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Cabins at the Jeparit Caravan Park

Activities

Bowls

The Jeparit Bowling Club boasts a synthetic green, and hosts social bowls evenings during summer. These are held each Thursday and all are welcome to come and play. There are also casual bowls days held on Saturdays during the summer. The Bowling Club operates socially throughout the year. For further information please contact jeparitbowls@icloud.com.

Clay Bird Shooting

A Gun Club is still operational and holds regular clay bird shooting competitions.

Fishing

Jeparit Angling Club holds regular weekend fishing competitions and hosts an Annual Fishing Competition every Easter. It is a long running tradition, attracting many fishermen and families. Prizes include the perpetual Kevin "Oigles" Humphrey Memorial Trophy and categories for both senior and junior participants.

Football and Netball

The Jeparit/Rainbow Football & Netball Club operate from April – September each year. The STORM participate in the Horsham District Football/Netball League.

Golf

Jeparit Golf Club is open seasonally. This sand scrapes course meanders beautifully along the Wimmera River. Fees to play are exceptionally good value, and tournaments are held in late July to early August.

Senior Citizens

All are welcome to join the weekly card games held in the Jeparit Memorial Hall each Wednesday afternoon. The games are hosted by the Jeparit Senior Citizens.

Skiing

The Hindmarsh Ski Club provides junior and senior water skiing activities, usually from September to April along the Wimmera River and Lake Hindmarsh, conditions permitting. The club is open to all participants and services the surrounding Hindmarsh districts.

Participants are required to provide their own water skis, life jacket, and boat. Coaching is available to newcomers at no cost, with some equipment available to use, including adapted skis for paraplegics.

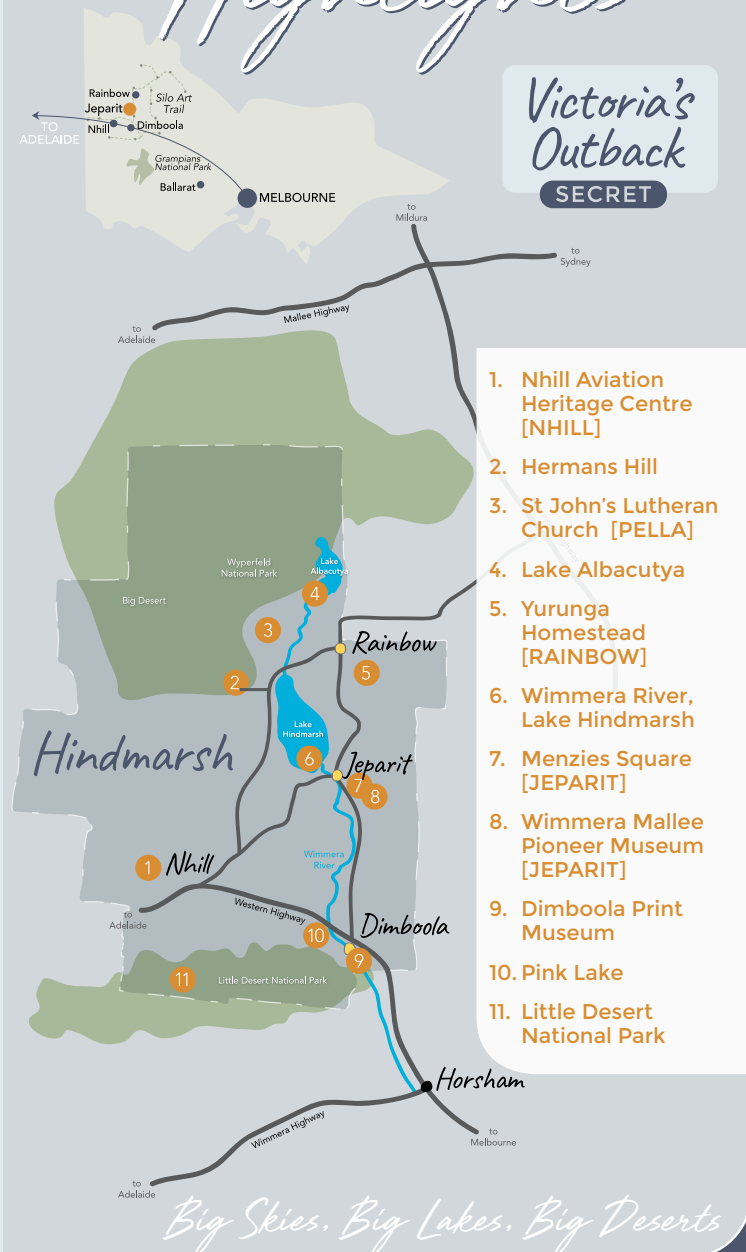
For more information and local contact details, please contact Hindmarsh Shire Council on 5391 4444.

