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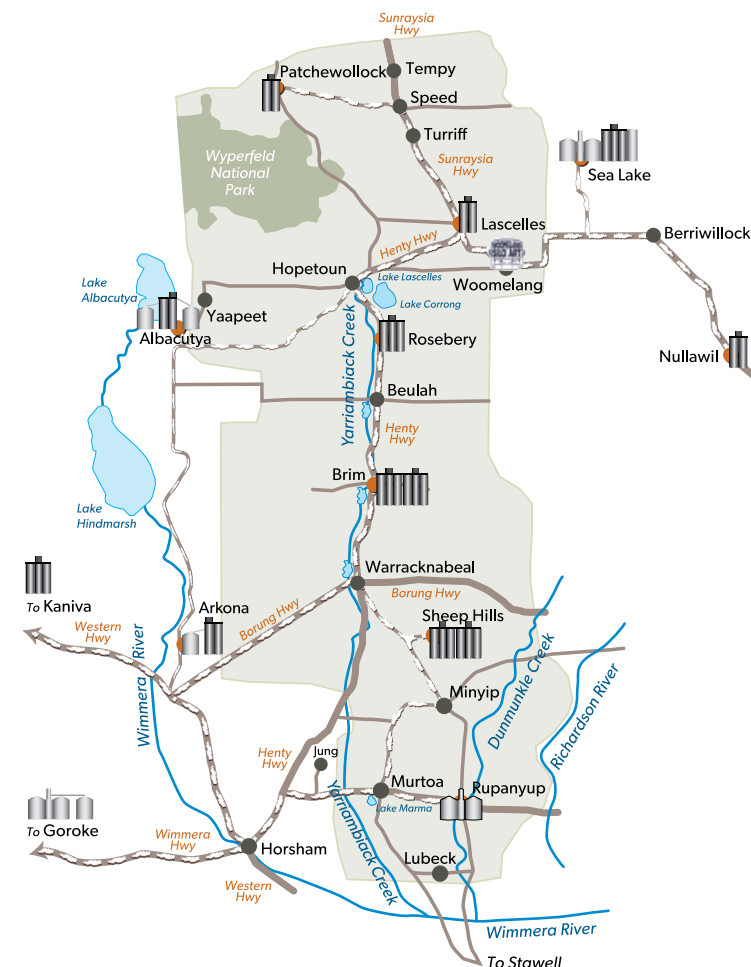
HOME OF THE *Silo Art Trail*

The Yarriambiack Silo Art Trail is the largest outdoor gallery in Australia –
stretching over 200 kilometres and linking six small country Victorian towns.

Providing an insight into the true spirit of the Wimmera Mallee, the trail recognises and celebrates the region's hardworking rural communities through a series of large-scale mural portraits painted onto grain silos. The silo art acknowledges the area's ancient Indigenous roots as well as its history as one of Australia's most important grain growing areas. As you weave your way through the farming towns of Brim, Lascelles, Patchewollock, Rosebery, Rupanyup and Sheep Hills, you'll meet some locals, hear their stories and go home with a deeper understanding of the challenges and rewards of life on the land. The portraits are the work of world-renowned Australian mural artists, Adnate, Kaff-eine, Fintan Magee, Rone, Guido van Helten and celebrated Russian street artist, Julia Volchkova. The result is a public art experience that is both awe-inspiring and unmistakably Australian. A special thank you to Graincorp and Australian Grain Export for providing the canvasses.

WIMMERA MALLEE – SILO COUNTRY

The Silo Art Trail celebrates regional Australia in a modern and accessible artistic context. The silos have been strategically selected for maximum visual impact and to ensure visitors have the opportunity to engage with multiple communities and outback tourism destinations in the Wimmera and Mallee region. Historically, silos are a place for the farming communities to come together during harvest, exchange news and stories and re-connect with old friends while the grain is unloaded. Of late, changes in the agricultural industry have led to many communities losing active silo sites. The Silo Art Trail has provided an opportunity to reinvigorate decommissioned sites and celebrate local communities and farming history.



