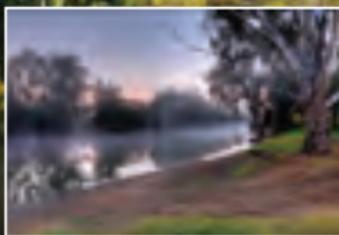


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# THE Murrumbidgee River



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# River Wisdom

It is important to enjoy the river responsibly and safely. The following tips will help make the most of your visit and maintain the ecological integrity. Please contact the closest Visitors Information Centre for more information.

## Fishing

The prime target species for anglers is the Murray Cod, followed by Golden Perch (Yellow Belly), Trout and Murray Crayfish. A NSW Recreational Fishing Fee (License) is required. There are fishing closures near weirs and fishing gear restrictions generally apply. Trout Cod, Macquarie Perch, Silver Perch, Freshwater Catfish and River Blackfish are totally protected. Be aware of the sizes, bag limits and seasons to ensure the continued protection of these species.

## Camping

Visitors can camp on reserves but it is important to keep to areas marked as public land. It is advisable to take your own drinking water.

## Swimming/Water Sports

Before swimming, boating or partaking in other water activities, care should be taken to test the depth, and the current of the river. Also be sure to check for submerged objects and take note of other river users. Children should always be supervised in and around water.

## Waste

All visitors to the river are responsible for the removal of their own rubbish.

## Fruit Fly

The Riverina is an important food producer and fruit fly can have a devastating impact on production. Please abide by the Fruit Fly Exclusion Zone signage and use roadside disposal bins.

## Lighting Fires

There may be firebans at any time of the year. It is important you adhere to these.

## Road Access

Many roads used to access sites are unsealed and care should be taken. Check weather forecasts when planning your trip and avoid using unsealed roads and tracks in wet weather.

## Wildlife

The Murrumbidgee River is home to a number of diverse ecosystems and indigenous plant and animal species, some of which are endangered. Shooting or hunting is prohibited on public land.

# THE Murrumbidgee River

The Murrumbidgee River flows through the heart of the Riverina from Gundagai to the Hay Shire. It originates from high in the Great Dividing Range and runs west through to Balranald where it eventually meets the Murray River. It is a naturally beautiful river with many undisturbed pockets and is home to a variety of native flora and fauna species.

Prior to white settlement the Murrumbidgee was part of a network of rivers which provided transport, sustenance, shelter and a spiritual base for the Wiradjuri clans, an important indigenous group in the region. There is much effort directed at preserving and sharing the river knowledge.

The Murrumbidgee River is readily accessible at various locations throughout the Riverina offering unspoiled camping and caravanning sites, quiet fishing holes, swimming spots and planned events and activities for visitors to participate in. There are also numerous opportunities for nature lovers, with bird watching, koala colonies and fisheries throughout the region.

Canoeing enthusiasts can choose from small rapids from Burrinjuck to Wagga Wagga to the meandering calm waters in the lower plains.

This map highlights some of the best spots to visit the river.

Be sure to contact the local visitor information centres for any further information or queries.

For accommodation, special offers and event information, go to: [www.riverinatourism.com.au](http://www.riverinatourism.com.au)

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# Gundagai

Located off the Hume Highway and on the peaceful banks of the Murrumbidgee River, Gundagai has long been a favourite stopover for travellers.

The historic township is serviced by two caravan parks, camping sites and a number of hotels and motels, many with close proximity to the river.

- South Gundagai Recreation Reserve is one of the best places to take full advantage of the river in peaceful Gundagai with easy access and plenty of flat, shady areas for camping.

This site provides a peaceful and beautiful setting to view the historic Prince Alfred & Railway Bridges and offers basic camp sites, swimming, fishing and walking tracks.

- At North Gundagai there are a number of access sites after the Jones Creek Bridge. There is a boat ramp site 700m past the bridge which is ideal for passive boating activities such as fishing. Another kilometre along the road is a site more suited to swimming and camping.

