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(State Emergency Services)

FIRE DANGER INFORMATION

Fire restrictions can be applied across Victoria by CFA, when fire danger is high.

Typically this is over the period of November through to April. Hindmarsh Shire Council falls within the "Wimmera" Fire Ban District.

A Total Fire Ban is declared for the district by CFA on days when fires are likely to spread rapidly and could be difficult to control. A Total Fire Ban declaration means no fire can be lit for the declared district for that day.

For more information on Fire Danger and Total Fire Bans: www.cfa.vic.gov.au

PARKS VICTORIA 131 963

If you are travelling and enjoying the many water spots around Hindmarsh Shire Council, make sure you are safe and have all relevant boat and fishing licences.

Please be aware there may be minimal or no mobile phone range in some areas.

For more useful information: www.parkweb.vic.gov.au
www.bom.gov.au



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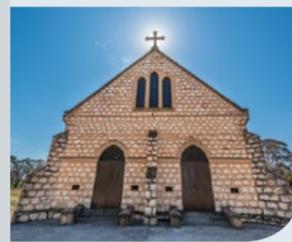
1. Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre [NHILL]

The Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre celebrates the important part Nhill played in Australian aviation history. Beginning as a refuelling site mid-way between Melbourne and Adelaide, to the establishment of the Royal Australian Air Force base during World War II.



2. Hermans Hill

9 kilometres west of Lake Hindmarsh, you will find Hermans Hill. A well-marked walking track winds its way up a vegetated sand-hill to a lookout providing expansive views across the Big Desert, Lake Hindmarsh and surrounding farmlands.



3. St John's Lutheran Church [PELLA]

St John's Lutheran Church, built in 1911 from local limestone, stands testament to the strong German heritage of this region. The church's centrepiece is the pipe organ (circa 1885) moved from South Melbourne in 1970.



4. Lake Albacutya

North of Rainbow, Lake Albacutya is identified as a RAMSAR listed wetland of international importance, though has been dry for many years. A great place to camp, explore in your 4WD, walk or visit in the southern section of Wyperfeld NP.



5. Yurunga Homestead [RAINBOW]

A visit to Yurunga takes you back to the pioneering heyday of the Southern Mallee region. Built in 1909, the homestead presents an outstanding example of pre-WW1 architecture, including a unique underground lounge room to help avoid the summer heat.



6. Wimmera River, Lake Hindmarsh

Popular for canoeing, boating and fishing the Wimmera River is easily accessed from Dimboola and Jeparit. Lake Hindmarsh, though often dry, is a great place to visit for bird watchers and nature lovers.



7. Menzies Square [JEPARIT]

This attractive park in the centre of Jeparit celebrates the life of Sir Robert Menzies and tells the story of how a shop owner's son from a small rural community went on to shape Australian politics into the modern era.



8. Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum [JEPARIT]

Located beside the Wimmera River, the 3.5 hectare museum site is home to one of Australia's largest collections of farm machinery representing the pivotal stage in Australian agriculture as it transitioned from work-horses to tractors. The museum also holds local historical buildings giving an insight into early European life in the region.



9. Dimboola Print Museum

In 1879 when printing presses were a new and exciting part of the industrial revolution, visitors would be met with the noise of the clanging of the presses, strong smell and stain of ink, the arrangement of hand-set type, apprentices wiping sweat from their brow. Today, a trip to the Dimboola Printing Museum is a chance to see a diverse collection of vintage presses acquired throughout Australia, including the original, all in working condition at Lochiel St, Dimboola.



10. Pink Lake

Located beside the Western Highway 6km west of Dimboola is the spectacular Pink Lake. This salt lake contains algae that cause the vivid pink colour. The intensity of the colour fluctuates, being particularly spectacular following rain periods.



11. Little Desert National Park

The Little Desert National Park stretches west from the Wimmera River near Dimboola to the South Australian border, covering 132 000 hectares of diverse vegetation. It is home to 670 species of native plants, 220 bird species along with an impressive list of marsupials and reptiles.

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Lake Hindmarsh

Pink Lake

Big Skies. Big Lakes. Big Deserts

HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL

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Hindmarsh

OFFICIAL VISITOR GUIDE

Dimboola • Jeparit • Nhill • Rainbow



Victoria's Outback

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Welcome TO OUR REGION

The Hindmarsh region covers an area of over 7,500 square kilometres. Our big skies, big lakes and big deserts attract thousands of visitors each year.

