



# TOURING SUGGESTIONS: HISTORY & HERITAGE

# IN GREATER SHEPPARTON

Follow as a self-guided touring route or explore individual points of interest at your leisure. The entire route measures 190km. General opening times are shown, public holidays may differ. Any admission fees indicated with \$.

# **Greater Shepparton Visitor Centre**

530 Wyndham Street, Shepparton. Phone: (03) 5832 9330 Daily 9.00am to 5.00pm (closed Christmas Day)

Meet the Visitor Experience Enthusiasts who will happily provide you with more detailed maps and tourism publications, tell you about changes to road conditions, operating times of businesses on this route and any special events happening during your visit.

#### **Shepparton Art Museum - SAM**

530 Wyndham Street, Shepparton. Closed Tuesdays and some public holidays Phone (03) 4804 5000

Shepparton Art Museum (SAM) has an active exhibitions program that includes curated, local community and touring exhibitions, inspiring an engaging public program and educational activities. SAM has one of Australia's most important collections of historical and contemporary ceramics, being the home of the biennial Sidney Myer Fund Australian Ceramic Award and Indigenous Ceramic Art Award, along with significant holdings of Australian art in all media.

## Victoria Park Lake

Wyndham Street, Shepparton

Through the years the Lake has been a focal point of community life. Walking tracks, bike paths, skate park, table tennis playgrounds and boating facilities. Adjacent is Aquamoves health and fitness centre with indoor and outdoor pools.

# **MOVE: Museum of Vehicle Evolution**

Emerald Bank Leisure Land, Goulburn Valley Highway, Kialla Open daily 10.00am to 4.00pm Phone: (03) 5823 5833 \$

MOVE aims to tell the story of the evolution of modern motoring globally, as well as Australia's automotive history specifically. MOVE is also home to the Loel Thomson Fashion Collection, the Farren Bicycle Collection, the Garth Wallace Harley Davidson Collection, the Kenworth Dealer Truck Pavilion, the Furphy Museum, and the Clayton Gramophones, Telephones and Radio collection.

# **Welsford Street Shepparton**

Welsford Street contains many features from Shepparton's earliest years. To explore this precinct in-depth, join a free guided walk conducted by the Greater Shepparton Visitor Centre.

# **Shepparton Heritage Centre**

154 Welsford Street, Shepparton Phone: (03) 4831 8659

Tuesday to Sunday 12.00pm – 5.00pm or by appointment \$ Admission fee applies

Based around Shepparton's oldest standing building (1873). Features donated items including 16th Century Baronial Chair, 1929 Fire Engine, 1860 wedding dress, colonial four-poster bed and restored clock from Shepparton's 1882 Post Office. Incorporates the Lost Shepparton Shop. Outdoor displays can be accessed 24/7, including a Furphy Water Cart and historic wharf.

## Joseph Furphy Memorial

Welsford Street, between High and Fryers Street.

Commemorates author Joseph Furphy who worked in his brother's foundry by day and wrote at this spot at night. Some say his novel "Such Is Life" (written in the 1890s) is the best prose work by an Australian writer.

#### **William Cooper Memorial Statue**

Queen's Gardens, Nixon Street, Wyndham and Welsford Street

William Cooper was a Yorta Yorta man born in 1860, he established the Australian Aborigines' League, the National Day of Mourning and is recognised as the Father of National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC). The statue depicts Uncle William holding a petition defending the human rights of Jewish people which was presented to the German Consulate in December 1938, as an act of protest against the persecution of Jewish people by Nazi Germany.

**(former) Wanganui Homestead** (Not open to the public) William Orr Campus, Wanganui Road, Shepparton

The present homestead and coach house were erected c1900 using local bricks. Today houses offices for William Orr Campus, Goulburn Ovens TAFE.







#### **Dookie**

New Dookie Road → Mary Street

The district was surveyed in 1859 taking in the Emu Plains pastoral run. Local lore has it that Mrs Turnbull, wife of the station's proprietor, was unhappy at the prospect of farm subdivision so the surveyor suggested a place name derived from the Singhalese word duka, meaning sorrow (the wife had lived in Ceylon). Duka was re-spelt Dookie. A large vineyard, one of over thirty in the district that delivered 33% of Victoria's wine production, was named Chateau Dookie comprised over 200 hectares of vines, large wine cellar and distillery. Declined from 1910 after vine diseases and a decline in the industry.

# Dookie Emporium & Café

48 Mary Street, Dookie

Phone: (03) 5828 6224. Friday to Sunday 9.00am to 5.00pm

Housed in the iconic former Dookie Major Cooperative Society building – browse the range of vintage goods and local art.

