

# the Gannawarra

Victoria's *Nature Based* Tourism Destination



OFFICIAL VISITOR GUIDE





# Welcome

Welcome to the Gannawarra - *Victoria's Nature Based Tourism Destination.*

This visitor guide has been developed to assist you with your visit to the Gannawarra.

Just a three-hour drive from Melbourne, the Gannawarra is a region filled with unique experiences and is a must-do destination for nature lovers.

Camp beneath the stars on the banks of the Murray River, enjoy watersports on Kerang Lakes, explore the tracks and trails of Gunbower National Park or reconnect with nature at Koondrook Retreat.

Whether you want to unwind and relax, indulge or explore the great outdoors, the Gannawarra offers a diverse range of activities and experiences to suit you and your family.

We invite you to enjoy the change of pace and the opportunity to get... close to nature.

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We acknowledge the Barapa Barapa, Yorta Yorta and Wamba Wamba people as the Traditional Owners of the land now known as the Gannawarra.

We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and acknowledge their rich culture and connection to Country.



The Sir John Gorton Library in Kerang also provides visitor information, maps and brochures.



## GATEWAY TO GANNAWARRA *Visitor Centre*

- Visitor information, maps and brochures
- Local products, gifts and hampers
- Mountain bike and fishing rod hire
- Aboriginal Artefacts 'Keeping Place'
- Agriculture, business and lifestyle displays
- Public Amenities

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# VISIT *Kerang*

Kerang is a picturesque town located on the banks of the Loddon River. The regional service centre offers an attractive landscaped shopping precinct including major supermarket chains, hotels, cafes and many specialty stores and businesses.

## MUST DO'S:

- Explore **Kerang Regional Park** via the **Loddon River Walk** on the edge of town. The popular riverside walk offers natural wetlands and vibrant birdlife.
- Enjoy a peaceful afternoon fishing for Yellow Belly or hire a kayak from You Canoe and paddle the **Loddon River**. Access the river from the newly installed kayak launch facility within Kerang Regional Park. The park is accessible for vehicles from the western end of Wyndham or North streets.
- Visit **Kerang Lakes**, popular for powered watersports, swimming, fishing, kayaking and birdwatching.
- Choose from a range of cafes and country pubs, with great outdoor **dining** and beer gardens.
- Treat yourself to coffee and freshly made pastries at **Gray's Bakery** while the kids enjoy the indoor play centre.
- Cool down at the **Kerang Splash Park and Swimming Pool**. Keep an eye out for special events and activities over the summer.
- Enjoy the modern all abilities adventure playground, skate park and barbecue facilities with family and friends at **Atkinson Park**. Free WiFi is available near the skate park.
- Visit **Sir John Gorton Library**, a great local resource providing free WiFi, computers with internet access, visitor information, family history research and exhibition displays.
- Climb the historic **Lester Smith Lookout Tower** built in 1883 and be greeted with elevated views of the town, Loddon River and Kerang Lakes on the horizon. Access the key via the Sir John Gorton Library.
- Immerse yourself in Kerang's history at the **Kerang Historical Society and Museum** or wander through town with the **Self-guided Walk or Drive of Historic Kerang** brochure.
- Be part of the worldwide phenomenon and participate in **Kerang parkrun**; meeting at the town levee at the west end of Wyndham Street each Saturday at 8am.
- Drive by **Gannawarra Solar Farm**, Victoria's first large-scale solar farm, and Australia's largest integrated solar and battery facility, located 12km east of Kerang.
- Join the excitement of the **Kerang Races** on Easter Saturday and Boxing Day.
- Kerang hosts many **events** that capture the essence of the community and visitors alike including art performances, community markets, New Year's Eve Party in the Park, Kerang Show and Shine, Rotary Art Show and sporting tournaments.



Visit the Gateway to Gannawarra Visitor Centre in Cohuna for visitor information, maps and local produce.



## VISIT *Cohuna*

Cohuna, situated between Echuca and Swan Hill, is one of the prettiest towns along the Murray; with the township and shopping precinct sitting adjacent to the Gunbower Creek.

### MUST DO's

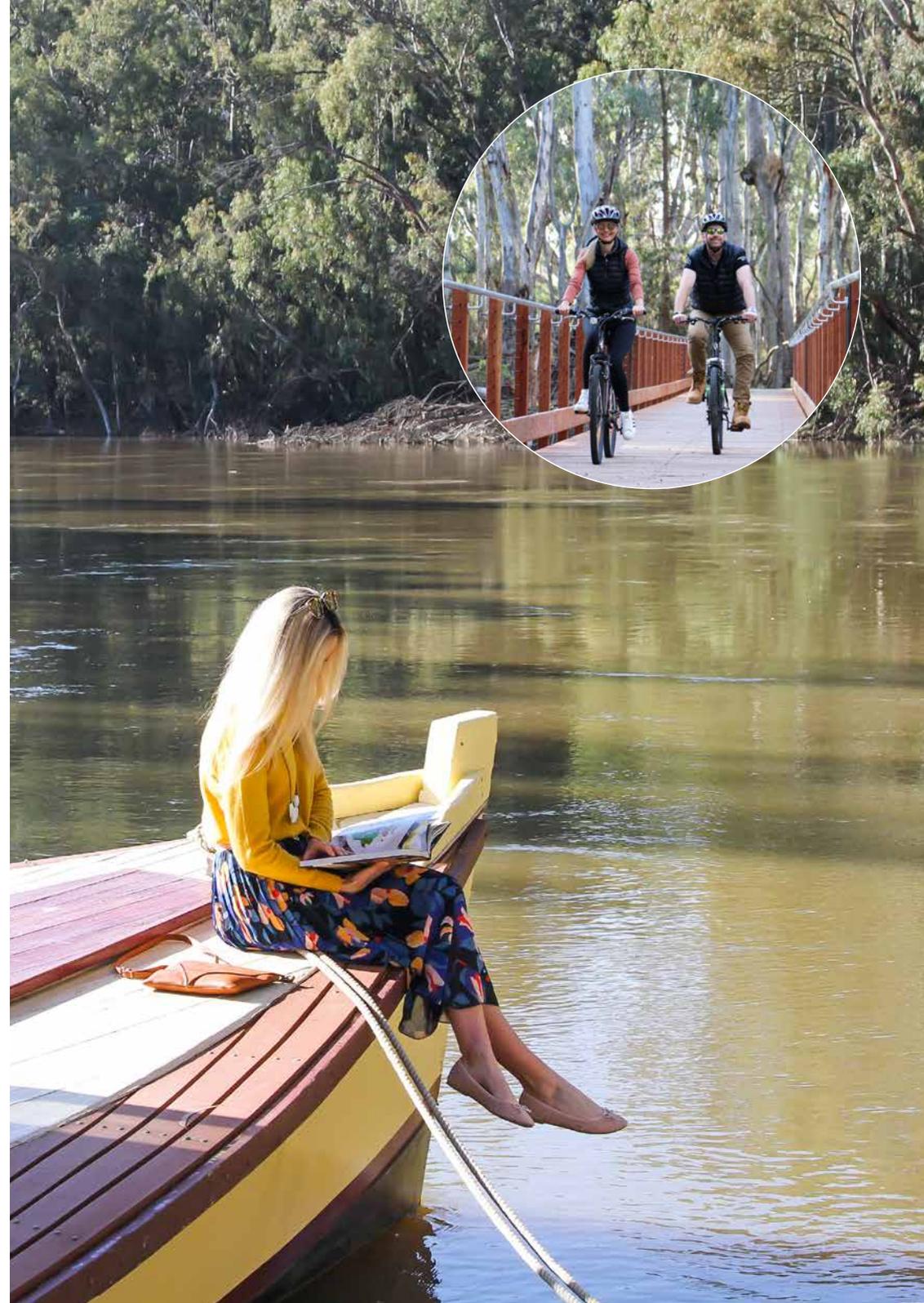
- Enjoy a swim or build sandcastles along the sandy shores of **Cohuna Beach** located at **Apex Park**. The park also features an all abilities adventure playground, impressive skate park and modern barbecue facilities.
- **Browse** specialty stores, or **dine** at local eateries including the Bower Tavern and KC'S Ice-Cream cafe, which is popular with local and visiting families all year round.
- **Factory and Field Waffles** is a must visit while in Cohuna, attracting visitors from afar with its great food, coffee and stunning gift shop.
- Cohuna is the gateway to **Gunbower Island**, which is home to many native animals including kangaroos, emus, turtles and a large variety of birdlife. Gunbower Island offers perfect settings for fishing, camping, kayaking and outdoor recreation.
- Get your adrenalin pumping at **Cohuna Ski Run!** Located along Island Road on the Gunbower Creek, the ski run is a popular location for action watersports.
- Enjoy a guided eco **kayak experience** with Murray River Adventures or hire a kayak or stand-up paddleboard from Cohuna Adventures and take a self-guided tour along the **Gunbower Creek**.
- Hire a mountain bike from the Gateway to Gannawarra Visitor Centre and ride along the scenic **Gunbower Island Road walking and bike track**.
- Garden lovers can explore the beautiful grounds of **Elm Tree Nursery**.
- Participate in **Cohuna parkrun** who meet in Garden Park at 8am each Saturday.
- Play the home course of Australian professional golfer, Stuart Appleby. The extraordinary fairways and greens of the **Cohuna Golf and Bowls Club** have been carved out of the Gunbower Forest along the Gunbower Creek.
- Wake up to sunrise views from the deck of your waterfront cabin at the family friendly **Cohuna Waterfront Holiday Park**.
- Cool down at the **Cohuna Swimming Pool** and waterslide over summer.
- The **Cohuna Art Gallery** presents a diverse exhibition program each year and houses Rock 'n Roll memorabilia honouring Cohuna as the launching place for many iconic music industry names including John Farnham and the Bee Gees.
- Featuring a Museum, Archives Centre and Trash and Treasure Hall, the **Cohuna Historical Society** is a treasured resource for locals, visitors and historians alike.
- Cohuna hosts many **events** throughout the year including the Big Cohuna Festival, Bridge to Bridge (run-walk-ride), agricultural show, Black Swan Kayak Canoe Race, New Year's Eve carnival, sporting events and monthly farmers and makers market.

