

# BULOKE COUNTRY

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# Welcome to Buloke!

# Buloke Shire...

## Victoria's Agricultural Heartland

It is with great pride that on behalf of the people of the Buloke Shire we welcome you to our home. At the heart of Northern Victoria, we're the backbone of Australian farming, bringing cereal grains, oil seeds, prime beef and lamb to the nation.

We enjoy four diverse and beautiful seasons a year under the wide open skies. Rolling golden plains are alive with creeks, rivers, lakes and our rocky bushland is brimming with unique flora and fauna.

Our towns are famously friendly and welcoming,

and I trust you'll enjoy the best of country hospitality during your time here. Many of our towns have a museum or historical society whose volunteers can arrange tours to help you get the most out of your stay.

Special events held throughout the year are a delight to attend, such as music festivals, film festivals, horse racing, country shows, and B&S balls.

Enjoy your visit – I know it won't take long for you to see why the locals are always smiling.

**Cr Reid Mather,**  
*Mayor of Buloke Shire*



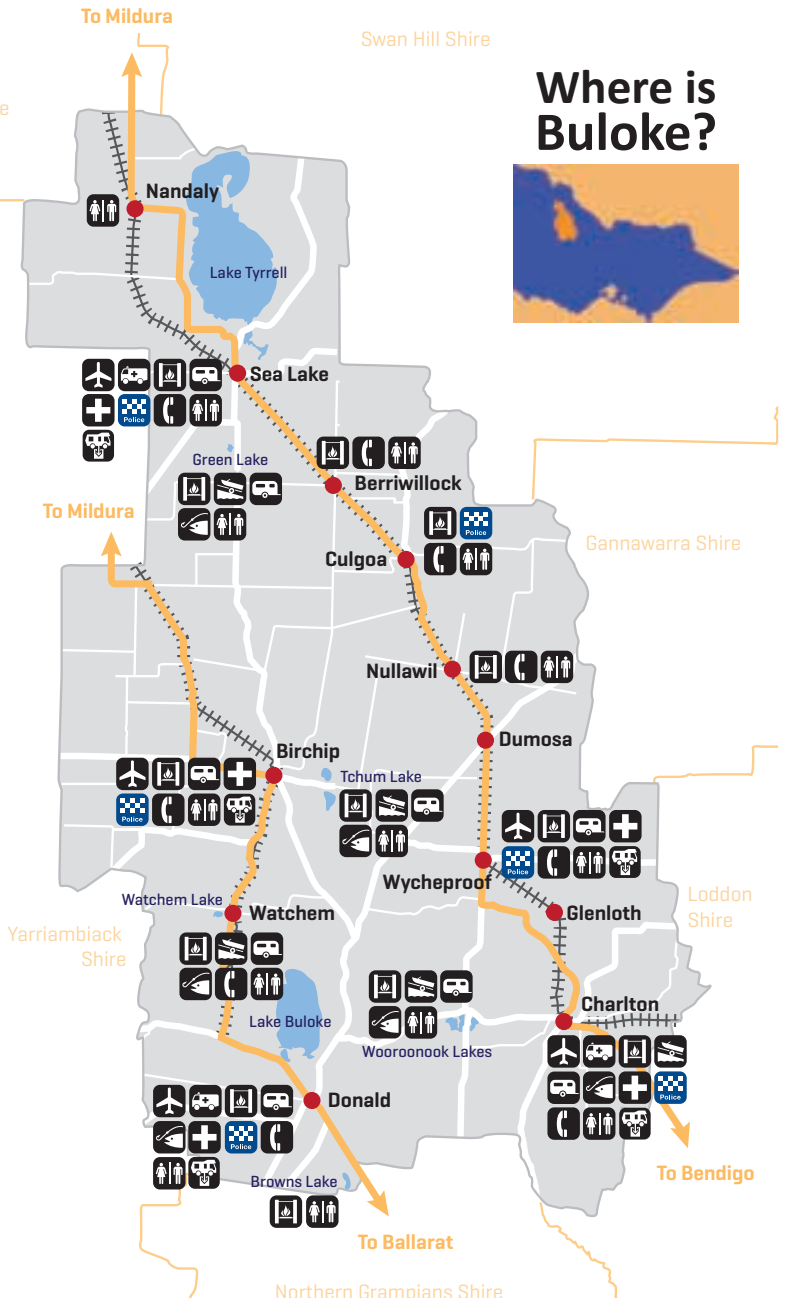
*Buloke Tourism Board is an incorporated association formed in 2008. The Board is made up of local people and businesses representing the towns of Buloke. The tourism board aims to support business and community organisations to grow and promote tourism throughout the Buloke Shire.*

*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.*

*This Official Visitors Guide has been produced by the Buloke Tourism Board in conjunction with Buloke Shire Council with input from Local tourism bodies, Wimmera Mallee Tourism, Grampians Tourism Board and Tourism Victoria.*



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## Where is Buloke?







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# Charlton

[www.charlton.vic.au](http://www.charlton.vic.au)



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	Boat Ramp		Fishing		Toilets		



# Charlton

Charlton is a charming tree lined village situated on the banks of the Avoca River. The main street is filled with cafes and quirky shops, and at three hours drive from both Melbourne and Mildura, it's a perfect place to break up a long drive, for five minutes, a couple of hours, or overnight.

## Travellers Rest

The Travellers Rest, located in the heart of the town features ample parking for cars and coaches, spotless toilets, a river outlook, playground and sheltered barbecue facilities. It also features an en-suite caravan park which impresses the most seasoned caravanners. *See Camping and Caravanning in Buloke, page 47.*

## High Street

The Charlton High Street has many delightful shops and eateries to enjoy. 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.

## 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 from the local community. As well as many other special events and live performances throughout the year, The Rex hosts the Charlton Film Festival annually in February.

*See what's screening this week at [www.rextheatre.org.au](http://www.rextheatre.org.au)*

## The Golden Grains Museum

At the western end of High Street you will find the war memorial and rotunda. The gardens here are also home to the Golden Grains museum, housed in the old Mechanics Institute. The Golden Grains was winner of Museum Victoria's Museum of the Year in 2013 for the excellent redevelopment of the museum after the 2011 floods. The museum features displays on sport, war, agriculture, industry, medicine, Charlton memorabilia and extensive





research facilities, including:

- Local newspapers dating back to 1878 - fully indexed and digitised
  - Extensive collection of photographs
  - Parish maps
  - Family history publications
  - Invoices, school certificates and other paper items relating to local businesses and families
  - Local family history research is available from their extensive collection of resources.
- (Research fees apply)

Museum staff are able to assist in your research, and for a small fee can research on your behalf to help you discover your roots.

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

## Charlton Courthouse Gallery

8 Camp Street, Charlton, Victoria, 3525

Open by appointment. Group bookings welcome.

Call Carolyn on 0418 361 971

Email: [charltoncourthouse@live.com](mailto:charltoncourthouse@live.com)

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 ceiling. The gallery is host to a semi permanent photographic display and regular exhibitions from local and visiting artists. With terrific acoustic qualities it is also the perfect venue for small musical gatherings.

*Please 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 a country football game 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.

