

WENTWORTH SHIRE & DARLING OUTBACK

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THE HISTORIC
PORT OF WENTWORTH
AND SURROUNDS


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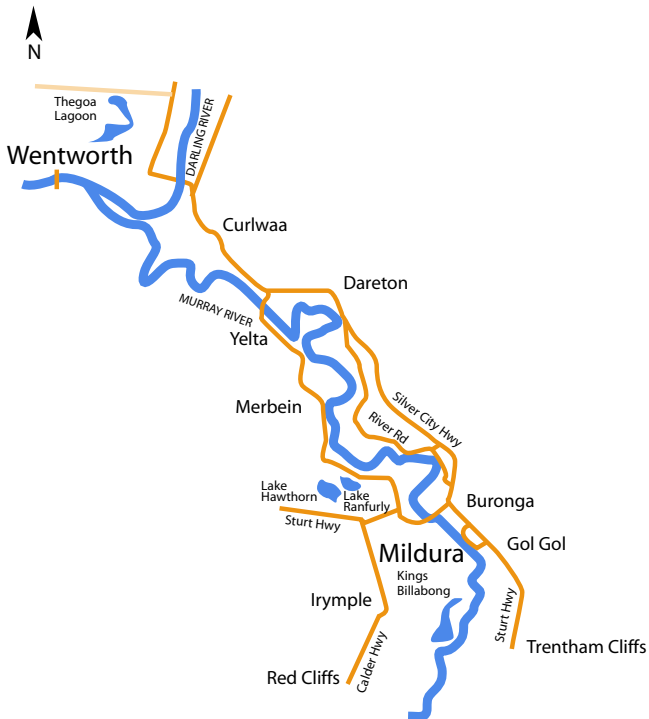
As a mark of admiration the authors of this document wish to acknowledge the Barkindji people, the traditional owners and occupiers of country in this area and in doing so recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Left: Artwork courtesy Corey Payne, local artist.



EXPLORE THE DIVERSITY

A place of vivid contrasts, our region offers visitors an array of experiences in a unique environment





LOTS TO SEE AND DO

There really is plenty to see and do in the historic Port of Wentworth and indeed the greater Wentworth Shire and surrounds.

Visitors can enjoy natural features, such as the confluence of the Murray and Darling Rivers (from the Junction Park platform) or by venturing along the cultural and environmental walk on Junction Island to the inner tip of the confluence. Other natural features include experiencing the great River Red Gums, Perry Sand Hills or perhaps a paddle along Tuckers Creek, a short waterway which exits the Murray and joins the Darling to form what is colloquially known as 'the island'.

The region is well known for and proud of its sporting facilities boasting top class golf courses, tennis courts and bowling greens. Both the Murray and Darling Rivers are popular for all manner of river activities including water skiing, pleasure cruises, house boating or just attempting to entice a mighty Murray Cod. Wentworth also has a community funded world class skate park for those that appreciate something a little more energetic and adventurous.

The rivers link the communities within this region. Wentworth Shire includes the communities of Wentworth, Dareton, Pomona, Pooncarie, Buronga and Gol Gol. However our bond with community extends beyond our Shire and incorporates historical and cultural ties with the communities of Menindee, Wilcannia, Tilpa, Louth and Bourke all historical river ports in their own right.

To complement the vast array of natural, environmental and cultural activities there are also many unique tourist attractions to explore. The Inland Botanical Gardens, walking trails, heritage buildings and river landscapes are all available to the inquisitive explorer.

With these diverse experiences a full range of accommodation is catered for; from outback farm stays, river view apartments, motels, houseboat holidays, caravan parks and B & B's.



RELAX ON THE WATER

WHERE THE RIVERS MEET

The Historic Port of Wentworth is uniquely located at the confluence of the two greatest rivers in Australia; the Murray and the Darling. A perfect place for the creation of Australia's busiest inland port in riverboat history.

Wentworth helped facilitate transport and trade from South Australia through to Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. Though paddle steamers are fewer now, the rivers are still vital lifelines for towns, giving individuals the chance to captain their own craft along the vast waterways.

THE DARLING RIVER

The Darling River is regarded as Australia's third longest river however combined with its longest continuous tributaries measures some 2844km making it Australia's longest river system. With many of its tributaries starting in south east Queensland and north eastern New South Wales the Darling River flows to the confluence where it joins the Murray River at Wentworth. Sedimentary clay produces a stark colour contrast between the two rivers which

is evident as their waters merge. Travellers can explore the length of this great river by utilizing the 'Darling River Run' self-guided tour map.

