

OFFICIAL VISITOR GUIDE

# Loddon Valley







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# Acknowledgement of Country

Loddon Shire Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land comprising the Loddon Shire Council area. Council would like to pay respect to their Elders both past and present.



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Welcome

Step into a place where majestic trees stand tall, rivers meander through breathtaking landscapes, and the connection to history, culture, and community runs deep.



## Sanctuary of scenic splendour

**Just two hours northwest of Melbourne, the Loddon Valley is a captivating destination that blends natural beauty, rich history, and vibrant community spirit.**

Framed by dramatic granite outcrops and panoramic views, the region's rivers, lakes, and bushland create an ever-changing tapestry of landscapes. Wildflowers blanket the countryside in spring, while summer offers the perfect escape by cool waterways. No matter the season, the Loddon Valley charms visitors with its breathtaking scenery and welcoming atmosphere.

Beyond its stunning vistas, the region is alive with the warmth of its people and the enduring charm of its country towns. From community-led events to local markets, there's always something happening to celebrate the skills, culture, and passion of the locals. Visitors are invited to immerse themselves in the region's stories, whether through historic pubs that echo the Gold Rush era or the creativity expressed in local art and craft.

The Loddon Valley is a place of stunning landscapes and deep cultural significance.

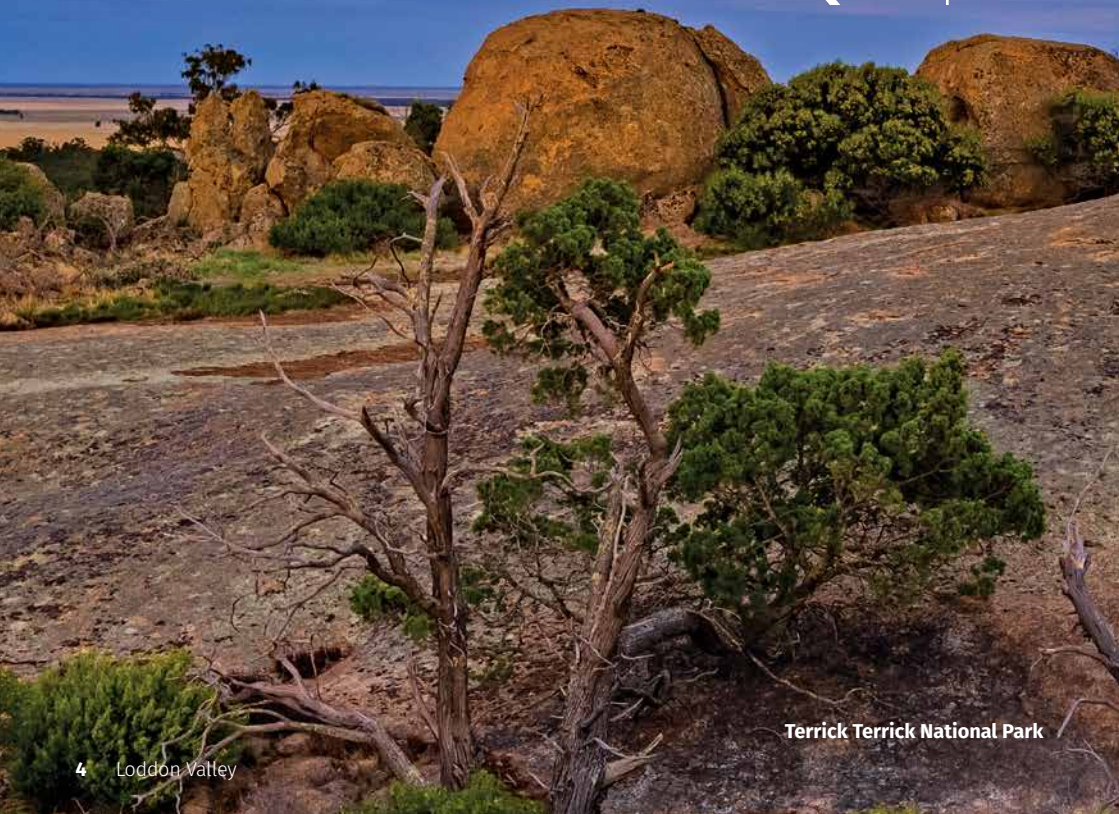
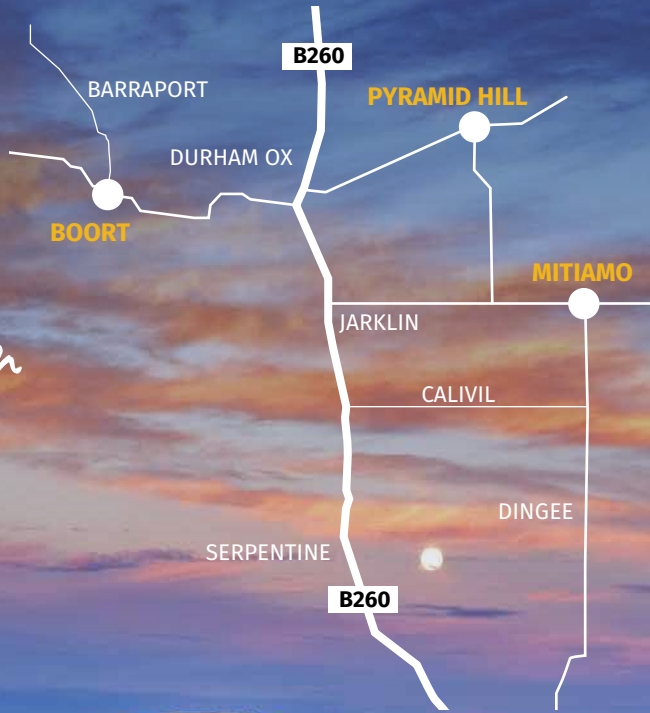
Dumawul Cultural Tours offer guided experiences, sharing the heritage, stories, and traditions of the Dja Dja Wurrung people and their profound connection to Country.

Signature landscapes, such as the winding Loddon River and tranquil Little Lake Boort, provide opportunities for water sports, fishing, and relaxed picnics. Trails through the bushland invite exploration on foot, while the region's hospitality—rooted in genuine warmth—ensures every stay feels special.



# Northern Region

Boort  
Pyramid Hill  
Mitiamo



Terrick Terrick National Park



## Nature, stars and heritage abound

**The northern region of the Loddon Valley is a rich blend of natural beauty, heritage, and community spirit.**

Anchored by the vibrant township of Boort, it is surrounded by towns that each bring their unique character to the region, including Serpentine, Dingee, Barraport, Durham Ox, Calivil, Jarklin, Mitiamo, and the iconic Pyramid Hill. Together, they create a tapestry of experiences that capture the essence of rural Victoria.

Little Lake Boort is a favourite destination for water sports, fishing, and picnics, while the town's signature events, the Boort Show and Truck Show, celebrate its deep agricultural heritage and vibrant community life. Visitors are also drawn to the Spanner Sculpture Gardens, home to over 50 sculptures crafted from thousands of spanners, and Cobram Estate, one of the world's largest olive plantations, showcasing the region's farming traditions.

Beyond Boort, the region offers diverse highlights. Mitiamo, with its proximity to Terrick Terrick National Park, invites bushwalkers

and birdwatchers to explore pristine landscapes and abundant wildlife. Pyramid Hill, with its panoramic views, agricultural legacy, and star-filled skies, embodies the beauty of rural Australia. The rustic appeal of Dingee complements these experiences, as do Barraport's welcoming spirit, and Calivil, Jarklin, and Durham Ox's authentic country life.

Together, the northern Loddon Valley's towns create a destination where history, nature, and community come together to offer an unforgettable journey into rural Victoria.





## Boort: Lakeside charm and cultural richness

**Boort is a true northern oasis, blending adventure, culture, and relaxation. At its heart lies the picturesque Little Lake Boort, a summer haven for boating, water skiing, canoeing, sailing, and fishing.**

The area's natural charm is enhanced by abundant birdlife thriving around Little Lake Boort, the culturally significant seasonal Lake Boort, and the nearby swamps rich in flora and fauna. After a day on the water, visitors can unwind with fresh coffee and regional cuisine at the town's welcoming cafés.

Steeped in First Nations heritage, Boort invites visitors to marvel at ancient scar trees and connect with culture at the Yung Balug Aboriginal Museum near Lake Boort.

In spring, Boort comes alive with the Boort Agricultural & Pastoral Society Show and Truck Show, celebrating local traditions with attractions like sheep dog trials, truck displays, fireworks, and so much more.

Art lovers are drawn to the Spanner Sculpture Gardens which feature the late John Piccoli's remarkable metal

work of more than 50 larger-than-life sculptures of horses, bulls, mermaids, and more, all crafted from thousands of farm spanners collected across Victoria and beyond.

For those seeking adventure, the Serpentine Creek canoe trail in Durham Ox, just a short drive from Boort, offers a peaceful escape for paddlers amidst serene natural surroundings. Meanwhile, nature enthusiasts can explore The Granites Scenic Reserve at Mount Egbert and Leaghur State Park, perfect for hiking and wildlife spotting.







## Godfrey & Bear Café

**116 Godfrey St, Boort • 03 5455 2191 •**   
**Open: 7am-2pm Monday-Friday**  
**8am-12pm Saturday (Oct-Apr) • Closed Saturday (May-Sep)**

This local food destination is a place for friends, family and coffee lovers to meet, relax and unwind. We serve delicious Honeybird coffee, wholesome cooked breakfast dishes and lunches, along with cakes, slices and other tempting treats. Godfrey & Bear also offer a selection of provedore items and giftware.

"We love to make coffee for the town that loves to drink it."



## NAB&B – Luxury Self Contained Accommodation

**100 Godfrey Street, Boort • 0409 765 271 • [bookings@nabandb.com.au](mailto:bookings@nabandb.com.au)**  
**[nabandb.com.au](http://nabandb.com.au) •**

NAB&B is luxurious fully self contained accommodation in the historical National Bank building in Boort, Northern Victoria. We've kept the old school charm of the building with pressed tin ceilings and exposed brick and combined it with modern luxury. Situated in the main street within walking distance to Little Lake Boort, shops, pubs, cafés and sporting clubs. NAB&B sleeps eight over three bedrooms, bedroom one with a king bed, bedroom two a queen bed and bedroom three with two single bunks. A fully equipped kitchen with coffee machine, spacious lounge and dining room and full bathroom and laundry.



## Yung Balug Keeping Place

**3645 Boort Pyramid Road, Boort • 0417 333 171**  
**[paulcathiehaw@gmail.com](mailto:paulcathiehaw@gmail.com) • [yungbalugmuseum.com.au](http://yungbalugmuseum.com.au)**  
**By appointment only**

The Yung Balug Keeping Place is a unique place to study Aboriginal history and the local environment. Displaying a very large collection of Yung Balug Clan artifacts handed over mainly by retired farmers.

The Keeping Place also now exhibits some of the oldest photos of Aborigines living on the creek that flows into Lake Boort. These photos were taken in the 1850s by John Hunter Kerr.



Sculpture walk – Little Lake Boort

# Top 8

## must do's in the NORTHERN REGION

There's so much to see and do across the northern region of the Loddon Valley.



1

Visit the Spinner Sculpture Gardens in Barraport and marvel at impressive sculptures created from an endless supply of spinners.



2

Explore Serpentine Creek or the lakes of Boort via canoe or kayak. Hire is available on Little Lake Boort.



3

Learn more of the rich first nation's history of the region at the Yung Balug Aboriginal Artefacts Museum in Boort.



4

Enjoy a picnic of local produce on the banks of Little Lake Boort, Serpentine Creek or within a state park.



5

Spend an evening stargazing into some of the clearest night skies in Victoria at Mount Hope or Pyramid Hill.



6

Climb 'The Hill' at Pyramid Hill for a panoramic view of the plains and natural beauty of the region.



7

Visit the Pyramid Hill Museum to explore the town's history, heritage and connection to Major Mitchell.



8

Start from Mitiamo and discover Terrick Terrick National Park, a haven for birdlife and home to the elusive Plains-wanderer.



# BOORT LAKES *Holiday Park*

## Holiday Apartments



2 Bedroom  
1 Bedroom  
(Min 2-night booking)

## Holiday Park



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## THE RAILWAY HOTEL

**A fine pub with 100 years of trading – supplying you with friendly service, cold beer, spirits & wine, great meals, restaurant, accommodation & bottle shop.**

- Make your way to the Railway, check out the menu & the five kinds of cold beer on tap.
- Bar trading 7 days.
- Dinner 7 days, lunch on Friday with extra days & sittings during holiday periods.
- Have a chat to the team at The Railway Hotel who are only too happy to help.

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Boort Lakes





**SPANNER MAN**

Sculpture Garden



**Stroll through the two-acre garden where many large sculptures made from old antique spanners by the late John Piccoli are displayed.**

Andrew and his wife Janet have added a family and friends Art Gallery and antique tractors and vehicles to the existing historic display which include horse drawn mallee farming implements lining both driveways. Visitors can stay on property in a farm house for up to six; bookings via airbnb "Piccoli's Place".