# VISIT *Koondrook*

Koondrook is a historic Murray River village where paddlesteamers and river transport were a hive of activity in the early 1900s. Today Koondrook is a growing town supported by a strong tourism sector from the Gunbower Island and Murray River.

## MUST DO'S:

- Visit the **Koondrook Waterfront** incorporating the award-winning wharf, meticulously restored Goods Shed, historic Arbuthnot Sawmills, all abilities playground and landscaped walking path linking to Koondrook Retreat and the red gum footbridge.
- The internationally recognised **Koondrook Wharf** was constructed in 2016 in recognition of the old wharf that once serviced the paddlesteamer trade. Leading to the wharf's entrance lays an old tram turntable, which has been resurfaced with red gum, slate and basalt artworks by renowned Aboriginal artists Glenn Romanis and Esther Kirby and tells the story of the original Aboriginal inhabitants.
- Wander across the red gum footbridge along the **Goanna Walking Track**; a 3.2km walking loop through the Gunbower Forest via **Condidorio's Bridge**.
- Enjoy a gourmet breakfast or lunch at the **Long Paddock Food Store**.
- Relax in the outdoor beer garden, or dine in the distinctive indoor bar and lounge, decorated with local memorabilia and taxidermy at **Mate's Royal Hotel**.
- Indulge in a day spa treatment at **Skin Essence**.
- Book a unique glamping and nature experience at **Koondrook Retreat**. Enjoy unspoiled views of the creek and forest from your luxury self-contained safari tent.
- Nestled on the final bend of the Gunbower Creek before it re-enters the Murray River sits **Murray Waters Motor Inn and Apartments** and **Koondrook Caravan Park**, offering accommodation with riverfront views close to the centre of town.
- Enjoy a scenic cruise along the Gunbower Creek on board the **Wetlander**.
- Echoing across the quiet town for more than 130 years are the working blades of **Arbuthnot Sawmills**. Stroll along the walking track that passes through the work yard or make a booking to view milling operations from an elevated platform.
- Walk across the historic **Barham-Koondrook Bridge**, one of the oldest lift span bridges on the Murray River, built in 1904.
- Follow the history of the timber industry on the **Koondrook Barham Redgum Statue River Walk** along the Murray River, and discover magnificent red gum sculptures, carved by chainsaw, depicting local identities and native wildlife.
- Find the **Eagle Tree** along the **Koondrook Red Gum Forest Walk**. The heritage listed River Red Gum sits more than 50 metres into the forest canopy and was named due to a Sea Eagle's nest built high in the crown.
- Cool down at the **Koondrook Swimming Pool** over summer.





## VISIT *Murrabit*

Murrabit is a small country town situated north of Kerang and in close proximity to the Murray River. The natural bush setting along the river attracts visitors for camping, boating and fishing.

### MUST DO'S:

- Join the hundreds of eager shoppers on the first Saturday of each month at the **Murrabit Country Market**, one of Victoria's longest running markets, operating since 1977. Be sure to check out the brightly coloured murals depicting native flora and wildlife by Paul Oswin.
- Visit the **Murrabit Bridge**, the first all steel bridge over the Murray River between New South Wales and Victoria. Constructed in 1926, the bridge remains in operation today and its lift span is utilised a number of times per year, to allow passage of large vessels and paddlesteamers.
- Enjoy a picnic at **Miss Keats Picnic Park**, an excellent location to view the bridge and river. Miss M.G. Keats MBE, a Murrabit local, was the first woman to graduate with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science from the University of Melbourne in 1923.
- The iconic **Murray River** is just 2km from town, and anglers travel up or downstream of the Murrabit Bridge to catch Murray Cod and Yellow Belly. Boats can be launched at the modern concrete boat ramp just downstream of the bridge.
- Enter the **Murrabit Cod Challenge** fishing competition held in March.
- Discover the history of Murrabit and district at the purpose-built **Murrabit Heritage Shelter** at the community park or enjoy the playground and barbecue facilities.
- Follow the **Murrabit Railway Heritage Trail and Walking Track** through town along the former railway line to the Murray River and bridge crossing, a 5.2km round trip.
- Try a round of golf on the 13-hole course with sandscrape greens. The **Murrabit Golf Course** is open through the cooler months and welcomes new players.
- Join in the relaxed competition of the annual **Easter tennis tournament** hosted by the Murrabit Lawn Tennis Club for over 70 years.
- Experience local football and netball at the **Murrabit Recreation Reserve** and try a traditional piping hot pie or hot dog to get you through a wintery Saturday afternoon.



# VISIT *Quambatook* *and the Mallee*

The Mallee offers vast landscapes, clear night skies and has long been known for its dryland cropping and grain growing capacity. Nestled in the Mallee is Quambatook, a quaint rural town known for being the childhood home of John Williamson and Molly Meldrum, two of the most influential and well-known names in Australian music.

## MUST DO'S:

- The **Quambatook Silo Cinema** is a unique, community run cinema which attracts many visitors to Quambatook. Old grain silos positioned in the centre of town become a big screen showcasing great Aussie films such as *The Dressmaker* (partly filmed in the Mallee), *The Castle*, *Crocodile Dundee* and *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*.
- Quambatook has been recognised as the tractor pulling capital of Australia with the **Australian Tractor Pulling Championships** held annually on Easter Saturday since 1976.
- Check out the **Quambatook Heritage Machinery Display** that takes place over the Australia Day weekend annually.
- Kayak or fish the **Avoca River** and **Quambatook Weir** or enjoy a leisurely stroll along the **Avoca River Levee Walk**.
- Enjoy a **picnic** under the well-loved peppercorn trees in the centre of Quambatook.
- Swim at the **Quambatook Swimming Pool** over summer.
- Seek treasures at the **Quambatook and District Share Shop**, a not-for-profit share shop showcasing antiques, collectables and handmade items from small businesses across the district.
- Visit the **Quambatook Historical Centre** and John Williamson Museum, the gathering place for local history, and a celebration of the town and the people of "Quamby."
- Visit **Lalbert**, positioned in the heart of the Mallee's wheat growing area. Lalbert was named in 1836 by Major Mitchell with the name thought to derive from the Aboriginal name of a creeper that grew on Mallee trees. **Lake Lalbert**, only 2kms from town, is a flood-filled lake and a significant environmental showpiece when in flood.





## VISIT *Leitchville*

Leitchville is an agricultural community with strong links to the dairy industry, located just off the Murray Valley Highway between Echuca and Cohuna. The town is only a short drive to Kow Swamp, Gunbower Island and the Murray River.

### MUST DO'S:

- Enjoy country hospitality at the **Leitchville Hotel** and **Redgum Bakery**.
- Stock up on road trip or camping supplies at **IGA X-press**, **The Good Meat Co**, **Leitchville Post Office**, **Baker & Sons Hardware** and **Leitchville Drapery**.
- For self-contained RV stopovers, stay at the landscaped **Traveller's Rest area**, perfectly located for exploring the town and its surrounds.
- Cool off at the **Leitchville Swimming Pool** during the warmer months.
- Take a short drive to **Gunbower Island**, a great spot for kayaking, fishing and camping on the Murray River or Gunbower Creek.
- Experience **Kow Swamp**, a large natural wetland located just 2.5kms south of Leitchville. The name Kow Swamp is derived from an Aboriginal word in the Yorta Yorta language, Ghow, which refers to the white gypsum soil found in the area. Aboriginal occupation is evident from scar trees and shell middens, while early settlers' records describe an Aboriginal ceremonial site. The burial ground is considered one of the world's largest single populations of human remains from the late Pleistocene era. Kow Swamp is now an important water storage in the Torrumbarry Irrigation System, and is a great place for fishing, kayaking and picnicking. Lions Park at Kow Swamp offers great photo opportunities with magnificent sunset and night sky views.
- Climb nearby **Mount Hope** and be rewarded with vast views of Kow Swamp, farmland, clear horizons and Mount Hope Station where explorers Burke and Wills stayed during their 1860 expedition.
- Drive past the 34MW **Cohuna Solar Farm** located on the Leitchville-Kerang Road, capable of producing 77GWh of clean energy per year.
- Leitchville hosts many **events** throughout the year including Australia Day celebrations, ANZAC Day service and a Biggest Morning Tea event.



# VISIT *Lake Charm and Mystic Park*

The rural communities of Lake Charm and Mystic Park (Kangaroo Lake) are located between Kerang and Swan Hill, and are supported by agriculture and a strong tourism sector. Lake Charm and Kangaroo Lake are both large freshwater lakes, popular for watersports and recreational activities including photography, birdwatching, walking and cycling.