ALBACUTYA ARKONA KANIVA GOROKEY NULLAWIL SEA LAKE

BRIM

Guido van Helten captured the imagination of Australia in December 2015 when he undertook a gigantic painting on the Brim Silos. The Brim Silo Art generated inspiration for the Silo Art Trail and Guido's mural will remain an iconic tribute to the farming communities of the Wimmera and Mallee region.

PATCHEWOLLOCK

Fintan Magee is a Brisbane based street artist who painted the Patchewollock Silos in October 2016. Local farmer 'Noodle Hulland' was chosen for the inspiration of the artwork because he was slim enough to fit the two narrow silos and had "that classic farmer look", embodying the locals' spirit.

ROSEBERY

Artist Kaff-eine painted the Rosebery Silo in October 2017. Before commencing work in Rosebery, Melbourne artist Kaff-eine spent time in the Mallee assisting fellow artist Rone on his Lascelles silo project. During this time, Kaff-eine travelled to neighbouring towns, discovering the natural environment and acquainting herself with local business owners, families, farmers and children – all with the view to developing a concept for the Rosebery silos. After her month-long immersion, Kaff-eine identified elements that she felt best captured the spirit of the Mallee and its people. Kaff-eine's artwork depicts themes that she feels embody the region's past, present and future. On one silo she captures the tenacity, character and strength of the region's young female farmers; young women preparing to take over their family farms and become the future of the Mallee. The second image depicts the Mallee peoples' close relationship with and reliance on animals.

RUPANYUP

Russian Artist Julia Volchkova is actively involved in the graffiti and street art movement in the places she travels. Julia's work focuses on portraits and the Rupanyup Silo Art mural is inspired by the Rupanyup Panthers Football & Netball Club. Completed in April 2017.

SHEEP HILLS

Adnate is an internationally renowned street artist, famous for his work with Aboriginal communities across Australia and completed the mural in December 2016. The four Indigenous faces now watch over the tiny community of Sheep Hills and the starry background of the towering portraits has symbolic significance to the local people.

LASCELLES

Renowned Melbourne Street Artist Rone has depicted the faces of Lascelles couple Geoff and Marilyn Horman. Geoff and Marilyn's families have lived and farmed in the area for four generations. Born in the district, the couple married in Lascelles in 1967 and together with their two sons (and their own families) have continued the family traditions of wheat farming and strong community involvement. So how did the humble country couple come to be chosen as subjects of a large-scale mural by one of Australia's leading artists? "To really understand the essence of the place, I wanted to find people who had lived here all their lives and get a sense of what the town has been through over the years", explains Rone. "With a population of just 48 people, I've been fortunate to have already met most of the town here in Lascelles", he continues. "After a lot of discussion with the locals, I found my subjects." Now, Geoff and Marilyn Horman look over their hometown of Lascelles and the Mallee area. Completed in June 2017.

Yarriambiack Shire



TOURING GUIDE



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WELCOME TO Yarriambiack



Wyperfeld Kids Sand Hill



Wheatlands Warehouse - Warracknabeal

The Shire stretches from the Wimmera River just north of the Grampians in the south, to the centre of the Mallee in the north. The Yarriambiack Creek is the main natural feature traversing the Shire.

The area has an almost ideal climate with a short winter and delightful autumn and spring. Summer temperatures can be hot, particularly in the north.

Destinations in the Yarriambiack Shire offer a relaxed atmosphere, affordable and unique accommodation options, safe and healthy family environments, no peak hour traffic and easy access to public land, lakes and recreational activities.

Travel Victoria's Wild West, the Wimmera Mallee.

Relax & Enjoy

The Stick Shed, Murtoa



Horses at Beulah

To preserve the vulnerable natural environment visitors need to help by: - keeping to roads and tracks open to public vehicles, as wheel ruts last for years in dry sandy country; soil binding mosses and lichens can be destroyed and weeds and erosion introduced. Walkers too should keep to tracks for their own safety as well as that of the environment.

Please camp in designated camp sites wherever possible. Use a gas or fuel stove rather than a camp fire - dead timber is an important habitat. Dogs, cats, other pets and firearms are not permitted in national parks.