THE MURRAY RIVER

Whilst the Murray was initially known by several names it was Captain Charles Sturt on the 23rd of January, 1830 who chose to name the river after Sir George Murray, Secretary of State for the Colonies in the British Government. Acting as a natural border between New South Wales and Victoria the Murray also depends on tributaries sourcing water from winter rains and snow-thaw. It flows 2530km from the high country in the east to the ocean at the Murray mouth near Goolwa in South Australia. The introduction of weirs and locks in the 1920's ensures a constant 'weir pool' in and about Wentworth, allowing water sports and recreational activities to become a major draw card. Truly, one of nature's most idyllic and surreal playgrounds.





THE PORT OF WENTWORTH

History, culture and charm - the gateway to the Darling River and outback NSW

Welcome to Wentworth, where the Darling River merges with the mighty Murray. Tributaries west of the Great Dividing Range feed these rivers with summer monsoon rain to the Darling and winter rain and snow melt to the Murray making this region 'an oasis in the desert'.

Wentworth and surrounds retains much of its rich history, boasting a natural environmental and pioneering diversity - our region offers something for everyone.

In the late 1880's Wentworth was Australia's busiest inland port and was a vital link to remote inland ports along the length of the Darling River. Ports at Wentworth, Pooncarie, Menindee, Wilcannia and Bourke were vital trading locations for remote pastoralists and inland inhabitants.

The Darling River is no longer the watery highway for riverboats, trade and produce, however the colonial charm of life on the Darling will be felt when visiting the PS Ruby, a restored and fully functional paddle steamer. Contemporary river traffic has replaced the relics of the past yet the natural beauty, environmental and colonial charm can still be experienced from houseboats and leisure craft.

With a Weir and Lock 10 situated at Wentworth visitors can be assured of water levels to support houseboating, camping, fishing and waterskiing holidays all year round.



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WENTWORTH



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P: (03) 5027 3020
E: lawsavoca@activenet.au
sites.google.com/site/avocaondarling



Darling Junction Motor Inn

WENTWORTH



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26 William St, Wentworth
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Fort Courage Accommodation and Caravan Park

WENTWORTH



Experience the Murray River, relax and drift away with a stay at Fort Courage. Offering full river frontage on a 70 acre park, only 18 kms from Wentworth. Fort Courage is ideal for that getaway or just some time out. Ideal for families and group bookings with access to the region's attractions.

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WENTWORTH



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WENTWORTH



Situated on the Darling River, Wentworth Wharf B&B offers spacious ground floor executive accommodation. Features include large queen bedroom with additional single bed, ensuite, powder room, large lounge and fully equipped kitchen. Conveniently located in Wentworth's CBD, with a short walk to many tourist attractions, eateries and shopping precinct.

Wharf St, Wentworth
P: 0427 056 678.



Wentworth Grande Resort

Situated on the banks of the Darling River in the heart of Wentworth, the Jewel of the Outback offers a range of newly refurbished rooms. We cater for different budgets, styles and needs including our new range of self-contained Presidential Suites. All accommodation includes a complimentary continental breakfast in our restaurant. We can cater for all needs with our licensed restaurant offering facilities for tour groups, conferences and functions. Other features include, disabled rooms, gymnasium, heated salt pool, guest laundry, BBQ facilities, free WiFi and ample off street parking.

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WENTWORTH



The Wentworth Pioneer Museum offers history dating back 1.8 million years! Indigenous artefacts and mega-fauna displays feature fossils from Wentworth and Mungo National Park. Explore the rich history of river trade and pioneer settlement in Wentworth.

117 Beverley Street, Wentworth
P: (03) 5027 3160
E rotaryclubofwentworth@gmail.com

Old Wentworth Gaol

WENTWORTH



A self guided tour of the Gaol allows you to inspect the inside of a historical land mark, designed to serve a vast region. The Wentworth Gaol now stands as a vivid reminder of those harsh and uncompromising days. The Gaoler's residence has an extensive range of souvenirs, giftware and a range of old wares.

Open 10am - 5pm daily
Beverley St, Wentworth
P: (03) 5027 3337

Ruby's Cargo

WENTWORTH



Ruby's Cargo is a retail outlet which showcases a huge variety of locally made products. From metal and wood-work to gourmet food, we are proud of all the items produced by the women and men in our area who work from home. There is truly "something for everyone" at Ruby's.

Open Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-1pm,
Sun 9.30am-12pm.
64 Adams St, Wentworth
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Went Weaving

WENTWORTH



Visitors to Went Weaving will observe weaving looms in action, a significant display of woven articles for personal and home use, many of which are for sale. Introductory and project based weaving classes are offered regularly with advanced classes on request. Commissioning work is available.

