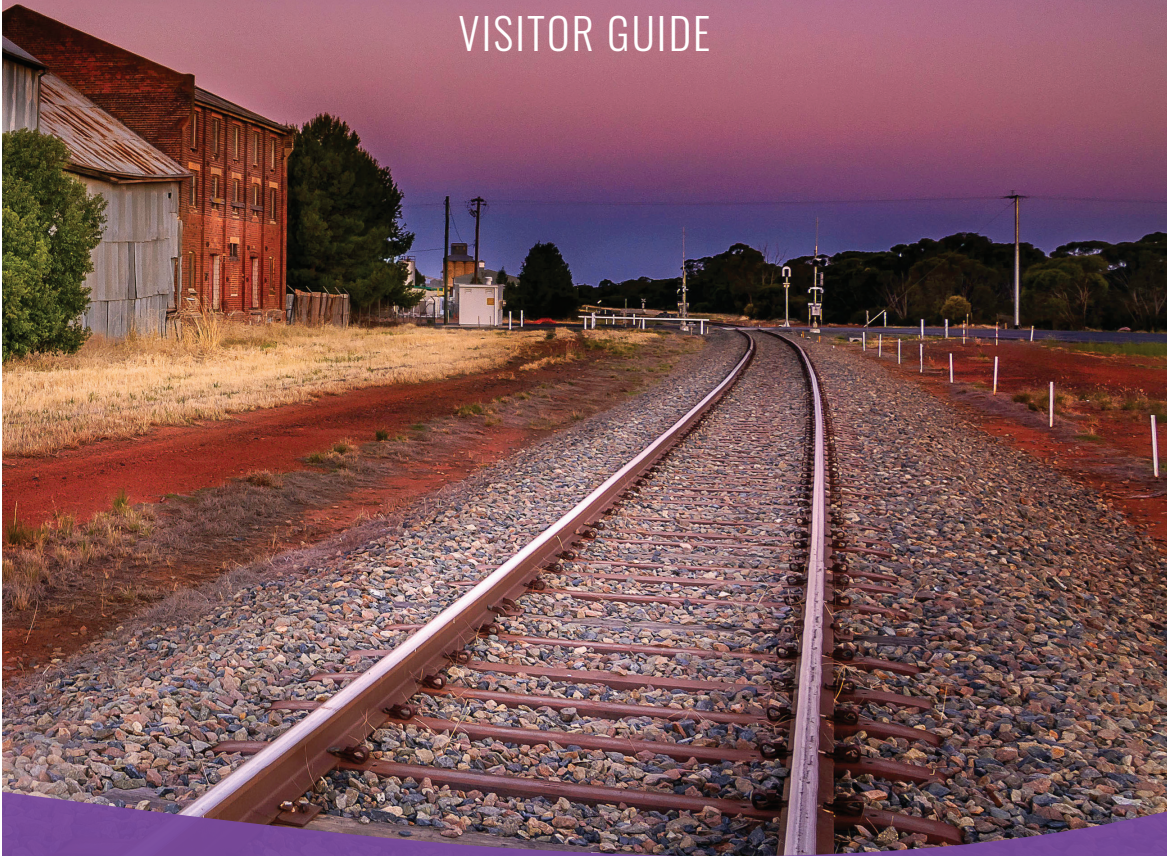


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Bland Shire Council acknowledges and pays respect to the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Country throughout Australia. We honour and respect the cultural heritage, customs and beliefs of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We would like to express our sincerest gratitude to the Wiradjuri people - the Traditional Owners on whose land we live and work.



**West Wyalong Visitor
Information Centre**
*6 Shire Street, West Wyalong
(02) 6979 0272*

To make the most of your visit, call into the West Wyalong Visitor Information Centre and see our friendly staff. The Centre is located inside the Bland Shire Council Library at 6 Shire Street, West Wyalong with accessible parking and easy walking distance to the CBD.

**Monday to Friday 10am-5pm Saturday
and Sunday 9.30am-3pm**

www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au

Did You Know...

The West Wyalong Visitor Information Centre has a touchscreen available 24 hours a day with all the necessary information for visitors. It is located on the front glass window of the Council Offices.

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IN OUR TOWNS AND VILLAGES

you are always welcome...



Top Image: Bing Wallder Park, Ungarie. Below (L): Silo Art, Weethalle. Below (Top R): Mirrool Hotel, Mirrool. Below (Bottom R): Main Street, Barmedman.



Ungarie 40km
 Condobolin 100km
 Lake Cargelligo 117km

Weethalle 60km
 Hay 256km

Mirrool 42 km
 Narrandera 136 km
 Turn right 1km Tallimba Rd for:
 Resort & Golf Course 1.5km
 Rugby Union Ground 2km
 Horse Sports/Rodeo Ground

To West Wyalong Airport

West Wyalong
 Airport

West Wyalong Showground
 Trotting track
 Frank Glennon Campdraft arena
 Pony Club & Camping facilities

