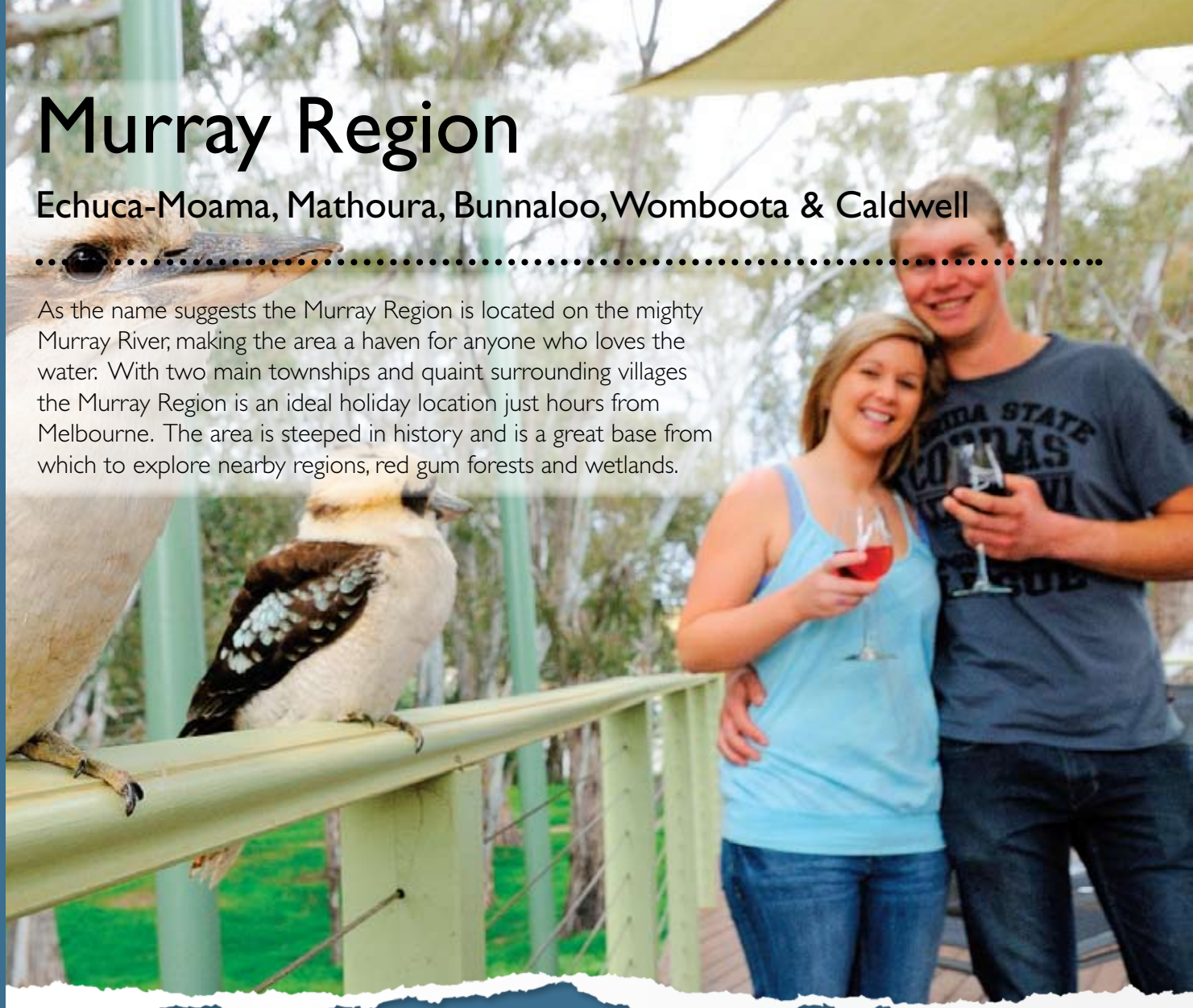


# Murray Region

Echuca-Moama, Mathoura, Bunnaloo, Womboota & Caldwell

As the name suggests the Murray Region is located on the mighty Murray River, making the area a haven for anyone who loves the water. With two main townships and quaint surrounding villages the Murray Region is an ideal holiday location just hours from Melbourne. The area is steeped in history and is a great base from which to explore nearby regions, red gum forests and wetlands.