Swimming Pool

The Jeparit pool is open seasonally. Please check opening times with Council by phoning 5391 4444. A life-guard is on duty at all times and a small kiosk operates during opening times. There is a toddler pool, and grassy, shaded areas available.

Tennis

Jeparit Tennis Club offers three asphalt courts and three Plexipave courts. The tennis courts are right next door to the Caravan Park, and provide a safe environment for children and adults to have a hit.



Hindmarsh Highlights

Victoria's Outback
SECRET

1. Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre [NHILL]
2. Hermans Hill
3. St John's Lutheran Church [PELLA]
4. Lake Albacutya
5. Yurunga Homestead [RAINBOW]
6. Wimmera River, Lake Hindmarsh
7. Menzies Square [JEPARIT]
8. Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum [JEPARIT]
9. Dimboola Print Museum
10. Pink Lake
11. Little Desert National Park

Big Skies. Big Lakes. Big Deserts

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Welcome to

Jeparit
OFFICIAL VISITOR GUIDE



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Welcome TO JEPARIT

Jeparit was surveyed in 1883 and gazetted in 1889. The post office opened on 31 August, 1889, and the town was known as Lake Hindmarsh until December of that year. Two earlier post offices called Lake Hindmarsh had existed in the area at various times since 1861 to serve a smaller population of graziers.



Jeparit currently has a population of 477, according to the 2016 census. The area around Jeparit had been home to the Gromiluk Aborigines prior to European settlement. The name Jeparit is believed to be derived from a Gromiluk word meaning "home of small birds".

European settlement began in the 1880s when German Lutheran immigrants began to settle and grow wheat.

Nestled around the Wimmera River, and attached to Lake Hindmarsh, Jeparit is a treasure trove of history, nature, and peace. Being halfway between Melbourne and Adelaide, off the main highway, the town makes a perfect choice for a stop-over, meeting place, or getaway – long or short term.

Jeparit is a quaint little rural town on the borders of the Southern Mallee and the Wimmera regions with a predominant farming sector featuring cropping, grazing, and running stock of sheep and some cattle.

The town is the birthplace of Australia's legendary Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies. He was Australia's longest serving Prime Minister, 1939-1941 and 1949-1966, keeping the top job for over 18 years. Some regard him as Australia's greatest leader. In honour of Sir Robert Menzies, his achievements and political success, Jeparit has erected a spire, a town square, and a plaque.



"The main thing is that you should be doing your best. It might not be as good as someone else's best, but you must still do your best."

Sir Robert Menzies



LAKE HINDMARSH

When much of Victoria is in drought, Lake Hindmarsh, Victoria's largest freshwater lake is often dry. Only 6km from town, Lake Hindmarsh is a great place to visit regardless of the water level, but check first that it has water if you are hoping to take to the waters on your skis or swim with the pelicans.

There are numerous tracks for four wheel driving and motor biking around the lake, leading to many desert tracks.

Four Mile Beach provides good camping sites, including some with power, hot water showers, a BBQ area, playgrounds, and a kiosk operating during busier seasons.

Other popular beach areas are Shultze's Beach and Picnic Point, along with Williamson's Beach, closer to Rainbow.

The stunning sunsets over Lake Hindmarsh are an artist's delight – both photographic and painting, and the peaceful surrounds make it an idyllic retreat.

Many hours, even days, can be spent exploring the amazing flora and fauna surrounding Lake Hindmarsh.



Lake Hindmarsh Four Mile Beach

Attractions to Explore

Some rare and native plants can only be found in this region, and the prolific bird life is a sight to behold. Pelicans fly in formation over the lake, Emus roam the scrub, and Black Swans populate the Wimmera River. Zebra Finches, Grass Parrots, Sulphur-Crested Cockatoos, and hundreds more native, reclusive birds nest among the rising gum trees and native shrubs. It's an absolute paradise for bird watchers.

NATIVE ANIMALS

Many native animals can be seen foraging and roaming throughout the area as well, including echidnas, kangaroos, koalas, and lizards of every kind. Insects and many butterflies, including the rare Golden Rayed Blue Butterfly (Candalides Neolkeri) – which feeds on native creeping boobialla, the Admiral – which feeds on stinging nettle, the Monarch – which feeds on milkweed, the Jezebel – which feeds on mistletoe, or the Swallow Tail – which feeds on all type of citrus trees. Keep an eye out for these plants and you may see a rare butterfly.



