

Heart of Gold

Coolamon - Junee - Temora

Unearth the people & places
of The Riverina's heartland
along The Canola Trail



Welcome to the Canola Trail

We set out on the Canola Trail wondering if we'd experience the same friendly reception we'd enjoyed in previous trips.

Driving along the Canola Trail and spending time in the major towns of Temora, Coolamon and Junee, we were happy to find the region's signature friendliness still intact. But there was something else. With the impending dry summer weighing heavily, we got a sense of how deeply Canola Trail communities are connected to the weather, and the innate resilience, courage and creativity that helps people to not only survive, but thrive.

We spoke to Junee canola farmer Rob Hart, who gave us a deeper insight into the production of canola and how he maintains resilience in the face of increasingly dry weather, while Coolamon farmer Kendra Kerrisk told us the story of how she fell in love with fresh olive oil and oats - a passion she now shares with legions of dedicated customers. Junee egg producer Anna Lashbrook also inspired us with her creative approach to business and the beautiful environment she has built for her free-range chooks.

We met Sydney couple, Paul and Jacqui, who are resourcefully tackling the daunting task of renovating the historic Ariah Park Hotel, fashioning a vibrant village hub in the process. Likewise, we were impressed by Andre and Keryl from Coolamon's Sweet Briar B&B, who breathed life into the town's old bank, while young engineer Shannon Woolmer moved us with his dedication to service and the story behind landing his dream job at the Temora Aviation Museum.

At the Monte Cristo Homestead, we were astonished by the talent of resident doll maker Silvia Heszterenyiova who gains inspiration from the haunted homestead's inhabitants. We were also awed by Monte Cristo's incredible matriarch, Olive Ryan, who, at 89, is still conducting tours through her home.

These days, visitors want more than shiny tourist attractions – we want to know the people and the stories behind them. In a world that often travels too fast, we encourage you to experience the Canola Trail through the eyes of the people who live, work, play and love here. Rather than ticking boxes, we hope you come away feeling buoyed by the courage, resourcefulness and resilience of communities that protect some of Australia's most significant historical treasures whilst also nurturing its agricultural future.

Move slowly along the Canola Trail and be sure to stop and meet the locals – you never know what you might learn.

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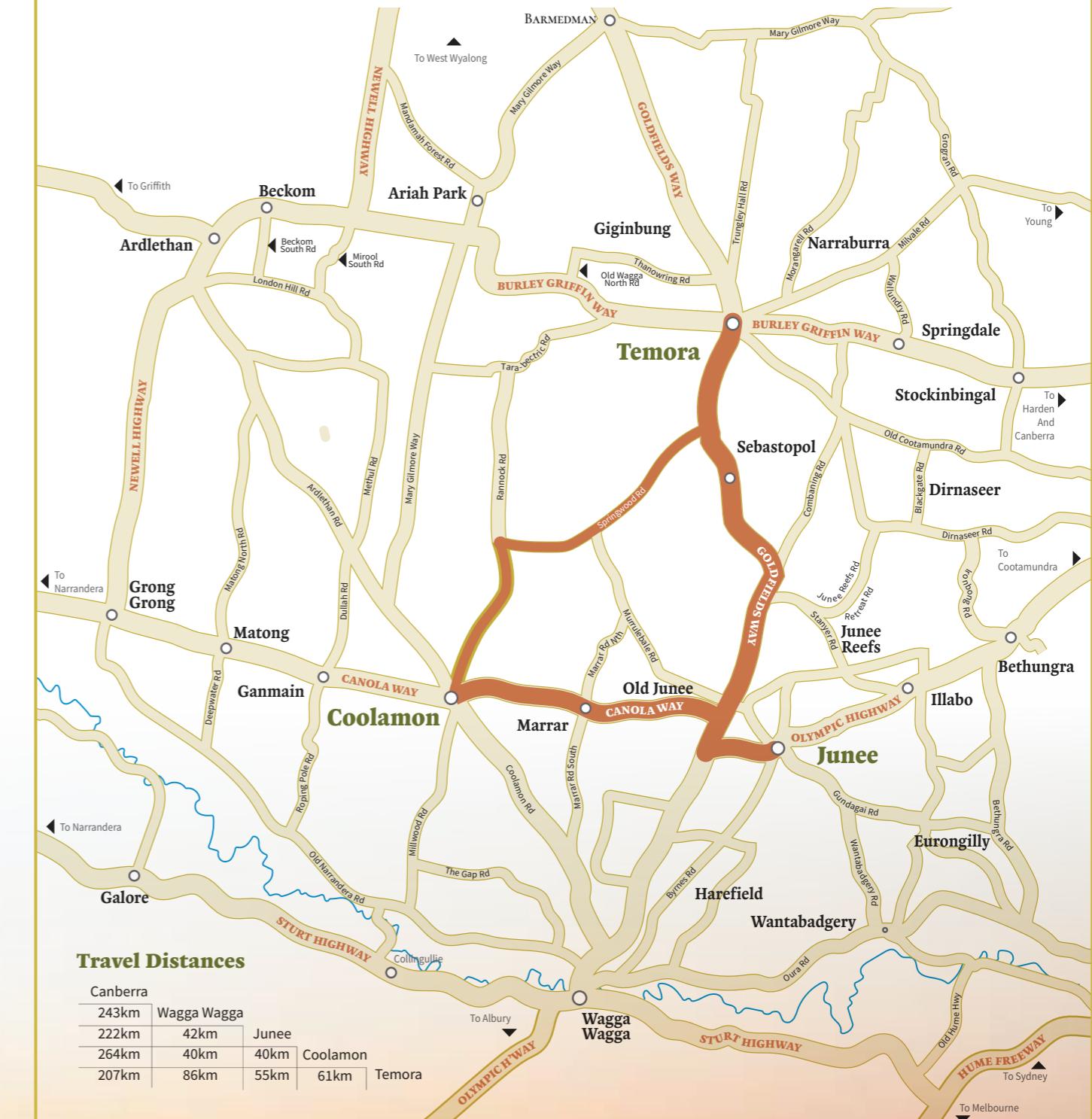


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It's about learning how to care for our land using the science and knowledge that is available

From the Hart

Third generation Junee canola farmer Rob Hart provides an insight into the growers behind the Canola Trail's stunning fields of gold, the challenges they face, and the measures he is taking to build a sustainable and resilient future.

The land Rob Hart stands on has been in his family for almost a century, beginning when his grandfather first set foot in Junee in the 20's. When Rob was growing up, he was one of twenty farm kids who caught the school bus from the road near the family farm. He's seen a lot of changes since then.

Now there's only two kids catching the school bus, and they're mine," he says. "The average family farm used to be 1,500 acres, now it ranges from 3 to 5,000 acres with a few parcels of 50 to 100,000 acres owned by a handful of big corporations.

"It's not all bad - some of these farms are very well run. What makes me uncomfortable is that, once the land goes to the big players, it gets passed around between them and rarely makes it back to farmers in the community."

As a child, Rob always knew he'd do something in the agricultural industry but he had some growing up to do first. After school, he started university study in Armidale, "failed dismally" and finished his degree at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga before setting off on an overseas backpacking adventure. After a year, Rob received a phone call from his mother.

"She basically told me to come home by the end of the month or I'd be out of the farm," he laughs. "It was good timing anyway - I was running out of money and ready to come home. I've been working with my parents ever since, which is brilliant. They're great people."

The Hart family own 3000 hectares of land, growing a variety of crops, including wheat, barley, faba beans and chickpeas, lupins, oats and field peas as well as lucerne, clovers and forage mixes – many of which also produce seeds for the family's additional business, Hart Bros Seeds. The family's history is testament to the value of both community support and innovation in helping farmers remain resilient.

"My Dad and his brother Adrian, took over the farm in the late 50's, after their fathers death." Rob relates. "They had death duty tax and dry times to deal with. A few of the local farmers in the area pitched in to support them and they got through it. They began to experiment with different crops, including canola, and with these new crops came new opportunities. They created a seed business and went a long way."

Canola belongs to the botanical family Brassicaceae, which also includes mustard, turnip, cauliflower, cabbage and broccoli. In the Canola Trail area, it is annually sown from seed in April or May and harvested in November or December. Canola is usually "windrowed" about 10 days before it is harvested. In this process, the crop is cut and placed in rows so it dries out more consistently and is less prone to wind damage.

In the grain-growing area of the Riverina, canola is vital as it is grown in rotation with wheat, barley and some legume crops, providing a disease break which generally results in grain crops having a higher yield when grown after canola.

After it is harvested, canola oil is extracted from the seed and used in margarine, cooking oil and salad oil. It is considered healthy due to its low saturated fat and ideal balance of omega fatty acids. It is also an excellent source of vitamin E as well as an effective biodiesel that is commonly used in Europe. The residual product left after the oil is extracted is called "meal" and is widely utilised in rations for pigs, poultry and dairy cattle. Australia has a reputation for high quality oil and currently exports to Europe, Japan, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Varieties of canola are now being developed that contain oil that is more stable when used in deep fryers. Companies like KFC have shown much interest in this, as they currently use environmentally unsustainable palm oil. ►





► Over the last decade, Rob and his family have continued to experiment with new and better ways of farming and this willingness to learn has allowed them to adapt to changing conditions and dry spells. They continue to experiment with crop rotation, companion planting and various methods for enhancing the organic carbon status of his soil, constantly striving to reduce the use of chemical insecticides and fertilisers.

"We've gone from regularly ploughing to trying to disturb the soil as little as is humanly possible," he says. "Ten years ago, we were burning straw and now we're using it to build our own carbon. We're also working on retaining water in the soil by stopping evaporation and improving infiltration."

"It's all about learning how to care for our land using the science and knowledge that is available to us. It takes a brain change and can be very challenging – just when you think you're organised, there's more to learn!"

According to Rob, farming can be lucrative but it can also be devastating, with highs and lows that must be planned for.

"We work on three in ten years being good economically and between that we'll either plod along or have a significant loss," he says. "Everyone who goes into farming understands this reality but it's hard not to experience a fair chunk of stress when it doesn't rain for a long time."

"We need government support to create a system that allows us to support ourselves during tough years – something like an insurance fund that farmers pay more into during the good years, that provides consistent income protection for everyone. This would really decrease the stress. Farmers don't want hand-outs - what we need is mechanisms to support ourselves. It's a very different business to the norm."

Farming is a tough gig with no guarantees but when Rob looks out at the golden canola fields and smiles, it's evident that he's in it for the long haul.

"It's not a bad office, is it?" He asks, rhetorically. "Every day I get to wake up and be my own boss, working with people I like. The rewards come when we see the fruits of the decisions we made years ago – like planting some trees, adopting new methods of soil improvement, building a new shed. Like every business, farming comes with risks but there's also a lot of satisfaction."



Canola facts

How the Canola Trail stacks up

Almost 1/3 of all the canola produced in NSW comes from the three regions that make up the Canola Trail: Coolamon, Junee and Temora.



Total Canola Trail
229,017 tonnes



NSW
936,520 tonnes

Canola Seasons



Sow

Apr

Grow

May

Jun

Jul

Flower

Aug

Sep

Windrow

Oct

Harvest

Nov

Dec

Sowing – Small, round, black seeds are direct-drilled into the soil with an airseeder. Some of the stubble (stalks from the previous year) is ploughed into the soil with the seed at the same time.

Growing – Green shoots emerge and turn into stems that can grow up to 2m tall.

Flowering – Flowers gradually get thicker and brighter and then fade until all the petals fall off. The yellow flower produces seed pods that are about 5cm in length. There is an average of 60 to 100 pods per plant and 15 to 35 seeds per pod.

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Windrowing – Two weeks after flowering ends the stems are slashed at the half-way point and the pods are left to air-dry in neat rows on top of the remaining stalks.

Harvesting – The rows are picked up with the header, which separates the seeds from the stalks and pod waste. The seeds remain in the hopper and the waste is spread evenly across the paddock behind the header.



Image: Elise Hawthorn



Cowabbin Street



The Up-To-Date Store



The New Coolamon Hotel



Coolamon

Charming streetscapes, beautifully preserved architecture and a relaxed atmosphere combine to make the town of Coolamon a jewel in the crown of The Riverina.

Coolamon is a country town with a deep reverence for its own history. With a community that is committed to creating a sustainable future, it's also a place that brims with vibrant innovation, cultural events and creative attractions.

The town's beating heart, Cowabbin Street, is one of the most carefully preserved streets in Australia. Lined with boutiques, charming country pubs with wide verandas, and little cafés, the street is set apart by the expert work of talented local signwriter Ricky Hard of Regal Signs, whose latest sign adorns the newly built Pak Gallery and many other shop fronts.

Step back in time as you discover the soul of Coolamon and meet the friendly folk who call this delightful place home.

History

The township of Coolamon was established when the railway arrived in The Riverina in 1881. The name 'Coolamon' is an Aboriginal word meaning dish or vessel for holding food or water. It alludes to the existence of a cluster of 'Coolamon Holes' around the town.

The town's architecture reflects the flourishing economic development that occurred between the 1880's and the 1920's, when Coolamon cemented its reputation as one of the richest agricultural centres in The Riverina. The Coolamon Shire is still renowned for its production of cereal crops, wool, lamb and beef.

Attractions

You'll find plenty to do in Coolamon, a place that boasts an array of uniquely curated museums and attractions that are loved by locals and visitors alike. Begin at the fabulous Up-To-Date Store to get a feel for what village life was like in the 1800's. Here, you'll glimpse the rare Lamson Cash-Carry Machine before viewing the collections of Mavis Furner, Reg Godde and Garth Jones for a deeper insight into town's history.

Historical buffs will also enjoy the Coolamon RSL Memorial Museum, a collection that tells the stories of locals who served their country, many of them farmers who returned to rural life.

Across the road in the original fire station, you'll find the Coolamon Fire Museum, manned by collector Chris Berry, whose stories and knowledge are as interesting as the curios he collects.

Down the road at Coolamon Cheese, experience delicious hand-crafted cheeses in the atmospheric setting of a heritage building. Book a tour to learn more about the cheesemaking process or simply enjoy a tasty lunch while you watch cheese being made through a glass window into the factory.

For a dose of fresh air and wildlife watching, head to the Kindra State Forest. A short walk or bike ride from the town centre, the forest includes 52 hectares of remnant bushland and is home to many bird species, from honeyeaters to red-capped robins and white-winged choughs. Bring a picnic hamper and enjoy the peaceful picnic spots and along the way.

If you're into shopping, start your retail adventure at the newly opened Pak Gallery, where owner Nadeem will introduce you to a range of Pakistani wares that he sources directly from villages in his homeland. Move on to the Treats and Treasures antique store to pick up a vintage bargain or the modern and fun Lumela for great gifts. Wind down with a makeover at Rose Gold Makeup and Beauty Bar.

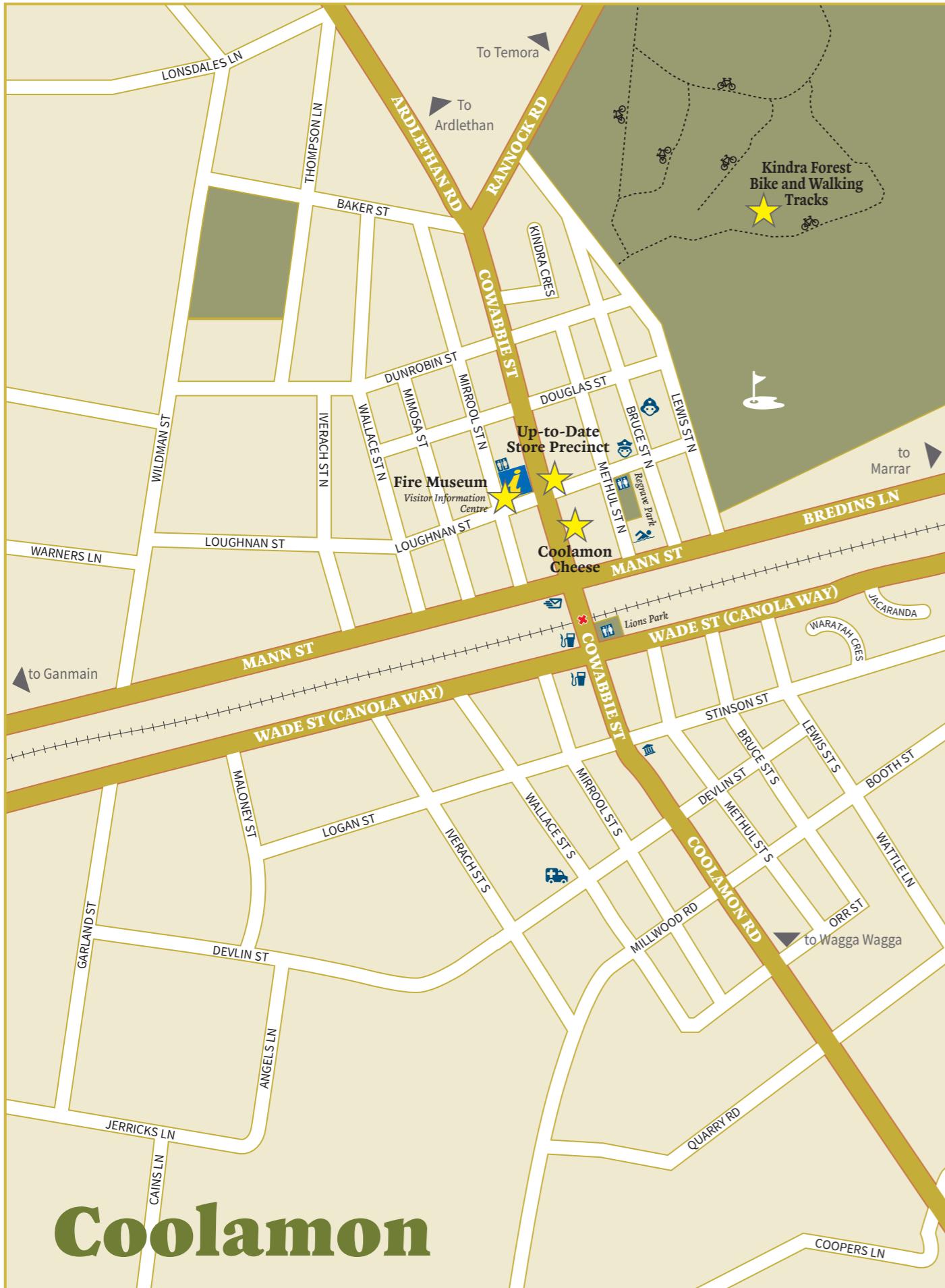
Where to Stay

With accommodation options ranging from country pubs and motels to bed and breakfast-style cottages, Coolamon has something to suit every budget. For something a little different, try the Sweet Briar B&B and Cottages. Housed in the former Bank of NSW, Sweet Briar's newly renovated interior features classic furnishings that capture the style and romance of a bygone era. Alternatively, stay in a genuine country pub at the New Coolamon Hotel, enjoy the friendly service at the Coolamon Motel or the convenience of the Coolamon Caravan Park.

