COBB HIGHWAY NSW
Encompassing The Murray, Deniliquin, Conargo, Hay and Central Darling Regions
Welcome

Welcome to The Long Paddock - Cobb Highway Touring Route which follows The Cobb Highway (named for the famous coach company) from Echuca-Moama on the Victorian border, through to Wilcannia, leading to the iconic outback towns of Bourke, Broken Hill and White Cliffs.

This visitors' guide contains information on each of the major towns and villages through which the touring route passes. It is divided into colour coded sections so you can easily find each region on the route, historical information on the towns and villages, accommodation options, attractions and places to eat and drink. As you travel along the touring route look for The Long Paddock Visitors Site road signs - these indicate the location of the 47 Long Paddock information panels located along the route and within the towns. They tell the history of the region in words and images and are a great way to get to know the area. They also indicate the location of our eleven amazing sculptures - take a moment to stop and grab a photo with these stunning artworks.

Each region is home to one of the five major rivers in central NSW - The Darling, Lachlan, Murrumbidgee, Edward and Murray. The rivers provide a great place to stop and rest and throw a line in or for the more adventurous, have a water ski or canoe trip.

If you really want to get a feel for the area download our App or pick up our audio CD. Its like taking a tour guide on the drive. We hope you enjoy your stay while you drive the drovers dream!

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The Long Paddock would like to acknowledge all of the traditional land owners, some of whom played an important role in the development of the stock route.

Thanks for visiting! When you visit The Long Paddock you help to keep our towns and villages thriving.
The Long Paddock

The modern Cobb Highway follows part of the great network of stock routes that became known as “The Long Paddock” - a historic web of tracks and trails linking stock-breeding areas of inland NSW and Queensland with emerging markets in Victoria. It also provided an escape route from drought when the seasons failed. The Long Paddock is still a working stock route which provides us with a link to times and landscapes that are long since altered.

The History of The Long Paddock

As their flocks increased in numbers the early NSW graziers began looking for markets other than Sydney. In 1824 Hume and Hovell blazed a trail south to the eventual site of Melbourne which, by 1836 was growing rapidly. Adelaide was founded at about the same time and both settlements needed food while their agricultural industries were establishing.

The rivers were vital to the early overlanders. Travelling stock cannot go more than two days without water so the early stock routes followed the streams which were the only reliable water source. Those bound for Adelaide had several choices. The Darling rises in Queensland, joining the Murray near Mildura. The Lachlan, rising near Crookwell NSW, flows into the Murrumbidgee which could be followed from the Monaro region, beyond Canberra. In fact, most of the settled areas west of the Great Divide could easily access these western-flowing rivers.

The overlanders were looking for more than markets. Crossing the continent, they examined the potential of the vast areas of seemingly unsettled land through which they travelled. Many either relocated or expanded to places which had caught their eye. By 1840 most of the eastern Riverina was settled, squatters taking up vast runs which they stocked with sheep and cattle. The first station established on what is now the Cobb Highway was Moira, between Moama and Mathoura, taken up by Henry Sayer Lewes, in August 1842.

In 1851 gold was discovered in Victoria. Men (and a handful of women) flocked to the diggings from all over the world. Very few were vegetarians and the demand for fresh meat (there was no refrigeration then) sent stock prices soaring. Men like James Maiden, who had an inn and punt at what is now Moama, bought whole herds of stock and drove them to the goldfields.

Deniliquin, originally a station owned by Benjamin Boyd’s Royal Bank, became a natural congregating point for south-bound stock. From 1847 it had a punt - vital for crossing sheep over the Edward River. It was not long before Deniliquin became an important livestock selling centre, eclipsing Moama. Mobs from as far away as northern NSW and even Queensland began streaming through the town, often changing hands for their final journey south. The legend of The Long Paddock had begun.

The Long Paddock Information Panels

The information panels are located at significant sites along the Cobb Highway. They are a wonderful mixture of truths, tales and images! To really experience the drovers’ dream stop at each panel and become part of The Long Paddock.

Watch for The Long Paddock Visitor Site signs telling you when the next sign is coming up.
Sculptures of The Long Paddock

The Long Paddock boasts eleven major public artworks that tell our story. Over 600km - the sculptures make the largest art gallery in the world!

- **The Pioneers** – Wayne Strickland
  - Main Street, Ivanhoe

- **Cobbs Wheels** – John Wooller
  - Bushy Bend, Hay

- **Cut** – Jonathan Leahey
  - Davidson Street, Deniliquin

- **Smoko** – Geoff Hocking
  - Pretty Pine

- **The Barge** – Geoff Hocking
  - Kerrabee

- **The Drover and Horse** – Corey Thomas
  - Visitor Information Centre, Mathoura

- **The Woodcutters** – Geoff Hocking
  - Visitor Information Centre, Mathoura

- **Headless Horseman** – Geoff Hocking
  - The Black Swamp

- **Langs Crossing** – John Wooller
  - Bushy Bend, Hay

- **Murrumbidgee Landscapes** – John Wooller
  - Bushy Bend, Hay

- **Shod** – Jonathan Leahey
  - Peppin Heritage Centre, Deniliquin

- **Wilcannia**

- **Ivanhoe**

- **Mossgiel**

- **Booligal**

- **Hay**

- **Booroorban**

- **Black Swamp**

- **Deniliquin**

- **Echuca**

- **One Tree**

- **Wanganella**

- **Pretty Pine**

- **Mathoura**

- **Moama**

- **Sculptures**

- **Information panels**

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Heritage

INTRO
The Long Paddock offers a wealth of history - from pastoral and social heritage through to natural history. If history is ‘your thing’, you’ll find a museum and heritage walk in almost every town! Make sure you download a copy of our App or pick up the audio CD – it’s like taking a tour guide with you!