All native plants and animals are protected by law and are not to be disturbed or removed.

Public transport is available to the Shire from the cities of Melbourne, Adelaide and Mildura by coach. Two aerodromes are available within the Shire for private plane use in Hopetoun and Warracknabeal.

Discover the Wimmera Mallee



Edge of Wyperfeld National Park - Yaapeet

National Parks

Yarriambiack's Mallee towns provide the gateway to Victoria's three great "Outback" national parks (Wyperfeld, Murray-Sunset and Hattah-Kulkyne), which protect over one million hectares of the Wimmera Mallee and the natural landscapes are home to abundant wildlife and a fascinating range of native flora.

Many visitors to Wyperfeld National Park fall in love with the beauty, spaciousness and undisturbed Mallee flora and fauna - especially the bird life. The park is best visited in autumn, winter or spring when emus and western grey kangaroos can be seen grazing at dawn and dusk in the usually dry lakebeds and creeks.

Pine Plains, in the northern reaches of Wyperfeld National Park, is where Mallee desert merges with the Pine-Buloke woodlands. It takes in the open spaces of Wirrengren Plain and the giant "Snowdrift" sand dune. It is a great place to experience space, beauty and Mallee wildlife - don't forget your cameras.

Parks Victoria manages the large and spectacular Mallee national parks and separate park notes are available for each park. Access is available by 2WD and 4WD vehicles. However, many of the internal tracks are only recommended for 4WD vehicles and some even become impassable in wet weather and during high fire danger periods. Check the latest conditions at www.parks.vic.gov.au or by calling 13 19 63.

Always ensure you carry adequate water, food and fuel when four wheel driving and let someone know where you are going and when you intend to return.



Yaapeet

Throughout the region a variety of vegetation communities include Pine-Buloke woodlands, Mallee Eucalypts and heathlands containing Guinea Flowers, Desert Banksias, Tea Trees and She-Oaks.

The merging of the floodplain with Mallee desert and Pine-Buloke woodlands creates a haven for bird watchers. Wedge-tailed Eagles, Nankeen Kestrels, White Winged Choughs, a variety of Honeyeaters and Apostle Birds can be found fossicking around camping areas.

Goannas are often seen on hot days; emus are common and three species of kangaroos (Red, Western Grey and Eastern Grey) are often seen in the parks. A visit during spring will reward you with a desert display of colour and birdsong. More than 200 species of birds have been recorded in the parks, including the endangered mound-building Malleefowl and over 450 species of native plants have been found in the district's communities.

The hard working Malleefowl or Lowan is the only mound-building bird species in the world to inhabit such a dry environment.

Malleefowl begin work on their mounds in autumn, creating a "compost heap" of dead leaves, twigs and sand. Rainwater causes this material to decompose and heat up which the male bird checks with its beak and tongue until it reaches 30°C, when egg laying can start.

Every morning for many months, the male bird checks the mound and either opens it or heaps it higher to maintain the correct temperature for the incubation of the eggs. Once hatched the chicks struggle to the surface unaided. After a brief rest they can then run and on their first day fly.

Honeyeater



Patchedwollock Sheep Dog Trials

MAJOR Events

HOPETOUN 'BEETroot' MARKET

Third Sunday of every month
Gateway BEET Courtyard, 9am-1pm

JUNG MARKET

5th Saturday of the month and 3rd Saturday of December
Jung Recreation Reserve, 9am-1pm
Facebook: Jung Market Email: marketjung.vic.au@gmail.com
Phone: 0490 500 615