Eat

Make a beeline for the Little Rustic Pantry to grab a great morning coffee served in a unique country setting before planning lunch at Coolamon Cheese, where you can enjoy a cheese platter with your favourite beer or wine. Along Cowabbin Street, you'll find a handful of cafés, two excellent bakeries and an old-fashioned diner. Just off the main street enjoy Devonshire tea from The Old Convent.

For dinner, enjoy the delicious and hearty pub grub at the Royal Tavern Hotel or New Coolamon Hotel. Just off the main street, you'll also find the local Chinese Restaurant located in the Coolamon Sport and Recreation Club.



Legend

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| Ambulance Station | Major attraction | Post Office | Railway track (railway crossing) |
| Council Chambers | Police | Public toilets | + + |
| Fire Station | | Swimming pool | Cycleway |



Legend

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| Ambulance Station and Hospital | Fire Station | Police | Swimming pool |
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| Court House | Police | Public toilets | Cycleway |

Junee

A pretty town with world-class attractions and an exciting history, Junee is a destination with plenty to offer.

Chocolate tours, antique locomotives and haunted house tours are just three of the ways to immerse yourself in the fascinating township of Junee. The town exudes an old-fashioned ambience, retaining its wide verandas, old-style buildings and elegant streets. Junee is still an important railway town, housing the Roundhouse workshop, ARTC control centre, Harefield intermodal and future Inland Rail.

History

Like most Riverina towns, Junee's 1863 birth coincided with the construction of the railway line. The huge Junee Roundhouse was built between 1942 and 1947, based on the town's location between Sydney and Melbourne and lines to Griffith and Narrandera.

As a town of early prosperity, Junee's history includes regular attacks from bushrangers. Ben Hall's bushranging gang held up the Jewnee Hotel in 1863 and members of Blue Cap's gang again robbed the hotel in 1867. It really was the wild west.

The town remains a productive agricultural heartland that supplies the nation with canola, wheat, oats, barley, wool, olives, deer, and the famous Junee lamb.

Attractions

It takes more than a day to cover Junee's extensive attractions, which cater to all tastes – from the sweet to the macabre.

Start your journey of discovery at the Junee Roundhouse Railway Museum, an impressive feat of engineering and one of the few working roundhouses left in the world. Here, you'll find the last steam train depot in Australia, a fully operational turntable and a collection of vintage locomotives, many of which cannot be viewed anywhere else. Volunteers regularly conduct guided tours of the museum and Roundhouse, an experience that comes highly recommended.

Don't miss the opportunity to satisfy your sweet tooth at the Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory. Housed in the old Junee Flour Mill, the factory offers guided tours where you'll have the chance to learn how licorice is made and even create your own giant chocolate freckle! On your way out, don't forget to stop at the factory's confectionary store to pick up gifts for friends and family.

One of Junee's most popular and unusual attractions is the Monte Cristo Homestead – reputably Australia's most haunted house. Book an evening ghost tour through the impressive Victorian-era

mansion, where you'll be treated to dinner and the possibility of supernatural sightings. Better still, stay a night at Monte Cristo and prepare to be scared! While you're there, don't miss the brand new doll museum – a large collection of seriously creepy dolls created by the talented Silvia Heszterenyiova, who also has a studio beside the museum.

History buffs will love the Broadway Museum, a collection of memorabilia and information about the Junee of yesteryear. Housed in the old Broadway Hotel, the museum also displays an array of intriguing historical photos, each with a story of its own.

If you've got some extra time up your sleeve, enjoy some outdoor adventures at the Junee Urban Wetland, a tranquil setting where you can stroll along the boardwalks and enjoy the relaxing sound of birdsong. The wetland is also home to a variety of reptiles, amphibians, mammals, fish and plants.

Where to Eat

Junee has no shortage of places to whet your appetite. Enjoy a Devonshire tea in the morning or a delicious lunch from the menu board at the Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory's licensed Millroom Restaurant. The Junee Railway Station Café is also a popular choice, serving up light lunches in an atmospheric turn-of-the-century railway refreshment building which has plenty of room for kids to play. A selection of cafés and bakeries are sprinkled throughout town, so you won't be left without a good morning coffee.

For dinner, head to the Roundhouse Restaurant for their signature Junee lamb or tuck into some excellent pub fare at the Junee Hotel, Commercial Hotel or Red Cow Hotel. There is also a selection of great takeaway options ranging from pizza to Chinese.

Where to Stay

As a regional hub, Junee offers plenty of accommodation options, including motels, hotels, bed and breakfasts and a great tourist park with cabins and caravan and camping sites. Stay on theme by sleeping in a tastefully converted red rattler rail carriage at either Belmore Manor B&B or Junee Rail Carriage B&B or book a night at The Crossing Motel for friendly country hospitality. Caravanners will be at home at the Junee Tourist Park, a pet-friendly park which features a pool and BBQ facilities. Free camp sites are located at Sandy Beach, Bethungra Dam Reserve and the Junee Golf Club.



Broadway Junee



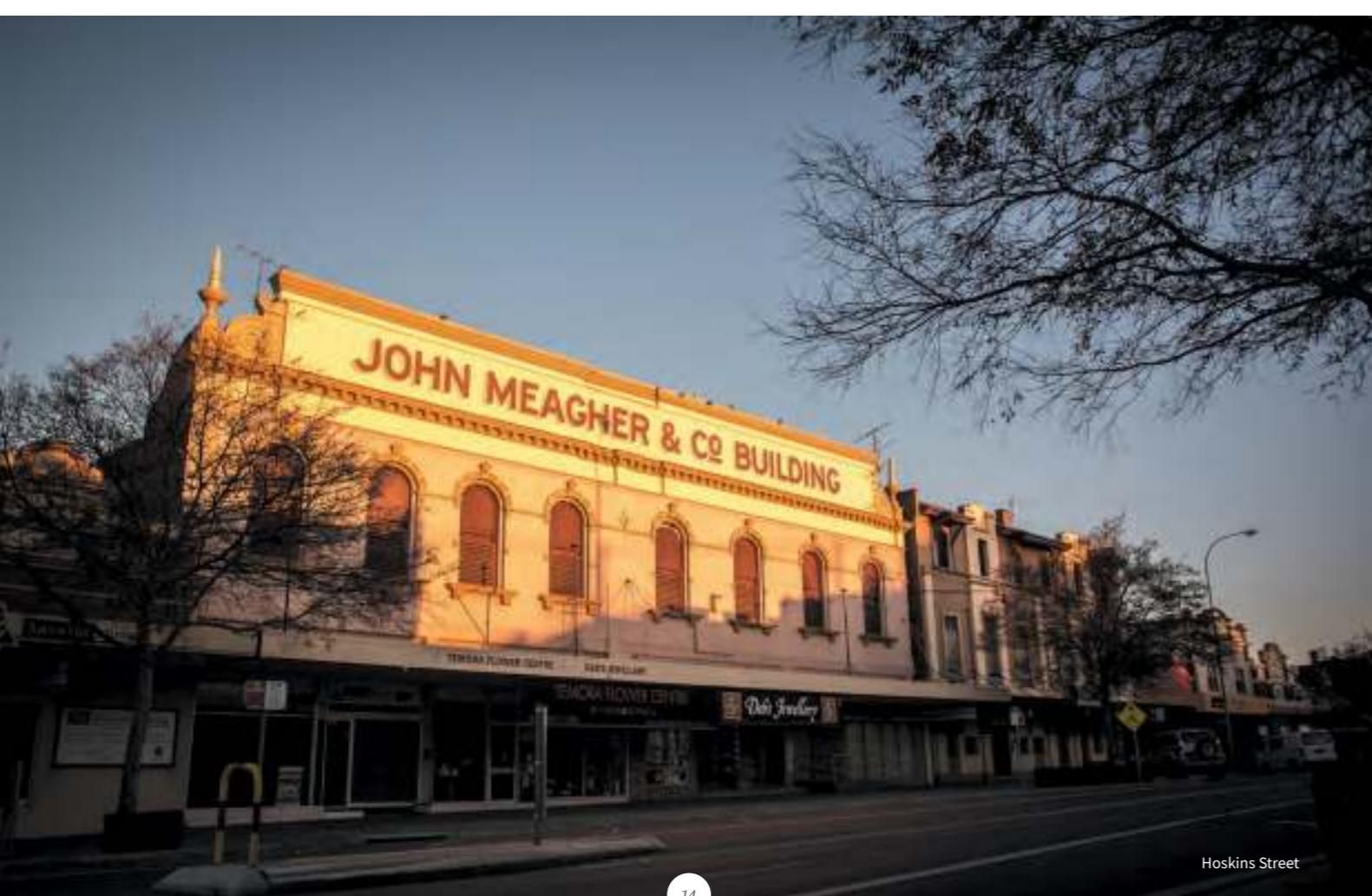
Statue of Ray Warren



Federation Pathway



Spitfires over canola fields



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Hoskins Street

Temora

History meets down-to-earth hospitality in the beautiful town of Temora, a place that well and truly earns it's its reputation for being 'The Friendly Town'.

Nestled in the heart of The Riverina, Temora is renowned for being home to the nationally-significant Temora Aviation Museum and the expansive historical collections of The Bundawarra Centre. With a community of creative people who nurture a deep respect for history and tradition, Temora is also a place that exudes warmth and soul.

History

Temora was proclaimed an official gold field in 1880, attracting thousands of people hoping to strike it lucky. By 1881 the area was producing half of the state's gold and, soon after, turned up the huge Mother Shipton Nugget – bringing the town more fame. When the gold rush collapsed, Temora's population dwindled to just over 2,000. The Temora Railway Station opened in 1893 and the town became the agricultural heart of the grain growing area of southern NSW. It remains one of the state's largest producers of wheat, canola, other cereals and wool.

The town also has a significant history that dates back to 1911 with boxer Jimmy Sharman, who established a boxing tent that travelled with shows. It was bought further fame with the success of Paleface Adios, harness racing great who was owned and raced by local couple Colin and Shirley Pike. Temora continues to support a rich sporting culture.

Attractions

The Temora Aviation Museum is an obvious first choice when visiting the town. The museum displays a world class collection of flying vintage warplanes, including the only two flying Spitfires in Australia - the Gloster Meteor F8, CA-13 Boomerang and the Hudson Bomber. If you're hankering to see these planes in action, time your visit to coincide with the spectacular monthly flying displays held at the museum's adjoining aerodrome or book tickets to the magnificent Warbirds Downunder Airshow that attracts thousands of visitors to the town biennially. The museum also has a gift shop where you can pick up a variety of kids toys and interesting memorabilia.

Allow some time to walk around The Bundawarra Centre, which encompasses the vast collections of the Temora Rural Museum – including the original family home of Australian cricket legend Donald Bradman. Discover what life was like for pioneers and learn about how the town transformed when gold fever struck in the 19th century (the museum has a replica of the 7.3kg Mother Shipton gold nugget). The centre also contains an underground vault with extensive family and government history records, and

a lovingly curated 'Keeping Place' that documents the area's Indigenous history. Most significantly, The Bundawarra Centre is home to the NSW Ambulance Museum – a collection with huge national importance.

While you're on the museum trail, stop in at the Temora Railway Museum to view the statue of Temora's famous railway dog, Boofhead, and listen to volunteers tell the uplifting story of the plucky fox terrier. Housed in the heritage railway precinct and surrounded by picturesque flower gardens, the museum is a must-see for anyone interested in Australia's rail history.

One of the best ways to experience Temora is on foot. Head to the Temora Visitor Centre and pick up a brochure to help you take a self-guided stroll through the streets, stopping to browse an excellent selection of boutiques along the way, including a menswear and surf shop, ladies fashion boutiques, homewares, gifts and more.

Where to Eat

Temora has a great selection of cafés and restaurants to suit every taste. Grab your early morning coffee from the hole in the wall Coffee Bar on Hoskins or dine on a healthy and delicious breakfast or lunch at Zest BYO. Step back in time and order a milkshake and burger from the town's old-school milk bar, the White Rose Café, and do a little shopping after lunch at Living and Giving, which sells homewares and gifts as well as coffee. Julez Kitchen and Bar is a popular choice that offers traditional Lebanese cuisine in a modern setting. If a well-made pie is more your taste, visit the excellent Round About Bakery.

There are plenty of multi-cultural offerings when it comes to dinner in Temora, with Indian, Chinese, Italian and Middle Eastern cuisines catered for. Alternatively, enjoy pub meals at The Terminus or the Temora Hotel, a roast at the RSL or, if you're looking for a fine dining option, Diner's Choice Restaurant.

Where to Stay

Whether you're after motel accommodation, a quaint B&B or somewhere to park the van up while you explore, Temora has something to offer. Browse a selection of several motels in and around town or book something a little different at Rose Cottage B&B, where you'll experience the warm hospitality the town is known for. The Patchwork Inn is also a convenient option and caravanners and campers will feel at home at the Temora Airfield Tourist Park or the Temora Caravan Park.



Temora

Canola Trail events

January

- Junee Jail Break Fun Run
- Temora Hot to Trot Carnival

February

- Ganmain Triathlon
- Junee Poker Run & Blues Night
- Temora RAMS Triathlon

March

- Coolamon Ian Lucas Memorial Bike & Hike
- Ganmain Historical Society Open Day
- Ardlethan Picnic Races
- Gourmet Ganmain
- Illabo Vintage Speedway Meet
- Bundawarra Centre Live Exhibition

April

- Ardlethan Show
- Ardlethan Country Music Festival
- Coolamon Rotary Easter Markets
- Junee Annual Swap Meet
- Temora RV Muster (Bi-Annually)
- Temora April Aircraft Display

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Long Lunch at Temora Railway Station



Trotting at Temora

May

- Junee Rhythm n Rail Festival (month subject to change)
- Temora Hot to Trot Carnival
- Illabo Vintage Speedway Meet
- Illabo Melodrama (Bi-Annually)

October

- Coolamon Fire Engine Muster
- Coolamon's Whole Town Garage Sale
- Ganmain Twilight Markets
- Junee Show
- Illabo Show
- Wantabadgery Picnic Races (Bi-Annually)
- Illabo Vintage Speedway Meet
- Ariah Park Mary Gilmore Festival
- Temora Aviation Museum Aircraft Showcase
- Temora St Anne's Garden Viewing
- Long Lunch at Temora Railway Station
- Temora Hot Rod Street Cruise
- Warbirds Downunder Airshow, Temora biennially

November

- Capture Coolamon Shire Photographic Exhibition
- Bald Archy Exhibition in Temora
- Junee Christmas on Broadway
- Junee Motor Club Charity Show 'n' Shine
- Temora Country Music Festival
- Junee Rotary Club Monster Town Garage Sale

December

- Coolamon NYE Street Festival
- Junee Combined Churches Community Carols
- Temora New Year's Eve Celebration



On opening night they all came through the doors and we couldn't believe it

New locals in the Ariah

In 2017, Sydney couple Jacqui Collins and Paul Meek were ready to shed their city skins and semi-retire in Tasmania. Life had other plans, and they are now busy breathing new life into the 105-year-old Ariah Park Hotel.

Even by country pub standards, the heritage-listed Ariah Park Hotel is impressive, having retained much of its Victorian décor and original features. The building's imposing exterior opens to a warren of elegant rooms surrounded by grand staircases, stained-glass windows and handmade tiles. For Jacqui, it was love at first sight.

"We were looking for a big old house in Tasmania when my sister happened to come through Ariah Park and saw the hotel," she reflects. "Paul and I were in the car within a couple of weeks and absolutely fell in love with the building as soon as we saw it. We also realised what a huge job it would be to take the business on."

After visiting a second time in December 2017 with my 10-year-old daughter, Lucie, we all sat down together and said, 'let's go for it.' At this point, we still hadn't met anyone in Ariah Park so it was a huge leap of faith."