Open Thu-Sun 10am-4pm, most weeks
37 Darling St, Wentworth
P: 0427 056 678



Wentworth Golf Club

WENTWORTH



Community run golf course, idyllic local course with 18 grassed fairways and greens. Regular competition days, licensed bar open on these days, all public welcome. Cost: 9 holes \$10, 18 holes \$15. Clubs & buggies available for hire.

Beverley St, Wentworth
P: 5027 2325 or 0402 570 500

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WENTWORTH



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Shop 11 Sandwyh St, Wentworth
P: 0434 549 401
www.wentworthmilitarycollection.com

Wentworth Racing Club

WENTWORTH



Experience the fun and excitement of a true outback picnic race meeting. Traditionally coinciding with the Melbourne Cup, we offer a family oriented event to be shared with friends, family and likeminded country folk. Marquees, Picnic tables, Fashions on the Field, and children's entertainment are all part of the day.

On the first Tuesday in November
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Named after Water Conservation & Irrigation Commissioner Henry Dare, the centre of the Coomealla Irrigation District.

The town of Dareton is at the centre of the Coomealla Irrigation Area, an ambitious and successful horticultural development which began in 1922. The bush landscape was transformed into a patchwork of orderly patterned vineyards and orchards by soldier settlers following the two world wars.



At the heart of Dareton is the Coomealla Memorial Sporting Club which provides fine dining and live entertainment. Adjacent to the 'Coomie Club' are excellent bowling greens, a caravan park and a full 18 hole greens golf course on the banks of the Murray River.

A visit to BMeet the meeting place of local indigenous artists will provide a fascinating insight to the very talented local artists. Neighboring BMeet is the Men's Shed which has a range of permanent works on display.

The area is an angler's paradise and a natural habitat for fauna.



BMEET



DARETON

Come and visit our local Aboriginal art and craft gallery which showcases work by local Barkindji and other artists. See the 'Big Didge' – Australia's largest playable didgeridoo. Cultural tours available by appointment, where local Elders or experienced artists will be on hand to share their cultural knowledge. Discover our local Aboriginal history through this unique experience.

Mon-Fri 9am-3pm, weekends by appointment
 1845 Silver City Hwy, Dareton
 P: (03) 5027 4073

Coomealla Club



DARETON

The Coomealla Club has undertaken a complete renovation over the past 18 months and now provides guests with the latest design and facilities, complimenting our renowned high standard of service and presentation. Café, bistro, sports bar, functions room, bowls, golf course, live entertainment and resort accommodation.

Silver City Hwy, Dareton
 P: 1 800 674 505
www.coomeallaclub.com.au



BURONGA

Home of the Australian Inland Botanic Gardens, originally known as Hendy Town, officially named Buronga in the 1930s.



Early explorers and overlanders no doubt would have passed by this site in the mid 1800s before pioneering graziers took up the land between the Murray and Lower Darling Rivers.

Originally part of the 'Tapio Run', Buronga is situated on the Sturt Highway adjacent to Mildura. Buronga with an economy based on light industry, horticulture and viticulture is currently undergoing rapid residential expansion. Offering quick access to Mildura, Buronga offers an easy lifestyle with all the convenience of being 5 minutes from major shopping centres.

In close proximity to the town are the Australian Inland Gardens, wineries, olive groves and citrus orchards. Two river bank caravan parks and several motels and BnB's cater for accommodation.

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BURONGA



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GOL GOL

Once a key port for grazing and horticulture in the area, today a popular location for water activities.

Established in the late 1870s, the town of Gol Gol is historically significant as a vibrant horse drawn coach stop. Coaches were vital for communication, Royal Mail delivery and passenger transport in the Wentworth Shire. Up to six lines operated to and from the area



to destinations such as Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and every change point in between. Gol Gol Inn was one of the pivotal stops and horse changeover locations.

The town hosts a range of accommodation and recreational activities on the picturesque banks of the mighty Murray River. An award winning boutique winery and restaurant can be found at Trentham Cliffs, with tastings and outdoor dining available.

James King Park is a multi-purpose park, with tennis courts, playground, fitness equipment, BBQ and picnic areas. The park boasts one of the best double boat ramps in the Sunraysia district. The newly constructed wharf allows for houseboat accessibility to the park and sandbar, as well as access to town with the shared walking and bicycle paths.



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A trail of discovery to Menindee, the Darling River Run, Broken Hill and beyond.

