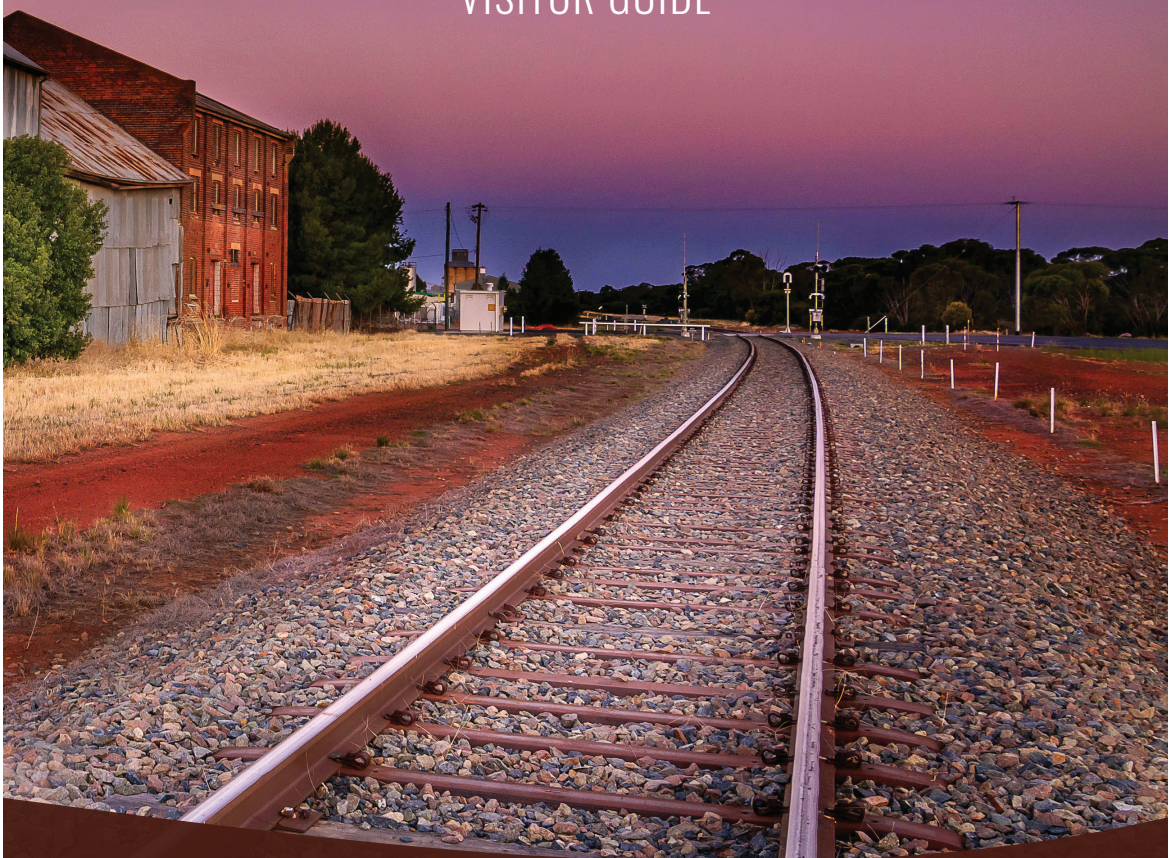
WEST WYALONG

VISITOR GUIDE



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Bland Shire Council acknowledges and pays respect to the Traditional Owners and Custodians of country throughout Australia. We honour and respect the cultural heritage, customs and beliefs of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We would like to express our sincerest gratitude to the Wiradjuri people - the Traditional Owners on whose land we live and work.

West Wyalong Visitor Information Centre
6 Shire Street, West Wyalong
(02) 6979 0272

To make the most of your visit, call into the West Wyalong Visitor Information Centre. The Centre is located inside the Bland Shire Council Library at 6 Shire Street, West Wyalong with accessible parking and easy walking distance to the CBD.

Monday to Friday 10am-5pm
Saturday 9.30am-3pm
Sunday 10am-3pm

www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au

Did You Know...

The West Wyalong Visitor Information Centre has a touchscreen available 24 hours a day with all the necessary information for visitors. It is located on the front glass window of the Council offices.

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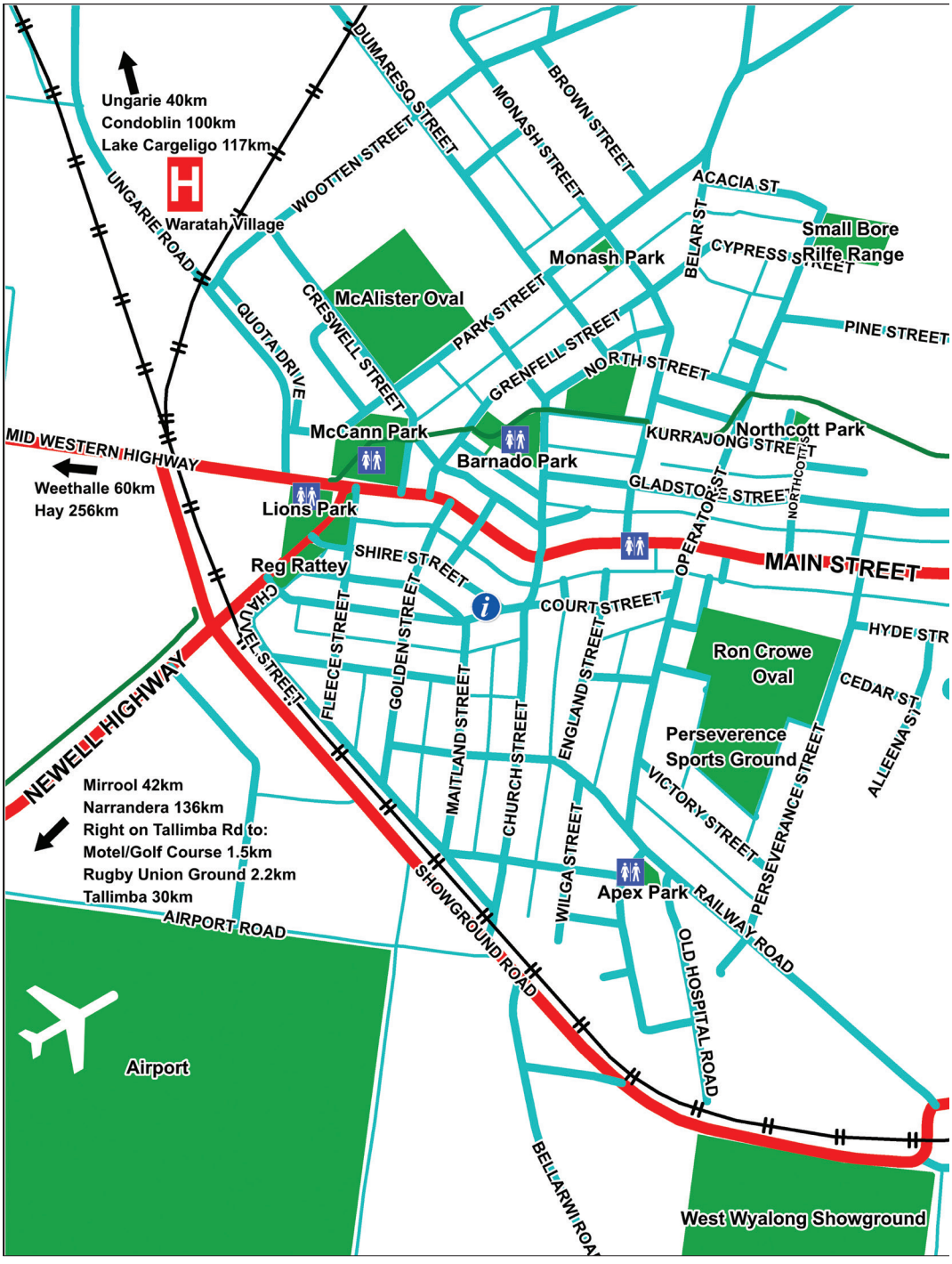
A fast charge electric car charging station is located in the Water Street car park close to the CBD

IN OUR TOWNS AND VILLAGES

you are always welcome...

