

# Hay Region

Hay, One Tree, Booligal, Maude & Oxley

Situated on the picturesque Murrumbidgee River and surrounded by the vast, open grasslands of the One Tree Plains, Hay's history is rich with characters and tales of boom and bust - of isolation and innovation.



## Hay Region at a glance

**Towns & Villages:** Hay, One Tree, Booligal, Maude & Oxley

**Population:** 3,500

**Main Industries:** Horticulture, Sheep, Cattle, Cereal Crops, Rice and Tourism

**River:** The Murrumbidgee

**National Parks:** Yanga, Booligal Station, Oolambeyan and Kalyarr

### Did you know?

Banjo Patterson wrote the famous "Hay, Hell and Booligal" after visiting the region.

It is said that the Hay Plains are the flattest place in the southern hemisphere.

### Events

**January -** Australia Day Celebrations

**February -** Annual Fishing Competition  
Carrathool Races

**May -** Hay Sheep Show

**September -** Hay Show

**October -** Hay Rodeo  
Booligal Sheep Races  
Bishop's Lodge Spring Market

**November -** Hay Races

## Must See and Dos

- ✓ Sunset on the vast Hay plain. And on a clear night, this is the perfect place to star-gaze.
- ✓ Visit Shear Outback for tall tales and true about the Australian shearing industry.
- ✓ Discover grand Bishop's Lodge historic house and garden.
- ✓ Learn about the chequered history of the Hay Gaol, built in 1878.
- ✓ Explore The Long Paddock Sculptural Trail at Bushy Bend.
- ✓ A visit to the memorial for Refugees and POWs. Learn more about the subject at the Dunera Museum at Hay Railway Station - Hay Internment & POW Camps Interpretive Centre at the old railway station.



**Hay Visitor Information Centre**

407 Moppett Street, Hay NSW 2711

**Phone:** 02 6993 4045

**Website:** [www.visithay.com.au](http://www.visithay.com.au)

## Hay

Over centuries poets and artists have attempted to capture the spirit of the plains, but only a visit to Hay will give visitors the real experience - the unique landscape, the diversity of attractions, the richness of our cultural heritage and the warmth of true country hospitality.

Hay's political and social history has left a grand legacy of Australian architecture. Hay's heritage buildings reveal the ingenuity of early architects attempting to tame a harsh outback climate. Hay services a large pastoral area so you'll find the main street buzzing with activity.

## History

The township of Hay began as Lang's Crossing, a crossing-place on the Murrumbidgee River for stock being driven south to markets in Victoria during the gold-rushes of the 1850s. The site was eventually surveyed in 1859 and Hay, named after a prominent politician (John Hay) of the day, quickly developed as an important hub for the surrounding pastoral holdings, with their fat-stock and wool production.

During its earliest days Hay's economy was linked to the navigation by steam-boats of the Murrumbidgee, and it became an important river port. The town and district was also extensively serviced by horse and bullock wagons. In 1882 the railway was extended to Hay, linking the town directly with regions to the east, including Sydney.

## Attractions

The Murrumbidgee River is where Hay started. Today the river provides some of the best fishing spots in NSW, as well as easy access for boating and canoeing. Hay's population makes full use of its 327 'fine days' a year and has a full calendar of special events covering the entire district.

For all the details on what to see and do in Hay visit the friendly local staff at the Hay Visitor Information Centre located in Moppett Street.

The Hay region is home to five amazing museums that are a must see for any visitor:

**Shear Outback** - Offers visitor a glimpse into the Australian shearing industry. The award winning museum captures the feel of the shearing shed in a modern interpretation. There are daily shearing demonstrations, a café, maze and retail shop.

**Bishop's Lodge Historic House** - Is a fine example of architectural adaptation. Visit the 1888 iron house to see how the building was made to withstand the heat of Hay's summers. Take a stroll through the historic gardens which contain many unique and heritage roses.

**Hay Gaol Museum** - Was built in 1878 and has been everything from an institute for girls to a maternity hospital. The gaol has many unique and rare treasures housed within its walls and provides a very moving experience for visitors.

**Hay War Memorial High School Museum** - This is a museum within a school - honoring the young that Hay lost in war by educating future generations. The museum houses a collection of artefacts, photographs and documents relating to both district war service across the twentieth century and the school itself.

**Dunera Museum - Hay Internment and POW Camps Interpretive Centre** - The flatness of the Hay Plains and the fact that it was the end of the rail line made it a perfect place to intern prisoners of war during World War Two. Hay became home to the famous Dunera boys, 2,000 German/Austrian Jewish internees first, followed by POWs from North Africa, Italy and Japan. No visit to Hay is complete without a walk through the Museum located at the Railway Building at the northern end of town.