## MUST DO'S:

- Visit the **Mystic Park Hotel** for warm hospitality, great food and entertainment.
- Kangaroo Lake is the former home of the 19th Australian Prime Minister, Sir John Gorton. Take a drive along scenic **Gorton Drive** past one of Victoria's larger vineyards, owned by the renowned Brown Brothers. Local vignerons, the Dent family are also producing fine wines in the area under the label Countertop Wines.
- The **Kangaroo Lake Foreshore** offers a boat ramp, barbecue and toilet facilities, and is a great place to spend the day lakeside with family and friends.
- Look out for the artistic **murals** of Paul Oswin at Lake Charm, and Chuck Mayfield and Bryan Itch at Kangaroo Lake Caravan Park.
- **Kangaroo Lake Caravan Park** offers a variety of accommodation options, along with a relaxed and inviting atmosphere. The park's licensed kiosk offers grocery lines, petrol, hot and cold drinks, their famous pizzas and plenty more.
- Along the highway at Lake Charm you will find **Lake Charm General Store** and **Caravan Park**, offering takeaway food, supermarket supplies, fuel and a post office.
- Two parks can be found on the Lake Charm foreshore. **Pelican Waters Tourist Park** boasts absolute lake frontage, and offers a licensed kiosk, while **Lake Charm Foreshore Caravan Park** provides grassy shores and tranquil water views.
- Rest and rejuvenate at the lakeside Airbnbs. Reconnect with nature, experience farm life, paddle in the lake or laze by the pool at **Charm Lodge** or enjoy the private setting and direct lake access at **Pleasance Views**.
- Experience the adrenalin of the **Victorian Ski Racing titles** and various powered boat races at Lake Charm and Kangaroo Lake.
- Fishing is popular at the lakes, with Redfin, and Yellow Belly regular catches. In Spring, enter the **Redfin Fishing Classic** at Lake Charm, which attracts hundreds of anglers.



## CLOSE TO NATURE *Kerang Lakes*



The **Kerang Lakes** comprises of 23 named lakes, marshes and swamps on the lower reaches of the Avoca and Loddon rivers. The lakes are recognised as wetlands of international significance under the Ramsar Convention, and provide important feeding and breeding grounds for a large number of local and migratory waterbirds. Aboriginal people have a strong connection to the Kerang Lakes and wetlands with cooking mounds, shell middens and scar trees evidence of their long occupation of this land by their ancestors.

**Lake Charm** and **Kangaroo Lake** are key destinations with locals and visitors alike for powered watersports, swimming, fishing, kayaking and birdwatching. Both lakes are important permanent water storages in the Torrumbarry Irrigation System.

**Lake Meran**, located on the northern edge of Leaghur Forest, is a picturesque freshwater lake subject to seasonal fluctuations. The white sandy shores of Lake Meran provide lovely spots to camp, swim, fish or simply relax with a picnic in the natural red gum surrounds. When water levels permit the lake is suitable for powered watersports.

The three **Reedy Lakes** are natural wetlands that were incorporated into the irrigation supply system over 100 years ago. They are all similar in size and regulated by connecting channels. Apex Park, located at the southern end of First Reedy Lake, is a perfect location for picnics, swimming and fishing. The free RV camp area provides a great place for a short stay.

The **Ibis Rookery** and bird hide at Middle Reedy Lake is an ideal viewing platform to see the many waterbirds nesting in the shallow waters. Information shelters located at Lake Charm and Middle Reedy Lake provide interesting details on the region's wetlands and birdlife.

**Lake Cullen** is one of the largest lakes of the Kerang wetlands and is located on the shared floodplains of the Avoca and Loddon rivers. It is valued because of its size and unique environment and is used extensively by waterbirds to nest and forage.

The **Avoca Marshes** are a series of interconnecting natural wetlands that receive water when the Avoca River is in flood. **Lake Bael Bael**, located to the south, is a deep freshwater lake, while **First Marsh** is more shallow and operates as an "occasional lake" with sparse vegetation growing across the wetland bed. **Second** and **Third Marshes** are shallow swamps containing thousands of dry standing red gums. These wetlands fill during flood periods and operate in a wetting and drying cycle.

Salt lakes can also be spotted while driving through the lakes region. **Lake Tutchewop**, whose name is derived from indigenous Wamba Wamba language, is now a salt crusted basin, popular with birdwatchers.

The monument plaque at Lake Tutchewop pays homage to its glory days as a popular swimming hole. In the right conditions, Lake Tutchewop offers magnificent opportunities to capture the vibrant mirrored reflections of the sunrise and sunset.



## CLOSE TO NATURE *Gunbower Island and Murray River*

The **Murray River** is one of Australia's greatest tourism destinations, stretching over 2,500kms in length. The Murray River forms the border between Victoria and New South Wales and flows into the sea at Lake Alexandrina in South Australia. It provides irrigation water to many farming communities, as well as providing important environmental flows to forests and wetlands. Thousands of campers flock to the Murray River annually to camp and fish for the iconic Murray Cod. The Murray River can be accessed from our river towns, Koondrook and Murrabit, and via the Gunbower Forest near Cohuna.

Bordered by the Murray River is **Gunbower Island**, a 26,400-hectare floodplain extending from Koondrook to the Torrumbarry Weir, formed by the **Gunbower Creek** branching off the Murray River then re-joining downstream. Gunbower Island consists of two significant forest areas, the **Gunbower National Park** and **Gunbower State Forest**, and is the largest inland island in Australia. The ageless River Red Gum and Black Box forests of Gunbower Island were home to the local indigenous people and their culture is evident in the various scar trees, cooking mounds and shell middens scattered throughout the forest.

Gunbower Island is the ideal destination for nature lovers and campers year round with popular activities including bushwalking, camping, fishing, canoeing, mountain bike riding, bird watching and leisurely drives through the track network sightseeing. Wedge-tailed eagles, goannas, kangaroos and emus are common sights as you wander along the many tracks and trails.

Opportunities to discover Gunbower Island include taking a relaxing 5km self-guided paddle on the canoe trail at **Safes Lagoon** and finding historical, cultural and ecological sites along the **Koondrook Red Gum Forest Walk**. Alternatively, drive through the Gunbower State Forest past many indigenous, timber milling and early settler sites guided by the **Spences Bridge Forest Drive** informative CD. The CD is available to purchase from the Gateway to Gannawarra Visitor Centre in Cohuna or you can download free of charge from Soundcloud.

The wetlands of Gunbower Island are recognised as wetlands of international significance for their importance to birdlife, native mammals and amphibians. These wetlands are a haven for rare species such as the Broad Shelled Tortoise, Barking Marsh Frog and Platypus.

In 2016, Museum Victoria undertook a Bioscan on Gunbower Island where a team of specialist field biologists with the assistance of Barapa Land and Water, documented many species of wildlife across the waterways, wetlands and woodlands. The project marked 160 years since William Blandowski's expedition, where with the shared knowledge and skills of the local Indigenous people, he collected over 17,000 animal specimens for the museum. The **Murray Explored Bioscan** documentary video can be viewed on the Gannawarra or Museum Victoria websites.



## CLOSE TO NATURE *Trails*

Take your pick from the many local tracks and trails. Enjoy walking, cycling or mountain biking throughout the Gannawarra, while capturing the spectacular and contrasting surrounds on camera. Visit the Gateway to Gannawarra Visitor Centre for maps and brochures on local tracks and trails.

### POPULAR WALKS AND TRAILS

- The **Koondrook Red Gum Forest Walk** is a relaxing walk through the majestic Gunbower State Forest. Both the Turtle Loop (13.2kms) and Eagle Loop (9.1kms) are marked with interpretative signage highlighting historical, cultural and ecological sites.
- The **Koondrook Barham Redgum Statue Walk** meanders along the banks of the Murray River and features red gum statues of local identities and wildlife, carved by Kevin Guilders and Angela Polglaze and their chainsaws.
- The **Goanna Walking Track** is a 3.2km looped track that crosses the Gunbower Creek via the red gum footbridge at Koondrook Retreat. The trail runs through the forest and crosses Condidorio's Bridge to lead back into the centre of town.
- The **Loddon River Walk** in Kerang Regional Park meanders through the relaxed woodland setting and along the levee. It is common to find birdlife in the wetland area of the park.
- See historic buildings and landmarks on a **Self Guided Walk or Drive of Historic Kerang**.
- The **Murrabit Railway Heritage Trail and Walking Track** begins in town and follows the former railway line to the Murray River and bridge crossing.
- In Cohuna, take the **Gunbower Island Walk** out to the Ski Run, follow the **Gilrule Walking Track** along the Gunbower Creek or discover historic buildings on the **Cohuna Town Walk**.
- Find birdlife, native flora and learn about local history on the leisurely 2.4km **Cohuna Nature and Historical Walk** starting at the Cohuna Weir.
- The **Gunbower National Park** and **Gunbower State Forest** offer an extensive network of tracks and trails suitable for walking and mountain bike riding.
- The Kerang Lakes provide many walking opportunities, including the **Kangaroo Lake Walking Track** along Gorton Drive and **Lake Charm Walking Loop** and artwork installation.
- Wander along the **Avoca River Levee Walk** in Quambatook.



## CLOSE TO NATURE *Kayaking*

From the open waters of the **Kerang Lakes**, to the discrete natural lagoons of **Gunbower Island**, the Gannawarra offers many unique paddling options for kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding adventures.