Situated 115km north from Wentworth & 80km north-west from Mungo, this once thriving river port Pooncarie was settled by Europeans in the 1840's when pastoralists took up illegal grazing runs. In 1863 the settlement was gazetted as the township of 'Pooncaria'. Now known as Pooncarie (or locally as 'the Port') the town has a population of less than 200 permanent residents. With a pub, general store and café the residents of Pooncarie welcome all visitors and enjoy enlightening

travellers on the history of the area. With a variety of accommodation options there is sure to be one for you. The Pooncarie Race Club has an annual picnic race meeting on the NSW Labour Day long weekend each year. Pooncarie provides an alternative route to Menindee and Broken Hill however if you have time, stay and explore - you'll be glad you did. Make Pooncarie your first stop when travelling north on "The Darling River Run".

PORT PITSTOP

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5 Darling St, Pooncarie | P: 0427 522 806 | E: oldwharfcafepooncarie@gmail.com

Multi-Purpose Park Pooncarie

Featuring 1,200 acres of dispersed camping, stretched along the Darling River. Unpowered and powered sites available. Fees apply, deposit for the key is payable at the hotel. Walking distance to all town amenities, including hotel, café, service station, post office and parks. The park boasts toilets, hot showers and a dump point, tranquil river walks and designated camp fire areas.

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Bindara on Darling

POONCARIE/MENINDEE



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Kallara Station

TILPA



Justin & Julie McClure warmly welcome you to visit Kallara Station, Tilpa. You'll find us on the Darling River Run between Tilpa and Louth on the Western banks of the iconic Darling River: Ensuite facilities and bush camping accommodation available.

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THE DARLING RIVER RUN

An adventure waiting to be discovered

The Darling River Run, from Brewarrina to Wentworth, is a spectacular journey that takes you 950 kilometres through outback NSW on unsealed roads meandering alongside the Darling River.

This is a memorable drive amongst impressive scenery, incorporating thousands of years of indigenous history, pastoral heritage and memories of Australia's pioneering days. The abundance of flora, fauna, ancient rock

art and historical landmarks characteristic to this region, provides much to see and do along the way. Be sure to stop and visit the iconic outback townships and enjoy their local hospitality. Discover their heritage trails, museums, visitor attractions and living history along the way.

The Darling River Run is an adventure waiting for you to discover.

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MENINDEE

Visited by explorers Major Thomas Mitchell and Charles Sturt, and later used as a base by Burke and Wills in 1860.

Menindee is the first town on the Darling River (gazetted 1863), settled in 1853 between the Darling River and Lake Menindee. Menindee currently has a population of around 550 residents. The lakes and river area were first discovered by the Barkindji People who lived around the Menindee Lakes and along the nearby Darling River (Baaka) dating back over 40,000 years. The natural flood plain lakes now partially modified, sometimes empty sometimes

full, provide a significant breeding and feeding grounds for thousands of water birds, fish and aquatic life. Bordering the town is the Kinchega National Park, home of the heritage listed Kinchega Woolshed. Menindee played an important role in early exploration of our vast continent, as well as our states pastoral, riverboat and rail history, still providing access across the Darling for the transcontinental railway.





Dine in or takeaway from an extensive menu. Barista coffee, Petrin's famous home-made cakes, desserts & pizza, assorted deli items and a small range of groceries, newsagency, fishing tackle and bait, information brochures and maps. Beat the heat with air conditioning in store. Catering available. Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-7pm, Sat 9am-7pm, Sun 9am-5pm

32 Menindee St, Menindee
P: (08) 8091 4444
E: redsandstakeaway@bigpond.com

Burke & Wills Menindee Motel

Office is manned from 8am to 8pm. All rooms are ensuite with breakfast making facilities and microwave. Air-conditioned single, double and triple accommodation. Walking distance to hotels, post office, supermarket and cafes. Situated on the main road with easy vehicle access, all rooms have off street parking. Undercover bbq area and disabled facilities.

54 Yarлта St Menindee P: (08) 8091 4313 E: burkewillsmenindee@bigpond.com

MAIDEN'S HOTEL MENINDEE



Maiden's Hotel played host in October of 1860 to the Burke and Wills expedition. Today, the hotel offers much more than Burke and Wills would have encountered then - the main bar, dining area and amenities are clean and fresh. The food is good and the beer is cold. We offer air-conditioned twin share rooms in single or double, self-catered continental breakfast included in the tariff, shared bathroom facilities & off road parking is available.

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Meals - Dine in or Take Away

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59 Yarлта St, Menindee | P: (08) 8091 4208 | E: maidenshotelnsw@gmail.com



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Menindee Tourist Information Centre

For all of your information on Menindee. The best places to camp and fish, local and regional maps available, self-guided tour information for the lakes and Kinchega NP, local arts and crafts, souvenirs and gifts, a mini museum featuring the regional history and an Art Gallery and book exchange.