With a background as a club manager, Jacqui had plenty of hospitality experience behind her. For Paul, a logistics manager, the difference in job description was a little more extreme.

"I was generally on the other side of the bar!" He laughs. "It's definitely been a lifestyle change for me, but I'm happy with it. That said, we're probably busier now than we've ever been."

Jacqui and Paul reopened the hotel in January 2018. The response from Ariah Park locals amazed them.

"When we first visited this village it seemed like a ghost town," Jacqui says. "We wondered where all the people were! On opening night they all came through the doors and we couldn't believe it. That was really the first time we met the locals and they have continued to be so welcoming and supportive towards us."

Since then, the couple have worked hard to make the Ariah Park Hotel a place that brings excellent food and events to the

town as well as providing quality accommodation for visitors. They received a Heritage Green Energy Grant in May 2019 which assisted in their renovations and upgrades to things such as bathrooms, sitting rooms and air-conditioning.

"We're aiming to boost the accommodation side of the business and encourage people to 'eat, stay, play', contributing to the town's economy," Jacqui says. "We're also intent on providing services that the townspeople want and need."

"When we took over the hotel we noticed there was nothing for ladies - so, we created a Ladies Room where women can get together, enjoying wine and fostering a real wine culture in the town. We also celebrate events like Oktoberfest and Valentine's Day with special themed dinners and live music."

With a focus on welcoming families and kids, the Ariah Park Hotel menu offers good-quality pub grub, an inviting outdoor dining area and a large space that has allowed Jacqui to indulge her passions for gardening and animals.

"We've built an animal enclosure with chickens, goats, lambs and a little calf, next to the kids' play area." she says. "Local parents tell us that their kids try to con them into coming to the hotel just to see the animals – which I love! I've also been able to start a veggie garden and we're now hosting gardening workshops."

It's clear that Jacqui, Paul and Lucie relish not only the challenge of running a busy pub, but country life itself.

"My daughter loves it here," Jacqui smiles. "She gets up early in the morning and helps to feed the animals and is able to ride her bike around town with friends. At first I was worried, wondering where she was, but then I realised that people here look out for everybody's kids. It really is a wonderful place."

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Ariah Park

Just 20 minutes west of Temora lies Ariah Park, a village of peppercorn trees, grand buildings and wide streets that seem to exist in another era. Slip into something comfortable, slow down and enjoy the journey as you explore this timeless village.

Ariah Park (pronounced Area Park) is a heritage-listed village whose appearance has changed very little since the height of its prosperity in the roaring 20's.

First settled in 1850 by big grazing interests, Ariah Park sprang to life in 1906 with the arrival of the railway, connecting the town to the larger centre of Temora. Ariah Park's ubiquitous peppercorn trees were planted in 1917, around the same time that the village became the first place in rural Australia where shipments of wheat were loaded for rail travel – bringing a degree of affluence to the town. The Federation-style Ariah Park Hotel, with its plush rooms and intricate tiles, remains a testament to the village's prosperous history.

Once known as a place where pleasure-seekers with a penchant for automobiles mixed with folk who frowned on 'progress', Ariah Park would have been an interesting place to be a fly on the wall during its heyday. Today, the town primarily exists to serve the surrounding agricultural district, which produces a range of cereal crops, wool, beef, lamb, deer, pigs, ostriches and stud rams. Fun fact: The pig from Babe was born and raised in Ariah Park.

For more information visit ariahpark.com.au

Wander the town's quaint streets to admire the old shops and picture a time when horses and sulkies were the mode of transport and cars were a spectacle. While you're there, drop into Second Glance, a community centre where visitors and locals can meet over a friendly cuppa and browse the ever-changing range of bric-a-brac and wares brought in by townsfolk. The area's history can also be explored at Echoes of Ariah Park, a museum that provides information on the district's heritage.

Feel like exploring the place? Enjoy an appetising lunch or dinner at the Ariah Park Hotel, where you can savour your food in the hotel's wonderful outdoor beer garden. Kids will love the play area and animal enclosure; they can even reach through the fence and pet a calf or hold one of the hotel's resident chooks. Feel like exploring the place? Stay the night in one of the Ariah Park Hotel's freshly renovated B&B style rooms to experience a slice of country hospitality. Alternatively, the quiet and secure Ariah Park Camping Ground is located a stone's throw from town, supplying flat sites, hot showers and toilets for caravans and campers.



The Kelpie in Ardlethan

The story of Australia's own breed of sheep dog, the Kelpie, began in the little-known Riverina village of Ardlethan.

Jack Gleeson was a keen dog breeder who purchased a well-bred collie pup from runholder George Robertson in a station of the Glenelg River in Victoria, giving her the name, 'Kelpie'. Little did Jack know that the otherwise unremarkable little dog would one day make Australian history as the founding member of a great breed.

Gleeson left Victoria in 1870 and made his way north to a property 20 kilometres from Ardlethan. Along the way, he called in to see a friend, who gave Gleeson a young dog named 'Moss', who was imported from Scotland. 'Moss' mated with kelpie, who whelped the nation's first kelpie pups shortly after.

Gleeson never sold his pups, instead giving them to keen local sheep dog workers. In 1885, a dog called 'Brutus' and a bitch called 'Jenny' arrived in the area as Scottish imports. The pair were mated and produced pups, one of which was mated to Kelpie on Gleeson's farm. One of their pups, 'King Kelpie' performed outstandingly at sheep dog trials, creating an immediate demand for her pups. King Kelpie was then mated to the old dog, Moss and their pups proved to be impressive show and paddock dogs. Kelpies from the same gene pool continued to win shows and proved themselves to be outstanding paddock dogs, heralding the prized breed of Australian sheep dogs that we all know and love.

A bronze monument to 'Kelpie' now stands in Ardlethan.

Ardlethan Village

Renowned for being the birthplace of the Australian kelpie dog, Ardlethan is an agricultural centre with a fascinating history. A large economic backbone for the town was when tin mining began in 1912. It is believed that this open cut mine was one of the largest in the Southern Hemisphere. Over time mining went underground and continued through to the late 1980's.

Enjoy a slower pace of life in Ardlethan, a place that exudes old-world charm and history. Just two minutes off the Newell Highway, visitors can enjoy a collection of little stores and eateries or opt for a picnic in the Lions Park, which also has BBQ facilities and a children's playground.

Explore the town and its surrounds by taking a nature or heritage walk to learn about Ardlethan's links to the Kelpie dog and Anthrax vaccine, and view the Frank Bradley statue and historic London Hotel before enjoying a refreshing dip in the Community Swimming Pool. Enjoy a tasty meal from the Ardlethan Bowling Club or local pub.

Beckom Village

Beckom is a charming village just a short five-minute drive from neighbouring Ardlethan. It is known for being one of Australia's friendliest towns.

For more information visit www.visitcoolamonshire.com.au



Bethungra Hotel

The villages of Bethungra and Illabo

Bethungra

One of the fascinating historical villages of the Junee Shire, Bethungra is famous among rail buffs for the 'Bethungra Spiral', a feat of engineering that is the largest of its kind in Australia.

Constructed in the 1940's, the Bethungra Spiral is a 360-degree looping rail track that was cut deep into granite to allow the locomotives of the day to ascend the steep Bethungra Mountain Range. Located a short distance from the village, the spiral attracts rail enthusiasts who come to marvel at the ingenuity of yesteryear.

Stop in at the Old School T-House for a coffee break and peruse the Memorabilia Room, which is home to the original letter of the first settlers. While you're there, pick up some locally produced jams or a hand-crafted gift.

Stroll through town and admire the Hotel Shirley, a large and historically significant hotel that was once the backbone of Bethungra. And, if you're into the outdoors, visit the Bethungra Dam - a free camping reserve that is also a beautiful place to canoe, swim or try your hand at fishing.

Illabo

Settled in the 1840's and located along the state's main railway line, Illabo is an agricultural village that primarily produces wheat, canola, prime lambs and wool.

Take a walk through the charming village and view the cenotaph that commemorates the village's returned soldiers before stopping for a meal at the Illabo Hotel 'n' General Store – the focal point of Illabo where you can purchase groceries, snacks, takeaway food, coffee and even a cold beer. It also serves as the town's bank and post office.

If you're lucky, you might just time your stay to coincide with one of the vintage speedway events that are held regularly at the Illabo Motorsports Park.

Plan your trip to coincide with the Illabo Melodrama Group's biannual play, which is held at the Illabo Showground Hall for four nights over the two middle weekends in May and always features plenty of laughter and frivolity.

Kids and families will love the Illabo Show, a fun-filled day that showcases the town's agricultural boons, featuring horse ring events, yard dog trials, dog shows and more. The Illabo Show Society also holds regular campdrafts, which are very popular.

For more information visit youmeandjune.com.au or illabo.org.au

The villages of Marrar and Ganmain

Marrar

Authentic rural charm and heritage features make the farming town of Marrar an intriguing place to visit. Unearth the secrets of the old cemetery, amble along the town's sleepy streets or simply enjoy a picnic in the park.

Renowned for its superb lambs, canola and cereal crops, Marrar has a rich agricultural history that remains largely unchanged.

Small and unspoilt, the village is an inviting rest stop with a quaint pub and picnic area at the local park where you can browse the 'Picture in the Past' photographic exhibition and enjoying a delightful lunch at the Marrar Country Café.

Explore the Marrar cemetery for an insight into the lives of early settlers and the impact of the flu epidemic of 1918. The cemetery is also home to a remnant of grassy white box woodland which is considered of national importance.

Ganmain

With attractions ranging from historical museums and craft shops to an interpretive nature walk and straw bale house tours, Ganmain is a small town that punches well above its weight.

Discover the Ganmain Historical Museum's ample collection of vintage machinery and artefacts and enjoy revolving exhibitions that can include blacksmith demonstrations, a working Clydesdale horse, rope-making and plenty more.

From there, head to the Ganmain Haystack Museum, an open-air display that can be accessed at any time and includes a new touchscreen monitor that displays old films of 'the haystack glory days'.

Cultural buffs and nature lovers will enjoy the Murumbang Interpretive Nature Walk, which winds through the Ganmain Forest, ending at a picnic area and cultural centre.

End your day by perusing the town's eclectic shops and finish up with a famous Ganmain Pie from the bakery or delicious meals from Cafe Ganmain.

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Silos at Illabo



Baldo's Old Wares, Ganmain - Image: Sarah Boyle



Ganmain - Image: Sarah Boyle

Food and local produce

From award-winning pies to handmade cheese, the towns and villages along the Canola Trail offer a diverse selection of unique food experiences that reveal a reverence for local produce and a penchant for innovation.

Start your food adventure at one of Coolamon's excellent bakeries - **Heavenly Baked**, which touts itself as a 'destination bakery for coeliacs' or **Steve's Bakery & Café**, the place to go for a hearty breakfast or healthy burger. Stop by **Barty's Café** for a take away meal to enjoy in the park or plaza.

If it's a delicious pie you're after, look no further than the **Ganmain Bakery**, a place that has even garnered its own Facebook fan club. The 'Ganmain Pies and Bakery Appreciation Group' has banded together to celebrate the flaky pastry, chunky meat and diversity of flavour experienced in a Ganmain Pie. It would be rude not to see what the fuss is all about!

Those with a sweet tooth will jump at the chance to tour the **Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory**. Licorice is made in the majestic old Junee Flour Mill using wheat from 'Green Grove Organic Farm', an 1100-hectare organic operation situated near Ardlethan. The factory is a tourist destination where you can learn the intricacies of chocolate and licorice production, dine at the well-reviewed Millroom Restaurant and purchase your bodyweight in confectionary.

The Riverina nurtures a rich dairy industry, something handmade cheese purveyor **Coolamon Cheese** has built itself around. Housed in an historic 1920's warehouse located in the centre of town, Coolamon Cheese is a 'world of cheese' that includes a licensed restaurant with a lovely outdoor area, cheese tastings and factory tours. All the cheese is handcrafted using Euberta milk from The Riverina. Be sure to taste the unique range of Australian native cheeses and the irresistibly creamy De-Brie.

To sample Junee's signature lamb, head to the **Roundhouse Restaurant** where experienced chef Mick Phillips garners five-star reviews for serving up the region's signature dish to perfection. Just make sure you save room for the Roundhouse's tasty selection of desserts.

If you're after something fresh and healthy on your way to visiting the Temora Aviation Museum, **Zest BYO** serves up a great range of fresh salads, toasties, vegan wraps and light lunch dishes alongside a tempting display of treats. Drop in to see why this little café is a local favourite.

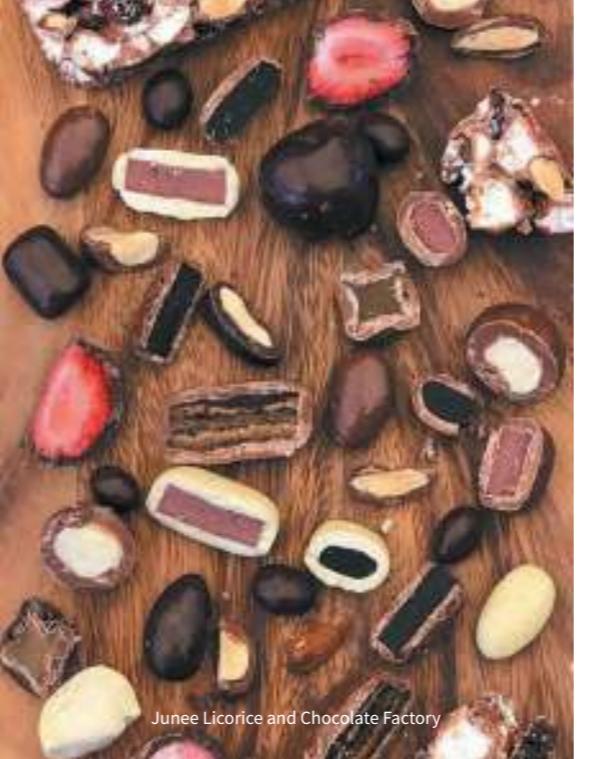
Conveniently located next door to Coolaman's Up-To-Date Store, **The Little Rustic Pantry** is a must-do while you're exploring the town. Full of country charm, memorabilia and nick-knacks, there's plenty to keep you interested whilst you devour one of the café's tasty home-cooked lunches. Make sure you follow your meal with a slice of cake and one of the best coffees on the Canola Trail.

Another iconic country eatery can be found at **The Bethungra Olde School T-House** – a quaint café which, as its name suggests, happens to be located in the old Bethungra school house. Owners Gaylene and Garry have transformed the school into a café that serves excellent coffee and a selection of delectable morning tea options alongside a range of locally produced jams, chutneys and hand-crafted gifts. While you're there, peruse the Memorabilia Room to learn more about the building's history.

It's a well-kept secret that one of the region's best restaurants, **Shan's Diner's Choice**, lies tucked inside the Temora Bowling Club. With popular choices including pork belly and Riverina lamb and a flavourful selection of entrees and desserts, Shan's is often booked out by locals – so get in quick.

Feeling like a culinary adventure? Put on your Sunday best and head to Temora's newest licensed food offering, **Julez Bar and Restaurant**. Enjoy cocktails at the lively bar before perusing the extensive menu, which features Aussie favourites like steak and chips alongside the Middle Eastern delights.

For more information visit canolatrail.com.au



Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory



Poppy Seed Dressing



Julez Bar & Restaurant



Coolamon Cheese



We are very focused on using local produce and supporting our farmers

A new chapter for Coolamon Cheese

Positioned in the heart of the town and housed in an impressive 1920's warehouse, Coolamon Cheese is a foodie's paradise that has become a favourite with both locals and visitors.

The Coolamon Cheese story began three years ago when local cheesemaker Barry Lillywhite, and his son, Anton, joined a group of Coolamon shareholders with the aim of creating an iconic tourist destination. According to general manager Keiran Spencer, Coolamon Cheese has done just that, and more.

"We bring in around 45,000 people a year which has increased visitation to the entire town of Coolamon," Keiran says. "Other businesses are certainly feeling the benefits, as visitors tend to explore the whole town when they're here."

When Barry and Anton moved on from the business in April last year, senior cheesemaker Jen Nestor joined the team, bringing a wealth of experience and innovation and heralding a new chapter for Coolamon Cheese whilst still focusing on the businesses core values. All cheeses are handcrafted using single-source local milk.

"We are very focused on using local produce and supporting our farmers," Keiran says. "The milk for our cheese comes from Euberta, a district down on the river about 35 kilometres away. We also have a new line of lactose-free cheeses coming out which we're calling 'Euberta'."

"Another exciting development is our new line of Indigenous Australian native flavoured cheeses –including bush tomato, alpine pepper, lemon myrtle and river mint. These are proving to be very popular."

Keiran's background in winemaking has given him an appreciation for the process of handcrafting fermented foods, a practice he says can result in a different flavour profile to supermarket products.

"It can be compared to the difference between French champagne and Australian sparkling," he says. "Supermarkets focus on shelf life, so they use processes and enzymes that allow for a longer use-by date and a uniform flavour and texture. Every single one of our cheeses is unique because we are able to focus on flavour development rather than shelf life."

Visitors are encouraged to sample the cheese of the day upon arrival, along with house-made condiments (the Ploughman's Plate comes highly recommended!). Those who wish to dive deeper into the world of cheesemaking can book organised tours or participate in fun, interactive workshops. The restaurant is open for breakfast and lunch, and diners can watch the cheese being made through a glass window into the factory.

