

- CELEBRATING OUR-CULTURAL HERITAGE

Greater Shepparton's

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2024

FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER AND SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER

Visit your heritage free



Welcome to the Greater Shepparton Heritage Open Days 2024

These free days have been organised by the Greater Shepparton Heritage Advisory Committee in conjunction with Council.

The Heritage Open Days 2024 follow on from previous successful Heritage Open Days inspired by 'Open House Melbourne' when hundreds of buildings (not only heritage places) are open.

During Greater Shepparton's Heritage Open Days 2024 you can visit FREE, over 50 places of heritage and historical significance in Greater Shepparton.

Some have never been opened to the public before, and many are rarely on view.

Other familiar places will come alive as you visit and hear their stories. Included are all the Museums and collections run by the historical societies: normally an entrance fee is charged. Greater Shepparton has an interesting history. First Nations peoples inhabited the area prior to Europeans arriving in the mid nineteenth century who developed a thriving agricultural economy, centred on the city of Shepparton, with many service towns. Subsequent settlement has gone on to welcome people from many corners of the world.

This has resulted in a wealth of heritage places, a diverse and unique range of both buildings and sites.

The Heritage Open Days will showcase many of these.

There are three ways to visit our heritage places:

- Many venues are opening their doors for visitors to attend independently
- · Bus tours
- · Walking tours

You may have to make hard decisions! Getting from one place to another takes time in an extensive municipality such as ours. With careful planning you should be able to do a number of different things over the two days.

Remember: suitable footwear, water, sun protection, and watch your step at all times. Children must be in the care of an adult at all times.

Please treat these properties with respect, mindful of how generousspirited the owners and proprietors have been in opening on these days.

For enquiries, please phone Greater Shepparton City Council Building Planning and Compliance on 5832 9370 How to book for all venues/ activities which require bookings.

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BUS TOURS

ALL BUS TOURS REQUIRE BOOKINGS.

Book online - trybooking.com or scan the QR code.



If a cancellation is necessary please do so ASAP to allow others to access the tour. Bus tours will depart from the north end of the Eastbank Centre in Nixon Street Shepparton. Please report to dispatch marquee in Nixon Street prior to boarding your bus. Departure times may have to be slightly staggered: there may a few minutes wait.

IRRIGATION TOUR

FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER

Tour departs 9:30am, returns approximately 4pm. Bookings required - max. 24

Time is allowed for lunch in Murchison, or bring your own. The Murchison Heritage Centre and Christ Church will be open. Tour includes rough terrain: wear closed, suitable footwear.

Goulburn Weir (1891)

Just outside Greater Shepparton, but vital part of irrigation system. The first major diversion structure built for irrigation in Australia and seen as a ground¬breaking 'national' scheme, it raises the river level so that water can be diverted to irrigation in the GV.



1890 Flume

Only the handrail of this impressive wooden structure, Flume No 4, is visible. It was constructed to carry the new National Channel across a natural drainage depression south of Murchison en route from the Weir to the Waranga Basin storage.



'Old pump site', Murchison

The 1885 pump was the solution of the local water authority, the United Echuca and Waranga Waterworks Trust, to the pent-up local demand for irrigation to fill its channels while a weir was still being debated. Archaeological site only.



'Big Cut'

A rarely-seen section of the Cattanach Canal (1957) cut through a rise just before the Canal enters the Waranga Basin. Here the depth of cut is the greatest on the Canal, up to 19m, resulting in impressive low cliff-like walls.



DOOKIE AND NEARBY TOUR

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER

Tour departs 10am, returns approximately 4pm. Bookings required.

Time is allowed for lunch in Dookie, or enjoy your own in the CWA Gardens.

Gowangardie Homestead

A rare opportunity to see one of the municipality's few squatter-built homesteads, the evocative first stage erected by Humphrey Grattan in the early 1860s. The wonderful stable/coach house is suffering the ravages of time and its vernacular construction.