Top Image: *Bing Wallder Park, Ungarie.* ***Below Top Row (L):*** *Royal Hotel, Mirrool.* ***(R):*** *Main Street, Barmedman.*
Below Bottom Row (L): *Silo Art, Weethalle.* ***(C):*** *Woolshed, Naradhan.* ***(R):*** *Primary School, Tallimba.*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BROWN STREET
ACACIA ST
BELAR ST
CYPRESS STREET
Small Bore Rifle Range
Monash Park
McAlister Oval
PARK STREET
CRESWELL STREET
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GRENFELL STREET
NORTH STREET
PINE STREET
McCann Park
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KURRAJONG STREET
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MAIN STREET
Reg Rattey
SHIRE STREET
COURT STREET
HYDE STR
Ron Crowe Oval
CEDAR ST
ALLEENA ST
NEWELL HIGHWAY
CHAVEL STREET
FLEECE STREET
GOLDEN STREET
MAITLAND STREET
CHURCH STREET
ENGLAND STREET
Perseverence Sports Ground
PERSEVERANCE STREET
VICTORY STREET
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Narrandera 136km
Right on Tallimba Rd to:
Motel/Golf Course 1.5km
Rugby Union Ground 2.2km
Tallimba 30km
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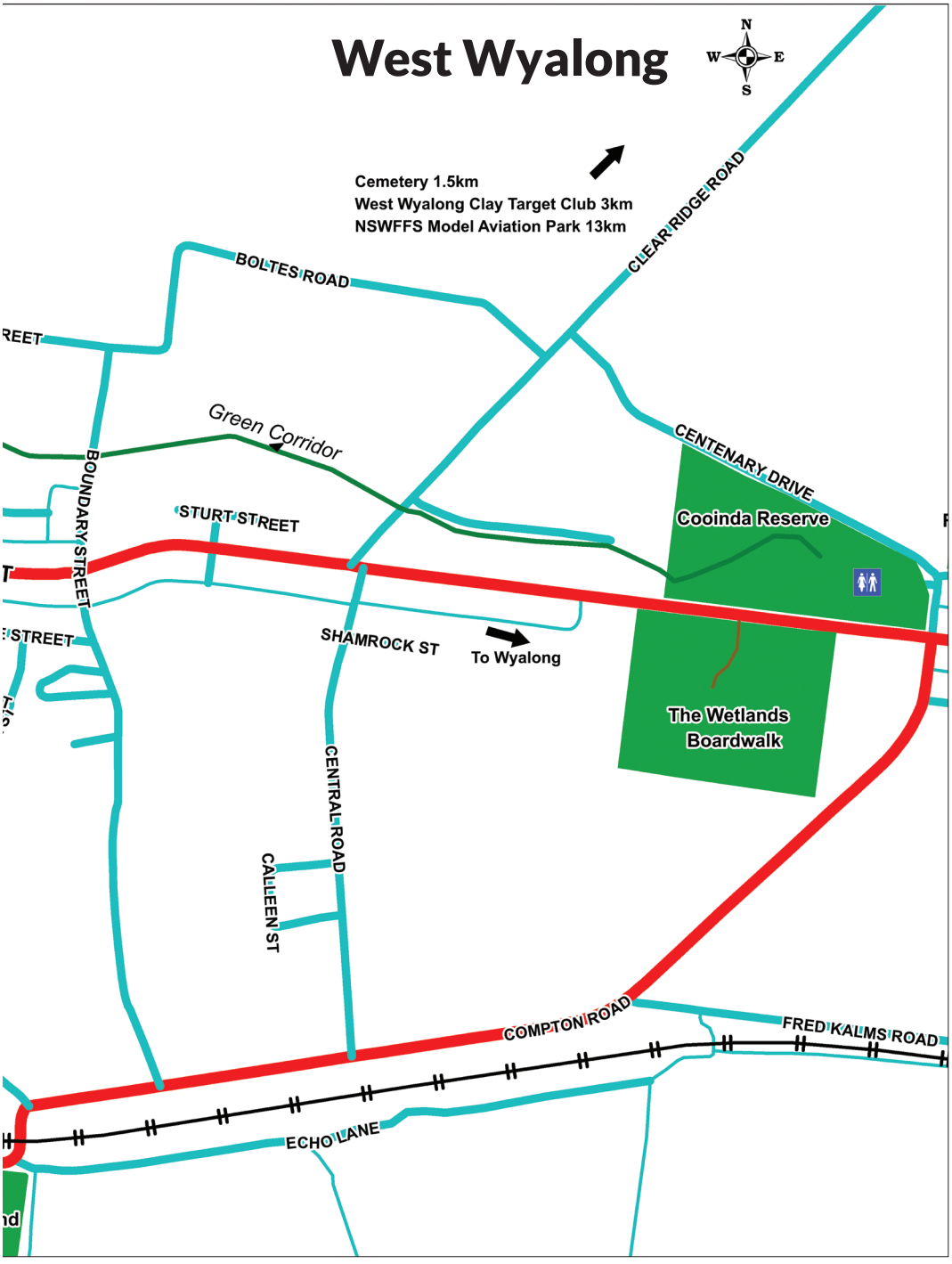
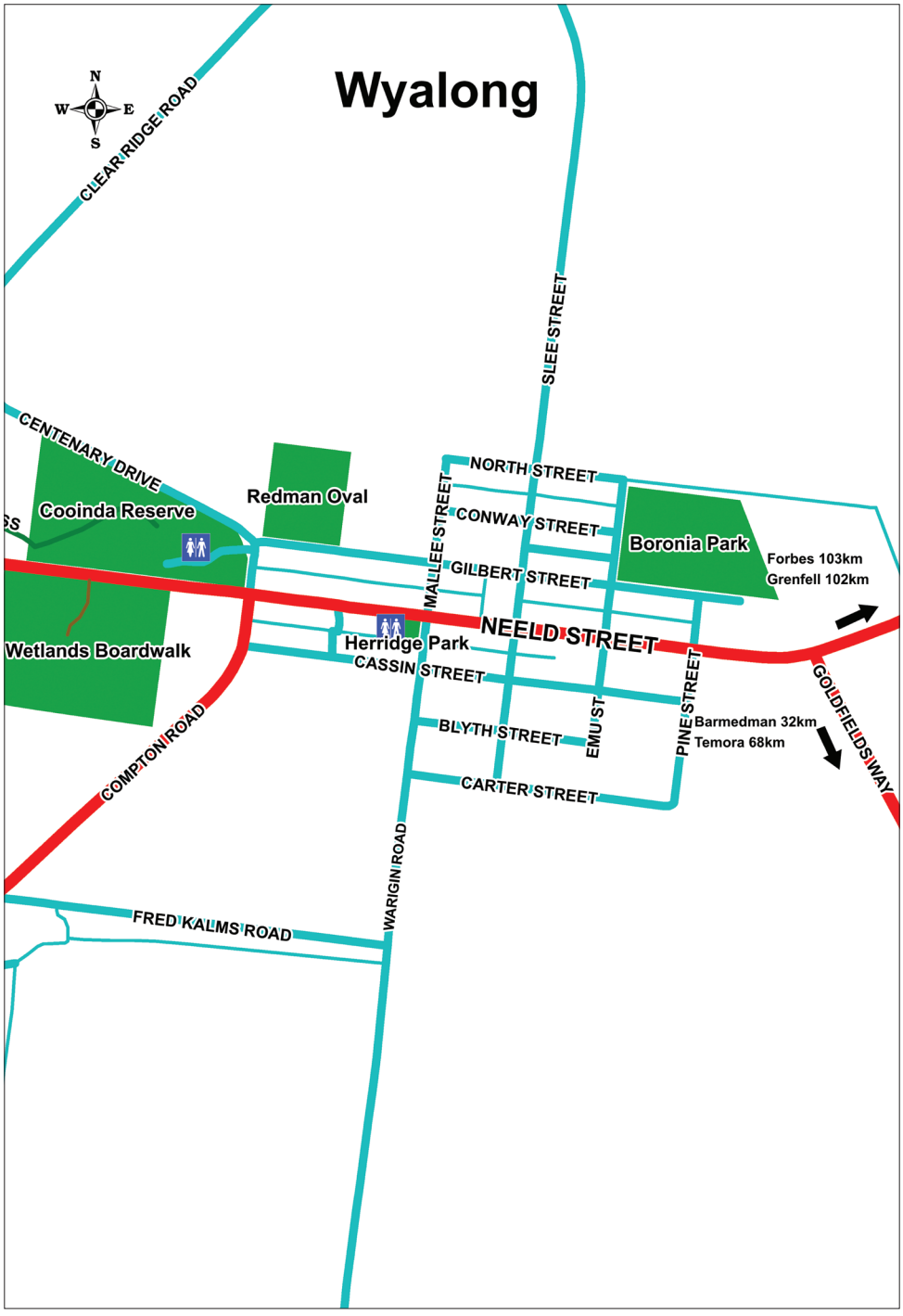
BELLARWI ROAD
West Wyalong Showground

West Wyalong

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Forbes 103km
Grenfell 102km
GILBERT STREET
NEELD STREET
Herridge Park
Wetlands Boardwalk
CASSIN STREET
PINE STREET
GOLDFIELDS WAY
Barmedman 32km
Temora 68km
BLYTH STREET
EMU ST
COMPTON ROAD
CARTER STREET
WARIGIN ROAD
FRED KALMS ROAD

Above: *Main Street, West Wyalong.*

Welcome to

BLAND SHIRE

Discover hidden historic treasures of our golden past, our emerging arts and art trail and the welcoming and friendly people in our communities.