The Charlton Lawn Tennis Club has been running since 1881. Copies of the history book, *Charlton*





*Charlton swing bridge*



*Lawn Tennis Club – The First 125 Years* are available for sale from the club at \$10 each. Facilities include both lawn and hard courts, with lighting hire available from the nearby Vale of Avoca bed & breakfast for night play. The Club's annual three day tournament over the Australia Day weekend draws players from across Victoria. Located on the Calder Highway, just after the bridge Mildura bound 03 5491 1672 or 0457 911 161

Near the tennis club you will find the public pools to swim a few laps or cool off the kids. The pool and surrounding Gordon Park can be easily accessed on foot by the swing bridge across the Avoca River by walking through Travellers Rest. During winter golfers can enjoy 9 holes at the Charlton Park Golf course on the Calder Highway during their stay, or 18 holes amongst beautiful bushland north-west of town on Golf Links Road. At the rear of the St Joseph's school oval (enter via High Street) is the Charlton Community Garden, a shared space for locals of all ages to get together to grow and cook healthy food. The



community garden features a number of creative garden beds decorated by local school kids, and a large scale community art installation to shelter the garden from wind.

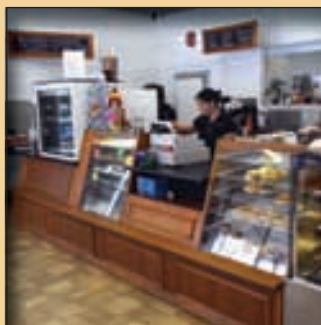
The Avoca River provides opportunities for fishing, yabbing, canoeing, tranquil walks and wildlife spotting. A walk north along the Avoca River amongst the river red gums and native birdlife will take you to the Charlton Weir about 1km from town.

Only 13km 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.

## Annual Events

<b>January:</b>	Australia Day Tennis Tournament
<b>Quarterly:</b>	Charlton Arts Cafe Culture Series
<b>February:</b>	Film Festival Charlton Pacing Cup
<b>March/ April:</b>	Lion's Easter Market (Mon)
<b>August:</b>	Big Kids' Toys
<b>October:</b>	Rotary Art Show Charlton Open Gardens Charlton A&P Show

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



## Charlton Bakery Cafe

58-62 High Street Charlton  
P: 5491 2277

**Monday: 6am to 4pm Tuesday to Friday: 6:30am to 4pm**  
**Saturday: 7am to 3pm Sunday 9am to 3pm**

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, Saturday and Sunday evenings from 6pm. Opposite the *Travellers Rest*.



## Gallery 79

5 High Street, Charlton P: 0466 014 358

E: [geofftrish@gmail.com](mailto:geofftrish@gmail.com) [www.steampunkbrassworks.com](http://www.steampunkbrassworks.com)

**Mon & Tues:** Closed (open public holidays) **Wed to Sun:** 9am to 5pm

Gallery 79 is home to a vast range of collectibles, tin toys, & unique gifts. Geoff makes handcrafted industrial décor in his on-site workshop, creating steampunk lamps, mirrors, clocks and oddities of immense beauty from reclaimed and recycled brass and copper. Located just before the bridge heading towards Mildura, or online: [www.steampunkbrassworks.com](http://www.steampunkbrassworks.com)



## The Foundry Palms Motel

86 High Street, Charlton

P: 03 5491 1911 Fx: 03-54911943 E: [foundrypalms@bigpond.com](mailto:foundrypalms@bigpond.com)

**7 Days:** 8am to 9:30pm

Halfway between Melbourne and Mildura or Broken Hill, the Foundry Palms is the perfect place for an overnight stop. Features ground floor units with split system heating and cooling, queen beds, LCD TVs, tea and coffee facilities, mini bar, ironing facilities and private bathrooms.



## The Boyz Cafe

27 High Street, Charlton

P: 03 5491 1414 E: [coffee@theboyzcafe.com](mailto:coffee@theboyzcafe.com)

**Tuesday to Thursday:** 9am to 4pm

**Friday:** 9am to 4:30pm

**Saturday:** 9am to 1pm

**Sunday & Monday:** Closed

Stop for coffee, cake or a delicious meal at The Boyz. From our rustic country Big Breakfasts to our gourmet focaccias, all our food is made with the freshest ingredients.

Take away, or have a break and eat in, whether in our dining room, rear courtyard, or out the front to watch the world go by (perfect if Fido is travelling with you).

Breakfasts are served until 11am and lunches until 3pm, with a wide range of drinks and cakes prepared by a qualified pastry chef available all day. Come and see why the locals love us!







## The Lizard Roadhouse

39 Mildura Way, Charlton  
P: 5491 1400

**7 Days: 7am to 10pm**

The Lizard Roadhouse provides hot and cold drinks and meals to eat in or take away, plus toilets, showers, and a well stocked convenience store. With extensive hours, Brendan and Alby can help you get refreshed and back on the road whenever you're travelling.

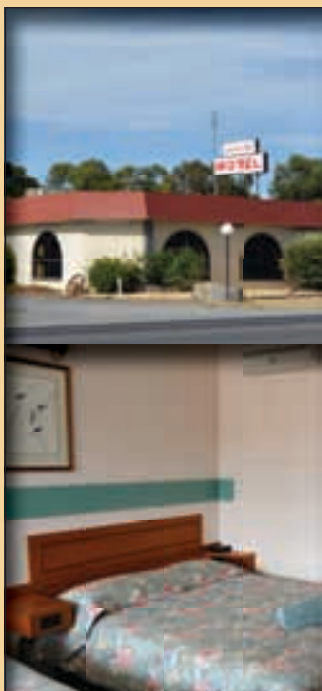


## The Cricket Club Hotel

92 High Street, Charlton  
P: 5491 1604 E: [rosemary.williamson875@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary.williamson875@gmail.com)

**Monday to Saturday: 11am to 1am**  
**Sunday: 11am to 11pm**

The Cricket Club Hotel is open 7 days for lunch and dinner, serving great food at great prices. Our sports bar features TAB, Keno and Wednesday night Poker Tournaments. Present this guide to receive \$2 off any bistro meal (one coupon per customer).



## Charlton Motel

158 High Street, Charlton  
P: 5491 1600 or Bev on 0419 676 094 out of hours  
E: [info@charltonmotel.com.au](mailto:info@charltonmotel.com.au)

**Monday to Friday: 9am to 9pm**  
**Saturday: 9am to 7pm**  
**Sunday: 10am to 7pm**  
**Office generally closed between 1:30pm and 3:30pm**

The Charlton Motel is on the approach to town from Melbourne, and features expansive grounds and facilities, including a swimming pool. Twin, single, family and spa rooms available. All rooms feature heating and cooling, tea and coffee facilities, telephone line, private bathrooms and free WiFi.

The restaurant can seat 250 people and host up to 350 for cocktail functions, and can be booked for private functions. It is also open for meals by group bookings, generally between March and November. The ample parking, accommodation, restaurant, meeting room and business facility also makes the Charlton Motel an ideal location for conferences and club meets.





## House to Home Decorations

42 High Street, Charlton

P: 5491 1691 E: [charltonhousetohome@bigpond.com](mailto: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 what Greg & Marea have in store for you.