Enjoy

Nature enthusiasts can go four wheel driving then camp under our big sky with countless stars to watch over you.

There are walking tracks, peaceful picnic areas to enjoy and tranquil fishing spots along the Wimmera River.

Water lovers can enjoy waterskiing, rowing or canoeing at Jeparit and Dimboola. Trail bike riding is also a favourite pastime in the area, along with golf and lawn bowls.

If history is more your thing, take a step back in time at the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum in Jeparit or Yurunga Homestead at Rainbow and nearby Pella. Dimboola is home to a fabulous Print Museum and Court House Museum and each town has a prolific Historical Society jam-packed with information and stories of yesteryear.

Our wide open spaces provide the perfect spot for photographers and painters alike, with endless sunsets and scenic views of wildflowers, flora and fauna.

Whether you're visiting for an afternoon, a weekend or longer, there are many places of interest and things to do in Hindmarsh. Stop, relax and enjoy our big skies, big lakes and big deserts.



Nature

Nature, outdoors and wide open spaces are our flagship. Nestled amongst the Little and Big Desert National Parks, our region has plenty to offer nature lovers.

Four wheel driving enthusiasts will find many tracks through the Little Desert and Wyperfeld National Parks, past Hermans Hill into the Big Desert, and around Lake Hindmarsh and Lake Albacutya.

If you prefer a walking pace, explore the Nine Creeks Reserve at Dimboola, which incorporates a walking and bicycle track and boardwalk across the Wimmera River.

Wail State Forest offers the opportunity to explore native bush land, situated between Horsham and Dimboola. Snape Reserve is a Trust for Nature property that is open for inspection by appointment. Glenlee Nature Reserve also provides a tranquil natural setting.

If you are travelling along the Western Highway, take some time to stop at the Pink Lake, a few kilometres west of Dimboola. The lake is easily viewed from a rest stop beside the Western Highway or you can walk down a path to the edge of the lake.

Along the way, there are plenty of quiet picnic and camping areas to rest at and enjoy. Wimmera River at Horseshoe Bend and Picnic Bend in Dimboola and Lake Hindmarsh near Jeparit and Lake Albacutya near Rainbow are just a few of many.

Nhill Lake offers bird watchers and water enthusiasts a sanctuary right in the heart of town.



Cultural Heritage

Hindmarsh Shire Council would like to acknowledge that these are the traditional lands of the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk peoples, and pay respect to their Elders, both past and present.

The Wotjobaluk people have occupied the Wimmera Mallee region for over 40 000 years. There are many significant places and extensive cultural heritage in the Hindmarsh Shire particularly along the Wimmera River, which was known by many different traditional names. The Wimmera River and inland lakes offered plentiful supply of water and food resources amongst the semi-arid surroundings and became an extensive travelling route between Northern Grampians and Lake Albacutya, continuing on past Hattah Lakes to the Murray River.

Significant songlines follow the path of the Wimmera River including; Tchingal the Emu, and the Bram-bram-built brothers. Many of these stories relate to the creation of both the river and the Grampians.

Although the arrival of European squatters and missionaries had a major impact on the Wotjobaluk people, they continue to maintain deep connection to their land and culture today. This continuing relationship with place and culture was formally recognised on 13 December 2005 when the Wimmera River corridor became the first place in Victoria to be granted native title.

The Aboriginal traditional owners welcome you to Wotjobaluk country. They are happy and proud to share this special place with you. Please travel through this country with respect to the Traditional Owners and their Elders past and present.

For more information about the Wotjobaluk people and culture, including the Ebenezer Mission, please contact: **Barengi Gadjin Land Council (03) 5381 0977.**

Barringgi Gadyin (Wimmera River)



Explore

DESERT TOURING ROUTE

Whether you're into the thrill of four wheel driving or bush walking amongst the natural wonderland, there are tracks to inspire and entertain you.

Plan your trip safely. Visit www.parkweb.vic.gov.au for up to date information. Please note that all vehicles and motor bikes must stay on designated tracks and have appropriate registrations and licences.

FOUR WHEEL DRIVING

The Little Desert and Wyperfeld National Parks, and the Big Desert are focal points for 4WD enthusiasts, who travel far and wide to tackle the sandy dunes of the northwest. With plenty of camping grounds and facilities throughout the National Parks and surrounding areas, your day trips or overnight stays will be ones to remember. Please see over for 4WD tracks throughout the region.



BUSH WALKING & CYCLING

From 30 minutes to 3 day treks, there is a walking track to suit everyone. Witness first hand the abundant bird and plant life Hindmarsh has to offer.