DAY 1
• Visit the Echuca Wharf and take a ride (and lunch!) on a paddlesteamer.
• Wander through ‘Old Moama’, down Chanter Street then head north to Mathoura to view the display at the Visitor Information Centre.

DAY 2
• Visit the Peppin Heritage Centre, then head to the Edward River to take The Long Paddock walk.
• Take the town heritage walk then visit the Pioneer Steam Museum.

DAY 3
• Visit the Peppin Ram Memorial at Wanganella; while you are there read the history of Cobb & Co.
• View the Headless Horseman Sculpture at the Black Swamp and stop at the historic Booroorban Pub.
• Start your tour of Hay’s five museums with a visit to Shear Outback; The Australian Shearer’s Hall of Fame.
• Follow this with a visit to Bishop’s Lodge Historic House.
• Take a the Heritage Walk around town.
• Finish your afternoon by exploring the Bidgee Riverside Trail.

DAY 4
• Visit The Hay Gaol then experience the Hay Internment & Prisoner of War Camps Interpretive Centre, housed at Hay’s historic railway station.
• Learn more about Hay’s war time contribution at the Hay War Memorial High School Museum in Pine Street.

DAY 5
• Head north to the One Tree Hotel - a former Cobb & Co. changing station at Booligal and view the giant theodolite - a memorial to explorer and surveyor John Oxley.
• Take the Ivanhoe town heritage walk and stop and see The Long Paddock mural - ‘The Pioneers’, which provides a great visual depiction of the history of Ivanhoe.

DAY 6
• In Wilcannia there is an 18 point historical interest walk that will take you around the magnificent sandstone buildings that are dotted throughout the town.

Love your history and want to keep going?
Check out the amazing historical opal field at White Cliffs and the beautifully restored colonial buildings at Milparinka. Head onto Bourke to check out the ‘Back of Bourke’ Exhibition Centre.

Nature, fishing and birdwatching

INTRO
The Long Paddock boasts some of the best fishing, bird watching and untouched nature in Australia. With the route crossing five of Australia’s most significant rivers - the Murray, the Edward, the Murrumbidgee, the Lachlan and the Darling, this is great country for enjoying nature at its best.

DAY 1
• What could be better then fishing the Mighty Murray? If you love your fishing, the best experiences are to be had downstream towards Torrumbarry or upstream at the Barmah and Murray Forests.
• Head north to Mathoura and the Murray Valley National Parks where you can hike, cycle or drive through the park — camp overnight or have a picnic by the river.
• Take some time to view the amazing bird life at the Reeds Bed Bird Hide and visit the Moira Wetlands.

DAY 2
• Head to Deniliquin where the Edward River is famous Australia wide for its fishing, in particular as home to the Murray Cod.
• Wander to the Island Sanctuary for some great birding — keep an eye out for platypus as you go.
• Ask about a bird watching tour at the Deniliquin Visitor Information Centre.

DAY 3
• Heading north you will cross The Billabong Creek at Wanganella - it is said to be the longest ‘creek’ in Australia, and fishermen will delight in finding the elusive Murray Cod here.
• There are some good birding spots along the Cobb Highway as you head north. In wet years, many birds are attracted to the Black Swamp between Deniliquin and Hay. The area is also home to the rare and endangered Plains Wanderer.
• Continue north to Hay where you can throw a line in the marvellous Murrumbidgee - the best times of year to fish are the Autumn months.
• Head north for a short trip to the Sunset Viewing Area. An information panel explains the flora of the region and you can view the sunset from the flattest place in the southern hemisphere.
• Why not make a day trip to Balranald and the historic Yanga National Park that offers great hiking and cycling and all that Yanga Lake has to offer.

DAY 4
• The Lachlan River at Booligal is a popular fishing spot with large cod, perch and catfish to be had.

DAY 5
• From Ivanhoe why not head to Mungo National Park for a true outback nature experience.
• Or continue on The Long Paddock to Wilcannia where the Darling River provides some great fishing spots.

Planning to continue your adventure?
Why not follow the Darling River Run north – check out Tilpa, Louth, Bourke & finish with the 40,000 year old Aboriginal Fish Traps in Brewarrina?
Food, Wine, Great Outback Pubs & Grub

INTRO
Discover the perfect picnic spot, bush tucker, quirky pubs and great country fare that The Long Paddock has on offer....

DAY 1
• If you’re in Echuca on the 1st, 3rd or 5th Saturday of the month, make sure you drop into the Farmers’ Market.
• Echuca-Moama has earned a solid reputation for its food and wines and you can experience its many wonders along the Food and Wine Trail.
• Take your taste buds on a culinary tour of the popular Backroads Trail (grab a brochure at the Visitor Information Centre) — you’ll find an amazing array of delicious delights including Restdown Wines, Pardon Park British small goods, Barham Avocados, Bunderra Berkshires and Sevilo Grove Olive oil — meet the producers and take home a selection of gourmet goodies.

DAY 2
• The Mathoura Visitor & Business Centre invites people to taste the many local wines that are on sale within the Centre. Just down the road from the Visitor’s Centre, you’ll find fresh farm produce in season during the winter months at the Redgum Mandarin Stall on the Cobb Highway.
• Head north to Deniliquin – where every second Saturday you can experience the Naponda Farmers’ Markets.

