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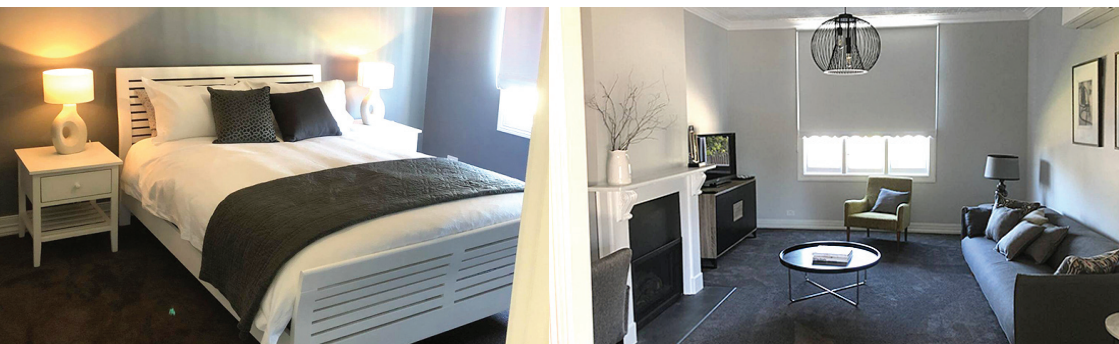
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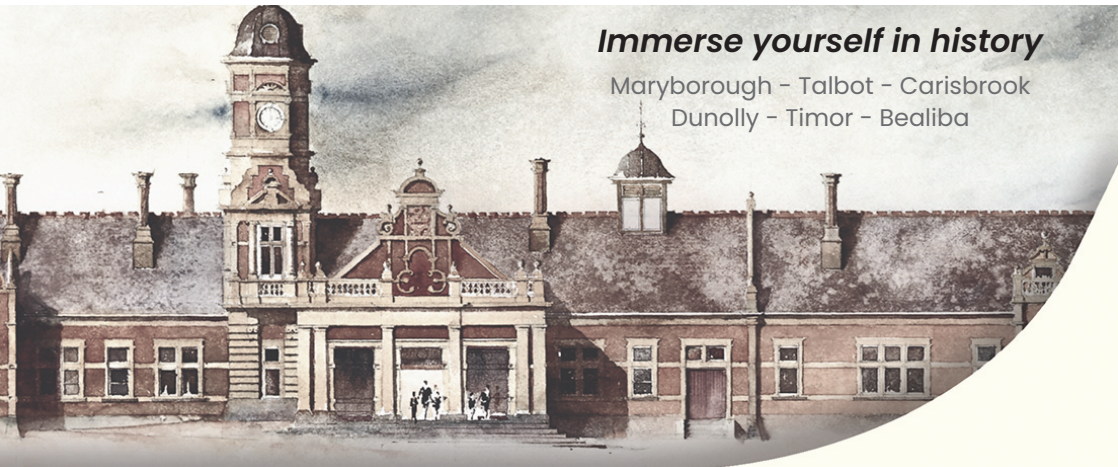

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Thank you to everyone who entered our Spot-the-Nugget competition in the autumn edition.

Congratulations to Brian Francis from Ballarat East who found the nugget on page 5. Brian has won a \$50 voucher to spend at Playing in the Attic in Talbot

Turn to page 49 to enter the winter Spot-the-Nugget competition for your chance to win a \$50 voucher for the Golden Nugget Restaurant at the historic Porcupine Village in Maldon.

ON THE COVER

Misty memories

Addy staff member Rachel Nagy braved the cold on a misty morning last winter to take this photo of the Carisbrook Cemetery.

The Carisbrook Cemetery was established in 1858 to replace the nearby Bald Hill Cemetery and includes the graves of pioneer families as well as present day family and loved ones.

Rachel took this photo on her iPhone 13 pro.



GOLDFIELDS *Getaway*

Now taking bookings for Spring
Phone 5461-3866 for bookings and more information.