Parking room for caravans. Pets on leash. For large group bookings only please phone ahead. Prices \$15 adults, \$5 children.



**J** 1314 Boort Quambatook Road, Barraport 3537  
Tours by Andrew Piccoli ph: 0408 932 181 at 10:30am and 2pm Tuesday-Sunday (CLOSED MONDAY)  
No appointment necessary •



*Get twitchy*  
for birds in the  
Loddon Valley



**The Loddon Valley is becoming a must visit region for bird lovers**



**Find yourself in the birdwatching paradise we call the Loddon Valley, where Victoria's natural beauty meets a vibrant avian wonderland. Renowned for its diverse birdlife, the region's waterways, grasslands, and forests offer twitchers and birders a unique experience.**

Whether you are an avid birder or a casual observer, the diverse landscapes and abundant birdlife promises an experience like no other.

So pack your binoculars, bring along a camera, and immerse yourself in the vibrant world of birdwatching in this stunning region.



**Start your bird watching journey in the Loddon Valley here**



# Timeless Treasures Trail

This Trail highlights the region's rich history and enduring beauty, creating a captivating experience for history buffs, nature enthusiasts and those seeking a serene getaway.



## Start: Boort

Start the trail with a coffee or lunch at Godfrey & Bear or indulge in a delicious picnic beside Little Lake Boort. Explore the Yung Balug Aboriginal Artefacts Museum, featuring First Nations artefacts and historic photos.



## Explore: Pyramid Hill

Discover the unique beauty of 'The Hill', ideal for photographers, hikers and explorers alike.



## Discover: Barraport

Marvel at the unique Spanner Man's Sculpture Garden, an artistic marvel of over 50 sculptures made entirely from spanners, reflecting local creativity.



## Final stop: Dingee

A town rich in history. Explore the Dingee Railway Station, remnants of the gold rush era and enjoy a pot and parma with the locals in the classic outback dining room of the Dingee Hotel.



Scan the QR code for the digital version of this experience trail and access to many more.



**Paul Haw**  
Yung Balug Aboriginal Artefacts Museum

### Favourite place to enjoy a meal or treat?

Godfrey and Bear Café is an absolute standout when it comes to dining in the Loddon Valley. This superb café serves coffee that's as good as anything you'd find in Bendigo, paired with high-quality, reasonably priced meals. What makes it even more special is the enthusiastic team of young locals they employ, who are proud of their café and always deliver service with a smile. It's the perfect spot to enjoy a delicious meal or treat.

### Favourite destination or village?

I love visiting Tarnagulla, a town steeped in history and charm. Strolling through the streets to admire the historic churches, old shops, and the marvelous old pavilion at the local recreation reserve is always a highlight. Tarnagulla offers a fascinating glimpse into the past, and spending time exploring its heritage is always enjoyable.

### What's your favourite hidden secret or gem?

The hidden secret of the Loddon Valley has to be Boort during the warmer months. The town is surrounded by vast, lush crops that stretch as far as the eye can see. From the world's largest olive grove to large tomato plantations, corn crops, and grain fields, the agricultural abundance around Boort is truly breathtaking. It's a sight that captures the beauty and productivity of the region.





## Pyramid Hill: History meets nature under starlit skies

**Pyramid Hill and its neighbouring towns offer an enchanting mix of history, culture, and natural beauty, crowned by the region's spectacular clear night skies. The town of Pyramid Hill is named after its striking granite landmark, first sighted by Major Thomas Mitchell in 1836.**

Visitors can enjoy sweeping countryside views from the hill's summit, while the Pyramid Hill and District Historical Museum and the town's art deco architecture offer a glimpse into the past.

Nearby Kow Swamp is a place of immense cultural importance to the First Nations people. The area is also a haven for birdwatchers and anglers, with abundant birdlife and opportunities to fish for Murray Cod and Golden Perch.

Nearby Mitiamo is the gateway to Terrick Terrick National Park, inviting nature lovers to explore its scenic trails, the Davies House Ruins, and the habitat of the endangered Plains-wanderer bird. The town's landmarks, including the War Memorial and R.J. Phelan Reserve, reflect its strong community ties and history.

Mount Hope, an iconic landmark once climbed by Major Mitchell, offers sweeping views of farmland and surrounding landscape. Its picnic facilities and tranquil setting make it an ideal spot for relaxation and reflection amidst breathtaking scenery.

By night, the region transforms into a stargazer's dream, with its crystal-clear skies drawing astronomy enthusiasts from near and far.







## Pyramid Hill Bakery Cafe

16 Kelly St, Pyramid Hill • 03 5455 7035 • abivet14@yahoo.com • Open: 7 days, 8am-8pm

**Pyramid Hill Bakery Café** offers an exciting range of freshly homemade pies, sausage rolls, croissants, wraps and souvlakis, coffee, milkshakes, fish & chips, finger food with cakes, slices and tarts plus pizza nights from Thursday-Sunday. Filipino/Asian lunch dishes on most weekdays and Friday night specials.

Follow us on Facebook to be updated with specials. The Bakery is located in the centre of town close to Kelly Park with shelter, tables, chairs, children's playground and public toilets. Or take a short drive to the "Hill" and enjoy a picnic with a scenic view. A new setting to add to a new dining experience.

## Mitiamo Store

5 Joffre Street, Mitiamo • 03 5436 5209 • mitiamostore@gmail.com  
 ☎ • Open: 7 days a week to 9pm

Takeaway food, diesel, petrol, ice, groceries, gas bottles, licensed tavern and gift shop. Post office is located next door.

Whilst in Mitiamo spend time bushwalking, birdwatching, exploring or enjoying a picnic at the Terrick Terrick National Park with free camping. Wander around Mitiamo Memorial Corner, enjoy our heated pool in the summer and a hit of golf in the winter.



## The Coffee Bank

36 Kelly Street, Pyramid Hill • 03 5455 7006 • ☎  
 Open: 5am-5pm Monday-Friday, 6am-3pm Saturday-Sunday

The Coffee Bank is located in the heart of Pyramid Hill and is situated in the old National Australia Bank building, hence the name "The Coffee Bank". We have great satisfaction in our homemade pies, pasties, sausage rolls, cakes and slices. We offer exceptional customer service, best coffee, large gluten free range, indoor and outdoor dining, dog friendly and stock a large range of local produce.



## Pyramid Hill Caravan Park



Conveniently located next to the local swimming pool, and within walking distance to the centre of town, an ideal spot for that quiet relaxed holiday.

The park has an ensuite cabin, powered and unpowered grassed drive through sites with clean amenities and laundry facilities. Dump point located at the park.

If you are a CMCA member enjoy a 10% discount by staying at the Pyramid Hill Caravan Park.

Victoria Street, Pyramid Hill For inquiries call 0417 111 297

## - VICTORIA HOTEL - AT PYRAMID HILL



**THE VICTORIA HOTEL AT PYRAMID HILL WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1874 AND SINCE HAS REMAINED THE SOUL OF THE TOWN**

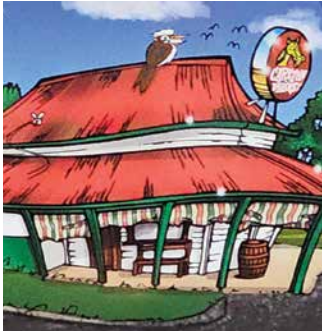
Offering great cooked meals, clean, pub style accommodation, ice cold drinks and a stocked bottle shop.

The hotel includes an inviting front bar, a comfortable lounge and billiard table, a formal dining area and a relaxing beer garden.

Take in the sights of Pyramid Hill, relax and have a good time at the **Victoria Hotel at Pyramid Hill**.

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## The Dingee Hotel

2-4 Mack Street, Dingee • 03 5437 8372 •   
 Open: 11am-11pm Thursday-Sunday

Offering dine in, outdoor seating and takeaway, we are a small family-run country pub, restaurant and tavern. Come in for a good meal, cold beer and great country charm!

## Stargazing in the Loddon Valley



# Northern Gems Trail

This Trail is a journey that weaves through the heart of the Loddon Valley's northern region, showcasing the area's rich heritage, natural beauty and tranquil rural landscapes.



### Start: Serpentine

Explore the town's heritage charm and visit the popular TJ Rudkins Reserve. Enjoy a leisurely stroll or a picnic by the creek in this quaint town.



### Discover: Boort

Known as the "Oasis of the North," Boort provides opportunities to enjoy many water-based activities, and visit cultural attractions including Yung Balug Aboriginal Museum.



### Explore: Pyramid Hill

Climb Pyramid Hill itself for breathtaking panoramic views, captivating at any time of the day. Enjoy refreshments at Pyramid Hill Bakery Cafe, the Coffee Bank or the iconic Victoria Hotel.



### Final stop: Mitiamo

End the day with a visit to the unique Mitiamo Store. With local art and souvenirs on offer, and even a secret garden and tavern at the back, it's ideal for the thirsty traveller.



Scan the QR code for the digital version of this experience trail and access to many more.



# Central Region

Wedderburn  
Inglewood  
Tarnagulla



Birds Eye Murals - Wedderburn



## Gold Rush tales and scenic trails

**Immerse yourself in the Loddon Valley's central region, where history, culture, and natural beauty converge to create a captivating escape. Once the world's richest area during the gold rush, this landscape continues to enchant visitors with its enduring connection to the past.**

At the heart of this golden region are the townships of Wedderburn, Inglewood, and Tarnagulla, each offering unique opportunities to explore and relax.

Wedderburn, a cultural hub, invites you to delve into its golden history at the Coach House Gallery Museum and Hard Hill Tourist Reserve, where stories of the past come alive. For those seeking tranquillity, the Birds Eye View Murals and Wychitella Bush Reserve offer peaceful spots for birdwatching and quiet reflection.

Inglewood's colonial-era streets and vintage collectables precinct transport visitors to another time, while the Eucalyptus Distillery Museum and Kooyoora State Park blend history and nature seamlessly.

A highlight of the area is the recently restored Nimmitabel Mansion, a Victorian-era treasure brought back to life and a testament to the region's rich heritage.

Tarnagulla maintains the charm of a goldfields town with historic buildings and mining sites. Its scenic drives, beautiful bushland, camping locations and picnic spots offer a peaceful retreat. Guided fossicking tours, popular throughout the Loddon Valley, enhance the regional experience for those interested in trying their luck.





Coach House Gallery and Museum - Wedderburn

## Wedderburn: Where history and nature thrive

**Wedderburn, rich in Gold Rush heritage, offers a range of activities and attractions that capture the spirit of the era while embracing the natural beauty of the region.**

The Coach House Gallery Museum is a must-visit, showcasing local history with a preserved general store from the gold rush era, fascinating displays of horse-drawn carts, and exhibitions highlighting the area's photographic past and creative talent.

For a more immersive experience, the Hard Hill Tourist Reserve invites visitors to camp, explore, and witness live eucalyptus stew pot demonstrations. This reserve is also home to the Minelab Wedderburn Detector Jamboree, an annual event that draws gold prospecting enthusiasts from far and wide. The surrounding parks and reserves provide excellent opportunities for modern-day prospectors to try their luck in search of gold.


Nature lovers will enjoy Birds Eye View Murals, a tribute to the region's rich birdlife, and Mount Korong, a tranquil hiking destination offering stunning views of the countryside. For a more relaxed outing, Soldiers Memorial Park provides a perfect spot for a picnic or a quiet recharge amidst its peaceful surroundings.

Wedderburn's food scene includes regional fare and wine at the Wedderburn Hotel, which boasts a welcoming beer garden. The town also offers the gold rush themed 24 Karat Café and other convenient takeaway options for those on the go.





## 24 Karat Café

**76 High St, Wedderburn • 0477 895 693 • **  
**Open: 7am-5pm Monday-Friday • 8am-4pm weekends and public holidays**

The 24 Karat Café is a locally owned and operated café operating 7 days a week, 364 days a year - only closing for Christmas Day! Serving homemade pies, sausage rolls and sweet treats, 24 Karat Café has an all day breakfast menu, with a variety of meal options and hot and ice cold drinks - the 24 Karat Café has something for everyone! With both indoor and outdoor seating options, pet friendly and children's play area available, the 24 Karat Café caters to everyone! So the next time you're in Wedderburn, why not drop in, and remember, 24 Karat Café - best coffee on the Calder!

Conveniently located in the heart of Wedderburn, our cozy cottage offers the perfect getaway.

## COTTAGE ON HIGH Wedderburn

Enjoy being walking distance to the local hotel, butcher, supermarket, park & more.



Whether you're here to explore the historic goldfields, enjoy nature, or simply unwind, our charming space provides a comfortable and memorable stay. Relax on outside in our beautiful outdoor area, cook up a feast in the well-equipped kitchen, or soak up the charm of this peaceful country town.



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## Goldseeker Motel Wedderburn

**43-49 High Street, Wedderburn • 03 5494 3002**  
**enquiries@wedderburnmotel.com.au • wedderburnmotel.com.au**  
** • Open: 7am-9pm with an after-hours service bell available**

We warmly welcome you to Wedderburn Goldseeker Motel, comprised of 19 rooms that cater to all requirements, with the confidence that you will enjoy your stay with us. Every room has free Wi-Fi, tea, coffee and ironing facilities, plus a hair dryer. Wedderburn offers an ideal stopover for your road trip between Melbourne and Mildura.