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TAFE

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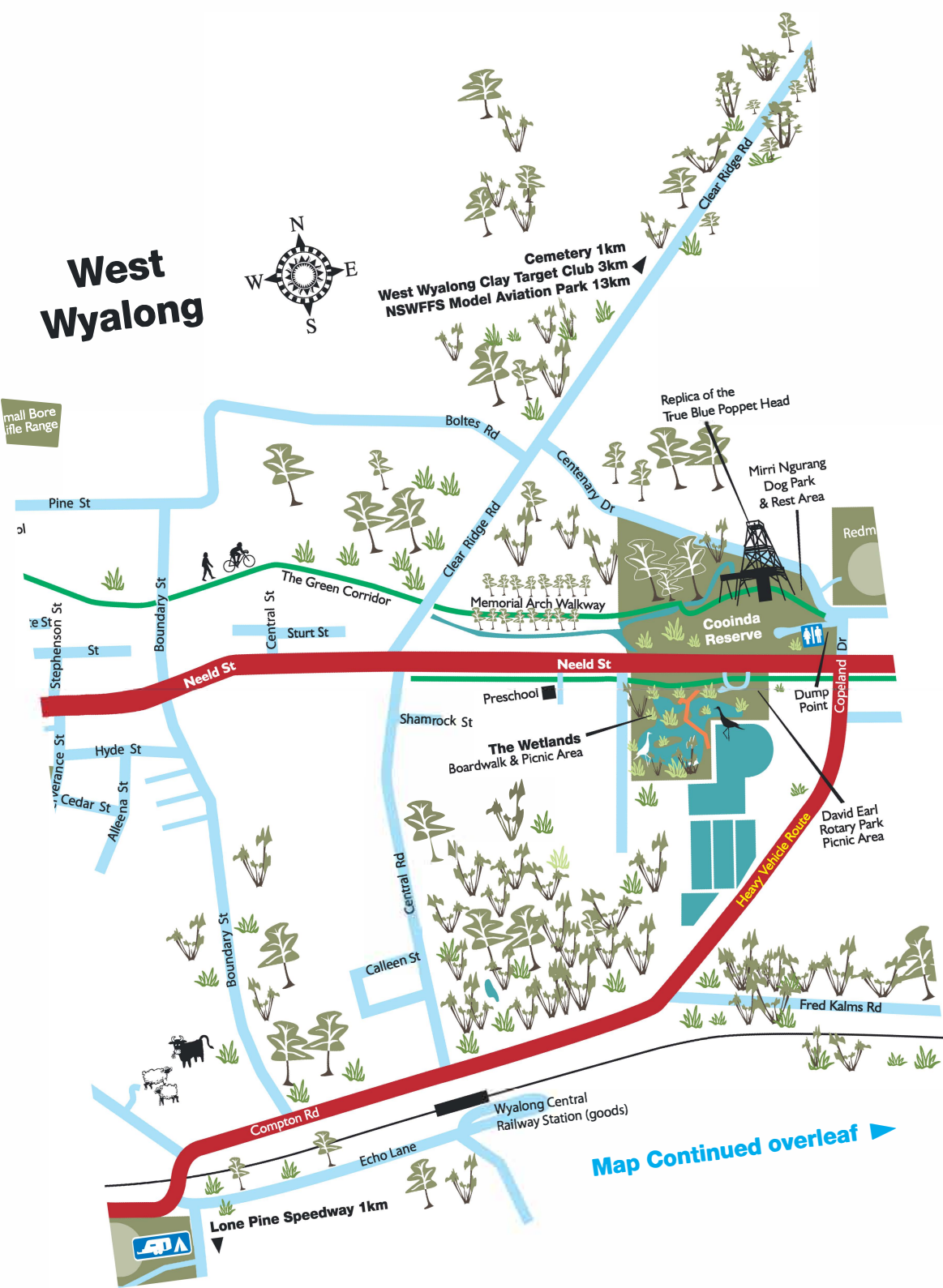
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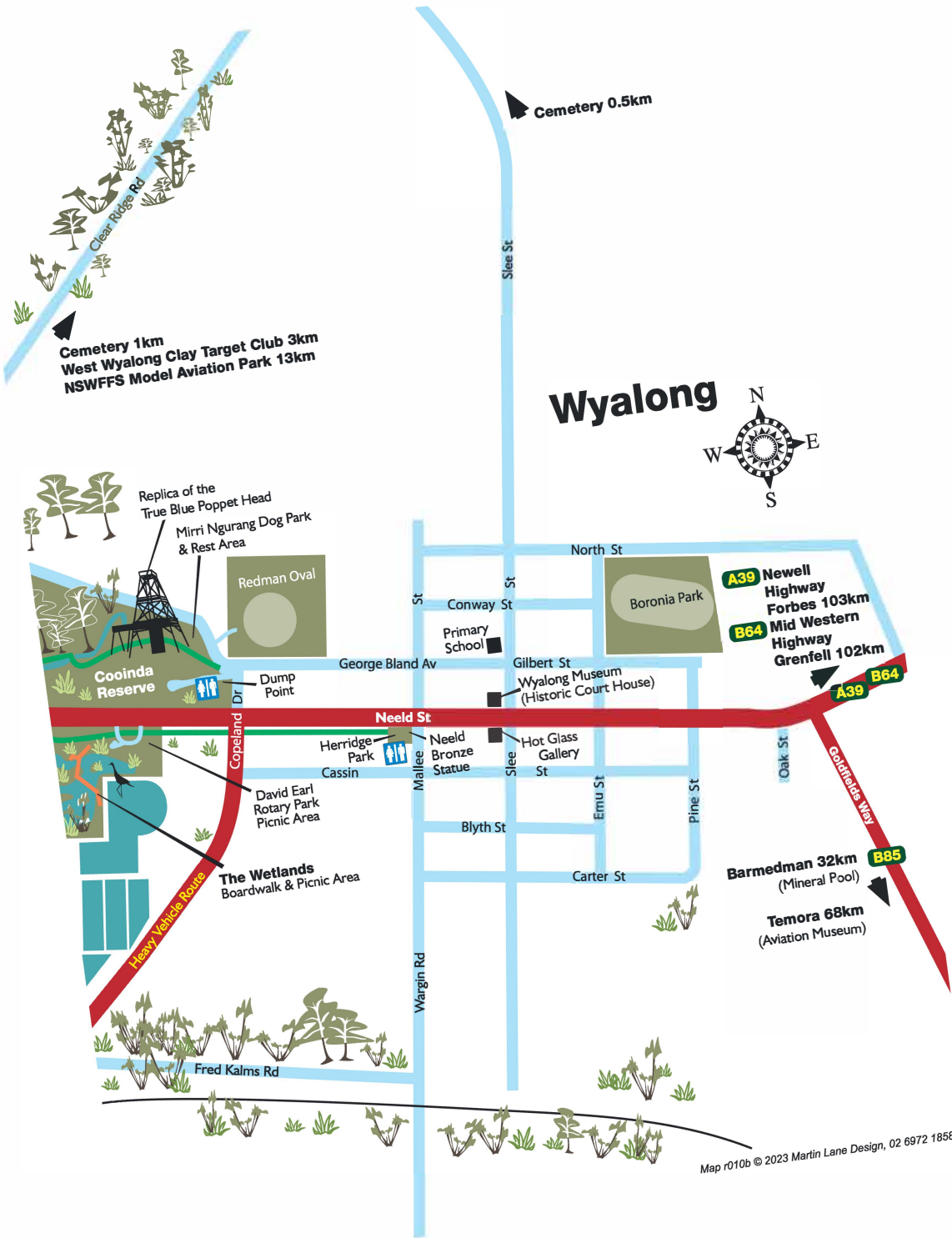


Cemetery 1km
West Wyalong Clay Target Club 3km
NSWFFS Model Aviation Park 13km

Small Bore
Life Range



Map Continued overleaf





Above: West Wyalong Main Street.

Welcome to

BLAND SHIRE

Discover hidden historic treasures of our golden past, our art and sculpture trail and the welcoming and friendly people in our communities.

Enjoy a night relaxing in boutique accommodation with a range of options for all tastes and budgets, or camp under the stars in any of our caravan parks, Eco Resort or showgrounds.

Take the night off and enjoy food from the many pubs, clubs or restaurants with a range of food delicious enough for even the fussiest foodie.

Our towns and villages are brimming with things to see and do. Take a deep breath of fresh country air, gaze over our fabulous landscape and look up to enjoy beautiful sunsets and bright stars.

The name 'Bland Shire'. Mr and Mrs Regan having prospered on a station at Grabben Gullen, decided to sell and take up the large station on The Levels, the area now known as The Bland.