## One Tree Hotel

Located between Hay and Booligal is the famous and historic One Tree Hotel. The hotel was built in 1862 by Alexander Finch. Originally known as Finch Inn, it was renamed the One Tree Hotel later when purchased by William Clark. It was named because of its location under one large gum tree growing on the clay pan near a fresh water well. One Tree was a staging post for the Cobb & Co Coach. The One Tree Hotel now stands on the plains, a stark reminder of an era gone by.

## Booligal

Located on the banks of the Lachlan River, the town consists of a pub, primary school, two churches, a cricket ground and play area. The pub supplies groceries, fuel, gas refills and is also an Australia Post agency. There are two BBQs available at the cricket ground - a great place to cook up your catch from the river. The Booligal Cricket Ground is the site of the famous annual Booligal Sheep Races.

## History

Booligal, was first sighted by explorer John Oxley on his journey down the Lachlan River. Its name, derived from the aboriginal language, means 'windy place'.

In the 1890's Booligal had a population of 500. Today the township itself has a floating population of approximately 28, but the community it serves extends to include properties within a 60+km radius.



## Attractions

Booligal is a one hour trip from Hay by bitumen road across the great open plains of saltbush, where wedge-tail eagles and galahs soar and kangaroos and emus roam at will. The road is flanked by a stock route on which drovers are a common sight, grazing their mobs of sheep or cattle along the "long paddock."

In the distance you can catch glimpses of the groups of trees marking the position of the station homesteads and their outlying buildings, the only relief to the curved line of the horizon.

## Maude and Oxley

While you are in the region take a couple of hours or a day to visit the villages of Maude and Oxley. Maude is located on the Murrumbidgee River west of Hay, it has a pub, caravan park and general store and is a good spot to throw a line in while enjoying a quite beer.

Oxley is a small village north west of Hay on the banks of the Lachlan River. St Barnabas Church is a fine example of a classic bush church and is well worth a look. From Oxley you can head to Mungo National Park.



**Accommodation**



**Nicholas Royal Motel**

Hay's most centrally located 3.5 star motel. Relax in quiet surrounds with comfortable, affordable accommodation. Metres from highly awarded Jolly Jumbuck Bistro, cafes, shops, banks, council and government offices.

16 ground floor premium rooms offer: Wireless internet, Austar / LCD TV's, meals to rooms, queen or king size beds, microwaves, reverse-cycle A/C and ceiling fans, free BBQ & saltwater pool, great children's playground, large vehicle parking available, carwash and special seniors/rep's rates

**Address:** 152 Lachlan Street, Hay NSW 2711  
**Phone:** 1800 333 563 **Fax:** 02 6993 1737  
**Email:** info@nicholasroyalmotel.com.au  
**Website:** www.nicholasroyalmotel.com.au



**Accommodation**



**Riverina Hotel & Jolly Jumbuck Bistro**

- Central Location
- GAMING MACHINES
- TAB and Sky Channel
- Clean Budget Accommodation
- Friendly Service

Budget accommodation, all rooms recently refurbished. Enjoy a relaxed dining experience and country hospitality at the Jolly Jumbuck Bistro.

The Bistro boasts an extensive menu selection and an outstanding selection of wines.

Open everyday for lunch 12pm to 2pm and

**Address:** 148 Lachlan Street, Hay NSW 2711  
**Phone:** 02 6993 1137  
**Bistro Phone:** 02 6993 4718  
**Fax:** 02 6993 2131

**Accommodation**



**Hay Plains Holiday Park**

A great spot to relax under a shady tree, catch up on the washing or cool off in the pool. You will find clean comfortable facilities and a friendly welcome.

- ✓ Camp kitchen
- ✓ Recreation room
- ✓ Ensuite sites
- ✓ Air Con Cabins
- ✓ Powered and unpowered sites
- ✓ Padded and unpadded sites
- ✓ Swimming pool
- ✓ Adventure playground

Groups welcome.

**Address:** 4 Nailor Street, Hay NSW 2711  
**Phone:** 02 69931875 **Email:** office@haybig4.com.au

**Accommodation**



**The New Crown Hotel Motel**

The New Crown Hotel Motel originally opened in the early 1900s and is one of the oldest in Hay, the hotel is situated in the centre of town on the Lachlan Street.

The New Crown Hotel Motel is proud to offer a great selection of home cooked meals in their family friendly restaurant or beer garden, with plenty of room for the kids to play. Enjoy lunch and dinner 7 days a week.

The New Crown Hotel Motel boasts a wide range of accommodation options catering for the family and business traveller with ensuites in most rooms.

**Address:** 177 Lachlan Street, Hay NSW 2711  
**Phone:** 02 6993 1600 **Email:** office@newcrownhotel.com.au  
**Website:** www.newcrownhotel.com



**Accommodation**



**Hay Caravan Park**

We offer a range of accommodation options from drive thru and ensuite sites to air conditioned self contained cabins. • Saltwater pool • Free gas BBQ • Kiosk • Dump point  
Pets welcome at Manager's discretion.