## Kurracaburn Heights

**1 Hospital Street, Wedderburn • 0427 943 596**  
**michelle@kurracaburnheights.com.au**  
**kurracaburnheights.com.au • **

Kurracaburn Heights is managed by owners Bruce and Michelle Hargreaves in the original building which housed the Korong Bush Nursing Hospital for more than 50 years. Offering two separate self-contained accommodation styles, it is just a five-minute walk to Wedderburn's main street, with its shops, cafés, parkland and hotel.



## Wedderburn Coach House Gallery and Museum

**53 High Street, Wedderburn • 0490 801 386**  
**loddonartsgallery@gmail.com • **  
**Open: 10am-3pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday**

Come and visit the heritage buildings and 1913 General Store. Explore local history through genuine artefacts including carriages and gold mining gear. Enjoy contemporary local art displays which change every six weeks and relax with scones, toasties or tea and coffee. Gift shop includes locally made woodwork, beading and jewellery.



## Wedderburn Hard Hill Tourist Reserve

**Wilson Street, Wedderburn • 03 5494 3489 • bendigoregion.com.au/visitLoddonvalley • wedderburn.vic.au**

**RV Friendly** Located in a quiet natural bush setting and within walking distance to the town centre. This reserve caters for the RV friendly enthusiast providing on/off road camping, amenities, barbecues and picnic area. A dump point (donation required) is available at the Wedderburn Caravan Park.

**Eucalyptus Stew Pot** The Eucalyptus Stew Pot operates most days but can be viewed 7 days. A full demonstration is provided for group tours but prior bookings are essential.

**Minelab Wedderburn Detector Jamboree** Hard Hill Tourist Reserve is home to the 'Minelab Wedderburn Detector Jamboree' which is conducted annually Saturday and Sunday of the Victorian Labour Day long weekend.



# WEDDERBURN HOTEL

OPEN 7 DAYS



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## Experience the Loddon Valley

Discover the natural  
beauty of the  
Loddon Valley on the  
**TrailRider All-Terrain  
Wheelchair.**

**The TrailRider is an all-terrain wheelchair  
that allows people with limited mobility to  
explore otherwise inaccessible bush trails.**

Available for hire, free of charge, at  
the Loddon Visitor Information Centre -  
Monday to Saturday. Bookings are essential.



To book the TrailRider, contact the Loddon Visitor Information Centre on  
03 5494 3489. For more information on the TrailRider, visit our website.



## Prospecting & fossicking in the Loddon Valley

**In the Loddon Valley, lucky  
prospectors and fossickers have  
been finding gold for over 170 years.**

Today gold fever is alive and well with many  
promising parks and forests around historic towns  
like Inglewood, Tarnagulla, and Wedderburn.

**In fact 80% of the world's largest  
golden nuggets have been  
unearthed in central Victoria  
within the golden triangle.**

With plenty of free and paid camping and  
accommodation options, why not immerse yourself  
in the gold rush spirit? Get the inside scoop with  
a gold prospecting tour and prepare to shout  
“Eureka” on your next Loddon Valley adventure.



**Plan your Loddon gold prospecting adventure today**





WEDDERBURN CARAVAN PARK

**Whether you're passing through or planning an extended stay, the Wedderburn Caravan Park is the perfect destination for a memorable and relaxing experience. Book your powered site today and let us be your home away from home in Wedderburn and yes, we are pet friendly!**



### Deluxe family cabins

We are delighted to announce the arrival of three contemporary two bedroom cabins, ready to enhance your stay. Each cabin boasts a private ensuite bathroom, with two bedrooms, so there's ample space for everyone to relax and rejuvenate after exploring the stunning Wedderburn region.

You'll find all the amenities you need, including a well-equipped kitchenette, a cozy living area, and comfortable bedrooms.

Whether you're travelling with family or friends, these cabins provide a comfortable and inviting retreat.



### Powered sites

Experience the ultimate in comfort and convenience at the Wedderburn Caravan Park. We offer a range of 58 spacious powered sites, designed to cater to all your needs. Whether you're seeking a quick stopover or a longer stay, we have you covered. Our park features drive-through sites, ensuring hassle-free maneuvering for those on the go. For those travelling in groups, we offer sites that can accommodate large gatherings.

Create lasting memories as you and your loved ones set up camp in a circle, fostering a sense of togetherness and camaraderie.



### Amenities

At the Wedderburn Caravan Park, we prioritise your comfort and enjoyment. Our park is equipped with modern facilities, including clean amenities, laundry services, and a well-maintained camp kitchen.

Relax and unwind in the communal spaces, where you can meet fellow travellers and forge new friendships. Located in a picturesque setting, our park allows you to immerse yourself in the natural beauty of Wedderburn. Explore the nearby attractions, embark on scenic walks, or simply soak in the serene atmosphere. The possibilities are endless.

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Late check ins can be arranged, but you must notify us during business hours.  
Open: from 9am-5pm, 7 days a week. Office closes at 4pm on public holidays.

# Cultural Enrichment trail

Embark on a journey through the Loddon Valley, immersing yourself in a culturally enriching itinerary that weaves together the area's rich history, artistic creativity and unique natural beauty.



### Start: Inglewood Eucalyptus Distillery Museum

Begin in Inglewood and learn of the region's history and eucalyptus oil production at the museum.



### Next stop: Kooyoora State Park – Djarra Cultural Tour

Experience Djarra's Dumawul Cultural Tour, delving into First Nations history, ancient rock formations and Indigenous heritage stories. (bookings required)



### Discover: Birds Eye Murals

View the stunning murals in Wedderburn, depicting the region's array of bird-life and natural beauty.



### Explore: Coach House Gallery Museum

Visit the museum and learn about Wedderburn and the region's history from the gold-rush era.



### Experience: Eucalyptus Stew Pot at Hard Hill Tourist Reserve

Witness traditional eucalyptus oil distillation methods on a group tour. (group booking required)



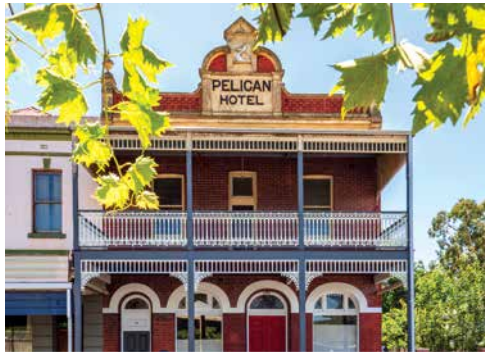
### End the day: Wedderburn Hotel

Rest, relax and reflect on your journey with local food and hospitality.



Scan the QR code for the digital version of this experience trail and access to many more.





## Inglewood: Colonial character meets country charm

**Walking through the streets of Inglewood, you're immersed in the town's rich history, with its grand colonial-era buildings and charming streetscapes.**

These stunning heritage structures, a legacy of the gold rush era, are home to an array of boutique shops, antique stores, and collectibles outlets, making Inglewood a treasure trove for shoppers and history enthusiasts alike.

Nimmitabel, a recently restored privately-owned Victorian mansion, stands as a striking symbol of Inglewood's grand heritage at the heart of the town.

Complementing its elegance, the Town Hall and surrounding community spaces enhance Inglewood's charm, serving as picturesque venues for events throughout the year.

Inglewood is also known for its vibrant community spirit, which is showcased during the annual Inglewood Alive event in November.

On the town's outskirts lies the renowned Eucalyptus Distillery Museum, where visitors can explore Inglewood's eucalyptus oil production legacy, dating back to the 1850s.

Live demonstrations using a working model distillery provide an engaging and immersive experience, complemented by the museum's shop and café.

For outdoor enthusiasts, Inglewood is the gateway to Kooyoora State Park. Here, you can explore rare box ironbark forests, granite outcrops, and significant First Nations sites. The surrounding parks and reserves offer gold fossicking and bushwalking opportunities, with stories of discoveries like the famous Hand of Faith nugget continuing to draw prospectors and adventurers to the area.



Vintage Shopping in Inglewood





## Carlie Clothing and Accessories

66 Brooke Street, Inglewood • 0433 336 404 • carolw12@bigpond.com  
[www.carlieclothingandacc.com](http://www.carlieclothingandacc.com) • 📍 • Open: 8.30am-4pm Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays

We sell a wide range of women's fashion, brands such as Freeze, Orientique, Wednesday Lulu and Paragraff. We also stock Cabello Shoes and Serenade bags. We have a wide range of boho clothing (fair trade), incense and meditation aids. We also have giftware and garden art.



## Fusspots at Inglewood

0419 869 950 • [info@fusspotsatinglewood.com.au](mailto:info@fusspotsatinglewood.com.au) • 📍 📱

Where secondhand is never second best.

Shopping with us is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

- Our online store [fusspotsatinglewood.com.au](http://fusspotsatinglewood.com.au)
- Elmore Vintage Emporium
- Antiques & Collectables Centre at Bendigo Pottery



## Gold Nugget Hunter

Visit our website to book your tour - [www.goldnuggethunter.com](http://www.goldnuggethunter.com) • 📍

Gold Nugget Hunter tours offer practical skills essential for finding treasure and experiencing the thrill of gold detecting. Don't be surprised if you become hooked after your first taste of success! All tours are customised for you, whether you're a novice, a seasoned prospector honing your skills, or seeking local insights and recommendations on the best places to explore.



## Inglewood Goldfields Accommodation

20 Brooke Street, Inglewood • 0427 383 481  
[goldfieldsaccom@yahoo.com.au](mailto:goldfieldsaccom@yahoo.com.au)

Explore Inglewood, part of the Golden Triangle and immerse yourself in history with an impressive array of:

Antique and vintage items • Wineries • Arts and cafés • Gold fossicking  
 Eucalyptus Distillery Museum • Kooyoora State Park • Historical buildings

This unique Edwardian home has 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, fully equipped kitchen with all facilities, lounge, dining & BBQ area. Whether you're seeking a quick stop over or a longer stay we have you covered.



This 10 acre bush park is next to the Inglewood State Forest and a short stroll to the Inglewood Reservoir and Botanical Gardens. The property includes 8 motel rooms, 20 ensuite powered caravan sites, 20 powered sites, space for numerous unpowered sites, undercover BBQ's and indoor recreation room. Pets also welcome in park.

### Accommodation suitable for:

- **Retirees:** longer stay, peaceful, safe haven, great location
- **Young Families:** affordable and close to outdoor natural activities
- **Older Families:** access to heritage shops, wineries and fossicking
- **Individuals:** weekend break from the stresses of fast paced life
- **Businesses or Tradespeople:** home away from home experience

*Bring your family and come put your feet up.*

4580 Calder Highway, Inglewood • 03 5438 3232  
[jwellman@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jwellman@bigpond.net.au) • [inglewoodmotelcaravanpark.com.au](http://inglewoodmotelcaravanpark.com.au) • 📍

## The Fat Butcher

65 Brooke Street, Inglewood • 03 5438 3039  
[thefatbutcheringlewood@gmail.com](mailto:thefatbutcheringlewood@gmail.com) • 📍

The Fat Butcher Inglewood prides itself on growing our produce direct from our family farm!

Grass/grain fed beef, lamb, goat and pigs! Wagyu beef on its way! Aged beef is always available. In-house smallgoods including 'Pork Kabana'. Visit our local in-store pantry. Local wines, sauces, jams, honey... and so much more!



Inglewood streetscape





**Located in the historic gold rush town of Inglewood, Central Victoria, Café 3517 is a buzzing café complete with photos and memorabilia from yesteryear.**



Sit down and relax as the friendly staff prepare your meal and drink in the stunning and beautiful surroundings.

Venture outside to the well maintained outdoor area with plenty of room and games for family, friends and even your furbabies.

*The place to meet...  
54 Brooke Street*



54 Brooke Street, Inglewood • 03 5438 3556 • [cafe3517@bigpond.com](mailto:cafe3517@bigpond.com) • [f](#) [@](#)  
Open: 7 days a week, Monday-Friday 7.30am-3pm and weekends 9am-3pm

Welcome to Inglewood, home of the Blue Mallee Eucalyptus!



10am-4pm Thursday-Sunday & most public holidays.  
Scan the code for more details.

20 Grant Street  
Inglewood VIC 3517  
[www.eucymuseum.com.au](http://www.eucymuseum.com.au)  
[eucymuseum@inglewood.vic.au](mailto:eucymuseum@inglewood.vic.au)  
[f](#) [@](#) [@eucymuseum](#)  
03 5438 3247



The heritage listed distillery and museum houses a unique collection of historic items including old tools, oil bottles, artworks, news cuttings and paraphernalia from the local industry dating from the 1800s. The museum boasts a retail store with a full range of natural eucalyptus and local products, kiosk, indoor/outdoor seating area, BBQ facilities, parking for large vehicles and more!

Group bookings by appointment include a guided tour and a live demonstration of eucalyptus oil distillation in our model distillery. Just thirty minutes drive from Bendigo and two hours drive from Melbourne.