Enjoy a night relaxing in boutique accommodation with a range of options for all tastes and budgets, or camp under the stars in any of our caravan parks or showgrounds.

Take the night off and enjoy food from the many pubs, clubs or restaurants with a range of food delicious enough for even the fussiest foodie.

Our towns and villages are brimming with things to see and do. Take a deep breath of fresh country air, gaze over our fabulous landscape and look up to enjoy beautiful sunsets and bright stars.

The name 'Bland Shire'. Mr and Mrs Regan having prospered on a station at Grabben Gullen, decided to sell and take up the large station on The Levels, the area now known as The Bland.

Before making the change, Mr Regan paid a visit to his brother in Van Diemens Land. Returning to Sydney, he caught a cold, which turned to pneumonia and he died. Mrs Regan was determined to carry on her husband's plans and took up the station, naming it The Bland, after her medical advisor Doctor William Bland who lived in Sydney.

From then on the whole district became known as The Bland.

Mrs Regan managed the property for nine years before she passed away.

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EXPLORE

Bland's History and Heritage

Above: *West Wyalong image by Lorraine Williams.*

West Wyalong/Wyalong

The original occupants of the district were the Wiradjuri people. Explorer John Oxley was the first European to investigate the area in 1817, prophesying that *"For want of timber, grass and water it would never be inhabited by civilised man"*.

Despite this statement, squatters began to settle in 1833, recognising the area's agricultural potential and vast sheep and cattle runs were introduced to the area.

It was not until Joseph Neeld discovered gold in 1893 that a centralised settlement developed. The town of Wyalong was laid out in 1894 to service the new population of up to 10,000. However, a settlement to the west, at the 'Main Camp' had been developed boasting the 'White Tank', the only established water supply. Hence in 1895 West Wyalong was officially laid out. The crooked main street reflects these early days as it follows the original bullock track that curved around trees and gold diggings. The Wyalong fields were one of the most productive gold fields in the state until the 1920s.

Look out for cast bronze information plaques on some historic buildings and the interpretive street panels, that help complete a picture of our rich past.

For more information please visit West Wyalong Visitor Information Centre, 6 Shire Street, West Wyalong

West Wyalong & Wyalong celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2019 with old trade demonstrations, a bush dance and rodeo

Above: *Lake Cowal Gold Mine photo by Glen Ross.*

Gold for the $175,000 Melbourne Cup trophy came from Cowal Gold Operations. It's the first time gold from a local mine has been used to make the cup in its 150-year history

For more information on Cowal Gold Operations please visit their office: Main Street, West Wyalong or contact them on (02) 6975 4661

Gold Mining

Gold mining is still active today in the Bland Shire with Cowal Gold Operations near Lake Cowal.

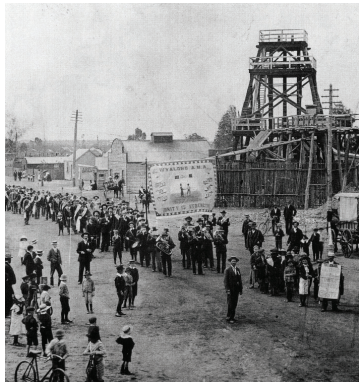
The mining method used at the gold mine is a conventional load and haul, drill and blast open-pit operation. The processing plant consists of crushing, two stage grinding, sulphide flotation, regrind and carbon-in leach recovery.

The annual gold production is about 240,000 ounces. To date, the mine has produced almost 3 million ounces of gold. The life of the mine is currently approved to 2032.

The Cowal operating team have successfully commenced the Warraga underground exploration space at Cowal Gold Operations.

The Warraga decline had reached 550 metres of lateral development as of 30 June 2019 and is progressing ahead of schedule.

Above and Below Top: *Poppet Head & Neeld's Hut, Cooinda Reserve.* ***Below Bottom:*** *Poppet Head, 1899.*



Poppet Head & Neeld's Hut

Cooinda Reserve, Neeld Street, Wyalong

The original True Blue Poppet Head was located underneath the motel of that name today, True Blue Motel. The 25 metre mine shaft head was recreated in Cooinda Reserve, near Wyalong, on the town's centenary together with a replica of a miner's hut. The mine was established in 1894 by the Neeld family with a battery and treatment works and ultimately yielded 40 kilograms of gold. A marker located on Central Road (near the industrial area) indicates the location of Frederick Neeld's first mine.

The first bark hut was erected in Wyalong in 1893 in the middle of what is now Neeld Street. After selecting 2,500 acres of land in the district, the hut was built by George Neeld who was soon joined by his brothers Joseph, Ernest and Harry and his father Fred Neeld – one of the early colonists who later became a pioneer of the Wyalong goldfields.

Visit Cooinda Reserve in Neeld Street, Wyalong for more information on our gold history

Above: *Wyalong Museum.* ***Below:*** *Court House Architect Walter Liberty Vernon.*

Ellen Dymphna Cusack was born in West Wyalong in 1902 and is an author and playwright. Her most well-known novel 'Come In Spinner' was produced as a TV series in 1989

Wyalong Museum

Old Wyalong Court House,
169 Neeld Street, Wyalong
(02) 6972 2117

The Wyalong Court House was built in the early 1900s and displays the Federation style. The building exemplifies everything that was new to architecture at the time and is typical of country court houses designed by Walter Liberty Vernon (the Government Architect of the day).

The museum presents a broad spectrum of exhibits illustrating the growth of the town and district over the past century.

www.wyalongmuseum.com.au

Above: *Selfie Frame in Lions Park.*

BLAND FACTS
of Central NSW

- Evidence of existence since 700AD
- Population 5,865
- Area 8,558 km^2
- Named after Dr William Bland

DULL FACTS
of Perth/Kinross

- Proclaimed 1856
- Population 50
- Area 80 km^2
- Name may mean 'meadow'

BORING FACTS
of Oregon, USA

- Proclaimed 1906
- Population 13,000
- Area 77 km^2
- Named After Dr William Boring

League of Extraordinary Communities 'Selfie' Frame

Lions Park, Reg Rattey Drive, West Wyalong

In 2012, the town of Boring in Oregon USA, cemented a relationship with the Perth and Kinross village of Dull, Scotland, in "a pair for the ages".

Bland was accepted into the alliance in 2013 and the League of Extraordinary Communities was formed.

#leagueofextraordinarycommunity #blandshire #visitwestwyalong #boringoregon #dullscotland

Bland... far from Dull & Boring
Distance from West Wyalong to:
Dull, Scotland - 16,666km
Boring, Oregon - 12,634km

DISCOVER

Bland's Natural Environment

Above: *'In Our Forest' by Amanda Stitt.*

State Forests, Reserves & National Parks

The 25 State Forests, National Parks and Reserves in Bland Shire, are a great place for a drive or bike ride. These areas, including Lake Cowal, are excellent for bird and wildlife watching, mountain biking, bushwalking, panoramic views, breathtaking sunsets and picnics.

Main tree species within the area are Kurrajong, Cypress Pine, Mallee, Ironbark, Box, Belah, Wyalong Wattle and Wilga.

Bland Shire is also home to a range of unique wildflowers. Explore our spectacular flora, including some rare orchids. The best time to see the flowers is during our warmer months.

