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COMPETITION WINNERS

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

Congratulations to Kim Sarton who found the nugget on page 30. Kim has won a \$50 voucher to spend at Bendigo Tramways.

Turn to page 45 to enter the winter Spot the Nugget competition for your chance to win a \$50 voucher for Pyrenees Premium Cuts.

Congratulations also to Roger Bird who correctly identified Maldon Bakery in our Where am I? competition. Turn to page 17, tell us where the image was taken and go in the draw to win a \$50 voucher to spend locally.

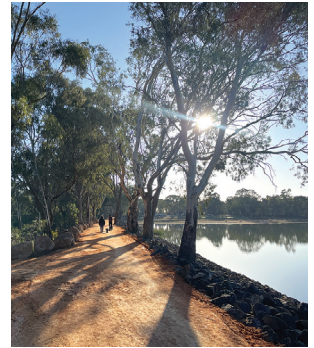
Entries drawn August 10, 2026.

ON THE COVER

Reservoir walk

Originally built in the 1800s as a water source for the town, the Goldfields Reservoir features a picnic area, nature playground and scenic walking track and is the venue for the weekly goldfields parkrun. With nearly two kilometres of landscaped track circling the lake, the easy walk is pram friendly and a great way to explore the bushland right on our doorstep.

Thanks to Kate Bucknall who snapped this image on her iPhone way to work one chilly morning.



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Visit the Central Goldfields Art Gallery, housed within Maryborough's beautifully



restored 19th-century Fire Station. Discover an ever-changing program of exhibitions alongside works from local collectives. Then unwind in garingilang gatjin wii, a peaceful public garden where water and fire elements create a space for rest, reflection and connection.

During the winter months, the Central Goldfields comes alive with welcoming events and local experiences. Discover the much-loved Talbot Farmers' Market, wander heritage streetscapes that echo the past, and enjoy live music, festivals, high teas and cosy dining spots

Let our friendly team at the Central Goldfields Visitor Centre help you make the most of your winter getaway.



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Chopped returns to Carisbrook

HOT RODS, vintage motorbikes and classic vehicles from the 1950s, 60s and 70s will roll into Carisbrook on the weekend of September 18-20 for Chopped – the long-running hot rod, motorcycle and music festival held at the Maryborough Harness Racing Club.

Chopped organiser Kyle Ford describes the three-day event as a “hybrid” festival that attracts a mix of enthusiasts and music lovers alike.

“There are elements within the festival that locals like to come and watch – the drag racing for example – and then look at the cars and the motorcycles,” Kyle said.

“We also have people who just come to listen to certain bands. There are subcultures within the crowd.”

While the classic cars and motorcycles capture a strong 1950s and 60s aesthetic, Kyle said the music lineup also attracts a younger audience travelling from Melbourne to camp throughout the weekend.

The Carisbrook venue provides camping facilities along with dedicated spaces for entertainment, food vendors and drag racing.

“Once the day activities calm down the festival changes gear and a whole new life kicks in,” Kyle said.

“We have a great entertainment area where the bands play as well as a tiki bar, cocktail caves and food trucks, so it doesn't really stop between day and night.”

First launched in 2008 by Kyle, his brother and a friend, Chopped began as a small car show on a football oval before steadily growing into one of

Australia's best-known celebrations of custom cars, motorcycles and alternative culture.

“As kids we were off to car shows on the weekends,” Kyle said.

“We started putting on the event because there was nothing that we wanted to go to that catered for our interests, so we decided to do it ourselves.”

Today, the festival combines dirt drags, custom builds, tattoo culture, live music and camping into a high-energy weekend that welcomes both dedicated fans and curious locals.

Weekend passes are available online through Chopped Festival, while day tickets can be purchased at the gate.





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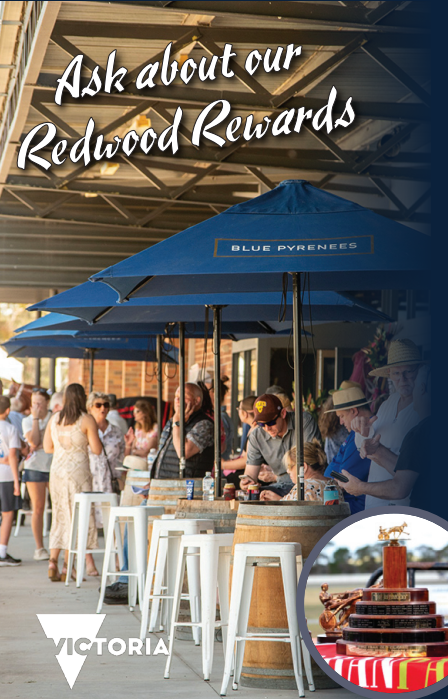
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THIS winter, take the time to discover the creativity of the central goldfields by visiting the galleries in the region.