**Come and enjoy our unique Blue Mallee "eucy" history.**



Browsing the Eucalyptus Distillery Museum - Inglewood





## INGLEWOOD CAFE-BAKEHOUSE



At Inglewood Café-Bakehouse, Mara and Vic infuse their passion for great food and coffee into every dish.

With Mara's extensive restaurant experience and Vic's rich culinary heritage, the menu boasts rustic Italian-inspired dishes, freshly baked goods, and soul-warming coffee. Open early to late, six days a week, savour the freshest, locally sourced ingredients and a cozy, welcoming atmosphere.

48 Brooke Street, Inglewood • 0431 888 777  
Open: Six days a week, 7am–5pm (closed Wednesday)  
info@inglewoodcafebakehouse.com • f



*Inglewood*

*Coming to a Small Town Near You*

# *Festival of Small Halls*

The Festival of Small Halls brings its unique charm to Inglewood in 2025 to the stunning Inglewood Town Hall. Featuring the talented UK artist Lucy Farrell, Australian duo Hat Fitz and Cara and other entertainment, this event is not to be missed.



**Lucy Farrell**

With odd melodies, poetic song writing, and a bewitching voice, Kent-born, Canada-based Lucy Farrell pairs elegant tenor guitar and viola accompaniment to carve a unique space in contemporary English folk music.



**Hat Fitz and Cara**

Hat Fitz and Cara, a high-energy duo from the Sunshine Coast, are one of Australia's top roots acts. For 14 years, they've toured globally, performed at festivals, and released albums. Fitz's bluesy guitar and vocals blend seamlessly with Cara's soulful voice and dynamic drumming.



**Cost:**  
Full Admission \$25  
Concession Admission (Students, Seniors, Health Care Card) \$20  
Child Admission (Aged 16 and Under – Must Be Accompanied By An Adult) Free  
Food and local wine available on the night

*Saturday 22 March 2025  
at Inglewood Town Hall*





## Tarnagulla: A town of timeless beauty

**Tarnagulla, with over 30 heritage buildings gracing its streets, feels like stepping back in time. The 1853 Victoria Hotel and Theatre, once alive with the energy of gold rush excitement and performances by icons like Dame Nellie Melba and Lola Montez, stands as a testament to the town's vibrant cultural history.**

The Historic Post Office, now open to visitors, offers coffee and local produce, gifts, and key supplies, making it a hub of information and charm for those exploring the area.

Historic cemeteries like Waanyarra add depth to the town's heritage, offering insights into the lives of those who once called this area home.

Beyond its rich history, Tarnagulla's surroundings provide a natural retreat. A sanctuary of box and ironbark forests envelops the town, bursting with wildflowers, diverse birdlife, and native wildlife. Visitors can enjoy camping, walking, cycling, or simply soaking in the serenity of this rustic landscape.

For adventurers, the town is a gateway to gold fossicking and bushwalking in nearby reserves where the allure of discovering gold continues to draw modern-day prospectors.

For a more secluded experience, the Rostrata Country Farm Stay is an ideal choice. Set against a backdrop of clear, starlit skies, it is a paradise for night sky photographers and those seeking a tranquil escape.

Public Hall (previous Victoria Hotel and Theatre) - Tarnagulla



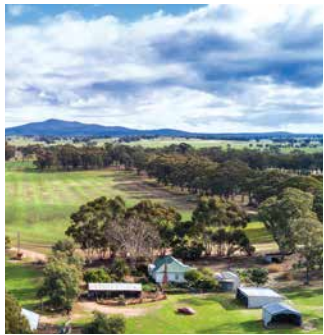


## Café 101 - Tarnagulla Post Office

101 Commercial Rd, Tarnagulla • (03) 5438 7301

Open: 8am-3pm Monday-Friday

Enjoy homemade cakes, toasted sandwiches, excellent barista coffee and a range of local produce, general supplies, gifts and local visitor information. Why not enjoy the cozy courtyard to unwind and enjoy the delicious refreshments?



## Rostrata Country House

Scurry Road, Murphy's Creek • 0419 529 094 • d-silke@bigpond.com  
rostrata.com.au •

This secluded setting allows you to relax, revive, rejuvenate and step back in time, experiencing the ambiance of a bygone era. The spacious family home is fully self-contained with all linen provided. Explore the Nostalgia Shed and Ted's Shed with their items of the past. The perfect stay for family get-togethers and special events. Experience the beautiful sunrises and sunsets. A mecca for twitchers. Cyclists can download the free GPS app Rolling Rides@Rostrata.

Home of night photography in the Loddon Shire.

## Night time photography in Loddon



## The Loddon Valley winery trail

The Loddon Valley is home to some award winning wineries and a brewery, so why not enjoy a local drop whilst travelling throughout the region? You could also pair your meal at a pub or eatery with a drop of the regions broader range of wine or beer.

### Cellar Doors to visit

- 1 **Water Wheel Vineyard**  
Open Monday-Saturday 9am-5pm, and closed Sunday  
Lyndhurst Street, Bridgewater on Loddon • 03 5437 3060
- 2 **Both Banks Vineyard**  
Call to make an appointment  
1164 Inglewood-Rheola Road, Kingower • 0429 330 456
- 3 **Old Kingower Vineyard**  
Call ahead or visit in if the gate is open  
14 Kingower-Brenanah Road, Kingower • 0419 524 991
- 4 **Connor Park Winery**  
Open Monday – Friday 10am-5pm and  
Weekends 11am-5pm – call before visiting  
59 Connors Road, Leichardt • 0408 375 202
- 5 **Black Wallaby Wines**  
Call to make an appointment  
38 Avondale Lane, Bridgewater North • 0448 917 105



Scan for more information on wineries and breweries to visit or where to try or buy.



# Gold and Glimmer Trail

Discover the Loddon Valley's rich gold mining heritage and enchanting vintage charm as you journey on this Trail.



## Start: Gold fossicking tour – Gold Nugget Hunter

Begin in Loddon Valley's gold country with a fossicking tour, where you can hunt for gold and learn about the gold-rush history. (bookings required)



## Next stop: Inglewood streetscapes

Explore Inglewood's historic streets, lined with grand buildings from the gold rush era, offering a visual journey back in time.



## Discover: Inglewood vintage collectables precinct

Visit Inglewood's main street to browse through antiques and collectables, each piece telling a story of the past.



## Experience: A delicious lunch

Refuel with local cuisine at Café 3517 or Inglewood Café Bakehouse, both charming venues offering delicious food and coffee.



## Final stop: Tarnagulla – historic gold-rush town

End your trail in Tarnagulla, a town steeped in golden heritage and fascinating history. Discover its historic sites and unwind from the day at Café 101 - Tarnagulla Post Office.



Scan the QR code for the digital version of this experience trail and access to many more.

# Top 8

## must do's in the CENTRAL REGION

There's so much to see and do across the central region of the Loddon Valley.



1

Visit the Inglewood Eucalyptus Distillery Museum to learn about the history of eucalyptus oil distilling.



2

Fossick for gold on a two-hour Gold Nugget Hunter tour.



3

Discover unique finds with vintage shopping in Inglewood, where various stores offer a range of antiques and vintage collectables.



4

Experience Djaara's Dumawul Cultural Tour at Kooyoora State Park, and learn of the rich First Nations history of the region.



5

Admire the historic streetscapes and buildings in the area, remnants of a golden era.



6

Climb Mount Korong for panoramic views of the region. This granite outcrop offers a scenic hiking experience.



7

Explore the Wedderburn Coach House Gallery Museum to learn of the regions significant history.



8

View Wedderburn's Birds Eye Murals which highlight the abundance of bird-life across the Loddon Valley.





**Mary Wollmering**  
Café 101 - Tarnagulla Post Office

**Favourite place for an afternoon treat?**

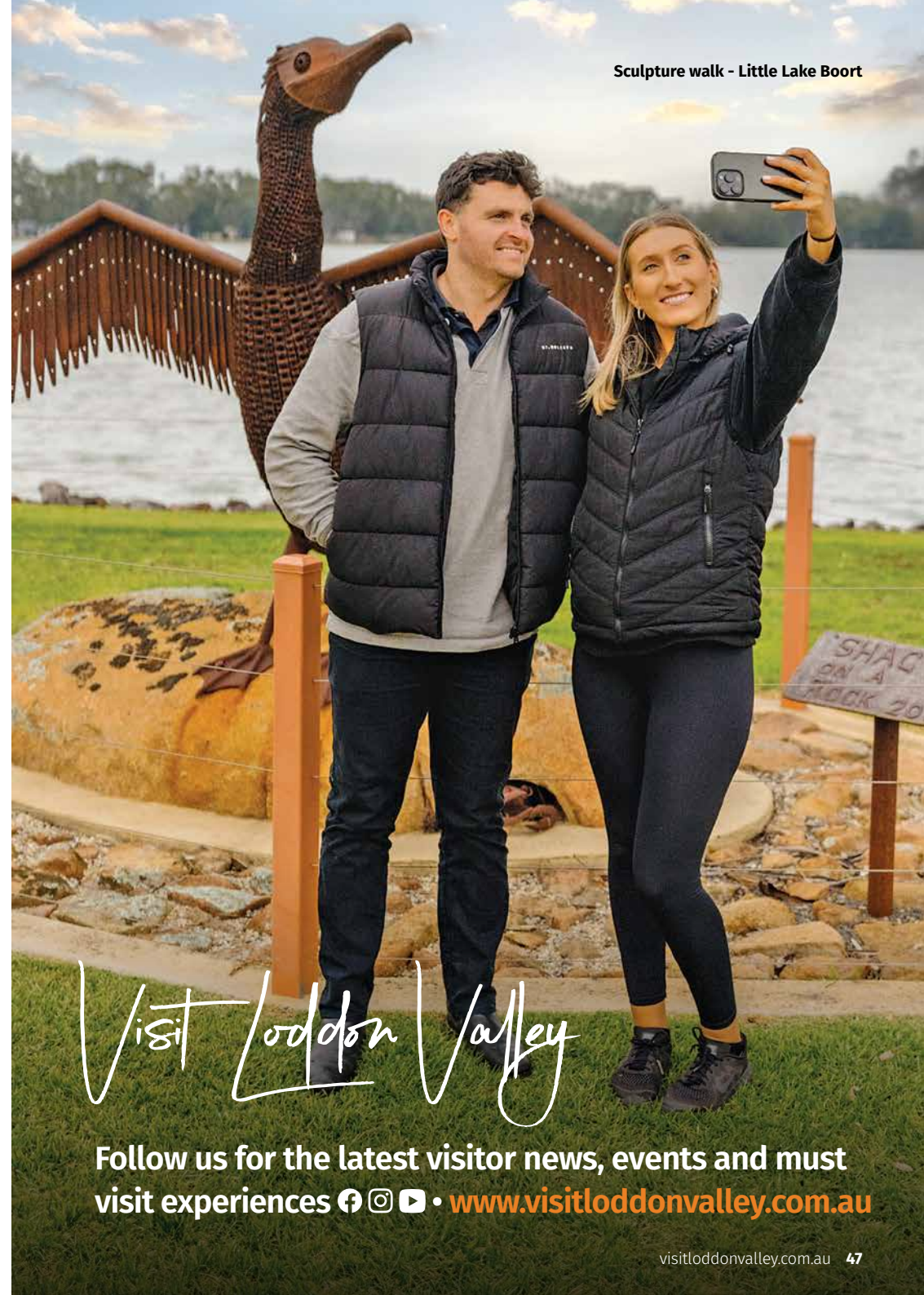
When it comes to a favourite spot for an afternoon treat, I can't go past Inglewood Café and Bakehouse. The coffee is always exceptional, and their cakes are a true delight. The warm and welcoming staff make every visit a pleasure, ensuring you're well looked after. One of the best things is to enjoy a coffee on a sunny day, watching the world pass on Brooke Street—it's such a relaxing way to spend the afternoon.

**Favourite destination or village?**

My favourite destination has to be the Loddon River near the Laanecoorie Reservoir. It's the perfect place for kayaking, with serene waters and beautiful surroundings that make paddling a joy. After working up an appetite, we often head over to Eddy's Garage in Eddington for a well-earned treat. It's a fantastic way to combine adventure and relaxation, and the area never fails to impress.

**What's your favourite hidden secret or gem?**

For a hidden gem, the bushland around Tarnagulla is absolutely magical, especially in spring. The wildflowers and golden wattle are in full bloom, creating a stunning display of nature's beauty. Exploring the old diggings is like stepping back in time, and there's a sense of calm and tranquility that's hard to find elsewhere. It's a place where you can truly reconnect with nature and soak in the history of the region.



Sculpture walk - Little Lake Boort

Visit Loddon Valley

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# FLAVOURS OF LODDON

OUR LOCAL FOOD TRUCKS AND ARTISAN GROWERS AND MAKERS WILL BE POPPING UP AT SELECT EVENTS ACROSS THE LODDON VALLEY.

WE'LL BE SHOWCASING THE BEST FOOD, WINE, CRAFT BEVERAGES AND PRODUCE OF OUR REGION!