The Little Desert and Wyperfeld National Parks, and Big Desert Wilderness Park all offer fantastic walking tracks, and Lakes Hindmarsh and Albacutya are both worth spending an afternoon exploring. Nine Creeks Reserve is a picturesque spot right in the heart of Dimboola, incorporating walking and bicycle tracks.

Play

GOLF TOURING ROUTE NHILL GOLF CLUB

Situated halfway between Melbourne and Adelaide, the Nhill Golf Club has become known as the Wimmera's best kept secret. Open all year round, the large manicured greens compliment the flat to slightly undulating tree lined fairways, with beautifully shaped and positioned bunkers. The course is watered all year keeping it in excellent condition.

LOCAL SEASONAL SAND SCRAPE COURSES

DIMBOOLA Riverside Dimboola, Par 71, 5878m
Tournament: Late July

JEPARIT Nhill Road Jeparit, Par 65, 4384m
Tournament: Late July/early August

RAINBOW Nhill Road Rainbow, Par 71, 5864m
Tournament: Late July

Why not plan a golfing holiday?



History

CEMETERY ROUTE

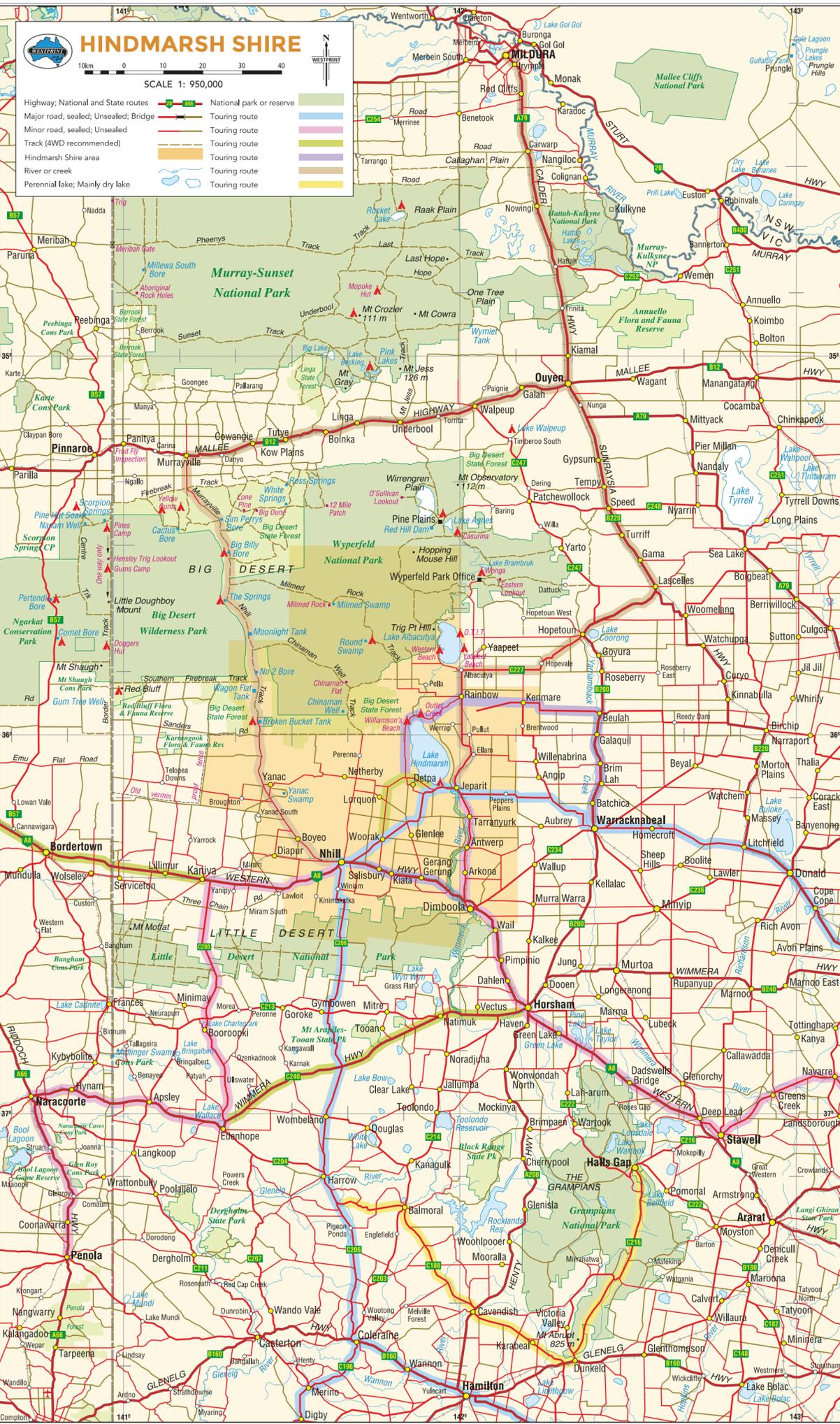
The cemeteries of Hindmarsh are full of history and intrigue.