The **Gunbower Island Canoe Trail** on the Gunbower Creek is a leisurely 5km paddle through Safe's Lagoon. While paddling, see birds nesting in hollows of the standing dead trees, hear their calls and see the myriad of creatures living among the reeds and waters. The route to the canoe trail is signposted through the forest from Koondrook and offers a kayak launch for easy access into the creek.

Other popular kayak trails include **Cohuna Town Lagoon**, the **Loddon River within Kerang Regional Park**, **Murray River**, **Avoca River**, and **Gunbower Creek** along Koondrook Track.

Some kayak and canoe trails including **Reedy Lagoon** and **Black Swamp** are opportunistic, where they are only accessible due to flooding or high rainfall events.

Our comprehensive kayak and canoe brochure features information on all our trails, giving you several unique paddling options. Visit the Gateway to Gannawarra Visitor Centre for more information.

Canoe, kayak and paddleboard hire and tours are available locally through **Murray River Adventures**, **Cohuna Adventures** and **You Canoe**.

If serious about paddling, keep an eye out for **The Massive Murray Paddle**, and the **Black Swan Kayak Race** which are both held annually.

## CLOSE TO NATURE *Fishing*

Native fish: Murray Cod, Yellow Belly (Golden Perch), and Bony Bream can be caught in the **Murray River**, **Gunbower Creek**, **Loddon River** and **Avoca River**, along with introduced species Redfin and Carp. Anglers can also fish in the **Kerang Lakes** and many channels throughout the region.

Many fishing competitions are held across the Gannawarra including the **Murrabit Cod Challenge**, **Lake Charm Redfin Classic**, **Koondrook Barham Fishing Competition** and the **Cohuna Fishing Classic**. See our website for events.

Fishing rods can be hired from the Gateway to Gannawarra Visitor Centre in Cohuna, which also has handy information on boat ramp locations, where to fish, required licenses and regulations.

The Gannawarra supports the "catch and release" of native fish.





## CLOSE TO NATURE *Birdwatching*

The wetlands provide valuable habitats for the many species of waterbirds found in the Gannawarra with **Kerang Lakes** and **Gunbower National Park** both recognised as wetlands of international significance under the Ramsar Convention.

The **Ibis Rookery** at Middle Reedy Lake is the largest rookery in the Southern Hemisphere, where each spring, thousands of ibis flock to the area to breed. The bird hide is best visited at dawn and dusk and offers viewers the perfect place to watch Straw-necked and White Ibis, along with other spectacular birds such as Pelicans, Swans, Spoonbills and Egrets.

**Lake Cullen** is one of the largest lakes in the Kerang wetlands sitting on the shared floodplains of the Avoca and Loddon rivers. It is the only intermittent saline wetland within the Kerang Ramsar site and due to its large size and unique environment provides ideal foraging for waterbirds. Fifty-six species of waterbird have been observed at Lake Cullen. The sighting and photography of endangered species, the Australasian Bittern, has reinforced the significance of the Kerang Wetlands in fauna conservation.

**Lake Tutchewop** is also proving to be an important birdwatching destination, with the arrival of the Long-billed Dowitcher some years back, which created serious excitement for twitchers.

Other wetlands popular for birdwatching include the **Avoca Marshes**, **Kerang Regional Park**, **Lake Bael Bael**, **Lake Murphy**, **Hird Swamp** and **Johnson Swamp**.

As a permanent body of water, Gunbower Creek, and the many lagoons within **Gunbower Island**, provide vital habitats for numerous species. Environmental water inflows into **Reedy Lagoon** have provided a special place for birdwatching, as the rich environment provides excellent feeding and breeding opportunities for species.

Over 82 different species of birds have been identified in the area such as Royal Spoonbills, Intermediate Egrets, Caspian Terns, Pied Cormorants, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Azure Kingfisher, and many others, some considered threatened species.

The Wedge-tailed Eagle, Tawny Frogmouth, Kookaburra and a variety of parrots are also commonly seen across the Gannawarra.

To discover more opportune locations for birdwatching contact the Gateway to Gannawarra Visitor Centre.

Specialised knowledge on Australian birdlife, education programs and birdwatching information can be accessed via Birdlife Australia.

Please note: Duck hunting season can occur annually around autumn in a number of our wetlands. Contact the Gateway to Gannawarra Visitor Centre for open season dates and locations.





## INDUSTRY IN

# *the Gannawarra*



### **Innovative Agriculture**

The Gannawarra benefits from a diverse agricultural sector and is supported by modernised irrigation systems suited to a range of agricultural activities including dairy, cropping and horticulture.

The strength of the local dairy sector in Cohuna and Leitchville is widely recognised. It is likely the area will see the development of large-scale shedded robotic dairy operations along with large-scale poultry and piggery farms utilising the broadacre feed production.

Dryland cropping is using technology and modern farming practices to maintain production amid a dryer and changing climate. New crops such as cotton, medicinal cannabis, organic grain, stone fruit and organic processing tomatoes are being grown on subsurface irrigation and are realising above average production figures.

### **Renewable Energy**

The Gannawarra is a leader in the development of renewable energy projects. With large-scale solar farms already in operation, the Gannawarra is seen as a key location in the growth of renewable energy.

The announcement of the KerangLink electricity interconnector will further see the Gannawarra as a key destination for large-scale solar projects, battery storage projects and wind farms.

The KerangLink project will enable approved renewable energy projects to proceed, in what is a “game changer” for the Gannawarra. This project will set up north-west Victoria as the primary renewable energy zone nationally.

### **Industrial and Manufacturing**

The Gannawarra boasts well-serviced industrial estates in Kerang, Cohuna and Koondrook, where major manufacturing businesses are expanding and providing new employment opportunities.

Industrial estates in the Gannawarra are a major source of investment and employment. For example, Tate Drive Industrial Estate in Kerang employs around 130 people and has generated around \$15 million of investment. Demand for land is relatively strong and growth from within the industrial sector is positive.

*Contact the Gannawarra Shire Council's Economic Development Unit on 03 5450 9333 if you would like more information on industry development in the Gannawarra.*



## MAJOR Events

Throughout the year the Gannawarra hosts a wide variety of community celebrations and events.

**COHUNA BRIDGE TO BRIDGE**  
March, Cohuna Island Road, Cohuna  
Run, cycle or walk charity event  
[www.bridgetobridge.org.au](http://www.bridgetobridge.org.au) 

**KERANG RACES**  
Boxing Day and Easter Saturday  
Kerang Turf Club, Kerang  
A great day out for those who enjoy horse racing! 

**MASSIVE MURRAY PADDLE**  
November, Murray River  
An amazing 5-day paddling adventure race over 404kms on the Murray River. Day 4 stopover in Cohuna and day 5 commences racing from Murrabit.  
[www.massivemurraypaddle.org.au](http://www.massivemurraypaddle.org.au) 

**CREATIVE GANNAWARRA**  
Various dates and locations throughout the year  
Creative Gannawarra hosts a number of performances, exhibitions and workshops during the year.  
[www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au/events](http://www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au/events) 

**SKI RACING LAKE CHARM**  
Various dates, Lake Charm Foreshore  
Ski Racing Victoria State Titles and Point Score events.  
[www.waterskiracing.com](http://www.waterskiracing.com) 



**KERANG SHOW AND SHINE**  
October, Kerang  
Showcasing a huge collection of cars, motorcycles and model displays.  
[www.kerangshow.com/car-show-shine](http://www.kerangshow.com/car-show-shine)

**THE BIG COHUNA FESTIVAL**  
Cohuna  
Culture, culinary and creative festival. See website for dates and activities.  
[www.cohuna.org.au](http://www.cohuna.org.au) 

**QUAMBATOOK TRACTOR PULL CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
Easter Saturday, Quambatook  
A high-octane intensity event as power hungry modified tractors and trucks blast their way down the track.  
[www.quambatook.com.au/tractor-pull](http://www.quambatook.com.au/tractor-pull) 

**KERANG ROTARY ART SHOW**  
Good Friday to Easter Sunday  
Basketball Stadium, Kerang  
A large art display in various mediums.



For further details on events across the Gannawarra, visit [www.thegannawarra.com.au](http://www.thegannawarra.com.au) or scan the QR code.

## LOCAL Markets

The Gannawarra has a long history of hosting country markets and is home to the Murrabit Country Market, one of Australia's longest running markets. Each of our local markets offer a diverse variety of products and items, some unique and homemade that you won't find anywhere else.



### MURRABIT COUNTRY MARKET

First held in 1977, the Murrabit Country Market has grown into an iconic event for the Murrabit township. An astonishing transformation takes place when up to 120 stalls open for business. Originally designed to provide a market outlet for cottage craft and produce, stalls now include fresh home grown produce, local crafts, recycled metal art, plants, tools, clothes, shoes, hardware and more. Aromas of freshly cooked barbecues and hot food fill the air, and morning tea at the hall includes cappuccinos, scones, sandwiches and scrumptious cakes. Kids activities and live entertainment add to the atmosphere as popular entertainers perform each month.

**8.30am - 12.30pm on the first Saturday of each month, plus Easter Saturday**

**f** Gonn Avenue, Murrabit  
[www.murrabit.com.au/market](http://www.murrabit.com.au/market)

### COHUNA FARMERS AND MAKERS MARKET

The Cohuna Farmers and Makers Market is a boutique market showcasing quality handmade and home grown produce, craft, food, plants and more. Located in Garden Park next to the picturesque Gunbower Creek, the Cohuna Farmers and Makers Market is the perfect place to enjoy live music and brunch with friends.