## Rex Theatre Charlton

30-34 High Street, Charlton P: 03 5491 2333

E: [boxoffice@rextheatre.org.au](mailto:boxoffice@rextheatre.org.au) W: [www.rextheatre.org.au](http://www.rextheatre.org.au)

Providing affordable film and cultural entertainment throughout the Buloke region, Charlton's historical Art Deco Rex Theatre recaptures the glory days of the cinema experience. Opulent décor, combined with contemporary technology and a welcoming atmosphere, the Rex is a featured destination of this region. Fully community owned and operated – indulge your nostalgia with a visit to the Rex. All ability access & seating available.



## Timeless Treasures and Tearooms

9A High Street, Charlton

P: 0411 203 255 E: [bg2008@iinet.net.au](mailto:bg2008@iinet.net.au)

**Monday: 9:30am to 4pm**

**Tuesday & Wednesday: Closed**

**Thursday & Friday: 9:30am to 4pm**

**Saturday & Sunday: 9:30am to 5pm**

Situated on the bend near the river, Timeless Treasures is a fantastic spot for a relaxing break. Fossick through their antiques and collectables to find the perfect treasure for your collection, then stay for a drink and a bite to eat.

Annette and Bruce serve a fantastic selection of home-made cakes and light meals using fresh seasonal produce.

Come and see what's on the menu today, whether you're after one of Bruce's award winning scones and a coffee before getting back on the road or a gourmet lunch and a glass of wine before an afternoon of relaxing on the riverbanks.

**Seniors Discounts available**



## Sugar n' Sweet

**73 High St Charlton**

**P: 0403 023 813**

**Monday to Friday: 9am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday: 10am to 5pm**

Your one stop shop for gourmet icecream and gelato. You'll be amazed at their iconic roast meat and gravy rolls, handmade gourmet pies, quiches and other tempting delights: Gourmet cakes and slices, great iced coffees, coffee, an assortment of teas, milkshakes and cold drinks to take away or eat in. Sugar n' Sweet also caters for parties and weddings and carries a great selection of cake decorations and party supplies.



## Country Savers

**79 High St Charlton**

**P: 5491 1131**

**Mon to Fri: 9am to 4pm Saturday: 9am to 12pm Sunday: Closed**

Country Savers have a great range of products at fantastic prices including appliances, home and garden décor, workwear, fishing gear and general household goods. Whether you're after a new kettle for your caravan, or bait and tackle to try and catch your own dinner in the nearby river, pop in to say hello and see what Janine has to offer.



## "The Vale" Bed & Breakfast

**18 Mildura Way Charlton**

**P: 5491 1353 E: [contact@valeofavoca.net.au](mailto:contact@valeofavoca.net.au)**

**W: [www.valeofavoca.net.au](http://www.valeofavoca.net.au)**

The Vale is an elegant, comfortable bed & breakfast located in the historic Vale of Avoca hotel in Charlton. This grand historic building has been lovingly maintained and updated. The property features vast balconies and pleasant views of the region. Each room has been beautifully decorated and provides all the comforts of home with split system heating and cooling, flat screen TV, bar fridge and tea and coffee making facilities. There's also a guest lounge with a TV and DVD player and a pool room with tea and coffee.

Your hosts John and Ree Shaw will make you feel welcome and provide you with exceptional service. It's the perfect place to make yourself at home for a few days and explore all Charlton has to offer. After your full farmhouse breakfast, enjoy the peace and quiet of the adjacent Avoca River or stroll to The Rex cinema, Charlton's shops and eateries, and the swimming pool, tennis courts and other recreation facilities.



# The East Charlton Hotel

53 High Street Charlton

Ph: 5491 1613

**Open for Lunch and Dinner 6 Days**

The East Charlton is a family friendly hotel serving up hearty, country pub meals in a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere. The ideal dinner choice for anyone staying at the adjacent caravan park, we also offer comfortable, affordable accommodation on site.

Enjoy a cold drink, a game of pool and a banter with the locals in the front bar. In the winter, unwind beside the open fire in the lounge. We have an excellent range of red and white wines from near and far, and a great selection of beers and cider on tap. Our cafe is the perfect spot for a light lunch.

Since the early days the town has grown up around the hotel, which has always been at the heart of the community. Charlton Rotary meet for dinner every Thursday, visiting Rotarians welcome.

Visit today to experience the best of country hospitality in the Friendly River Town.

**Monday to Saturday 11am – 1am**

**Open Sundays for Group Bookings (20+)**



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	Camping		Police Station		
	Fire Station		RV Dump Point		





# Wycheproof

Wycheproof is a vibrant community at the gateway of the Murray Mallee Sunset Country - an award winning community with a big heart, brimming with country hospitality. The town of 800 people was Winner of the National Tidy Towns Water Conservation Award 2013, Victorian Tidy Town of the Year 1994 & 2012 and 2010 Regional Victoria Prime Super Community of the Year.

An oasis on the Calder Hwy midway between Melbourne and Mildura, it's the perfect spot to take a break from your trip. Wycheproof boasts leafy parks and recreation areas and a significant avenue of Peppercorn trees along Broadway (the main street). Enjoy a leisurely picnic or barbecue under shade trees in Centenary Park. Wycheproof is the centre of a rich grain growing area with a major central receiving silo complex, including the Million Bushel silos on the northern edge of town. The town boasts a top-ranked P-12 College and excellent medical, hospital & aged care facilities.

Perhaps its most notable feature is the rail road track running down the middle of the main street – 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.

## Mt Wycheproof

The word Wycheproof means 'reed growing on a hill' and the town is home to the smallest registered mountain in the world, Mt. Wycheproof rising 43m above the surrounding plain. Walk or drive to the top of the mountain and enjoy our shaded picnic area with all abilities toilets and a stunning view of the region.

## Today on Broadway

The distinctive architecture on Broadway includes the 1938 Art Deco hall and offices that are the administration centre for Buloke Shire Council.

cil and shopfronts with pressed metal facades and Art Deco tiling. As you stroll down Broadway, take a moment to sit in the sun and enjoy a yarn with friendly local identities.

There is a great range of businesses including a bakery, two coffee shops, cafe & take-away food, grocery, gift shops, pharmacy, hardware, newsagency, art and crafts, Op Shop, Mens Shed, electrical & homewares, banks, ATM, sculpture gallery, hotels and motel.

For internet, book exchange and classes call at the Wycheproof Community Resource Centre.

## Take a break in Wycheproof

If you have a short time, take a break from your

trip. Enjoy a leisurely picnic or barbecue under shade trees in Centenary Park . Enjoy a picnic or barbecue on the summit of Mt Wycheproof and take in the fabulous views.

If you have longer, in summer, cool off in the iconic swimming pool or roll a few bowls at the Wycheproof Lawn Bowling Club, or serve up a game at the Wycheproof Lawn Tennis Club.

In any season wander through Willandra Museum or call ahead for your chance to see the Wycheproof Community Museum in the historic school on Mount Street. Follow the walking track around the Mount or grab a book or magazine and relax under a shady tree to while away an afternoon.