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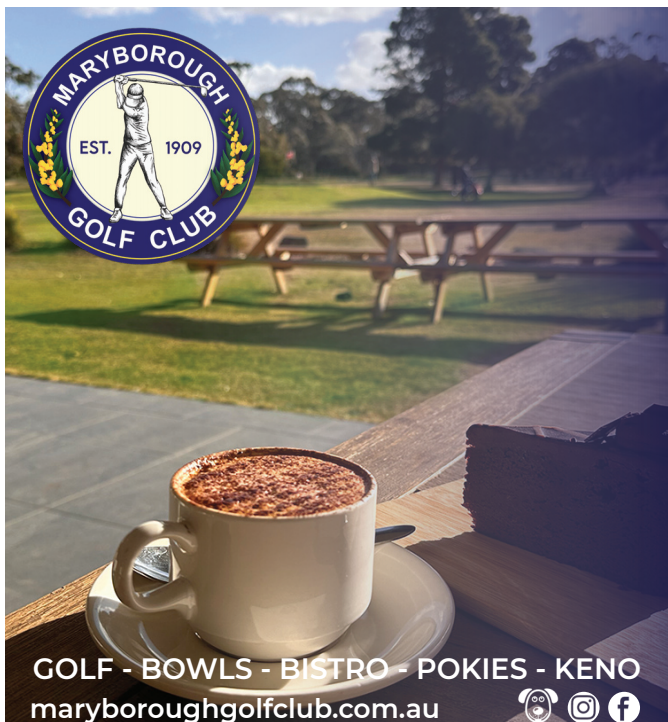


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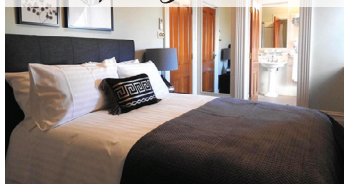
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THIS winter, take the time to discover the creativity of the central goldfields by visiting the galleries in the region.

Located in Maryborough's historic fire station, the Central Goldfields Art Gallery is exhibiting *The Art of Gold* until the end of June.

Featuring golden jewellery on loan from the National Gallery of Australia the provenance of the twelve golden treasures on display relate to Maryborough and surrounds.

Nine of the artworks date from the mid-19th century goldrush in Central Victoria. Known as goldfields jewellery, the collection includes earrings,

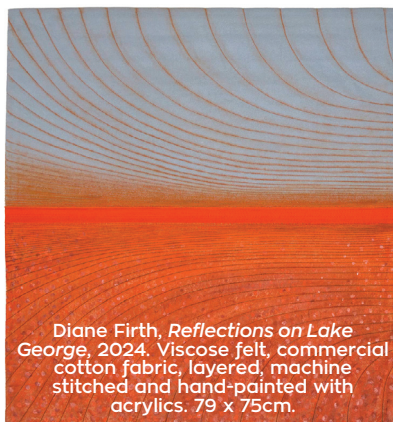
brooches and a locket commissioned by miners.

Also on display is *Clay on Country*, a celebration of clay, community, culture and creativity and *Allegories*, a collection of oil paintings by Amphitheatre artist Nick Dridan.

The Golden Textures Contemporary Art

Quilt Award 2025 reflects Maryborough's proud textile history. The gallery is thrilled that this year, Linda Steele, president of the OzQuilt Network Inc. will join gallery coordinator Helen Kaptein to select the winner.

"The award showcases contemporary



Diane Firth, *Reflections on Lake George*, 2024. Viscose felt, commercial cotton fabric, layered, machine stitched and hand-painted with acrylics. 79 x 75cm.