St Mary's Catholic Church, Dookie

Very popular for weddings due to its picturesque rural setting outside Dookie, on land donated by vineyard owner John Curtain, this impressive cruciform (cross-shaped) 1898 church is a prominent local landmark. The presbytery is the municipality's only Catholic monastery.



Dookie Public Cemetery

Be guided around this historic cemetery situated on the western slopes of Mt Major, with panoramic views providing a striking backdrop to the graves. With burials dating from the 1870s, it is one of two cemeteries in the Dookie area, the other being Cashel or Dookie East.



Chateau Dookie

We are privileged to visit this meticulously restored two storied house. Built in 1886 as the country residence for North Melbourne MLA John Curtain who had taken over the Chateau Dookie Vineyard when other major shareholders withdrew



Cashel Bank

The National Bank constructed this bank and residence in 1878, initially called Dookie South and part of a flourishing town for 15 years. It was used as the Dookie bank manager's residence, a Presbyterian manse 1902 - 1922 and then became a private residence.



Some areas are not wheelchair accessible.

TALLY TOUR

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER

Tour departs 12:30pm, return approximately 4pm. Bookings required.

Afternoon tea provided at Tallygaroopna Soldiers Memorial Hall

Fairley Downs

See the slab hut of early squatter Sherbourne Sheppard, a small private graveyard and wander around the exterior of Hamilton Coldwell's 1906 homestead.



Tallygaroopna Soldiers Memorial Hall

This proud little Memorial Hall, topped by its trophy WW1 German trench mortar, was opened by Acting Prime Minister Dr Earle Page on 9th June 1924. At £2500, it cost the small community £1000 more than Shepparton's famous statue.



LESSER KNOWN SHEPPARTON HERITAGE PLACES

FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER

Tour departs 1pm, return approximately 4pm. Bookings required.

A bus tour that takes in the less well known heritage places in Shepparton. These places show case industry, technology and residential development. All of which demonstrate a particular character that resonates with the history and the development of Shepparton and region with commentary by our heritage professional, Deborah.



CANIAMBO COUNTRY TOUR

FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER

Tour departs 11am, return approximately 3pm. Bookings required.

Visit Geoff Wall's rustic farm-museum. See the progress from the horse teams to the evolution of grain stripping to the modern header. Visit Gowangardie cemetery and observe 7 Pine Lodge School sites, also the Pine Lodge rail station and shops site.



Light lunch provided by CWA at Caniambo Hall.

ST. GERMAINS DISCOVERY TOUR

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER

Tour departs 10am returns approximately 4pm. Bookings required.

Lunch at Undera Hotel, please book on 5826 0286.

St. Germains Pastoral 'Run'

St. Germains pastoral 'run' of 31,570 ha was first licenced to Henry Walker in 1844. Later the run was controlled by the four Burchett brothers from 1851 to 1864. One of the brothers died aged 41 years and was buried north-east of the homestead where the grave-stone is still evident. The 'run' was cancelled in 1884 and 403 ha. was bought by Merrigum grazier William Bray who built the homestead.



Starritt's Log Cabin

Typical of the first buildings of local selectors in the 1870's, this rare survivor was relocated to the current site in numbered pieces by the Starritt family.



Mooroopna North Schoolhouse

View this interesting Horsham/Avoca style school building erected in 1884.

No wheelchair access in some areas.



DHURRINGILE MANSION TOUR

FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER Tour departs 10am, return approximately 1pm. Bookings required - max. 25

Tour the immense 68 room mansion, built by squatter William Winter as a private residence in the mid 1870's. Currently being decommissioned as a minimum security prison.



INTERNMENT CAMP 1 TOUR

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER Tour departs 12pm, return approximately 4pm. Bookings required.

Visit site of World War 2 internment Camp. This camp was set up in 1940 when war was declared and German nationals currently in Australia were arrested as suspected security risks. Camp 1 was part of the Tatura group of seven camps.