## Festivals & Events

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|--------------------------|---|
| <b>January:</b>          | Bowls Tournament  |
| <b>February:</b>         | Great Grain Festival & Music on the Mount               |
| <b>March:</b>            | Wycheproof Tennis Tournament on the Labour Day weekend. |
| <b>April-September:</b>  | Wycheproof-Narraport Football, Netball & Hockey fixture |
| <b>September:</b>        | Wycheproof Golf Tournament                              |
| <b>October:</b>          | Wycheproof A&P Society Agricultural Show.               |
| <b>October/November:</b> | Mt Wycheproof Cup: A family, picnic race day.           |

*See [www.wycheproof.vic.au](http://www.wycheproof.vic.au) for a full calendar of events*



## Mount Wycheproof Motor Inn

360 Broadway, Wycheproof  
 P: 03 54937224 E: bisore@bigpond.com  
 W: 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!



## Terminus Hotel

250 Broadway Wycheproof  
 P: 5493 7429 E: terminus-hotel1@live.com.au

**Monday to Thursday 12pm till Late**  
**Friday 12pm till 1am**  
**Saturday 11am till 1am**  
**Sunday 12pm till 11pm**

The Terminus Hotel is everything you could want in a country pub. There's cold beer and a wide range of wines and spirits. There's a relaxed atmosphere and friendly staff and locals for a chat, directions, or ideas on what to see next. And then there's good old-fashioned country pub meals, with generous servings of all your family favourites.

The Terminus also offers budget accommodation for those needing an overnight stay, with en suite bathrooms, TV and airconditioning in all rooms. Open for lunch and dinner 7 days.





**Phone:** 03 5493 7455

**Email:** mwrcrc@bigpond.net.au

**Hours:**

Mon to Thurs: 9am to 5pm

Friday: 6am to 5pm

*Adult & Community Education, Neighbourhood House Activities, Centrelink Access Point, VicRoads Agency, Op Shop, Men's Shed, Art & Craft Co-Op, Playgroup, Patchwork Group, Cancer Support Group, grant writing, resume writing, photocopying/faxing and other secretarial services.*



*Computer and internet access, book exchange, room hire, health and wellbeing, community kitchen, social activities, events and general interest groups.*

**Contact/enquiries for:**

Wycheproof Cemetery Trust, Wycheproof sub-branch RSL.





# Royal Mail Hotel

340 Broadway Wycheproof  
5493 7401

**Monday to Friday 7am till Late**  
**Saturday & Sunday 8:30am till Late**

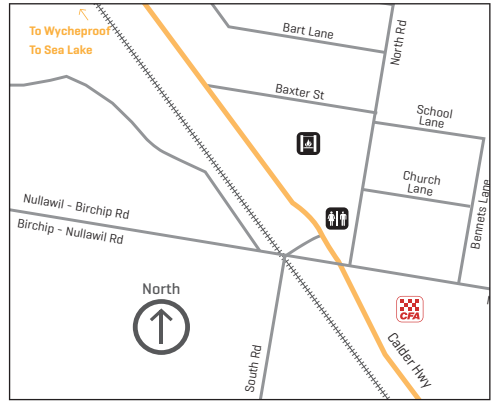
Located in the heart of Wycheproof, The Royal Mail is the perfect spot for a long luxurious lunch or a special family dinner. The hotel has a fantastic atmosphere and features an elegant lounge, cafe and dining room as well as a tranquil beer garden. Accommodation is also available in the historic hotel.

The bar has a pool table, a wide selection of beer, wine and spirits, and friendly locals who're happy to let you know all about their town. The hotel also features a Bottle Mart for visitors looking for a nice bottle of wine for a gift or a relaxing evening back at their camp site or motel.

The Royal Mail Hotel offers high quality, great value meals throughout the day. They are open for breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week. The hotel cafe is always there for a perfect pick me up for weary travellers, with coffee, sandwiches, cakes and snacks for the road.

Stop in today and enjoy all the Royal Mail has to offer.

# Nullawil



array of native Mallee and Wimmera fauna and flora.

Arrange a visit to ‘Auchmore,’ a historic homestead museum housing all the necessities used by the early pioneers of the district. Auchmore museum is an original farm homestead fitted out in period design as well as many out buildings from the era. The museum proudly preserves the history of Nullawil and district for future generations to enjoy. Access by appointment only.

Several annual events take place within the town. The “Five-a-Side” Cricket Tournament is held on the second weekend of February. This provides a great day out not only for cricket enthusiasts, but for families or simply those up for a bit of outdoor fun with light hearted commentary and musical entertainment.



*Nullawil Iron Man*

Nullawil is a small, welcoming town of the Southern Mallee, with a population of around 230 people. It is a pleasant resting stop with friendly locals, a charming general store, two peaceful parks, public facilities and petrol at Nullawil Motors.

O’Brien Park at the centre of the town is home to Nullawil’s famous sculptural creation *The Iron Man*.

There are many great nature sites in the region, including Tyrrell Creek, Chalk Tank Reserve and Uttiwillock Reserve, providing habitat for an



# Culgoa



*Culgoa Park*

A stone's throw off the Calder Highway, you'll find the charming country town of Culgoa nestled amongst the Tyrrell Creek bushland.

The Culgoa Soldiers Memorial and Children's Playground provides a shady setting to relax while the children play on a wide-range of play equipment. A coin operated BBQ is also available for use at this site. You can also enjoy a whimsical stroll through Culgoa's famous scarecrow garden – and maybe buy a new gardening mate to share the rest of your road trip.

At the heart of Culgoa is the Community Store, a not for profit community co-op managed by a board and run by the community. Open seven days, the mixed business has all the essentials for locals and travellers alike. Fuel and mechanical repairs are available at the local garage.

Remnants of the original dognetting fence are a few kilometres south of town, marked with a historical monument.

Culgoa's recreation facilities include lawn bowls, tennis courts, and their nine hole golf course, with its unique gravel putting green.



## Nullawil General Store & Post Office

**Monday to Friday: 7.30am to 6.30pm**  
**Saturday & Sunday: 8.30 to 12.30 weekends**

The Nullawil General Store is open seven days a week for excellent coffee, take-away food, newspapers, and groceries.

Other services include fishing licences and City Link passes. Grab a coffee and enjoy a break in one of Nullawil's lovely parks.



## Culgoa Scarecrows Etcetera

**47 -51 Main St Culgoa**  
**Sue on 0431 477 855 Wendy on 0418 534 954**

**Open Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00am to 4:00pm or by appointment**

Take a wander through our wide range of indoor and outdoor giftware, ornaments and décor. Our famous, hard working scarecrows can be dangled or stood upright to deter both birds and rabbits. Plus we have a huge wardrobe of extra clothing to personalise your new garden pal.



## Culgoa Community Store

**6 Main St Culgoa**  
**P: 5077 2211 E: [culgoastore@bigpond.com](mailto:culgoastore@bigpond.com)**

**Mon to Fri: 8:30am to 5pm Sat & Sun: 8:30am to 12pm**

The Culgoa Community Store supplies a wide range of groceries, fresh fruit and vegetables, coffee, cold drinks, lollies, ice creams and dine-in or take-away meals. If you're coming through with a coach or a convoy, large groups can be catered for with notice. The Community Store also serves as a newsagency, post office, gift shop and op shop for treasure hunters.