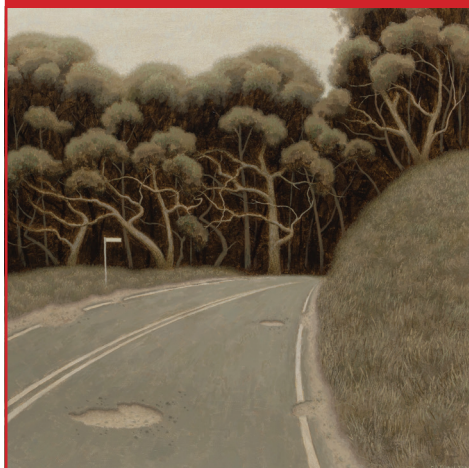
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Allegories – Nick Dridan

22 May to 5 October 2025

New works that capture the atmosphere of Nick Dridan's local Pyrenees landscape.

Left: Nick Dridan, *Broken Road*, 2024. Acrylic on canvas. 45 x 45cm.

Golden Textures Contemporary Art Quilt Award

28 June to 12 October 2025

The Award showcases contemporary art quilts from around Australia.



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Possum Gully Gallery

art quilts from around Australia and the winning work remains in the gallery's art collection, joining an outstanding and growing collection of contemporary Australian art quilts," Helen said.

"Visitors will marvel at the skill and time demonstrated by artists from all around Australia whose subject matters explores aspects of our natural world though to challenging social issues."

The winner will be announced at the exhibition opening on Saturday June 28 at 2.00pm, with the quilts on display until October 12.

Just a short drive from Maryborough is Possum Gully Gallery. Owned by artist Patricia Walsh, visitors can view a range of works from some of Australia's best-known artists, as well as unique garden sculptures.

Throughout winter the gallery is holding a studio clearance sale. Printmaking and drawings will be available at special reduced prices, with prices starting at just \$10 and free posters included

Avoca's Gallery 127 will showcase the work of local artist Lyn Thomas throughout June. *The Nature's Melody* exhibition of water colours will officially open on June 7 at 2.00pm and will be on display until June 30.

Throughout July, the Talbot Art Group will exhibit an eclectic array of work aptly titled *Diversity in Styles*. Winter is also the ideal time to experience the gallery's Barking Owl night-time silo feature.

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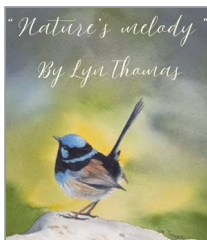
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Natures Melody by Lyn Thomas

Opening June 7 at 2.00pm

Diversity in Styles – Talbot Art Group

Opening July 7 at 2.00pm

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Travel safely this winter

DRIVING in rural areas can be very different to driving in metropolitan areas, especially in the colder months.

Here's our tips to help you safely explore the Central Goldfields during the winter.

Drive for the conditions

Check your weather app before hitting the roads, as wet roads and black ice can reduce grip, sometimes without warning. Fog and heavy rain can drastically decrease visibility, making it hard to see other vehicles and turn-off signage. Also note that some roads are subject to flooding in heavy rain and unsealed roads may become unsuitable for standard vehicles in wet conditions, so be careful when following GPS directions.

Slow down

Just because road signs say 100 doesn't mean you need to stick to this in bad weather. Travel just a little slower, especially in unfamiliar areas, as there may be pot holes in the roads or other unseen hazards. Always pause before taking off from stop signs or intersections in case other vehicles lose traction.

Maintain a safe braking distance

It takes much longer to stop in the wet, so don't follow other cars too closely when it's raining, or if the roads are wet and icy. Tailgating is unsafe and illegal, especially on hilly or unfamiliar roads.

When in doubt, pull over

In wet weather use your air conditioner to prevent your windscreen from fogging up. If visibility becomes so limited you can't see the edges of the road or other vehicles at a safe distance try pulling over and waiting for conditions to ease.



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If you hit an animal when driving, report the collision to Wildlife Victoria's Emergency Response Service hotline on (03) 8400 7300.

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Park your car and stroll along Fraser Street, learn about the history of the town, find some treasures in the antique and gift stores.

If feeling the need for something more spiritual, check out our retreats and esoteric shops, or discover your next great read.