MINYIP SHOW & SHINE

Last Sunday in February - Find them on Facebook

MURTOA'S BIG WEEKEND

1st Weekend in October, held annually
www.murtoabigweekend.com.au

MURTOA - WINE & DINE IN THE STICK SHED

Last Saturday in March - Find them on Facebook

PATCHEWOLLOCK MUSIC FESTIVAL

3rd Weekend in October
www.patchewollockmusicfestival.com.au

PATCHEWOLLOCK SHEEP DOG TRIALS

Sunday of the Long Weekend in March

RUPANYUP BARLEY BANQUET

4th Weekend in October
www.rupanyupmajorevents.com.au

RUPANYUP DIRT MUSIC FESTIVAL

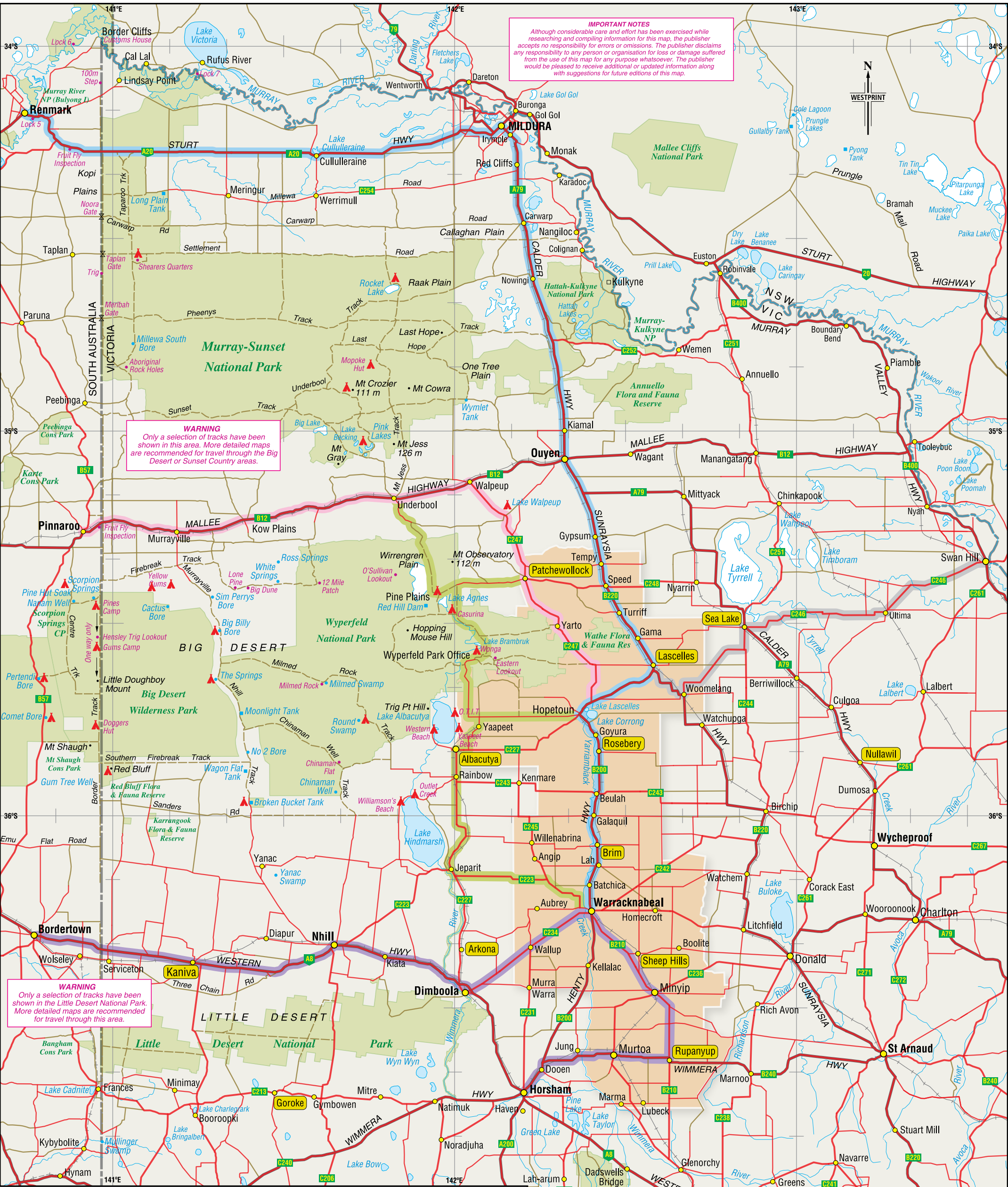
1st Sunday in April - Find them on Facebook