WALKING TOURS

ALL WALKING TOURS REQUIRE BOOKINGS.



Book online - trybooking.com or scan the QR code.

Dinner at Dookie and Toolamba pubs require personal booking.

Shepparton: Early history

From Queen's Gardens, wander down Welsford Street towards the historical Monash Park before continuing to the Shepparton Heritage Centre. Hear stories and engage in experiences of a bygone era.

Departs Eastbank bus stop - Nixon Street, Shepparton. Bookings required. Friday 29 November, 10am with Eileen Saturday 30 November, 10am with Anna 11/2 hours Not all areas wheelchair accessible.

Shepparton: Leafy Streets

Enjoy a walk along the leafy streets of Shepparton noting the various architectural styles including the fine Federation and interwar houses, accompanied by Deb Kemp

Departs from Eastbank bus stop - Nixon Street, Shepparton. Bookings required. Saturday 30 November, 1:30pm

11/2 hours

((with your assistant)

Mooroopna: History and Heritage

See a wide range of heritage sites and buildings important in Mooroopna's development with history enthusiast Andrew Morcom. The walk focuses on the eastern end of the town, including historic aspects of the Goulburn River in the town's life.

Departs from Mooroopna War Memorial Cenotaph car park - 15 McLennan Street, Mooroopna. Bookings required.

Saturday 30 November, 10am

11/2 hours

((with your assistant)

Tatura: A Town with a Reason

Stroll the main streets of Tatura with long-time local resident George Ferguson of the Tatura Museum hearing about the town's history and development.

Depart from the Tatura Museum - 49 Hogan Street, Tatura. Bookings required. Friday 29 November, 10am

11/2 hours

((with your assistant)

Murchison: Stepping back in time

Learn how Murchison developed while walking around the central part of town, passing many historic sites and buildings. Hear the story of notable events in Murchison's history from local historian Kay Ball. Complete the walk at the Heritage Centre and enjoy morning tea.

Meet at Heritage Centre - Stevenson Street, Murchison. *Bookings required*. Saturday 30 November, 10am

1 hour

(with your assistant)

Toolamba Twilight Tramp

Have a coffee with the Lions Club members and discuss the area's history, then stroll towards the heritage listed Junction Hotel to hear a furphy and have a furphy. Enjoy a too-lamb-a dinner. Dinner at The Junction 6pm, requires private booking – phone 5826 5225

Meet at Colaura Gardens - 2 Daunt Street, Toolamba. *Bookings required*. Saturday 30 November, 3pm

3 hours

(with your assistant)

Dookie Plaque Trail

Meet at the car park opposite the Old Dookie Bakery at 3pm and follow the trail of the 12 recently installed Heritage Plaques. Your guide will have some interesting tales of early history and folk lore. Retire to heritage listed The Gladstone Hotel for refreshments or dinner which you have pre-booked – phone 5828 6237.

Meet at car park opposite the Old Dookie Bakery - 26 Mary Street, Dookie. *Bookings required.*

Saturday 30 November, 3pm

(with your assistant)

INDEPENDENT VISITING

All Museums are admission free on Fri 29 & Sat 30 November upon presentation of this booklet.



St Augustine's Anglican Church, Shepparton

Louis Williams, a renowned church architect, designed this 1926 church with his particular twentieth century adaptation of Gothic and his usual emphasis on quality and craftsmanship. Note the beautiful features of the interior.

95 Maude Street, Shepparton

Open: Saturday 30 November, 10am – 12pm



St Brendan's Catholic Church, Shepparton

Designed by renowned local architect JAK Clarke in 1900, St Brendan's was renovated and enlarged to the design of high profile and prolific Catholic architect AA Fritsch in 1923-24, with later alterations and additions.