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Warren's involvement in the Melbourne musical scene has

brought an eclectic range of high-quality music concerts to Clunes – from classical to jazz to folk to tango to flamenco.

“Saturday nights in Clunes really needed a boost during the pandemic,” Wendy said.

“We had the idea to open Agatha's Lounge and Wine Bar on a Saturday night over three years ago to give locals somewhere and something different to enjoy, a place with a wonderful ambiance to come and chat with friends, enjoy a wine, a beer, a cocktail, a cheese platter, listen to



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background jazz, sit inside or outside in the cosy courtyard and just soak up the atmosphere.”

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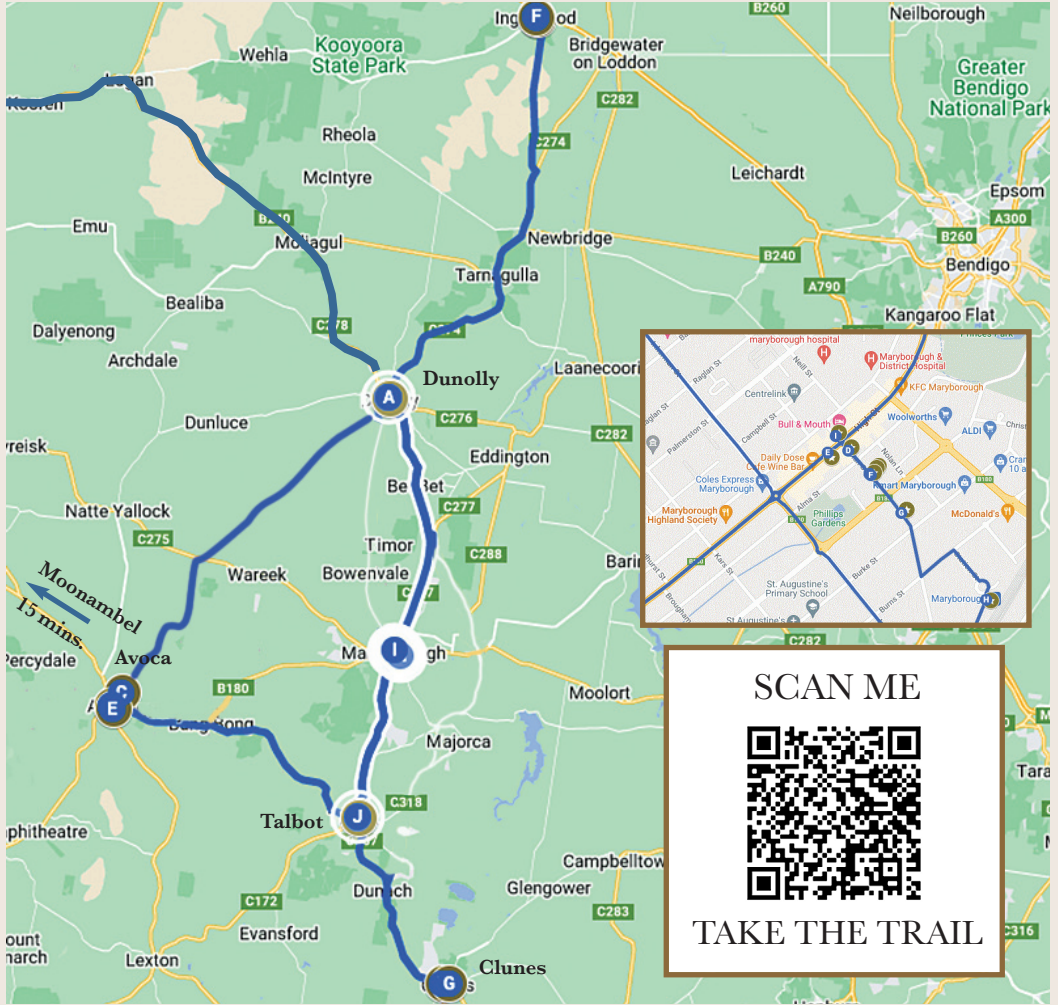
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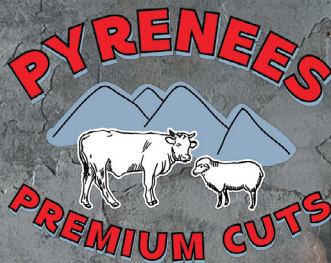
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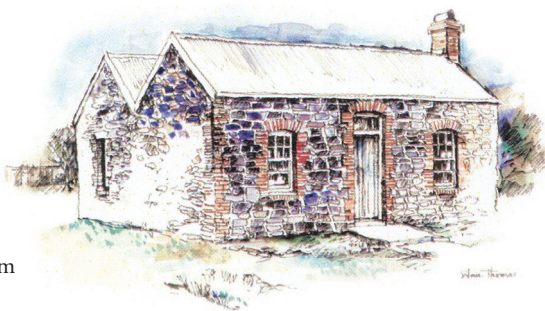
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Worsley Cottage: Watercolour by Stan Thomas