Hours: 10am-2pm, 7 days | 27 Yartla St, Menindee
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Menindee



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47-49 YARLTA ST, MENINDEE | P: (08) 8091 4288



MUNGO NATIONAL PARK

Part of the world heritage listed Willandra Lakes region.

Discover this natural wonder - a unique landscape. Over thousands of years, sun, wind and rain have created this ancient landscape. Lake Mungo's 33km long ancient dry lake beds & spectacular sand formations that make the 'Walls of China', are what visitors come to see. The story of the past can be read in the land as we see it today. The plants and animals have evolved from mega flora & fauna that have gone before, and landscape changes have left evidence in the lakebeds, the lunettes,

the dunes and the sediments of the life lived over 40000 years ago. More recently, humans have influenced this area, perhaps subtly in Aboriginal times, and then with more impact since white settlement and grazing of the land.

Mungo National park is located 146 km from Wentworth. The on-site Interpretative Centre has tour maps and available camp sites. Guided tour companies operate regularly from Mildura or group pick up at Wentworth.



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Kincheha National Park



220 km North of Wentworth - allow 2.5 hours

Follow the Darling River Run to the historic Kincheha Woolshed and Old Kincheha Homestead. Don't miss the fantastic birdlife on the Menindee Lakes. Book your stay in the Shearers' Quarters.

Broken Hill NPWS office:

Phone (08) 8084 2880

Mungo National Park



130km North-East of Wentworth - allow 1.5 hours

Wander the sands of time in ancient Mungo National Park at the heart of NSW's Willandra Lakes World Heritage. Book your stay in the Shearers' Quarters, and tour the Walls of China with a traditional custodian (Ph: 1300 072 757).

Buronga NPWS office:

Phone (03) 5021 8900

Paroo-Darling National Park



460 km North-East of Wentworth - allow 5.5 hours

At Paroo-Darling National Park you'll find the Paroo Overflow, the only unregulated river in the Murray-Darling basin, and an area of outstanding conservation value and natural beauty.

Broken Hill NPWS office:

Phone (08) 8084 2880

Yanga National Park



205km South-East of Wentworth - allow 2.5 hours

Experience pastoral life 150 years ago when you visit Historic Yanga. Homestead audio guide tours available from Balranald Visitor Centre.

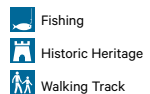
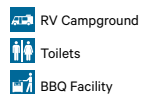
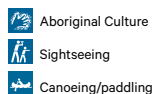
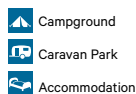
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Phone: 13000 PARKS (13000 72757)
info@environment.nsw.gov.au



For local park info:

8.30am - 4.30pm Mon - Fri
Broken Hill 08 8084 2880
Buronga 03 5021 8900



DISCOVER OUR RICH PAST

The Wentworth Shire and Darling Outback showcases over 150 years of pioneer settlement and 40,000 years of indigenous culture.



STANDING THE TEST OF TIME

Scattered throughout the Wentworth Shire and Darling Outback are historic buildings and structures - a legacy to the pioneers and engineers of times long past. From the grandeur of large homesteads nestled along the rivers, to historic schools, churches and courthouses (in regular use since 1879). Lift-span bridges still operate to facilitate navigation of larger river vessels, long retired farm and household implements are displayed in local parks and the Pioneer Museum, all a tribute to the perseverance of our pioneers and their strong will to provide for their families. Graziers were the first to arrive - the various ports flourished. Irrigation later turned the region into an 'oasis in the desert'. What a legacy our pioneers have created.



THEGOA LAGOON AND INDIGENOUS TRAILS

The Aboriginal people the 'Barkindji' (or Paakantyi) living along the Darling River referred to it as the 'Baaka' meaning 'belonging to the river'. The Baaka was the life source for the Barkindji people providing the spiritual connection and essential food, clothing and tools for life in this sometimes harsh environment.

The Thegoa Lagoon with its proximity to the Murray Darling junction was a natural 'meeting place' where Aboriginal people gathered for Corroborees. Nothing's changed - it remains an idyllic 'meeting place'.

A self-guided tour will expose the walker to its natural beauty and the prevalence of the archaeological sites - including middens, hearths, (fireplaces) and scar trees from which canoes, shields and tools have been crafted by the Barkindji people.

The keen observer will marvel at the Boundary Tree a remarkable example of the Aboriginal ability to graft branches together to create an eye or ring in the tree. Visible from a distance this was a clever way of marking a tribal boundary.

Thegoa Lagoon Reserve offers walk and drive trails and a bird hide to observe flora and fauna within minutes of Wentworth and the popular Murray Darling river junction.

Thegoa self-guided tour brochures are available at local Visitor Information Centres.



