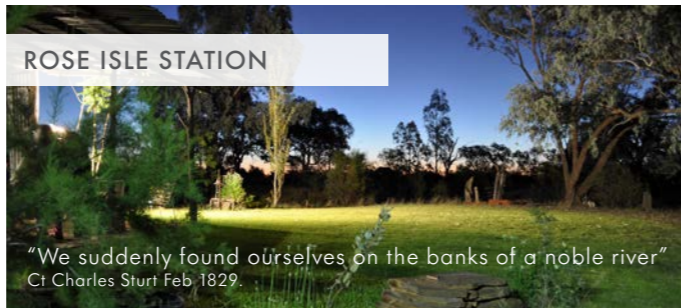
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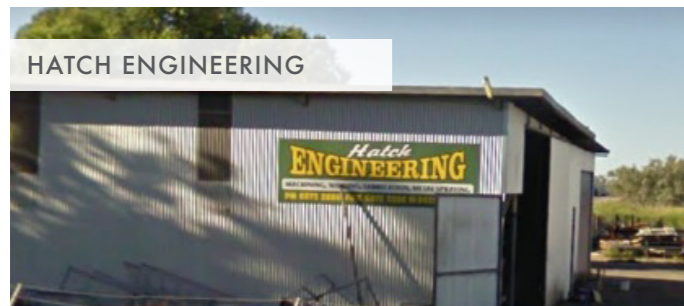


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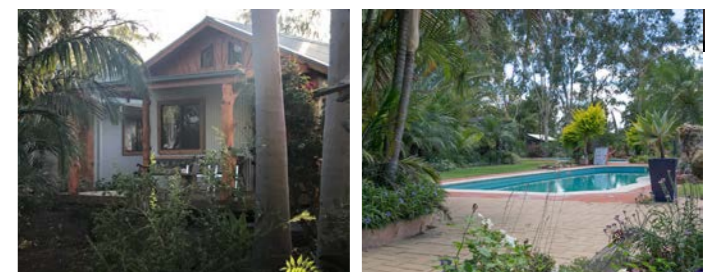
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