AUSTRALIA DAY LONG WEEKEND  
(25 JANUARY 2025)

LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND  
(9 MARCH 2025)

*Savour the Flavour of our region*

FOR UPDATES    
@FLAVOURSOFLODDON



For enquiries [flavoursofloddon@gmail.com](mailto:flavoursofloddon@gmail.com)  
Flavours of Loddon is supported by Visit Loddon Valley



A truly delightful way to experience what's special about the Loddon Valley, the Arts Trail invites you into artists' studios, unique galleries and pop-up exhibition spaces across three days this spring.

*First weekend of October annually*  
3-5 October, 2025.

LODDON VALLEY

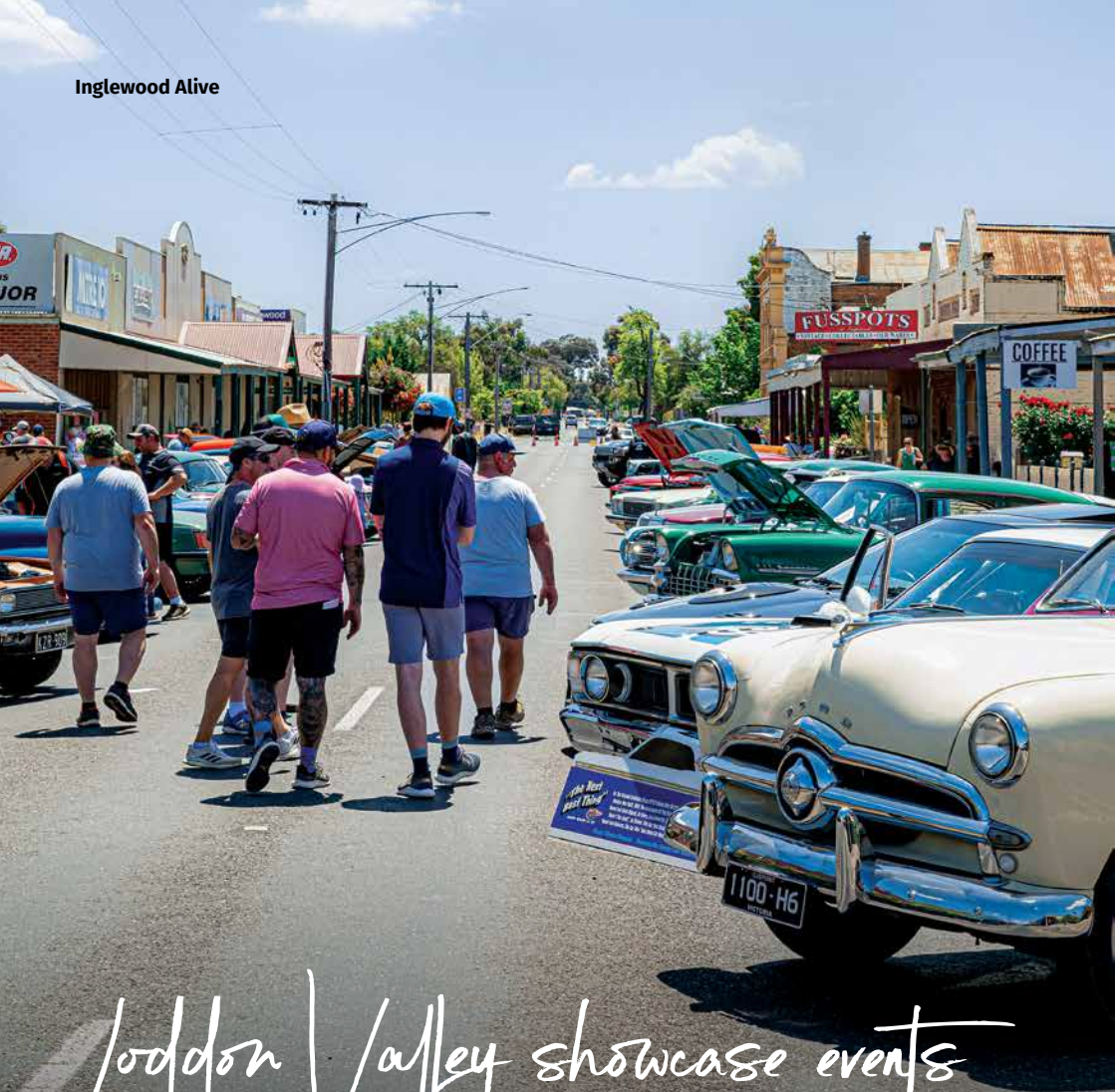


Keep an eye out on socials for the latest on the 2025 October event.

For updates    
[@loddonvalleyarttrail](https://www.facebook.com/loddonvalleyarttrail)







# Loddon Valley showcase events

The Loddon Valley boasts a culturally rich events calendar that is growing by the day. Below is a summary of some of the event and festival highlights for 2025.



Scan for a full updated list of major events and festivals in the Loddon Shire  
Please note event dates are subject to change.

## January 2025

### Summer Cinema at the Pool

Various locations

### Australian Masters Water Ski Championships

Bridgewater on Loddon

### Boort Trotting Club Northern Oasis Meeting

Boort

### Flavours of Loddon Festival

Boort

### Australia Day Ceremony and Swimming Carnival

Loddon Shire

### Wedderburn Cup

Wedderburn

## February 2025

### Pyramid Hill Art Show

Pyramid Hill

### Lake Meran Festival

Lake Meran

### Pyramid Hill Summer Cinema

Pyramid Hill

### Loddon Valley Merino Field Days

Serpentine

## March 2025

### Festival of Small Halls – Inglewood

Inglewood

### Aussie/Kiwi Challenge- Oceania Junior Championship

Bridgewater

### Boort Pacing Cup and Boort Trotting Cup

Boort

### Eddington Vintage Sports Car Club Sprints

Eddington

### Minelab Wedderburn Detector Jamboree

Wedderburn

### Flavours of Loddon

Bridgewater

## April 2025

### Boort Lawn Tennis Easter Tournament

Boort

### Rheola Charity Carnival

Rheola

### Logan Car Show

Logan

### Wedderburn Bowling Club Easter Tournament

Wedderburn

### Australian National Three-Day Orienteering Carnival 2025

Various locations (Loddon)

### Victorian Championships Weekend (Orienteering Victoria)

Various locations (Loddon)

### Goldfields Chrysanthemum Championships

Laanecoorie

## May 2025

### Wedderburn Annual Swap Meet and Market

Wedderburn

## September 2025

### Annual Wedderburn Vintage Machinery Rally

Wedderburn

## October 2025

### Laanecoorie Gold Bash

Laanecoorie

### Loddon Valley Arts Trail

Loddon Shire

### Annual Boort Agricultural Show

Boort

### Wedderburn Annual Spring Dance

Wedderburn

### Wedderburn Garden Expo

Wedderburn

## November 2025

### Inglewood Alive Festival

Inglewood

### Wedderburn Community Christmas and Arts Festival

Wedderburn

## December 2025

### Wedderburn Community Christmas Celebration

Wedderburn

### Numerous Christmas Street Party's across Loddon

Various locations



Southern  
Region

Bridgewater On Loddon  
Laanecoorie  
Newbridge  
Eddington



Australian Masters Waterski Championships - Bridgewater



## Rivers, relaxation and adventure

**The southern region of the Loddon Valley invites visitors to explore its blend of natural beauty, outdoor adventure, and community charm. Towns like Bridgewater, Newbridge, Laanecoorie, and Eddington each offer unique experiences that make this region unforgettable.**

Bridgewater, perched along the picturesque Loddon River, is a hub of activity and relaxation. The river precinct is perfect for picnics and leisurely walks, while the Bridgewater waterhole, affectionately known as the "infinity pool," is a local treasure for swimming.

In summer, the town comes alive as it hosts the Australian Masters Water-Ski event, drawing enthusiasts nationwide. Visitors can also enjoy the Bridgewater Hotel with riverside beer garden and the award-winning Bridgewater Bakehouse.

Laanecoorie, another gem on the Loddon River, is a haven for outdoor enthusiasts. Its tranquil setting is ideal for camping, fishing, canoeing, and boating, offering a serene escape immersed in nature.

Eddington charms visitors with its nostalgic village atmosphere.

Eddy's Garage in Eddington, a retro-themed café, adds a quirky touch to the town's character, making it a delightful stop for refreshments and a step back in time.

Whilst on a road trip, the small communities of Arnold and Llanelly also offer their own unique appeal.

Newbridge, nestled in the heart of rural Victoria, is a peaceful retreat. Its camping sites offer tranquil surroundings, perfect for unwinding, while the Newbridge Hotel and General Store embody genuine country hospitality, giving visitors a taste of local life.





## Bridgewater On Loddon: River escape to remember

**Bridgewater on Loddon offers a picturesque retreat where relaxation, heritage, and adventure come together. The town's river precinct invites visitors to picnic along the banks of the majestic Loddon River, enjoy leisurely walks on scenic trails, or immerse themselves in the serene beauty of fishing and canoeing.**

A food lover's delight, Bridgewater is home to the Bridgewater Hotel with its inviting beer garden overlooking the river and the Bridgewater Bakehouse, famous for its award-winning baked goods.

Together with Coffee on Loddon, they make the town a must-visit destination for locals and travellers alike.

Surrounded by renowned wineries such as Waterwheel, Old Kingower, Both Banks, Black Wallaby, and Newbridge Winery, Bridgewater also invites visitors to savour the region's rich viticultural heritage.

Beyond the river, the town offers other attractions, including the Bridgewater Nursery, known for its unique selection of rare and native plants, garden decor, and gifts.

The historic Bridgewater Train Station provides a glimpse into the town's railway past, while the iconic Laucke Flour Mill stands as a testament to its agricultural roots.

For extended stays, the Bridgewater Caravan Park offers riverside accommodation, blending comfort with breathtaking views. Whether visiting for a day or longer, Bridgewater on Loddon captures the perfect mix of relaxation, charm, and natural beauty.





# Adventure Trail

This Trail an exhilarating journey through the southern region that celebrates the area's rich history, natural beauty and outdoor activities.



## Start: Gold Fossicking Tour – Gold Nugget Hunter

This exciting tour gives you a chance to find your own treasure while learning about the region's golden history. (bookings required)



## Explore: Bushwalking and riding

Enjoy the valley's natural beauty with bushwalking or bike riding. Traverse scenic trails, such as at Laanecoore, that bring you in touch with local flora and fauna.



## Experience: Picnic in nature

Relax with a picnic in a picturesque natural setting or along the peaceful Loddon River, a perfect respite after your outdoor exploration.



## Discover: Watersports at Laanecoore Reservoir

Engage in watersports activities at Laanecoore Reservoir. From kayaking to fishing, to just enjoying the calm waters and beautiful surroundings.



## Final stop: Newbridge Hotel

Conclude your day at the Newbridge Hotel, indulging in delicious local food and drinks in a beautiful country pub setting.



Scan the QR code for the digital version of this experience trail and access to many more.

## Black Wallaby Wines

blackwallabywines@gmail.com • www.blackwallabywines.com •   
Open by appointment

Experience the passion and love that goes into every bottle at Black Wallaby Wines. This family-owned vineyard in the esteemed Bendigo wine region crafts exceptional, award-winning boutique wines from the fruit of their meticulously tended Loddon Valley vineyards. Nestled on the banks of the picturesque Loddon River in Bridgewater, the Lawson family has been cultivating their craft since 2004. Committed to sustainable farming practices and winemaking techniques, Black Wallaby Wines invites you to savor the fruits of their labor.



## Both Banks Vineyard Kingower

1164 Inglewood-Rheola Road, Kingower • 0429 330 456  
bothbanksingower@gmail.com   
Open: 11am-5pm Thursday-Sunday • Tastings by appointment

The Both Banks Story – a small family business. We grow all our fruit on the vineyard at Kingower and have a cellar door Tasting Room. In 1985 Mark Gilmore and Christine Stevens planted their first vines on a creek flat at Kingower. Mark, Chris and family now produce fine red wines from Both Banks of the Kingower Creek.



## Bridgewater Bakehouse

6 Main Street, Bridgewater on Loddon • 03 5437 3404 •   
Winner of Australia's Great Vanilla Slice Triumph for both 2018 and 2019.

Stop by and treat yourself to a deliciously creamy award-winning Vanilla Slice. Whilst there we also offer a variety of traditional fresh bread baked daily, medal winning pies, cakes and slices. We offer fresh ground coffee and salad rolls made to order which can be enjoyed whilst sitting under our enclosed veranda or as a picnic along the banks of the Loddon River.

Located 20 metres from the public conveniences and a short distance from the town's river walks, caravan park and swimming hole.





**Welcome to Bridgewater Caravan Park, your ideal destination for a memorable camping getaway in Bridgewater on Loddon, Victoria. Nestled near the picturesque Loddon River, our park offers a range of fantastic facilities and accommodation options to suit all preferences.**



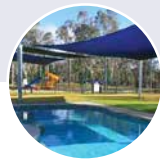
Immerse yourself in nature with our spacious powered and unpowered campsites, perfect for caravans, campers, and tents. Our amenities block features modern showers and toilets for your convenience. Yes, we are also pet friendly!