121 Knight Street, Shepparton

Open: Saturday 30 November, 12pm – 1pm



St Mel's (Christ The King Catholic Church)

Shepparton's second Catholic parish erected this distinctive futuristic church, by Trieste-born architect Ermin Smrekar, in 1970. It catered to the influx of Italian migrants as Shepparton expanded. The spaciousness of the interior is strikina.

18 Hamilton Street, Shepparton

Open: Saturday 30 November, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Tour: 10:30am



Shepparton Uniting Church, Former Scots' Church

The centre of Presbyterianism in Shepparton until denominational union in 1977, Scots' Church was built in stages from 1888, with the signature bell tower by prominent Melbourne architects John and Phyllis Murphy added in 1964-65

134/140 Fryers Street, Shepparton

Open: Saturday 30 November. Tour/talk: 10am - 1pm





Tallygaroopna Soldiers Memorial Hall

This proud little Memorial Hall, topped by its trophy WW1 German trench mortar, was opened by Acting Prime Minister Dr Earle Page on 9th June 1924. At £2500, it cost the small community £1000 more than Shepparton's famous statue.

Cnr Victoria & Fowler Street, Tallygaroopna Open: Saturday 30 November, 12pm – 4pm



Former Mechanics Institute

Originally the Shepparton Free Library and Workingmen's Club (1884); the Public Library replaced the billiard room in the 1950's. The cream brick Moderne façade dates to the 1940's, with extensive later remodeling completed by 2005. Cath Gale to conduct tour.

235 Wyndham Street, Shepparton Open for Tour: Saturday 30 November, 2pm – 3pm



Shepparton Heritage Centre (Foresters' Hall)

Shepparton's oldest building, constructed as the first public hall by William Fraser in 1873. Used for many different purposes, e.g. Foresters' Lodge (1933). Many absorbing exhibits: see the Post Office clock! Various publications for sale.

154 Welsford Street, Shepparton Open: Friday 29 & Saturday 30 10:30am – 4pm



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Bangerang Cultural Centre, Shepparton

Designed by prominent Australian architect Frederick Romberg and opened in 1982 as part of the International Village, the Centre houses an important collection of Indigenous cultural items from the local area and beyond. *Listed on the Victorian Heritage Register.*

Parkside Drive, Shepparton

Open: Friday 29 November – 11am – 12pm



Shepparton General Cemetery

Learn about this fascinating and picturesque cemetery, dating from 1874, with expert Jeanette Doherty, author of the recent history of the cemetery. The range of burial options reflects our multicultural society.

5 Rudd Road, Shepparton

Tour: Saturday 30 November, 11am

Some rough terrain, 👆 (with your assistant)



Philippine House, Museum & Library

The Philippine House, portraying a typical (if idealised) Philippine home, was constructed in 1988 as part of the International Village. Restored in 2015, it houses Philippine history and artefacts, and hosts community activities.

Parkside Drive, Shepparton

Open: Saturday 30 November, 10am – 12pm



Brick Water Tower, Shepparton

The 1889 brick tower, no longer needed and minus its tall wrought iron tank, is an iconic local landmark being preserved by GV Water for its regionally significant heritage value.

172 Welsford Street, Shepparton Open: Friday 29 November, 10am – 12pm

and 1pm - 3pm



Shepparton Art Museum (SAM) – Stories from the SAM Collection

Visit the People's Gallery on level 2 and hear from the Gallery Curator, the history of early gallery acquisitions. Of these, two magnificent portraits by Sir John Longstaff are featured. When the collection was commenced in 1936 Sir John, a former resident of Shepparton was invited to advise on proposed gallery purchases.