**Must See:** Take in the natural surrounds from the scenic lookout atop Mt Parnassus.

For more information on camping grounds & recreation activities contact the Gundagai Visitor Information Centre:

**Gundagai Visitor Information Centre**  
249 Sheridan Street Gundagai NSW 2722  
Ph: 02 6944 0250  
[www.visitgundagai.com.au](http://www.visitgundagai.com.au)

# Wagga Wagga

Wagga Wagga is a major regional hub located on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River offering a variety of accommodation options and natural attractions. Located on the plains along the Sturt Highway, the river offers a number of reserves perfect for camping, caravanning or just taking in the scenery.

- Oura Beach has great access for caravans and is a great swimming spot.
- Wagga Beach is ideal for picnics, and swimming, with car parking and play facilities. Camping is available through Wagga Beach Caravan Park.
- Wiradjuri Reserve is a quiet spot close to town and offers a large beach, good road access, formed boat ramp and shade.
- Kohlhagan's Beach is a good all round site with a fantastic swimming, picnic and camping area.

There are numerous fishing spots where anglers can vie for freshwater species. Riverbank fishing is popular and there are plenty of quiet, deep spots for year round fishing enthusiasts.

**Must See:** The Wiradjuri Walking track is 30km long with 4km encompassing the river. The track is very popular amongst locals and there is informative signage throughout. Expect to encounter cockatoos, rosellas, parrots and Ibis during the day and listen for the Book Book Owl at night.

For more information on activities and events in Wagga Wagga contact the Visitor Information Centre:

**Wagga Wagga Visitor Information Centre**  
183 Tarcutta Street Wagga Wagga NSW 2650  
Ph: 1300 100 122  
[www.visitwagga.com](http://www.visitwagga.com)

# Narrandera

Located on the busy Newell Highway and the Murrumbidgee River, Narrandera is a haven for nature lovers with a variety of accommodation options. The town boasts Lake Talbot which is perfect for water skiing and canoeing. The Lake Talbot Aquatic Park is perfect for summer swimming. Other natural attractions include the Narrandera Wetlands, the wreck of an historic paddle steamer, the Koala Reserve and the Bundidgerry Walking Track. It is in Narrandera where the River widens and makes its steady journey toward the Hay Plains. The best places to relax and access the River include:

- Lake Talbot – offers excellent road access with a concrete boat ramp and grassed area with seating. This site is perfect for bushwalking, picnicking, fishing and water skiing. The caravan park adjacent provides excellent camping facilities with picturesque views. The adjoining swimming complex has many aquatic attractions including a rampage slide.
- The Narrandera Flora and Fauna Reserve and Koala Park – located just off the highway, includes picnic areas on the River and plenty of shade. Suitable for swimming and koala spotting.
- Five Mile Reserve – perfect for picnics, water skiing and camping. It has sandy banks and slow currents, making it great for swimming.
- Highway Bridge Area – great for fishing and picnicking with a boat ramp, pontoon and covered barbeque area.
- Brewery Flat Picnic Area – great for fishing and picnicking with a boat ramp, pontoon and covered barbeque area.

**Must See:** The John Lake Centre & Murray Cod at the Narrandera Fisheries Centre.

For further information on exploring the river and lake environs contact the Visitor Information Centre:

## **Narrandera Visitor Information Centre**

Narrandera Park, Newell Highway Narrandera NSW 2700

Ph: 1800 672 392 or 02 6959 1766

[www.narrandera.com.au](http://www.narrandera.com.au)

# Griffith & surrounds

Griffith is a thriving cultural hub located approximately 33kms north of the Murrumbidgee River. With world class wineries and local produce, it is a great base from which to explore the river and surrounds.

Native fishing is among the best in this area with near natural water temperatures. The sites featured below are typically quiet and scenic; and the river is broad and good for slow boating.

- Darlington Point Town Beach has good road access, with a large beach area for swimming, open area for camping with toilets and a caravan park close by with full amenities.
- Tonganmain Reserve Euranbrennan has secluded camping spots, and a sandy beach for swimming.