Indulge in outdoor cooking at our well-equipped camp kitchen or fire up the barbecues for a delicious meal with family and friends. Stay fresh with our convenient laundry facilities. Our communal area is an ideal spot to unwind, meet fellow travellers, or simply enjoy the tranquil surroundings.



Explore the wonders of Bridgewater Caravan Park and beyond. Discover the beauty of the Loddon River, go fishing or swimming in nearby waterways, or embark on a journey to the local wineries. Take leisurely walks, absorb the historical sites, or immerse yourself in the breathtaking countryside.



At Bridgewater Caravan Park, we strive to provide a memorable experience for all our guests. Contact us today to secure your booking or for any inquiries. We look forward to welcoming you to our park and ensuring your stay is filled with relaxation, adventure, and cherished memories.

**9-11 Park Street, Bridgewater On Loddon, Victoria • 03 5437 3086 • Open: Everyday 9am-5pm**  
**bookings@bridgewatercaravanpark.com.au • bridgewatercaravanpark.com.au**



## Bridgewater Hotel

**2 Main Street, Bridgewater on Loddon • 03 5437 3576**  
**thebridgewater.hotel@gmail.com • bridgewaterhotelloddonriver.com • Facebook Instagram Twitter**  
**Open: 11.30am-late Wednesday-Saturday, 11.30am-4pm Sunday**

Built in 1942, The Bridgewater Hotel is a beautiful Art Deco inspired building situated alongside the majestic Loddon River. Current publicans Virginia and Greg took over The Bridgewater Hotel in 2019 with a vision of what the beautiful building and backdrop could be transformed into. With extensive renovations over the following years both inside and out, the historical building and surrounds have been turned into what they are today. Sporting a magical beer garden with eye-catching views of the river and elegant décor inside, our wonderful building is truly no longer a “small country pub”.



## Bridgewater Nursery and Giftshop

**21 Main Street, Bridgewater on Loddon • 0410 432 761 • bwplants@hotmail.com • Facebook Instagram • Open: 7 days a week**

Stocking a great range of plants, pots, concrete statues, birdbaths and garden ornaments, there is something to inspire everyone.

Set on half an acre with two indoor sales spaces, this nursery is bigger than you would think when driving past. We grow heaps of our own stock and sell them at wholesale prices direct to the public. Come see what all the fuss is about.

Bridgewater Nursery, great plants, great prices.





## Coffee On Loddon

12 Main Street, Bridgewater on Loddon • [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)

Open: 6.30am-3pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. 8am-3pm Saturday-Sunday.

Relaxed and chilled outdoor area with barista coffee, other hot and cold drinks, milkshakes, toasted sandwiches, biscuits, slices and much more. Come and say hello to the friendly faces at this small family-run business.



## Learmonth's Place

4183 Bridgewater Maldon Road, Bridgewater on Loddon  
Julie Riley 0401 501 205 • [learmonth.com.au](#) • [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)

Learmonth's Place is a fully renovated farm house where you can enjoy visiting some of the local wineries and historic gold-rush towns. Or why not relax on the property taking in the birdlife, starry nights and river views? It's only a short walk from the house. Suits up to three couples or two families, just 7km from the Bridgewater township. Give us a call or book online at our website.



## Parklands Retreat

18 Parklands Road, Bridgewater on Loddon • 0407 387 279  
[loddon.vic.gov.au](#) • [bendigoregion.com.au](#) • [Facebook](#)

Parklands Retreat is a beautiful 1950's style double brick house on a working farm. The property has three bedrooms, two bathrooms, large living and dining area and kitchen. It also offers a games room and an outdoor area with a BBQ. It is set among amazing native trees with an abundance of birdlife and an extensive orchard. 10 minutes along the Calder Highway is Inglewood with its antique shops and Blue Eucy Museum. We are also close to Melville Caves, offering panoramic views and some small wineries at Kingower. Relax and enjoy the tranquillity of Parklands in its secluded setting.



Old Kingower Vineyard, formally known as Blanche Barkly Wines, is situated in the beautiful hamlet of Kingower, Victoria. Alvin and David Reimers planted the vines in 1972. In 1975, Arleen, David's future wife, joined the venture and thus began the first of 50 vintages... still going with David and Arleen.

Then they built the unique and timeless stone cellar, which was completed in 1978... over 200 tons of local stone! A visit to the cellar door is certain to kindle an appetite for old world style vintage red table wine, all estate grown, vintaged and bottled. The vine whisperer, Arleen, manicures her vines, the roots of which sink down through the ancient Cambrian clay and gravel beds to produce low yields (kgs per acre, not tons). The vines are all organically grown, without irrigation.

The crop is regulated by the rainfall. The fruit is hand-picked, basket-pressed, aged patiently in (Bordelais) French oak. Racked off for clarity, minimally filtered to preserve the structure, rich fruit, with crisp acid and long fine tannins, giving our wines complexity, softness and flavour. The wine is then further bottle-aged in the cellar for several years before release. Our closures are hand-select vintage corks which typically see out the wine development for the next 20 years plus, if cellared.

14 Kingower-Brenanah Road,  
Kingower • [Facebook](#)  
[oldkingower@outlook.com](mailto:oldkingower@outlook.com)

*The cellar door is generally open on weekends. It's wise to ring beforehand.*

For tastings and sales:  
Arleen Reimers 0400 447 058  
or David Reimers 0419 524 991

## Water Wheel Vineyards

Lyndhurst Street, Bridgewater on Loddon • 03 5437 3060  
[info@waterwheelwine.com](mailto:info@waterwheelwine.com) • [waterwheelwine.com](#)

Open: 9am-5pm Monday-Friday, 12-4pm Saturdays and long weekends

Located only 20 minutes north of Bendigo, Water Wheel has a reputation for creating some of the most exciting wines of the region such as Petit Verdot, Malbec or Primitivo. We'd love to see you, and we often have cellar door specials and special wines only available here.



Bridgewater swimming hole



# Savours and Stroll Trail

This Trail is a culinary and scenic journey through the southern region, showcasing local flavours and idyllic natural settings.



## Start: Bridgewater Bakehouse

Kick off your adventure at this award-winning bakery, known for its exquisite pastries and artisan bread.



## Picnic: By the Loddon River

Enjoy baked treats from the bakehouse beside the tranquil Loddon River, followed by a relaxing stroll along the scenic river precinct.



## Discover: Local cellar doors

Visit renowned wineries including Water Wheel Vineyards, Black Wallaby Wines, Old Kingower Vineyard and Both Banks in Kingower. Taste unique varietals that showcase the region's rich viticultural heritage.



## Experience: Lunch at Eddy's Garage

Enjoy a nostalgic and retro extravaganza where local flavours meet a contemporary twist. Savour epic burgers, fresh brews and divine cocktails.



## Final stop: Bridgewater Hotel

Conclude your day in the hotel's beer garden, enjoying a menu that highlights local produce in a charming atmosphere.



Scan the QR code for the digital version of this experience trail and access to many more.

# BRIDGEWATER MOTEL

Nestled on the banks of the Loddon River, the Bridgewater Motel is perfect for travellers, visitors - exploring the area and workers. Easy 24 Hour check in with Monday-Friday 10am-4pm phone support, means no fuss for late arrivals or last-minute bookings.

Beautifully comfortable beds, plenty of hot water, delightfully clean rooms, heating and cooling, microwave, crockery, cutlery, toaster, minibar and free Wi-Fi.

2 Inglewood Rd, Bridgewater On Loddon  
 bwbookings@24hourcheckinmotels.com.au  
 www.bridgewatermotel.com.au

0418 487 188



# SEA LAKE MOTEL

Less than two hours from Bridgewater, the Sea Lake Motel is the perfect location from which to visit Lake Tyrrell for amazing sunrise and sunset photos and to tour the Silo Art Trail—Lascelles and Patchewollock are nearby.

The Easy 24 Hour check in with Monday-Friday 10am-4pm phone support is easy and fuss free. All rooms have lovely comfortable beds, heating and cooling, microwave, crockery, cutlery, toaster and minibar. There's a great pool and BBQ area for guest use plus free Wi-Fi.

93 Railway Ave, Sea Lake  
 slmbookings@24hourcheckinmotels.com.au  
 www.sealakemotel.com.au

0418 487 188







## Laanecoorie, Eddington and Newbridge: A trio of treasures

**The townships of Laanecoorie, Eddington, and Newbridge each bring their unique blend of adventure, history, and rural allure. Perfect for nature lovers, history enthusiasts, or those simply seeking a tranquil escape, these towns promise to enrich your journey at every turn.**

Nestled along the Loddon River, Laanecoorie is an ideal retreat for those who love the outdoors and appreciate history.

The area is known for its picturesque camping spots, serene starlit skies, and abundant opportunities for birdwatching and wildlife sightings. The historic Laanecoorie Reservoir, shaped by the gold rush and irrigation development, is popular for fishing, canoeing, and boating.

In Eddington, charm meets nostalgia at Eddy's Garage, a retro-inspired café known for its epic burgers and divine cocktails. The café transports visitors back in time with its vintage vibes and artisan coffee.

The town comes alive during the Eddington Vintage Sports Car Sprints, where classic cars race through the streets in a display of speed and elegance, drawing enthusiasts from near and far.

Newbridge, with its rustic charm and warm community spirit, offers a serene retreat. Scenic camping spots along the river provide a peaceful getaway, while the Newbridge Hotel and General Store serve as vibrant hubs of local life, offering hearty meals and an authentic taste of rural Australian hospitality.

Newbridge General Store





# Top 8

## must do's in the SOUTHERN REGION

There's so much to see and do across the southern region of the Loddon Valley.



1

Immerse yourself in the area's natural beauty with hiking, biking and bird watching along scenic trails and in local parks.



2

Relish delicious meals at local eateries with views of the Loddon River, including the popular Bridgewater Hotel and Newbridge Hotel.



3

Enjoy a picnic with local produce and a leisurely walk along the picturesque river precinct in Bridgewater.



4

Visit the region's cellar doors to taste from a range of award-winning wines.



5

Engage in various water sports activities at Laanecoorie – a perfect spot for adventure seekers.



6

Choose between the comfort of a caravan park or the adventure of free camping along the river's edge.



7

Discover Eddy's Garage, a unique tropical oasis café filled with retro wonders, delicious cocktails and epic burgers.



8

Explore the region's rich history and cultural heritage at numerous historical sites.

## Eddy's Garage

4028 Bendigo-Maryborough Rd, Eddington • 03 5472 4971  
skipper@eddysgarage.com.au • eddysgarage.com.au •   
Open: 10am-9pm Friday, 10am-4pm Saturday-Sunday

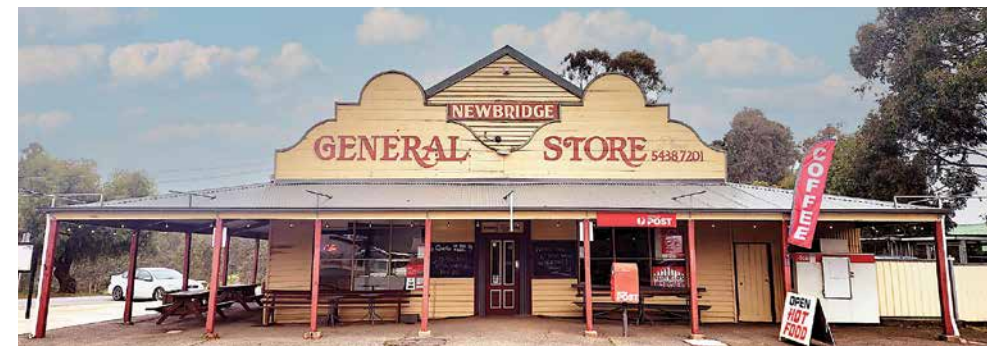
Embark on a brief getaway at the transformed old Eddington service station, now a tropical-themed burger restaurant. With giant board games, monkey bars and a lush courtyard. Kids can play while adults enjoy tiki cocktails. Indulge in delightful burgers and homemade treats amidst our little island paradise. (Reservations recommended).



## Laanecoorie Lakeside Park

58 Brownbills Road, Laanecoorie • 03 5435 7303  
info@laanecoorie.com.au • laanecoorie.com.au •   
Shop/Office: 9am-5pm daily

Relax in a natural bush setting beside the lake. Activities – water skiing, fishing, swimming, kayaking, prospecting, bushwalking and cycling. Facilities – ensuite cabins with AC and cooking facilities. Powered and unpowered sites, camp kitchen, recreation room, BBQs, laundry, playground, tennis, soccer, volleyball, basketball courts and 9-hole mini-golf. Convenience store, long-term holiday sites, boat ramp access and pet-friendly.