## Kaneira Hotel

**24 Main St Culgoa**  
**P: 5077 2330**

**Monday to Friday: 4pm to 11pm**  
**Saturday: 12pm to 11pm Closed Sundays**

Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere in our Bistro and enjoy the best country pub meals in the Mallee. We also have 8 rooms accommodation with a/c & t.v. Free camp out back with plenty of room for caravans and motor homes. Come to Culgoa where its always nice to meet nice people.



# Berriwillock

[www.berriwillock.vic.au](http://www.berriwillock.vic.au)



*Berriwillock wheat silos*

Berriwillock is situated approximately half way between Bendigo and Mildura on the Calder Highway, and 70 km West of 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.

Tynon 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 Golden Crown Hotel, a general store, 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)*

## Golden Crown Hotel

55 Taverner St, Berriwillock, Victoria, 3531  
Phone: (03) 5079 2211

**Open Sunday to Thursday 4pm to 9.30pm  
Friday and Saturday 4pm to 11pm**

Restaurant quality meals at country prices! Meals, Pizza, takeaways always available during opening hours.

Free camping available for people over 18. Free shower for truckies, travellers and campers. Right opposite the park and swimming pool.



# Sea Lake

www.sealake.vic.au



	Aerodrome		Court House		RV Dump Point
	Ambulance		Fire Station		Telephone
	BBQ		Hospital		Toilets
	Camping		Police Station		



*Competitor in the Sea Lake Mallee Rally*

# Sea Lake

Sea Lake is an ideal base to explore the unique environment of the Mallee; a short day trip to Wyperfeld National Park, Murray Sunset National Park, Hattah-Kulkyne National Park, and the Murray River region. Sea Lake has a variety of sporting facilities including an 18 hole golf course, lawn bowls, sporting complex with a football oval, tennis and netball courts, if you are interested in getting active closer to town. There is a great sense of community spirit and pride with lots of active community groups. Stop and stay in Sea Lake, and explore the many treasures of our Mallee heartland.

## Lake Tyrrell

Only 5 km north of Sea Lake just off the Calder Highway is a viewing platform overlooking Lake Tyrrell, the largest salt lake in Victoria. The salt is mined every year by Cheetham Salt, which is one of the largest employers in the district. The salt is harvested and processed for culinary and industrial use.

The Mallee Rally is held every year at Lake Tyrrell, with rally cars completing four laps of the 120km track. [www.sealake.vic.au/events/sea-lake-mallee-rally](http://www.sealake.vic.au/events/sea-lake-mallee-rally)

Lake Tyrrell is an important Aboriginal heritage site with the local Boorong tribe using the lake in their astronomy. The viewing platform is used for looking at the stars at night and every 2 years is host to the Star Party which sees astronomers from around Australia coming to star gaze under our big sky. [www.sealake.vic.au/events/starparty](http://www.sealake.vic.au/events/starparty)

## Green Lake Nature Reserve

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

Green Lake hosts the Maitreya Festival each year on the March long weekend where thousands



*Viewing platform, Lake Tyrrell (Salt Lake)*

of music enthusiasts come to enjoy this world famous arts festival. [www.maitreyafestival.com](http://www.maitreyafestival.com)

## Shopping

Sea Lake has great shopping for a small town with a supermarket, hardware store, chemist, post office, banks, newsagent and plenty of gift shops to spend hours looking through for that something special for the one you love.

Spend some time browsing through the Book Exchange for that book you have been looking for or check out the huge range at the Op Shop with its variety of second hand goods.

Sea Lake is an ideal place to stop for a while and have a cuppa and something to eat, while having a chat and taking in some fresh country air at one of our cafés.

Wander through Kaktus Kazza's nursery and discover the hundreds of stunning, drought tolerant

plants in her collection – all available for purchase.

Sea Lake also has the only fuel between Wychebrook and Ouyen on the Calder Highway.

## Travellers Rest and Caravan Park

Sea Lake Travellers Rest is on the highway and is a fabulous facility which has toilets, showers, 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.

The caravan park which is RV friendly has powered and unpowered sites under the gum trees, with plenty of shade. Well off the road for peace and quiet at night for sleeping, but just a short stroll to the town's shops, hotels and cafés. The oval near the Travellers Rest hosts monthly markets, drawing stall holders and crowds from across the Mallee.





## Farmyard Flowers

61 Best Street Sea Lake

P: 5070 1066 E: [farmyardflowers@hotmail.com](mailto:farmyardflowers@hotmail.com)

**Monday to Friday: 9am to 5pm**

**Saturday: 9am to 12pm Closed Sundays**

Come and browse our large range of flowers, gifts and hand crafts. We have flowers for all occasions, specialising in bridal bouquets and weddings. You're sure to find a bit of country style to take home amongst our shabby chic homewares and décor.



## Kaktus Kazza Nursery

50 Hannon Street Sea Lake

P: 0427 702 273

**Monday: By Appointment Tuesday to Friday: 9am to 5:30pm**

**Saturday & Sunday: 10am to 4pm**

Free Entry. Wander through Karen's cactus garden, sit and relax with a cuppa and cake, while admiring the garden of over 600 different drought tolerant plants. Karen started her garden in the 2007 drought and opened it to the public in 2008. Group booking welcome 7 days a week.



## Royal Hotel Sea Lake

74 Best Street Sea Lake

P: 5070 1050

E: [theroyalhotelsealake.com.au](mailto:theroyalhotelsealake.com.au)

**Open every day Monday to Sunday, 12:00noon to 10:00pm**

Located in the heart of the Mallee at Sea Lake, The Royal Hotel (The Top Pub) is a friendly family hotel – a great place for a cold beer and relaxed country hospitality.

We can provide you with meals, ice, cold drinks and clean, comfortable, affordable accommodation. We have a public bar with open fire, television and pool table. Friday night is our Pool Competition and Happy Hour.

Our dining room offers a seasonal menu (with plenty of family favourites on permanent rotation) and we offer \$10 Pensioner Lunches on Fridays. Dinner is served between 6pm and 8pm daily.





## Sea Lake Hotel

**130 Best Street Sea Lake**

**P: 5070 1167 E: sealakehotel@gmail.com**

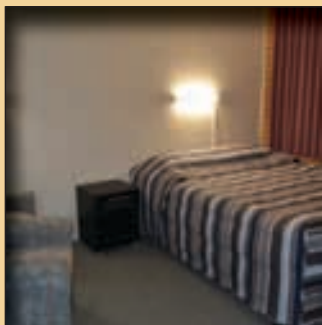
**Monday to Saturday: 11am to 1am**

**Sunday: 11am to 11pm**

The Sea Lake Hotel (The Bottom Pub) is open for lunch and dinner seven days. Come visit and enjoy a good old fashioned pub meal in our charming dining room with its landscape murals. Group bookings welcome.

As well as meals, you'll find all you'd hope for in a country pub – friendly staff and locals, a well stocked bar, and good old fashioned hotel accommodation for those after a room for the night.

The hotel is the perfect spot for your next celebration, offering private functions and catering services – contact Julie by phone or email for more information.