DAY 3
• A great place for breakfast in Deniliquin is The Crossing Café which works in partnership with local suppliers to bring you superbly fresh produce. Drop into the Visitor Information Centre just next door to the café and choose from some of the amazing home made jams and relishes - all from local produce.
• Head out to Conargo for lunch at the famous Conargo Pub before stopping in at Clancy’s of Conargo Winery where visitors can enjoy cellar door tastings and winery tours.
• Stop in at the Wanganella store for a ‘smoko’ before heading on to Hay.

DAY 4
• In Hay you will find a wide variety of roadside stalls selling locally grown fruit and vegetables. Stop in at the Visitor Information Centre in Moppett Street to pick up some locally made jams and relishes.
• Grab a pub meal at one of the many country hotels in Hay, all of which are located within walking distance of the main street. Or head out to Maude Pub for an great meal on the banks of the Murrumbidgee.
• Head north to Booligal – at the Duke of Edinburgh Hotel you find a cold beer, friendly locals and place to rest your head.

DAY 5
• Continue on to Ivanhoe where you will be welcomed at the Ivanhoe Hotel, grab a bite to eat and explore this outback town.
• Visit Wilcannia and stop in at Miss Barrett’s Coffee Shop or head out to Warrawong on the Darling to camp on the banks of the Darling and enjoy a few sundowners.

Still Hungry... fancy a drink?
If you feel like continuing your food, wine & outback grub tour there are plenty of other gastronomic delights waiting for you further down the track further north? Why not follow the Darling River Run and catch your own outback BBQ. Head to Tilpa for a cold one in the famous Royal Hotel.

Arts & Culture

INTRO
You will be delighted at the rich and diverse arts and cultural heritage of this region. Explore the Sculptures and discover local artisans, open studio programs and indigenous arts - you’ll find your fill of arts along The Long Paddock!

DAY 1
• Pick up a local Arts & Culture Tour Itinerary from the Echuca-Moama Visitor Information Centre. Visit ‘The Barge’ by Geoff Hocking and on your way out of Moama, visit the hand carved sculpture of James Maiden at the Moama Adventure Playpark.
• Admire original Redgum craft in the Mathoura Visitor Information Centre and view The Long Paddock sculptures, ‘The Drover and Horse’ by Corey Thomas and ‘The Woodcutters’ by Geoff Hocking.
• In Deni check out ‘Transmute’ the mosaic ute and see The Long Paddock sculptures ‘Shod’ and ‘Cut’ by Jonathan Leathey.
• Visit the Peppin Heritage Centre Gallery Space, where a variety of temporary exhibitions are on display throughout the year.

DAY 2
• Head to Conargo to see the breathtaking ‘Wool Legend’ silhouette art work of local artist Margret Radeski.
• Visit the ‘Peppin Ram’ memorial at Wanganella
• Head north and you’ll see the amazing Long Paddock ‘Headless Horseman’ sculptural installation by Geoff Hocking.

DAY 3
• In Hay start the day by seeing if you can ‘get lost’ in the ‘Round-Up Maze’ at Shear Outback!
• Explore the Bidgee Riverside Trail at the southern end of town which feature the Long Paddock sculptures by artist John Wooler.
• Visit world renowned artist Chris McClelland at his art gallery in Lachlan Street.

DAY 4
• Head to Ivanhoe to see ‘The Pioneers’, a spectacular three dimensional mural by Wayne Strickland that documents the history of the Ivanhoe district.
• In Wilcannia you’ll find an amazing treasure trove of traditional indigenous craftspeople - it's well worth exploring this area and a great way to finish your arts tour of The Long Paddock!

Want more?
To continue your arts exploration, we recommend you travel westwards to Broken Hill... known for its outstanding Outback artists, rich indigenous culture and amazing Sculpture Symposium or Bourke which has a rich artist community.
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: Murray Valley National Park (NSW), Barmah National Park (Victoria)

Did you know? Echuca - Moama is home to the oldest wooden paddlesteamer in the world - the P.S Adelaide built in 1866.

Events
February
Riverboats Music Festival
Echuca-Moama Celtic Festival
March
Mathoura and Moama Fishing Classics,
Echuca Steam Rally
July
Winter Blues Festival (Echuca-Moama)
October
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 Murray Valley 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.

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Mathoura Visitor Information Centre
Cobb Highway, Mathoura NSW 2710
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Website: 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 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.
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**Website:** www.backroadstrail.com.au

**Backroads Trail**

Turn off the highway and open your eyes to the charms of the Backroads Trail.

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Deniliquin is an oasis of green on the edge of the Riverine plain, which stretches northwards in what is claimed to be the flattest land on earth - the beginning of the outback.

Deniliquin Region

Towns and Villages: Deniliquin
Population: 7,450
Main Industries: Rice, Wool, Sheep, Manufacturing, Cereal Crops, Cattle, Events and Tourism
River: The Edward

Did you know?
Deniliquin holds two Guinness book of records: the most, legally registered, utes assembled in one spot and most people wearing blue singlets anywhere on the planet.