WIMMERA MALLEE PIONEER MUSEUM

Sitting on the banks of the Wimmera River, at the eastern end of town, and spanning four hectares of land, is the spectacular Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum.

The Museum shows life as it was for many pioneers who opened up the northern Wimmera and southern Mallee. It is a "hands on" Australian history lesson for our young Australians and a trip down memory lane for our older generation; a testament to our early pioneers for all generations to see and appreciate. Many of the tractors and machinery are still in working order, and this is demonstrated at the Annual Vintage Rally held each year on the Queen's Birthday Long Weekend in June.



Clydesdale-drawn cart at the WMPM Annual Family Vintage Rally

The Wimmera Mallee pioneer Museum has a wonderful collection of original buildings from the region, all preserved in their original layout. These house a vast collection of household items, tools, and artefacts from the era, telling the story of Jeparit's history and the people who shaped the area. The main entrance of the Museum is a beautiful homestead known as Brierly House. There is also Albacutya Homestead, Werrap Hall, Tarranyurk Hall, Woorak Church, Detpa State School, a chemist, and a blacksmith's shop on the grounds of the site. There is the H.V. McKay shed, a harvesting machinery shed, lockups, and many more sheds and areas to explore.

The Museum is open at the following times:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10am-3pm
Saturday & Sunday 1-4pm

Closed: Christmas Day, Good Friday, Anzac Day morning, and on all days of Total Fire Ban.

For all enquiries and bookings, please contact the Museum on 5397 2101, or email wmpmjeparit@gmail.com. For more information visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WMPMJeparit or just drop in and wander around for a few hours. Allow yourself plenty of time to explore, discover and enjoy!



Jeparit

Things to do and see

- 1 Old Jeparit Bridge
- 2 Sir Robert Menzies Park
- 3 Sir Robert Menzies Spire
- 4 Skate Park and BBQ
- 5 War Memorial Ave and Garden
- 6 Hindmarsh Hotel
- 7 Post Office
- 8 Hopetoun House Hotel
- 9 Jeparit Memorial Hall
- 10 Riverside Picnic and BBQ area
- 11 Fishing Pontoon and Boat Ramp
- 12 Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum
- 13 Edward John Eyre Heritage River Walk



Legend

- Highway, Route numbers
- Major road, sealed
- Minor road, sealed; Unsealed
- Railway line and station
- Perennial lake; Swamp
- Park or reserve; Other area
- Fuel; Caravan park; Accommodation
- Information centre; Toilets; Church



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Hindmarsh Happenings

JEPARIT A&P SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW

THIRD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER

The Jeparit Agricultural Show is a major event for many horse enthusiasts as the A&P Society is affiliated with the Equestrian Federation of Australia. The show includes many displays, exhibits, competitions, crops and livestock, the Annual Sheaf Toss, Miss Showgirl, Master Tiny Tot, a pav competition, farm machinery, poultry, student exhibitions and other activities.

ANNUAL VINTAGE MACHINERY RALLY

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND, JUNE (Saturday & Sunday)

The rally is an outstanding event that showcases the machinery housed within the museum, as well as attracting many other displays – from vintage tractors, trucks, engines, and memorabilia to horse-drawn carriage rides, car club displays, numerous food stalls, horse works, and entertainment for every generation.

(03) 5397 2101

ANNUAL EASTER FISHING COMPETITION

EASTER SATURDAY from 7.30am

Hosted by the Jeparit Angling Club along the banks of the picturesque Wimmera River with many prizes available for the whole family. For further information go to www.jeparitanglersclub.com.

GOLF ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

LATE JULY / EARLY AUGUST

0407 914 281

BOWLING COMPETITIONS

SUMMER & WINTER

(03) 5397 2108

TENNIS COMPETITIONS

OCTOBER - MARCH

0427 520 574



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Explore Heritage

Cemeteries

The first burial recorded at Jeparit Cemetery was in October, 1892. There are many marked graves prior to this time around the area, including one situated between the Catholic Church and the Jeparit Primary School Hall, which is believed to be Jeparit's first grave. The tombstone bears the inscription: "Memory of Samuel Anderson, late of Hindmarsh Station, drowned, January 10th, 1863. Thy Will Be Done."

Sir Robert Menzies

Robert Gordon Menzies was born in Jeparit on 20 December 1894. He was the fourth child of James and Kate Menzies who ran a general store and drapery in the small rural outpost of Jeparit. Robert started school at Jeparit in 1899, before furthering his studies in Ballarat and Melbourne.