## Murray Region at a glance

**Towns and Villages:** Echuca-Moama, Mathoura, Bunnaloo, Womboota & Caldwell

**Population:** Moama - 5,119 Mathoura - 824

**Main Industries :** Tourism, Manufacturing, Timber, Sheep, Wheat, Rice and Viticulture

**River:** The Murray

**National Parks:** MurrayValley National Park (NSW), Barmah National Park (Victoria)

**Did you know?** Echuca - Moama is home to the oldest paddlesteamer in the world - the PS Adelaide built in 1866

### Events

<b>February -</b>	Riverboats Music Festival
<b>March -</b>	Echuca-Moama Celtic Festival
	Mathoura and Moama Fishing Classics,
	Echuca Steam Rally
<b>July -</b>	Winter Blues Festival (Echuca-Moama)
<b>October -</b>	Cadell Fair to Mathoura Festival

## Must See And Dos

- ✓ Discover the historic Echuca Wharf, an authentic working river port, and cruise the Murray River aboard an historic paddlesteamer.
- ✓ Take a peaceful cruise through the Barmah Wetlands, an area of international recognition. See the world's largest red gum forest and hundreds of types of birds including wading and migratory species.
- ✓ View amazing bird life from the bird hide at the internationally recognised Reed Beds Bird Hide in the MurrayValley National Park.
- ✓ Grab a brochure from the Visitor Centre and explore the Backroads Trail, an out-of-the way tourism trail showcasing the region's heritage, environment, food, wine and culture. Explore, Taste and Enjoy.
- ✓ Witness the trials of drovers in days gone by in 'The Drover and Horse' Sculpture at Mathoura.



**Echuca Moama Visitor Information Centre**  
2 Heygarth Street, Echuca Vic. 3564  
**Freecall:** 1 800 804 406  
**Website:** [www.echucamoama.com](http://www.echucamoama.com)



**Mathoura Visitor Information Centre**  
Cobb Highway, Mathoura NSW 2710  
**Phone:** 03 5884 3730  
**Website:** [www.mathoura.com.au](http://www.mathoura.com.au)

## Moama

Echuca and Moama are neighbouring towns separated by the Murray River; the border between Victoria and New South Wales. They have become a combined community aiming to make the area a desirable place to live and an interesting destination for visitors and both sides work together to this end. Each has a different history.

## History

Moama, established in 1845 by James Maiden - ex-convict, punt owner, station manager, stock dealer, publican and post master - became a market, providing meat for miners at the Bendigo diggings. It was known then as Maiden's Punt. Big deals took place in Maiden's Junction Inn and for a time it was the busiest stock market in Australia. Maiden made a fortune supplying the Bendigo diggings and then lost it.

Three years later the village area was surveyed. Lots were put up for sale and the town was renamed Moama.

But its prosperity was short lived. When the gold petered out and the big flood of 1870 submerged it, Moama followed Maiden into obscurity.

Relocated to higher ground it rallied again with the arrival of the Deniliquin and Moama Railway in 1876 and the opening of the Iron Bridge across the Murray two years later.

Today, visitors are encouraged to wander around 'Old Moama' and the site of Maiden's Inn and punt crossing, located in Chanter Street, in Moama's east.

Echuca was founded by another ex-convict, Henry Hopwood, who established a commercial empire on the south bank of the Murray in 1853. That year marked the arrival of the first paddle steamer and Hopwood recognised the potential. He pressured the Government into providing a railway, which opened in 1864. Soon afterwards a port was established at the terminus and the river boats began transporting wool and other goods along the Murray-Darling and Murrumbidgee Rivers to the new railhead.

## Attractions

Wander through the local museums, take a horse and carriage ride, or hire a canoe, go on a horse riding adventure, zoom around in a go-kart, take a water ski lesson, enjoy laser or paintball, explore a maze or play a round of mini golf, have a game of 10 pin bowling, or try your luck on a fishing tour. Visit the fauna park, take an eco tour through the wetlands and explore a food and wine trail that will reignite your taste buds.