**9am - 1pm on the fourth Sunday of each month, plus special events**

**f** Garden Park, King George Street, Cohuna  
[www.cohunamarket.com](http://www.cohunamarket.com)

### KERANG COMMUNITY MARKET

The Kerang Community Market has plenty on offer. Whether it is fresh produce, plants, crafts, bric-a-brac, jams, sauces and preserves, there is something available for all tastes.

**9am - 12pm on the fourth Saturday of each month, plus special events**

**f** Atkinson Park, Wellington Street, Kerang



For more information on markets, visit  
[www.thegannawarra.com.au](http://www.thegannawarra.com.au) or scan the QR code.

## Things to do

the Gannawarra offers many activities to appeal to the visitor, leisure seeker, adventurer and explorer.

## Things to do



### Kerang Swimming Pool

Great family venue featuring 2 outdoor solar heated pools (intermediate and 50m), splash park, waterslide, family change rooms, kiosk, BBQ and shaded seating. See Gannawarra Shire Council Facebook page for upcoming events. Open November to March.  
**19-21 Shadforth Street, Kerang | 03 5450 9333**  
[www.gsc.vic.gov.au/pools](http://www.gsc.vic.gov.au/pools)



### You Canoe - Watersport Hire

Canoe, kayak, stand-up paddleboard hire. Full or half day, weekend or weekly hire. Delivery and collection within 50kms of Kerang included in the total hire price. Ask us about extra gear hire as well.  
**0411 609 831 | www.youcanoe.com.au**



### Kerang Historical Society and Museum

Wander through the extensive collection of items that tell the social and agricultural history of Kerang and District.  
Sunday 1.30pm - 4.30pm.  
Adults: \$5.00 | Children under 16: \$2.00.  
**17 Museum Drive, Kerang | 03 5450 4090**



### Sir John Gorton Library

Free WiFi, computer access, visitor information, family history, school holiday activities and exhibitions.  
Monday to Friday 10am - 5pm.  
Saturday 10am - 12pm.  
**Cnr Shadforth Street and Murray Valley Hwy, Kerang**  
**03 5452 1546 | www.gsc.vic.gov.au/libraries**



# Things to do



## Kerang Golf and Bowls Club

18 holes, Santa Anna fairways, bent greens, golf cart hire, green fee players welcome, two bowling greens, function rooms, fully licensed bar facilities, catering available. Self-contained motorhomes and RVs welcome (fee applies).

Kerang-Koondrook Road, Kerang | 03 5452 1506  
[www.keranggolfbowls.com.au](http://www.keranggolfbowls.com.au)



## Murray River Adventures

Murray River Adventures is the southern base of Sydney Harbour Kayaks. We provide amazing, kayaking eco-experiences throughout the waterways of the Gannawarra, guided by local experts. We also offer kayak and canoe rental; minimum 24 hour rates apply.

[www.murrayriver.tours](http://www.murrayriver.tours) | 0413 005 787  
[murrayriver@sydneyharbourkayaks.com.au](mailto:murrayriver@sydneyharbourkayaks.com.au)



## Apex Park and Cohuna Beach

Apex Park includes a newly developed skate park, adventure playground, exercise equipment, toilets, and sheltered BBQ areas. Cohuna Beach at Apex Park, includes two jetties and a 150m section of sand, suitable for building sandcastles, swimming, kayaking, and stand-up paddle boarding.

Island Road, Cohuna



## Chalk 2 Pastels

A private gallery with many artworks and outdoor creations.

Handmade cards and gift ideas.

Sunday 10am - 3pm.

Open when the flags are out.

Nelsons Road, Gannawarra  
[www.chalk2pastels.com](http://www.chalk2pastels.com)



## Cohuna Adventures - Canoe Hire

Kayak, canoe and stand-up paddleboard hire.

Delivery and pickup service available anywhere along the beautiful Gunbower Creek.

Enjoy a self-guided eco tour (hourly rates apply).

Call Tanya | 0428 487 823



## Elm Tree Nursery and Gardens

Wander Christine's delightful gardens for inspirational ideas. Offering a huge range of plants, trees, pots and metal art for sale.

Thursday to Sunday 9am - 5pm.

107 Danahers Road, Cohuna | 0408 371 981



## Cohuna Golf and Bowls Club

Home course of Stuart Appleby. 18-hole course along the banks of the Gunbower Creek. Buggies and golf carts available to hire. Packages available for self-contained caravans and motorhomes.

Weymouths Road, Cohuna

Clubhouse: 03 5456 2820 | Bookings 0427 763 078

[www.cohunagolfclub.com.au](http://www.cohunagolfclub.com.au)



## Cohuna and District Historical Society Inc.

Discover the history of Cohuna and District.

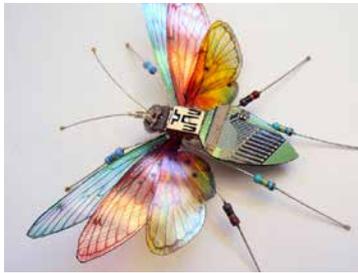
Archives/Museum: Monday and Friday 11am - 3pm  
or by appointment 0428 563 395.

Trash and Treasure: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9.30am - 12pm.

4 Cullen Street, Cohuna | 03 5456 2345  
[cohunahistorical@gmail.com](mailto:cohunahistorical@gmail.com)



# Things to do



## Cohuna Community Art and Craft Gallery

Featuring art and craft exhibitions, and an extensive display of Rock 'n Roll memorabilia from the 60's. Friday 10am - 12pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm. Saturday 10am - 12pm or via appointment. 23-25 King Edward Street, Cohuna Denise 0407 508 348 | Lorraine 0429 103 180



## Wetlander Cruises

Relaxed cruising on the Gunbower Creek, a remarkable environment of diverse waterbirds, wildlife and aquatic plants. Operating August through to May. Bookings essential. Southern Road, Gannawarra | 0438 537 104 [www.wetlandercruises.com.au](http://www.wetlandercruises.com.au)



## Arbuthnot Sawmills

Established at its present site in 1889. Today the sawmill supplies a large range of red gum timber products. Tours for groups of ten or more are available by appointment on normal working days. 12 Punt Road, Koondrook | 03 5453 2401 [www.arbuthnotsawmills.com.au](http://www.arbuthnotsawmills.com.au)



## Shepo's Whey Sculpture Park

A dairy farm with a twist! Try a digital detox, the farm way of life or on farm accommodation. Father and daughter, weld metal sculptures and cutlery creations. Sculpture tours by appointment. Home of 'UDDERly smOOchy milk products. A donations based operation. Come see how it's done Shepo's Whey! 384 Worsley Road, Tragowel | 03 5452 0306



**1** ECHUCA MOAMA IS HOME TO THE WORLD'S LARGEST OPERATING PADDLESTEAMER FLEET  
Echuca Moama is the paddlesteamer capital of the world. Visit the historic Port of Echuca and book a cruise aboard one of our iconic paddlesteamers.

# ECHUCA MOAMA AND SURROUNDS



**2** THE MURRAY RIVER IS THE THIRD LONGEST NAVIGABLE RIVER IN THE WORLD

That means you can travel from one end to the other on the water – all 2,600km! Hire a paddleboard, kayak, or pontoon boat and get ready to explore!

**3** THERE ARE MORE THAN 600 ANIMALS AT KYABRAM FAUNA PARK

You can see koalas, dingoes, kangaroos, wombats, echidnas, emus, flying foxes, cassowary and loads more.

**4** WE HAVE THE LARGEST CACTUS FARM IN AUSTRALIA

Cactus Country covers 12 acres and has thousands of cactus plants – some more than 30 years old! Make sure you try the cactus ice cream and cactus cake when you visit.

**5** BARMAH NATIONAL PARK IS THE LARGEST RIVER RED GUM FOREST IN THE WORLD

Explore Barham National Park by foot, bike or boat. Cruise with a scientist aboard Kingfisher Cruises and explore the narrowest part of the Murray River, the Barham Choke.

**6** EAT A BUG AT TWISTED SCIENCE

Try a different (and perfectly edible) type of protein when you visit Twisted Science...if you dare!

Visit our website [www.echucamoama.com](http://www.echucamoama.com) to find out more about our great range of attractions and things to do in Echuca Moama.





## Eat + drink

the Gannawarra offers many dining options from outdoor beer gardens and gourmet coffee shops, to quality takeaway and international cuisines.

## Eat + drink



### Kerang Sports and Entertainment Venue

Entertainment for the whole family.  
Bistro open 7 days, sports bar, TAB and Keno.  
Live entertainment in our beer garden.  
Monday to Thursday 10am - 11pm.  
Friday and Saturday 10am - 12am.

25 Victoria Street, Kerang | 03 5452 1031  
[www.kerangsporties.com.au](http://www.kerangsporties.com.au)



### The Exchange Hotel Kerang

Family run pub, bar, bistro, café, outdoor beer garden and bottle shop.  
Indoor and outdoor seating.  
Open 7 days 12pm - 2pm and 6pm - 9pm

62-64 Wellington Street, Kerang  
03 5450 3812



### Sh'marnas Place

Delicious hot cooked breakfasts, daily lunch specials, hot and cold drinks. Indoor and outdoor seating.  
Tuesday and Wednesday 8am - 2.30pm.  
Thursday to Saturday 8am - 9pm.  
Sunday 9am - 2pm. Monday closed.