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Brushwood Oats

Kendra Kerrisk's life changed when she tasted olive oil freshly harvested from her own grove. She's since turned her passion for good food into a business, Brushwoods, which now also sells fresh oats to an ever-growing database of customers.

Living in her dream New Zealand home and pregnant with her second child, Australia was the last thing on Kendra's mind.

"We had an ideal life in New Zealand," Kendra says. "We'd just built our forever house, loved our jobs and I was pregnant. When I got offered a job as a dairy scientist at a university in Australia, I was a bit reluctant but my husband told me to go for it. So, all of sudden, we were on a plane to Australia."

The family searched for their dream property in their new home of Camden, but found nothing. "Everything was in the millions," Kendra says. "Even if we could afford it, we just didn't feel it was a good way to spend our money. So, we rented one of the university cottages and bought a farm down here in The Riverina. Then we bought another farm!"

"We used to camp in the old hay shed on our first farm. When we bought this property between Coolamon and Gannain, it had a house on it, so we did the house up and started staying here on weekends. One day we were having drinks and gazing out at the olive grove when I had the idea making our own olive oil. That's where it all started."

Being a novice, Kendra contracted a team of pruners and pickers to help her with the first batch of olive oil, taking it back to share

with friends and family in Camden. She began to market fresh, seasonal olive oil to local stockists.

"Initially, when we said we were doing fresh olive oil people told us it wouldn't work because stockists would want it year-round rather than seasonally," she says. "We've found the opposite is true – absence makes the heart grow fonder! The oil is only available seasonally and it's something people look forward to. The key to a beautiful olive oil is the perfect harvest timing and getting them pressed and bottled really quickly. Once you've tasted it, you can never go back."

After the success of the olive oil, Kendra decided to explore the idea of marketing fresh oats.

"We'd become addicted to fresh olive oil, so I wondered what fresh oats would taste like," she says. "We started rolling dehulled oats and eating them fresh and giving them to friends. We all agreed that they tasted so much better – they have a much stronger oat flavour, unrivalled creaminess and softness for baking"

As Brushwoods grew, Kendra realised she could no longer juggle the business with her work at the university. She chose the business, and the family relocated to the Coolamon farm in mid 2017.

Country pubs guide

There's nothing better than enjoying a hearty meal in the warm atmosphere of an historic country pub. Here's a list of some of the Canola Trail's best.

Ariah Park Hotel

"Quirky, regular events & delicious food"

Built in 1914, The Ariah Park Hotel has undergone significant works to restore this architectural gem. Explore the building, from the tiled bar, up to the wide verandah balcony. Hosts, Jacqui and Paul, ensure that there is always a reason to visit, be that seasonal menus, special events or to feed the farm animals in the beer garden.

3 Coolamon Street, Ariah Park

The Terminus Hotel

"Hands-down the best parmies money can buy"

Originally built in 1893 when the railway first came to Temora. The single storey building was replaced by a two storey construction in 1924. The traditional pub-grub menu and family-friendly beer garden are the biggest drawcards to this popular watering hole, but you really can't leave without experiencing Parmi Sundays.

136 Crowley Street, Temora

Temora Hotel

"The best beer garden in town"

In the heart of town, The Temora Hotel came to life in 1931 when the Tattersalls Hotel, was destroyed by fire on the site. Whilst the pub and the menu echo vibes of a trendy city-bar, one patron that doesn't seem to abide by last orders is the hotel ghost who is reportedly seen in the downstairs hallway and dining room, always wearing a blue dress.

208 Hoskins Street, Temora

The Shamrock Hotel

"The beer is cold and the hospitality warm"

The "Shammy" still boasts its original verandah posts, surviving Temora's verandah removal blitz of the 1960s. The pub has a loyal regular patrons and is a great place the get to know the locals, particularly from the farming community.

286 Hoskins Street, Temora

Illabo Hotel

"Fantastic village drinking hole where everyone's treated like a local"

A focal point of the village, it offers budget style accommodation, bistro meals, function rooms and great pub facilities and entertainment. Also boasting a convenience store and post office which includes banking facilities.

14/18 Turland St, Illabo

Junee Hotel

"Great food - best chicken wings in town"

In the heart of Junee, this impressive building was originally built in 1878. In 1911 the owner of the time commissioned architect William Monks to design a new Art Nouveau style hotel. The hotel features a stunning verandah that runs the length of the 2nd floor of the Hotel, a public bar, lounge, pool room, bistro, function room, spacious beer garden.

17 Seignoir St, Junee

Red Cow Hotel

"Top pub with great hospitality and charm"

The "Cow" as it is affectionately referred to is a friendly, country pub situated in the centre of town. Offering patrons ice cold beer, TAB, Keno, gaming machines, bistro, courtesy bus operating Fridays and Saturday nights, jukebox and pool table. A great family pub.

7 Junction St, Junee

The Royal Tavern Hotel Coolamon

"Country pub food at its best"

A welcoming place to have a beer with the locals and a hearty pub meal. The 'Top' pub offers great country hospitality. Offering high quality food at a low price, this venue is always rocking with locals and visitors, providing an uplifting and friendly atmosphere.

90 Cowabbin Street, Coolamon

Commercial Hotel

"Best family friendly beer garden in town"

The first stage built in 1884 and a second level added in 1889. A fire destroyed part of the hotel in 1915. When rebuilt, half was reconstructed higher and a parapet to a higher level was added to the whole building. Today it is now one of Junee's most visited pubs with comfortable accommodation options, a beer garden and fantastic kids playground. They serve great comfort food and a wide selection of drinks for friends and families. Plus regular entertainment that makes this historical gem a favourite among the locals and tourist.

68 Lorne St, Junee

The New Coolamon Hotel

"Gorgeous pub serving really good food"

This charming two-storey heritage pub is the perfect spot to grab a beer and meal. The 'Bottom' pub is where you go for high-quality innovative pub meals, friendly staff and an authentic Aussie country feel. You can get a good feel for the local history by chatting to the friendly locals at the bar.

Cnr Wade & Cowabbin Street, Coolamon

Marrar Hotel

"A pub full of community charm"

A quaint pub located in the village of Marrar offering a front bar, dining room and large beer garden with regular live music. Guaranteed to be welcomed with warm and friendly hospitality. As well as offering quality affordable food, this pub oozes local character.

13 York Street, Marrar

Having a Cack

Anna Lashbrook wanted to create work that encompassed a flexible schedule and more time with family. Six years after purchasing a bunch of chooks, Anna's egg business, Cackleberries by Lashbrook Farm, is thriving – allowing her to forge close community bonds and indulge her creative passions.

The sun is rising over Lashbrook farm in Old Junee as the solar door to the chook shed opens and happy hens come streaming out for their breakfast. Anna has a coffee, checks the chooks and feeders then collects the eggs at 9am, packing them into boxes and delivering them to local businesses. It's a far cry from her former life.

"Before we started Cackleberries I was working as a nurse in Wagga Wagga," Anna explains. "The commute and being on call meant that I was hardly seeing my family. I'd come in from night shift and my husband would be on his way out the door to take the kids to school. Something had to change."

When a friend opened a café in Wagga Wagga and needed eggs, Anna saw an opportunity.

"We'd just moved to the farm and I thought, 'we could do that!'" She says. "So, we bought some chooks and got started. The café eventually closed and we had all these eggs, so we had to find new businesses to supply. Eventually, we needed more chooks to keep up with the demand and it just grew from there."

While Cackleberries aren't yet certified organic, Anna avoids using chemicals in the process of egg production and is passionate about the humane treatment of animals. Shortly after beginning the business, Cackleberries were listed by CHOICE as one of the top egg producers for stock density.

"People can just drive past our farm and see how our chooks live," Anna says. "We don't need any buzz words or chook cams because we have nothing to prove!"

Soon, people were asking for farm tours and Anna found herself leading groups around her property and teaching people about free range egg production. The tours soon proved a little too popular.

"People were dropping in to our house all the time," Anna says. "We'd be sitting in the courtyard eating breakfast on the weekend and people would be calling out and walking through the gate."

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Junee Lamb

Family owned and operated since 1997, Junee Prime Lamb has quickly grown to become one of the leading producers of premium quality Australian lamb.

From humble beginnings processing lamb, beef and pork for local customers, Junee Prime Lamb now specialises in producing some of Australia's finest lamb from its 2500 hectare Junee farm, supplying top-quality Australian lamb to many parts of the world.

Junee Prime Lamb's 'farm direct' approach means that customers know exactly where their lamb is coming from and can rely on consistently high-quality meat year-round. Livestock is raised on prime agricultural land in the fertile Riverina region, where lambs graze on green pastures and enjoy an ideal climate. These conditions ensure that all Junee Prime Lamb is tender and flavoursome.

Junee Prime Lamb was built around the core values of caring for animals, adopting industry best practices, and looking after their people and the wider environment. Sustainable practices are implemented throughout the company to ensure the minimisation of its environmental footprint and the protection of the local area. With these values in mind, Junee Prime Lamb has been quick to adopt new technologies and employ sustainable farm practices.

Animal welfare is at the forefront of Junee Prime Lamb's practices. With a livestock team dedicated to rearing superior quality lamb,

a safe and stress-free environment is created for the animals through efficient and sustainable practices. Junee Prime Lamb is AUS-MEAT certified and committed to the humane treatment of livestock. A healthy, well looked after animal will result in the best possible product.

Junee Prime Lamb is processed at a modern processing facility located in Junee. To keep the quality high, lamb is produced to order rather than kept 'on the shelf' – providing for an authentic 'paddock to plate' experience. Vacuum sealed products are supplied to domestic markets on a weekly basis alongside bulk commodity shipments overseas to countries throughout Asia, North America and the Middle East.

As one of the largest employers in the region, Junee Prime Lamb has strong and long-standing links to the region, working hard to be an employer of choice for many locals. The company is acutely aware of its social and environmental responsibilities as a growing business and actively supports the local community through a number of sponsorships and fundraising activities.

You'll find Junee Prime Lamb on the menu of many of the Canola Trail's top restaurants and eateries.

To find out more visit juneeprimelamb.com.au



Goldenfields water

In a rural area that relies heavily on agriculture and cropping production, water is very precious to the people of the Canola Trail. Goldenfields Water is committed to providing the region with this vital resource well into the future.

With a customer base of approximately 46,000 across the NSW South West and Riverina, Goldenfields Water is the region's sole water utility – sourcing water from bores located at Oura and Mt Arthur for the Canola Trail communities. Goldenfields is employing several innovative strategies to ensure a thriving and sustainable future for the Canola Trail.

Community water refill stations

As part of Goldenfields Water's Community Engagement Strategy, over forty water refill stations will be donated to constituent councils between 2016 and 2021, providing communities with access to water whilst also reducing the need for single-use plastic bottles.

You'll find water refill stations in the Temora Shire at Paleface Park, on Coolamon Street in Ariah Park, at the Burley Griffin Way Rest Area in Springdale and Temora's Lake Centenary. Within the Coolamon Shire, water refill stations are located at the Lions Park in Coolamon, Victory Gardens in Ganmain, Marrar's Bicentennial Park and the Lions Park at Ardlethan. Refill stations are also placed around the Junee Shire at the Junee Skatepark, Laurie Daley Oval, the Illabo Tennis Courts and Bethungra.

Providing rural communities with a reliable water supply

The farming communities along the Canola Trail are the backbone of the region. To address the water needs of these rural communities, Goldenfields Water is expanding their network, officially opening the first of four stages of the \$10.9 million Mandamah Rural Water Supply Scheme Project in July 2019.

The Mandamah scheme will provide essential water services to farmers and residents across more than 50,000 hectares in the Mandamah region. The benefits of the scheme will be enormous for Mandamah farmers, enabling them to effectively run and manage their properties during the dry times, knowing that they have a secure water source.

Leading the way in water technology

Goldenfields Water has become the first water utility in Australia to offer their customers a mobile phone app that monitors and tracks water usage. The app officially launched in June 2019, and is a free service for all Goldenfields Water customers, giving them the necessary tools to monitor their hourly, daily or weekly water consumption rates and set personal water usage targets.

Goldenfields Water are proud to be industry leaders, offering their customers ways to be more sustainable, reduce water use and to preserve this precious resource.



To find out more visit gwcc.nsw.gov.au





Eat more fats and sugar. Your brain works on sugar!

Sweet Success

Stretching five stories up into the expansive skyline, the Junee Licorice & Chocolate Factory is a simultaneously imposing and inviting sight. The factory's own Willy Wonka, Neil Druce, is a man with big ideas, dubious health advice and a deep connection to the community.

"I think the whole health food thing is a bit crazy," says Neil Druce, with a smirk. "What you have to stay away from is kale and lettuce - and eat more fats and sugar. Your brain works on sugar!"

And so does a licorice and chocolate factory.

Big ideas run in Neil's family. His forward-thinking father converted the family's Ardlethan wheat farm to organic in 1962 and years later, a young Neil had the idea of producing licorice from the farm's wheat and spelt.

"Initially, we had a contractor making the licorice based on an old-fashioned recipe that we sent them," Neil recounts. "When they shut down we took over the production ourselves."

In 1998, Neil purchased the historically rich Junee Flour Mill and began producing licorice in 2001, adding chocolate to the mix two years later. Not wanting to waste the beauty of the factory, he transformed it into a tourist attraction.

"We had 6000 people attend our official opening event," Neil says. "You couldn't park within two kilometres and customers were lined up for 20 metres just to get to the chocolate counters. When we started this, I was very excited because I love tourism. I also like restoring old things and had always wanted to develop

a community hub where we could host cultural events and serve great food. I love all that kind of stuff."

Factory tours, which allowed people to watch the production of licorice and chocolate and learn the flour mill's history, proved so popular that an on-site café was born.

"We started doing coffee then gradually moved onto a little bit of food to service the tour groups," Neil says. "The café grew when we realised that people were standing and waiting to get seats. I think the fact that it's a café in a flour mill in a fully operational chocolate factory makes it extra appealing!"

Neil and Coral Druce raised their three children on the third and fourth floors of the factory, looking out over the township of Junee. For the family, the business has been all-encompassing – a 'tough slog' but one that has enriched all their lives.

"In all reality, business is an adventure that you begin with an understanding that, initially, you're going to go without," Neil explains. "You don't live affluently but you live richly in what you're learning. All three of our kids have been given the choice to work here but we've encouraged them to go off and try other things first. They've all returned to work in the business in some capacity, which is nice."

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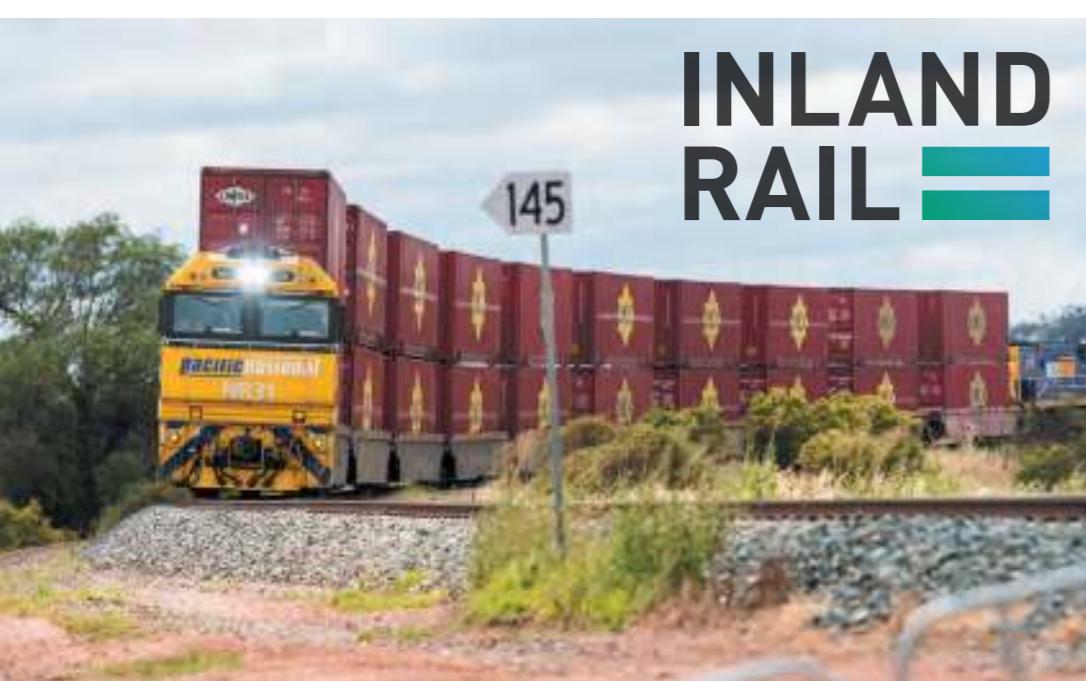




Temora Aviation Museum



Junee Roundhouse Museum



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Bundawarra Centre



Bethungra Rail Spiral

Planes, trains and automobiles

Transport, along with agriculture, has traditionally been the backbone of the Canola Trail. Explore the region's well-documented rail and transport history and learn about the exciting future that lies ahead.

Temora Aviation Museum

Temora's aviation history began when the town became home to the No. 10 Elementary Flying Training School throughout WWII. Honouring its heritage with the establishment of the Temora Aviation Museum in 1999, it's here you'll find a collection of rare flying vintage military planes.