**Address:** Sturt Highway, Hay NSW 2711  
**Phone:** 02 6993 1415  
**Email:** info@haycp.com.au

**Fax:** 02 6993 1066



**Accommodation**



**Comfort Inn Hay-Bishop's Lodge** (Opening late 2010)

Fully licenced a-la-carte restaurant, conference facilities, salt water swimming pool, spa, tennis court, guest laundry, spa suites and large 2 bedroom family suites, Austar TV to all rooms, free wireless broadband for laptops. Coach and trailer parking available.

**Address:** 35 Moama Street, (Sturt Highway) Hay NSW 2711  
**Email:** info@comfortinnhay.com.au  
**Website:** www.comfortinnhay.com.au

**Accommodation**



**Lakeside Bed & Breakfast**

A hidden treasure.... relax and unwind in your private self contained suite overlooking stunning gardens and our fish filled lake. Enjoy a scrumptious country breakfast from your fully stocked pantry.

Pet friendly accommodation (by arrangement)

**Address:** "Riverton" Boon Street, Hay NSW 2711  
**Email:** haylsbb@tpg.com.au

**Phone:** 02 6993 2203  
**Mobile:** 0428 665 235

**Accommodation**



**Booligal Hotel**

Visit the outback right on your doorstep! Everything from Petrol, groceries, ice cream, drinks, meals, accommodation and Post Office.

Open 7 days

**Hosts:** Debbie, John & Damien  
**Phone:** 02 6993 8123  
**Email:** jd.robinson1@bigpond.com

**Address:** Cobb Highway Booligal  
**Fax:** 02 6993 8177

**Attractions**



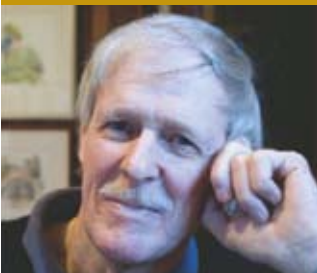
**Historic One Tree Hotel**

Take yourself back in time to the old Cobb & Co staging post of the One Tree Hotel made famous by Banjo Patterson's poem, 'Hay, Hell and Booligal'. The building stands alone against the skyline, some 38kms from Hay as a reminder of the days of squatter's runs and stage coaches.

Open by appointment only

**Phone:** 02 6993 1730  
**Email:** ttsk@tpg.com.au

**Attractions**

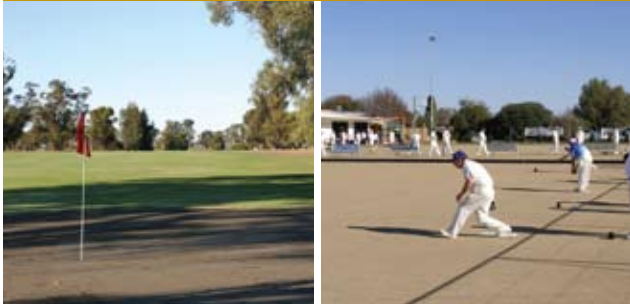


**Chris McClelland Gallery**

Chris is internationally recognised for his fine detailed graphite and coloured pencil drawings, which reflects his natural unique gift. He has a strong passion for the wildlife of Africa and Australia. His artwork captures movement of the wildlife with extraordinary precision that his animals appear alive. Our gallery is open most days except Sunday or by appointment.

**Address:** 84 Lachlan Street, Hay NSW 2711  
**Phone:** 02 6993 4264  
**Mobile:** 0427 873 122  
**Email:** wildprints@bigpond.com  
**Web:** www.wildprints.com.au

**Attractions**



**Hay Bowling & Golf Club**

Best Beer in Town and Best Meals in Town. Chinese and Australian meals, great lunch specials, eat in or take away. Club Keno and ATM facilities, AUSTAR big screen. Two top class bowling greens. Australia's best sand green golf course. Promotions and raffles every Friday and Saturday nights. Social bowls Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Bingo Monday afternoon. Great, friendly atmosphere.

**Address:** Corner Lachlan & Murray Streets, Hay NSW 2711  
**Club Phone:** 02 6993 1360  
**Bistro Phone:** 02 6993 2211  
**Golf Course Phone:** 02 6993 1244

**Attractions**



**Hay Services Club**

*For the information of members and guests.*

- Fully licenced Bistro-Dining room
- Open Thursday to Monday Lunch & Dinner and takeaways
- Keno, Bowls, Squash
- Riverina Superdraw Thursday nights
- ATM, Raffles every Thursday and Friday
- BINGO – Tuesday 1pm and Thursday 11am
- Courtesy bus
- Function room and auditorium for meetings and conferences

**Address:** 371 Murray Street, Hay NSW 2711  
**Phone:** 02 6993 1206    **Fax:** 02 6993 1735  
**Restaurant Phone:** 02 6993 4823  
**Email:** hayservicesclub@exemail.com.au



**Shear Outback**

Australian Shearers Hall of Fame. Great cafe and retail shop, disabled facilities. Open 9am to 5pm every day. Shearing demonstrations at 10.30am, 1pm & 3.30pm.