Bland Shire is home to a variety of native fauna species including water fowls, red and grey kangaroos, echidnas, goannas, possums, bats and the Malleefowl.

Fossicking

Bland Shire Council is one of four new councils to be declared fossicking districts, taking the total number of districts to 63 across 28 local government areas. The districts cover more than 9.3 million ha. (11.6% of the state) – the largest area ever in NSW.

Fossicking can be carried out on land in NSW that is deemed lawful, provided participants obtain permission from land owners and key stakeholders. Fossicking remains prohibited in National Parks.

Fossickers must comply with all relevant legislation including obtaining a permit to fossick. Visit the West Wyalong Visitor Information Centre to obtain a map of fossicking areas within the Bland Shire.

For more information on fossicking please visit www.forestrycorporation.com.au

Above: *The Wetlands.*
Below: *'Ibis Wetlands' by Amanda Stitt.*

The Wetlands
Neeld Street, Wyalong

This carefully designed passive recreation area has helped ease drainage problems in the area to facilitate the collection of run-off water from the town. It's a primary water source for all parks, gardens and recreation facilities in West Wyalong, helping to drought-proof key community facilities for several years.

'The Wetlands' was developed on a pre-existing bird and wildlife sanctuary which has been reinvigorated to attract vast and rare species of birdlife, which are protected from vermin by a land island, purposely built in the middle of the facility. The initiative has already achieved success with rare magpies and geese settling in the area.

Golden Perch fish stocks were released into the waters of 'The Wetlands' to add to the variety of wildlife.

InHabitat Eco Accommodation is eco friendly accommodation on the edge of Lake Cowal
Facebook: InHabitat Lake Cowal

Above: *Wiradjuri elders surveying the land.*

Wiradjuri Country

Wiradjuri history in the Bland Shire is diverse and vast. The area has several places with cultural significance. Wiradjuri means "people of the three rivers" these being the Lachlan, Macquarie and Murrumbidgee rivers.

Aboriginal occupation of Bland Shire is evidenced by archaeological finds, oral and recorded history. Echoes of the past are visible in the landscape once you know where to look. Some locations are named using Wiradjuri language.

Manna Mountain (70km NE of West Wyalong) is a sacred site for the Wiradjuri people. It has BBQs, picnic facilities and walking tracks

In fact, Wyalong is a corruption of the word "Waaylang" meaning hard-shelled nut.

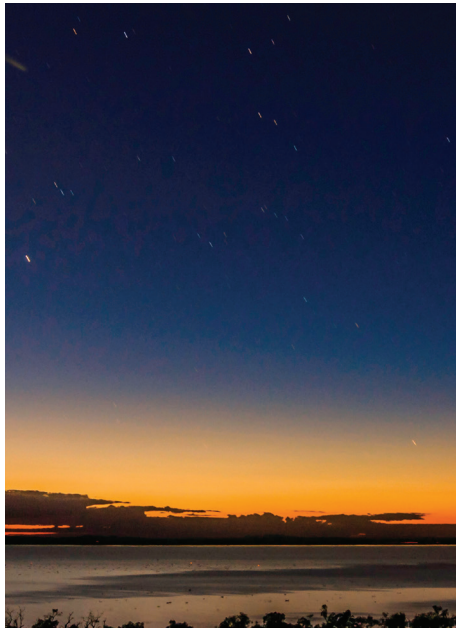
Aboriginal history is a shared history belonging to all Australians. We should all be proud in having the oldest living culture in the world.

Aboriginal Land Council & Artefact Shop
Shop 76, Main Street, West Wyalong
(02) 6972 3493

Located on the corner of Main and Operator Streets, visits require bookings. Of particular interest is the Magical Meeting Place, the Baiyai room and education centre, housing artefacts of significance found in this region.

For more information or a Manna Mountain tour, please contact the Aboriginal Land Council

Above: *Sunset over farmland by Jaydah McDonell.* ***Below:*** *Night sky by Glen Ross.*



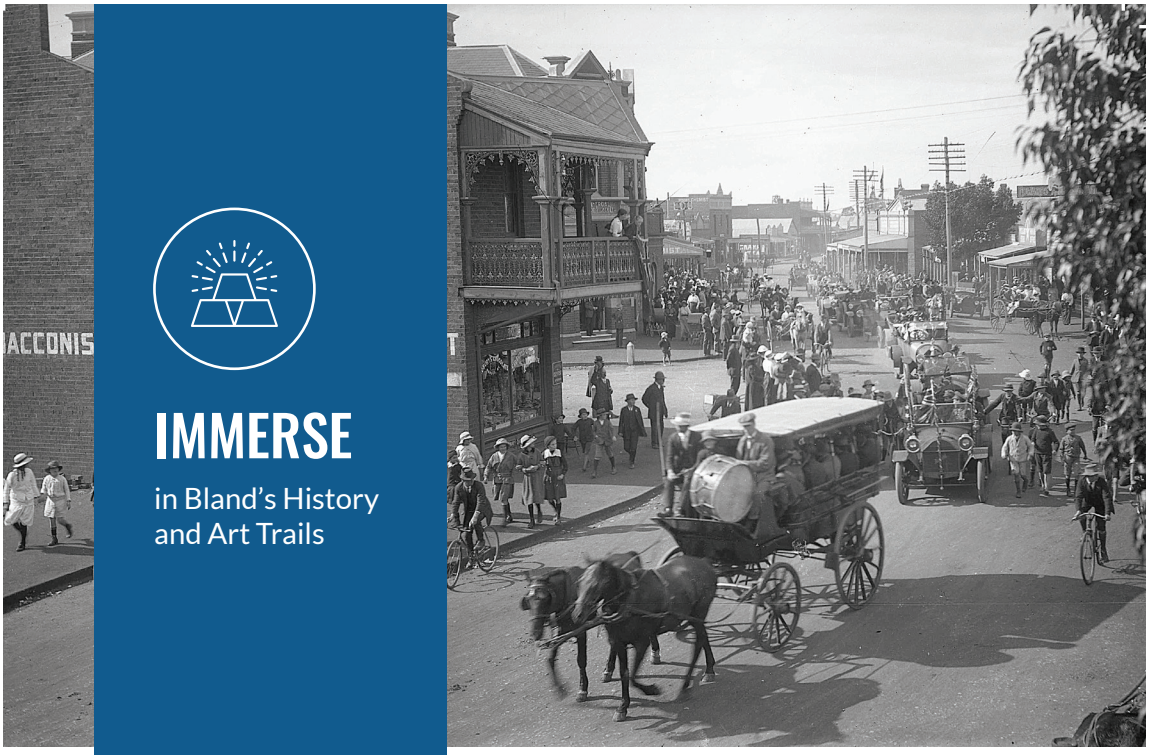
Morning Sunrise, Afternoon Sunsets and Bright Stars at Night

Anywhere in the Bland Shire you can enjoy the bright, sparkly stars at night with the sounds of nature and no glare from city lights or noisy traffic.

If you get up early enough, you will be amazed by the magnificent sunrises in the morning.

Take a walk tonight, right on sunset and marvel at the awesome colours painted in the sky.

Friendly reminder: Don't forget to take your camera with you!



IMMERSE

in Bland's History and Art Trails

Above: *West Wyalong, late 1920 .*

West Wyalong's central location makes a perfect base for day trips with its well-priced accommodation.

Travel scenic roads linking historic villages each with their own unique flavour. Stay a while, relax and enjoy the Bland Shire and surrounding areas.

Gold Trails

From the discovery of Australia's first payable gold at Ophir in 1851 and several years after, the history of New South Wales was dominated by the feverish rush to find gold – the splendid triumphs and bitter disappointments, the 'mateship' of the original diggers and the impact gold discoveries had on rural societies and economies.

Bland Shire Council is a member of the Gold Trails that link 17 Local Government Areas and two National Parks and Wildlife Services sites located in the Lachlan Fold Belt, the main geographical region for gold discovery in NSW. It stretches from Hill End in the north to Kiandra in the south, Yass in the east to Forbes, West Wyalong and Weethalle in the west.

Stay in any of our towns and villages and travel the South-Western Gold Trail or the Newell Gold Trail to see the stories of those who won the gold and those who stole the gold, brought to life.