Temora Railway Station

The Temora Railway Station has been restored to its former glory, serving as a working railway station and museum. Visitors can view the statue of Boofhead, 'Temora's very own adventuring canine' who rode trains during the 60's and became a legend in his own right.

Junee Railway Roundhouse

Junee is home to one of few working Railway Roundhouses in the Southern Hemisphere, an engineering achievement that was constructed in the 1940's. Today, the Roundhouse is used as both a workshop and a museum with an excellent display of rare locomotives - many of which can only be viewed in Junee.

Bethungra Rail Spiral

The heritage-listed Bethungra Spiral was built in the 1940's and at the time was considered an ingenious solution to the challenge of ascending a mountain range. The spiral is easily accessed within a short drive from the village of Bethungra.

Temora Ambulance Museum

Situated within the Bundawarra Centre, the Ambulance Museum is a significant collection of over 20 ambulance vehicles dating back to 1897. Among its treasures are a 1916 overland military ambulance and the only remaining horse-drawn ambulance in NSW.

GasWorks Garage Museum

Conveniently located right next door to the Junee Licorice & Chocolate Factory, the GasWorks Garage Museum houses a unique collection of classic Fords and a handful of interesting vintage vehicles.

Car Clubs on the Canola Trail

The Junee Motor Club encompasses trucks, bikes, cars and 'anything with a motor' while more specialised clubs include

Ganmain's Volkswagen Bus & Van Club, Illabo's Gasworks Motorsport Club and the Temora Motorbike Club. Mercedes-Benz fans can join the Ardlethan Benz Classic Auto Club and in Junee, you'll find the Omnibus Preservation Society and the NSW Road and Track Car Club.

Temora Rural Fire Service Museum and Coolamon Fire Museum

The Coolamon Fire Museum is a testament to one man's passion for firefighting history. Collector and ex-firefighter Chris Berry mans the museum daily, walking visitors through his impressive collection of firefighting memorabilia, information and photographs.

Temora Fire Brigade Display (housed at the Bundawarra Centre) documents the town's eventful firefighting history with exhibits including Temora's first motorised units of the town's busy local brigade.

Looking forward with Inland Rail

The towns of the Canola Trail have a rich rail history that extends past 1917 when Ariah Park became the first place in rural Australia to load large shipments of wheat for rail travel. The region will return to the forefront of future rail transport with Inland Rail, a once-in-a-generation project that will transform the way freight is moved around Australia.

Comprising 13 individual projects and spanning more than 1,700 kilometres, Inland Rail addresses the need to plan for more efficient transport networks in the future.

The Canola Trail region is set to benefit from Inland Rail's Illabo to Stockinbingal (I2S) and Albury to Illabo (A2I) projects. Beginning in 2022, the projects will consist of upgrading 185 kilometres of existing rail corridor from the NSW/VIC border to the town of Illabo and building 37 kilometres of new track from Illabo to Stockinbingal, with significant work being done in and around Junee. The construction process will employ well over 1,000 people over a two-year period, facilitating an economic boost to the region.

The Inland Rail project is expected to increase Australia's GDP by \$16 billion over the next 50 years and is a pivotal step in extending the capabilities of the national freight rail system. At its completion, Inland Rail will provide for a transit time of 24 hours or less for freight trains between Melbourne and Brisbane via regional Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland - heralding substantial cost savings for producers and consumers, and delivering significant economic benefits to regional areas.

To find out more visit canolatrail.com.au or inlandrail.artc.com.au



I'd always felt lost in previous jobs and as soon as I signed up with the Airforce I felt purposeful

Off to a flying start

When Shannon Woolmer visited the Temora Aviation Museum a decade ago, a spark lit up inside him when he watched the ex-military planes zooming through the air. Little did he know that one day he'd end up working at the very place that ignited his passion.

The award-winning Temora Aviation Museum is a world-class attraction that houses a flying collection of Australian historical aircraft. It's also hallowed ground for aviation enthusiasts who come to watch old war planes come alive during aircraft showcases. It was at one of these air shows that Shannon Woolmer found his direction in life.

"About 10 years ago I came to an air show just when I was considering joining the air force," he says. "I loved the Spitfires and thought it all looked so cool. I went home and enlisted soon after."

Growing up in Wallerawong, near Lithgow, Shannon originally trained as a diesel mechanic but dreamed of being able to continue his skills to the greater good. He saw an opportunity to serve his country by joining the Royal Australian Air Force and began an apprenticeship in avionics engineering when he was 22, spending nine years working at RAAF Base Williamtown.

"From a very young age I've wanted to help people," Shannon says. "I wasn't smart enough to be a doctor or anything like that, but I'm very good at understanding equipment and mechanics. I figured that the way I could help friends, family and my community was to enlist. I saw it as a great opportunity to be a part of something bigger than myself."

Shannon is proud of his history serving in the military – a time he looks back on fondly.

"I really enjoyed putting the uniform on and going to training every day," he reflects. "It's a different world. The experience I gained with the Airforce is also what equipped me to work on ex-military aircraft so I feel incredibly grateful for it. I still volunteer at RAAF Base Wagga Wagga, so that keeps me happy."

A series of happy coincidences led Shannon back to where the dream began. "I thought the staff at the Aviation Museum were

volunteer-based and had no idea there was an engineering staff," he says. "When (Chief Engineer) Andy called me about the position, I told my wife that it seemed like a pretty dreamy job and we agreed to make the move and see where it led us. It was meant to be, I guess!"

"The work culture here is very positive and fun. I like being part of a small team and working with my mates – it's something I haven't experienced before and it makes coming to work really enjoyable."

Shannon is contracted to work on returning the Canberra Bomber to flight service, a job that requires a deep level of skill. He is part of a small team of engineers selected to work on the museum's rare collection of war planes.

"I'm involved in taking the engines out and going through the process of corrosion removal," he explains. "Since the Airforce have taken these planes over, they want them to have an electric start instead of cartridge start (which is an explosive canister). I'm helping to design and manufacture the parts for the electric start on the Canberra Bomber."

"I love the ingenuity of it all. I've come from a world where you find the fault and replace the part. At the Aviation Museum, you find where a fault is but you also need to figure out the solution from the grass roots up."

For Shannon and his family, the transition to Riverina life has been a natural one, and they plan to stick around.

"We live on a property near Coolamon and love it," he says. "My wife likes riding horses and I enjoy mountain bike riding, so living out here really suits us. We've also got a new baby, so definitely have our hands full."

1 Tom Moon Ave • 02 6977 1088 • aviationmuseum.com.au

10am - 4pm 7 days • Closed New Year's Day, Good Friday, Christmas Day and Boxing Day



Taking a round trip

When the Junee Railway Roundhouse was scheduled to be destroyed in 1994, locals rallied to save it. The Roundhouse has since enjoyed a new lease of life, with one half of the building operating in its original capacity servicing locomotives and the other as a museum.

Junee Railway Roundhouse Museum volunteer Keith Ison gets some funny questions thrown at him when he's leading tours.

"One of our most common ones is, 'does the whole roundhouse turn around or just the turn table?'" he quotes, grinning. "Not many people have heard of a roundhouse, let alone visited one."

Construction of the Roundhouse began in 1942, concluding in 1947. Chosen for its location halfway between Sydney and Melbourne, the Roundhouse was used to service public locomotives until 1993.

"They were going to bulldoze it," Keith says. "The chairman of the Regional Heritage Transport Association at the time, Gail Commens, was planning to chain herself to the gates! In the end, we appealed to the transport minister who agreed to preserve it if we had a plan for the building. Gail suggested leasing one half out and

turning the other half into a museum, so, in 1994 we set up the museum and two diesel mechanics started a workshop on the other side."

According to Keith, the Junee Railway Workshop now runs as a multi-million-dollar business servicing privately owned locomotives. It also allows museum visitors to witness the Roundhouse being used for its original purpose.

The Roundhouse museum's permanent displays include several diesel locomotives, passenger carriages, two steam locomotives, a guard's van and a number of trikes. Visitors are even encouraged to explore some of the displays.

"People can go inside an original 1940's mail van and see how the mail was sorted," Keith says. "There's also a Victorian passenger car that all the kids call the 'Harry Potter Carriage'. They can walk up into the carriages, look out the windows and get a real feel for it. It's great fun."

Harold St Junee • 02 6924 2909 • roundhousemuseum.com.au



Travelling through time

The Temora Railway Museum is a celebration of railway life - a beautifully preserved building that evokes memories of a bygone era. The museum is also home to a bronze statue of Temora's famous railway dog, Boofhead, whose incredible legend will be told for years to come.

Temora Railway Museum volunteer Rodney Kite remembers the glory days of the railways and enjoys regaling visitors with tales from his time as a locomotive driver.

"The railways aren't the way they used to be," Rodney says. "It's good to tell the younger generation how things worked in the old days. I like talking to people and tell a lot of stories."

Rodney's grandparents lived across the road from the Temora Railway Station, and some of his earliest memories were of listening to the trains clanging by. After he finished school, Rodney dabbled in other industries before taking a job with the railways in 1973.

"I tried a bit of farming and worked as a motorbike mechanic for a while but I got sick of the routine and needed something with a bit of variety," he says. "I was walking across the railway tracks to my grandparents' house

one day and I saw my mate, who was working on a shunting engine at the station. It was a quiet day, so he was sitting there with his feet up, having a snooze. I thought, 'He's getting paid for that!' So, I put in for a job."

Rodney never looked back, driving trains first in rural NSW before eventually moving to passenger trains in Sydney.

"No two days here were ever the same," he relates. "Every day I'd be somewhere different working with another crew or mates. The life really suited me."

After spending years in Sydney, Rodney retired and moved back home to Temora. Volunteering at the museum allows him to contribute his knowledge of the railways and spend time with people who share his interest.

"I've got my comrades here," he says. "We have a good laugh."

The Railway Temora Museum is open every Friday from 9am to 12pm and on the first & third Saturdays of the month, 9am to 12pm

Arts, culture and heritage

The towns of Junee, Temora and Coolamon are infused with a rich culture heritage just begging to be explored. Begin your adventure here.

Temora's **Bundawarra Centre** is the perfect example of a place where heritage meets art and culture. A large part of the building houses the Temora Rural Museum, where you'll have the opportunity to step inside Don Bradman's first home and view the growing collection of curios or visit the largest ambulance museum in NSW. Designed to display and preserve Temora's historical treasures, the centre is also more than a museum - hosting regular art exhibitions that reflect the growing number of artists in the region and a very high quality of work. It's also the home of the Temora Visitor Information Centre, where you'll find all you need to help you explore the region.

Step into the **Coolamon Up-To-Date Store** to be transported back to another time. Designed and built to serve the people of Coolamon, the Up-To-Date Store resonates with the memories of the community and is a visual reminder of the ingenuity and skill of local architects, builders and retailers. Housing several significant local collections, the Up-To-Date Store is a heritage and cultural treasure.

The **Ganmain Historical Museum** displays a collection of heritage agricultural equipment and other objects that are historically significant to the village of Ganmain. These objects, ranging from war memorabilia to household implements, are complemented by stories that illustrate life as it was.

The **Ganmain Haystack Museum** is an open display and can be accessed at all times. The interesting displays on offer reflect the importance of the hay industry to Ganmain and include a working binder, mural, photographs and a variety of information panels. The newest addition to the museum is the touch screen monitor which displays old films and photos of the local hay industry's glory days.

Another fantastic historical collection can be found in Coolamon at the award-winning **RSL Memorial Museum**, which houses an extensive collection of military items from Pre-Federation to the present day.

More than a haunted house, Junee's **Monte Cristo Homestead** is a historical treasure. The Victorian mansion was built in 1884 and was once the centre of society. Now a popular attraction, the estate houses a superb antique collection and new doll museum. Enjoy a Devonshire tea and explore the house on a night ghost tour – if you dare.

Architecture enthusiasts will love strolling along Broadway to view the **Athenium Theatre** in Junee. Built in 1929, the theatre served as both a cinema and a venue for town balls and touring variety shows. The building fell out of use in the 1960's but was purchased by a local community organisation in the late 70's, prized for its solid architecture and Greek influence.

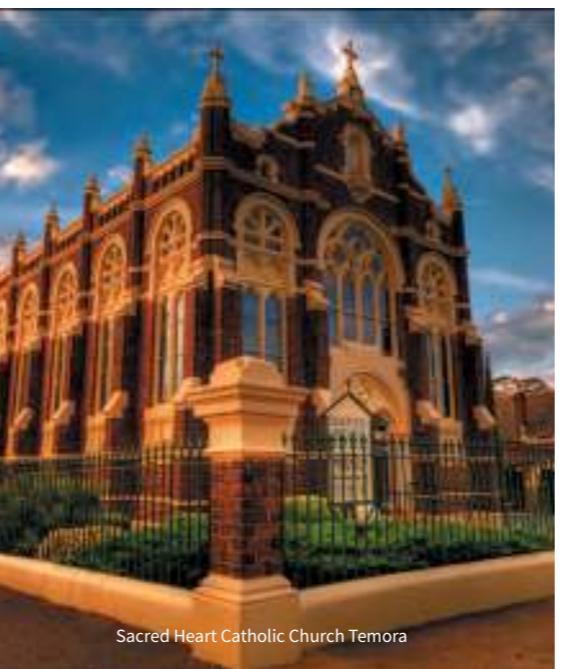
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Athenium Theatre Junee



Up2Date Art Exhibition each July



Sacred Heart Catholic Church Temora



Broadway Museum Junee



Bradman's Cottage - Bundawarra Centre



Monte Cristo



Mavis Furner display at the Up-To-Date Store

Macabre Monte Cristo

Known as 'Australia's most haunted house', Junee's Monte Cristo Homestead is a treasure-trove of intriguing antiques, a mecca for modern ghost hunters and the site of a new doll museum where artist Silvia Heszterenyiova works her magic.

Silvia Heszterenyiova and her two adult daughters visited Monte Cristo for a ghost tour in 2018. It was here she met renowned stuntman Lawrence Ryan, who grew up in the mansion and still conducts ghost tours through his childhood home. The couple soon fell in love (after a romantic first date at the Junee cemetery) and Silvia relocated to Junee, opening the 'Fairies Reborn Magic Nursery' doll museum in March 2019.

Originally from Slovakia, Silvia emigrated to Australia in 2009, settling in Sydney with her two teenage daughters. Her interest in doll making was sparked after she was given a handmade baby doll as a surprise gift from her now adult daughters.

"As soon as I saw the doll, I fell in love," Silvia says. "I wanted to learn how to make a doll like that myself, so I did some research and found a lady on the Gold Coast who taught doll-making. I flew to Queensland and spent a week with her learning everything I could. When I flew home with the doll I'd made, people thought it was a real baby!"

"After that, I started making dolls on commission and I still run a business creating custom dolls for people."

Led by her fascination for all things supernatural, Silvia began to experiment with making creepy dolls. The doll museum is now a growing collection of three-faced babies, zombies, Chuckie dolls and even a little old man baby inspired by the movie Benjamin Button.

The process of making the dolls is painstakingly slow, with one doll taking up to seven days to create. Made from vinyl or silicone based models, the dolls are first painted with several layers of skin colour and veins. Each layer is baked in the oven and cooled. After the final layer is dry, Silvia threads the eyelashes and hair with a needle, a process that takes up to 15 hours.

According to Silvia, being immersed in the eerie Monte Cristo helps her to come up with ever more creative concepts for her dolls.

"The ghosts here visit me, giving me inspiration and ideas," she says. "They are friendly and have made me feel very welcome here. I am never afraid. I also enjoy being here with Olive – she's become like a second mother to me."

Olive Ryan is the matriarch of Monte Cristo who, at 89, still lives at the homestead. Built by Christopher William Crawley in 1884, the Victorian mansion was once the centre of upper class life in Junee. After Crawley died, the homestead gradually fell into disrepair until it was purchased by Olive's husband, Reginald Ryan, in 1963. The family of six moved into Monte Cristo shortly after.

"It was the middle of winter when we moved in and the place had no glass windows and was missing a few doors," Olive recalls. "We came here with a picnic table, a few blow up single beds and a cot for the baby. It wasn't very good but we all survived. We got plenty of fresh air and no one got sick – what more could you want?"

Soon after moving in, the Ryan's experienced strange happenings in the house.

"We were returning from town and saw lights coming out of every window," Olive says. "By the time we got up to the house all the lights had gone out. That's when we knew there was something different about this place."

Rather than taking flight, the Ryan's used the homestead's supernatural visitations to their advantage – leading 'ghost tours' and creating one of Junee's top tourist attractions. Since Reg passed away in 2014, Olive has continued to lead daily tours.

"I like talking to all the visitors and it keeps me busy," she says. "I'm not alone here. Reg is still hanging around telling me what to do!"

1 Homestead Lane, Junee • 0409 945 204 • montecristohomestead@bigpond.com • montecristo.com.au
Open Friday to Monday 10am to 4pm. Closed Christmas day





Always Up-To-Date

Coolamon's Up-To-Date Store was once the bustling centre of village life. Thanks to a team of dedicated volunteers the heritage listed store has been transformed to become a place where history meets the modern world.

"This device is a Lamson Cash Machine," says volunteer Dave McCann, gesturing to a strange contraption. "It was the cash register of the day back in the 1800's. The shop assistant would put the customer's cash and docket inside this ball and pop the ball into this basket. They'd pull the lever and the ball would roll through the tunnel until it reached the cashier who would put the change into the ball and roll it back the assistant. Transaction completed!"

It's a fascinating glimpse into history and just a taste of what the Up-To-Date Store Cultural Precinct offers.