SPEED MALLEE MACHINERY FIELD DAYS

First Wednesday & Thursday of August, held annually
2km south of Speed, on the Sunraysia Hwy
www.mmfd.com.au

EASTER IN THE BEAL

Easter Weekend, held annually in Warracknabeal
Find them on Facebook



YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE WIMMERA MALLEE

LEGEND			
Highway; National and State routes		National or conservation park	
Major road, sealed; Unsealed; Bridge		Town featured on Silo Art Trail	
Minor road, sealed; Unsealed		Tourist route 1	
Track (4WD recommended)		Tourist route 2	
Railway line		Tourist route 3	
Yarriambiack Shire area		Tourist route 4	
River or creek		Tourist route 5	

TOWN Details

BEULAH

Population approx. 200

The town offers a range of services including a general store (open 7 days a week), post office, op shop, pharmacy depot, service station and 24 hour fuel. The Beulah Business & Information Centre (☎ 03 5390 2200) houses the post office and Commonwealth Bank agency, provides public internet access, tourist information, patchwork mural and a range of other services.

Meals available 7 days a week at Auntie Silly Billy's Kathee (☎ 03 5390 2114). Cabins and camping available at the Creekside Caravan Park with free BBQ; bookings via the Business Centre. Also enjoy the public swimming pool, playground and tennis courts close by. A picturesque walking track and painted bollards surrounds the Yarriambiack Creek. A great spot for fishing and boating activities with a free BBQ in the rotunda. Other points of interest include Beulah's street murals that depict scenes from the town's early years of development and the famous 'vermin proof fence'. (Remnants of the fence can still be seen along the Henty Highway just south of Beulah.) Stop by and admire the Arabian Horse Mural opposite the Victoria Hotel, painted by Kaff-eine in November 2017. Also the Beulah Memorial Hall with its bright and colourful images of the area.

Walk up the main street, which is featured on the front cover of the book 'The Dry' also read the signs about the buildings which were used in the movie starring Eric Bana filmed in Beulah in 2019.

Squatter Coffey Bush Trail Rides offers amazing horse riding options for every ability. Take an adventure to one of Squatter's bush riding locations. Contact Squatter ☎ 0428 550 664 for bookings.

BRIM

Population approx. 150 • Silo Art by Guido van Helten

The name comes from an aboriginal word for "spring or well of water". Redda's Park, on the banks of the Yarriambiack Creek (weir pool) features a camping ground that includes powered and non-powered sites, playground, BBQ and boat ramp. The Brim weir pool is a great location for fishing and water sports. Most sporting facilities are centrally located at the recreation reserve and include football, cricket, netball, tennis and golf with the bowls club nearby.

Evidence of early settlement can still be seen, including the solitary grave of James Simson who died in 1858 as a result of being gored by a bullock. Located in Simson Street, this is the only defined grave left of the Brim Station Cemetery. Local businesses include garage-hardware-engineering, farm supplies, general store and post office.

Brim is home to the first silo art that was completed in December 2015. Guido van Helten's epic mural is now famous across Australia.

Located in the Memorial Hall, Brim's Doll Museum is open daily from 9am – 5pm where you can see an impressive 950 dolls that have been generously donated by Mrs Helen Day.

HOPETOUN

Population approx. 528

The huge wall mural in the centre of town depicts pioneer heritage such as the Mallee roller, stump jump plough, stripper and wagons. Over 200 varieties of birds and wildflowers can be found within the surrounding National Park and Reserves.

Lake Lascelles is a popular venue for water sports and fishing and has amenities, BBQ, playground and picnic facilities. The 'Mallee Bush Retreat' on the shores of Lake Lascelles provides a range of accommodation options based on unique designs including 2 Silos, 2 Cow Sheds, Stables, Machinery Shed and a Limestone Grain Store with 33 beds available. Powered sites are offered at a low cost and free camping is encouraged around the Lake perimeter (www.mallee bushretreat.com).