Walk through history

VISITORS to Maryborough often remark on the incredible, intact architecture from days-gone-by.

From the grandeur of the Railway Station to the cosy comfort of renovated miner's cottages, as you make your way throughout the town you will see buildings and public spaces just as important to the life of the community today as when they were built more than a century ago.

For a detailed walking tour map of Maryborough, pop in to the Visitor Centre located at the Railway Station.



Finding



Slab squatter's hut



Fredrick and Elsie Worsley at the front of the cottage c1903



The resource centre is a treasure trove of information

WHILE the search for gold continues to attract thousands of hopeful prospectors to the central goldfields each year, treasure of a different kind also draws an increasing number of visitors to the region – missing pieces in their family-history puzzle.

The popularity of TV shows such as *Who Do You Think You Are?* and *Find My Family*, along with the advent of DNA ancestry searches, has seen a surge in curiosity about life in the early days of the colony.

While websites such as Trove.com offer invaluable information, there is nothing quite like walking the same streets as your great-grandparents, marvelling at the ingenuity of those who endured in harsh conditions with no mod-cons, or standing at the gravesite of a long-lost relative.

One of the first places to start your search is the local historical society. Most communities boast a small, dedicated band of local volunteers whose mission is to keep history alive for future generations.

Throughout the next editions of *Goldfields Getaway* we will highlight the invaluable work of the historical societies throughout the goldfields.

The Maryborough Midlands Historical Society (MMHS) is located at the Museum and Resource Centre in Palmerston Street, which includes the recently-restored Worsley Cottage. Dating back to the late-1800s, the cottage is furnished with many artefacts from that time, as well as photographs and items belonging to the Worsley family. On the same property is a slab squatters' hut dating from around 1844.

Barbara Nielsen, who is president

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of the MMHS, said they receive enquiries and visitors from all over Australia.

“Our archives include resources such as cemetery, marriage and gaol records, hospital admissions, microfilmed versions of *The Maryborough Advertiser*, rate books, photographs and maps,” she said.

“Sometimes researchers find information in unexpected places. A recent interstate visitor discovered to his astonishment that the name of the ship on which his German ancestors made the voyage to Australia had been recorded in the Maryborough Hospital Admissions register.”

The Museum and Resource Centre is open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to noon and on Sundays from 2pm to 4pm. Barb encourages anyone with specific enquiries to contact the Society via phone or email (see display ad).

“Some lucky visitors are surprised to find that their Maryborough family history has already been researched and documented – in most cases by the late Margaret Walkley, our longtime family history specialist,” Barbara said.

“Gold rush era society was more diverse than it is today. The population of Victoria increased dramatically, gold seekers travelling from many nations, for example China, the US and European countries. Thousands of these immigrants flocked to the Maryborough goldfields.