## Thisle Do Me Motel

**Calder Highway Sea Lake**

**P: 5070 1252 E: thisledomemotel@bigpond.com**

**Office open 7:30am to 9pm 7 days**

Features 16 clean, comfortable units, each with en suite bathroom, TV, desk, and air conditioning. Meals can be enjoyed in the dining room, and breakfast can be served to your room. And with a pool for a relaxing dip, what more could you ask for?



## Nandaly Hotel Motel

**P: 5078 1220**

**Monday to Friday: 4pm to 11pm Saturday: 10am to 11pm**

**Sunday: Closed Meals Friday and Saturday Evenings**

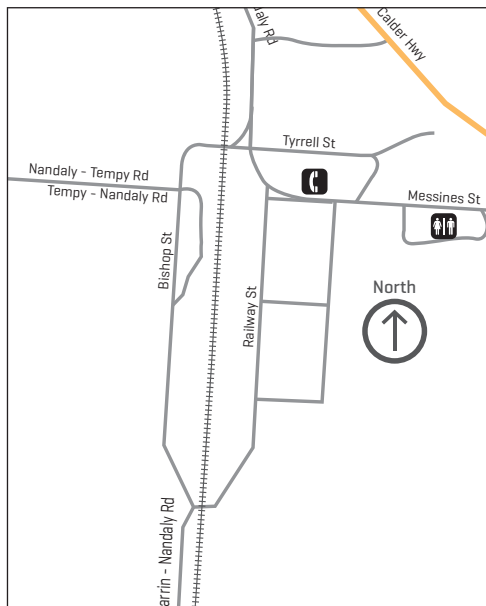
Those in the know travel from near and far to enjoy pub classics and authentic dishes from a wide range of Asian cuisines. Be sure to make the stop on your trip up the Calder and see for yourself! Affordable accommodation also available.

# Nandaly

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 Tyrell. 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 Tyrell from the viewing platform 5km north of Sea Lake.



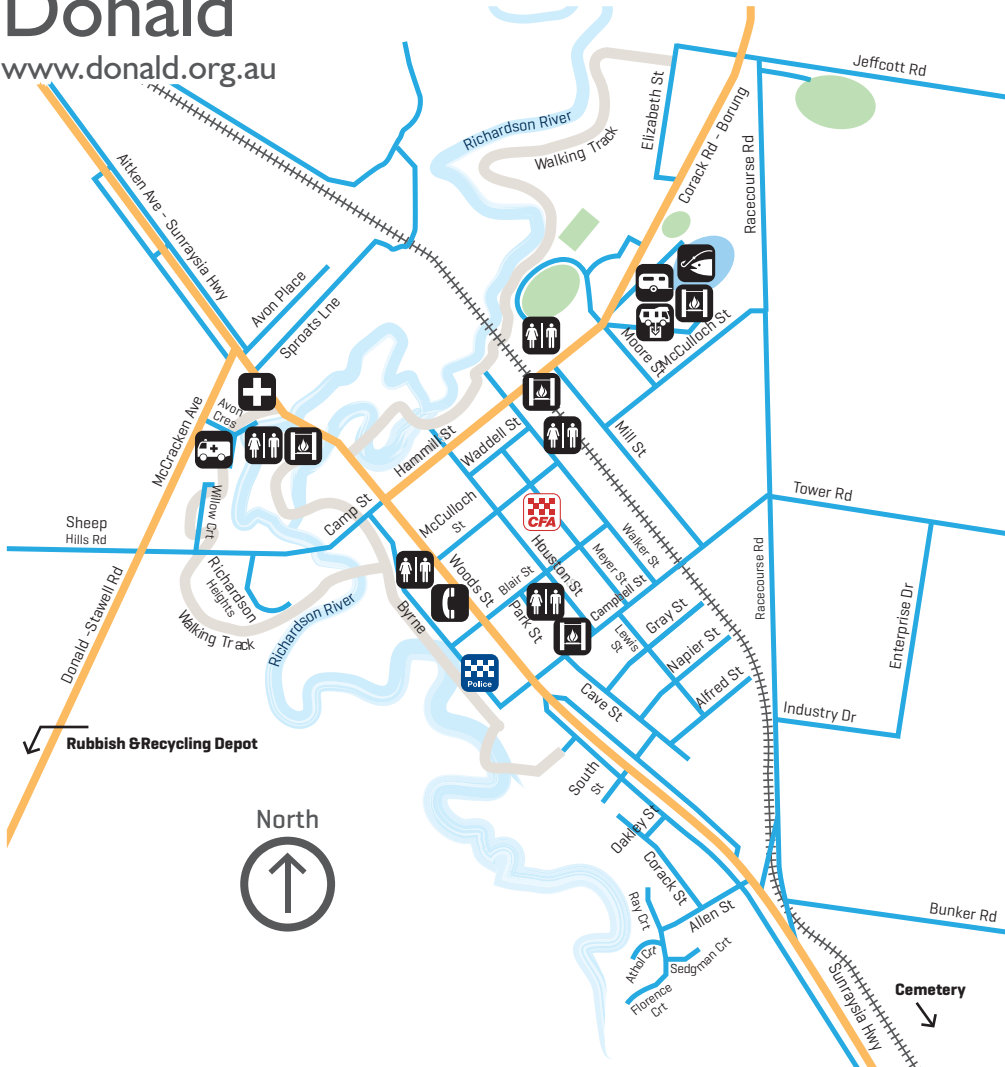
Nandaly is the northernmost township in the Buloke shire, and exemplifies the small frontier settlements of the Mallee. Edward John Eyre



*Pioneer farming relics*

# Donald

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Aerodrome



SES



Telephone



BBQ



Hospital



Toilets



Camping



Police Station



Fire Station



RV Dump Point





# Donald

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 wide 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 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 tranquillity 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.



*Bullock's head*

## 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.

## 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.

## Court House Museum and Donald Archives

Woods Street, next to the Post Office. For admission phone 5497 2287. Open when sign is out.

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 are one of the best collections of local written records in Victoria, 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.

## Donald Cemetery

Donald has a well maintained cemetery that shows the European 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 – for information phone 0428 971 310

## The Historic Police Camp

Woods Street. The first police station in the



View from Mt Jeffcott

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.

For free guided tour phone:  
54971442 or 0428 971 310

## 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. *View from footpath or obtain key from the Men's Shed at the Recreation Reserve.*

### Events

- March:** Field and Game  
Poacher's Weekend  
Labour Day Tennis  
Tournament
- March & Sept:** Donald Market held first  
Sunday of March & Sept.
- August:** Donald Art Show
- October:** Donald Annual Show
- November:** Races featuring the  
Donald Cup
- December:** Carols in the Park

**Visit [www.donald.org.au](http://www.donald.org.au) to find out what's on when you're in town.**



## Mt Jeffcott Hotel

69 Woods Street Donald  
P: 5497 1011

**Mon to Fri: 11am to 1am Sat: 10am to 1am Sun: 12pm to 8pm**

The first hotel in Donald, providing country hospitality since 1863. Enjoy a cold drink in our bar with full TAB facilities or our undercover beer garden. Meals are served six days a week (lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner Saturdays) with friendly, courteous service in a great atmosphere. Private functions catered for.