Events
January
- Deni Rodeo & Sun Festival in Waring Gardens

February
- Deni RSL Fishing Club Classic
- ‘Cruising Nationals’ Hot Rod Rally

April
- Deniliquin Race Club ANZAC Day races
- Collectors Club Spring Rally

July
- Deniliquin Truck Show and Industry Expo

September
- Deni Play on the Plains Festival (World Record Ute Muster) - NSW October long weekend

October
- Deni Races - Caulfield Cup Day

Must See and Dos
- Go waterskiing, canoeing, swimming or fishing in and around the Edward River’s sandy beaches and lagoons.
- Relax with a round of golf at the picturesque 18 hole course which has manicured greens and the fairways abound with native wildlife.
- Explore the history of Deniliquin with a visit to the Peppin Heritage Centre and the Historical Society
- Take the Beach to Beach cycle and walking path from McLeans Beach to the Island Sanctuary, home to a large array of birdlife and wildlife.
- Check out the Ute on the Pole and the Mosaic Ute which celebrate Deniliquin’s status as the Ute Capital of the World.
- Stroll through the Island Sanctuary into the Murray Valley Regional Park with a rest stop on the sands of Willoughby’s Beach.
- Discover the giant bullock’s shoe sculpture ‘Shod’ at the Peppin Heritage Centre and visit ‘Cut’ on Davidson Street.

Deniliquin Visitor Information Centre
George Street, Deniliquin NSW 2710
Freecall: 1800 650 712
Website: www.denitourism.com.au
Deniliquin

Deniliquin is only a short forty minutes’ drive north of Echuca-Moama, sits on the banks of the beautiful Edward River and is a fantastic holiday destination for the whole family.

The town has excellent accommodation options with three amazing holiday parks on the river, farm stay experiences and comfortable motels. For those that prefer the outdoors, there are plenty of camping areas along the river and Deniliquin is an RV friendly town.

The river is our major natural asset and activities on the river include boating, canoeing, skiing and fishing for the mighty Murray cod.

You will be amazed at the picturesque scenery as you meander along the river through the mighty river redgums in the Murray Valley Regional Park. Why not have a picnic or BBQ on one of the many sandy river beaches?

Off the river Deniliquin offers walking, bicycle and mountain bike trails along the riverbank, through the Island Sanctuary and Regional Park where you will view an abundance of native birds and wildlife.

Deniliquin is also the events capital of the Murray region and home of the world famous ‘Deni Ute Muster’.

The Deni Fishing Classic and the ‘Cruising Nationals’ Hot Rod Festivals are other great events not to be missed.

Deniliquin has a number of licensed clubs and fabulous restaurants to choose from.

For the sporty visitors there is the Deniliquin Golf Club which features a picturesque, 18 hole course with beautifully manicured greens and the Deniliquin Bowling Club with six greens to play on. Launch your boat at the Deniliquin Boat Club or McLean Beach and ski all day on a beautiful stretch of water.

From Deniliquin there are numerous easy day trips including the Port of Echuca, The Backroads Trail and sunset viewing on the flattest plains on earth.

History

Deniliquin is in every sense a crossing place.

The township sprung up at a favoured spot on the Edward River where drovers forded or swam their stock across on their journey along ‘The Long Paddock’ - the travelling stock route. Up to three stock routes converged there and it was soon an important stock market.

The area was originally inhabited by the Wamba Wamba nation of indigenous people. Their traditional boundaries included the Perrepa Perrepa tribe from the Barham area and adjoined the lands of the Yorta Yorta nation.

Seeking to extend his pastoral holdings inland, Scottish banking entrepreneur Benjamin Boyd commissioned a young Victorian station owner, Augustus Morris, to look for land north of the Murray River. Around 1843 Morris took up 700,00 acres, the Deniliquin Run, for Boyd. Commencing just north of the Murray it extended to half way between the Billabong Creek and the Murrumbidgee River, following the Edward river westward towards Balranald.

The first inn, named the “Wanderer” after Boyd’s yacht, was erected in 1847 on the ground now occupied by the North Deniliquin School. That same year James Maiden moved his old punt from Moama on the Murray and set it up at Deniliquin, at the end of what is now Edwards Street. Dr Coward, the first resident on the south side of the river, settled on what is now the Island Sanctuary, just upstream of the punt. The town site was surveyed in 1848 and gazetted in 1850. Deniliquin became the district’s police administrative centre.

Its first gaol, built in 1856, was replaced by a large brick building in 1864. At times the gaol housed as many as 75 prisoners; three hangings took place within its walls. It was demolished in 1966.

The Deniliquin Court House was built in 1883 and is located in Poictiers Street not far from the wonderful Waring Gardens. A splendid building, its handsome
lines are probably better suited to a provincial city. It is an impressive reminder of the faith our forefathers had in the future of Deniliquin. In 1859 the town had two hospitals, which amalgamated in 1861. An interesting relic, a stained glass window depicting Hygeia, the goddess of health, survives in the present hospital foyer.

In 1859 local squatters embraced new technology. After unsuccessfully lobbying the government for a telegraph line to give them immediate market prices for stock in Melbourne, they formed a company and built their own line to Moama from where telegrams were taken across the river to Echuca, already connected to Melbourne.

In 1876 the town built its own railway to Echuca after again being denied government assistance. It remained profitable until taken over by the Victorian Railways in 1923.

The Robertson Land Laws of 1861 allowed the vast areas of land held under lease by the “squatters” to be split up into small holdings under a “Conditional Purchase” scheme which brought many settlers to the district.

The land underwent further subdivision following both the First and Second World Wars, when small blocks were made available to returned servicemen under Closer Settlement schemes. Availability of water from the Mulwala Canal system allowed for subdivision into quite small blocks and the development of a range of new enterprises.

Today, while the Deniliquin district still supports a thriving wool industry there is now greater emphasis on production from beef cattle, fat lambs, oil seeds, dairying, and cereal crops. Deniliquin is now the centre of an extensive rice growing region and is home to one of the largest rice mills in the world.

Attractions

The Deniliquin Peppin Heritage Centre and Visitor Information Centre are housed in the first Public School, the building dating from 1879. The Centre is a regional museum concentrating on the Peppin Merino and the influence the pioneering men and women had in building a successful Merino industry. It also has an authentic 1930’s style classroom and a main gallery where local and travelling exhibitions are held regularly.