Before making the change, Mr Regan paid a visit to his brother in Van Diemens Land. Returning to Sydney, he caught a cold, which turned to pneumonia and he died. Mrs Regan was determined to carry on her husband's plans and took up the station, naming it The Bland, after her medical advisor Doctor William Bland who lived in Sydney.

From then on the whole district became known as The Bland.

Mrs Regan managed the property for nine years before she passed away.

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EXPLORE

Bland's History
and Heritage



Above: West Wyalong image by Lorraine Williams.

West Wyalong/Wyalong

The original occupants of the district were the Wiradjuri people. Explorer John Oxley was the first European to investigate the area in 1817, prophesying that *"For want of timber, grass and water it would never be inhabited by civilised man"*.

Despite this statement, squatters began to settle in 1833, recognising the area's agricultural potential and vast sheep and cattle runs were introduced to the area.

It was not until Joseph Neeld discovered gold in 1893 that a centralised settlement developed. The town of Wyalong was laid out in 1894 to service the new population of up to 10,000. However, a settlement to the west, at the 'Main Camp' had been developed boasting the 'White Tank', the only established water supply. Hence in 1895

West Wyalong was officially laid out. The crooked main street reflects these early days as it follows the original bullock track that curved around trees and gold diggings. The Wyalong fields were one of the most productive gold fields in the state until the 1920s.

Look out for the cast bronze information plaques on some historic buildings and the interpretive street panels that help complete a picture of our rich past.

**For more information please visit
West Wyalong Visitor Information Centre,
6 Shire Street, West Wyalong**



**Download the izi.app,
find the Heritage Walk
and follow the audio tour.
Alternatively collect your
Heritage Walk map from the
Visitor Information Centre**



Above: Lake Cowal Gold Mine photo by Glen Ross.



Gold for the \$175,000 Melbourne Cup trophy came from Cowal Gold Operations. It's the first time gold from a local mine has been used to make the cup in its 150-year history



For more information on Cowal Gold Operations please visit their office: Main Street, West Wyalong or contact them on (02) 6975 4661

Gold Mining

Gold mining is still active today in the Bland Shire with Cowal Gold Operations near Lake Cowal.

The mining method used at the gold mine is a conventional load and haul, drill and blast open-pit operation. The processing plant consists of crushing, two stage grinding, sulphide flotation, regrind and carbon-in leach recovery.

The annual gold production is about 240,000 ounces. The life of the mine is currently approved to 2032.

The Cowal operating team have successfully commenced the Warraga underground exploration space at Cowal Gold Operations.

The Warraga decline had reached 550 metres of lateral development as of 30 June 2019 and is progressing ahead of schedule.

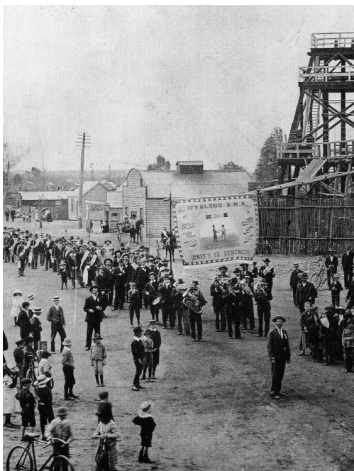


Above and Below Top: Poppet Head & Neeld's Hut, Cooina Reserve. Below Bottom: Poppet Head, 1899.



Poppet Head & Neeld's Hut *Cooinda Reserve, Neeld Street, Wyalong*

The original True Blue Poppet Head was located underneath the motel of that name today, True Blue Motel. The 25 metre mine shaft head was recreated in Cooina Reserve, near Wyalong, on the town's centenary together with a replica of a miner's hut. The mine was established in 1894 by the Neeld family with a battery and treatment works and ultimately yielded 40kg of gold. A marker located on Central Road (near the industrial area) indicates the location of Frederick Neeld's first mine.



The first bark hut was erected in Wyalong in 1893 in the middle of what is now Neeld Street. After selecting 2,500 acres of land in the district, the hut was built by George Neeld who was soon joined by his brothers Joseph, Ernest and Harry and his father Fred Neeld – one of the early colonists who later became a pioneer of the Wyalong Goldfields.

Visit Cooina Reserve in Neeld Street, Wyalong for more information on our gold history



Above: Wyalong Museum. Below: Court House Architect Walter Liberty Vernon.



Ellen Dymphna Cusack was born in West Wyalong in 1902 and is an author and playwright. Her most well-known novel 'Come In Spinner' was produced as a TV series in 1989

Wyalong Museum
Old Wyalong Court House,
69 Neeld Street, Wyalong
(02) 6972 3303

The Wyalong Court House was built in the early 1900s and displays the Federation style. The building exemplifies everything that was new to architecture at the time and is typical of country court houses designed by Walter Liberty Vernon (the Government Architect of the day).

The museum presents a broad spectrum of exhibits illustrating the growth of the town and district over the past century

www.wyalongmuseum.com.au



Above: Selfie Frame in Lions Park.

 <p>BLAND FACTS of Central NSW</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of existence since 700AD • Population 5,865 • Area 8,558 km² • Named after Dr William Bland
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 <p>DULL FACTS of Perth/Kinross</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proclaimed 1856 • Population 50 • Area 80 km² • Name may mean 'meadow'
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 <p>BORING FACTS of Oregon, USA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proclaimed 1906 • Population 13,000 • Area 77 km² • Named After Dr William Boring
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League of Extraordinary Communities 'Selfie' Frame

Lions Park, Reg Rattey Drive, West Wyalong

In 2012, the town of Boring in Oregon USA, cemented a relationship with the Perth and Kinross village of Dull, Scotland, in a pair for the ages."

Bland was accepted into the alliance in 2013 and the League of Extraordinary Communities was formed.

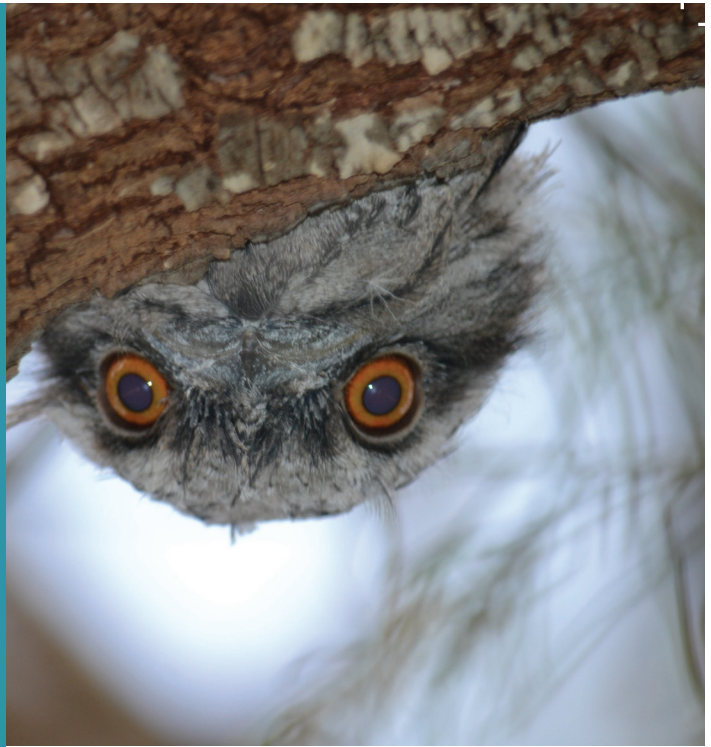
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#blandshire #visitwestwyalong
#boringoregon #dullscotland

	<p><i>Bland... far from Dull & Boring</i></p> <p><i>Distance from West Wyalong to:</i></p> <p><i>Dull, Scotland - 16,666km</i></p> <p><i>Boring, Oregon - 12,634km</i></p>
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DISCOVER

Bland's Natural Environment



Above: Tawny Frogmouth photo by Amanda Stitt.