Immerse in NSW's rich gold heritage vein
www.goldtrails.com.au

Above: *Thom's Corner.* ***Below:*** *History panels in West Wyalong Main Street. Both images by Lorraine Williams.*

Cooinda Reserve
Neeld Street, Wyalong

The perfect place to stop and relax with amenities, covered BBQ and picnic facilities. The reserve includes the iconic Poppet Head and Neeld's Hut which forms part of our history. Panels are located throughout the reserve with plenty of information on our past.

Heritage Trail
West Wyalong Town Centre

Take a leisurely stroll around town and absorb some of West Wyalong's heritage. The walk starts in the centre of town, taking in many of the buildings that are still being utilised today.

A Heritage Trail map is available at the West Wyalong Visitor Information Centre

Download the izi.TRAVEL app onto your phone - as you walk past historic sites, your device will share historic information

Above: *Whispering Pines Organic Oats.*

Whispering Pines Organics and Aviation Museum

RMB 66 Barellan

Whispering Pines is a certified organic wheat and oats farm that offers tours. Visitors experience first hand the process of paddock to plate. While visiting, guests can see Rob's collection of numerous antique aeroplanes, vintage cars and engines on display. A plane flown by Charles Kingsford Smith sits in a shed ready for some repairs, along with the most recent addition to the collection: a DC3 Dakota aeroplane. The Walkers also offer farmstays on their farm.

For bookings contact Betina or Robert Walker on 0432 718 672

RSL Memorial Arch Walk

In the Green Corridor

The Memorial Arch Walk forms part of the Green Corridor and can be entered from Clear Ridge Road or through Cooinda Reserve.

Follow the tree line and take your time reading the plaques dedicated to the men and women from this area who served their country in a time of need.

When out and about take a photo and share it with us #blandshire #visitwestwyalong #bland_far_from_dull_and_boring

Above: *Weethalle Silo Art in Weethalle.* ***Below:*** *Reg Rattey statue photo by Lorraine Williams.*

Bland Shire Art Trail

The Art Trail was born after Bland Shire acquired many artworks in the form of silo art, murals and sculpture from local and well-known artists. There are art displays throughout the shire for every age.

In 1949, well known Australian artist Russell Drysdale painted West Wyalong's main street at dusk, sketched from outside Tattersalls Hotel.

On the spot of his sketch for the now iconic 'West Wyalong' painting stands a celebration of his easel in bronze, together with an interpretive panel located on the corner of Main and Monash Streets.

Above: *Ungarie World Globe, Ungarie RSL Park.*

THE ART TRAIL INCLUDES:

Weethalle Silo Art
Mid-Western Highway, Weethalle

Ungarie's Big Footy
Bing Wallder Park,
Wollongough Street, Ungarie

Ungarie World Globe and 40+ War Murals
Ungarie RSL Park,
Ungarie Street, Ungarie

Chainsaw Tree Art
McCann Park, Main Street,
West Wyalong

Big Bull 3D Interactive Mural
192 Main Street, West Wyalong

Russell Drysdale Easel Sculpture
Cnr of Main Street and Monash Street,
West Wyalong

Skate Park Art
Park Street Recreation Grounds,
Park Street, West Wyalong

Women in the West Tapestry
Bland Shire Council Office, Shire Street,
West Wyalong

Reg Rattey VC Monument
Reg Rattey Drive, West Wyalong

Douglas DC3 Dakota Plane
Lions Park, Reg Rattey Drive,
West Wyalong

Bland... Far From Dull & Boring Selfie Frame
Lions Park, Reg Rattey Drive,
West Wyalong

Church With the Many Glass Stained Windows
Anglican Church, Court Street,
West Wyalong

HOPE Art Sign
McCann Park, Main Street, West Wyalong

Local Aboriginal Land Council Murals
76 Main Street, West Wyalong

Replica Poppet Head & Miners Hut
Cooinda Reserve, Neeld Street, Wyalong

Metal Junk Art
Cooinda Reserve, Neeld Street, Wyalong

Mirrool Horsing Around 3D Interactive Mural
RFS Shed wall, Mirrool

A Bland Shire Art Trail map is available from the West Wyalong Visitor Information Centre or from www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au

Above (L): *Exclusive Hot Glass Gallery.* ***(R):*** *Splatter Gallery and Art Studio.*

Exclusive Hot Glass Gallery

64 Neeld Street, Wyalong
(02) 6972 3403

Exclusive Hot Glass specialises in creating one of a kind hand-made glass art pieces, including plates, platters, bowls, vases and jewellery.

Glass artist, Elaine Marshall, originally commenced lead lighting as a hobby which developed into a business.

Elaine's interests expanded into fusing and slumping glass and jewellery making, using the amazing diachronic glass.

www.exclusivehotglass.com.au

Splatter Gallery and Art Studio

192 Main Street, West Wyalong
0458 424 225

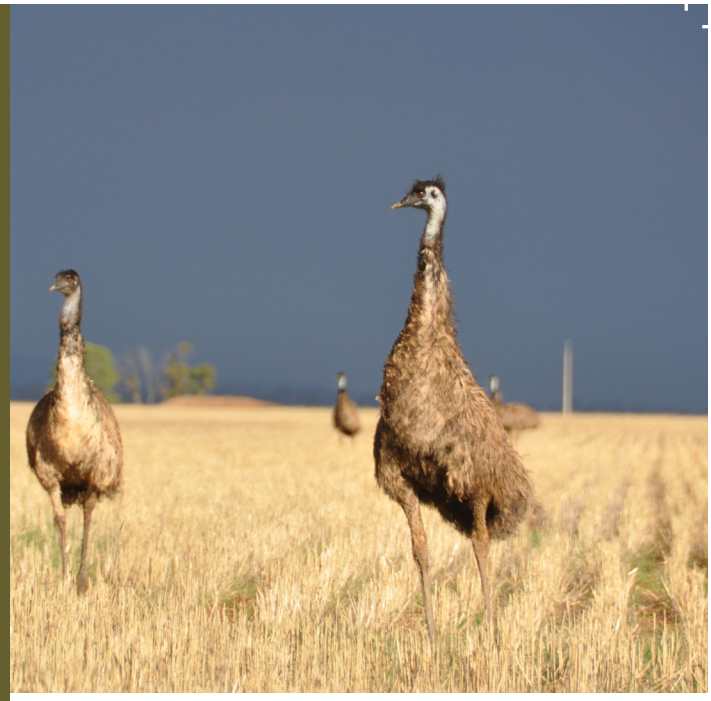
Splatter Gallery and Art Studio creates an environment where like-minded artists can come to explore ideas and develop their creative potential.

Splatter Gallery runs art classes and workshops for all ages and hosts cultural events. They also sell pure eucalyptus oil and other local produce.

www.splatterartgallerywestwyalong.com

OUR VILLAGES

Where you are always welcome



Above: *'Emus on The Bland' by Lorraine WIlliams.*
Below: *'Barmedman Tractor Pull' by Lorraine Williams.*

Barmedman

This town, with accommodation, a truck stop, general store, craft shop and bowling club is just a 32km/25min drive on Goldfields Way from West Wyalong.

For a cuppa and a treat made with special care, visitors are encouraged to stop at the Barmedman Craft Shop or if you need your daily bread, milk and newspaper, the Post Office General Store is open till 5:00pm most days. They also prepare home-cooked meals ready for on the go.

Barmedman boasts a mineral swimming pool that originates from the flooding of goldmines by an underground stream in the 1880s. The large pool is run by locals, and situated on a four-hectare reserve looking out over the bush.

The water is said to have health giving properties. Entry is by donation and with a BBQ, changing and camping facilities, this is a lovely spot to spend the day. Swimming season starts in mid October and runs until the end of March.

On the third Saturday in October, the local community hosts the biggest annual event, the Barmedman Modified Tractor Pull. See tuned-up tractors pull weighted sleds, enjoy food stalls, country markets and rides for the kids. The engines of the crazy tractors scream and powerful exhausts flame into the night sky as darkness falls.

Above: *Mirrool Community.* ***Below:*** *Naradhan Woolshed.*

Mirrool

Mirrool is a vibrant village nestled just off the Newell Highway, 47km south of West Wyalong. The village is best known for the annual Mirrool Silo Kick, a unique and hotly contested competition to kick a football clear over the huge grain silos. The Silo Kick is held on the second Saturday in October.

Call into the charming old-style Mirrool Royal Hotel, meet the locals, learn their nicknames and experience country hospitality at its best. There is a shady park with a great kids play area and a free camp site with showers and BBQ facilities. There is a small charge to gain access to power.