SAM - 530 Wyndham Street Shepparton People's Gallery Level 2 Curator's talk Friday 29 November 2:30pm





Cook's Windmills, Shepparton East

A collection of 14 windmills from the surrounding district as far as Jerilderie, Conargo and Nathalia. Set up by the late Mr. Theo Cook to retain a valuable record of the innovativeness of early settlers who relied on wind-power to meet their water needs

Cnr Benalla & Hosie Roads, Shepparton East Guide Ray Cook Saturday 30 November, 11am - 12pm





St Mary's Catholic Church, Dookie

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93 Saddleback Road, Dookie Open: Saturday 30 November, 11am - 12pm





Dookie Public Cemetery

Situated on the western slopes of Mt. Major, with panoramic views providing a striking backdrop to the graves. It is one of two cemeteries in the Dookie area, with burials dating from the 1870's

305 Dookie-Gowangardie Road, Mount Major Saturday 30 November, Guide available 11am – 1pm (no made paths)

Mooroopna Historical Society Museum and Gallery





A huge and varied collection relating to Mooroopna's history is attractively displayed throughout the former Grutzner House. The sometimes gruesome medical collection, the largest in country Victoria, relates particularly to the Mooroopna Hospital.

30 Park Street, Mooroopna Open: Friday 29 November, 12 noon - 3pm



Mooroopna Cemetery

This fine cemetery, with its stately avenue of cotton palms, includes 19th century graves of ethnic Chinese and the unmarked graves of 937 persons of many nationalities who died between 1881 and 1944 in the Mooroopna Base Hospital.

440 Echuca Road, Mooroopna Guide available Saturday 30 November 10am - 12noon (few made paths)





Mooroopna Cenotaph

The original cenotaph was dedicated on April 25th 1928 and has now been refurbished to include the Digi Glass pictorials which recognises the various conflicts since WW 1, These were constructed in 2021.

15 McLennan Street. Mooroopna Meet Historian Les Young Saturday. 30 November 10am – 11am



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Murchison Heritage Centre

The award-winning Heritage Centre collects and preserves Murchison's history. Informative displays cover the Aboriginal Protectorate, Day's Mill, Camp 13 and much more. See sporting memorabilia, and part of the famous Murchison meteorite!

4 Stevenson Street, Murchison Open: Saturday 30 November 10am – 4pm



Murchison Cemetery and Ossario

The Ossario was built 1961. It is an open sanctuary built of stone, roofed with Roman tiles and is the final resting place of 131 Italian POW's and Internees who died in Australia during WW 2.

21 Old Weir Road, Murchison Guided Tour with John Gribben - Friday 29 November, 10am, 11am and 1pm



Murchison Anglican Church

This charming red brick Gothic country church of 1884 contains high quality memorial windows by two well-known Melbourne firms of glass manufacturers, Brooks Robinson and W Montgomery.

15 Impey Street, Murchison

Open: Saturday 30 November, 10am – 12pm



Merrigum Museum, formerly Judd's General Store

One of the most extensive collections in the municipality; includes agricultural machinery and household items. The Judd family conducted their general store here for 66 years. A rare original early 20th century shop front.

111-113 Waverley Avenue, Merrigum

Open: Friday 29 November, 12pm – 3pm



Tatura German War Cemetery

Situated at 155 Winter Road Tatura, on the northern section of Tatura General Cemetery. Created in 1958, it contains the remains of 250 Germans who died in Australia during WW1 and WW2, 11 of whom were POW. Their remains were brought from other cemeteries throughout Australia and reinterred here

155 Winter Road, Tatura

Open: Friday 29 November, 11am – 12 pm At 11am Judy Forster will walk and talk through

the cemetery.



Tatura Wartime Camps and Irrigation Museum

The fascinating WW2 internment and POW camps collection is of State heritage significance. Irrigation is the other focus: from the original four-roomed building (c.1888) the irrigation scheme for the western Goulburn Valley was developed. *The Camps Collection is listed on the Victorian Heritage Register.*

49 Hogan Street, Tatura

Open: Friday 29 & Saturday 30 November

1pm - 3pm.



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Victory Hall (1925) and Mechanics' Institute (1880, 1893), Tatura

Explore the twin halls, reinvigorated and restored by concerted local effort, which now enrich the Tatura streetscape and again provide a social and cultural focal point. Hear about their history from those who saved them.

