

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, Cotton and Tourism

River: The Murrumbidgee and The Lachlan

National Parks: Yanga, Booligal Station, Oolambeyan and Kalyarr

Did you know?

Banjo Patterson wrote the famous "Hay, Hell and Booligal" poem 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

April - Booligal Sheep Races

May - Hay Sheep Show

September - Hay Show

October - Hay Rodeo

Bishop's Lodge Spring Market

November - Hay Races

Must See and Dos

- ✓ Sunset on the vast Hay plain. 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

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Website: 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

Hay started on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River. 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.

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



Booligal Hotel

Visit the outback right on your doorstep! Everything from Petrol, groceries, ice cream, drinks, meals, accommodation and Post Office.
Open 7 days

Address: Cobb Highway, Booligal
Phone: 02 6993 8123
Email: booligalhotel@live.com.au

Hosts: Debbie, John & Damien
Fax: 02 6993 8177

Attractions



Booligal Sheep Races

Bring your friends and family to the best day out in the Outback every April.

On the Lachlan River, just 75km north of Hay at the famous BCG.

Bring your own sheep or hire one on the day and try your luck for the Booligal Cup.

Free entertainment for the kids, BBQ and refreshments available all day.

Address: Booligal Cricket Ground, Booligal NSW 2711

Mobile: 0439 938 119

Email: info@booligalsheepaces.com.au

Website: www.booligalsheepaces.com.au

Attractions



Hay Bowling & Golf Club

For the best beer and meals in town, head to the Bowling Club. Australian and Chinese meals, great lunch specials, eat in or takeaway. Two world class bowling greens. Australia's best sand green golf course. Social bowls every Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. Club Keno and TAB facilities, ATM and Austar on the big screen. Motel key drink promotion – present your key for complimentary beer (middy), wine or soft drink. Promotions and Raffles every Friday & Saturday nights, Pick the Score, Club 1000 and much more. Bingo every Monday, Poker every Saturday and Wednesday.

Great, friendly atmosphere.

Address: Corner Lachlan & Murray Streets,
Hay NSW 2711

Club Phone: 02 6993 1360

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.

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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

Attractions



Hay Services Club

For the information of members and guests.

- Fully licenced Bistro-Dining room
- Thursday to Monday Lunch & Dinner and takeaways
- Keno, Bowls, Squash
- Riverina Superdraw Thursday nights
- ATM, Raffles every Thursday and Friday
- Courtesy bus
- Function Room and auditorium for meetings, conferences and weddings
- Off street parking available for Motor Homes and Caravans

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

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Web: www.megscottage.com.au



Phone: 02 6993 1603
Web: www.charliesretreat.com.au

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
Email: haynews@bigpond.com
Phone: 02 6993 1081
Fax: 02 6993 3255

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

Attractions



Chris McClelland Gallery/Studio

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
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Shear Outback

Australian Shearers Hall of Fame Sturt Highway. Shear Heritage, Shear Culture, Shear Fun, Great Café & Retail Shop. Open 9am to 5pm everyday. Shearing demonstrations 10.30am, 1pm & 3.30pm.

Phone: 02 6993 4000

Email: info@shearoutback.com.au



Hay Gaol

A treasure trove of reminders of times past. Church Street. Open daily 9am to 5pm. Guided tours by prior arrangement.

Phone: 02 6993 4045

Email: hayvic@hay.nsw.gov.au

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Bishop's Lodge

Historic House & Heritage Rose Garden. Cnr Sturt Highway & Roset Street. Open Monday to Saturday 2pm to 4.30pm. Functions & guided tours by arrangement.

Phone: 02 6993 1727

Email: bishopslodge@westnet.com.au



Dunera Museum

Internment & Prisoner of War Camps Interpretive Centre. Located in carriages at the 1882 Historic Railway Station. Open daily 9am to 6pm. Guided tours available by arrangement.

Phone: 02 6993 2161

Email: houstondgcl@bigpond.com



Hay War Memorial High School

Large collection of war records, photos & artefacts. Pine Street. Open weekdays 9am to 4pm during School terms. Groups by appointment.

Phone: 02 6993 1408

Email: haywarmem-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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