A stroll along the Heritage River Walk will take you past some of the old buildings, the red gum trees that line the river and you may be able to spot some of the birds that can be found in the area. The walk takes you past the ute on the pole, the mosaic ute and The Long Paddock sculpture called ‘Shod’ which depicts a giant half of a bullock cue (shoe).

Visit the Deniliquin Historical Society Museum located in the old 1880’s Police Inspector’s residence. Each room is filled with wonders of a bygone era.

Located opposite Deniliquin’s main shopping strip in Cressy Street, the Waring Gardens offer a tranquil area to relax, enjoy a picnic, with BBQ facilities available; view the bird aviary or just wander through the magnificent gardens. Learn about the rich history of the famous stock route along The Long Paddock River Walk starting at the Peppin Heritage Centre. Take photos of the ute on a pole, erected in celebration of the annual World Record Ute Muster.

The Visitor Information Centre with its friendly and knowledgeable staff and volunteers will make sure you do not miss any of the attractions Deniliquin has to offer.
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DENILIQUIN REGION

The Long Paddock - Cobb Highway Touring Route

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Accommodation
Stay a while in Deni as part of your Long Paddock experience.

For more information on your visit to Deniliquin from Cnr Napier & George Sts, Deniliquin NSW 2710. Email info@deniliquin.nsw.gov.au
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For more information on your visit to Deniliquin, free call 1800 650 712, visit www.denitourism.com.au.

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**Address:** Conargo Road, Deniliquin  
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Phone: 03 5881 6485
Website: www.subway.com.au
Conargo Region
Pretty Pine, Wanganella, Boorooburan, Conargo, Blighty & Mayrung

The Conargo Region is made up of a number of small villages. Three of the villages, Pretty Pine, Wanganella and Boorooburan are located on The Long Paddock Cobb Highway Touring Route. The Conargo region is home to the famous Headless Horseman sculpture (located at the Black Swamp between Boorooburan and Wanganella). This is a must see photo stop for all visitors.

Conargo at a glance

Towns and Villages: Pretty Pine, Wanganella, Boorooburan, Conargo, Blighty, Mayrung
Population: 1,800
Main Industries: Sheep, Cattle, Cereal Crops, Rice and Viticulture
Rivers: The Billabong Creek and the Edward River
Did you know?
Conargo is the only Local Government Region in Australia that does not have any poker machines.

Events

April
Long Paddock Cattle Drive
May
Conargo Billabong Mother’s Day Market
September
Pretty Pine Father’s Day Market & Expo
October
Boorooburan Oktoberfest

Must See and Dos

✔ Check out the original Cobb & Co stables at the Royal Mail Hotel in Boorooburan.
✔ Discover the legend of the ‘Headless Horseman’ at the ‘Black Swamp’ and take a photo of ‘Smoko’ at the Pretty Pine Pub.
✔ Visit some of the best bird watching areas in Australia, home to the rare Plains Wanderer.
✔ At Conargo visit the Interpretive Centre to learn more about the history of the area and view the amazing sculpture by local artist Margaret Radeski.
Pretty Pine

Pretty Pine was one of the last changing stations for the famous Cobb & Co coaches on the Hay - Deniliquin run. Today a hotel remains which continues to serve refreshments and meals to passing travellers.

History

There were no set distance between Cobb & Co’s coach changing stations and the stops depended largely on the availability of water. The Deniliquin-Moama run had four changes: Hill Plain, Mathoura, Moira and the Yellow Water Hole (between Moama and Moira).

On the Hay run of 78 miles, horses were changed at intervals varying between 12 and 17 miles. Changing stations were at 12 Mile Stables (Pretty Pine), Wanganella, Black Swamp, Booroorban and the 16 Mile Gums (view the interpretive panels at each of these locations).

Most of the inns have disappeared, though in their places there are now townships, which had their beginnings as resting places for coaches and their passengers.

Back in the 19th century this was frontier country and your life was not safe even in sleepy little spots like Pretty Pine. In 1883 an itinerant hawker, George Myzon, was bashed to death and robbed while he slept, just across the road from the Carriers’ Arms Hotel. His alleged killer, Joseph Cordene, was arrested at Mathoura several days later. Found guilty, he was the last man hanged at Deniliquin.

Attractions

Today the Pretty Pine Hotel is a great example of country hospitality. Take a photo of ‘Smoko’ Pretty Pine’s very own tribute to the local timber industry and visit the Pretty Pine Recreation Hall the site for the famous Father’s Day markets.

Wanganella

Wanganella’s claim to fame is the introduction to the world of the famous Australian Peppin Merino, which was developed on neighbouring land by the Peppin family in the 19th century.

History

Situated on the banks of Billabong Creek, said to be the longest ‘creek’ in Australia, the village of Wanganella once boasted two hotels, two blacksmiths, two stores, a school, a church, a bootmaker, a resident police officer and a small lock-up (which is now located at the Peppin Heritage Centre in Deniliquin). A number of houses, mostly the homes of workers on Wanganella and other local stations, lined the streets. Sport was catered for with tennis courts, a cricket ground and race track.

The last surviving licensed hotel was destroyed by fire in 1957 and today the village consists of a general store, a community hall with adjoining playground, and a few houses and other buildings. It remains however, an interesting reminder of a bygone era.