State Forests, Reserves & National Parks

The 25 State Forests, National Parks and Reserves in Bland Shire, are a great place for a drive or bike ride. These areas, including Lake Cowal, are excellent for bird and wildlife watching, mountain biking, bushwalking, panoramic views, breathtaking sunsets and picnics.

Main tree species within the area are Kurrajong, Cypress Pine, Mallee, Ironbark, Box, Belah, Wyalong Wattle and Wilga.

Bland Shire is also home to a range of unique wildflowers. Explore our spectacular flora, including some rare orchids. The best time to see the flowers is during our warmer months.

Bland Shire is home to a variety of native fauna species including water fowls, red and grey kangaroos, echidnas, goannas, possums, bats and the Malleefowl.

Fossicking

Bland Shire Council is one of four new councils to be declared fossicking districts, taking the total number of districts to 63 across 28 local government areas. The districts cover more than 9.3 million ha. (11.6% of the state) – the largest area ever in NSW.

Fossicking can be carried out on land in NSW that is deemed lawful, provided participants obtain permission from land owners and key stakeholders. Fossicking remains prohibited in National Parks.

Fossickers must comply with all relevant legislation including obtaining a permit to fossick. Visit the West Wyalong Visitor Information Centre to obtain a map of fossicking areas within the Bland Shire.

For more information on fossicking please visit www.forestrycorporation.com.au



Above: The Wetlands.

The Wetlands *Neeld Street, Wyalong*

This carefully designed passive recreation area has helped ease drainage problems in the area to facilitate the collection of run-off water from the town. It's a primary water source for all parks, gardens and recreation facilities in West Wyalong, helping to drought-proof key community facilities for several years.

'The Wetlands' was developed on a pre-existing bird and wildlife sanctuary which has been reinvigorated to attract vast and rare species of birdlife, which are protected from vermin by a land island, purposely built in the middle of the facility. The initiative has already achieved success with magpies and geese settling in the area.

Golden Perch fish stocks were released into the waters of 'The Wetlands' to add to the variety of wildlife.

InHabitat Lake Cowal is operated by the Lake Cowal Foundation (LCF) on the southern shore of Lake Cowal, New South Wales' largest natural inland lake. Featuring 15 semi-permanent eco tents, dining, bathroom, environmental education/presentation facilities, undercover viewing deck and bird hides, InHabitat Lake Cowal is a whole of community educational facility where school students and nature tourists are afforded the environmental expertise and experience of LCF staff.



**Visit Lake Cowal Conservation
Centre for information on
birdwatching at Lake Cowal**
P: 0418 370 927
E: mal.lake.cowal@gmail.com



Above: Wiradjuri elders surveying the land.

Wiradjuri Country

Wiradjuri history in the Bland Shire is diverse and vast. The area has several places with cultural significance. Wiradjuri means “people of the three rivers” these being the Lachlan, Macquarie and Murrumbidgee rivers.

Aboriginal occupation of Bland Shire is evidenced by archaeological finds, oral and recorded history. Echoes of the past are visible in the landscape once you know where to look. Some locations are named using Wiradjuri language.

In fact, Wyalong is a corruption of the word “Waaylang” meaning hard-shelled nut.

Aboriginal history is a shared history belonging to all Australians. We should all be proud in having the oldest living culture in the world.

Aboriginal Land Council & Artefact Shop
Shop 76, Main Street, West Wyalong
(02) 6972 3493

Located on the corner of Main and Operator Streets, visits require bookings. Of particular interest is the Magical Meeting Place, the Baiyai room and education centre, housing artefacts of significance found in this region.

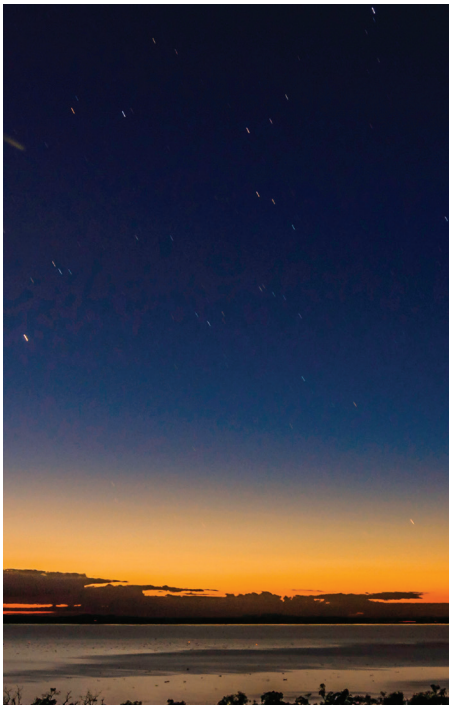


Manna Mountain (70km NE of West Wyalong) is a sacred site for the Wiradjuri people. It has BBQs, picnic facilities and walking tracks

For more information or a Manna Mountain tour, please contact the Aboriginal Land Council



Above: Lake Cowal sunrise by Mal Carnegie. Below: Night sky by Glen Ross.



Morning Sunrise, Afternoon Sunsets and Bright Stars at Night

Anywhere in the Bland Shire you can enjoy the bright, sparkly stars at night with the sounds of nature and no glare from city lights or noisy traffic.

If you get up early enough, you will be amazed by the magnificent sunrises in the morning.

Take a walk tonight, right on sunset and marvel at the awesome colours painted in the sky.