20 Victoria Street, Kerang | 0428 208 560  
[www.holdmybunsstreetfood.com.au](http://www.holdmybunsstreetfood.com.au)



### Bartts Restaurant

Delicious hearty home cooked style meals at the Kerang Valley Resort. Indoor Dining.  
Monday to Thursday 6pm - 8pm.

76 Murray Valley Highway, Kerang | 03 5452 1311  
[www.kerangvalleyresort.com.au](http://www.kerangvalleyresort.com.au)



## Eat + drink



### Royal Hotel Kerang

Tasty pub meals. Dine in, takeaway or delivery.  
Open 6 days, lunch and dinner.

60 Victoria Street, Kerang | 03 5452 1063

[www.royalhotelkerang.com](http://www.royalhotelkerang.com)



### Chino's On Victoria

Café with great coffee, devonshire teas, sandwiches and gourmet wraps, breakfast and lunch specials.  
Indoor and outdoor seating, takeaway.

Monday and Tuesday 8.30am - 3pm.

Wednesday to Friday 8.30am - 5.30pm.

Saturday 8.30am - 1pm. Sunday closed.

47 Victoria Street, Kerang | 03 5452 1200



### K Bar and Function Room

Bar with pool tables.

Function venue available to hire with catering options.

Wednesday to Saturday lunch and dinner.

Sunday lunch.

77 Wellington Street, Kerang | 03 5450 3517

[www.kerangmotel.com.au](http://www.kerangmotel.com.au)

[kerangmotel@kerangmotel.com.au](mailto:kerangmotel@kerangmotel.com.au)



### Gray's Bakery

Wholesome country baked goods and coffee with friendly hospitality, indoor play centre and toilets.

Indoor and outdoor seating, takeaway.

Monday to Friday 5.30am - 4.30pm.

Saturday 6.30am - 3pm.

Sunday 8am - 3pm.

39 Scoresby Street, Kerang | 03 5452 1655



### The Wood Box

Delicious coffee, a large range of hot food, sandwich bar and housemade slices.

Outdoor seating, takeaway.

Monday to Friday 6am - 3pm.

Saturday 7am - 1pm. Sunday closed.

24 Victoria Street, Kerang | 03 5450 4223



### Kwong Ling Chinese Restaurant

Delicious Chinese meals, lunch specials, banquets.

Indoor dining and takeaway.

Tuesday to Saturday 12pm - 2.30pm.

Tuesday to Thursday 5pm - 9.30pm.

Friday to Saturday 5pm - 9.30pm.

Sunday 5pm - 9.30pm.

14 Victoria Street, Kerang | 03 5452 2725



### Central Takeaway

Fresh Australian caught fish, burgers, hot chips and pizzas.

Indoor seating and takeaway.

Monday to Thursday 10am - 9pm.

Friday 11am - 9pm.

Saturday and Sunday 10am - 9pm.

61 Wellington Street, Kerang | 03 5452 1908



### Memos Kebabs

Fresh and yummy takeaway kebabs, fish and chips.

Indoor seating.

Wednesday to Sunday 11am - 9pm.

Monday and Tuesday closed.

Open all school holidays.

59 Wellington Street, Kerang | 03 5450 3803

# Eat + drink



## Zorba's Pizza and Pasta

Delicious pizza, pasta and ribs to takeaway.  
Sunday to Thursday 5pm - 9pm.  
Friday and Saturday 5pm - 10pm.  
65 Wellington Street, Kerang | 03 5450 3120  
[www.zorbaspizza.com.au](http://www.zorbaspizza.com.au)



## Classic Fish Shop

Delicious hot takeaway, fish and chips, hamburgers, and cold drinks.  
Indoor seating, takeaway.  
Monday to Sunday 9am - 8.30pm.  
55 Wellington Street, Kerang | 03 5452 2900



## Factory and Field Waffles

Offering great food and coffee in gorgeous surrounds. Stunning gift and homeware store.  
Indoor and outdoor dining, takeaway.  
Wednesday to Monday 9am - 2pm.  
Tuesday closed.  
105 King George Street, Cohuna  
Text 0478 564 507 for table bookings and food orders.



## The Bower Tavern

Bar and grill, open 7 days for lunch and dinner.  
Indoor and outdoor dining, takeaway.  
Sunday to Thursday 9am - 11pm.  
Friday and Saturday 9am - 1am.  
Winter: Sunday 9am - 4pm.  
59-61 King George Street, Cohuna | 03 5456 2425  
[www.bowertaverncohuna.com.au](http://www.bowertaverncohuna.com.au)



## KC'S Ice-Cream Cafe

Ice cream, gelato, coffee, milkshakes, cakes, donuts, focaccias, toasted sandwiches and burgers. Lunch specials.  
Indoor and outdoor seating, takeaway.  
Monday to Sunday 10.30am - 4.30pm.  
25 King George Street, Cohuna | 0439 295 276



## Birds Bakery

Delicious pies, sausage rolls, cakes, pastries, bread, and freshly made wraps and sandwiches.  
Indoor and outdoor seating, takeaway.  
Monday to Friday 9am - 4pm.  
Saturday 9am - 1pm.  
Sunday closed.  
45 King George Street, Cohuna | 03 5456 2270



## Cohuna Pizza and Takeaway

Classic and gourmet pizzas, fish and chips, wraps, burgers and steak sandwiches.  
Indoor seating, takeaway.  
Tuesday to Sunday 5pm - 8.30pm.  
Monday closed.  
11 Market Street, Cohuna | 03 5456 3050



## 3J'S Coffee Shack and Beer Garden

Delicious meals and takeaways, daily lunch specials. Offering home cooked breakfasts.  
Indoor and outdoor seating, takeaway.  
Monday to Friday 8am - 3pm.  
Saturday and Sunday 8.30am - 2.30pm.  
Check Facebook for altered times.  
85b King George Street, Cohuna | 03 5456 3302



# Eat + drink



## T&T's Takeaway

Delicious fish and chips, hamburgers, Chinese lunch dishes.

Indoor and outdoor seating, takeaway.

Open Monday to Sunday 7am - 8pm.

55 King George Street, Cohuna | 03 5456 2271



## Long Paddock Food Store

Local and regional food with a seasonal menu.

Indoor and outdoor courtyard dining, takeaway.

Wednesday to Saturday 8.30am - 2pm.

Daily lunch specials 12pm - 1.30pm.

Sunday to Tuesday closed.

Shop 2/86 Main Street, Koondrook | 0497 792 360



## Koondrook General Store

One stop for all your supplies, groceries, fishing gear, hot cooked breakfast, lunch and dinner specials.

Monday to Thursday 7.30am - 3pm.

Friday and Saturday 7.30am - 8.30pm.

Sunday 7.30am - 3pm.

Times may change with seasons.

87 Main Street, Koondrook | 03 5453 2442



## Curry on the Murray

Flavour experiences from India and beyond.

Pantry and grocery sales.

Heat and eat meals Monday to Saturday.

Takeaway Sunday 5pm - 8pm.

9 Briar Street, Koondrook | 0492 977 505

www.curryonthemurray.com.au



## Mates Royal Hotel

Friendly country pub with traditional pub meals.

Indoor and outdoor seating with beer garden.

Monday to Saturday 12pm - 11pm.

Sunday 12pm - 8pm.

85 Main Street, Koondrook | 03 5453 2406

www.royalhotelmates.com.au



## Quambatook Hotel

Friendly atmosphere with ice cold beers and a delicious dinner menu.

Indoor and outdoor seating.

Wednesday to Sunday 3pm - 1am.

Monday and Tuesday closed.

12-14 Guthrie Street, Quambatook | 03 5457 1206



## Quamby Car KWAP and Coffee

Small, unique coffee shop with a big heart. Coffee, milkshakes, cakes, pies, sausage rolls and cold drinks.

Indoor and outdoor seating, takeaway.

Wednesday to Monday 8.30am - 2pm.

Tuesday closed.

31 Guthrie Street, Quambatook | 0477 432 425



## Quambatook Stores and LPO

Serving the local community with a takeaway or dine in menu, grocery items, post office, bank agency, daily papers and a large range of giftware.

Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm.

Saturday 9am - 11am. Sunday closed.

33-37 Guthrie Street Quambatook

03 5457 1202 | 0407 008 225



# Eat + drink



## Red Gum Bakery

Delicious baked goods. Great vanilla slice, pies, toasties, pizzas and daily specials. Indoor and outdoor seating, takeaway. Monday to Friday 6am - 3pm. Saturday 6am - 1pm. Sunday closed.

4 King Albert Avenue, Leitchville | 03 5456 7913



## Leitchville Hotel

Coldest beer in Northern Victoria. Hearty home cooked meals. Indoor and outdoor seating, takeaway. Monday to Sunday 11am - 10pm.

17 King George Street, Leitchville | 03 5456 7233



## Mystic Park Hotel

Country pub atmosphere with traditional pub meals, beer garden, courtesy bus and entertainment. Indoor and outdoor seating. Accommodation available.

Thursday to Sunday 4pm - 10pm. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday closed.

1 Wilson Street, Mystic Park | 03 5457 9283



## Lake Charm General Store

Petrol, bottle shop, post office and takeaway food. Monday to Saturday 5am - 8pm. Sunday 7am - 7pm.

