## 30--- Things to do in the Bland Shire

- Stop at Cooinda Reserve for a view back in time when gold mining started in 1894 with the True Blue Poppet Head and goldminers hut. Read about our pioneers and history.
- Collect your Heritage Map from the West Wyalong Visitors Centre and view our magnificent old buildings or download the IZI Travel app on your device and follow the voice prompt.
- Take a 'selfie' and read about our extraordinary connection with Dull and Boring at the interactive Bland....far from Dull and Boring sign located in Lions Park to share with the world.
- 4. Play a round of **golf** on our beautiful greens located on the outskirts of West Wyalong or experience true hospitality by playing a game of lawn bowls with the locals in any of the villages in the Bland Shire.
- 5. Pop into the **Exclusive Glass Gallery** located in Wyalong and see how the beautiful glass items are created.
- Warm up and enjoy a coffee and some treats at the many cafes and coffee shops located in the Bland Shire.
- 7. Follow the Bland Shire Art Trail In all the villages you will find some artwork, Big Footy in Ungarie, Mural at Mirrool, Silo art in Weethalle, Big Poppet Head in Wyalong, Sculptures and murals in West Wyalong. Ask at the Visitors Information Centre for a map and take a tour of the art trail.
- 8. See amazing local art and maybe join an art class for the day at **Splatter Gallery**.

- 9. Why not visit the Church with the many **Stained Glass Windows.** St Barnabas Anglican Church on Court St has 30 stained glass windows and some with as many as 8 panels. Could you find the window that was installed the wrong way?
- 10. If it is too cold for a swim at the **Barmedman Mineral Pool** in Barmedman you can always find hot soup and coffee from the Barmedman Craft Shop. The pool is open from November until April every year.
- Bland Shire Library caters for the younger generation with many school holiday craft activities, Baby Bounce group, or Story time. Contact the Library for details.
- 12. Stop at Lions Park and read about the **DC3** standing proudly within the park.
- 13. Take a walk through **The Wetlands** and spot a turtle or see some of our birdlife. A list of birds in the Bland Shire is available from the West Wyalong Visitors Centre.
- 14. **Yindyamarra!** Visit the amazing Aboriginal Open Display at the Wetlands.
- 15. Visit the new **Tivoli Theatre** to watch the latest movie releases. Located in the historical Masonic Hall, it also offers performance, conference and art exhibitions. The name Tivoli is a nod to the original Tivoli Theatre that once stood proud in the 1920's in West Wyalong. Visit www.tivoliwestwyalong.com.au for more information.



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- 16. Learn about the Bland Shire Aboriginal History at the Aboriginal Artefact Shop in the Main Street of West Wyalong.
- 17. Take in countryside tour/drive and discover quaint and forgotten villages in the Bland Shire.
- 18. Take a drive to Weethalle Silo Art after stopping at the Weethalle Whistle Stop for morning tea. Follow the Bland Shire Art Trail to Ungarie to see the Biggest Football and War Murals.
- 19. Pack a picnic and enjoy our lovely Parks and Gardens while the kids play at the many playgrounds throughout the Bland Shire.
- 20. Take a walk in the many State Forests within Bland Shire and do some **Fossicking**. Maps available in the Bland Shire Visitors Information Centre.
- 21. Local arts, crafts and products are available at many of the outlets in the Bland Shire including the Visitors Information Centre.
- 22. Collect a Gold Trails brochure from the Visitors Information Centre, Bland Shire Council is a member of the 17 Local Government Areas and two National Parks and Wildlife Services.
- 23. Take a walk in the footsteps of the Wiradjuri people of the Bland Shire on a self guided walk of Mana Mountain.
- 24. Take a walk through the ANZAC Memorial Walk. Entry at Cooinda Park end or Clear Ridge Road end.
- 25. Read about the Barrier Mine Disaster in 1912 and the miners that lost their lives with a Barrier Mine Monument erected in their memory at Barnardo Park.

- 26. Visit the Wyalong Museum located in the old Court House in Wyalong
- 27. Enjoy a counter meal at any of the pubs offering country hospitality and which has been part of the Bland Shire's history since 1894.
- 28. Why not check out the Tapestry at Bland Shire Council, made by the talented Spinners and Weavers group. Don't hesitate to ask for an explanation of design.
- 29. View the latest exhibition upstairs in the Bland Shire Council's Foyer Art display.
- 30. Many events are happening throughout the year, visit the Bland Shire Events page at: www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au/Community/Events -Directory or visit the Information Centre located in the Bland Shire Council Library.
- 31. Be sure to check out the McCann Park Tree Sculpture. Created in 2019 by one of the world's best chainsaw carvers.
- 32. Visit the 4 Re-awakening Aboriginal Place Name signs at Tallimba, Ungarie, Wyalong and Booberoi Hills.
- 33. Kayak in the newly expanded, winding waterways of Cooinda Waters at Cooinda Reserve.
- 34. Drive out to Lake Cowal to see the many birds and beautiful wildlife and native plants.
- 35. We are experiencing the most beautiful sunsets, don't forget to look up and take a photo.



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