“Our Research Centre contains information on many of these families and their descendants, some of whom still live in the area today.”



Fred and Elsie Worsley
circa 1900

Fredrick and Elsie Worsley c1900



Visitors are welcome at Worsley Cottage

Finding family

CEMETERIES are living public archives, rich with history and stories.

Each headstone—or unmarked grave—indicates a life once lived, offering insight into local heritage, cultural traditions, and historic events. From family names to wartime service, these resting places reveal the past in quiet, powerful ways.

Local cemetery trusts often help with family history research, sometimes for a

small fee. Please be mindful that they are bound by the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic), and may only be able to provide limited information to direct family members.

By exploring cemeteries and learning about those who came before us, we keep their stories alive and deepen our connection to the past, ensuring their legacies are not forgotten.



CEMETERY TRUSTS IN THE CENTRAL GOLDFIELD SHIRE

In the Central Goldfields Shire, there are nine cemetery trusts responsible for the care of the historic cemeteries located in the region.

As independent entities, these trusts make decisions in relation to the provision of their services (including burials and ash placements), employment of staff (if applicable), and expenditure of funds.

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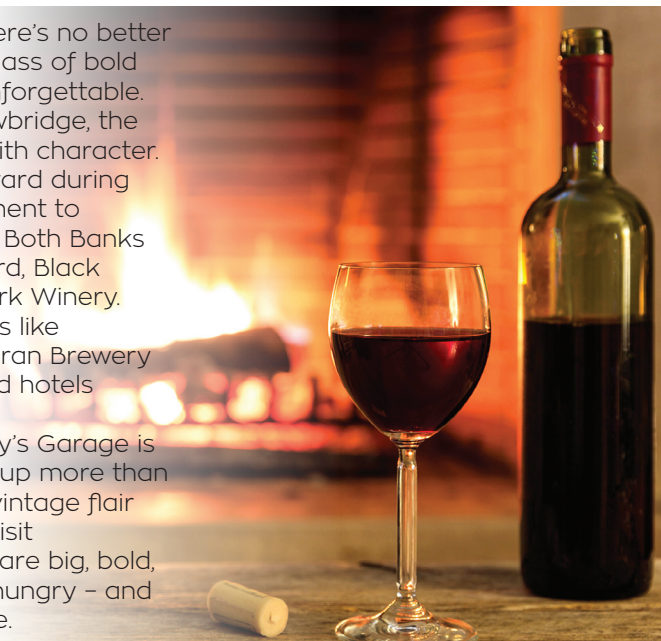
AS the chill of winter rolls in, there's no better way to stay cosy than with a glass of bold red and a bite of something unforgettable.

Around Bridgewater and Newbridge, the local wine scene is brimming with character.

Drop into Water Wheel Vineyard during the week, or book an appointment to explore the boutique charm of Both Banks Vineyard, Old Kingower Vineyard, Black Wallaby Wines, and Connor Park Winery.

You'll also find crowd-pleasers like Newbridge Wines and Lake Meran Brewery featured on menus at pubs and hotels across the region.

Down south, Eddington's Eddy's Garage is a retro dreamland that serves up more than just atmosphere. Packed with vintage flair and tropical vibes, it's a must-visit destination where the burgers are big, bold, and seriously delicious. Come hungry – and bring your best burger appetite.



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Loddon Valley

Celebrating 25 years in Bendigo: The Aust

THIS July, the Australian Sheep & Wool Show celebrates a significant milestone — 25 years since its relocation to Bendigo in 1999.

From July 18 to 20, the Prince of Wales Showgrounds will once again host this iconic event, uniting the nation's premier sheep breeders, wool artisans and agricultural innovators in a grand celebration of Australia's rich wool heritage.

Established in 1877, the Australian Sheep and Wool Show has evolved into the world's largest event of its kind, showcasing over 3,000 sheep across more than 30 breeds.