Wander back in time through the 'Memories of Mirrool' museum located close to the free camp area and take a photo of the 'Horsing Around' 3D interactive mural on the RFS Shed wall. The mural forms part of the Bland Shire Art Trail.

Naradhan

Naradhan is located 127km north west from West Wyalong in the Bland LGA. Naradhan is a close-knit community with high environmental values and rich agricultural heritage. It is known as a sheep grazing and winter cropping region.

The fully restored Historic Naradhan Woolshed, built in 1888 (seen from the main road) is one of the last great woolsheds in the region.

Visits to the woolshed can be made by appointment on 0427 969 834

Above: *Tallimba School.* ***Below:*** *Ungarie War Murals.*

Tallimba

Tallimba is a quaint agricultural village situated 35km south west of West Wyalong. Surrounded by rich farmland, Tallimba is mainly focused on sheep grazing and winter cropping.

The community hub is the Tallimba Inn, standing across from the public park, which has public toilets, BBQ facilities, shelter area, basketball court and War Memorial.

Malleefowl are found in the area, so please drive safely and keep an eye out. You could be one of the few lucky ones to spot a Malleefowl in the wild.

Ungarie

Ungarie is located 42km north west of West Wyalong on the road to Lake Cargelligo. The town has a wonderful open air swimming pool and is home to the 'The Big Footy' - a large fibreglass Sherrin football in Bing Wallder Park that pays tribute to the Daniher family. Born and raised in Ungarie, Terry, Neale, Anthony and Chris Daniher are the only set of four brothers to play together in a VFL/AFL premiership match.

Visitors can stay at the Central Hotel, Ungarie Pines Motel or self-contained caravan site at the showgrounds which also has a free dump point.

A delicious meal at the Central Hotel or Bowling Club is a must, making the visit worthwhile.

Ungarie's War Memorial Park has 44 war murals painted by Simon White and a rotating world globe, depicting theatres of war where Ungarie men and women have served.

While in Ungarie, pop into the Ungarie Dugout Room which is located in the Memorial Hall.

Ungarie hosts one of the best agricultural shows in September. Sheep grazing and winter cropping remain the major industries.

Above: *Weethalle Show.* ***Below:*** *Royal Hotel Weethalle.*

Weethalle

Weethalle is best known for its silo art painted by Heesco and forms part of the Bland Art Trail. The artwork represents the heart of the village and surrounding area.

Weethalle is located 58km west of West Wyalong on the Mid Western Highway.

The Whistle Stop, located in the former railway station offices, is a perfect setting for a Devonshire tea.

Find the red door in the main street of Weethalle and enter a very relaxed space. Fat Bob and the Blonde offers good coffee, comfortable seating, handmade items and excellent company.

Don't forget to visit Weethalle's museum or to try a classic Aussie meal at the Road Kill Grillz. Accommodation can be found at the Royal Hotel or the Travellers Rest Motel. Campers are also welcome at the showgrounds.

Not to be missed is the annual Weethalle Show held in August.

PLAY

Discover Bland's Places of Interest

Above: *Holland Park Pool, West Wyalong.*

POOLS

Barmedman Mineral Pool
Nobbys Road, Barmedman

This large mineral swimming pool is run by locals and situated on a four-hectare reserve looking out over the bush, with BBQ and changing facilities. The water is said to have health giving properties. Barmedman Mineral Pool is 32km/25 minute drive from West Wyalong.

Ungarie Pool
Ethel Street, Ungarie
(02) 6975 9191

Open October to March. Ungarie Pool is 43km/32min drive from West Wyalong. The facility includes inflatables, a canteen and BBQ area.

Holland Park Pool
Kurrajong Street, West Wyalong
(02) 6972 2135

Perfect for the family, Holland Park Pool includes a hydro play area for kids, water slide, diving board, café, picnic and BBQ facilities and Olympic-sized swimming pool. Open October to March.

For opening hours please see the Holland Park Pool website.

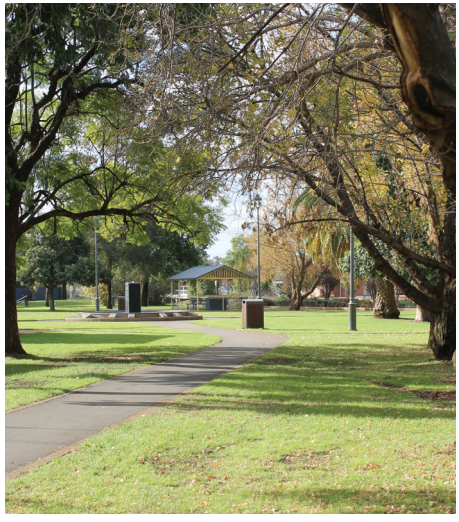
www.hollandparkpool.com.au

Swimming pools are seasonal, so please contact the individual pools for opening times

Above: *McCann Park.* ***Below:*** *Barnado Park photo by Dayanna Jordan.*

PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND SPORTING FIELDS

Our parks and sporting fields are a great asset for the Bland Shire. Most parks have BBQ and picnic facilities and safe play equipment.



Barnado Park
Church Street, West Wyalong

Safe play area, shaded BBQ facility, a waterway, public toilets, water bubbler and the history of the Barrier Mine Disaster Monument.

McCann Park
Main Street, West Wyalong

Safe play area, shaded BBQ area, a waterway, pond, water feature, public toilets, chainsaw tree art.

Lions Park
Reg Rattey Drive, West Wyalong

Shaded BBQ facilities, public toilets, DC-3 airplane and Bland... Far From Dull and Boring selfie frame.

Rose Garden
Reg Rattey Drive, West Wyalong

There are 220 different roses attended by volunteers of the Bland Shire.

***Above**: RSL Memorial Park in Ungarie.*

Herridge Park
Neeld Street, Wyalong

Safe play area, shaded BBQ facilities, public toilets.

Cooinda Reserve
Neeld Street and Slee Street, Wyalong

Facilities in Cooinda Reserve include public toilets, a dump point, BBQ facilities, the Poppet Head, Neelds Hut, history panels, replica of a Malleefowl nest, local artwork and forms part of the Green Corridor.

Dog Park
Cooinda Reserve, Neeld Street, Wyalong

Secure dog park is available to visitors.

Barmedman Park
Queen Street, Barmedman

Safe play area, shaded BBQ facilities, picnic area and public toilets.

Mirrool Park
Located next to the Royal Hotel, Mirool

Includes safe play area, BBQ facilities, picnic facilities and public toilets.

Pioneer Park
Mid-Western Highway, Weethalle

With BBQ facilities, safe play area and close to public toilets.

Tallimba Memorial Park
Tallimba Street, Tallimba

Includes safe play area, BBQ, picnic facilities and public toilets.

Bing Wallder Park
Wollongough Street, Ungarie

Safe play area, shaded BBQ facilities, picnic area and public toilets. Also the home of the Big Footy.

Ungarie War Memorial Park
Ungarie Street, Ungarie

RSL Memorial Park includes a World Globe and War Murals.

For a list of parks please see the Bland Shire website: www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au

Above: *Cooinda Reserve.*

Public Recreational Ovals

Our towns and villages have well maintained ovals and sporting fields. Why not play a round of golf or bowls or kick a footy on the fields while you are visiting?

> ***For more information, please visit www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au***

Green Corridor Walking and Cycling Track

Visitors are welcome to undertake passive recreation activities such as bushwalking, cycling and birdwatching along the Green Corridor track. The 4.4km track starts at The Wetlands and heads west through Cooinda Reserve past the RSL Memorial Walk into McCann Park. If you feel energetic, continue the walk from McCann Park through Lions Park and past the sale yards all the way to West Wyalong Golf Club. Part of the track is seasonal, as it forms part of a water course. Please do not use the area when wet!

Kids Activities

Any kid will enjoy the parks and safe play equipment in the Bland Shire or splash in the pools in Barmedman, West Wyalong or Ungarie. The villages also have a mobile skate park or test your wheels at the West Wyalong Skate Park.

Tivoli Theatre

The Tivoli Theatre is named after its predecessor. The first Tivoli Cinema was located in West Wyalong's Main Street. It was taken down after significant damage and never rebuilt. The historic Masonic Hall has now been refurbished to incorporate a cinema and community theatre.