# GOODWIN VILLAGE, DONALD

Independent Living Units, Residential, and Community Care

**29 independent living units, both one and two bedrooms. New units being built.**

## Unit features include:

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- Only 400 metres walk from main street shopping.
- Living area fronting north.
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- Community Care, providing a full range of care, in people's own home. Including Meals on Wheels, Home and Community Care, Community Aged Care Packages, EACH Packages, Post Acute Care, 'In Home' respite.

## Contact Executive Officer, Anthony Hogan,

22 Camp Street, Donald (P.O. Box 196) Ph: (03) 5497 1304 Mob: 0408 971 304 Fax: (03)5497 1769  
Email: ahogan@goodwinagedcare.org.au After Hours: A. Hogan (03) 5497 1971





## Donald House & Hardware

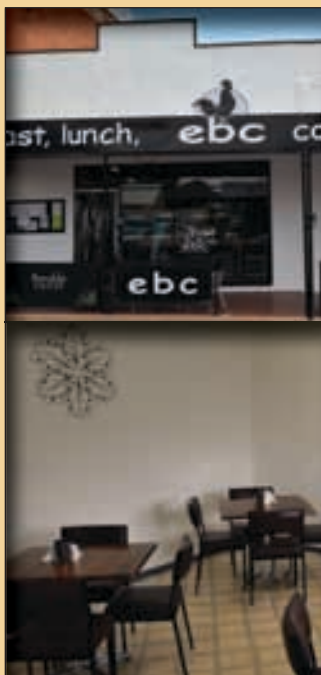
77 Woods Street Donald  
P: 5497 1402

**Mon to Fri: 8:30 to 5:30 Sat: 9am to 12pm Closed Sundays**

Come visit the largest giftware store in Buloke with over 120 square metres of beautiful displays of the latest contemporary furnishings. Expert decorators Leanne and Yvonne can help you find the perfect décor for your home, and as trained Haymes Paint specialists with over 20 years experience, they can help you reinvent your home from top to bottom.



**Country Australia's regional radio station. Broadcasting from the Watchem tower 24 hours a day on 97.7FM.**  
[www.flowfm.com.au](http://www.flowfm.com.au) For local radio advertising call 5497 2294. Adult Contemporary Music (with some popular Country & Gospel), Local & National News, Sport and Weather, and other local content.



## The Early Bird Cafe

40-42 Woods Street Donald  
P: 5497 1158

**Monday to Friday: 6am to 4:30pm**

**Saturday & Sunday: 7am to 3pm**

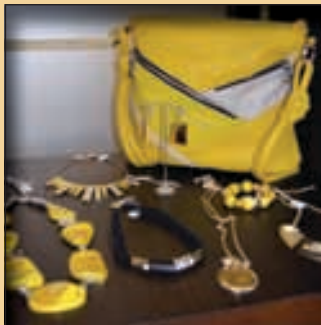
**Public Holidays 8am to 3pm**

**(Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and Easter Sunday)**

Open bright and early 7 days a week, the Early Bird Cafe is the perfect spot for breakfast, whether it's a quick takeaway to let you hit the road, or a long luxurious brunch before a day on the lakes.

The freshest quality ingredients are used in all breakfasts, lunches and snacks. Catering for external functions is also available.

Proudly serving fresh roasted Beraldo Coffee, there's no better spot for your caffeine fix. Drop in today for fast friendly service.



## Bev's Baubles

81 Woods Street Donald

P: 5497 2263 M: 0409 024 679 W: [www.bevsbaublesjewellery.com.au](http://www.bevsbaublesjewellery.com.au)

**Mon to Fri: 9am to 5:30pm Sat: 9am to 12pm Sunday: Closed**  
**Call the mobile for out of hours visits.**

A treasure trove of women's clothing, jewellery & accessories. Plus-size specialist. Bev's Baubles has everything you need for your perfect outfit, from scarves to shoes & everything in between. Bev can also help with fund-raising through fashion parades & party plans for her gorgeous jewellery.



## Bullocks Head Apartments

1 Blair Street Donald

P: 54971402 M: 0419 524 226 E: [dhh@gjr.net.au](mailto:dhh@gjr.net.au)

Located in Donald's original Power Station these converted warehouse apartments have been tastefully furnished and are fully self contained. Featuring modern open plan living / kitchen area, reverse cycle heating and cooling, laundry, and two bedrooms. Centrally located one block from the main street overlooking the Richardson River and the famous "Bullock's Head" attraction. Visit [www.onley.net.au/bullockshead](http://www.onley.net.au/bullockshead)



## Pegasus Park Equine Stud

165 Morgans Road Donald

P: 0417 116 732

E: [PegasusParkES17@y7mail.com](mailto:PegasusParkES17@y7mail.com)

**Open most days – phone appointments appreciated**

Horse lovers of all ages will thoroughly enjoy a visit to Pegasus Park.

Breeder and trainer Cathy Stephens has an incredible variety of big and small horses, ponies, donkeys and mules.

Cathy strives to accommodate all riders preferences in horses from children to adults, and companion animals for non-riders.

Miniature horses and donkeys in particular make wonderful, loyal family pets, often living 25 years or more. Come and visit today!



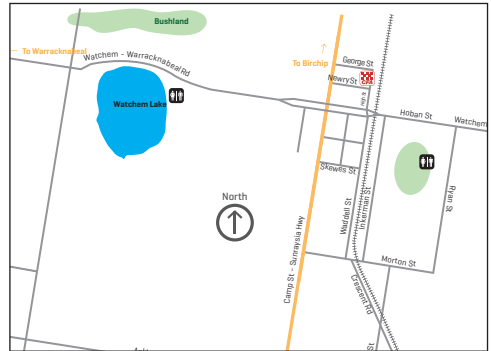


*Water skiing*

Watchem is a picturesque little town located on the Sunraysia Highway, 317 kilometres north-west of Melbourne. Watchem has a population of about 200, and is served by an old fashioned general store serving fast food, refreshments and antiques.

It also has caravan and camping facilities at

# Watchem



Watchem Lake just outside the town centre. Watchem Lake is a popular spot for a wide range of water sports. It's particularly good for water-skiing as its central island helps brake waves from speed boats.



## Bullocks Head Tavern

108 Woods Street Donald P: 5497 1371  
[info@bullockshead.com.au](mailto:info@bullockshead.com.au) [www.bullockshead.com.au](http://www.bullockshead.com.au)











**Monday & Tuesday: Closed (available for functions)**  
**Wednesday to Saturday 12:00noon till Late**  
**Sunday: 8:00am to afternoon**  
**7 days a week open for accommodation**

Come down and see the newly renovated Bullocks Head Tavern! Meet owners Mathew, Saskia and Chayse as they welcome you to this beautiful old pub. This amazing building has been given the facelift she deserves and the Musarri family are proud to share her 'new look' with you. Our 13 guest rooms have been fully renovated, with luxurious new bathrooms, flat screen TVs, heating & cooling and mini-bar. The Bullocks Head Tavern is a unique family run hotel offering deluxe accommodation, fresh homemade meals and a lively atmosphere where you can enjoy a beer or two. Book a table at the restaurant online for some home cooking with a European influence. The tavern now includes a great kids area. Meals are available any time from our all day menu and there are pizzas cooked in house that will blow your taste buds away. Function bookings are welcomed with a lavish VIP room or function room all newly decorated and ready to go.