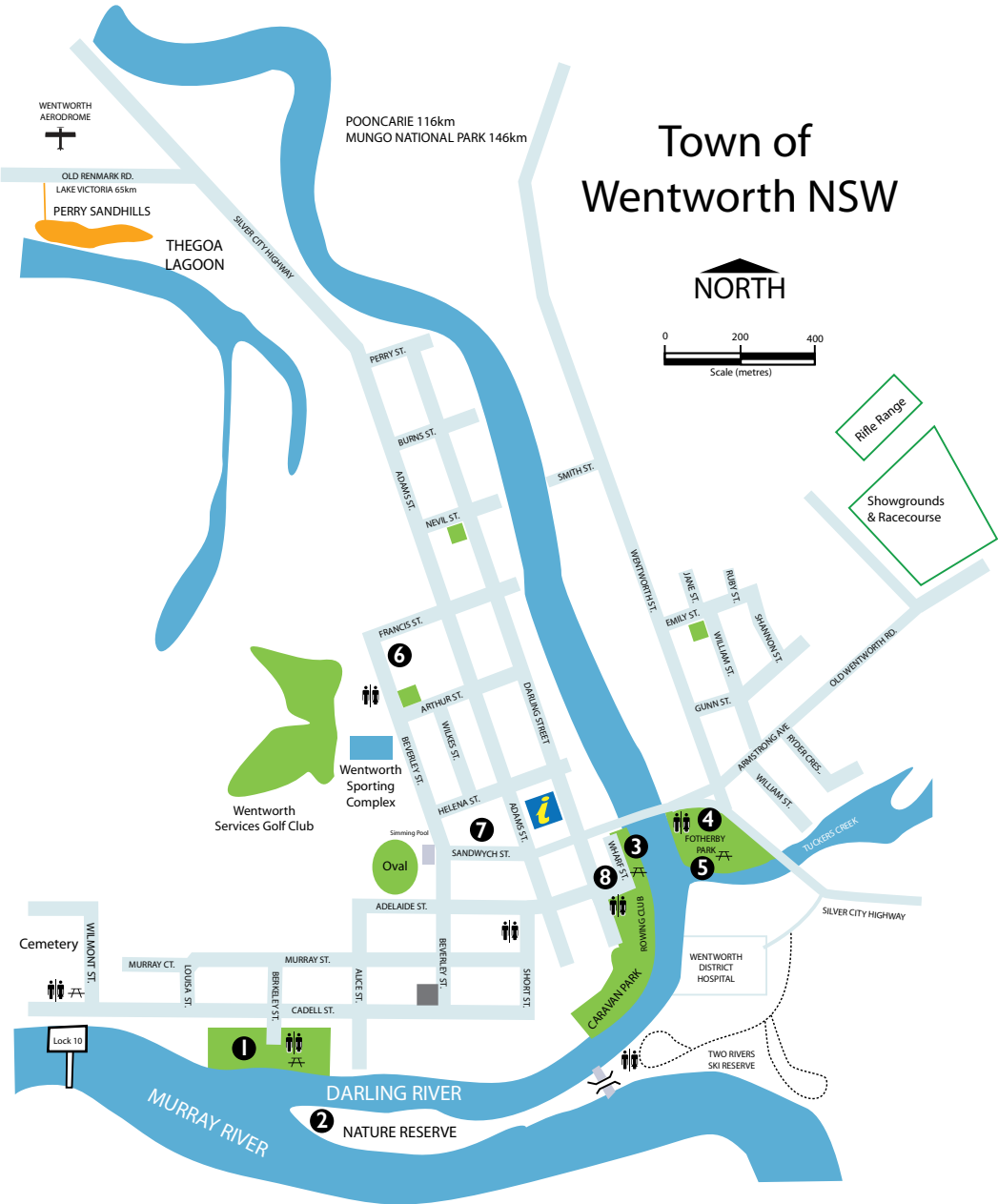
WHAT'S ON - Wentworth Shire & Darling Outback