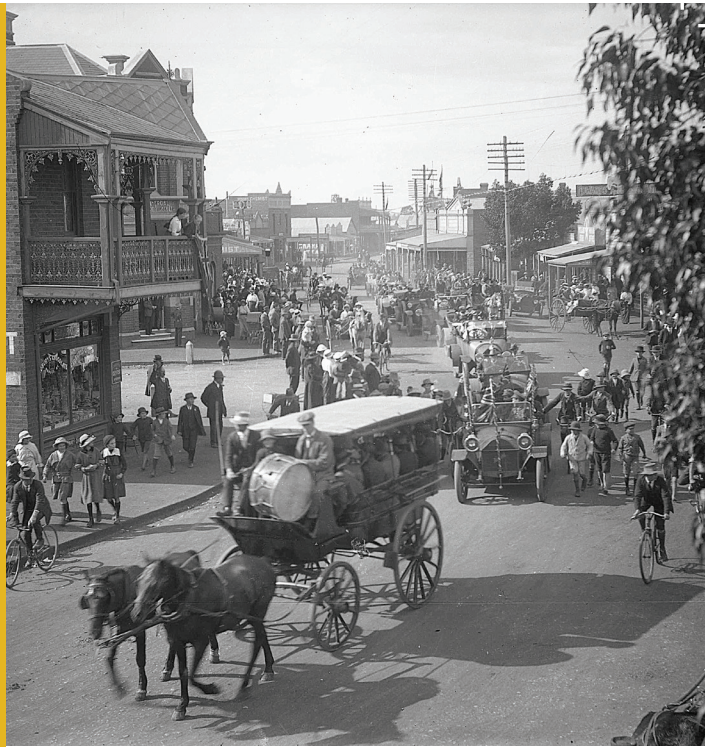


A fast charge electric car charging station is located in the Water Street car park close to the CBD



IMMERSE

in Bland's History
and Art Trails



Above: West Wyalong, late 1920.

West Wyalong's central location makes a perfect base for day trips with its well-priced accommodation.

Travel scenic roads linking historic villages each with their own unique flavour. Stay a while, relax and enjoy the Bland Shire and surrounding areas.

Gold Trails

From the discovery of Australia's first payable gold at Ophir in 1851 and several years after, the history of New South Wales was dominated by the feverish rush to find gold – the splendid triumphs and bitter disappointments, the 'mateship' of the original diggers and the impact gold discoveries had on rural societies and economies.

Bland Shire Council is a member of the Gold Trails that link 17 Local

Government Areas and two National Parks and Wildlife Services sites located in the Lachlan Fold Belt, the main geographical region for gold discovery in NSW. It stretches from Hill End in the north to Kiandra in the south, Yass in the east to Forbes, West Wyalong and Weethalle in the west.

Stay in any of our towns and villages and travel the South-Western Gold Trail or the Newell Gold Trail to see the stories of those who won the gold and those who stole the gold, brought to life.



Immerse in NSW's rich
gold heritage vein
www.goldtrails.com.au



Above: Thom's Corner. Below: History panels in West Wyalong Main Street by Lorraine Williams.

Cooinda Reserve Neeld Street, Wyalong

The perfect place to stop and relax with amenities, covered BBQ, picnic facilities, dump point and 24 hour free camp. The reserve includes the iconic Poppet Head and Neeld's Hut which forms part of our history Panels are located throughout the reserve with plenty of information on our past.

Heritage Trail West Wyalong Town Centre

Take a leisurely stroll around town and absorb some of West Wyalong's heritage. The walk starts in the centre of town, taking in many of the buildings that are still being utilised today.

A Heritage Trail map is available at the West Wyalong Visitor Information Centre



Download the izi.TRAVEL app onto your device - as you walk past historic sites, your device will share historic information



Above: Tivoli Theatre & Cinema. Below: RSL Memorial Arch Walk.



RSL Memorial Arch Walk In the Green Corridor

The Memorial Arch Walk forms part of the Green Corridor and can be entered from Clear Ridge Road or through Cooida Reserve.

Follow the tree line and take your time reading the plaques dedicated to the men and women from this area who served their country in a time of need.

Tivoli Theatre 16-18 Court St, West Wyalong

The Tivoli Theatre is named after its predecessor. The first Tivoli Cinema was located in West Wyalong's Main Street. It was taken down after significant damage and never rebuilt.

The historic Masonic Hall has now been refurbished to incorporate a cinema, art gallery and community theatre.

P: 0413 590 254
W: tivoliwestwyalong.com.au



When out and about take a photo and share it with us
#blandshire #visitwestwyalong
#bland_far_from_dull_and_boring



Above: White Tank Hotel Mural, West Wyalong. Below: Ungarie Murals, Ungarie

Bland Art Trail

The Art Trail was born after Bland Shire acquired many artworks in the form of silo art, murals and sculpture from local and well-known artists. There are art displays throughout the shire for every age. Our history has been brought to life through art.

Pick up your Bland Art Trail Brochure from the West Wyalong Visitor Information Centre and take the drive.

Our History, Our Future Mural

Renowned Melbourne based street artist Heesco completed the eye-catching artwork over the course of three weeks on the White Tank Hotel wall. The mural itself is a tribute to the gold

history and the rich agricultural heritage of the Bland Shire and West Wyalong. It represents the culture of the Bland Shire and is a fantastic addition to the town.

Weethalle Silo Art

Heesco also painted the Weethalle Silos in Weethalle back in 2017, being the first completed Silo Art in NSW. This has since served as a popular attraction for Weethalle.

Ungarie Murals

44+ Murals painted by Simon White is proudly displayed in the Ungarie's War Memorial Park including a rotating world globe, depicting theatres of war.





Above (L): Exclusive Hot Glass Gallery. (R): Splatter Gallery and Art Studio.

Exclusive Hot Glass Gallery

*64 Neeld Street, Wyalong
(02) 6972 3403*

Exclusive Hot Glass specialises in creating one of a kind hand-made glass art pieces, including plates, platters, bowls, vases and jewellery

Glass artist, Elaine Marshall, originally commenced lead lighting as a hobby which developed into a business.

Elaine's interests expanded into fusing and slumping glass and jewellery making, using the amazing diachronic glass.

www.exclusivehotglass.com.au

Splatter Gallery and Art Studio

*192 Main Street, West Wyalong
0458 424 225*

Splatter Gallery and Art Studio creates an environment where like-minded artists can come to explore ideas and develop their creative potential.

Splatter Gallery runs art classes and workshops for all ages and hosts cultural events.

Visit: facebook.com/lets.create.splatter.art



OUR VILLAGES

Where you are always welcome



*Above: Barmedman mineral pool.
Below: Barmedman Arts, Craft & Coffee Shop.*

Barmedman

This town, with accommodation, a truck stop, fuel station, craft shop and bowling club is just a 32km/25min drive on Goldfields Way from West Wyalong.

For a cuppa and a treat made with special care, visitors are encouraged to stop at the Barmedman Arts, Craft and Coffee Shop. For your essential grocery items visit the Metro Petrol Station. If you require any mechanical repairs to your vehicle during your trip visit Barmedman Motors.

Barmedman boasts a mineral swimming pool that originates from the flooding of goldmines by an underground stream in the 1880s. The large pool is run by locals, and situated on a four-hectare reserve looking out over the bush.

The water is said to have health giving properties. Entry is by donation and

with a BBQ changing and camping facilities, this is a lovely spot to spend the day. Swimming season starts in November and runs until the end of March.