77 Hogan Street, Tatura Open: Friday 29 November, 10am – 12 noon



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Sacred Heart Catholic Church and St Mary's Hall, Tatura

The imposing group of church, convent, and the former St Mary's school, on a prominent site in the town, reflects Tatura's strong Catholic allegiances. The detailed Romanesque (round-arched) exterior is complemented by the beautiful interior.

67 Hogan Street, Tatura Open: Friday 29 November, 11am – 12pm



Tatura Convent

The current building was constructed in 1941, the home of the Sisters of Mercy who operated the St Mary's College. The adjoining St Mary's Hall was built in 1901 and housed boarders until 1952. The Sisters of Mercy Nuns vacated the Convent in the mid 1980's and in 2019 this building was transformed into the Sandhurst Catholic Education offices. Join Alex who will lead you through the convent's 83 years of history and change.







St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Tatura

Prolific ecclesiastical architect Alec Eggleston designed this substantial church for Tatura's Presbyterians in 1912, Rodney Shire engineer A Knee (snr) locally supervising some of the construction details. The earlier 1883 church adjoins the Mance

241 Hogan Street, Tatura Open: Friday 29 November, 11am – 1pm



The Big Hymn Sing St Mel's (Christ The King Catholic Church)

Join with other choristers and enjoy singing you beloved Hymns. Please pre-book your personal favourite Hymns by texting the name or first line to 0400 947 547. Organist extraordinaire Graeme Brewer will be playing the St Mel's instrument and singing led by Shirley Ferguson.

18 Hamilton Street, Shepparton Saturday 30 November, Start 1:30pm



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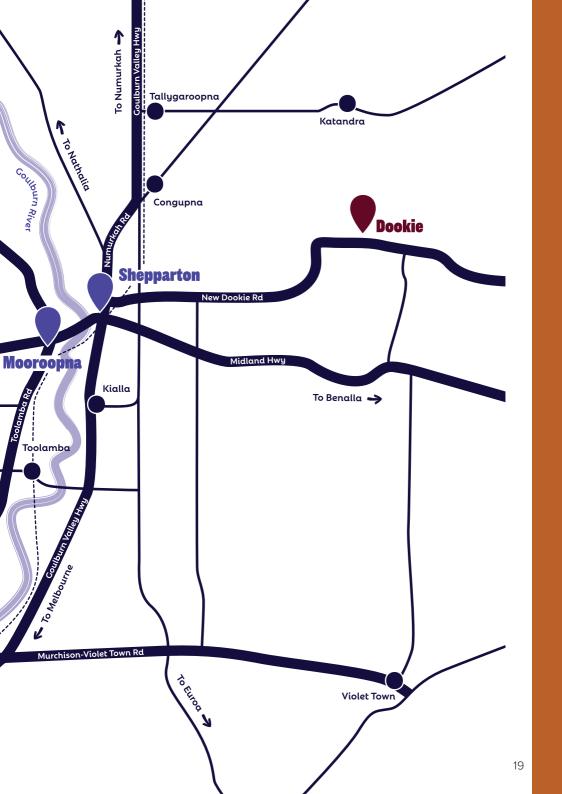
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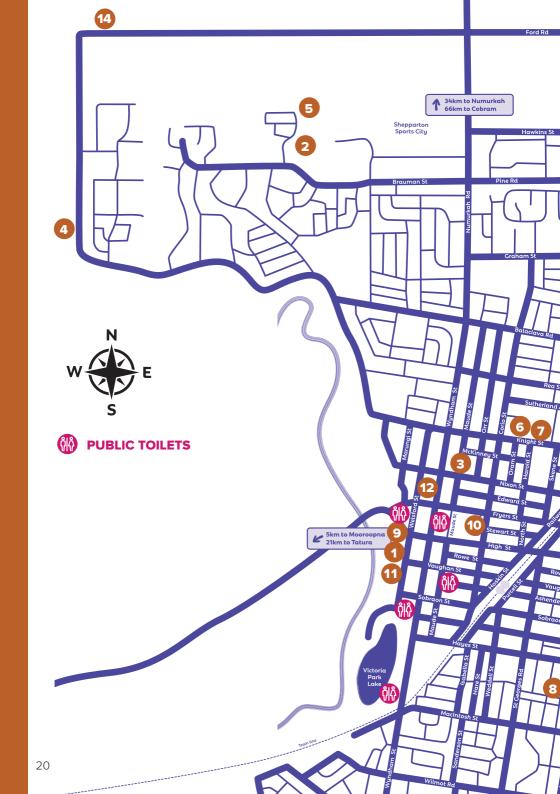
Wondered about your family's history? Curious about that family rumour? Come and see how the SFHG and its wide range of resources can help you with genealogical research, and how some of the unknowns in your family's past might become clear. You may even have information to contribute on your ancestors!