January 26	Australia Day Celebrations
January - February	Murray River International Music Festival
April 25	ANZAC DAY Ceremonies
Easter Sunday	Junction Junk, Monster Garage Sale
Easter	Henley on Darling Rowing Regatta (Bi-annual)
Easter	Australian Mounted Games
Easter	Magenta Artists Art & Photography Show
May	Gol Gol Public School Country Fair
May	Pooncarie Field Day (Bi-annual)
May	Dancing on the Darling Festival
May	Walk Wentworth Sing
June	Festival of the Flood Fergie Rally (Every 5 years - 2021)
July	NAIDOC Week Celebrations
July	Triennial Junction Steam Rally, 2020
July	Pooncarie Gun Club Shoot
August	Wentworth Show
September	Country Music Festival
October	Flying Doctor Rowathon
October	Pooncarie Races
October/Nov	Murray Darling 110 - Ted Hurley Ski Race
November	Wentworth Racing Cup, 1st Tuesday
November	Buronga International Food Festival
December	Pooncarie Gun Club Shoot - Christmas event
December	Wentworth Community Christmas Eve Street Party
Monthly Events	Machine Knitting, 2nd Tues, Memorial Rooms (Visitor Info Centre)
	Fort Courage Fishing Competition, 2nd Sat,
	Wentworth Seniors, 3rd Tues, Memorial Rooms (Visitor Info Centre)
	Murray Darling Junction Fishing Club-Fishing Competition, Last Sat.

Note: Details for all events should be checked at www.visitwentworth.com.au









MUST SEE AND DO

1) The confluence of the Murray and Darling Rivers can be viewed from the observation tower at 'Junction Park'.

2) Stand on the inner point of the confluence and experience the merging of the two rivers. The different colour of the water from these two rivers makes this an intriguing experience. Information boards along the walking trail provide an enlightening insight into the environmental and cultural significance of the junction area and its unique flora and fauna.

3) The Old Wharf on the Darling River and the Captain John Egge Memorial.

A short walk from the main street to the river front, once the scene of busy river trade.

4) Fotherby Park houses a range of pioneer heritage machinery including a 'drop log' homestead, an original Chaffey Brothers steam powered tractor, and the iconic 'grey Fergie' the savior of the town in the 1956 flood event, and the statue and story of Possum

5) PS Ruby - See the PS Ruby at her mooring in Fotherby Park. Public access between 930am and 2pm on Tuesdays or guided tours by appointment, phone 03 5027 5080.

6) The Wentworth Rotary Pioneer Museum and 'The Old Gaol' for a taste of Wentworth history.

7) The Wentworth Military Collection displays over 125 years of Military service from all over the world.

8) River Boat Rod's Model Paddle Steamer display. Over 30 hand crafted and detailed, to scale models of Paddle Steamers of the past. Open Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 4pm. Free entry.



OUT AND ABOUT

WENTWORTH TRAIL

Travel back in history at your own pace. Visit 34 points of interest as you are guided about Wentworth on the Wentworth trail. The tour of the historic Port of Wentworth begins at the Visitor Information Centre, 66 Darling Street. It highlights historical buildings, from the old Post Office built in 1899, to the Town Hall (1844) to the cultural sites such as mussel beds and middens.

AUSTRALIAN INLAND BOTANIC GARDENS

An oasis in the desert. Take the time to discover the jewel of Sunraysia with a visit to the beautifully landscaped botanic gardens. There's the Garnpang Homestead Gift and Coffee Shop, rose gardens and plants representing every Australian State and Territory on display. A 'Big Breakfast and Market' is held on the 4th Saturday of every month at the Homestead.

PERRY SAND HILLS

A natural wonder of Wentworth. Explore the drifting sands of this ice age formation, home to mega fauna fossils and a World War Two RAAF practice range. Enjoy a quiet stroll over the hills or go wild with the endless fun to be had up and down the dunes.

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE GALLERY

There is always a new exhibition or display to be seen at the VIC Gallery, including but not limited to sculptures, paintings and photography by artists from all over Australia.

Visiting the free gallery provides the perfect introduction to the regions rich environmental, cultural and historical past. The Visitor Information Centre and Gallery is the perfect place to commence your visit.

For more information call into the Wentworth Visitor Information Centre or visit www.visitwentworth.com.au or phone 03 5027 5080.



PS RUBY - THE AUTHENTIC 1907 HERITAGE PADDLESTEAMER

Built in Morgan, S.A. in 1907, as a 'side wheeler' the PS Ruby (or the Paddle Steamer Ruby) is currently the flagship of the historic Port of Wentworth. 'Side wheelers' were designed and built for their manoeuvrability and were ideally suited to the unpredictable and sometimes treacherous Murray River. Whilst the PS Ruby had an industrious life as a cargo and passenger vessel operating between Echuca, Mildura, Wentworth and Goolwa she now rests in dry dock within the confines of Fotherby Park Wentworth. Recognising the historic value of this iconic vessel the Rotary Club of Wentworth purchased the neglected PS Ruby in 1968, and successfully completed an extensive restoration process which now has the Ruby being presented to the public as an authentic and operating paddle steamer of its era. Having completed the restoration Rotary have handed ownership to the Wentworth Community in the trusteeship of the Wentworth Shire Council.