Listed below are some of the cemeteries in the local area:

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Albacutya | Kiata |
| Antwerp | Lochiel |
| Bleak House (Boyeo) | Lorquon |
| Dahwedarre (North Yanac) | Netherby |
| Dimboola | Nhill |
| Jeparit | Rainbow |
| Katyl Pioneer | Winiam |
| Katyl Public | Woorak |
| Kenmare | |

A *Hindmarsh Cemetery Drive* interactive digital map can be viewed and downloaded from: www.visithindmarsh.com.au/hindmarsh-cemeteries





Legend

- Caravan Dump Point
- Caravan Park
- Accommodation
- Ambulance
- ATM
- Bank
- BBQ
- Bicycle Track
- Boat Ramp
- Camping
- Parking
- Petrol
- Pharmacy
- Picnic Tables
- Playground
- Police
- Post Office
- Swimming Pool
- Toilets
- Walking Tracks
- Cemetery
- CFA
- Church
- Dining
- Disabled Facilities
- Golf Course
- Hospital
- Information Centre

Hindmarsh Happenings



- ### DIMBOOLA
- GOLF ANNUAL TOURNAMENT**
LATE JULY
 - DIMBOOLA SWAP MEET**
OCTOBER
Held on the banks of the Wimmera River in the Recreation Reserve, hosting up to 500 outdoor sites including a Show & Shine competition.
 - A&P SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW**
OCTOBER
The annual show brings the community together with displays, exhibits, competitions, side-shows, horse events and more in the Recreation Reserve.
 - DIMBOOLA ANNUAL ROWING REGATTA**
NOVEMBER
The Dimboola Rowing Regatta attracts competitors and visitors from all over Victoria and crews from all over NSW and South Australia. A perfect setting for competitors and spectators alike, this is an event not to be missed.

- ### NHILL
- NHILL LIONS COMMUNITY MARKET**
THIRD SUNDAY (MAR, MAY, SEPT & NOV)
9am-1pm Jaypex Park, Nhill
f NhillLionsCommunityMarket
 - NHILL GOLF CLUB ANNUAL TOURNAMENT**
QUEENS BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND, JUNE
www.nhillgolfclub.com.au
 - MOTORCYCLE CLUB ENDURO**
JULY
www.nhillmotorcycleclub.com.au
 - A&P SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW**
OCTOBER
With a proud record of Annual Shows since 1884, Nhill delivers an event that entertains and excites, complete with a grand parade.
 - ANNUAL HORSE RACING**
BOXING DAY (DECEMBER 26)
The Nhill Racecourse is off and racing each Boxing Day; complete with Fashions on the Field and fillies on the track. Light meals and refreshments available along with live entertainment.

- ### JEPARIT
- ANNUAL EASTER FISHING COMPETITION**
EASTER SATURDAY from 7.30am
Fish along the banks of the picturesque Wimmera River, with many prizes available for the whole family.
 - WIMMERA MALLEE PIONEER MUSEUM ANNUAL VINTAGE MACHINERY RALLY**
QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY (Saturday/Sunday) - JUNE
The Rally is an outstanding event that showcases the machinery hosted in the Museum, along with many other features including horse-drawn carriage rides, blacksmith and car club displays.
 - A&P SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW**
OCTOBER
The annual show is a major event for many horse enthusiasts including all of the favourite show features.
 - GOLF ANNUAL TOURNAMENT**
LATE JULY/EARLY AUGUST
 - KUMBALA NATIVE GARDEN OPEN**
REGULAR BASIS, DEPENDING ON SEASONS
facebook: kumbalnativegarden
 - JEPARIT BOWLING COMPETITIONS**
SUMMER/WINTER (Thursdays & Saturdays)
 - JEPARIT TENNIS COMPETITIONS**
OCTOBER-MARCH