"The store began with the town in the late 1800's," Dave relates. "Starting as a shanty, it grew to contain everything people needed to survive."

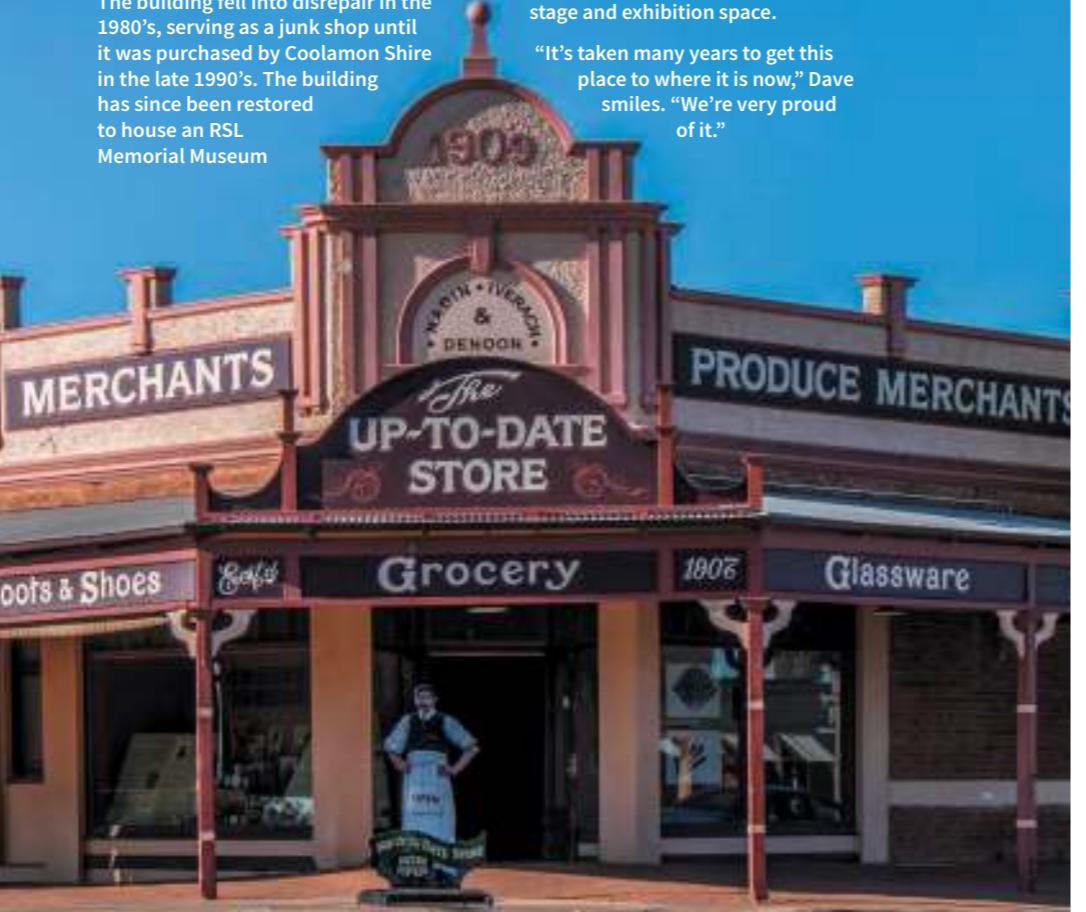
The building fell into disrepair in the 1980's, serving as a junk shop until it was purchased by Coolamon Shire in the late 1990's. The building has since been restored to house an RSL Memorial Museum

and the collections of seemingly ordinary local people with extraordinary talents.

"Reg Godde was a farmer with no engineering skills who made miniature farm machinery that still works today," Dave says. "Mavis Furner was a prolific crochet artist who held fashion shows that were loved by her community, and Garth Jones was a farmer and collector of absolutely everything – particularly farm machinery. He was also the proud owner of 1000 irons! These people are remembered by many folks in town and retaining their collections is incredibly important."

The Up-To-Date Store Cultural Precinct is also a hub for community events and now includes a multi-purpose function centre for conferences, a café, outdoor stage and exhibition space.

"It's taken many years to get this place to where it is now," Dave smiles. "We're very proud of it."



Cnr Loughnan and Cowabie St, Coolamon. Open 7 days 10am - 4pm

A life's work

Retired firefighter and cabinet-maker Chris Berry has spent the last three decades collecting firefighting memorabilia and displaying it in the Coolamon Fire Museum. Equally impressive is Chris' own knowledge of each item in his formidable collection.

The collection began when Chris discovered a brass firefighting helmet whilst fitting out a retired fire fighter's kitchen. He has since amassed over 2000 items – from a 100-year-old (rather scary-looking) breathing apparatus to a leather hose – with the help of his wife, who, thankfully, shares his obsession.

"I got the bug," he chuckles. "I couldn't stand to see the fire brigade throwing things out so I'd take them home with me. After I retired, my wife and I started going to swap meets and finding things there. She's as bad as me; she never misses a thing."

When Chris got wind that the old fire station might be knocked down or turned into public toilets, he approached Council with the idea of housing his collection in the station. The Coolamon Fire Museum opened in 2015 and Chris has been there almost every day since.

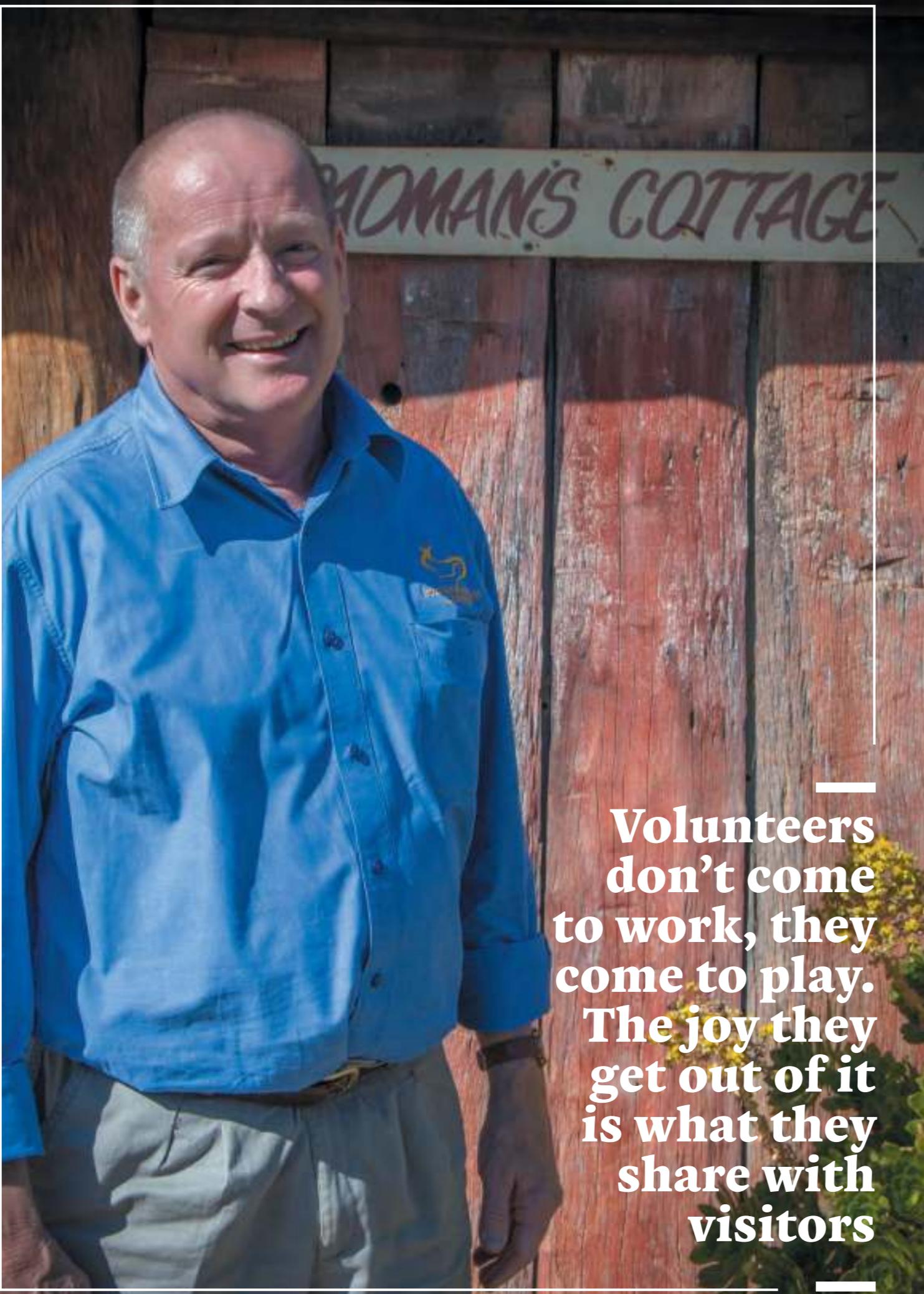
"People have an emotional attachment to some of these items," he says, pointing to an old switchboard. "I often get ladies who see this and say, 'I know we're showing our age but we used to work on one of those.' I also get lots of ex-fires in here who tell me their whole life story, starting from the day they were born!"

Chris' contribution to Coolamon doesn't stop at the museum. Every two years he organises the Coolamon Fire Engine Muster in October, where the town's main street closes for a parade of historic fire engines led by a marching band.

For Chris, the opportunity to bring joy to visitors and celebrate firefighting history makes all the hard work worthwhile.

"I think people appreciate what I do," he says. "I've recorded every single person who has come in here and there's been over 20,000 people from all over the world. It's a lot of fun."





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Where past meets present

Temora's Bundawarra Centre is a museum with over 16 extensive collections curated by passionate locals. It's also a vibrant meeting place and an evolving space that honours the town's past whilst also serving its community.

The Bundawarra Centre spills over with so many captivating historical items that it needs to be seen to be believed, a fact that isn't lost on the centre's dynamic manager, Bill Speirs.

Bill has worked as a volunteer at The Bundawarra Centre since 1981, taking over as manager when the centre's collections became too overwhelmingly large to be managed on a voluntary basis. A retired farmer, Bill has taken up his role with gusto - brimming with ideas and tirelessly working to make the centre a place that both visitors and locals love.

"A lot of people think it's going to be a provincial museum and they're expecting a little cottage with a few dusty things," he says. "They are almost always blown away by what we have here and by what they learn from the volunteers."

"Each collection is managed by volunteers who have a deep interest in that collection. The volunteers don't come to work, they come to play. The joy they get out of it is what they share with visitors."

The Bundawarra Centre currently houses the Temora Rural Museum (including Donald Bradman's house and several collections), a substantial rock and mineral collection, a fire brigade exhibition, wagon shed, shearing shed, the Temora Local and Family History Research Centre and the NSW Ambulance Museum – a significant national collection of emergency vehicles and equipment.

"The Ambulance Museum is probably our most important display," Bill says. "One out of four people list the ambulances as their reason for visiting. It's the only one of its kind in Australia that is open seven days a week."

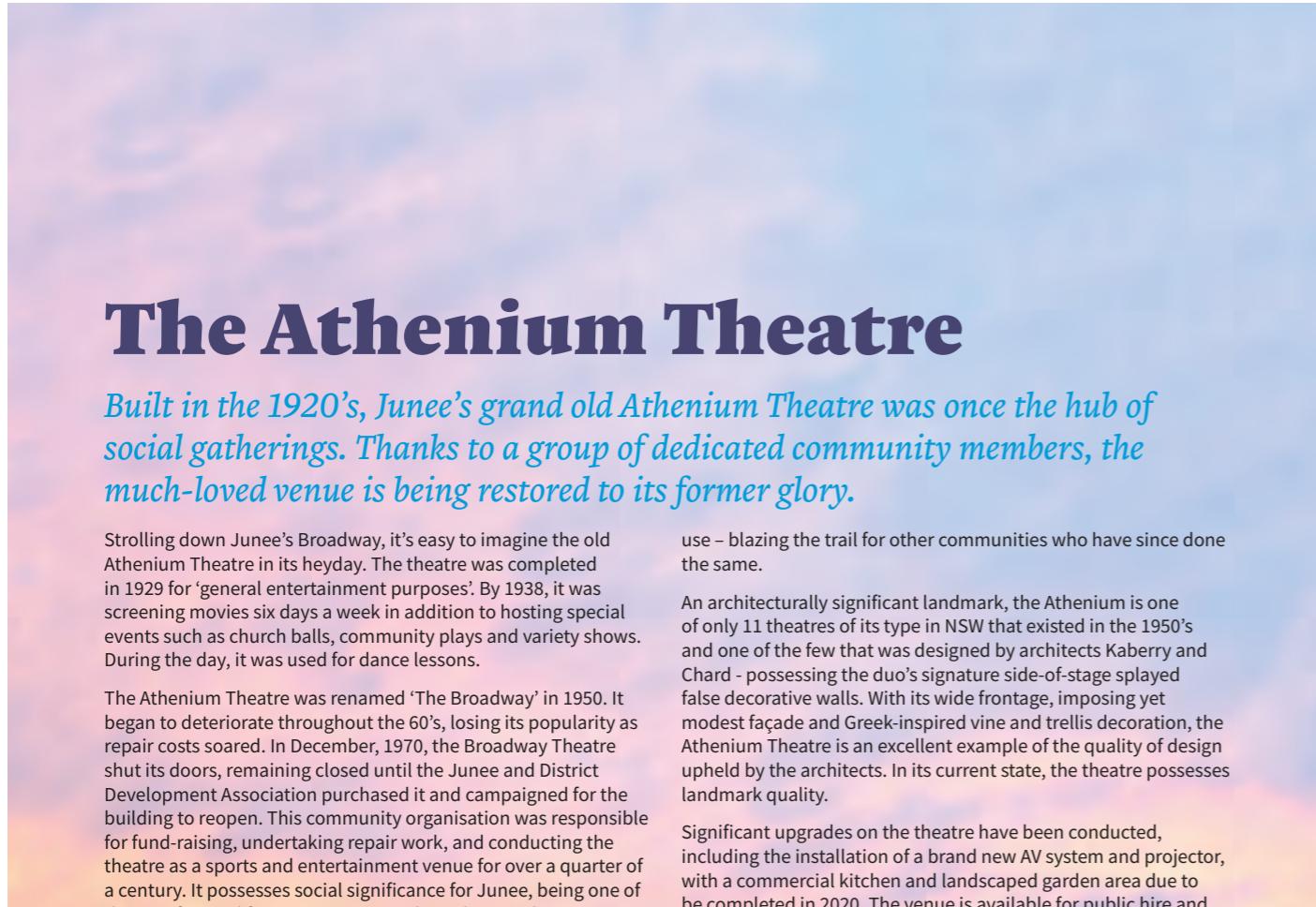
"I think the fact that our little town has two major state museums (including the Temora Aviation Museum) is very exciting."

The Bundawarra Centre is also home to one of Bill's passion projects, Willo's Wiradjuri Keeping Place, a collection of local Indigenous artefacts, art and information that has been designed with painstaking care.

"It's always concerned me that there is no enduring Indigenous community here but we do have an enduring Indigenous history," Bill says. "We've worked with elders from the two clans who consider this area as Country and endeavour to respectfully begin to tell their stories. The Keeping Place has been strategically situated so that everyone who comes through the centre has to pass through it."

"It's been such a rewarding project and is really my legacy to the community."





The Athenium Theatre

Built in the 1920's, Junee's grand old Athenium Theatre was once the hub of social gatherings. Thanks to a group of dedicated community members, the much-loved venue is being restored to its former glory.

Strolling down Junee's Broadway, it's easy to imagine the old Athenium Theatre in its heyday. The theatre was completed in 1929 for 'general entertainment purposes'. By 1938, it was screening movies six days a week in addition to hosting special events such as church balls, community plays and variety shows. During the day, it was used for dance lessons.

The Athenium Theatre was renamed 'The Broadway' in 1950. It began to deteriorate throughout the 60's, losing its popularity as repair costs soared. In December, 1970, the Broadway Theatre shut its doors, remaining closed until the Junee and District Development Association purchased it and campaigned for the building to reopen. This community organisation was responsible for fund-raising, undertaking repair work, and conducting the theatre as a sports and entertainment venue for over a quarter of a century. It possesses social significance for Junee, being one of the very few and first towns in NSW where the population came together in the 1970's to buy the town's theatre for community

use – blazing the trail for other communities who have since done the same.

An architecturally significant landmark, the Athenium is one of only 11 theatres of its type in NSW that existed in the 1950's and one of the few that was designed by architects Kaberry and Chard - possessing the duo's signature side-of-stage splayed false decorative walls. With its wide frontage, imposing yet modest façade and Greek-inspired vine and trellis decoration, the Athenium Theatre is an excellent example of the quality of design upheld by the architects. In its current state, the theatre possesses landmark quality.

Significant upgrades on the theatre have been conducted, including the installation of a brand new AV system and projector, with a commercial kitchen and landscaped garden area due to be completed in 2020. The venue is available for public hire and regularly hosts community shows and events.



89 Broadway St, Junee • Bookings through Junee Shire Council on 02 6924 8100



Junee Shire village halls

Community halls were traditionally places where villagers came together to celebrate milestones and enjoy dancing and performances, a culture that remains firmly in place along the Canola Trail.