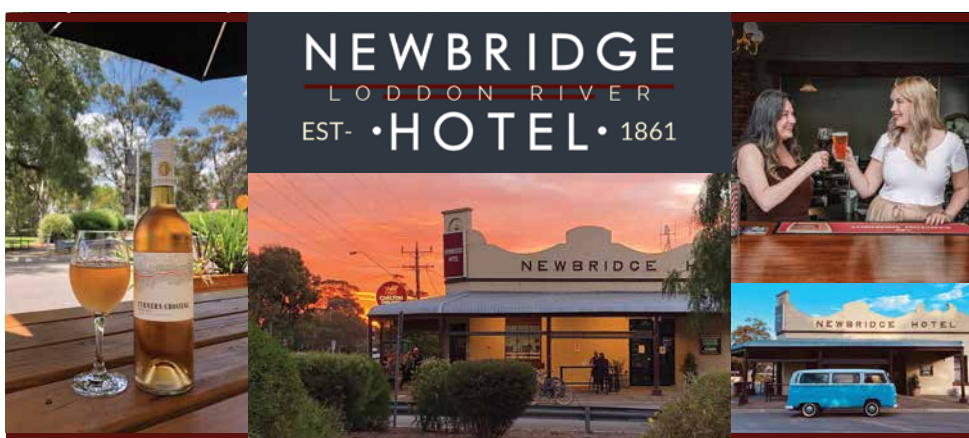
## Newbridge General Store

36 Lyons St, Newbridge • 03 5438 7201 • newbridgegeneral@gmail.com •   
Open: 7am-4pm Monday-Friday, 7.30am-3pm Saturday, 9am-3pm Sunday

The historic General Store (est 1855) is well worth a visit when in Newbridge. Open 7 days a week and stocking affordable and fresh take-away foods, groceries and hardware. There's also a post office and ATM available.

Ernie's Café, attached to the General Store, is a fully licensed café restaurant providing a full menu of all day breakfast and lunch. Dine inside or sit alfresco and admire the Loddon River streetscape. The restaurant is open Wednesday-Sunday, 9am-2pm. The General Store is only a short walk from the campground at the Newbridge Recreation Reserve.





**NEWBRIDGE**  
LODDON RIVER  
EST • HOTEL • 1861

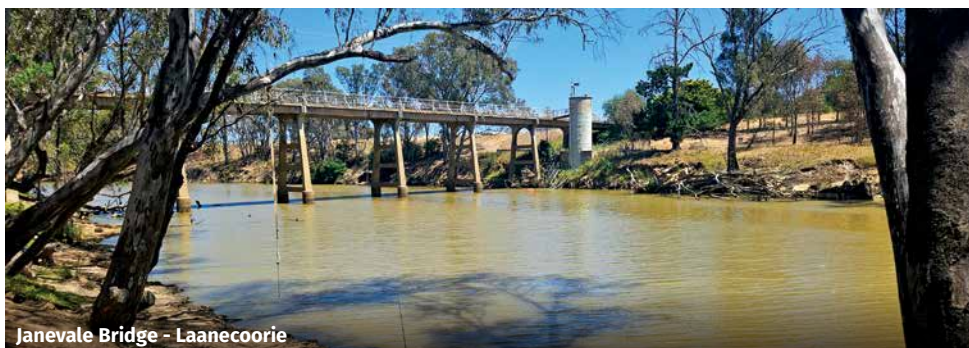
Newbridge Hotel is the perfect place to catch up for dinner or a drink with family and friends. Located on the Loddon River, 30 minutes from the heart of Bendigo, the Newbridge Hotel is a warm destination with a relaxed atmosphere and friendly service for locals and travellers alike. Complete with a bar and restaurant serving modern locally sourced Australian cuisine with a range of traditional beers, local regional wines and ciders.

37 Lyons Street, Newbridge, 3551 • 03 5438 7260  
info@newbridgehotel.com • newbridgehotel.com • • Tastings by appointment  
Open: 3pm-7pm Wednesday, 11.30am-late Thursday-Sunday

**Newbridge Wines**

3421 Bridgewater-Maldon Road, Newbridge  
0417 996 840 or 0438 210 330 • info@newbridgewines.com.au  
newbridgewines.com.au • • Tastings by appointment

Newbridge Wines is a small, single-site vineyard and olive grove operated by Andrew and Kay Simpson. Located on the picturesque banks of the iconic Loddon River, we grow old-vine Shiraz, a delicious Fiano white grape and olives for oil. Everything is hand-picked and grown onsite – what we grow is what we make. Please call us to chat or make an appointment to visit.



Janevale Bridge - Laanecoorie



**Tim and Debbie Bray**  
Eddy's Garage

**Favourite place to enjoy lunch or an afternoon treat?**

We love starting with a relaxing walk along the Loddon River at Bridgewater before heading to the Bridgewater Pub for lunch. The view over the river from the hotel is absolutely wonderful, making it a great spot to unwind and enjoy a delicious meal.

**Favourite destination or village?**

It's so hard to choose just one destination in the Loddon Valley! Tarnagulla offers an intriguing glimpse into history, Melville Caves at Kooyoora State Park provides stunning views, and the Spanner Man Garden's creations in Boort are simply mind-blowing. Each destination has its own unique charm, making them all must-visits.

**What's your favourite hidden secret or gem?**

Kayaking along the stretch of the Loddon River between Ankers Causeway and the Eddington Bridge is an absolute hidden gem. This beautiful section of the river is teeming with birdlife and offers a welcome escape into nature. We've even had guests paddle down to our place for a burger lunch—an affordable and memorable adventure!



# Tours in the Loddon Valley

Whether you are an adventure seeker, gold prospector or lover of art and culture, there are plenty of tours and experiences for families, small groups or those flying solo.



## 1 Eucalyptus Stew Pot Tour – Hard Hill Tourist Reserve

In the heart of Hard Hill Tourist Reserve in Wedderburn, visitors can watch a full demonstration on how to make pure “Blue Mallee Eucalyptus Oil” in a working Eucalyptus Stew Pot. Bookings are essential.

**When:** Upon request  
**Cost:** \$6.60 per person. Min 8 people



## 2 Gold Nugget Hunter Tours

Gold Nugget Hunter Tours offer customised tours and practical skills essential for finding treasure and experiencing the thrill of gold detecting. Don't be surprised if you become hooked after your first taste of gold!

**When:** Daily and upon request  
**Cost:** \$150 (2 people), \$50 per additional person. Max 4 people



## 3 Djaara's Dumawul Cultural Tours – Kooyooro State Park

Explore the rich history and culture through an immersive walking tour, joining knowledgeable Djaara guides, delving into Djandak (country), and discovering rich history and natural wonders of the 'Mountain of Light.'

**When:** Last Friday and Saturday of each month, 10am-12.30pm  
**Cost:** \$195 per adult (18+)



## 4 Canoe Tours (Boort Region) – Boort Lakes Holiday Park

Embark on an exciting adventure with a canoe tour or hire on Little Lake Boort. Little Lake Boort is a tranquil lake in the heart of Boort, with plenty to explore at your own pace. Canoe hire would suit water enthusiasts, nature lovers, schools or anyone interested in a unique outdoors experience.

**When:** Daily and upon request  
**Cost:** Prices vary



## 5 Spanner Man Sculpture Gardens – Tours

The Spanner Man Sculpture Gardens is a remarkable attraction that reflects the artistic ability of the late John Piccoli.

The Spanner Sculpture Garden is set in 2ha of beautiful lawns and gardens with an abundance of natural bird life.

There are over 50 impressive sculptures created from old farm spanners collected across Victoria.

**When:** Tuesday to Sunday, 10.30am & 2pm  
**Cost:** \$15 per adult, under 18 \$5



## 6 Yung Balug Aboriginal Artefact Museum – Tours

Visit the Yung Balug Aboriginal Artefacts Museum and discover the fascinating Aboriginal history through the photographs, artworks and various kinds of handmade tools, weapons and other belongings.

As part of the tour, you can interact with some of the items and even grind some wattle seed with the same rocks that have been used for this purpose for centuries.

**When:** Via appointment  
**Cost:** No charge. Donations are welcome



## 7 Coach House Gallery Museum – Tours

The Coach House Gallery Museum is a culturally enriching attraction in the heart of Wedderburn.

The General Store and Museum is an incredible step back in time as you can view relics from the region's rich gold-rush history. The venue also features a gallery space with exhibitions from local artists.

**When:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10am-3pm, or via appointment  
**Cost:** \$5 per adult, \$11 (inc morning tea), under 5 free, \$15 for families. Group bookings require 8+ people



## 8 Eucalyptus Distillery Museum – Group Tours

The Eucalyptus Distillery Museum houses a unique collection of artefacts relating to the rich Eucalyptus distilling history of the region, as well as the heritage-listed 'Old Jones' Distillery. Group tours are also available which include a full guided tour, an informative talk and a live distillery demonstration.

**When:** Group bookings upon request (min 10 ppl), 7 days. Normal operating hours: Thursday-Sunday, 10am-4pm and most public holidays  
**Cost:** Group tour Bookings - \$10 per person, \$8 seniors and under 15 free. Refreshments available



2 Operates throughout the region



For more information please visit [visitloddonvalley.com.au](http://visitloddonvalley.com.au) for the latest tours and experiences



# Walking and hiking in the Loddon Valley

For any lover of the great outdoors, the Loddon Valley draws nature enthusiasts with its stunning array of natural attractions to explore.

Why not disconnect from the hustle and bustle of life and reconnect with the natural beauty of these diverse landscapes?

Here are a list of the top National and State Parks, reserves and forests to explore for your next walk, hike or overnight camping adventure (where permitted).



- 1 Terrick Terrick National Park
- 2 Kooyoora State Park
- 3 Leaghur State Park
- 4 Pyramid Hill Bushland Reserve
- 5 Mount Hope - Nature Conservation Reserve
- 6 Mount Korong - Nature Conversation Reserve
- 7 Wychitella - Nature Conservation Reserve (Mount Egbert)
- 8 Waanyarra - Nature Conservation Reserve
- 9 Kingower State Forest
- 10 Inglewood State Forest
- 11 Tang Tang Swamp Wildlife Reserve



Please scan for further information on parks, reserves and other places to enjoy a walk and outdoor adventure.



Mount Hope



Pyramid Hill



Kooyoora State Park



Mount Korong



Pyramid Hill



Kooyoora State Park



Terrick Terrick National Park



## Other business listings

### Bridgewater On Loddon

#### **Bridgewater Ampol Roadhouse**

1 Inglewood Road,  
Bridgewater on Loddon  
03 5437 3549

#### **Bridgewater Post Office**

4 Main Street,  
Bridgewater on Loddon  
03 5437 3099

### Boort

#### **Boort District Health Op Shop**

106 Godfrey Street, Boort  
03 5455 2823

#### **Boort BP Service Station (Lakeside Café)**

41 King Street, Boort  
03 5455 2139

#### **Boort Newsagency**

82 Godfrey Street, Boort  
03 5455 2005

#### **Boort Post Office**

75 Godfrey Street, Boort  
03 5455 2050

### Dingee

#### **Dingee General Store**

18 Mack Street, Dingee  
03 5436 8481

### Inglewood

#### **Inglewood Ambulance - Auxiliary Op Shop**

67A Brooke Street, Inglewood  
03 5438 3660

#### **Inglewood Takeaway**

74 Brooke Street, Inglewood  
03 4416 3850

#### **Gypsy Collectables**

58 Brooke Street, Inglewood  
0428 229 768

#### **Lizzies Old Wares**

94 Brooke Street, Inglewood  
0400 808 295

#### **Ned's Shed Vintage Car and Machinery Display**

96 Brooke Street, Inglewood  
03 5438 3565

#### **Sharps Bazaar**

55 Brooke Street, Inglewood  
0438 467 893

#### **Steve's Empire State Hotel**

91 Brooke Street, Inglewood  
03 5438 3050

#### **Inglewood Emporium**

76-80 Brooke Street,  
Inglewood  
03 54 383 297

### Jarklin

#### **Four Posts Jarklin, Fig Tree Watering Hole**

6696 Loddon Valley Highway,  
Jarklin  
0493 099 498

### Korong Vale

#### **Scully's Korong Vale Hotel**

22 Allen Street, Korong Vale  
03 5412 0700

### Logan

#### **Logan Pub**

6742 Wimmera Highway,  
Logan  
03 5496 2220

### Newbridge

#### **Newbridge River Recreation Reserve**

Off Lyons Street, Newbridge  
newbridge.rec.reserve@  
outlook.com

### Pyramid Hill

#### **Pyramid Hill Op Shop**

5 Kelly Street, Pyramid Hill  
0428 557 041

#### **Pyramid Hill Store**

2 Kelly Street, Pyramid Hill  
0300 247 152

### Serpentine

#### **Serpentine Roadhouse**

Loddon Valley Highway,  
Serpentine  
03 5437 8385

#### **East Loddon Woolshed**

208 Longs Road, Serpentine  
0429 379 253

#### **Serpentine Post Office**

15 Peppercorn Way  
Serpentine  
03 54 378 223

### Tarnagulla

#### **Tarnagulla Post Office**

101 Commercial Road,  
Tarnagulla  
03 5438 7301

#### **Tarnagulla Recreation Reserve**

Wayman Street, Tarnagulla  
03 5438 7397

### Wedderburn

#### **Peppercorn Op Shop**

63 High Street, Wedderburn  
03 5494 3489

#### **Wedderburn Fish & Chip Shop**

50 High Street, Wedderburn  
03 5494 3614

#### **Wedderburn Ampol**

117 High Street, Wedderburn  
03 5494 3079

#### **Wedderburn Post Office**

70 High Street, Wedderburn  
03 5494 3061



### Historical Societies

#### **East Loddon Historical Society**

20 Haig Street, Mitiamo  
0428 368 208

#### **Boort Historical Society**

93 Godfrey Street, Boort  
0498 975 338

#### **Inglewood Historical Society**

91 Southey Street, Inglewood  
0417 338 578

#### **Korong Historical Records Museum**

26 High Street, Wedderburn  
0429 427 005

#### **Pyramid Hill Historical Society**

6 McKay Street, Pyramid Hill  
0409 557 888

#### **Tarnagulla History Archive**

69 Commercial Road, Tarnagulla  
tarnagullahistoryarchive@gmail.com

### Community Centres

#### **Boort Resource and Information Centre (BRIC)**

119-121 Godfrey Street, Boort  
03 5455 2716  
info@boortbric.net

#### **Inglewood Community Neighbourhood House**

52 Market Street, Inglewood  
03 5438 3562  
info@icnh.org.au

#### **Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House**

Unit 5 8-43 Kelly Street, Pyramid Hill  
03 5455 7129  
phnh@bigpond.com

#### **Tarnagulla Community Centre**

8 Sandy Creek Lane, Tarnagulla  
03 4432 8400  
tarnagullacommunitycentre@gmail.com

#### **Wedderburn Community House**

24 Wilson Street, Wedderburn  
03 5494 3489  
admin@wedderburnch.org.au



Exploring the region:  
Loddon's neighbouring City



Bendigo

Explore a vibrant regional city celebrating  
reinvention and innovation.