- ### RAINBOW
- PANCAKE DAY**
SHROVE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY
Hosted by Rainbow Fire Brigade
 - RAINBOW RISES 240**
MARCH
Short Course Off-Road Race
 - LIONS BIGGEST BBQ**
APRIL
 - RAINBOW PLAYERS PRODUCTION**
SEPTEMBER
The Rainbow Players have been entertaining Rainbow and district for 30 years. The Players aim to produce one play each year, from murder/mysteries and comedies to the much loved melodramas.
 - RAINBOW DESERT ENDURO**
SEPTEMBER
3rd Round of CAMS Australian Off-Road Championships
 - A&P SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW**
OCTOBER
A Highlight of the region's Calendar, the Rainbow Show offers a wide range of fun activities for all ages.

For further information, visit: www.visithindmarsh.com.au

DIMBOOLA



Dimboola, the eastern gateway to the Little Desert National Park is situated on the picturesque Wimmera River and was previously known as 'Nine Creeks'. The area was traditionally called 'Wathegatcheca' by the local Aboriginal people which means 'wattle tree and white cockatoos'.

Boating fanatics can access the tranquil Wimmera River from one of several public boat ramps or enjoy the scenic locations of Horseshoe Bend and Picnic Bend.

Dimboola landscapes feature in Sidney Nolan's famous paintings, who was stationed in the area during World War II. Dimboola was also the inspiration for Jack Hibberd's renowned play of the same name.



Top: Wimmera River sunset. L-R: Dimboola Town Centre, Dimboola Banner Print Museum, Steam Locomotive at Bicentennial Park, Dimboola Town Mural.

JEPARIT



Jeparit's great claim to fame is that it is the birthplace of Sir Robert Menzies, Australia's longest serving Prime Minister. Menzies Square is located on the original site of the Menzies family store and home and gives insight into Menzies' life and legacy.

Just north of Jeparit is Lake Hindmarsh. Though usually dry, after significant rain seasons Lake Hindmarsh becomes the largest natural freshwater lake in Victoria fed by the Wimmera River.

Jeparit is a great place for boating, fishing, cycling, walking and birdwatching. For an insight into the history and agricultural development of the area be sure to visit the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum.



Top: Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum entrance. L-R: Menzies Square, Menzies Spire, Kumbala Native Garden, Cabins at the Jeparit Caravan Park.

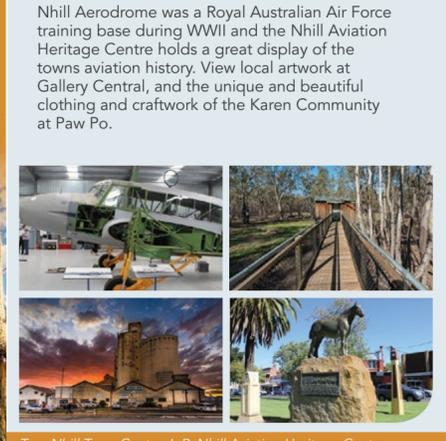
NHILL



Midway between Melbourne and Adelaide, **Nhill** is a thriving country town offering a picturesque place to stop, explore and recharge.

Situated on the Western Highway, the commercial centre of Nhill has attractive parks and gardens, playgrounds and the Hindmarsh Visitor Information Centre.

Nhill Aerodrome was a Royal Australian Air Force training base during WWII and the Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre holds a great display of the towns aviation history. View local artwork at Gallery Central, and the unique and beautiful clothing and craftwork of the Karen Community at Paw Po.



Top: Nhill Town Centre. L-R: Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre (Historic RAAF Base), Nhill Swamp Walk, Noske Flour Mills, Talking Draught Horse.

RAINBOW



Rainbow is an oasis in the middle of vast agriculture and wilderness; harsh but also productive and rich areas. Unique gardens, vibrant main-street and spectacular hand-painted murals provide visitors with an insight into this welcoming and proactive community.

The heritage listed Yurunga Homestead gives a great example of Rainbow's pioneering hey-day with its grand architecture and underground living room. Pella, a short drive out of town, is a testament to the largely Lutheran heritage of the Rainbow area. A church, manse and school remain, along with the nearby Stainowsky Lime Kiln and Pella Mystery House.

Rainbow is a nature lovers paradise providing southern access to Lake Albacutya, Werperfeld National Park and Big Desert.



Top: Rainbow Town Mural. L-R: Yurunga Homestead, Rainbow Town Centre, Bow Bakery, Pella Lutheran Church.