1921 Murray Valley Hwy, Lake Charm | 0480 218 001



## Murrabit General Store and Tavern

Takeaway menu, grocery items, Post Office, bank agency, fuel outlet and daily papers. General Store: Monday to Thursday 7am - 6.30pm. Friday 7am - 8pm. Saturday 8.15am - 8pm. Sunday 8.15am - 6pm.

Tavern: Friday and Saturday for meals.

1 Gonn Ave, Murrabit | 03 5457 2204



## Service Stations

Many of our local service stations offer takeaway food.

BP Kerang: 90 Bendigo Rd, Kerang

Caltex Kerang: 78 Bendigo Rd, Kerang

Shell Kerang: 92 Wellington St, Kerang

Medco Kerang: 21 Wellington St, Kerang

Shell Roadhouse: 6323 Murray Valley Hwy, Cohuna

Cohuna Westend Servo: 183 King George St, Cohuna

Mac's Midtown: 103 King George St, Cohuna



## Pre-loved

The Gannawarra is home to a great range of community operated and privately owned pre-loved, antique, second hand and opportunity shops.

These shops are brimming with items once loved, now re-purposed and ready for a new home.

For pre-loved shop locations and opening hours, download a copy of the Gannawarra Pre-loved brochure via the QR code or pick up a copy at the Gateway to Gannawarra Visitor Centre.



## Stay

Relax and rejuvenate at our glamping retreat, our family friendly caravan parks, or one of our many hotels. The Gannawarra offers a range of accommodation options to suit your needs.

## Stay



### Loddon River Motel Kerang

Modern fully refurbished accommodation. Smart TVs (Foxtel in select rooms). Cooked or continental breakfast available. Close to eateries, River Walk and playground. Book direct for BEST RATES.

103 Wellington Street, Kerang | 03 5452 2511  
[www.loddonrivermotel.com.au](http://www.loddonrivermotel.com.au)



### Kerang Motel

Friendly, comfortable, affordable, free WiFi. Centrally located and in easy walking distance to local shops and eateries.

77 Wellington Street, Kerang | 03 5450 3517  
[www.kerangmotelcentral.com.au](http://www.kerangmotelcentral.com.au)



### Kerang Valley Resort

Situated on 5 acres and only 800m from the heart of town, the Kerang Valley Resort offers 31 modern rooms, including spa rooms. Free WiFi and Foxtel. Inground swimming pool.

On-site restaurant and function centre.  
76 Murray Valley Highway, Kerang | 03 5452 1311  
[www.kerangvalleyresort.com.au](http://www.kerangvalleyresort.com.au)



### Kerang Cabins and Ibis Caravan Park

Cabins, powered and non-powered sites, free WiFi, pet friendly, inground swimming pool, playground, BBQ and fire pit area.

Sites for big rigs, boat and caravan storage. Drive through sites available.  
9399 Murray Valley Highway, Kerang | 03 5452 2232  
[www.ibiscaravanpark.com.au](http://www.ibiscaravanpark.com.au)

# Stay



## Kerang Caravan and Tourist Park

Cabins and powered sites.  
Laundry facilities and free BBQ.  
Pet friendly with conditions.  
Camp kitchen and games room.  
500m walk to shops and eateries.  
**21 Museum Drive, Kerang | 03 5452 1161**  
[www.kerangcaravanandtouristpark.com.au](http://www.kerangcaravanandtouristpark.com.au)



## Exchange Hotel Kerang

Conveniently located in the centre of the CBD.  
Refurbished rooms available at great rates.  
Rooms have shared facilities and access to the guest's kitchen and lounge.  
**62-64 Wellington Street, Kerang | 03 5450 3812**  
[www.the-exchange-hotel-kerang.business.site](http://www.the-exchange-hotel-kerang.business.site)



## Cohuna Waterfront Holiday Park

On the banks of Gunbower Creek, spacious 2 and 3 bedroom ensuite cabins. Powered and unpowered sites, boat ramp, kiosk, jumping pillow, playground, swimming pool and camp kitchen.  
**Bookings 1800 672 372**  
**58 Cohuna Island Road, Cohuna | 03 5456 2562**  
[www.cwhp.com.au](http://www.cwhp.com.au)



## Bower Bend Bungalow

Beautiful 1 bedroom Airbnb bungalow. Perfect peaceful retreat for singles or couples. The bungalow is attached to the main residence and is separated by a breezeway. Situated on the Gunbower Island and within walking distance to the Cohuna township.  
**Island Road, Cohuna | 0408 556 173**  
[sammygeurts@hotmail.com](mailto:sammygeurts@hotmail.com)



## The Happy Wanderer Cohuna

Refurbished motel rooms.  
Free Continental breakfast available.  
Outdoor swimming pool.  
**160 King George Street, Cohuna | 0492 211 841**  
[melissafrostthomas@hotmail.com](mailto:melissafrostthomas@hotmail.com)



## Mojos

Delightful and eclectic 3 bedroom holiday rental.  
Beautiful open living space, and large kitchen.  
Located in the town centre of Cohuna.  
Hosted by Golden Rivers Real Estate.  
**17 Market Street, Cohuna**  
[sales@goldenriversrealestate.com](mailto:sales@goldenriversrealestate.com)



## Gunbower Cottage

Beautifully restored 1911 period residence with stunning garden views. Sleeps up to 10 people.  
Well equipped kitchen with modern appliances.  
Indoor and outdoor open fires and BBQ. We can even arrange guided kayak tours during your stay.  
**1 Murray Street, Cohuna | 0411 504 301**  
[www.gunbower.com.au/cottage](http://www.gunbower.com.au/cottage)



## Creekside Apartments

Fully self-contained modern apartment with spa bath.  
Sleeps up to 8 people. Free WiFi.  
Beautiful views of Gunbower Creek and Garden Park.  
Located above the main shopping strip.  
**63-67 King George Street, Cohuna | 0447 778 756**



# Stay



## Cohuna Scenic Accommodation

Luxury self-contained apartment on the main street of Cohuna. 4 bedrooms, fully air-conditioned and heated rooms, full kitchen and 3 bathrooms.

Off street secure parking.

**87A King George Street, Cohuna | 0427 550 400**  
**bookings@cohunascenicaccommodation.com**  
**www.cohunascenicaccommodation.com**



## Riverside Charm

This charming 100-year-old Victorian home is the ideal escape. Located within short walking distance to local shops, eateries, sporting facilities and wildlife. Enjoy beautiful walking and bike paths along the banks of the Gunbower Creek. Short drive to golf course, Gunbower Island and Murray River.

**King George Street, Cohuna**  
**airbnb | 0407 880 626 for availability**



## Peaceful Retreat - LYL Accommodation

Peaceful retreat accommodation located in lovely, quiet area of town. Beautiful secluded park views from enclosed outdoor entertaining area. This 2 bedroom, renovated brick home has a spacious kitchen and 2 living areas with glass doors opening up to the outdoor area and open wood fireplace.

**Cohuna**  
**airbnb**



## The Townhouse

Airbnb accommodation sleeping up to 6 guests. 3 bedrooms and common space. Modern kitchen with all appliances. Free WiFi. Large private outdoor patio area for dining with BBQ facilities.

Hosted by Cohuna Creekside Apartments.  
**23 O'Brien's Road, Cohuna | 0447 778 756**



## Your Holiday Home in Cohuna

Private holiday home in quiet neighbourhood. Located across the road from popular cafe, Waffles. Short walk to shops, supermarket, eateries and Gunbower Creek. Comfortably sleeps 2 adults and 2 small kids using the living room sofa bed.

**Dunn Street, Cohuna | 0420 528 416**  
**contactcomfotel@gmail.com**  
**airbnb**



## Koondrook Retreat

6 self-contained luxury glamping tents overlooking the Gunbower Creek. Each tent features a kitchen, lounge area, ensuite and sleeps up to 4 people. Deck with BBQ. Communal firepit area. Short walk to eateries.

**Tramway Place, Koondrook | 0435 760 002**  
**jannah@jimps.com.au**  
**www.koondrookretreat.com.au**



## Murray Waters Motor Inn and Apartments

4 star modern accommodation on the Murray Riverfront in Koondrook. Offering studio rooms and 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Free WiFi, heated pool, Foxtel and BBQ. Easy walking distance to shops, eateries, playground and Koondrook Wharf.

**1 Keene Street, Koondrook | 03 5453 2300**  
**www.murraywatersmotel.com.au**



## Koondrook Caravan Park

Caravan Park overlooking the Gunbower Creek, Gunbower Island and newly developed Koondrook Riverfront. Cabins, powered and non-powered sites. Short walk to eateries. Located adjacent to boat ramp.

**5 Keene Street, Koondrook | 03 5453 2103**  
**www.koondrookcaravanpark.com.au**



# Stay



## Murray River Barham/Koondrook

Located in parkland like setting. Murray River 100m across the road. Great walking tracks and fishing areas. Private unit detached from main house, fully self contained with private outdoor sitting area. Great cafes, restaurants and Services Club in Barham.  
**Cassidy Lane, Koondrook | 0459 276 421**  
Please call or text for bookings.