Lake Corrong is filled by the Yarriambiack Creek and is a haven for a variety of birds and a popular fishing hotspot. Lake Corrong is sometimes dry and can be accessed via the Henty Highway, Two Mile Road or the eastern side of Lake Lascelles.

Corrong Homestead (built by the Mallee's first settler Peter McGinnis) is believed to be the oldest original house in the Mallee and has been fully restored. Corrong Homestead opens Fridays 9.30am – 12pm.

Hopetoun provides a range of services and facilities including a supermarket, post office, bank, pharmacy, service station, hotel and two caravan parks. In addition there is an extensive range of sporting facilities including football, netball, golf, tennis, swimming and lawn bowls.

Call in to Gateway BEET in Lascelles Street for a copy of Hopetoun Walk & Drive Town Discovery Tours brochure. Further visitor information can be found at www.hopetounvictoria.com.au.

JUNG

Population approx. 100

The Jung Market is located on the Recreation Reserve beside the banks of the picturesque Yarriambiack Creek and is held on the 5th Saturday of the month and 3rd Saturday of December for 2022, from 9am to 1pm.

LASCELLES

Population approx. 100 • Silo Art by Rone

The Minapre Hotel provides 13 rooms with shared amenities and 1 room with an en-suite and is a true country pub experience with home styled pub meals available. Incorporated into the Hotel is the local Post Office, Milk Bar and Coffee Shop. Contact the Minapre Hotel to also book the Wagon Inn Cabins (☎ 03 5081 6242).

The Lascelles Camping Ground features powered and non-powered sites, amenities, playground, BBQ and rotunda.

MINYIP

Population approx. 418

Crawford Productions featured Minyip as 'Coopers Crossing' in the long running television series 'The Flying Doctors'. Production ceased in 1989, but travellers from around the world still visit Minyip for a stroll down memory lane.

St John's Lutheran Church, classified by the National Trust in 1974, features a striking octagonal belfry and houses a magnificent Fuller pipe organ.

The Minyip Cemetery located to the east of town reflects the strong German influence in Minyip's beginnings and holds great interest for those involved in genealogy and history.

The Minyip Wetlands and Caravan Park is a picturesque location for camping and includes excellent facilities for all ages. Walking tracks, outdoor fitness equipment, playground, BBQ facilities and ponds for fishing allow visitors to indulge in a relaxing precinct with activities at your caravan door.

Minyip has a post office, butcher, hotel, bank, supermarket, cafe, 24hr card access fuel and provides football, netball, golf, tennis and swimming facilities (www.minyip.com.au). Saddlers Second Chance Pre-Loved Goods is located in Main St and has a range of antiques and collectables for sale.

MURTOA

Population approx. 1000

Aboriginal for "Home of the Lizard", Murtoa is a serene and relaxing destination. Lake Marma and Rabl Park are in the centre of town and provide a tranquil oasis with abundant bird life and lovely treed surrounds. Murtoa boasts excellent schools, services, retail sector and key trades, with diverse community and sporting facilities.

Murtoa's Big Weekend is the feature community event of the year and is held over the first weekend in October which features many attractions. Please visit: www.murtoabigweekend.com.au for information.

Murtoa is rich in history, being home to three of Victoria's Heritage Listed attractions: The Stick Shed, the Railway Water Tower and the oldest main street planting in Victoria, the Kurrajong Tree Avenue (1901).

The Stick Shed, built in 1941 as an emergency grain storage facility, is constructed from 560 unmillied Mountain Ash poles supporting the corrugated iron roof. The shed spans the length of five Olympic swimming pools and has been dubbed the 'Cathedral of the Wimmera'. The Stick Shed is the only building in the Wimmera Mallee region to be listed on the Australian Heritage List. Open daily 10am – 3pm, or groups by appointment. ☎ 0434 227 921 or E: thestickshed@gmail.com). Please visit: www.thestickshed.com.au

The Murtoa Museum Precinct features the Railway Water Tower Museum, Concordia College, Railway Station and Bell Tower. The Water Tower Museum was built in 1896 and houses four floors of local artefacts including the famous James Hill taxidermy collection of 600 birds and other fauna. Concordia College houses a collection of historical material and is the last remaining original section established in Murtoa in the 1890's which later sectioned to Adelaide. Open daily 12pm – 2pm, or groups by appointment. ☎ 0429 944 673, 0437 920 734 or E: murtoamuseum@outlook.com).