#### **Gladstone Hotel**

44 Mary Street, Dookie Phone: (03) 5828 6237

An historic and iconic local hotel dating to late 1880's

#### **Dookie Rail Trail**

Saddleback/Dookie Road

The branch line to Katamatite was constructed in 1890, closed in 1986. The rail trail was completed in early 2010.

St Mary's Catholic Church - dates from 1898

93 Saddleback Road, Dookie

## Cashel detour (optional - gravel roads)

The township of Cashel predated Dookie as the prominent town of the district but the arrival of the railway at Dookie was the beginning of the end for Cashel. Once a town of 5 pubs, little remains other than a former bank building (now private residence) and interpretative board giving glimpses to the past.

#### **Dookie College**

Dookie-Nalinga Road, Dookie

The University of Melbourne's Dookie campus is Victoria's oldest and Australia's second oldest agricultural college, home to several significant buildings including the winery and library.

#### CWA Gardens Mary Street

The Gardens were established in 1937 by the Country Women's Association.

## **Toolamba Bridge and township**

Enter Toolamba from the east crossing the Goulburn River via a beautiful, historic single-lane wooden bridge c1890 (n.b. weight limits apply). The Goulburn Valley railway line opened in 1880, with Toolamba the junction with the Echuca Line, hence the "Junction Hotel" still operating as a traditional country pub today.

#### Murchison

The first town established in the Lower Goulburn Valley (surveyed in 1854), and site of an Aboriginal Protectorate from 1840 to 1850. In the early 1850s became a river crossing used by gold miners traveling between Bendigo and Beechworth. The town grew with the river trade (first paddle steamer in 1875). Between 1941 and 1947, 4000 German and Italian POWs were interned at Murchison.

#### **Murchison Heritage Centre**

4 Stevenson Street

Phone: 0475 018 743. Groups by appointment. Wednesdays and Saturdays 10am to 12pm (closed winter months) \$

The varied and surprising history of Murchison district is represented in a growing collection of documents and historical items housed in the Heritage Centre.

#### **Meteorite Park**

A spectacular event in the town's history was a meteor shower in 1969 when fragments of the rarest known type of meteorite fell over a wide area. An American analyst discovered five chemical components found in the genes of all living matter, increasing the possibility of life elsewhere in the universe. A range of news cuttings from the event can be viewed on the information boards, and a good specimen of the Murchison meteorite can be viewed in the Murchison Heritage Centre.

# **Thornebridge – closed** 10 High Road, Murchison Phone: 0468 966 209 or 0427 262 076

Heritage listed Thornebridge sitting gracefully on the banks of the Goulburn River was built in 1868 by Henry Thorne as a Commercial Travellers Inn. It was originally known as Thornes Bridge Hotel and Store but was renamed Gregory's Bridge Hotel and Store in 1895 which stuck despite many other owners until she was delicensed in 1969.

# **Aboriginal Protectorate**Cnr Stevenson & Willoughby Streets

An interpretative shelter at the site of the former Goulburn River Central Station Aboriginal Protectorate (1840 to 1853), one of only four protectorate stations set up in Victoria, later used as camping spot for bullock teamsters and for police horse agistment (Police Paddocks).







#### **Murchison Cemetery**

Murchison's cemetery is significant for two features: a grave mounted with the breastplate of King Charles Tattambo tribal leader of the Molka subgroup of the Ngooraialum Tribe who expressed a desire to be buried in a box like a white man; the Italian Ossario, holds the remains of Italian WW2 POW's and detainees who died in prison camps across Australia.

# Day's Mill (Special event openings only)

Day's Mill and Farm is the best preserved 19th century flour mill in Victoria and contains probably the finest example of traditional milling technology in working form in its original setting in Australia. In 1865 William Day built a two story flour mill. Parts of the house date from 1865, but the two storey house was added in about 1905. The property is now in the hands of Parks Victoria and hosts occasional events.

#### **Dhurringile Mansion**

Murchison-Tatura Road, Dhurringile

**N.B.** Viewing from road only - minimum security prison with no access to the general public. No photos.

Built in 1877 for James Winter "Dhurringile" was among the largest rural homes in Australia (65 rooms). From 1907 the mansion has had a chequered history. It was used as a POW camp to detain German officers in World War II. After the war it became a Presbyterian Church boys' home for English and Scottish orphans and since 1965 when the Victorian Government purchased it to use as a minimum security prison.

#### Tatura

Tatura was declared a town in 1874 and was the centre of the former Rodney Shire from 1886-1994.

#### Irrigation and Wartime Camps Museum

49 Hogan Street, Tatura Phone: (03) 5824 2111

Every day (except Christmas and Boxing day) 1pm - 3pm \$

Explore the history of Tatura and District including the Goulburn Valley irrigation and the unique history of seven WWII internment and POW camps as well as local and family history. Not the average small town museum: the collection includes ONLY items which have a connection to Tatura.

