

## 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.