While the city shines with historic beauty, cosmopolitan Bendigo is firmly set in the now. Incredible arts and culture, food and drink experiences, and a rich history make the Bendigo region unmissable. A vibrant regional city, Bendigo's beautiful streets are the legacy of one of the world's greatest gold rushes.

A creative fusion of classic with contemporary offers a world-class arts scene, from vibrant street art to the internationally renowned Bendigo Art Gallery, boutique buys and authentic hands-on attractions and experiences.

Indulge in a diverse food and drink culture in Australia's first UNESCO Creative City and Region of Gastronomy.

For more information visit  
[bendigotourism.com.au](http://bendigotourism.com.au)

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[@exploreheathcote](https://www.instagram.com/exploreheathcote)  
**Phone 1800 813 153**

Source sustainable local produce directly from its makers and creators at farmers' markets, providers, wineries and breweries, or dine at award-winning restaurants and cafés.

Attend an action-packed calendar of arts and culture, food and beverage, and sporting events throughout the year.

Venture into the nearby Heathcote region, a longtime favourite for wine and nature lovers with 30+ cellar doors, breweries and distilleries, great bushwalking and riding tracks along the O'Keefe Rail Trail and water sports and activities at Lake Eppalock.

### Local favourites

- Be inspired by the latest local, national and international exhibitions at the renowned Bendigo Art Gallery.
- See Dai Gum Loong, the world's longest processional Chinese dragon, at the Golden Dragon Museum.
- Visit the world's largest Buddhist Stupa outside of Asia, The Great Stupa of Universal Compassion.
- Set off on a culinary adventure in Australia's first UNESCO Creative City and Region of Gastronomy.
- Taste straight from the barrel at Bendigo and Heathcote wineries.
- Make a clay masterpiece at Bendigo Pottery.
- Search for gold at Central Deborah Gold Mine.
- Ride a Vintage Talking Tram through the city, from Bendigo Tramways.



Exploring the region:  
Loddon's neighbouring Shire



Castlemaine, Maldon  
& Surrounds

Think creativity, think eclectic,  
think Castlemaine and surrounds.



With charming heritage buildings, quaint streetscapes, fertile farmlands and a vibrant artistic community, Castlemaine, Maldon and surrounds offers contemporary experiences that complement the gold rush legacy.

Art and culture is thriving in this area thanks to an eclectic community of artists, actors, designers and makers. You must visit Buda Historic Home and Garden and the Castlemaine Art Museum for a little history and unique artworks. There is also a number of fabulous galleries, museums and festivals to keep you entertained.

An abundance of gastronomic treasures will ensure you don't go hungry. You can try the award-winning ciders and wines in Harcourt, smoked meats, breads, beers, wines and coffee at The Mill, delicious country pub meals in Maldon or delicious sweet and savoury treats at any one of the local bakeries.

The shopping is top notch. Take a wander through a colourful artist or farmers' market, comb through a bookstore or two, visit one of the hip boutiques or rummage through the antiques and collectables to pick up something you never thought you'd find.

If you want to get active in the great outdoors, there are many options for cycling and walking. You can explore La Larr Ba Gauwa Mountain Bike Park, ride alongside the steam train on the Castlemaine to Maldon trail, take a scenic walk in the bush to spot wildflowers and birdlife or enjoy a section of the Goldfields Track.

Check out our social media pages and website for inspiration before you travel and drop into a Visitor Information Centre on arrival to plan the perfect itinerary.

For more information visit  
[maldoncastlemaine.com.au](http://maldoncastlemaine.com.au)

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# Maryborough & Surrounds

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Majorca. Moliagul. Talbot. Timor.



The world's largest alluvial gold nugget, The Welcome Stranger, was unearthed in the Central Goldfields. Rich in gold rush history, today's fortune hunters still flock to Maryborough and Dunolly's historic gold detecting supply stores in search of that elusive find. Many other treasures invite visitors to enjoy and learn about the region's rich heritage, arts and crafts, food and outdoor experiences.

Here are our top five experiences to seek out in Maryborough & Surrounds.

For more information visit [visitmaryborough.com.au](http://visitmaryborough.com.au)

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Phone 1800 356 511

1. Visit the famous railway station, an icon and must visit when in Maryborough. The Station's state-of-the-art information and interpretation centre includes a reproduction of the famous Welcome Stranger and digital and interactive storytelling exploring the impact of the goldrush including on Dja Dja Wurrung Country and culture.
2. The Central Goldfields Art Gallery is the region's recently renovated and extended creative centre. An inspiring celebration of art and heritage is displayed in the historic 1861 fire station. The newly-redeveloped award winning Gallery presents exhibitions and activities for all ages and interests, and presents work by local and international Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists.
3. Take the scenic drive to Dunolly and weave your way along Broadway to explore the surrounding parks and gardens.
4. Beautiful country pubs and cafés tantalise the taste buds with regional produce. Don't miss the famous Talbot farmers' market which is presented once a month in Scandinavian Crescent. Fossickers Fine Food & Eatery are now open at London House Talbot, offering dining, creative space and local provedore produce.
5. For those who like the outdoors, make sure you bring your bike to pedal along one of 15 cycling trails weaving their way through traditional goldfields and box-ironbark forests.





## Loddon Visitor Information Centre

The friendly Loddon Visitor Information Centre staff and volunteers are there to assist, making your visit in the region memorable.

The centre provides quality information on accommodation, attractions, tours, events and activities throughout the Loddon Valley and surrounding regions.

Call, drop in, or see more at: [visitloddonvalley.com.au](http://visitloddonvalley.com.au)



**03 5494 1257**  
**24 Wilson Street,**  
**Wedderburn VIC 3518**  
[visitloddonvalley.com.au](http://visitloddonvalley.com.au)



There are also a series of **Welcome Shops** throughout the Loddon Region, which serve as visitor information hubs in key townships.

- 1. Bridgewater Post Office**  
4 Main Street,  
Bridgewater on Loddon
- 2. Newbridge General Store**  
36 Lyons Street, Newbridge
- 3. Tarnagulla Café 101 and Post Office**  
101 Commercial Road,  
Tarnagulla
- 4. Eucalyptus Distillery Museum**  
20 Grant Street North,  
Inglewood
- 5. Boort Newsagency**  
83 Godfrey Street, Boort
- 6. Mitiamo General Store**  
5 Joffre Street, Mitiamo
- 7. Pyramid Hill Store**  
2 Kelly Street, Pyramid Hill

## Travel Information

**By rail or coach (Bendigo line):**  
 With departure from Southern Cross to Bendigo then catching a V/Line coach out into the region. Coaches connect daily but it is important to check daily as timetables alter.

**By rail (Swan Hill line via Dingee and Pyramid Hill):**  
 There are two services arriving and departing Dingee and Pyramid Hill on both weekdays and weekends (late AM and late PM). Please refer to V/Line timetables for the latest information.

**By car (Melbourne):**  
 The region is very accessible by car and only two hours from Melbourne Airport or Melbourne City via the Calder Highway (entering just prior to Bridgewater)

**By car (Bendigo):**  
 The region is very accessible by car and only 30 minutes from Bendigo Visitor Centre.

## Emergency Numbers

**Fire, ambulance and police emergencies: 000**

**Local police:**

**Tarnagulla**  
03 5438 7333

**Bridgewater**  
03 5437 3232

**Inglewood**  
03 5438 3200

**Wedderburn**  
03 5494 3300

**Boort**  
03 5455 2000

**Pyramid Hill**  
03 5455 7000

**Poisons information**  
13 11 26

**Wildlife Victoria**  
03 8400 7300

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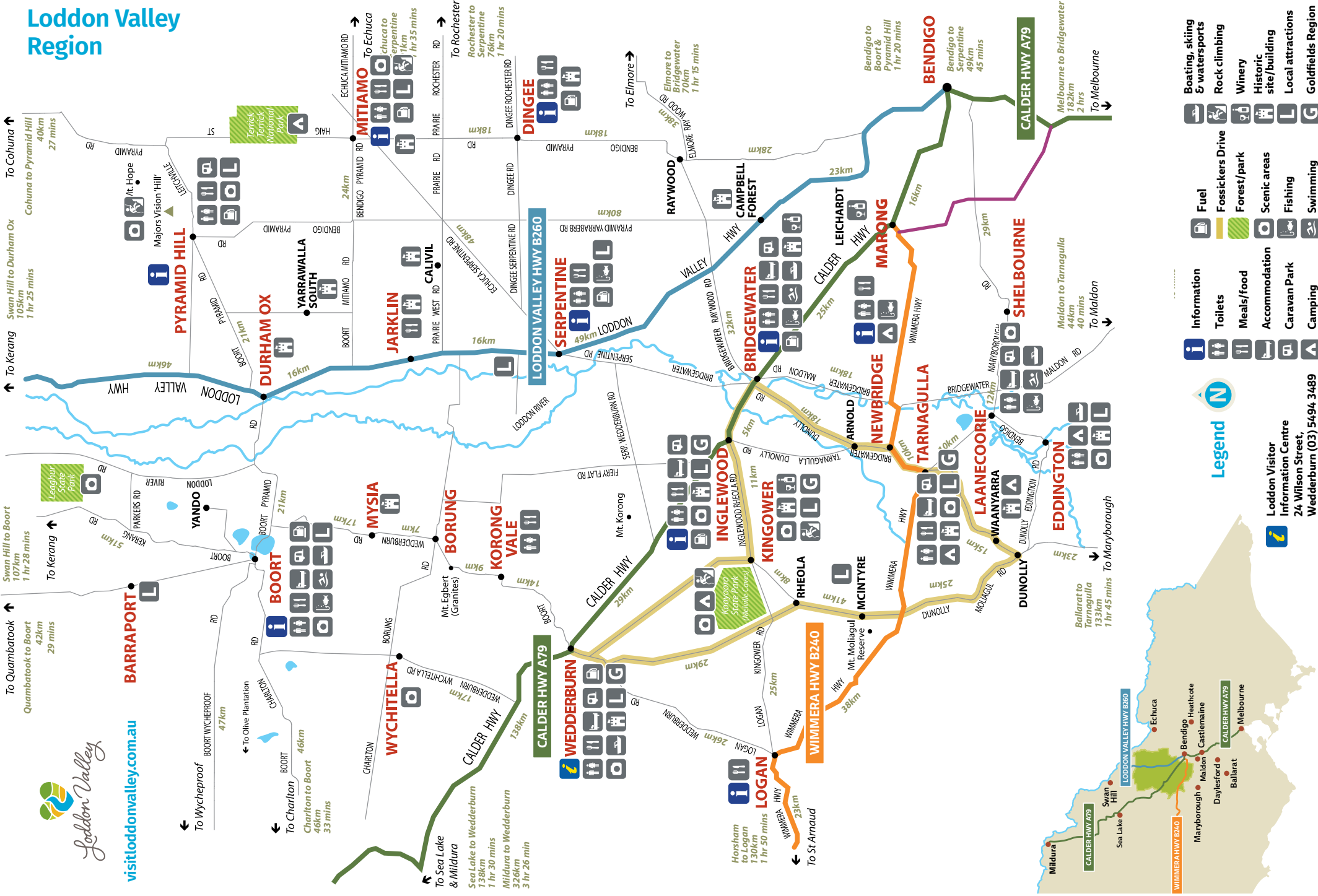


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