Located in Maryborough's renovated historic fire station, the **Central Goldfields Art Gallery** is exhibiting *Capturing the Wild* - A series of photographs and paintings by Milton Moss throughout winter. Moss presents an array of evocative landscape paintings and photographs from the



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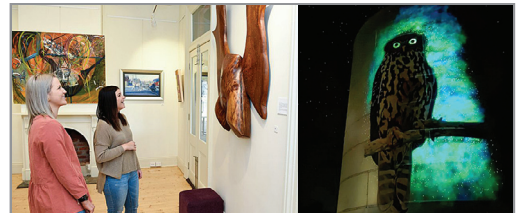
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Silo Art – surprises after dark

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Gallery trail

Moolort Plains, Joyce's Creek area of Central Goldfields and surrounding Central Victorian region.

Also on display is *The Art of Gold*, golden jewellery on loan from the National Gallery of Australia. The 12 gold jewellery items on display are on long term loan from the National Gallery of Australia with support from the Australian Government as part of Sharing the National Collection.

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 and are known as goldfields jewellery. Including earrings, brooches and a locket, these items of jewellery were commissioned by miners, as a mark of their own success and to reflect colonial pride and advancement.



Art of Gold

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.

Avoca's Gallery 127 will showcase the work of a variety of local artists Lyn Thomas throughout winter. If you time your trip for the evening, you can witness the Barking Owl glow-in-the-dark silo artwork as it is meant to be seen.

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Milton Moss, *Capturing the Wild*, oil on canvas (detail).

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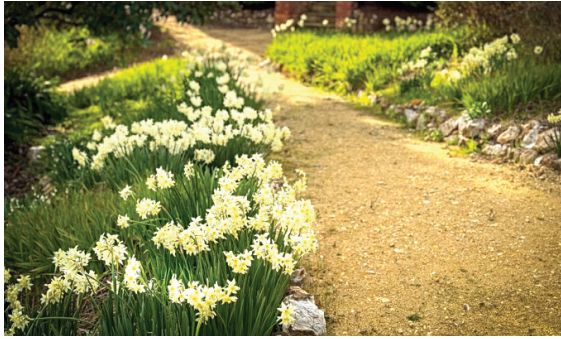


Winter wonderland

WINTER transforms Buda Historic Home and Garden into a place of stillness, texture and reflection.

Nestled in the heart of Castlemaine, Buda's historic villa and three-acre garden offers an atmospheric experience during the colder months — one that rewards those willing to slow down and look closely.

Originally built in the 1860s and home to the creative Leviny family for more than a century, Buda remains remarkably intact. Filled with original furnishings, artworks and personal objects, it tells the story of a richly artistic household.



The sense of warmth and lived-in history contrasts beautifully with the crisp air outside.

While spring and summer bring colour to the garden, winter exposes the

bones of the landscape and offers a chance to appreciate the thoughtful 19th-century design.