Kikoira

This town is located 72km northwest of West Wyalong. The Kikoira area produces wheat and wool and between 1939 to 1970 washore to one of Australia's largest tin deposits.





Above: Mirrool Community. Below: 'Horsing Around' Mural, Mirrool.

Mirrool

Mirrool is a vibrant village nestled just off the Newell Highway, 47km south of West Wyalong. The village is best known for the annual Mirrool Silo Kick, a unique and hotly contested competition to kick a football clear over the huge grain silos. The Silo Kick is held on the second Saturday in October.

Call into the charming old-style Mirrool Hotel, meet the locals, learn their nicknames and experience country hospitality at its best. There is a shady park with a great kids play area and a free camp site with showers and BBQ facilities. There is a small charge to gain access to power

Wander back in time through the 'Memories of Mirrool' museum located close to the free camp area and take a photo of the 'Horsing Around' 3D interactive mural on the RFS Shed wall. The mural forms part of the Bland Shire Art Trail.

Naradhan

Naradhan is located 127km north west from West Wyalong in the Bland GA. Naradhan is a close-knit community with high environmental values and rich agricultural heritage. It is known as a sheep grazing and winter cropping region.

The fully restored Historic Naradhan Woolshed, built in 1888 (seen from the main road) is one of the last great woolsheds in the region.





Above: Malleefowl. Below: Ungarie War Murals.

Tallimba

Tallimba is a quaint agricultural village situated 35km south west of West Wyalong. Surrounded by rich farmland, Tallimba is mainly focused on sheep grazing and winter cropping.

The community hub is the Tallimba Inn, standing across from the public park, which has public toilets, BBQ facilities, shelter area, basketball court and War Memorial.

Malleefowl are found in the area, so please drive safely and keep an eye out. You could be one of the few lucky ones to spot a Malleefowl in the wild.

Ungarie

Ungarie is located 42km north west of West Wyalong on the road to Lake Cargelligo. The town has a wonderful open air swimming pool and is home of 'The Big Footy' - a large fibreglass Sherrin football in Bing Wallder Park that pays tribute to the Daniher family. Born and raised in Ungarie, Terry, Neale, Anthony and Chris Daniher are the only set of four brothers to play together in a VFL/AFL premiership match.

Visitors can stay at the Central Hotel, Ungarie Pines Motel or self-contained caravan site at the showgrounds which also has a free dump point.

A delicious meal at the Central Hotel or Bowling Club is a must, making the visit worthwhile.

Ungarie's War Memorial Park has 44 war murals painted by Simon White and a rotating world globe, depicting theatres of war where Ungariemen and women have served.

While in Ungarie, pop into the Ungarie Dugout Room which is located in the Memorial Hall. Visit Ungarie Museum which holds an extensive local history collection with a particular focus on the historical Wollongough Station.

Ungarie hosts one of the best agricultural shows in September. Sheep grazing and winter cropping remain the major industries.





Above: Weethalle Show. Below: Weethalle Music Muster.

Weethalle

Weethalle is best known for its silo art painted by Heesco and forms part of the Bland Art Trail. The artwork represents the heart of the village and surrounding area.

Weethalle is located 58km west of West Wyalong on the Mid Western Highway.

The Whistle Stop, located in the former railway station offices, is a perfect setting for a Devonshire tea.

Don't forget to visit Weethalle's museum or try a classic Aussie meal at the Road Kill Grillz. Accommodation can be found at the Travellers Rest Motel. Campers are also welcome at the after showgrounds for a small fee.

Not to be missed is the annual Weethalle Music Muster held in May and the Weethalle Ag Show held in August.





PLAY

Discover Bland's
Places of Interest



Above: Holland Park Pool, West Wyalong.

POOLS

Barmedman Mineral Pool

Nobbys Road, Barmedman

This large mineral swimming pool is run by locals and situated on a four-hectare reserve looking out over the bush, with BBQ and changing facilities. The water is said to have health giving properties. Barmedman Mineral Pool is 32km/25 minute drive from West Wyalong. Open November - April.

Ungarie Pool

Ethel Street, Ungarie
(02) 6975 9191

Open October to March. Ungarie Pool is 43km/32min drive from West Wyalong. The facility includes inflatables, a canteen and BBQ area.

Holland Park Pool

Kurrajong Street, West Wyalong
(02) 6972 2135

Perfect for the family Holland Park Pool includes a hydro play area for kids, water slide, diving board, café, picnic and BBQ facilities and Olympic-sized swimming pool. Open October to March.

For opening hours please see the Holland Park Pool website.

www.hollandparkpool.com.au



*Swimming pools are
seasonal, so please
contact the individual
pools for opening times*



Above: McCann Park Playground. Below: RSL Memorial Park, Ungarie.

PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND SPORTING FIELDS

Our parks and sporting fields are a great asset for the Bland Shire. Most parks have BBQs and picnic facilities and safe play equipment.

Barnado Park *Church Street, West Wyalong*

Safe play area, shaded BBQ facility a waterway, public toilets, water bubbler and the history of the Barrier Mine Disaster Monument.



McCann Park *Main Street, West Wyalong*

Kids enter a colourful world of joy at the newly opened playground. Replicating the Poppet Head Mine Shaft Tower System these facilities promote engagement and enjoyment for all. Shaded BBQ area, a waterway, pond, water feature, public toilets, chainsaw tree art and HOPE sign.

Lions Park *Reg Rattey Drive, West Wyalong*

Shaded BBQ facilities, public toilets, DC-3 airplane and Bland... Far From Dull and Boring selfie fame.

Rose Garden *Reg Rattey Drive, West Wyalong*

There are 220 different roses attended by volunteers of the Bland Shire.



Above: Ninja Adventure Park.

Herridge Park

Neeld Street, Wyalong

Neeld statue, safe play area, shaded BBQ facilities, public toilets.

Cooinda Reserve

Neeld Street and Slee Street, Wyalong

Facilities in Cooinda Reserve include public toilets, a dump point, BBQ facilities, excavator bucket, the Poppet Head, Neelds Hut, life size statue of the Neeld Family history panels, replica of a Malleefowl nest, local artwork and forms part of the Green Corridor. Kayaking allowed in Cooinda Waters.

Mirri Ngurang Dog Park

Cooinda Reserve, Neeld Street, Wyalong

Secure off-leash dog park available to visitors.

Ninja Adventure Park & BMX Track

Redman Oval, Wyalong

Hours of fun for the family or sport enthusiast at the newly opened Ninja Park & BMX Track. Located conveniently next to Cooinda Reserve.

Barmedman Park

Queen Street, Barmedman

Safe play area, shaded BBQ facilities, picnic area and public toilets.

Mirrool Park

Located next to the Mirrool Hotel, Mirrool

Includes safe play area, BBQ facilities, picnic facilities and public toilets.