## Quambatook Caravan Park

Located near the Avoca River and close to the recreation reserve, pool, bowls and skate park. Offering powered sites, sites with private ensuites, unpowered sites, on-site cabin and bunkhouse units. Fully equipped camp kitchen. Linen can be hired.  
**Quambatook-Boort Rd, Quambatook | 0428 857 122**



## Quamby Rose Cottage

Enjoy a unique Australian Mallee experience in our lovingly restored cottage. It is located in the centre of the Quambatook township, across the street from local stores and 100m from the pub. You will be immediately immersed in the heart and soul of this great bush community.

**28 Guthrie Street, Quambatook | 0409 219 919**



## Mystic Park Hotel

Country pub close to Kangaroo Lake offering hotel accommodation, bar, traditional pub meals, beer garden, courtesy bus and entertainment.

**1 Wilson Street, Mystic Park | 03 5457 9283**

<https://mystic-park-hotel.business.site>



## Kangaroo Lake Caravan Park

16 acre park overlooking Kangaroo Lake. Cabins, powered and non-powered sites available. Laundry facilities, BBQ area, and playground. Licensed kiosk with a great range of takeaway food. Pet friendly.  
**2625 Murray Valley Hwy, Mystic Park | 03 5457 9333**  
[kangaroolakecaravanpark@hotmail.com](mailto:kangaroolakecaravanpark@hotmail.com)



## Pelican Waters Tourist Park

Absolute Lake Charm frontage. Offering the perfect location for water skiing, kayaking, swimming, fishing and birdwatching. Cabins and powered sites available. Licensed kiosk. Jumping pillow. Pet friendly. Directly adjacent to one of Lake Charm's boat ramps.

**25 Boat Ramp Road, Lake Charm | 03 5457 9318**

[www.pelicanwaterslakecharm.com.au](http://www.pelicanwaterslakecharm.com.au)



## Lake Charm Foreshore Caravan Park

Nestled on the grassy banks of the picturesque Lake Charm. Lake Charm Foreshore Caravan Park is the perfect spot for a relaxing family holiday. Powered and unpowered sites. Ideally located for swimming, fishing and water skiing. Gas and ice available. Pet Friendly.

**36 Park Road, Lake Charm | 0437 123 359**

[lakecharmfc@outlook.com](mailto:lakecharmfc@outlook.com)



## Lake Charm General Store and Caravan Park

Powered and unpowered sites. Conveniently located adjacent to the General Store for supermarket and takeaway food, fuel and post office facilities. Pet Friendly.

**1921 Murray Valley Hwy, Lake Charm | 0480 218 001**



# Stay



## Charm Lodge

Luxury modern home providing a bed and breakfast experience overlooking Lake Charm. Private room with comfortable shared facilities and access to swimming pool, spa, bar, games room and recreational equipment for the lake and surrounds. Breakfast provided.

250 Lake Charm East Road, Lake Charm | 0429 336 539  
[www.charmcollective.com.au](http://www.charmcollective.com.au)



## Lake Charm Pleasance Views

Clean 2 bedroom cabin, freshly refurbished. Split system in living area and ceiling fans in all rooms. New outdoor BBQ area. Private setting with direct access to Lake Charm. Hosts reside nearby. Party/BBQ boat and wakeboard boat available to hire upon request.

For enquiries and bookings call Quintilla | 0408 502 725  
**Lake Charm**



## Hire a work space

### CohunaCo

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## Support during your stay

Gannawarra Shire Council provides short-term support through various funded programs including NDIS.

We can support with;

- Personal care, including showering and meal preparation.
- Respite, in/out of home.
- Community access, including shopping and sightseeing.
- Social and recreational activities.

Please contact our Community Care department on 03 5450 9333 for more information.

[www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au](http://www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au)



## Weddings at Koondrook Wharf

The beautiful surrounds of the Koondrook Wharf and waterfront offer the perfect romantic outdoor setting for your riverside wedding.

Towering red gums and views of the Murray River provide many unique photo opportunities for bridal party and guests.

Welcoming weddings of all sizes, the wharf is conveniently located right in the township of Koondrook with accommodation, styling and catering options close by.

For more information contact Gannawarra Shire Council on 03 5450 9333.

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A circular graphic with a light green background and a white border. Inside the circle, the text "RV Free Camping" is written in a large, black, cursive font. Below it, in a smaller, black, sans-serif font, is the text "the Gannawarra welcomes RV travellers, offering short-term free camping across the region." The background of the entire page is a photograph of a grassy field with several white RVs parked. In the foreground, a white utility vehicle with a roof rack is parked. In the background, there are tall, thin trees under a clear blue sky.

## RV Free Camping

the Gannawarra welcomes RV travellers, offering short-term free camping across the region.

## RV Free Camping

### COHUNA

#### TENNIS ROAD

Tennis Road, Cohuna  
(over the town bridge and turn left)

RV self-contained camping. Some shade available. Walking distance to town centre, Cohuna Beach, fishing, playground and more. Dogs permitted on leash.

*Dump Point located on Island Road, opposite Cohuna Waterfront Holiday Park.*

### KERANG

#### ALEXANDRA PARK

13 Park Road, Kerang

Caravans, campervans and motorhomes permitted. Toilets and drinking water available. 600 metres to town centre. Dogs permitted on leash.

*Dump Point located Markets Road (at the former Saleyards).*

### REEDY LAKE

#### APEX PARK

Apex Park Road, Reedy Lake

Picturesque location overlooking Reedy Lake, 8kms north of Kerang.

### LEITCHVILLE

#### TRAVELLER'S REST

5 King George Street, Leitchville

Campervans, motorhomes and caravans permitted. Toilets, disabled facilities, hot showers, picnic tables, drinking water, shade and emergency phone available. Dogs permitted on leash.

*Dump Point located at Recreation Reserve.*

### KOONDROOK

#### SID REID PARK

Corner of View and Penglase streets, Koondrook

RV self-contained camping. Picnic tables and barbeque. A short walk to the Murray River or 1.5km to the town centre. Dogs permitted on leash.

*Dump Point located in Penglase Street, opposite the RV Free camp entrance.*

### MURRABIT

#### GONN AVENUE

Gonn Avenue, Murrabit

(Opposite Murrabit Market Site)

Campervans, caravans and motorhomes permitted everyday except the first Saturday of the month (market day). Disabled toilet, children's playground. Dogs permitted on leash.

*Dump Point located at Recreation Reserve.*

### QUAMBATOOK

#### QUAMBATOOK WEIR

Weir Road, Quambatook  
(on the Avoca River)

Located 2.5km north of the town centre. Caravans, campers and motorhomes permitted. Shade and drop toilets available. Dogs permitted on leash.

### CAMPSITES

Secluded campsites can be found across the Gannawarra in our parks and along our waterways. Please contact Gateway to Gannawarra Visitor Centre for maps and information on camping areas.

*For the convenience of self-contained vehicles, dump points are located in most towns.*



# The Murray

## an experience best shared...

### the Gannawarra

- **Koondrook** has glamping tents on the Gunbower Creek/Murray River. Food, wine and the historic Arbuthnot Sawmill
- **Cohuna** is one of the prettiest towns along the Murray with the Gunbower Creek
- **Kerang** enjoy recreational water sports at Lake Charm and Kangaroo Lake.

### Mildura

- Hire a kayak and paddle around our wetlands and inlets off the Murray River including Kings Billabong.
- Soak up the spectacular Mallee sunsets and floodplain birdlife at Hattah-Kulkyne National Park near Mildura.

### Deniliquin

- **Mountain biking** Murray Regional Park (free Mountain Bike Hire at the VIC)
- **Water sports** Wakeboarding, water skiing, kayaking (local hire available) on the Edward River
- **Walking trails** Beach to beach walk and Murray Valley Regional Park.



### Swan Hill

- Take the family to the Pioneer Settlement and experience the old world village charm and world first technology
- Cruise along the Murray River aboard the PS Pyap
- Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery and reconciliation wall at Lake Boga.

### Greater Hume

- Follow the Ten Mile Creek on the Ian Geddes Bush Walk at Holbrook. Grab a map at the entrance to this easy walk, behind the Woolpack Inn Museum
- Explore historic Culcairn along the 7km Bike and Walking Trail. Visitors of all ages and fitness levels can complete the loop track.

### Echuca Moama

- Paddlesteamer cruise on the Murray River
- Take a Port after Dark Tour and discover the other side of Echuca's Heritage
- Browse through local art galleries.

### Albury Wodonga

- Mountain biking and bushwalking through NailCan and Hunchback Hills
- The famous Hume and Hovell Track
- Helicopter joy flight across the cities, Lake Hume and surrounding mountains.



### River Country

- Visit The Big Tree in Moulamein, measuring 11.6m in circumference and believed to be over 500 years old
- **Golf and Sporting Clubs** Murray Downs, Rich River Golf Club and CluBarham - some of the best in regional Australia.

### North of the Murray

- Waterski or jetski on Lake Mulwala
- Corowa Federation Museum
- Corowa Whisky and Chocolate Factory.

### Wentworth

- Connect with local artists at the Barkindji Wiimpatya Murra Centre, Ruby's Cargo and the many private artist studios
- Coomealla Mountainless Bike Track
- The Old Wentworth Gaol.

### Sun Country on the Murray

- Enjoy a sunset cruise on Lake Mulwala, on the Murray or go wetland wildlife spotting cruising Barmah National Park
- Dive into the unique WWII history of Tocumwal commissioned by the US Army Air Corps in 1942 as the McIntyre Field heavy bomber base in preparation for a possible invasion.



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