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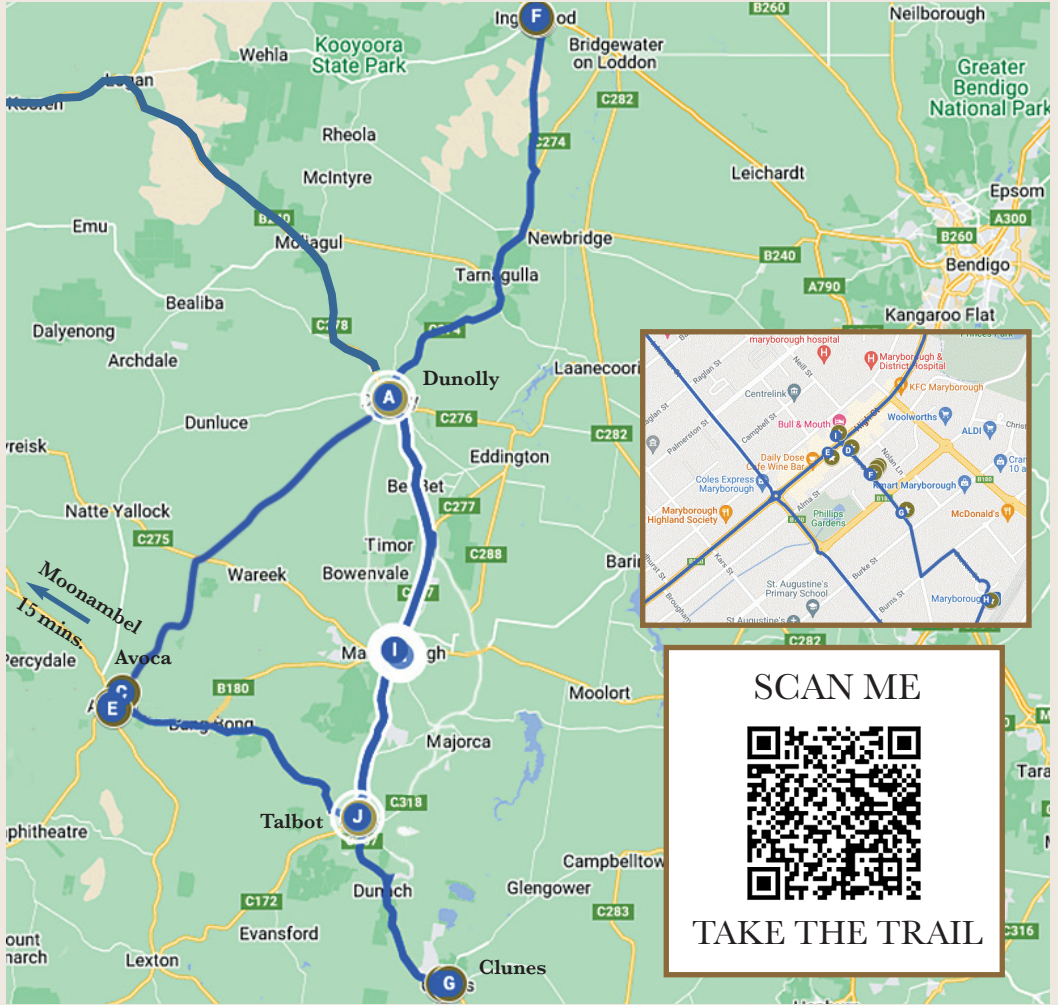
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Beyond the cellar doors, discover the trails of the Pyrenees State Forest, where winter light filters through towering gums.

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Or step into Gallery 127, where the work of local artists surprises and delights. Art lovers should also plan a visit to coincide with the annual Pyrenees Art Exhibition, held in the historic Beaufort Town Hall over the King's Birthday long weekend.

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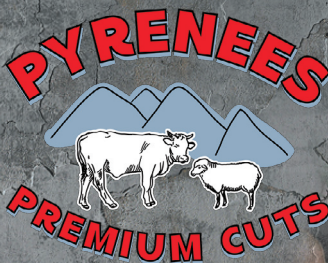
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Avoca is a historic town located in the Pyrenees region of western Victoria, about 180 kilometres north-west of Melbourne. The town is best known for its connection to the Victorian gold rush of the 1850s, which transformed it from a quiet pastoral district into one of the colony's busiest mining centres. Today, Avoca is recognised for its heritage buildings, wineries, farming community, and rich local history.



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BEFORE European settlement, the area around Avoca was inhabited by the Dja Dja Wurrung people, who lived along the river systems and forests of the region for thousands of years.

European exploration began in 1836 when Major Thomas Mitchell travelled through the district and named the Avoca River after the Vale of Avoca in Ireland. Mitchell described the land as fertile and well-watered, encouraging settlers to move into the area.

During the 1840s and early 1850s, large sheep stations were established throughout the district. However, the discovery of gold changed the future of the region forever. Gold was discovered near Avoca at Four Mile Flat in 1853, attracting thousands of prospectors from across Australia and overseas. Within months, the population exploded from only a few hundred residents to more than 16,000 people, making Avoca one of the most important goldfields in Victoria.

The sudden growth of the town led to the rapid development of businesses and public services. Police camps, banks, hotels, churches, schools, and a courthouse were built to support the booming population.

The Chemist today



Avoca Court House



Court House circa 1870



150th Police Residence

*With thanks to the teams at Advance Avoca and The Avoca Historical Society
The walk can be found at the Avoca Information Centre or online*

Steps at Avoca

Avoca became an important administrative centre during the gold rush era, helping maintain law and order among the large number of miners living in tents and temporary settlements.