George Hall Peppin and his two sons were experienced English sheep breeders who bought part of Wanganella Run (now Wanganella Station) in 1858. Dissatisfied with the yield and quality of wool from the sheep then available, they channelled their efforts into breeding a strain that was better adapted to Australian conditions, larger of frame and able to yield a greatly improved quality and quantity of wool.
Their successes constitute the foundation of Australia's reputation as a quality wool exporter. The Peppin strain of merino sheep now predominates in Australian wool producing flocks and has been exported to other parts of the world.

In recognition of the contribution made by the Peppin merino to Australia, a bronze statue of a ram has been mounted on a stone base near the entrance to Wanganella Station, just south of the village.

In 1878 the Peppin lands and stock were bought by FS Falkiner and Sons. The famous firm continued to acquire land and became one of the major landholders in the Riverina. FS Falkiner has been at the forefront of the Australian wool industry for 100 years.

Today FS Falkiner and Sons comprises 9 properties totalling 288,145 acres of country with its base at “Boonoke” on the Deniliquin/Conargo Road. As you travel through the district you can see the FS Falkiner name on property signs of Barratta, Wanganella, Peppinella, Boonoke, Boree, Billabong, Warriston and Parklands.

The concrete bridge over the Billabong Creek, at the edge of the village, was constructed in 1970, replacing a timber structure situated a short distance upstream.

**Attractions**

The Wanganella Store welcomes visitors to the area. Stop for a coffee or a beautiful home-cooked meal in the beer garden on the bank overlooking the Billabong Creek. Visit the Wanganella Gallery and camp the night at the Wanganella Creek Camp.

**Booroorban**

Situated in the middle of the Old Man Plain beneath some well-established peppercorn trees, the remarkable Royal Mail Hotel constitutes the historical, social, physical and even genealogical centre of the small community of Booroorban.

The Royal Mail Hotel was built by Samuel Porter in 1868 and remained in the Porter family until 1910. The hotel was extensively refurbished in the 1980 and ‘90s but the character and charm of the building has been retained.

Even in the early days of The Long Paddock they had the equivalent of drive-through dining – although it was a little more hard work than it is today. Sam Porter from the Royal Mail Hotel at Booroorban used to ride his horse out to the Black Swamp to meet the north-bound coach, take orders for meals, baths, beds etc and then race back to the hotel to ensure everything was in readiness for the passengers’ arrival. Sam always had the brick floor watered and swept and made sure the passengers were made welcome.

The Royal Mail Hotel remains the hub of social life on the Old Man Plain although there was some concern by the local community when the licence was sold off prior to the Sydney Olympics and a lengthy struggle took place before another licence could be obtained.

**History**

Originally known as Pine Ridge, Booroorban’s origins are tied to the Royal Mail Hotel, which was a staging post on the Cobb & Co run between Hay and Deniliquin. It is the last remaining coaching inn on that route. Passengers disembarked to refresh themselves while the horses were exchanged for a fresh team kept in the stables, still intact, at the rear of the hotel.

The village of Booroorban was proclaimed in 1885. In its hey-day it consisted of two hotels, a wine house, school, post office, hall, general store, 20 houses and a population of 200.

The hotel’s Headless Horseman Bar, with its painting of the subject, is named after a legend associated with the area. Drovers around the Black Swamp in the middle of the 19th century told of a horseman who appeared suddenly at a campsite, mounted on a trotting cob, a cloak about his shoulders but with no head, spooking the animals and causing stampedes. It was said to be the ghost of a drover who died at the swamp. Today the legend is forever captured in the sculpture of the Headless Horseman located at the Black Swamp rest area.

**Attractions**

The area surrounding the hotel comprises two tennis courts and check out a grassed barbeque area overlooking a small lake and a playground. A caravan park is situated at the rear of the hotel. Nearby is a cemetery and a cricket ground and community hall.

**Other Attractions**

The Conargo region is also home to the villages of Conargo, Blighty and Mayrung. These villages are rich with history and friendly country service.

Stop off at Conargo, grab refreshments from the General Store and take some time to visit the interpretive centre, old church and historic drop log stables to learn more about this village and its history. Camping is free at Bill’s Park.

If you travel through to Blighty you can visit the friendly locals at the Blighty pub or book a group function at the Long Table Cafe.
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- Interpretive Centre at Conargo
- Mother’s Day Market
- Father’s Day Market

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**Royal Mail Hotel - Booroorban**
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**Address:** Cobb Highway, Booroorban  
**Phone/Fax:** 02 6993 0694  
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**UHF:** 19

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**Pubs**

**Pretty Pine Hotel**
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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, 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.
The Hay Plains are the flattest place in the southern hemisphere.

Events
January  Australia Day Celebrations
February  Hay Rodeo
March    Carrathool Races
April    Booligal Sheep Races
May      Hay Sheep Show
June     Hay Mini Nationals
         Hay B n S
         Hay Plains Bowls Carnival
         Hay Sheep Show
September Hay Show
October  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 & Bidgee Riverside 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.

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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 visitors 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.

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Your Hosts: Jackie & Joanne Pryor
Address: 74 Lachlan Street, Hay NSW 2711
Phone: 02 6993 2260 Fax: 02 6993 2261
Email: info@bidgeemotorinn.com.au
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

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 REGION - Hay One Tree, Booligal, Maude & Oxley

5 AMAZING MUSEUMS

Shear Outback

Dunera Museum

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

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

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

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

HAY VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
Address: 407 Moppett Street, Hay NSW 2711
Phone: 02 6993 4045
Email: hayvic@hay.nsw.gov.au
Website: www.hay.nsw.gov.au

Accommodation

Booligal Hotel
Visit the real outback with friendly country hospitality. Everything from cold alcoholic beverages to soft drinks, cappuccinos, ice-cream, meals, ice, merchandise and basic clean accommodation. EFTPOS and swap-n-go available.