The Historic Port Area in Echuca was once the largest inland port in Australia, with a 1.2 kilometre wharf built in 1865. Today, the Port of Echuca is an authentic working steam port where you can tread the boards on the huge redgum wharf and be taken back to an era when Echuca was once a bustling river port.

The Port is now home to the world's largest collection of paddle steamers. Many have been fully restored and offer daily cruises, which provide an insight into life on the river 100 years ago. Visitors can enjoy short trips, lunch and dinner cruises or overnight stays aboard the paddle steamers.

With more than 50 eateries in Echuca-Moama, dining experiences are plentiful. Enjoy great shopping in big-name department stores, intimate gift shops and many cafes in the town-centre, as well as the unique shopping strip of historic High Street.

Surrounded by the mighty Murray River and bushland, Moama has a lot to offer visitors and residents alike, with impressive clubs, international bowling greens, championship golf course, cellar doors and outstanding tourist drives.





## Mathoura

Mathoura is just 40km north of Echuca - Moama. It is a gateway to Australia's largest redgum forest and wetlands of international significance. It has arguably the best access in the region to the Murray River, with good dry weather roads and no high banks.

It began as a market garden and a pub on a drovers' track beside the Gulpa Creek in the mid - 1800s, and built itself as a timber source for the developing young nation of Australia. Today, it is a favoured destination for lovers of a gentle country lifestyle and those seeking peaceful holidays amid forests, waterways and a beautiful natural environment.

## History

As the overlanders trekked Queensland cattle and sheep to Adelaide and Melbourne markets, the runs they passed through soon began to sprout services and settlements. Mathoura Station was one such run. It was taken up by Peter Stuckey in 1842 and comprised 60,000 acres.

Around 1853 a Yorkshireman named William Carter took over a rough pub known as Ward's Inn. Two years later he replaced the original slab inn with a brick building and named it "Redbank Inn" after the distinctive edge of the Cadell Fault on which it perched. (The Cadell Fault is a ridge running from Echuca to Deniliquin, formed when the land was thrust upwards by earthquakes perhaps 30,000 years ago).

The Cadell uplift diverted the Murray River's westward course which formerly ran close to Mathoura - look for undulations marking the river's old bed near the town. The wall of earth holding back water in flood times created new flood plains and a complex system of lakes and creeks, ideal conditions for the establishment of what is now the largest river red gum (*Eucalyptus Camaldulensis*) forest in Australia. The Cobb Highway runs along the uplifted portion, up to 15 metres above land east of the fault, making it possible in some places

to look directly over the canopy of trees growing on the lower level.

Mathoura's history owes much to the sleeper cutters, sawmill operators and charcoal producers who cut and processed the region's renowned timber.

## Attractions

The Murray Valley National Park (NSW), together with the Barmah National Park (Victoria), covers more than 70,000 hectares and is the largest red gum forest in Australia. Frequent flooding has created a vast mosaic of seasonal wetlands. The area is home to hundreds of plant, bird and animal species and is a great playground for visitors to explore.

The Murray and Edward Rivers and the Gulpa Creek, prized by anglers, are within 10km of Mathoura. The Gulpa Creek Reed Beds Bird Observatory is a world class bird watching facility, providing accessible viewing of exceptional birdlife, when the wetlands are flooded.

Experience one of the many forest walks, cycling tracks and drives on offer; utilise the picnic sites and barbeque facilities available, go camping, canoeing, swimming, play golf or tennis, wander along the heritage walk, enjoy wine tasting or learn more about the region along the Murray Valley Trail.

Stop in at the Mathoura Visitor Information Centre to see the amazing 'Horse and Drover' and 'The Woodcutters' sculptures. There is also a fantastic kids playground.



## Accommodation



### Magic Murray Houseboats

Experience Magic Murray Houseboats on the famous Murray River. Cruising the Murray River is the ultimate way to relax. Your floating home is fully equipped, just bring your food, refreshments, sun tan lotion and you are off to on a holiday to remember. Magic Murray Houseboats are easy and safe to operate. No special license is required and we provide the comprehensive instructions before heading off on your journey of a lifetime. On board there is everything you need to make your holiday comfortable and pleasant.