**Phone:** 02 6993 4000  
**Email:** info@shearoutback.com.au

**Hay's  
5 AMAZING  
MUSEUMS**



**Dunera Museum: 'About Hay 1940-46'**

POW Camps for 6,000 Italians, Japanese, + Located in air con carriages at the Hay Railway Station, Murray St. Open daily 9am -

**Phone:** 02 6993 2161  
**Email:** houstondgcl@bigpond.com



**Hay Gaol**

Disabled access, toilets, car and coach parking. Open daily 9am to 5pm for self guided tours. Group guided tours by prior arrangement. Located on Church Street.

**Phone:** 02 6993 1003  
**Email:** jenijapp@bigpond.com



**Bishop's Lodge**

Situated in South Hay on the corner of the Sturt Highway and Roset St, one kilometre east of the main Hay roundabout. Open Monday to Saturday 2pm to 4.30pm.

**Phone:** 02 6993 1727  
**Email:** bishopslodge@westnet.com.au



**Hay War Memorial High School**

Open weekdays 9am to 4pm during school terms. Main building of school in Pine Street. Disabled access, toilets, car and coach parking. Groups by appointment.

**Phone:** 02 6993 1408  
**Email:** haywamem-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

**HAY VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE - 407 Moppett Street, Phone: 1300 307 090 Website: www.hay.nsw.gov.au**

**Shops / Services**



**Havachat Coffee Shop**

Sit, relax and let the friendly staff at Havachat serve you the finest coffee, tea and treats.

**Open 7 days a week:** Monday to Friday 9am – 4:30pm  
Saturday & Sunday 9am – 1:30pm

**Address:** 125 Lachlan Street, Hay NSW 2711  
**Phone / Fax:** 02 6993 3200

**Shops / Services**



**TheLongPad-**

**The Long Paddock Cafe**

Enjoy the warmth of country hospitality as you dine in or take away. Homemade delights bringing you the taste of the outback. Yummy burgers, quiches, lasagne also vegetarian and gluten free meals along with toasted sandwiches, cakes, slices, hot & cold drinks, Vittoria Coffee with a lovely atmosphere.

**Address:** 131 Lachlan Street, Hay NSW 2711  
**Phone / Fax:** 02 6993 1128

**Shops / Services**



**Hay Officesmart Newsagency** (Newspower)

Daily newspapers (Melbourne / Sydney & Regional). Wide selection of magazines, souvenirs, postcards, books, greeting cards, stationery & touring guides. NSW lotteries agency, photocopying & phonecards prepaid mobile phones (Telstra, Optus & Vodafone) Internet/email, Fax services, drinks & confectionery, Darrell Lea chocolates outlet, photo express. Open 7 Days.

**Address:** 142 Lachlan Street, Hay NSW 2711  
**Phone:** 02 6993 1081  
**Email:** haynews@bigpond.com  
**Fax:** 02 6993 3255

**Attractions**



**Hay Visitor Information Centre**

The Hay Visitor Information Centre is centrally located in Moppett Street Hay just off the Main Street.

The Centre offers free local and regional maps & brochures on accommodation, attractions, events, dining out and other places of interest within the Riverina and NSW Outback.

Experience a friendly country welcome from the Centre staff who can offer information and advice on the "must sees in Hay".

We invite you to browse through the range of souvenirs, homemade jams, sauces and condiments, polo and rugby shirts, caps, wine coolers and stubby holders.

**Address:** 407 Moppett Street, Hay NSW 2711  
**Phone:** 02 6993 4045      **Fax:** 02 6993 2069  
**Email:** hayvic@hay.nsw.gov.au  
**Website:** www.hay.nsw.gov.au

**Shops / Services**



**Robertson's Hot Bread Kitchen**

When in Hay make sure you drop into our shop and tempt your tastebuds with our freshly baked breads, pies and scrumptious cakes.

Enjoy breakfast, lunch or a snack from 5am – 6 days per week. Grab a takeaway, or sit down and relax in our indoor or alfresco dining areas.

There is even a play area for children.

Coaches and large groups welcome.

Customer satisfaction is our policy.

**Owners:** Tim & Jenny Robertson  
**Address:** 149 Lachlan Street, Hay NSW 2711  
**Phone:** 02 6993 1130      **Fax:** 02 6993 4681  
**Email:** jenny@robertsons.com.au  
**Web:** robertsonshotbread.com.au