Address: 1 Hay St, Booligal... Just off the Cobb Highway
Phone: 02 6993 8123  Fax: 02 6993 8177

Highway Inn Motel

Address: 394 Murray Street, Hay NSW 2711  Phone: 02 6993 2102
Website: www.highwayinnmotel.com.au  Email: highwayinn.motel@bigpond.com

Accommodation

Hay Officesmart Newsagency (Newspower)
Daily newspapers (Melb/Syd & 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

Shops / Services
Central Darling Region
Ivanhoe, Mossgiel, Wilcannia, Menindee, White Cliffs and Tilpa

The Central Darling Region covers the largest area of any local government area in NSW with over 53,000 square kilometres. Although it has a small population the region is renowned for its hospitality and its amazing array of fauna and flora. The region is the gateway to Mungo National Park, Broken Hill and Outback NSW.

Central Darling Region at a glance
Towns and Villages: Ivanhoe, Mossgiel, Wilcannia, Menindee, White Cliffs and Tilpa
Population: 2,000
Main Industries: Sheep, Cattle, Horticulture, Mining and Tourism
River: The Darling
National Parks: Mungo, Paroo Darling and Willandra
Did you know?
Australia’s first commercial opal field was established at White Cliffs in 1894

Events
January: Wilcannia Australia Day Festivities
April: White Cliffs Gymkhana and Rodeo
June: Ivanhoe Campdraft
August: Ivanhoe Quick Shear
September: Kilfera Field Days (Ivanhoe)
December: Wilcannia Christmas Carols in the Park

Must See and Dos
✔ Discover the Sandstone Architecture in Wilcannia (post office and its attached residence, the Athenaeum Library (1883) and the impressive courthouse (1880), police station (1881), and the police residence (1880).
✔ Visit Warrawong on the Darling and take an indigenous culture tour with Eddy Harris.
✔ Learn about the history of Ivanhoe - follow the Heritage Trail and check out the mural ‘The Pioneers’.
✔ Revel in the landscape at any one of a number of National Parks in the region.

Central Darling Shire
Reid Street, Wilcannia NSW 2836
Phone: 08 8083 8910
Website: www.centraldarling.nsw.gov.au

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Ivanhoe
Born through hard work and determination, Ivanhoe represents the classic outback pastoral town. Through tough times and good, flood and crippling drought, towns like Ivanhoe have earned their place in Australia’s history.

History
Ivanhoe was originally situated on a well-used route across western New South Wales between Wilcannia and both Balranald and Booligal. George Williamson purchased the first land in the area between 1869 and 1873 and became a central figure in the town’s development. He established a branch store with a liquor licence in 1870. At that stage the store and a bark hut constituted the town. The Ivanhoe Hotel came into existence by 1872 and a Post Office opened on January 1, 1874. Williamson probably named the town after Sir Walter Scott’s novel ‘Ivanhoe’. Williamson was a Scot and there were a number of his countrymen in the area. They looked to their country of origin (and its most famous novelist) for other local place names - Mossigel, Glenro, Waverley (another novel by Scott) and Abbotsford (Scott’s birthplace).

A telegraph station opened in 1883, by which time there were about 50 residents, a blacksmith’s shop, two hotels, two stores, the telegraph office and a few cottages. By 1884, the town was a horse changing station for Cobb & Co. A police station opened the following year and a school in 1889. Ivanhoe was proclaimed a village in 1890. The arrival of the railway in 1925, and the completion of the rail link from Sydney to Broken Hill in 1927, was a definite boost to the town.

Attractions
A good introduction to the town can be had by following the eight signposted locations on the Ivanhoe Heritage Trail.

Wilcannia
Wilcannia is in the area that is the homeland of the Barkindji people, "Barka" being their word for the river. The Barkindji was a group of tribes that ran the length of the Darling River from Bourke to Wentworth. The Darling has stopped flowing many times, the longest period being during the Federation drought that finished in 1902 when it did not flow for 364 days. The highest flood so far recorded was 11.59 metres on the 5th April 1976. Weather records started in 1879. The highest daytime temperature was 48.2 on the 3rd January 1973. The coldest day was the 8th July 1978 when it reached 7.1. The average annual rainfall is 259.6mls.

History
Wilcannia was first settled by Europeans following the exploration of the Darling area by Major Thomas Mitchell. The original settlers were pastoralists who took up “runs” that were millions of acres in size. A shepherds hut and a woolshed, which were part of the Mt. Murchison run, stood where the town now sits. The township of Wilcannia was notified on the 26th June 1866. By the early 1890's Wilcannia was a thriving town of around 3,000 people and 13 pubs. From 1859 the river was plied by paddle steamers which went up as far as Bourke. In 1890 there were reported to be around 90 steamers using the river. At this time Wilcannia was the 3rd largest port in NSW and was known as “Queen City of the West”. It was also a major point for mail coaches with up to 40 arriving and leaving each week.
**White Cliffs**

White Cliffs is a small mining town of 320 people located just 95km north of Wilcannia. This truly unique underground town is a must see for those who want to see the outback at its best. Stay underground to get a feeling of what it is like to be a local or wander around the unusual landscape – you might just find a gem.

**Menindee**

Menindee was the first town settled on the Darling River and is a mecca for bird watchers (there are more bird species here than in Kakadu NT). The area is known as the food bowl of the far west and produces citrus, orchards, stone fruit, grapes and vegetables. Stop and have a drink at the second oldest pub in NSW, the Maidens before visiting the famous Menindee Lakes. Bourke and Wills stayed here during their exploration of inland Australia.