Throughout the Junee Shire there are a number of unique, bespoke village halls. As a venue they offer a truly rural experience filled with history and character. Each hall has its own personality and has been lovingly cared for and maintained by dedicated community groups.

These beautiful, heritage halls are available for hire – offering the perfect venue for weddings, celebrations or events.

Illabo Showground Pavilion

Illabo Showground, Illabo Showground Rd, Illabo

Euromilly District Hall

2 Dollar Vale Rd, Euromilly

Wantabadgery McDonald Memorial Hall

Jewnee St, Wantabadgery

Old Junee Hall

Broad St (on the Canola Way), Old Junee

Junee Reefs Ivor Hall

Junee Reefs Rd, Junee Reefs

Dirnaseer Memorial Hall

3211 Dirnaseer Rd, Dirnaseer

[Find out more at youmeandjunee.com.au](http://youmeandjunee.com.au)



Antiques...

From intriguing junk stores to high-end antiques and collectables, the treasure-troves to be found along the Canola Trail will not disappoint.

Treats and Treasures

"The vintage tins are definitely worth it"

A Coolamon institution!, Almost like stepping back in time. The walls are lined with vintage collectables and memorabilia, antiques and gifts. Specialising in Arnott's, Bushell's and Coca-Cola collectables. Also features restored Australian furniture and other advertising and Art Deco treasures.

141 Cowabbin St, Coolamon
Open: Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Baldo's Old Wares

"It's impossible to leave empty handed"

It goes without saying- Baldo's is not for the faint hearted! Don't be put off by the sheer enormity of it all though! Spanning across 3 separate shops Baldo's is everything an authentic junk shop should be, full to the brim with treasures. Hanging from the ceiling, spilling onto the foot path, with everything you can imagine. Be it a little chaotic, you won't be disappointed.

Waterview St, Ganmain
Open: Saturday and Sunday and some weekdays

Second Hand Rose

"Simply heaven for lovers of vintage and retro"

This quaint little store stocks an eclectic mix of furniture, china, crystal and jewellery as well as running a second hand book and CD exchange.

Coolamon St, Ariah Park

Platt's Secondhand Goods and Collectables

"Full of variety and an impressive building"

Located in the 'Willows on Cowabbin' building and full to the brim with a variety of goods and collectables. There is something for everyone, take your time to explore this large and varied collection of items.

Cowabbin St, Coolamon
Open: Friday to Monday & Wednesday's (Closed Tuesday & Thursday)

April's Antiques & Collectables

"Treasure hunt that's not buried"

April's Antiques and Collectables is an exciting shop for any treasure hunter. Dealing in items from militaria to jewellery to china and glass and crystal to vintage accessories and clothes and furniture. If its old and collectable they've probably got it.

91 Lorne St, Junee

Junee Junk Gypsies

"Bargains to be found for all"

A treasure trove of old and new, collectables, retro, repurposed and more. Come and have a rummage through, you never know, you might find that special thing you have always been looking for.

85 Lord St, Junee

R B Firman & Co - Antique Furniture

"Classic and refined antiques for the discerning collector"

Temora's Mayor, Rick Firman, has a passion and an eye for fine antique furniture. The collection boasts many ornate, pristine pieces from the Victorian and Edwardian eras with a mix of quality English, French and Australian pieces.

230 Hoskins St, Temora

McShane's Collectables and Old Wares

"Quirky collections of the oddly interesting"

The colourful shelves are filled with everything from delicate china teacups and antique erasers to telephones and prams that belong on a 1920s movie set. The store also stocks historical items salvaged by locals who find them too special to discard.

5 Ironbark St, Temora

Echoes of Arbortree

"I love the imperfections and the history behind the objects I find"

Echoes of Arbortree's founder Craig Leiper, celebrates the imperfections and quirks of one person's junk and moulds the item into treasure for another. Craig collects his materials from local farms and businesses and, in his spare time, repurposes articles into beautiful artworks, furniture and garden ornaments.

Coolamon St, Ariah Park



... and Boutiques

Whether you're after the latest trends or unique gifts and clothing, the eclectic boutiques scattered along the Canola Trail are begging to be explored.

Kindly, Darling

"Fashion with a passion"

Sounds sweet as pie, but when it comes to matters of the heart, Kindly, Darling doesn't mess around. At Kindly, Darling sustainable fashion in the new power dressing. Passionate owners, Libby and Ali, are out to prove that stylish women's fashion doesn't have to cost the earth.

195 Hoskins St, Temora

Lumela

"Each visit I find something special "

Lumela is home to a large range of giftware with many items sourced locally. Lumela offers a beautiful shopping experience from last minute gifts to finding that special piece for your home. You'll find Lumela in the old cottage on the way into Coolamon from Wagga Wagga.

67 Cowabbin St, Coolamon

Fisher and Farmer

"I walked in for a look and stayed for an hour!"

Wonder Ganmain's great main street and you'll come across Fisher and Farmer, a beautifully stocked store with pieces for you and the ones you love. Full of gorgeous items you won't be able to leave behind. Signature pieces include cow hides and leather items.

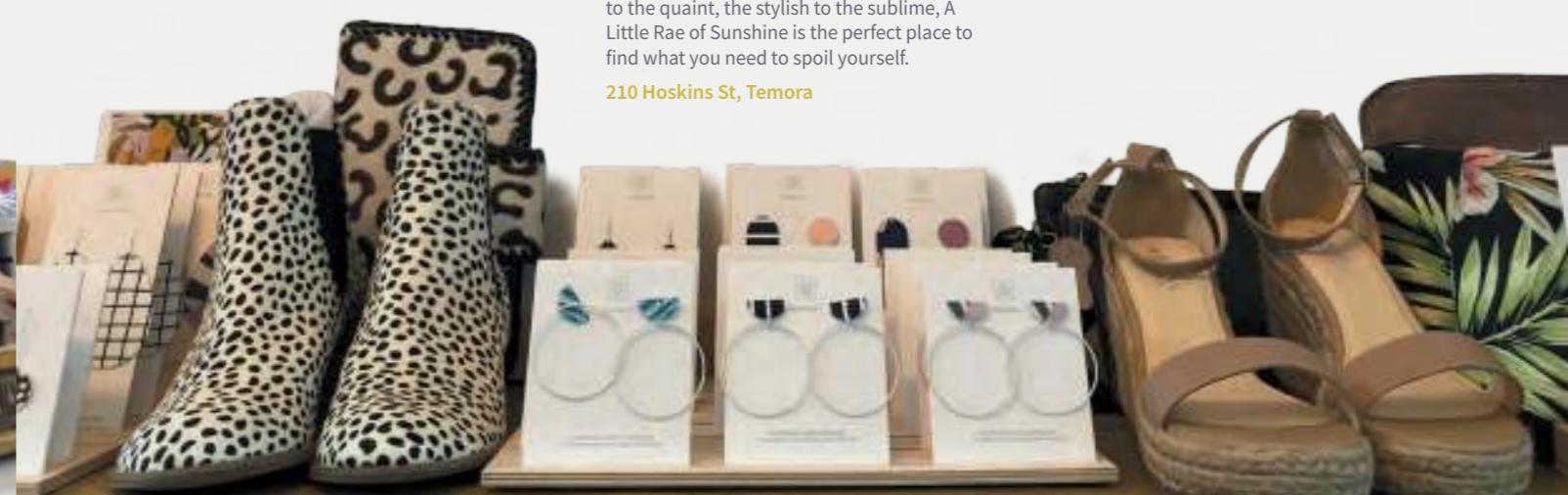
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Studio on Sunshine

"A unique showcase of local products"

Offering products from quality handmade art and homewares businesses from around the Riverina / Murray regions. Studio on Sunshine offers visitors unique and beautifully crafted products, nothing in store is mass produced.

89 Lorne St, Junee



Somerset Rose

"Unique pieces to suit any outfit"

Finding the perfect gift is made easy in this elegant jewellery boutique. Full of one-off pieces perfect for every occasion. Be surprised by the wide range of gorgeous jewellery and accessories.

Cowabbin St, Coolamon

Mabel Rose

"Idyllic interiors for country living"

Although Mabel Rose specialise in floral arrangements, the shop also supplies those added touches that make a house a home. From antiques with rustic charm to more contemporary furnishings and home décor, Pop in and see what's new.

244 Hoskins St, Temora

Tanza

"This shop gives me a warm, fuzzy feeling"

Stocking modern designs in vibrant seasonal colours and prints, owner Tanya is as effervescent as her wares. A curated collection of stylish women's fashion, shoes, accessories and homewares designed for those who enjoy a relaxed lifestyle.

194 Hoskins St, Temora

The Sill

"Every room deserves a beautiful plant"

Located in the beautiful Railway Station, The Sill offers a wonderful selection on pots and plants for every space. You'll be welcomed by a large selection of indoor greenery and giftware.

Railway Station, Coolamon

A Little Rae of Sunshine

"Gifts for the hard to buy for"

The love of her product and the care for her community are what set Lorrae's little haven apart from the rest. Ranging from the quirky to the quaint, the stylish to the sublime, A Little Rae of Sunshine is the perfect place to find what you need to spoil yourself.

210 Hoskins St, Temora

Country Meadows

"A complete sensory experience"

Step inside to experience eclectic stories of colour, scent and beauty designed to excite and enchant customers. Established for over 25 years, Country Meadows has become synonymous with creative floristry and exclusive gifts and homewares.

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Ambience on Lord St

"Rustic character and rural charm"

Come and browse through the extensive range of giftware for all ages and tastes. Whether you are spoiling yourself or a loved one, choose from the vast range of stylish kitchenware, extensive range of "crocs" brand footwear and gifts ranging from knick knacks to antique and boutique. They even carry a range of fashion accessories and garden pieces.

At the Junee Licorice & Chocolate Factory
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"Products that represent quality, comfort and style."

Aussie Uggs has been making the original Australian ugg boot since 1966. More than 50 years later, the original Aussie uggs continue to be made by Downunda Souvenirs in Junee using the original cutting knife forms. Made from 100% genuine sheepskin products and fully made in Australia.

88 Lorne St, Junee

Recreation, nature and kids activities

Whether you're an outdoor enthusiast who loves hiking or parents travelling with energetic kids, there are ample opportunities to enjoy the outdoors on the Canola Trail.

Located just north of Temora, the man-made **Lake Centenary** is a playground for aquatic enthusiasts who can undertake everything from power boating and water skiing to sailing, canoeing, paddle boarding or simply swimming. The Lake Centenary precinct also includes a playground, self-weighted gym equipment and landscaped picnic facilities. The Lake Loop Track is a favourite for runners and cyclists, and a beautiful spot for casual family strolls around the lake.

Explore the wondrous landscape around **Bethungra Dam**, which includes a scenic public recreation area where you can picnic or BBQ. The dam is popular with locals who flock to its shores during summer to swim, canoe, sail and fish. There are also camping facilities located nearby.

The Canola Trail is blessed with many picturesque nature reserves. Near Temora, you'll find the quiet **Ingalba Nature Reserve**, a habitat for a variety of species of flora and fauna, and the **Boginderra Nature Reserve**, an untouched wilderness that provides excellent hiking and bushwalking through granite hills with breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside as far as the Weddin Mountains.

You can tackle a hike through the native forests of the **Ulandra Nature Reserve** to the remains of a former homestead and shearing shed. Closer to Ganmain is the wonderful **Murambang Interpretive Walk**, a loop that takes you through forests, railway dams, Boggy Creek and incorporates two bird hides.

For fishing, head to the **Sandy Beach Reserve** a lovely grassed area beside the Murrumbidgee River which is also popular for swimming. Another popular fishing spot is **Park Dam**, Junee.

Bird watchers will be in heaven at the **Junee Urban Wetlands**, which supports an extensive bird population along with turtles, frogs and many other species. Explore the wetlands via the boardwalk and viewing platform. An Aboriginal Resource Area is also being developed to include trees used by Indigenous Australians for food and medicine.

Kindra Forest is a haven for bike-riders and hikers, offering of 52 hectares of remnant bushland and plenty of trails to explore it. Take in the flora and fauna of the forest – including a variety of rare birds - by stopping at the seating and viewing areas and picnic spots. Be sure to also try the **Gilgai trails** and Coolamon's **Urban trails**.

Can't go a week without getting your golf fix? Tee up a game at the **Temora Golf Club**, an 18-hole course with lush green grass conveniently located five minutes from town. If you're up for a challenge, try the **Junee Golf Club**, an 18-hole course that features plenty of tough runs. The **Coolamon Sport and Recreation Club** also boasts an 18-hole course along with other recreational facilities.

Kids Activities

Travelling with kids? You'll find a variety of activities for the whole family along the Canola Trail – from bike paths and skate parks to nature walks. Most towns have wonderful community swimming pools, with large aquatic and recreational centres in Temora and Junee. There are also wonderful skate parks, some featuring pump tracks, in Coolamon, Temora, Junee and many of the smaller villages. If it happens to rain, try the local libraries, many of which run excellent school holiday programs for kids. You can also catch a movie at the Temora Town Hall Theatre, a beautiful facility that is entirely operated by volunteers.

Kids are welcome to join activities at **Temora's Platform Y**, a youth centre located at the Temora Railway Station where local kids meet to cook and create, and explore other cultural activities. Regular activities run throughout school terms and special programs during school holidays.

If you've got kids, there's no way you'll get past the **Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory**. Just make sure you book the kids in for a 'hands on' experience creating a giant chocolate freckle or designing a chocolate smash cake.

There are also excellent bike tracks in most towns, including Junee's **Federation Parkway**, a 15km network of cycling paths that link school and sporting facilities in the town as well as loops that suit recreational use. A bike path also links the towns of Coolamon and Ganmain.

And, for a bit of family fun try the new **Puttymash & Treasure Mini Golf**, an 18-hole course in Temora that is guaranteed to bring out your fun and competitive side.

For more information visit canolatrail.com.au



Lake Centenary Temora



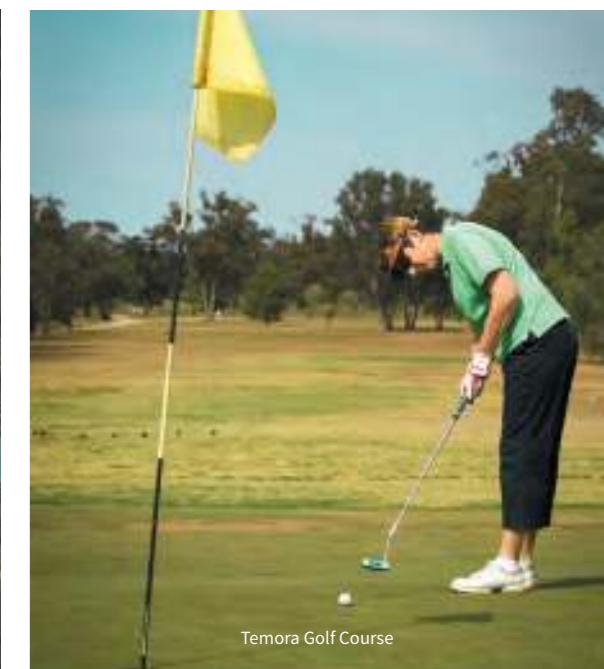
Memorial Park Junee



Kindra Forest Bike Tracks, Coolamon
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Pieper Park Coolamon
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Temora Golf Course



Federation Pathway Junee



Park Dam Junee

Camping, caravanning & pet friendly places

The Canola Trail is an RV-friendly region that welcomes all types of travellers – and their furry friends. You'll be spoilt for choice when it comes to campgrounds on the Canola Trail, with offerings ranging from riverside free camps to caravan parks with all the amenities.

The **Junee Golf Club Campground** is a quiet and attractive flat area that is conveniently linked to the centre of town by a footpath and bike path. The campground is suitable for big rigs, motor homes, and self-contained caravans. As the name suggests, it's also located right beside the golf course and is an easy choice for golf enthusiasts. The **Ariah Park Camping Ground** is another great option that is located close to the historic village of Ariah Park.

If you'd rather be close to nature, camping is available on the edge of **Bethungra Dam**, which includes an open, grassy expanse with basic facilities. The campground gets busy during holidays and weekends during warmer weather however most of the time it is quiet and tranquil. **Sandy Beach** near Wantabadgery is another peaceful and pet-friendly camping option with excellent fishing and swimming.

You'll find the **Temora Free Camp** at the Railway Precinct on Parkes Street, where self-contained campers and vans are welcome for a maximum two-night stay. Temora is a well-known RV friendly town, hosting the **Temora RV Muster** bi-annually, an event that sees like-minded travellers descend on Temora for a week of organised activities and events.

Ardlethan and Ganmain both have free pet-friendly short-stay parks for caravans and motorhomes. **The Ardlethan park** is ideally situated beside the main park in Ardlethan's centre, with easy access to shops and dining at the club or pub. **Ganmain's short-stay** facilities are located at the showground and offer powered sites, bathroom facilities and a dump point.

The caravan parks of Temora Shire are all pet-friendly and visitors can choose between the **Temora Airpark Caravan Park** and the **Temora Caravan Park**, which is conveniently located next door to the Bundawarra Centre. Both provide powered and unpowered sites as well as amenities and tent sites.

Situated close to Cowabbie Street, the **Coolamon Caravan Park** is close to the town's Redgrave Park, swimming pool, Foodworks and community garden and within easy walking distance to local pubs, clubs and attractions.

Often touted as clean, green and friendly, **Junee Tourist Park** offers both powered and unpowered sites and self-contained cabins. The park has a well-equipped camp kitchen, large shower block and a sparkling pool - heaven after a long day of travel.