**Address:** Deniliquin Street, Moama NSW 2731  
**Freecall:** 1800 356 483  
**Phone:** 03 5480 6099 **Fax:** 03 5480 6690  
**Email:** magicmurray@aspensparks.com.au  
**Website:** www.aspenparks.com.au

## Accommodation



### Yarraby Holiday Park

Yarraby Holiday Park provides guests with a magnificent holiday destination right on the Murray River. Offering Caravan, Camping, Cabin and Villa accommodation at great value rates. Yarraby Holiday Park the perfect environment to simply relax and enjoy life.

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**Address:** 75 River Avenue, Echuca Vic. 3564  
**Freecall:** 1800 222 052  
**Phone:** 03 5482 1533 **Fax:** 03 5482 5809  
**Email:** yarraby@aspensparks.com.au  
**Website:** www.aspenparks.com.au

## Accommodation



### Maiden's Inn Holiday Park

Maiden's Inn Holiday Park is located on the banks of the Murray River and close to the historic Port of Echuca.

The twin towns of Echuca - Moama offer a diverse range of activities and year 'round events to entertain holiday makers of all ages.

Maiden's Inn offers a variety of holiday accommodation options from Caravan and Camping Sites through to Deluxe Spa Villas.



**Address:** Deniliquin Street, Moama NSW 2731  
**Freecall:** 1800 356 801  
**Phone:** 03 5480 9253 **Fax:** 03 5482 1732  
**Email:** maidensinn@aspensparks.com.au  
**Website:** www.aspenparks.com.au

## Accommodation



### A Shady River Holiday Park

Just two and a half hours from Melbourne, located in the twin towns of Echuca - Moama.

A Shady River Holiday Park is situated on 10.5 hectares of natural bush and gardens. Offering Caravan, Camping and Cabin accommodation, A Shady River Holiday Park has something for everyone!

Experience the Murray - take a journey in a paddlesteamer, go fishing, canoeing or waterskiing.



**Address:** Merool Lane, Moama NSW 2731  
**Freecall:** 1800 674 239  
**Phone:** 03 5482 5500 **Fax:** 03 5480 9358  
**Email:** shadyriver@aspensparks.com.au  
**Website:** www.aspenparks.com.au



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## Attractions



### Rich River Golf Club Resort

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**Address:** 24 Lane, Moama NSW 2731

**Phone:** 03 5481 3333 **Fax:** 03 5481 3331

**Email:** rrgc@richriver.com.au

**Website:** www.richriver.com.au

## Attractions



### Mathoura Bowling Club

Bistro open for Lunch and Dinner Daily.

Social and Tournament bowls available.

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Motorhomes and Caravans welcome  
contact club for details.



**Address:** Cobb Highway, Mathoura. NSW 2710

**Phone:** 03 5880 3200

**Fax:** 03 5884 3555

**Email:** mathbc@mcmmedia.com.au

## Accommodation

### Bridges On Meninya Motel & Apartments

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**Address:** 38 Meninya Street, Moama NSW 2731

**Phone:** 03 5482 1885

**Fax:** 03 5480 0432

**Email:** bridgesonmeninya@bigpond.com

**Website:** www.bridgesonmeninya.com



## Attractions

### Chanter Estate Winery and Military Museum

Enjoy the ambience of this 100 year old church building that has been transformed into a tasting bar and cellar door sales. Historic commercial and military vehicle display. Open weekends, school & public holidays 10am - 4:30pm any other time by appointment please ring A/H 03 5480 7878

**Address:** Chanter Street, Moama NSW 2731

**Phone:** 5480 7878 A/H

**Fax:** 03 5480 7872

**Cellar Door:** 03 5480 0334

**Website:** www.chanterestate.com.au



## Attractions

### Port of Echuca

The Historic Port of Echuca is an authentic working steam port, home to Australia's largest fleet of steam-driven paddlesteamers. Admission includes features such as the Cargo Shed Museum, Underground Bar, Steam Traction Engines and Evans Sawmill.

One hour guided tours depart daily at 11:15am.