You can step back in time on a guided tour of PS Ruby. Contact Wentworth Visitor Information Centre on 03 5027 5080 to enquire about tour times.



TOWN SERVICES GUIDE

The Wentworth Shire & Darling Outback celebrates the Rivers, the People & the Outback.

Many services are provided within the region. Please refer to this guide for further information (This guide is current at the time of publication).

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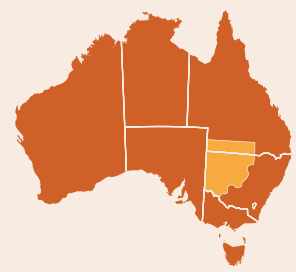
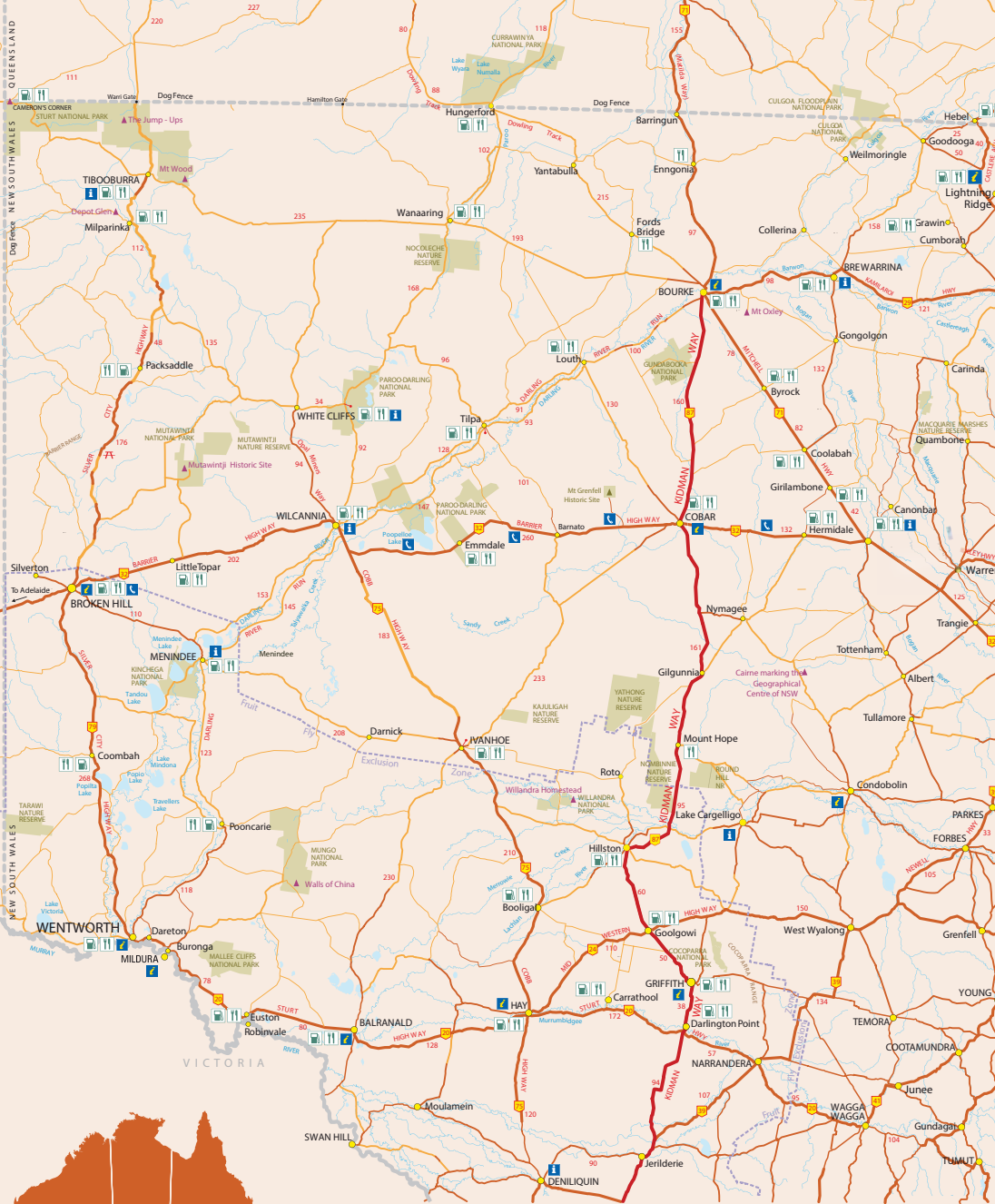
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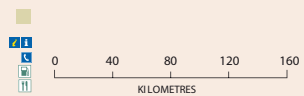
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