The move to Bendigo was a strategic decision, positioning the show in a central location accessible to farmers from Australia's primary sheep-producing regions.

The 2025 Show promises a diverse array of attractions:

- **Feature Breed** – Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Australian White Suffolk Association, this year's spotlight will be on the White Suffolk breed,



highlighting its significance in the industry.

- **Woolcraft Competition**: Under the theme 'Where the Road Leads Us', artisans present innovative textile creations, reflecting the journey and evolution of woolcraft in Australia.

- **Fashion Parades**: Twice-daily showcases featuring contemporary wool fashion, emphasizing the versatility and elegance of Australian wool.

- **Shearing and Yard Dog Trials**: Demonstrations of skill and tradition celebrating the essential roles of shearers and working dogs in the wool industry.

- **Festival of Lamb**: A culinary delight, offering attendees the chance to savour



Australian Sheep & Wool Show's Silver Jubilee

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- **Careers and Technology Hub:** A platform for emerging technologies and career opportunities within the agricultural sector, aiming to inspire the next generation of industry leaders.

Throughout the past quarter-century, the Australian Sheep and Wool Show has been a hub for industry professionals as well as a family-friendly event, attracting over 30,000 visitors annually. Its enduring success underscores Bendigo's pivotal role in Australia's agricultural landscape and the nation's deep-rooted connection to the wool industry.

As the Australian Sheep and Wool Show celebrates this silver jubilee, it stands as a testament to the resilience and innovation of Australia's sheep and wool sectors.

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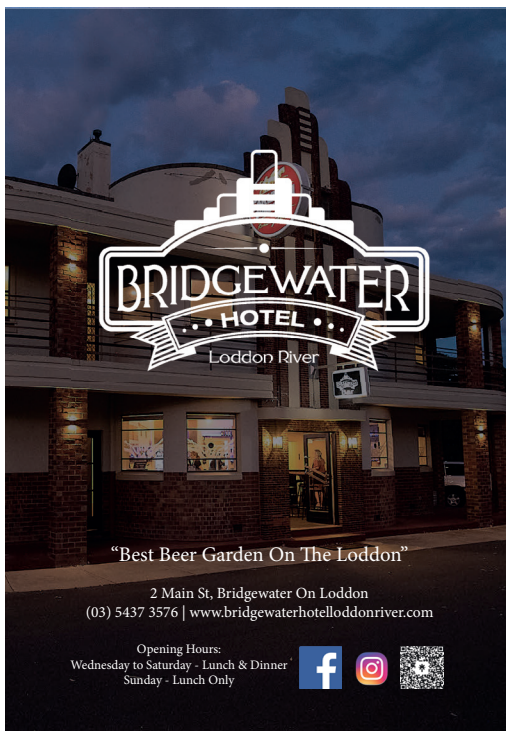
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Thanks to their sheer doggedness, years of funding submissions and VCAT appeals, the Maldon Vintage Machinery & Museum was formally opened in 2006. Renee Thompson is the

museum’s project coordinator and said the whole town is involved in some way with the success of the museum.

Situated on the site of the once rich Great Western Cymru Company Mine,

Renee describes it as a flywheeler’s haven, with many treasures in working order.

“But – and there is a big but – we are so much more,” she said.

“Our museum has evolved into an incredibly unique display of history covering many eras with a specialty of showing how life was once worked and lived, with the use of hand tool, horsepower, to the industrial revolution with engines and electricity to solar power, moving towards the way we live today.”