By the late nineteenth century, gold production began to decline. Many miners left the area, while others settled permanently and turned to farming and agriculture. Large pastoral properties were divided into smaller farms, and vineyards were planted throughout the Pyrenees region. Sheep grazing, grain production, and winemaking gradually replaced mining as the foundation of the local economy.

In the 20th century, Avoca continued to develop as a rural service town. Roads, rail connections, and communication systems improved, supporting local businesses and agriculture. In recent decades, tourism and wine production have become increasingly important. Visitors are attracted to the town's gold rush heritage, historic streetscape, and nearby wineries.

Today, Avoca remains a small but culturally significant Victorian town that reflects both the prosperity and challenges of the gold rush era while maintaining strong links to its agricultural traditions.



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5 things to do in Avoca



1. Visit the tranquil sanctuary of the Avoca Chinese Garden, a picturesque commemoration of Chinese heritage in the region.

2. Explore the Avoca River Nature Trail, a scenic walk through beautiful parkland along the banks of the Avoca River. Start your walk at the Lions Club Park.

3. Indulge in a variety of superb treats at one of Avoca's cafes, bakeries or pubs.

4. View the spectacular Barking Owl mural adorning the Avoca Silo – and enjoy its glow-in-the-dark feature if you're there at night.



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Stephanie Voigt has been running popular bookshop The Field Sparrow since 2024.

“We knew another book store wouldn’t go astray in Clunes, and running The Field Sparrow has allowed me to share my passion for books with others,” Stephanie said.

A vacant store next door was too much of a temptation for Stephanie, and earlier this year she was thrilled to open The Corner Shop, selling skin care,

cosmetics, antiques, gifts and women’s fashion and accessories.

“With both of the shops I buy things I like and hope everyone else will like them, as well,” Stephanie said.

“We try to stock ethical Australian businesses. We have a lovely range of environmentally friendly household cleaning products, organic cotton sheets and pillowcases, cruelty-free make up and skin care and a wonderful range of women’s clothing.”

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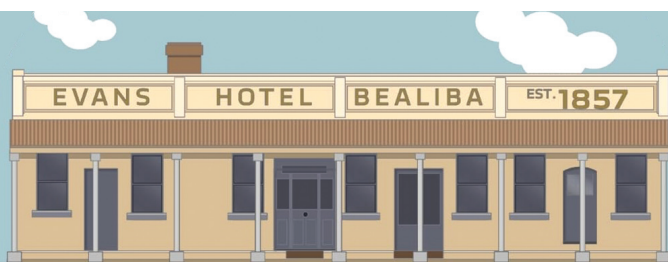
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- Gerard Ryan
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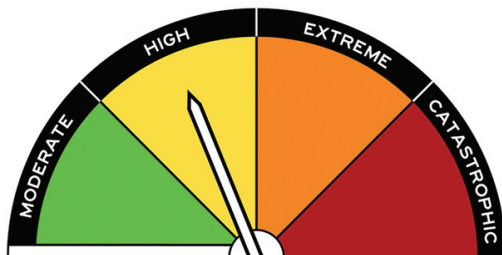
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MODERATE

Plan and prepare

HIGH

Be ready to act

EXTREME

Take action now to protect life and property

CATASTROPHIC

For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

When seconds count, reach for a lifeline



50%-70% of Sudden Cardiac Arrest victims survive if defibrillation occurs within the first five minutes.

For every minute that passes, there is a 10% less chance of survival.

Do you know where the nearest defibrillator is?
At your work? At the shopping centre?

Below is a list of Automated External Defibrillator (AED) locations in Maryborough currently listed on Ambulance Victoria's AED Registry.

If you have an AED and your location is not listed here, register the location with Ambulance Victoria. This small but important step can help link AED's in communities across Victoria with people who need them when they need them.

- ◆ Maryborough Education Centre, 102-152 Balaclava Road
- ◆ Maryborough Giants Football Club, 9 Rinaldi Drive
- ◆ Maryborough Highland Society, 35 High Street
- ◆ Highview 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
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Maryborough IGA Napier Street
- ◆ Maryborough Golf Club, 125-167 Park Road
- ◆ Jubilee Oval Clubrooms, 20 Lake Road
- ◆ Driscoll Ag Pty Ltd, 43 Maryborough-Dunolly Rd
- ◆ Murphs Gym, 61 Nolan Street