Dunmunkle Sump Oilers Historic Engines are four massive single piston Ruston-Hornsby engines dating back to 1911 when they powered the old freezer works and are believed to be the only set of four remaining in the world on their original site. Open every Big Weekend or by appointment ☎ 03 6382 5728).

The Barrabool Nature Reserve just south of Murtoa, is a largely undisturbed Wimmera forest with important aboriginal sites.

Visitor accommodation is available at the hotel/motel, caravan park and various guest houses (www.murtoa.net/accommodation).

PATCHEWOLLOCK

Population approx. 150

• Silo Art by Fintan Magee

Established in 1914, the small township of Patchewollock takes its name from two aboriginal words 'pijpie' meaning plenty and 'wallah' meaning porcupine grass. The town has a general store and post office and a hotel/motel.

Nearby 'Pine Plains' is now part of Wyperfeld National Park, but its history dates back over 140 years to the early occupation of the Mallee by pastoralists and the development of Pine Plains Station by the O'Sullivan family. The 'Station' now offers fully self contained tourist accommodation at Pine Plains Lodge and an opportunity to explore this unique environment ☎ 03 5084 1216).

Giant Malleefowl sculptures can be seen near the old Railway Station and Goods Shed.

Australia is well known for its historic hotels and the "Patche Pub", is one of the best.

There are many native birds and animals to observe along with ancient flood plains and dry creeks/lakes systems to explore. The spectacular rolling sand hills with unusually high 'Snowdrift' and 'Mt Jenkins' being popular picnic spots offer spectacular views of the surrounding countryside.

'Explore the Mallee' is an eco-tourism business based in Patchewollock and owned by two self-confessed bird nerds. Offering self-contained accommodation, tours and use of bird hides on a private conservation reserve, tours of the local national parks and also photography workshops for budding wildlife photographers ☎ 0491 768 849 or www.exploretremallee.com.au).

Check out Fintan Magee's mural of local farmer 'Noodle' Hurland on the grain silos.

Restored Railway Precinct shows the true heritage of the railway network.

ROSEBERY

Population approx. 100 • Silo Art by Kaff-eine

View the striking Rosebery Silo art by artist Kaff-eine that features themes that captures the regions' past, present and future.

Beulah Memorial Hall
Roundabout; Minyip's Show & Shine February 2021

Woods' Farming & Heritage Museum, Rupanyup

SPEED, TEMPY, TURRIFF

Population for each approx. 100

These three small towns just a few kilometres apart were settled in 1902 shortly after the Melbourne to Mildura railway line reached this point.

The 'Mallee Machinery Field Days' held at Speed on the first Wednesday and Thursday of August each year is a major highlight on the district calendar and attracts exhibitors and visitors from across South East Australia.

The Turriff RSL Memorial hall is located on the Henty Highway and records the names of many WW1 Soldiers who were Early Selectors in the district as well as those with other professions. It is a significant tribute to those who made a huge sacrifice.

RUPANYUP

Population approx. 344

• Silo Art by Julia Volchikova

Surveyed in 1873 Rupanyup is located on the Dunmunkle Creek. Rupanyup is an aboriginal word meaning 'branch hanging over water'. Renowned for its wide landscaped main street, Rupanyup provides a range of services and facilities including a supermarket, 24/7 card facility/petrol/diesel, post office, hardware, newsagency, bank and service station. In addition there is an extensive range of sporting facilities including football, netball, golf, tennis, swimming and bowls.

The old flour mill in Gibson Street is an early and rare example of a portable mill of galvanised iron construction and is adjacent to the first reinforced concrete grain silos built in the southern hemisphere, which were designed by Sir John Monash and erected in 1909.

Woods' Farming and Heritage Museum is located on the Wimmera Hwy and has an amazing collection of household memorabilia, collectables, scale model of Shrine of Remembrance, clothing displays and farming implements. Open 7 days, so much more than tractors! Perfect for group tours. ☎ 0427 159 154).