Pioneer Park

Mid-Western Highway, Weethalle

With BBQ facilities, safe play area and close to public toilets.

Tallimba Memorial Park

Tallimba Street, Tallimba

Includes safe play area, BBQ picnic facilities and public toilets.

Bing Wallder Park

Wollongough Street, Ungarie

Safe play area, shaded BBQ facilities, picnic area and public toilets. Also the home of the Big Footy and Tree Art Sculpture by award winning chainsaw artist Brandon Kroon.

Ungarie War Memorial Park

Ungarie Street, Ungarie

RSL Memorial Park includes a World Globe and War Murals.

For a list of parks please see the Bland Shire website: www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au



Above: Memorial Walk, Cooina Reserve.

Public Recreational Ovals

Our towns and villages have well maintained ovals and sporting fields. Why not play a round of golf or bowls or kick a footy on the fields while you are visiting?

For more information, please visit www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au

Green Corridor Walking and Cycling Track

Visitors are welcome to undertake passive recreation activities such as bushwalking, cycling and birdwatching along the Green Corridor track. The 5km track starts at The Wetlands and heads west through Cooina Reserve past the RSL Memorial Walk into

McCann Park. If you feel energetic, continue the walk from McCann Park through Lions Park and past the sale yards all the way to West Wyalong Golf Club.

Kids Activities

All kids will enjoy the parks and safe play equipment in the Bland Shire or splash in the pools in Barmedman, West Wyalong or Ungarie. The villages also have a mobile skate park or test your skills at the West Wyalong Skate Park or Ninja Adventure Park and BMX Bike Track.

Events and Entertainment

Please visit www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au for information on upcoming events as well as entertainment at the Clubs and Hotels. Annual event list on page 33.



TASTE

Deliciously prepared meals and awesome coffee



Above: Enjoy one of our delicious meal options.

More than just fabulous coffee, Bland Shire has the knack of providing just what travellers need. From honest family meals in restaurants and pubs to romantic celebrations.

Besides the take-aways, cafes and hotels that string along the main street, a great selection of eating places service the accommodations and clubs of the town and villages and are open to the public.



Take a break and enjoy some of the great food & drinks on offer in the Bland Shire

BARMEDMAN

Barmedman Truck Stop
(02) 6976 2050

Barmedman Arts, Craft and Coffee Shop
0484 146 474

Barmedman Bowling Club
(02) 6976 2088

MIRROOL

Mirrool Hotel
(02) 6974 1237

TALLIMBA

Tallimba Inn Hotel
(02) 6975 7228



UNGARIE

Central Hotel
(02) 6975 9082

**Ungarie District
Bowling Club**
(02) 6975 9091

**Ungarie Pines Motel,
Service Station And
Convenience Store**
(02) 6975 9643

WEETHALLE

**Weethalle
Country Club**
(02) 6975 6177

Weethalle Road Kill Grillz
(02) 6975 6016

Weethalle Whistle Stop
(02) 6975 6199

WYALONG

Caltex Truck Stop
(02) 6972 4608

Coles Express
(02) 6972 2656

Coolabah Tree Cafe
(02) 6972 0211

Top Town Tavern
(02) 6972 2024

WEST WYALONG

**Bernardis
Supermarket**
(02) 6972 2511

Curry On In Wyalong
(02) 6919 5756

**Charles Sturt Motor Inn
and Restaurant**
(02) 6972 2422

**Colonial Motor Inn
and Steakhouse**
(02) 6972 2611

Energy Flo
0428 723 364

**French Hot Bread
Bakery**
(02) 69723473

IGA Supermarket
(02) 6908 8913

Jade Teahouse
(02) 6972 3383

**Jan Wah
Chinese Restaurant**
(02) 6972 2771

Luxor Café
(02) 6972 2289

**Lam and May
Chinese Restaurant**
0422 866 881

Metropolitan Hotel
(02) 5909 4603

Outback Café
(02) 6972 2819

Paragon Café
(02) 6972 2187

Roundabout Bakery
(02) 6972 1777

Sarby's Takeaway
(02) 6972 3540

Tamara's
(02) 6972 1169

Tattersall's Hotel
(02) 6972 0919

**The Royal Hotel
West Wyalong**
(02) 5909 4626

**Thom, Dick & Harry's
of West Wyalong**
(02) 6972 0393

What's Cookin
(02) 6972 3311

**West Wyalong
Bowling Club**
(02) 6972 3660

**West Wyalong
Services & Citizens Club**
(02) 6972 2111

**West Wyalong Services
& Citizens Sports Club**
(02) 6972 2541

White Tank Hotel
(02) 9051 2637



STAY

Relax, unwind
and enjoy
a stopover



*Above: Local musician Fanny Lumsden by Dan Stanley Freeman.
Below: Enjoy one of our accommodation options including a B&B.*



West Wyalong and its villages offer numerous places to stay from camping, budget hotels, B&B's, to top motels and caravan parks.

There are plenty of options for any family size and budget. West Wyalong Visitor Information Centre can help find accommodation.



*Experience Bland Shire's
friendly hospitality from
one of our many excellent
accommodation options*



Above: Enjoy one of our excellent accommodation options.

BARMEDMAN

Ada House B&B
0414 595 960

Kortmar Manor B&B
0447 467 907

Miner's Rest
0405 554 357

MIRROOL

The Mirrool Hotel
(02) 6974 1237

UNGARIE

Ungarie Airbnb
0402 492 597

Ungarie Central Hotel
(02) 6975 9082

Ungarie Pines Motel
(02) 6975 9643

WEETHALLE

Travellers Rest Motel
(02) 6975 6193

WYALONG

Top Town Motel
0474 763 171

WEST WYALONG

Acacia Golden Way Motel
(02) 6972 2155

Ace Caravan Park
(02) 6972 3061

Ambassadors True Blue Motor Inn
(02) 6972 2588

Ardeanal Motel
(02) 6972 2777

Cameo Inn Motel
(02) 6972 2255

Charles Sturt Motor Inn
(02) 6972 2422

Club Inn Resort
(02) 6972 2000

Colonial Motor Inn
(02) 6972 2611

Country Roads Motor Inn
(02) 6972 2300

County Lodge Motor Inn
(02) 6972 2411

Inhabitat Eco Accommodation
Facebook: InHabitat Lake Cowal

Mayfair Motel
(02) 6972 2788

Mentor Chambers B&B
(02) 6972 2187

Metropolitan Hotel
(02) 5909 4603

The Rested Guest B&B
0427 757 233

The Royal Hotel West Wyalong
(02) 5909 4626

Stay At Ray's
0448 753 251

Tattersall's Hotel
(02) 6972 0919

The Bank B&B
0409 394 249

The Palms Motel
(02) 6972 2477

West Wyalong Caravan Park
(02) 6972 3133



SHOP

A unique array of boutique shopping



*Above: West Wyalong Main Street.
Below: Photo by Lorraine Williams.*



West Wyalong boasts a vibrant shopping precinct, offering everything from gifts and homewares, clothing and footwear, to antiques and collectables. We also have all the necessities you may require, with supermarkets, banks, hair and beauty day spa, a florist, chemist and newsagency

In our villages, you will be surprised at the treasures you can find in any of the businesses in the main or side streets whether you are visiting Barmedman, Mirrool, Ungarie or Weethalle.