Corner of High and Welsford Streets, Shepparton Open: Friday 29 & Saturday 30 November, 10am – 4pm











30km to Dookie

60km to Benalla 🔧

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 197 Ford Rd Grahamvale
- Wanganui Homestead Wanganui Rd
- Cooks Windmills 703 Midland Hwy, Shepparton East

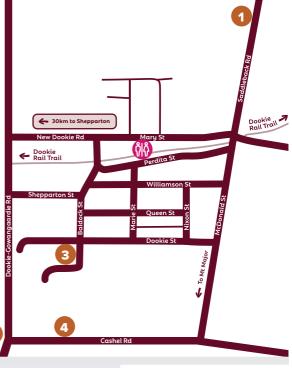


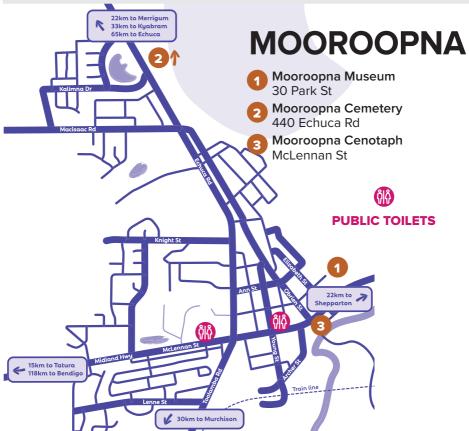
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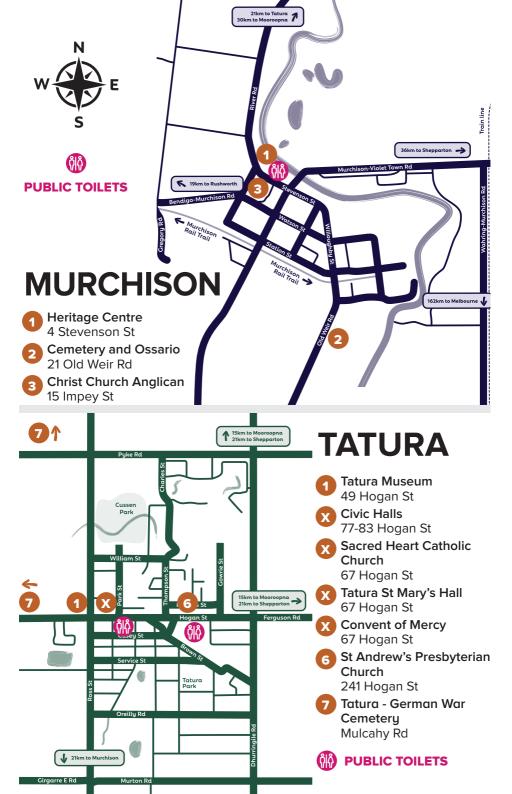
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