Following graduation from the University of Melbourne he began his career as a barrister specialising in constitutional law. Menzies began his political career in 1928 when he was elected to the Victorian Parliament as member for East Yarra. In the 1934 elections, Menzies easily won the Federal seat of Kooyong, and in 1939 following the death of Prime Minister Joseph Lyons, Menzies was elected leader of the United Australia Party and became the Prime Minister of Australia.

Menzies formed the Liberal Party in 1944. The party fought its first general election in 1946 and was elected into power in coalition with the Country Party. Menzies once again became Prime Minister of Australia.

Menzies was re-elected as Prime Minister as the Liberal and Country parties swept to power at the general election on 10 December 1949. He led the Liberal-Country party coalition to victory at the next six general elections, holding his position for 17 years. Robert Gordon Menzies remains the longest serving Prime Minister in Australian history.

Explore Arts, Culture & History

JEPARIT MEMORIAL HALL

The municipal building at 10-12 Roy Street was a combined effort of the Mechanic's Institute, the Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia (later known as the Returned Services League of Australia), local citizens, and the shire council. After World War I the Mechanics Institute needed new premises for a library and reading room, the RSSILA wanted clubrooms, and the local citizens of Jeparit needed a public hall. A committee made up of 'soldiers and citizens' approached the shire council - who were planning to build new offices and chambers - with the idea of a combined building. The administrative centre (the then Dimboola Shire) had shifted from Dimboola to Jeparit in 1914.

On 5 February, 1924 the foundation stone was laid by the Hon. Arthur Rodgers, former Minister for Trade and customs and former Assistant Minister for Repatriation. The building, a memorial to those who had fought in the War, was opened on 2 June, 1925. It is a two storey red brick building with rendered front façade, Ionic order columns to the recessed porch, and treabated treatment to the facade. The ground floor currently comprises of

the soldier's lounge and meeting room, which have recently been converted into a public library, senior citizen's meeting place, public hall with stage, Council Customer Service Office and library. Upstairs was originally occupied by the shire offices and chambers and now houses the historical society.

The building is of historical and social significance as one of a small group of shire buildings dedicated to World War I memorials. The dedication of a key building in the town as a war memorial is a tangible reminder of the profound impact the First World War had on Australian communities.

The building has social significance for the high value placed in it by the local and surrounding community. It has long played an important role in community life and, more widely, in the former Shire of Dimboola as a place of decision making, entertainment, learning and meeting.

World War I honour rolls and past president's honour boards are displayed in the downstairs corridor.



Most War memorials have a Digger upon their shrine; the use of a female figure was rare.

The World War II Memorial is also of granite and was unveiled by Sir Robert Menzies, Prime Minister at the time, on Remembrance Day, November 11, 1951. It records the names of six men who paid the supreme sacrifice.

Jeparit's Memorial Avenue is also unique because it pays tribute to the soldiers from the Korean and Vietnam Wars. There is an Honour Board from the Wars located in Jeparit's Memorial Hall, and the original Honour Board from the Uniting Church is now housed at the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum. An Honour Board from the Boer War is located in the RSL rooms in the Memorial Hall as well.

Jeparit's Memorial Avenue has a "lone pine" planted in its gardens, along with beautiful scented roses.



Accommodation



Camping, caravan, and cabin accommodation is available at the **Jeparit Caravan Park**. Nestled on the banks of the Wimmera River, the park offers seclusion with peace and quiet. Modern facilities are available, including full disability access. For bookings, phone 0408 107 851.

Hotel accommodation is available at **Larrikins Pub 'n' Grub**. The hotel is also available for private or club functions and group bookings. Call for bookings on 0499 883 776.

Camping is available at **Lake Hindmarsh**. There are a number of reasonably priced powered sites available and endless unpowered sites. Toilet and shower facilities are available, along with a sheltered barbecue area. Please phone Hindmarsh Shire Council on (03)5391 4444 for further information.

The Hindmarsh Hotel, although not an "operational" hotel, is available for group bookings/functions and family stays, providing all services for your visit. The owner can be contacted on 0493 106 481.

Food

A great place to grab some food is the **Jeparit Supermarket, Newsagency & Café** in Lower Roy Street. Dine in or take away meals are available and they also serve great coffee and cake.

Larrikins Pub 'n' Grub on Roy Street offers delicious meals in an atmospheric setting. Staff are friendly and take away meals are also available.