# Birchip

[www.birchip.vic.au](http://www.birchip.vic.au)



	Aerodrome		SES		Telephone
	BBQ		Hospital		Toilets
	Camping		Police Station		
	Fire Station		RV Dump Point		





*Evening at Tchum Lake*

# Birchip

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.



*'Big Red' - the Mallee Bull*



*Quarterhorse races*

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.

## 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



## Events

Birchip hold a number of events each year that bring people from far and wide, including the popular Quarterhorse Races and the Mallee Root Roundup B&S Ball.

- March:** Quarterhorse Races - 3rd Saturday in March
- Easter:** Flatter than the Flatlands Hang-gliding Competition
- July:** Birchip Cropping Group Expo  
Annual Golf Tournament
- October:** Annual Flower Show  
Mallee Root Roundup B&S Ball
- December:** Tchum Lake New Years Eve Party and Fireworks

**Visit [www.birchip.vic.au](http://www.birchip.vic.au) for more information and to find out what's on.**



## Sharp's Bakery

47 Cumming Avenue Birchip  
P: 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 and 2012, and gold medal winners in the Great Aussie Pie Comp.

Come and see what left the judges smiling!



## Bourke's Butchers

33 Cumming Avenue Birchip P: 5492 2498

49 High Street Charlton P: 5491 1785

E: [bourkesbutchers@gmail.com](mailto:bourkesbutchers@gmail.com)

**Monday to Friday: 7am to 6pm**

**Saturday: 7am to 12pm**

**Sunday: Closed**

Bourke's family owned and operated butcher brings you quality local produce from paddock to plate.

Our two locations, in Birchip and Charlton, supply a great range of fresh lamb, beef, chicken, pork, award winning sausages, small goods and other speciality items. We have a fantastic selection of bulk packs with great variety and pricing to suit every budget.

We pride ourselves on the very best produce, service and know how – stop by today for a good old-fashioned country butcher at its best.



## Birchip Post Office & Bowen's Sports Store

79 Cumming Avenue Birchip  
P: 5492 2546

**Monday to Thursday: 8am to 5pm Friday: 8am to 6pm**  
**Closed weekends (Open 9 to 12 Saturday during the festive season)**

The Birchip Post Office provides all regular Australia Post services and bill paying facilities 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.



## The Chip Cafe

65-67 Cumming Avenue Birchip  
P: 5492 2258

**Monday: Closed (except public holidays)**  
**Tuesday to Sunday 8am to 8pm**

Open six days a week for breakfast, lunch, dinner and great coffee. Select from our fantastic dine-in breakfast and lunch menus, our weekday lunch specials, or our extensive take-away menu. Pizza is served Wednesday to Sunday nights, with Gourmet Pizza Night each Wednesday.



## Birchip Pharmacy

49-51 Cumming Avenue Birchip  
P: 5492 2420  
E: [birchip@pharmacyalliance.net](mailto:birchip@pharmacyalliance.net)

**9am to 5:30pm Monday to Friday**  
**9am to 12:00 noon Saturday**

The Birchip Community Pharmacy serves locals and visitors 7 days a week, and is more than just a pharmacy.

As well as prescriptions and over the counter medications, you'll find a vast array of gifts, skin and hair care products, cosmetics and beauty services. You'll also find the Bendigo Bank agency inside to cover all your banking needs.

With friendly, personalised service, the Birchip Community Pharmacy looks forward to assisting you today.





# Commercial Hotel

109 Cumming Avenue Birchip

Ph: 5492 2413

**Monday to Thursday:**

**11am to 11pm**

**Friday: 11am to 1am**

**Saturday: 10am to 1am**

**Sunday: 12pm to 11pm**

Join us at the Commercial Hotel for delicious counter meals and friendly country atmosphere seven days a week!

Select from the extensive range in our drive through bottle shop, or enjoy a drink and a game of pool in our vibrant sports bar. Full TAB facilities on site.

Accommodation is available for short or long stays.

You'll find us at the top of town, opposite the bowling green.

# Tourist Trails

## Where is Buloke?



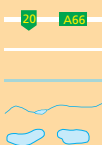
Highway; National and State routes

Road, sealed

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River or creek

Lake



Op Shop Trail

Coffee Trail

Cemetery Trail

Museum Trail





# Camping, Caravanning & 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
- **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.

## 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, in-



cluding 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-faced chats, and an inland gullery.

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

## Lake Wooroonook



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



# Buloke Caravan & Camping sites:

## Donald:

Foletti Caravan Park by the Lake,  
2 Corack Road Ph: (03) 5497 1764

## Birchip:

Birchip Motel & Caravan Park,  
44 Campbell Street. Ph: (03) 5492 2566

## Charlton:

Travellers Rest En-suite Caravan Park,  
Calder Highway. Ph: (03) 5491 1613  
Gordon Park, Calder Highway, Ph: (03) 5491 1477

## Wycheproof:

Wycheproof Caravan Park,  
Calder Highway. Ph: (03) 5493 7278

## RV Friendly

*Buloke is an RV Friendly shire with the larger towns of Birchip, Charlton, Donald, Sea Lake and Wycheproof all having dump points to cater for the RV and caravanning community. Charlton and Donald are officially accredited as RV Friendly Towns and Birchip, Sea Lake and Wycheproof are in the process of gaining official RV Friendly accreditation.*

## Lake Wooroonook:

Charlton Donald Road, Ph: 0438 516 083

## Sea Lake:

Sea Lake Caravan Park,  
15 Best Street. Ph: (03) 5070 2242  
Green Lake Caravan Park,  
Sea Lake Birchip Road. Ph: (03) 5070 1068

## Tchum Lake:

Birchip Wycheproof Road, Ph: (03) 5492 2735

## Watchem:

Lake Caravan Park,  
Watchem Warracknabeal Road.  
Ph: 0408 381 293

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

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## Watchem Lake

## Tchum Lake



On the Birchip Wycheproof Road 8 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)



A small lake located 3km 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)

## 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.*

## 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)

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# SEA LAKE MALLEE RALLY



### EVENT SCHEDULE

#### FRIDAY JUNE 6TH

3pm-9pm Scrutineering  
Inc. Scrutineering, Show & Shine,  
Jumping Castle & Fireworks Display

#### SATURDAY JUNE 7TH

10.15am Prologue  
followed by The Swan Hill  
Windscreens Dash for Cash

#### SUNDAY JUNE 8TH

9.30am Race Start

## ARB 350

Round 3 Victorian Off Road Championship Round 2 ARB Off Road Racing Series

Join the Sea Lake Off Road Club in celebrating the 41st Anniversary of the MBL Sea Lake Mallee Rally ARB 350 on the Queen's Birthday Long Weekend in June. The event which is the second round of the exciting ARB Off Road Racing Series, kicks off with a family friendly scrutineering and show and shine on Friday night, before the offroaders hit the track on Saturday for the Prologue and Dash for Cash. Sunday sees the cars hit the famous track with four laps around Lake Tyrrell.

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