*Experience Bland Shire's
good old fashioned friendly
service & country hospitality*



ANNUAL EVENTS

JANUARY

Bland Shire Australia Day Breakfast and Celebrations

FEBRUARY

West Wyalong Rugby League Knockout

MARCH

West Wyalong Crooked Mile Show and Shine

West Wyalong Evolution Gold Triathlon

West Wyalong Rodeo

APRIL

Bland Shire ANZAC Day Celebrations

West Wyalong Daylight Savings Breakfast

Weethalle Country Music Muster

JUNE

West Wyalong Horse Sports Fun Day

AUGUST

Weethalle Show

West Wyalong Horse Sports Sore Butt Ride

SEPTEMBER

West Wyalong Show

Ungarie Show

West Wyalong Kennel Club Dog Show

OCTOBER

Mirrool Silo Kick

West Wyalong Hearts of Gold Festival

Lions Club Variety Concert

NOVEMBER

West Wyalong Melbourne Cup Ladies Day for CanAssist

DECEMBER

Bland Shire Christmas Carnival

West Wyalong Holland Park Pool Party

West Wyalong Carols by Candlelight

West Wyalong International Day of People with a Disability

Ungarie Pool Party

*West Wyalong Show Society Markets held 2nd Saturday of each month

Dates and events subject to change. Please visit the Bland Shire Council website for more information and updates visit www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au





Left Column From Top: Weethalle Show, Western Wheelers Show and Shine, West Wyalong Christmas Carnival, West Wyalong Show. Right Column From Top: Mirrool Silo Kick, West Wyalong Markets, West Wyalong Rodeo. Bottom Image: West Wyalong Hearts of Gold Festival.

SHORT TRIPS FROM WEST WYALONG

NORTH

Lake Cargelligo
Condobolin

SOUTH

Temora
Coolamon
Cootamundra
Narrandera

EAST

Grenfell
Forbes
Young

WEST

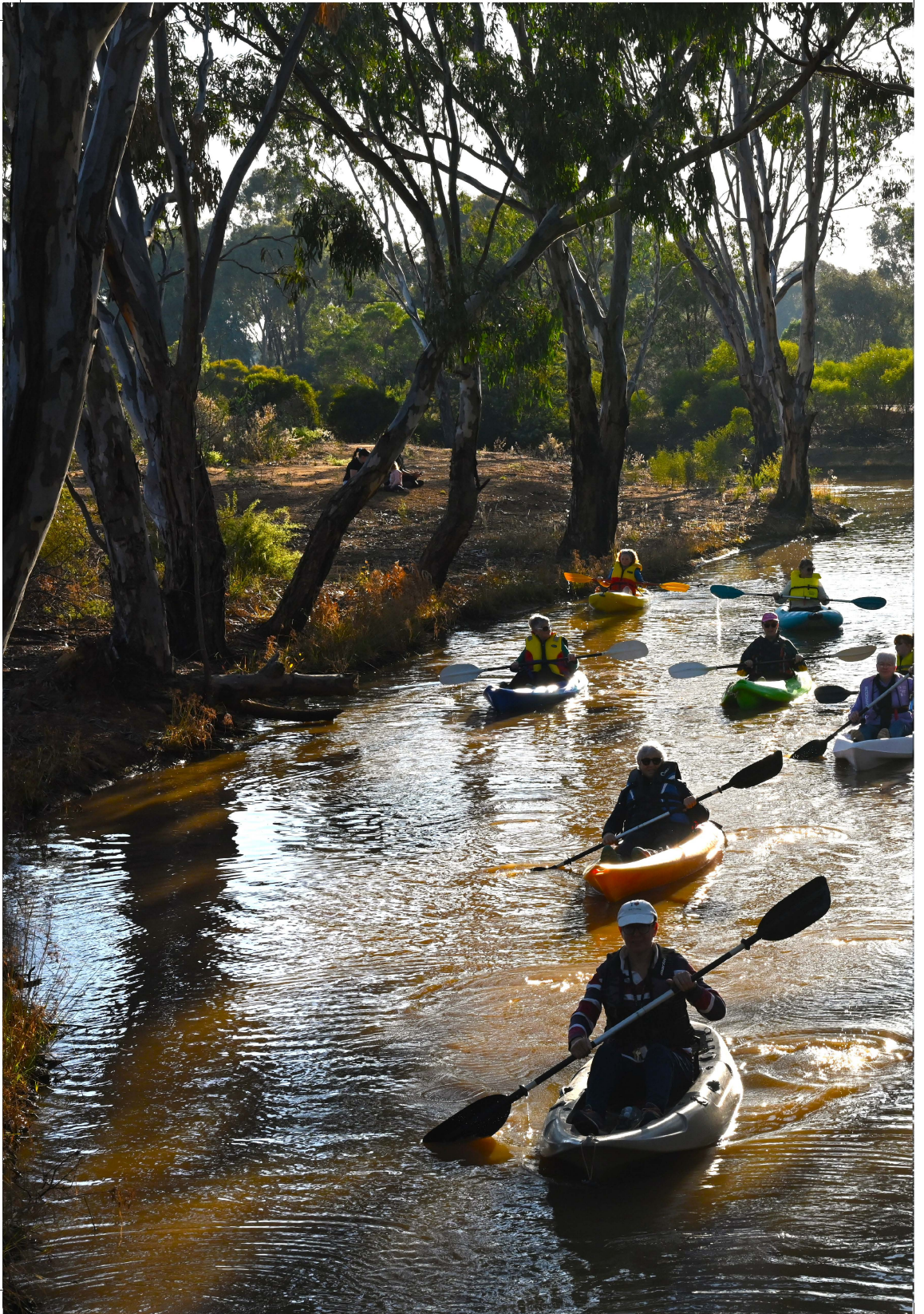
Griffith
Hillston
Hay

LOCAL FM



94.5 Gold FM
West Wyalong
Community Radio

Short trips from West Wyalong photo by Jene-Lynn Klop





Above: Kayaking at Cooinda Waters, Wyalong by Lorraine Williams
If you want to Kayak at Cooinda Waters, please contact Amanda Stitt:
E: wyalongyachtclub@gmail.com or FB: Wyalong Yacht Club

Drive - Stop - Discover - Immerse - Taste - Sip - Adventure - Play - Unwind - Drive - Stop - Discover - Immerse - Taste - Sip - Adventure




BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL
west wyalong

WEST WYALONG VISITOR
INFORMATION CENTRE
6 Shire Street, West Wyalong