### **Historic Hogan Street**

Take a stroll along Hogan Street and discover some beautiful historic buildings, including homes, churches, Victory Hall, the band rotunda, town clock, hotels, Robert Mactier V.C. Memorial Gardens, Wilson Memorial, court house, and more.

## Byrneside Midland Highway

Byrneside Hall c 1894 and church c 1878 (private home) which was previously located at Graytown.

#### Merrigum

Merrigum Post Office opened on 1 February 1875.

Merrigum District Historical and Educational Society 111-113 Waverley Ave, Merrigum. Phone: (03) 5855 2330 Second Sunday of the month 10am -3pm

Built in 1905 as a General Store and residence, the Museum houses items from local organisations, farming equipment and items of general interest as well as extensive collection of photographs by L Pitts recording the life of Merrigum between 1900 and 1928.

#### **Ardmona**

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Lenne Road, 1914.

#### Mooroopna

Mooroopna became a centre for local commerce especially after the beginning of irrigation from the early 1880's. The first school and bank were opened in 1874, the punt in 1875, the Hospital in 1876 and the railway in 1880. It its early days was actually the larger of the two adjacent towns Shepparton and Mooroopna.

## **McLennan Street**

Take a stroll to discover indicators of Mooroopna's past including the Flour mill (1872), Ardmona Cannery (1921), War Memorial (1928), original water tower (1886) and the Jack Findlay Memorial. To explore this precinct in more depth, join a guided walk conducted by Greater Shepparton Visitor Centre.

#### Mooroopna Museum

30 Park Street, Mooroopna. Phone: (03) 5825 3458 Wednesday 11.00am to 3.00pm Groups by appointment. \$

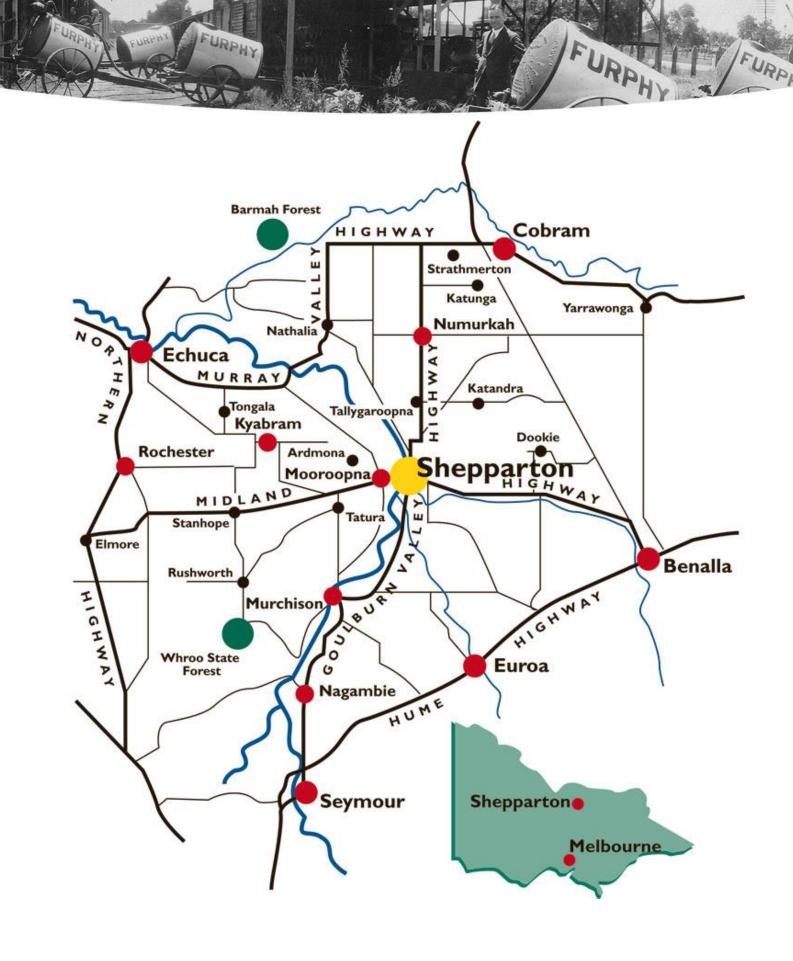
Local history including the history of Ardmona Foods Ltd and McLennan's Flour Mill, two major employers in the town. Extensive collection of local family histories, artefacts of early Mooroopna, early newspapers, etc. A hospital and medical museum of regional significance, it includes the history of the unique direct blood transfusion service established during the Second World War.

# Aboriginal History Walk

Begin at the east end of McLennan St (Chinaman's Gardens) – follow the interpretive signs depicting Yorta Yorta families associations with this area, especially following the 1939 Cummerangunja "Walk Off".







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