**Tilpa**

For a true Outback experience you have to visit the Tilpa Pub on the Darling River. This 100-year old attraction, made from corrugated iron and timber has walls covered with the autographs, dry wit, and messages from the hundreds of people who stop there each year. For a small fee you can pen a message or poem too.

The fishing is also good - with plenty of Murray Cod on offer - while birds make their home around the riverbanks.
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Central Darling Shire - Services

**MENINDEE**
Accommodation
Albemarle Hotel *
Menindee St  Ph: 08 8091 4212
E: albehotel2879@gmail.com
Maiden's Hotel *
59 Yartla St  Ph: 08 8091 4208
Burke & Wills Menindee Motel
Yartla St  Ph: 08 8091 4313
Menindee Lakes Caravan Park
Shore Road  Ph: 08 8091 4315
Bindara Station on the Darling
Tandou-Bindara Road via Menindee  Ph: 08 8091 7412
Minintija Train Accommodation
Haberfield St  Ph: 08 8091 4409
AH: 0477 740 441
Nelia Gaari Station Stay
Menindee-Wilcannia West Rd  Ph: 08 8091 6496
Copi Hollow Caravan Park
Copi Hollow via Menindee  Ph: 08 8091 4880

Meals*, Groceries, Fuel and other Services
Redsands Takeaway *
Menindee St  Ph: 08 8091 4444
Darling River Supermarket *
Yartla St  Ph: 08 8091 4288
Menindee Caff *
Wood-fired pizza, real coffee & takeaway
Yartla St  Ph: 08 8091 4438
Menindee Auto Repairs
Yartla St  Ph: 08 8091 4458
Coombe’s Transport & Service Station
Perry St  Ph: 08 8091 4297
Menindee Visitor Information Centre, Gallery & Museum
27 Yartla St  Ph: 08 8091 4274

**WILCANNIA**
Accommodation
Graham’s Motel. (Behind Liberty Roadhouse).  Ph: 08 8091 5957
Wilcannia Motel, (Pet Friendly).  Ph: 08 8091 5802
Victory Caravan Park. Barrier Highway.  Ph: 08 8083 8900
Warrawong on the Darling Caravan Park and Cabins, Barrier Hwy. (2km. east of town).
Ph: 1300 688 225

Food and Services:
Liberty Roadhouse, Myers St.  Ph: 08 8091 5957
Wilcannia Golf Club, Green Dragon Restaurant.
Ph: 08 8091 5943
Miss Barrett’s Coffee, cake, books 2nd. hand and Wi-Fi.
Ph: 08 8091 5888
Club Hotel, Cnr. Reid and Myer St.  Ph: 08 8091 5009
Courthouse Cafe and Gallery.
Cnr. Reid and Clearton Sts.  Ph: 08 8091 5910
Wilcannia Supermarket, Myers St.  Open 7 days.  Ph: 08 8091 5989
Wilcannia St. Mary Chemist, 30 Reid St.  Ph: 08 8091 5904

Fuel and Auto:
Liberty Roadhouse: Myers St.
BP Pat and John Barraclough, Martin St.  Ph: 08 8091 5021
NRMA. (No local service)  Ph: 13 11 11

Local Government:
Central Darling Shire Council, Reid St.
Ph: 08 8083 8900
Post Office, Banking Services
NSW, RMS, and Countrylink, Reid St.  Ph: 08 8083 8951 Hours 9 AM to 1PM, and 2PM to 5PM.
Hospital: Ross St.
Ph: 08 8083 8777
Police, Reid St.  Ph: 08 8083 8099

**IVANHOE**
Accommodation
Ivanhoe Hotel/Motel
Ph: 02 6995 1320
Gypsum Palace Inn
Ph: 02 6995 1126
Loz’s Coffee & Gifts
Ph: 02 6995 4838
Ivanhoe Service Station & Caravan Park  Ph: 02 6995 1187

Campers
Ivanhoe Service Station & Caravan Park. (16 powered sites)
Ph: 02 6995 1187

Meals
Ivanhoe RSL Club
Ph: 0407 865 407
Loz’s Coffee & Gifts
Ph: 02 6995 4838
Oasis Rose Cafe
Ph: 02 6995 1335
Ivanhoe Hotel/Motel
Ph: 02 6995 1320

Groceries, Fuel and other Services
Star Point Groceries
Ph: 02 6995 1206
Ivanhoe Service Station & Caravan Park  Ph: 02 6995 1187

Events
May/June Ivanhoe Campdraft
August Ivanhoe Quick Shear
September “Kilfera” Field Day

Essential Services Available
Police, School, Health Services, availability of air strips (sealed).

**TILPA**
Accommodation and Meals
Royal Hotel
Ph: 02 6837 3928
Killara Station
Ph: 02 6837 3964

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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 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 than 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.

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**ACCOMMODATION**

- Hotel
- Caravan Park
- Camping
- Farm Stay
- B & B

**DINING**

- Restaurants
- Clubs
- Hotels
- Cafe
- Take away

**AUTOMOBILE**

- Petrol
- Diesel
- LPG
- Mechanical
- NRMA depot

**MEDICAL**

- Doctor
- Dentist
- Hospital
- Chemist
- Ambulance

**SHOPPING**

- Post Office
- ATM/EFTPOS
- General Store
- Variety of Stores
- National Retail Stores

**GENERAL**

- Toilets
- Police
- Mobile Phone
- Dump Site

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