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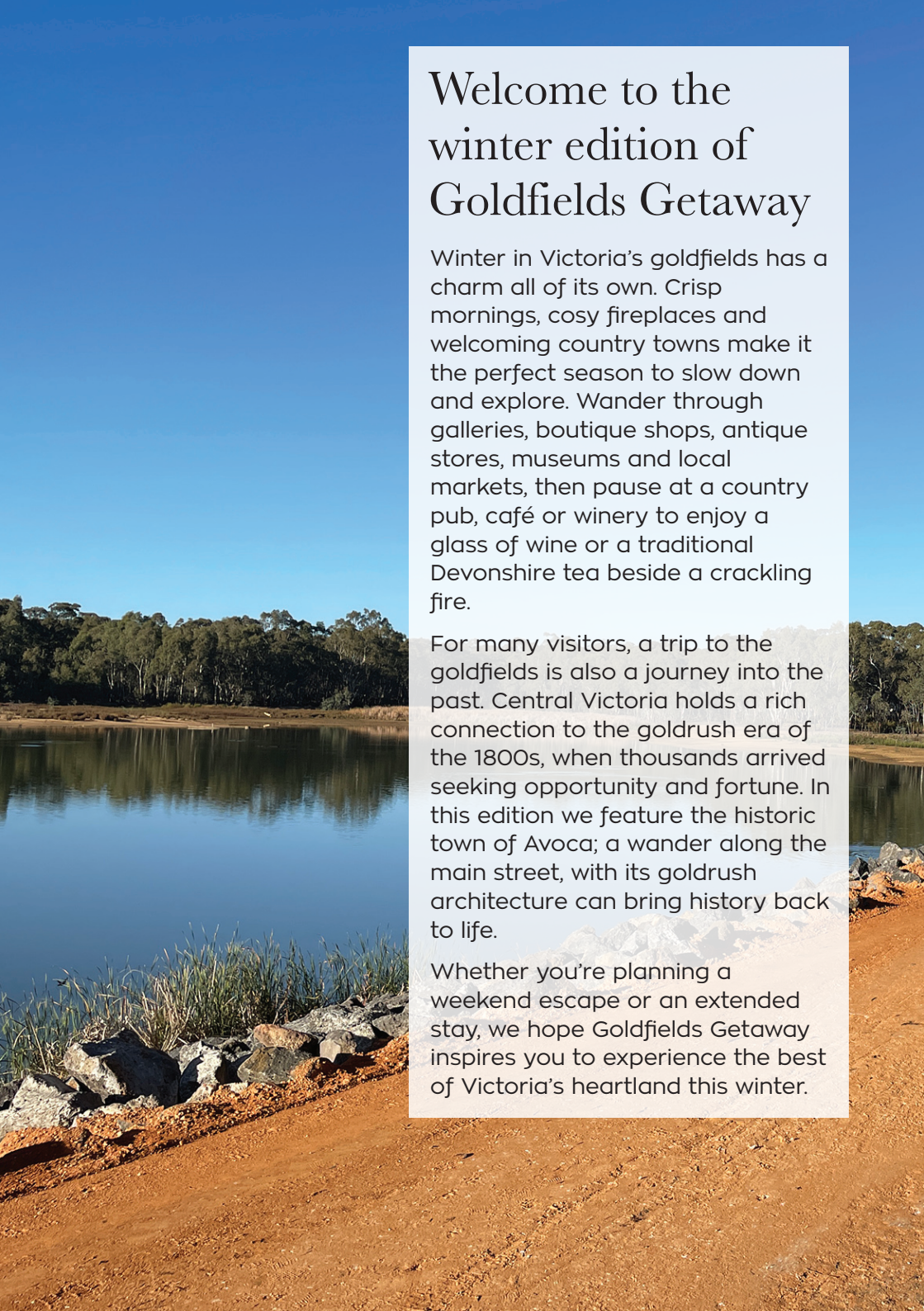
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Winter in Victoria's goldfields has a charm all of its own. Crisp mornings, cosy fireplaces and welcoming country towns make it the perfect season to slow down and explore. Wander through galleries, boutique shops, antique stores, museums and local markets, then pause at a country pub, café or winery to enjoy a glass of wine or a traditional Devonshire tea beside a crackling fire.

For many visitors, a trip to the goldfields is also a journey into the past. Central Victoria holds a rich connection to the goldrush era of the 1800s, when thousands arrived seeking opportunity and fortune. In this edition we feature the historic town of Avoca; a wander along the main street, with its goldrush architecture can bring history back to life.

Whether you're planning a weekend escape or an extended stay, we hope Goldfields Getaway inspires you to experience the best of Victoria's heartland this winter.