Events and Entertainment

> ***Please visit www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au for information on upcoming events as well as entertainment at the Clubs and Hotels. Annual event list on page 36***

EAT AND DRINK

Deliciously prepared meals and awesome coffee

Above: *Enjoy one of our delicious meal options.*

More than just fabulous coffee, Bland Shire has the knack of providing just what travellers need. From honest family meals in restaurants and pubs to romantic celebrations.

Besides the take-aways, cafes and hotels that string along the main street, a great selection of eating places service the accommodations and clubs of the town and villages and are open to the public.

Take a break and enjoy some of the great food on offer in the Bland Shire

BARMEDMAN

Barmedman Truck Stop
(02) 6976 2050

Barmedman General Store
(02) 6976 2008

Barmedman Arts, Craft and Coffee Shop
0484 146 474

Barmedman Bowling Club
(02) 6976 2088

MIRROOL

The Royal Hotel
(02) 6974 1237

TALLIMBA

Tallimba Inn Hotel
(02) 6975 7228

UNGARIE

Central Hotel
(02) 6919 2706

Ungarie District Bowling Club
(02) 6975 9091

Ungarie Pines Motel, Service Station And Convenience Store
(02) 6975 9643

WEETHALLE

Royal Hotel
(02) 6975 6291

Weethalle Country Club
(02) 6975 6177

Weethalle Road Kill Grillz
(02) 6975 6016

Weethalle Whistle Stop
(02) 6975 6199

WYALONG

Caltex Truck Stop
(02) 6972 4608

Coles Express
(02) 6972 2656

Coolabah Tree Cafe
(02) 6972 0211

Harland Grind
0476 355 848

Mad Meerkat
0419 158 155

Top Town Tavern
(02) 6972 2024

WEST WYALONG

Belly's General Store
(02) 6972 3540

Bernardis Supermarket
(02) 6972 2511

Curry On In Wyalong
(02) 6919 5756

Charles Sturt Motor Inn and Restaurant
(02) 6972 2422

Colonial Motor Inn and Steakhouse
(02) 6972 2611

Energy Flow Health Food
0408 653 043

French Hot Bread Bakery
(02) 69723473

Hall and Co Homewares
(02) 6972 4052

IGA Supermarket
(02) 6908 8913

Jade Teahouse
(02) 6972 3383

Jan Wah Chinese Restaurant
(02) 6972 2771

Luxor Café
(02) 6972 2289

Lam and May Chinese Restaurant
0422 866 881

Metropolitan Hotel
(02) 6972 0400

Monash Street Café
(02) 6972 0076

Outback Café
(02) 6972 2819

Paragon Café
(02) 6972 2187

Royal Hotel
(02) 6972 4337

Roundabout Bakery
(02) 6972 1777

Tattersall's Hotel
(02) 6972 2030

Thom, Dick & Harry's of West Wyalong
(02) 6972 0393

What's Cookin
(02) 6972 3311

West Wyalong Bowling Club
(02) 6972 3660

West Wyalong Services & Citizens Club
(02) 6972 2111

West Wyalong Services & Citizens Sports Club
(02) 6972 2541

White Tank Hotel
(02) 9051 2637

STAY

Relax, unwind and enjoy a stopover

Above: *Local musician Fanny Lumsden by Dan Stanley Freeman.*
Below: *Enjoy one of our accommodation options including a B&B.*

West Wyalong and its villages offer numerous places to stay from camping, budget hotels, B&B's, to top motels and caravan parks.

There are plenty of options for any family size and budget. West Wyalong Visitor Information Centre can help find accommodation.

Experience Bland Shire's friendly hospitality from one of our many excellent accommodation options

Above: *Enjoy one of our excellent accommodation options.*

BARMEDMAN

Ada House B&B
0414 595 960

Barmedman B&B
0447 467 907

MIRROOL

Royal Hotel
(02) 6974 1237

TALLIMBA

Tallimba Inn Hotel
(02) 6975 7228

UNGARIE

Ungarie Airbnb
0402 492 597

Ungarie Central Hotel
(02) 6919 2706

Ungarie Pines Motel
(02) 6975 9643

WEETHALLE

Royal Hotel Weethalle
(02) 6975 6291

Travellers Rest Motel
(02) 6975 6193

WYALONG

Top Town Motel
0474 763 171

WEST WYALONG

Acacia Golden Way Motel
(02) 6972 2155

Ace Caravan Park
(02) 6972 3061

Ambassadors True Blue Motor Inn
(02) 6972 2588

Ardeanal Motel
(02) 6972 2777

Cameo Inn Motel
(02) 6972 2255

Charles Sturt Motor Inn
(02) 6972 2422

Club Inn Resort
(02) 6972 2000

Country Roads Motor Inn
(02) 6972 2300

County Lodge Motor Inn
(02) 6972 2411

Inhabitat Eco Accommodation
Facebook: InHabitat Lake Cowal

Mayfair Motel
(02) 6972 2788

Mentor Chambers B&B
(02) 6972 2187

Metropolitan Hotel
(02) 6972 0400

Royal Hotel West Wyalong
(02) 6972 4337

Tattersall's Hotel
(02) 6972 2030

The Bank B&B
0409 394 249

The Palms Motel
(02) 6972 2477

West Wyalong Caravan Park
(02) 6972 3133

White Tank Hotel
(02) 9051 2637

SHOP

A unique array of boutique shopping

Above: *West Wyalong Main Street.*
Below: *'Shopping' by Lorraine Williams.*

West Wyalong boasts a vibrant shopping precinct, offering everything from gifts and homewares, clothing and footwear, to antiques and collectables. We also have all the necessities you may require, with supermarkets, banks, hair and beauty, a florist, chemist and newsagency.

In our villages, you will be surprised at the treasures you can find in any of the businesses in the main or side streets whether you are visiting Barmedman, Mirrool, Ungarie or Weethalle.

Experience Bland Shire's good old fashioned friendly service & country hospitality