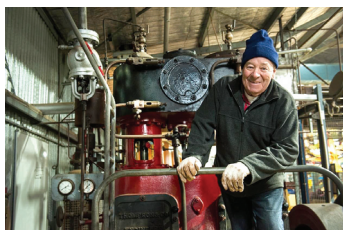


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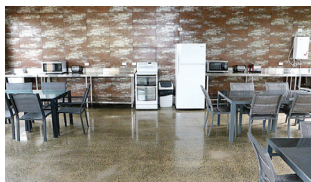
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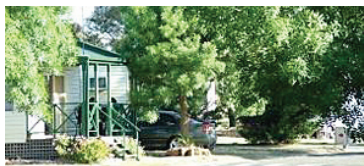


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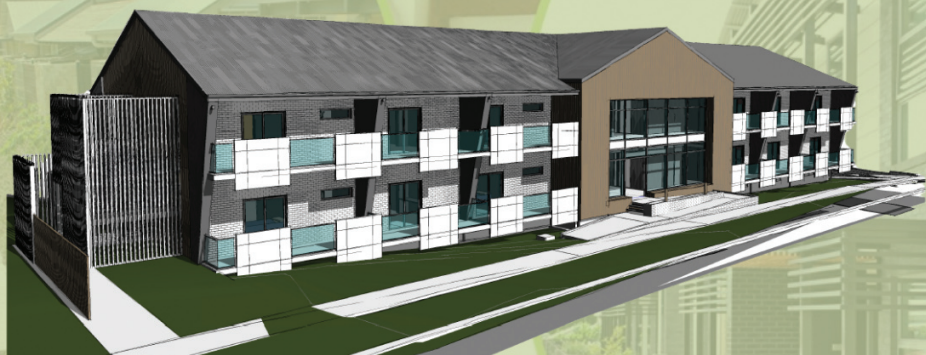
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- Clarendon Street, Maryborough
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- Coles Express, 47-49 High Street | 6am-12am
- Princes Park, Park Road | 24 hours
- Maryborough Railway Station | 8am-6pm
- Goldfields Reserve, Ballarat-Maryborough Road | 24 hours
- Maryborough Adventure Playground, Burns St
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Clunes Farmers and Makers' Market

Fraser Street, Clunes | 9am-1pm | 2nd Sunday of the month

Dunolly Country Market

Broadway, Dunolly (main street) | 9am-1pm | 4th Sunday of the month
No market in June or July - Sunday 10th in August

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- ♦ Maryborough Education Centre, 102-152 Balaclava Road
- ♦ Maryborough Giants Football Club, 9 Rinaldi Drive
- ♦ Maryborough Highland Society, 35 High Street
- ♦ Highview Christian College, 21 Kars Street
- ♦ St Augustine's Primary School, 58-64 Burke Street
- ♦ Maryborough Uniting Church, 10 Neill Street
- ♦ Lions Club Maryborough Book Shop, 124 High Street
- ♦ Central Goldfields Shire Resource Centre, 91 Nolan Street
- ♦ Ambulance Victoria - Maryborough, 9 Nightingale Street
- ♦ Are-Able, 87 Napier Street
- ♦ Central Goldfields Shire Council Offices, 12-22 Nolan Street
- ♦ Central Goldfields Shire Council Hub, 48 Burns Street
- ♦ Maryborough Girl Guides, 90 Napier Street
- ♦ Maryborough Fire Station, 93 Napier Street
- ♦ Woolworths Supermarket, 34-36 Tuaggra Street
- ♦ Coles Supermarket, 96 Burke Street
- ♦ V-Line Maryborough Station, 27 Station Street
- ♦ Goldfields Family Centre, 98 Napier Street
- ♦ Maryborough McDonald's, 5-7 Tuaggra Street
- ♦ Maryborough Sports & Leisure Centre, 40 Gillies Street
- ♦ Maryborough Soccer Club, 48 Park Road
- ♦ Maryborough Tennis Centre, 8 Lake Road
- ♦ Central Goldfields Shire Depot, 72-84 Burns Street
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Visitors often travel to central Victoria searching for insight into their family history. Many families can trace their history in Australia back to the goldrush of the 1800s. Maybe your ancestors came hoping to find their fortune? Perhaps they were prospectors, publicans, bakers, farriers, store owners or church ministers? In winter, and future editions, we chat with the dedicated volunteers who can help you put the pieces of the puzzle together as you research your family history.

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