If you're looking for pet-friendly motel accommodation, try the **Aromet Motor Inn** in Temora or **Coolamon's Kindra Apartments**.

Off-Leash Areas

Need somewhere for your dog to run?

In Junee, head to the grassed area just before the Junee Tourist Park in Park Lane or the grassed area along the Olympic Highway between De Salis Drive and Monte Cristo Road. If you're looking to exercise your pooch in Temora, let them run free at the Golden Gate Reserve, which is surrounded by Austral and Gardner Street and Cootamundra Road, or the purpose built dog agility park situated at Lake Centenary.



Image Destination NSW

Crossing the country

Mick and Natalie Phillips lived a relatively nomadic life until Junee beckoned. The couple and their three teenage children now own and manage Junee's The Crossing Motel, happily accommodating visitors who come to enjoy the town's many highlights.

After years of living in different areas across rural NSW – thanks to Mick's job as a chef – and travelling around Australia for two years, the Phillips family decided it was finally time to put down roots in 2017. Junee felt like an obvious choice.

"My parents owned and managed The Crossing Motel and we'd done a six-week relief stint for them just before we set off to travel Australia," Mick says. "We could have bought a house anywhere but we felt that Junee offered everything we needed for the kids – an excellent school, a range of sports and a friendly community."

The family embarked on their Aussie adventure in 2015, returning in 2017 to take over the motel. They've since immersed themselves in the Junee community, serving on committees, managing the business and keeping up with the sports and interests of kids Mia, 15, Oliver, 16, and Jasmine, 17. There's not much down time, but Mick and Natalie wouldn't have it any other way.

"We're very social and love chatting to all the tourists who stay at the motel," Natalie says. "People come from everywhere, particularly in Canola season, and we get large groups arriving for regular events. We understand how much people appreciate good showers and a hearty meal after a long day of travel."

"The business has also been great for our kids, as they've had to learn how to hold a conversation with anyone. Our youngest could probably run the motel on her own!"

With a deep knowledge of the local area, the couple love sharing their recommendations with travellers.

"Junee offers great tourism," Natalie says. "People can stay for two or three nights and easily keep busy because there are so many things to do."

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The voice of Junee

Australia's most famous football commentator, Ray Warren, was proudly born in Junee. The 'Voice of Rugby League' takes us back to where it all began – with marbles, a peppercorn tree and a healthy imagination.

A statue of Ray Warren was erected in Junee's Dobbyn Park in 2011 as a show of the town's respect for the Australian sports icon. It's a feeling that is clearly mutual.

Born in 1943 near the end of the second world war, times were tough for the Warren family but Ray and his siblings made their own fun.

"There was no TV so we listened to the radio, played cricket on the street, swam in the local dam and caught yabbies or we'd hunt for rabbits and pick mushrooms," he reminisces. "They were very happy times."

Ray's burning passion for sports commentating began when he was eight years old.

"Mum and Dad liked to have a gamble on the horses and I'd listen to the radio as they cheered on their investments," he says. "After that I started to roll marbles down a slope, giving them horses names and calling them while pretending to be my favorite race caller. I'd also sit in a peppercorn tree calling the footy or the cricket pretending to be a sports caller."

Visit the statue of Ray at Dobbyn Park, at the Seignior St and Broadway roundabout, Junee

At 14, Ray started as an apprentice fitter at the Junee Roundhouse, but his dream never wavered.

"I started knocking on the doors of radio stations but didn't get my chance until I was 23," he reflects. "When I was finally asked to call a game, I was unbelievably nervous because, in reality, I'd never done it before. How I got through, I'll never know – perhaps it was the fire in my belly and my burning ambition to be a sports caller."

Ray Warren's legendary voice has since accompanied most of the nation's most significant football events and it's clear he hasn't lost the passion he honed as a kid with his ear to the radio and a bag full of marbles.

"The only difference is that now I'm trying to retain my marbles, rather than roll them," he laughs. "I'm so grateful to Junee and my Mum and Dad, for the happy and wholesome childhood I enjoyed so much. Put simply, I had a dream, it started in Junee and eventually came true."



Courtesy of Stacey Taylor Photography, Ganmain



A home away from home

Nadeem and Dr Sumera Amir migrated with their young children from their beloved home of Pakistan to Australia fourteen years ago, moving to Coolamon in 2009 when Sumera took a position as the community GP.

Nadeem recently opened Pak Gallery, a generous space that serves as both a community business incubator and an introduction to Pakistan's crafts and culture.

"If you really want to live a good life you have to be in a small community – close to nature and fresh air," Nadeem says. "We had a rural background in Pakistan and came from a village slightly bigger than Coolamon. It was a place like this where everyone knew each other. I like the small community."

When Sumera took a job as the community GP, Nadeem wanted to leave his own mark on the town. He envisioned a space where small local businesses could display their products and meet each other.

"It's part of our culture to share whatever we know and whatever we have," he says. "The Pak Gallery gives me the opportunity to use my knowledge and make myself useful – adding what I can to this community."

The Pak Gallery is a huge project that has been years in the making. It includes a B&B, a café and restaurant, conference centre and shops that displays a range of locally made and designed products alongside Made in Pakistan products.

"The space has two purposes," Nadeem says. The first is to be a business incubator for local entrepreneurs where they can display their products at no cost and try them out on the public."

"Secondly, it is a business for me where I sell things we buy in Pakistan directly from the people who have created them. Every single product I sell has a history. I try to engage people in conversations about these things so they can learn something about my culture – something they may not see on TV."

It's this human-to-human engagement that Nadeem treasures most about living in Coolamon and operating a local business.

"I find people on the street very open," he says. "We have our humanity in common."



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She wrote back,
‘Absolutely!’**

Sweet dreams are made of this

When Andre and Keryl de Haan stumbled upon their Coolamon dream home - originally a bank and manager's residence built in 1890 - the timing wasn't quite right. Two years later, when 'Sweet Briar' came on the market the couple snapped it up, turning it into a delightful bed and breakfast.

The immaculately preserved Sweet Briar B&B and Cottages sit perched at the end of Coolamon's main street, surrounded by beautiful country gardens. It's easy to see why Andre and Keryl fell in love with the place.

The couple were returning from Melbourne to their Sydney home when they decided to make a detour to Coolamon to visit old friends.

“We were walking around town when our eldest son, who was four at the time, fell over on the footpath and hurt his hand,” Keryl relates. “We were passing Sweet Briar and our friend knew the lady who lived there, so we went inside to get our son a Band-Aid. As soon as we stepped through the door, we were enchanted.”

“We tried to buy it but it was during the financial crisis and we couldn't sell our house in Sydney. We had to let go of the dream but it planted the seed in our minds. The idea of moving to the country was very appealing to us.”

The family returned to normal life in the Blue Mountains where Keryl worked as a registered nurse and Andre had a position with Telstra. Two years later, Andre had a hunch to Google ‘Coolamon real estate’.

“It was for sale again, admittedly for a lot more money!” He says. “I flicked Keryl a link with the message, ‘Do you want to open up this can of worms?’ She wrote back, ‘Absolutely!’

“We understood that once we'd sold it would be hard to get back into the Sydney market, but we were quite willing to jump and take the risk.”

The house sold in eight days and, before they knew it, the de Haans were on the road to Coolamon, moving into Sweet Briar in 2011.

“Our kids turned four and eight on the weekend we moved to Coolamon and our friends held a party for them at the park, which was a great introduction to the community,” Andre says. “Sweet Briar was a blank canvas so we were really starting from scratch. This turned out to be a positive because it enabled us to grow into the business at our own pace.”

“Once bookings started picking up we realised that most of the people who stay here know someone in the area. This helped us to meet more people and make friends in the community.”

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Discover more about the de Haan's escape to the country at countrychange.com.au/towns/coolamon



Where to stay



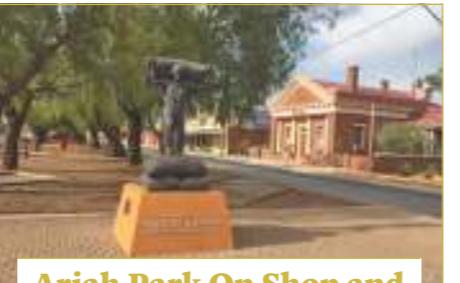
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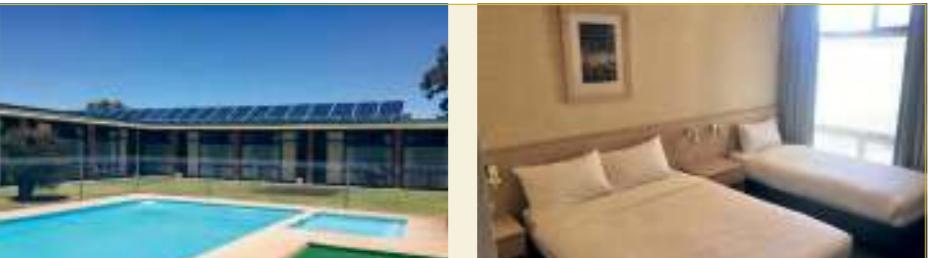
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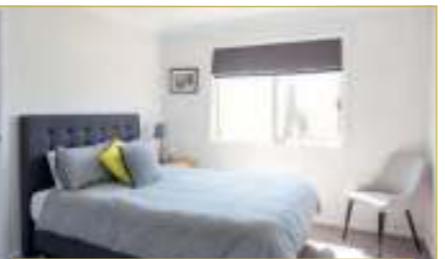
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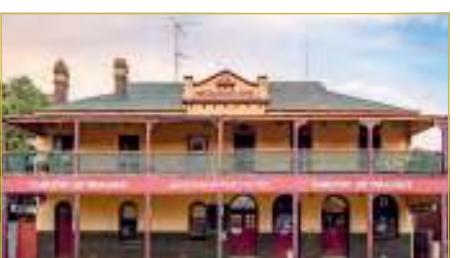
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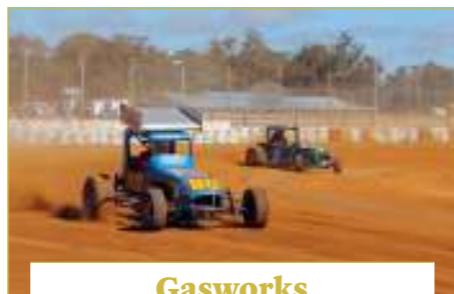


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Take a wander amongst the 20 plus rooms and out buildings and take a peek into the lives of the Farming and Railway men and women who built this glorious town and outlying villages. The many static displays, photographs and other artifacts speak to you of the many great achievements, sports men and women, and just a few larrikins for good measure.

Come enjoy our warm hospitality, rest and have a Cuppa in the "Betts on Broadway" Cafe. You'll leave Junee with a story to tell and a smile on your dial.

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Open everyday 10-4pm Except Tuesdays, Xmas day, Boxing day and New Years day.



Coolamon Up-to-Date Store Precinct

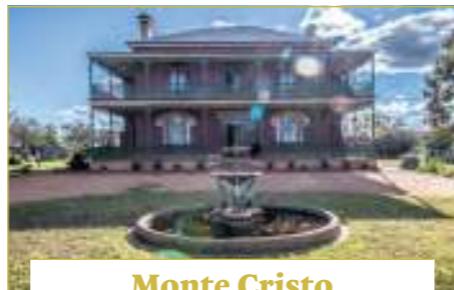
This beautiful heritage building was built in 1909 and is an elegant and rare example of country general stores. The Store is home to the original operational gravity feed Lamson cash-carrying machine.

The Store hosts a number of wonderful displays including:

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Junee Roundhouse Railway Museum

Like many small towns across NSW, the location and development of Junee itself was dictated by the railways. NSW travellers knew they were approaching Junee by the smoky haze on the horizon as maintenance crews worked tirelessly on steam trains from across the State in a depot located in the heart of town - the Roundhouse

The Junee Roundhouse commenced construction in 1942 and opened in 1947, attending to virtually every class of steam and diesel locomotive, rail car and XPT in NSW.

The Roundhouse is the only example of a complete brick (full circle) roundhouse in NSW. When built the 100 foot turntable was the largest in the Southern Hemisphere and while it no longer retains that title, it still operates.

Half the Roundhouse is still used for commercial reconditioning and the rebuilding of locomotives. The other half operates as a museum opened in 1994 by a group of volunteers with a vision of keeping the town's rail history alive. Tours, including group tours are available - providing a great social history experience for visitors of all ages from school groups to retirees.

29 Harold St, Junee
juneeroundhousemuseum@gmail.com
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The Bundawarra Centre



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Temora Aviation Museum

The Temora Aviation Museum is located on the former site of No. 10 Elementary Flying Training School (10 EFTS), set up by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) in May 1941. It was the largest and longest lived of the flying schools established under the Empire Air Training Scheme during World War Two (WWII).

Today, the focus of the Temora Aviation Museum is to inspire the community and acknowledge the role played by Australia's ex-military aircraft. The Museum encourages visitors to learn and be inspired through the collection of aircraft, and to remember the efforts of the men and women who flew and supported them during times of conflict.

Regular flying days are held throughout the year, with The Museum's major event being the Warbirds Downunder Airshow, held biennially and scheduled for 17 - 18 October 2020.

aviationmuseum.com.au
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02 6977 1088.





Rhythm n Rail

We are a festival that is held in Junee. Junee is a NSW Regional town in The Riverina with a population of around 8,000 people. It is half an hour's drive from Wagga Wagga, Coolamon, Temora and about 40mins to Cootamundra.

The festival is celebrating the Railway Heritage of Junee. We have the Roundhouse Museum which is steeped in railway history with guided tours held throughout the year. We also have Monte Cristo (Australia's most haunted house) as well as the Junee Licorice and Chocolate factory.

Our festival will be held annually in May (month subject to change) where there will be live entertainment, market stalls, amusement rides and many other activities throughout the weekend.

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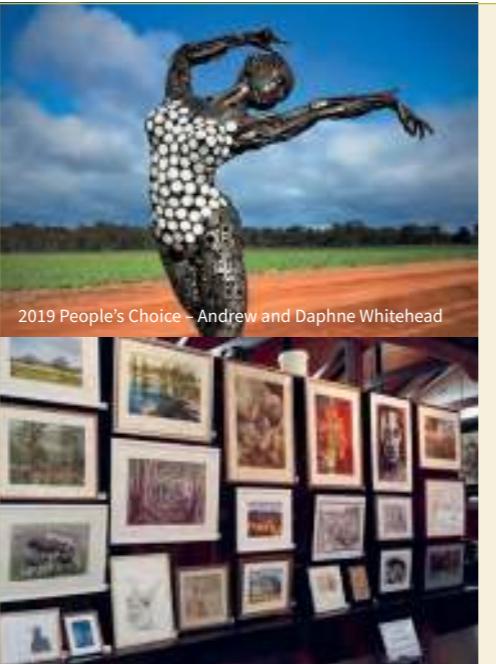


Railway Temora

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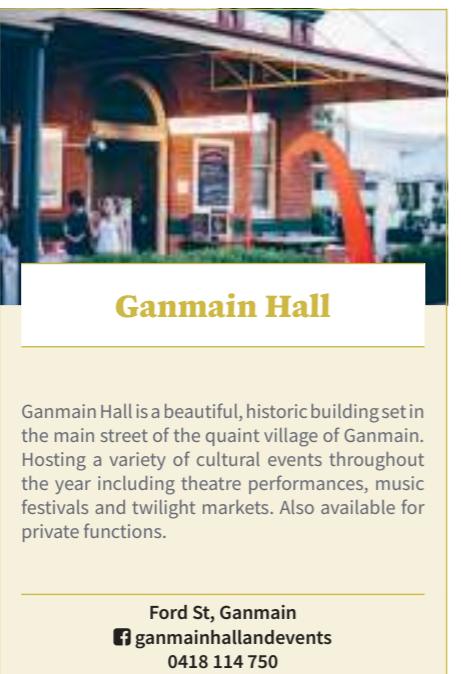
Opening Night: Last Friday Of July
Duration: Artwork Is Exhibited For 2½ Weeks
Venue: Up-To-Date Store, Coolamon
Email: info@up2dateart.org.au
Website: www.up2dateart.org.au
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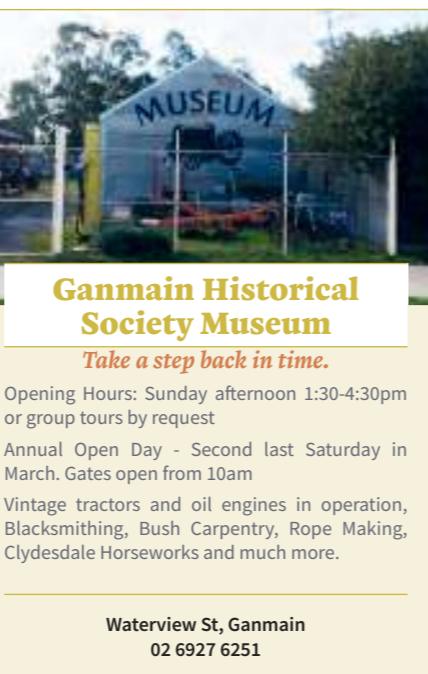
Community places and spaces



Ganmain Hall

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Ganmain Historical Society Museum

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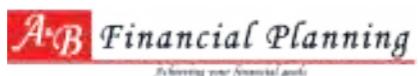
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