Many of the town's historical buildings reflect the early pioneering days around the turn of the century including the Rupanyup Railway Station, which dates back to 1890.

The Jack Emmett Billabong, surrounded by native trees and shrubs is a fishing hotspot and is adjacent to the Memorial Park that includes BBQ and picnic facilities, amenities, powered camping sites and a playground.

WARRACKNABEAL

Population approx. 2302

Warracknabeal is located in the heart of the State's richest grain growing area and is situated along the banks of the picturesque Yarriambiack Creek. The Yarriambiack Creek provides a haven for numerous water birds and the majestic gums that line its banks attract many varieties of native birds and animals to share this unique environment. A weir pool offers a great location for boating and fishing activities. The town derives its name from the aboriginal description of the big red gum trees shading the watercourse. Warracknabeal is the major town within the Shire and provides all the key services required by a vibrant rural community.

A strong retail centre provides excellent shopping facilities including two supermarkets, newsagent, post office, bakeries, butchers, chemist and a full variety of retail stores. Hotels, motels, caravan park, cafes, restaurants, doctors, dentists, hospital and aged care facilities, visiting specialists, 24 hour ambulance, vet and Yarriambiack Shire Council offices are located in the town.

A Community Market is held the third Saturday of every month, 9am -1pm at Ritchies IGA car park.

Wheatlands Agricultural Machinery Museum houses the most comprehensive collection of farm machinery in Australia on a 16 hectare site dedicated to the collection, restoration and display of agricultural machinery. Wheatlands Warehouse in Scott Street is a second hand store that will keep you fossicking for hours.

Warracknabeal's Annual Easter Festival "Y-Fest" incorporates the Museum's three day Vintage Machinery and Car Rally, Easter Cup Race Meeting, Easter Saturday Street Parade, three day Golf Tournament, Art Show, Water Ski Spectacular, Fishing and Busking Competitions.

The Historical Centre housed in the town's first State Savings Bank displays an array of artefacts found in the homes of the pioneers of the area.

The Log Lockup built in 1872 when the first permanent policeman came to town was used until 1960 and is still located at its original site. The Golf Club features an 18 hole, sandbelt course with first class greens and watered fairways. The Lions Flora & Fauna Park includes a BBQ, playground and a collection of native birds and animals.

WOOMELANG

Population approx. 200

Located on the Sunraysia Highway, Woomelang was originally known as 'Cronomby' after the natural waterhole that first attracted the early settlers to this area. When the railway line arrived, the Government constructed earthen dams or 'Tanks' (as they became known) to hold the water. These 'tanks' are still there today, but have been cleaned out and linked together to create a popular free camping, fishing spot and picnic area, including iron artwork created by local artist Phil Rigg.

You'll find at Combine Corner (Travelers Rest) adjacent to the General Store 24hr card access petrol and diesel, toilets, sheltered seating area, art murals and more. Be sure to check out the Endangered Species of the Mallee Mini Silo Art Trail in town, painted on field bins. Another feature is a shearing shed on the southern approach to town that is constructed using compressed kerosene tins, which stands as a monument to war time shortages.

YAAPEET

Population approx. 150

A small town located in the Southern Mallee 30kms west of Hopetoun provides access to Lake Albacutya Park. Yapeet Beach is a popular picnic spot and whilst camping is permitted in most areas of the Lake, facilities are limited. Although the Lake is often dry, when in flood it is one of Australia's most significant wetlands, recognised under an international agreement (the Ramsar Convention) for protection of wetlands. The park adjoins Wyperfeld National Park and has similar native plants and animals. The Yapeet Camping Grounds located at the Recreation Reserve is the perfect base for exploring the Wyperfeld National Park and features excellent facilities including powered and non-powered sites, playground, tennis courts, chop shed, BBQ, amenities and an open fire place. Short-term free camping is provided at Turkey Bottom Lake, with toilets available and is perfect for fishing, kayaking and paddleboarding (no powerboating permitted).