Bland Shire Annual Events

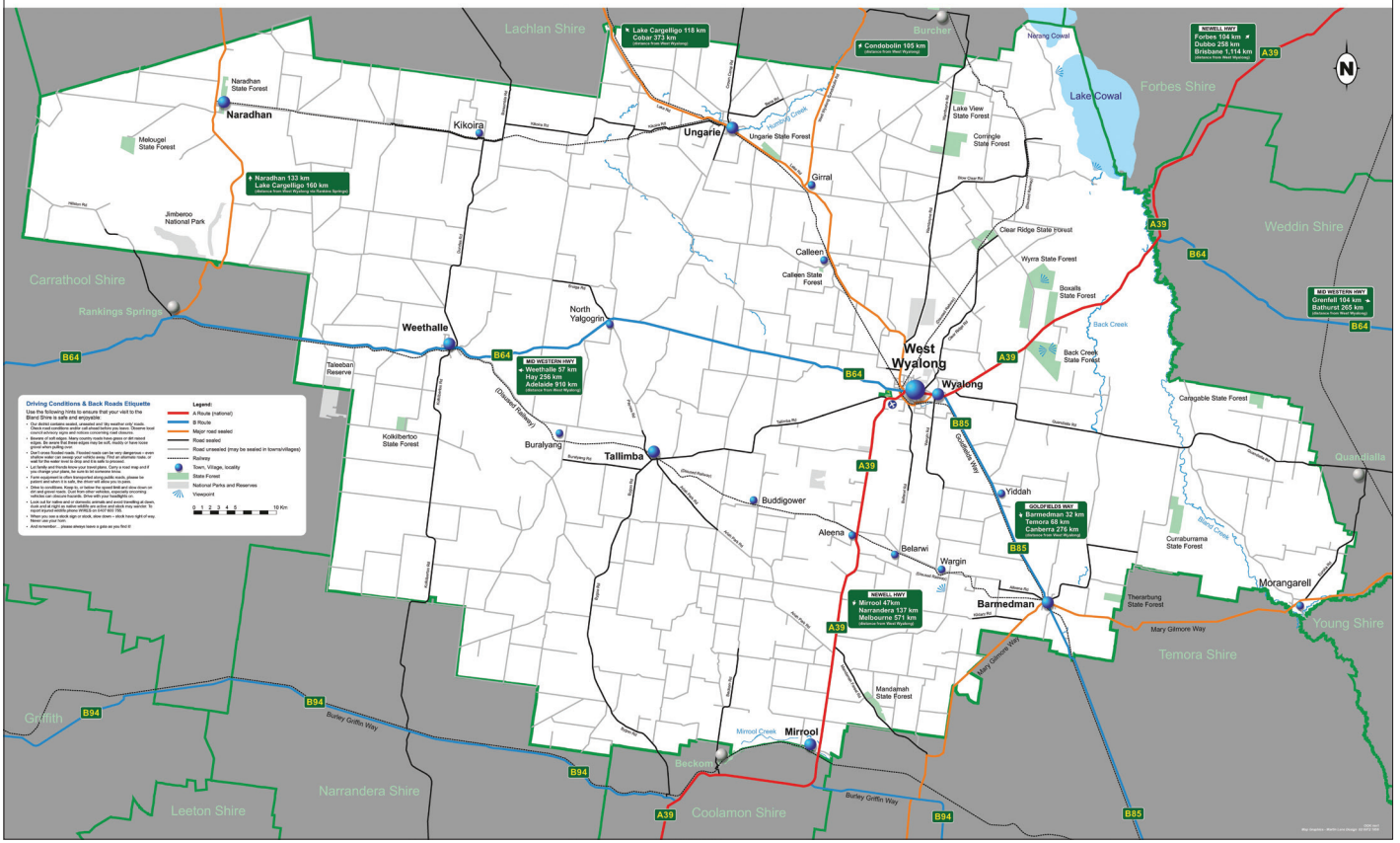
January	Location
Australia Day Breakfast and Celebrations	Bland Shire
Dean Wood Jam Night	West Wyalong
February	
Model Jet Flyers NSW	West Wyalong
Rugby League Knockout	West Wyalong
West Wyalong Show Society Markets	West Wyalong
March	
Browers Charity Walk	West Wyalong
Candy Stripe Fair	West Wyalong
Crooked Mile Show and Shine	West Wyalong
West Wyalong Evolution Gold Triathlon	West Wyalong
West Wyalong Rodeo	West Wyalong
West Wyalong Show Society Market	West Wyalong
April	
ANZAC Day Celebrations	Bland Shire
Daylight Savings Breakfast	West Wyalong
Evolution Mining Pairs Bowls	West Wyalong
Harness Racing Carnival of Cups	West Wyalong
Model Jet Flyers NSW	West Wyalong
Weethalle Country Music Muster	Weethalle
West Wyalong Show Society Markets	West Wyalong
May	
West Wyalong Show Society Markets	West Wyalong
June	
Model Jet Flyers NSW	West Wyalong
Phillip Judd Jumping Day and Gymkhana	West Wyalong
West Wyalong Horse Sports Fun Day	West Wyalong
West Wyalong Show Society Markets	West Wyalong
July	
West Wyalong Show Society Markets	West Wyalong

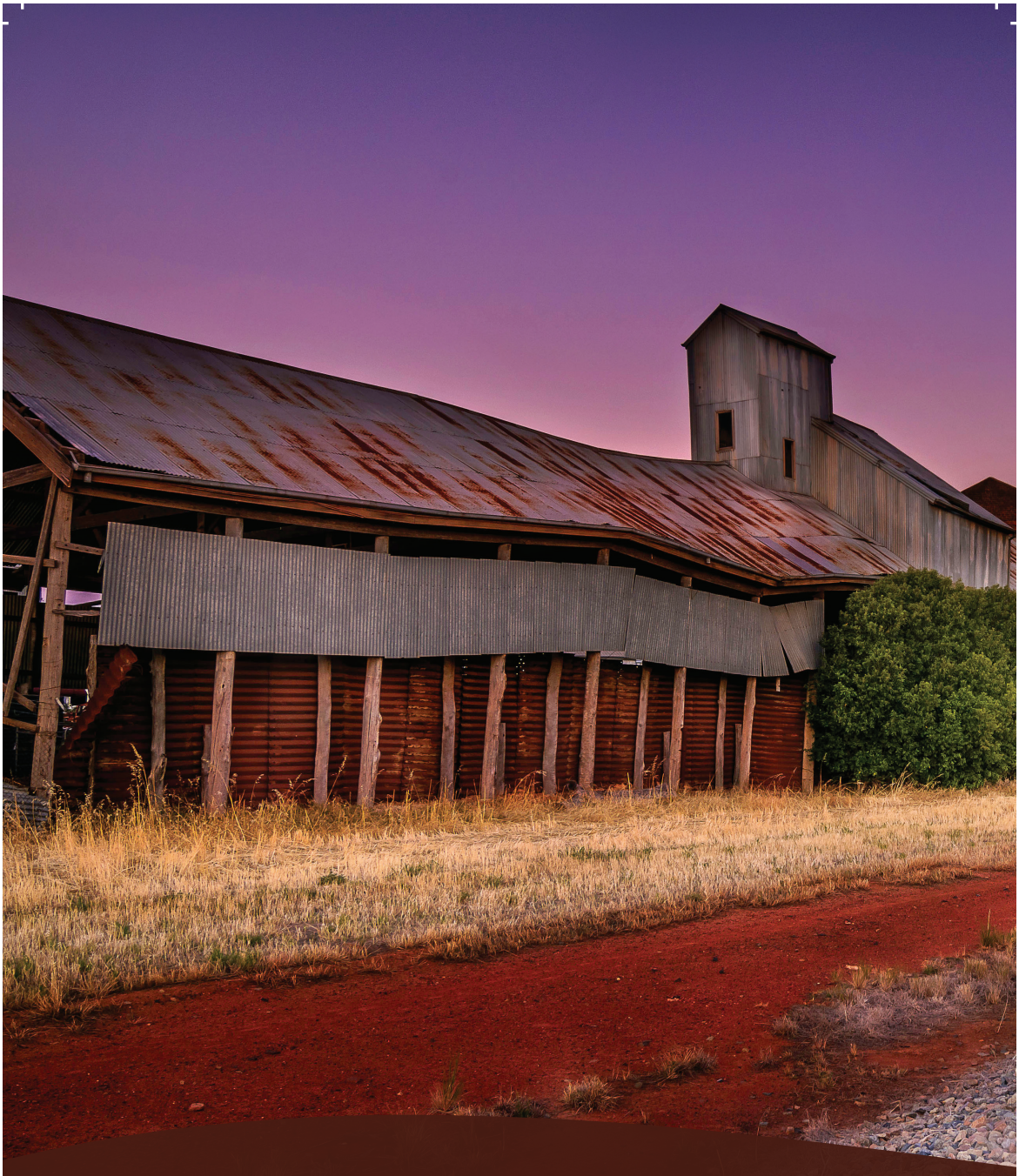
August	
West Wyalong Show Society Markets	West Wyalong
Model Jet Flyers NSW	West Wyalong
Weethalle Show	Weethalle
West Wyalong Horse Sports Sore Butt Ride	Bland Shire
September	
West Wyalong Show	West Wyalong
Ungarie Show	Ungarie
West Wyalong Show Society Markets	West Wyalong
Model Jet Flyers NSW	West Wyalong
West Wyalong Charity Campdraft	West Wyalong
Ungarie Bowling Bogeye Cup	Ungarie
October	
West Wyalong Show Society Markets	West Wyalong
Mirrool Silo Kick	Mirrool
Barmedman Tractor Pull	Barmedman
November	
West Wyalong Show Society Markets	West Wyalong
Australian Yard Dog Championships	West Wyalong
Melbourne Cup Ladies Day for CanAssist	West Wyalong
DECEMBER	
West Wyalong Show Society Markets	West Wyalong
Christmas Carnival	Bland Shire
Holland Park Pool Party	West Wyalong
Carols by Candlelight	West Wyalong
Library After School Christmas Activity	West Wyalong
International Day of People with a Disability	West Wyalong
Ungarie Pool Party	Ungarie
Dates can change, please see the Bland Shire Community Events Directory for updates: www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au/Community/Events-Directory	

***Left Column From Top**: Weethalle Show, Barmedman Tractor Pull, West Wyalong Christmas Carnival, Bland Flavour Festival. **Right Column From Top**: Mirrool Silo Kick, West Wyalong Markets, Australian Yard Dog Championships. **Bottom Image:** Western Wheelers Show and Shine.*

Welcome to The Bland Shire

BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL
west wyalong





BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL
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WEST WYALONG VISITOR
INFORMATION CENTRE
6 Shire Street, West Wyalong

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