**Address:** 52 Murray Esplanade, Echuca Vic. 3564

**Phone:** 03 5482 4248

**Email:** enquiries@portofechuca.org.au

**Website:** www.portofechuca.org.au





## Attractions



### Murray River Paddelsteamers

For those who are just passionate about steam the PS Emmylou offers daily cruises where you can let go of your worries and watch the world drift slowly by.

Why not enjoy lunch or an evening cruise where you can sit back and enjoy a relaxing meal.

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**Address:** 57 Murray Esplanade, Echuca Vic. 3564

**Phone:** 03 5482 5244

**Email:** [info@emmylou.com.au](mailto:info@emmylou.com.au)

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



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The Long Paddock Audio Tour CD is a great way to get to know the region. The 2 CD's are packed with local information, tales and stories both historical and current. Pick up a CD at one of the Visitor Information Centres along the route.

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

## Attractions



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**Address:** Barmah Lakes Day Visitors Area

**Phone:** 03 5855 2855

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

## Attractions



### Echuca Heritage Sweet Company

Australia's Grandest Lolly Shop, located in the heart of historic Echuca offers only the finest quality confectionery.

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**Address:** 606 High Street, Echuca Vic. 3564

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

# Road safety tips and Outback Etiquette

- Make sure your vehicle is well prepared, include at least one spare tyre. In the event of a breakdown, stay near your vehicle. Carry spare fuel, food and water: For more information on safe travel visit [www.rta.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au) or call 13 22 13.
- Drive to conditions. Keep to, or below the speed limit and slow down on dirt and gravel roads when your vision is obscured by the sun or dust. Dust from other vehicles, especially oncoming vehicles can obscure hazards. Drive with your headlights on.
- Look out for animals and avoid travelling at dawn, dusk and at night as native wildlife are active and stock may wander. Ask a passenger to help scan the road ahead. And remember, if you cannot stop it is safer to hit the animal then to swerve and to risk losing control of your vehicle.
- To report injured wildlife phone WIRES on 1800 641 188.
- When you see a stock sign or stock, slow down - stock have right of way. Never use your horn.
- Observe RTA and local council advisory signs and notices concerning road closures. Roads are closed for your safety.
- Before setting out on unsealed roads (between Ivanhoe and Wilcannia) check road conditions with the local Visitor Information Centre, local council, police or motoring authority. Rain may cause closure of these roads. Special care should be taken if driving on remote and local roads.
- Mobile phones will only work in some areas and close to townships. Always make sure you tell someone where you are going and when you expect to arrive.

Towns at a Glance	Echuca	Moama	Mathoura	Deniliquin	Pretty Pine	Wanganella	Booroorban	Hay	Booligal	Ivanhoe	Wilcannia	White Cliffs
<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>												
Motel	•	•	•	•				•		•	•	•
Caravan Park	•	•	•	•			•	•		•	•	•
Hotel	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•
Camping	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Farm Stay	•	•	•	•		•	•	•				•
B & B	•	•	•	•				•				•
<b>DINING</b>												
Restaurants	•	•		•				•				
Clubs	•	•	•	•				•		•	•	•
Hotels	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•
Cafe	•	•	•	•		•		•		•	•	•
Take away	•	•	•	•				•		•	•	•
<b>AUTOMOBILE</b>												
Petrol	•	•	•	•				•	•	•	•	•
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LPG	•	•		•				•			•	
Mechanical	•	•	•	•				•		•		
NRMA depot	•	•		•				•		•		
<b>MEDICAL</b>												
Doctor	•	•		•				•		RFDS	RFDS	RFDS
Dentist	•	•		•				•				
Hospital	•	•		•				•		•	•	•
Chemist	•	•	•	•				•				
Ambulance	•	•		•				•		•	•	
<b>SHOPPING</b>												
Post Office	•	•	•	•		•		•	•	•	•	•
ATM/EFTPOS	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•
General Store	•	•	•	•				•	•	•	•	•
Variety of Stores	•	•		•				•				
National Retail Stores	•	•		•								
<b>GENERAL</b>												
Toilets	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Police	•	•	•	•				•		•	•	
Mobile Phone*	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Dump Site	•	•	•	•				•				

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