**Must See:** Drop in a line & have a picnic at Lake Wyangan or take one of the popular walking trails at Scenic Hill.

## **Griffith Visitor Information Centre**

Cnr Banna & Jondaryan Ave Griffith NSW 2680

Ph: 1800 681 141

[www.griffith.com.au](http://www.griffith.com.au)

# Carrathool

Nature and the environment play an important role in the Carrathool Shire with an abundance of native flora and fauna. There are two notable sites in this region offering great camping sites, facilities and peaceful surrounds.

- At Pinker's Beach, Carrathool there is plenty of camping space, swimming and has relatively good shade. A secluded spot close to the historic village.
- Shaded by tall river red gums, the State Heritage listed Carrathool Bridge Reserve is perfect for picnicking, camping and fishing.

To find out more about the historic Carrathool Shire and its natural attractions contact the Carrathool Shire Council located in Goolgowi. Please note that there isn't a Visitor Information Centre in the village of Carrathool.

## **Carrathool Shire Council**

9-11 Cobram Street Goolgowi NSW 2652

Ph: 02 6965 1900

[www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au](http://www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au)

# Hay & surrounds

Hay is situated on the Murrumbidgee River, opening out onto vast plains. It is part of the Long Paddock touring route (Cobb highway) and marks the gateway to the Australian outback. The river is quite wide and lends itself well to a variety of activities including kayaking, canoeing, swimming and fishing; and there are a number of very accessible sites and accommodation options in and around town.

- Bushy Bend provides good access, an excellent beach for swimming, tables and plenty of shade. Keen walkers can access the Hay Nature Walk near this site and the Long Paddock Artback Sculptures.
- Hay Weir is a very popular fishing site and is easily accessible. There are also shaded picnic areas with tables and seats.
- Sandy Point is the town's swimming beach, perfect for a relaxing dip, picnic or kayaking. Wood barbecues are provided and there are plenty of shaded tables/areas.

Fishing is a popular past time with a number of warm water species caught locally. Contact the Visitor Information Centre for detail on the many camping and fishing sites dotted along the river.

**Must See:** Delight in the wildlife and old Red River Gums on the Hay Nature Walk

## Hay Visitor Information Centre

407 Moppett Street Hay NSW 2711

Ph: 02 6993 4045

[www.hay.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hay.nsw.gov.au)



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# Currawarna & Galore Region

There are more than thirty places where visitors can access the River between Wagga Wagga and Narrandera. This region is also home to Old Man Creek which diverges from the Murrumbidgee River. Coolamon is approximately 30kms north of the River and Lockhart is approximately 56km south of the river and both are unique and picturesque bases from which to explore the River. Both townships have caravan parks and other accommodation options.

Here are a few of the best river sites in this region:

- Currawarna State Forest provides a flat and open camping ground with a large beach area perfect for swimming. Fishing is also popular at this site.
- Piper's Reserve has good road and boat access and is a perfect area for fishing with many deep spots. There are a number of camping facilities including tables and wood barbeques.
- Berembred Weir (north and south sites) provide easy access for campers, some swimming and a great shaded picnic area with gas barbeques at Berembred North. Camping is allowed downstream below the weir.

**Must See:** Nature lovers will be in their element with the Murrumbidgee Interpretive Nature Walk in Ganmain; and the scenic views at Galore Hill Nature Reserve.

## Coolamon Shire Council

55 Cowabbie Street Coolamon NSW 2701

Ph: 02 6930 1800

[www.coolamonshire.com.au](http://www.coolamonshire.com.au)

## Lockhart Shire Council

69 Green Street Lockhart NSW 2656

Ph: 02 6920 5305

[www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au)

# Leeton

Leeton is situated a short distance from a number of well positioned and attractive spots along the River. The town is an important rice producer in the region and has a rich agricultural history and natural attractions.

Bird watching is a popular past-time around Leeton.

There are also a number of ski clubs that operate on the Murrumbidgee River, one in Leeton and another in Coleambally.

Below are a number of sites that offer good access, facilities and a variety of activities:

- Middle Beach is located in the MIA State Forest providing clean sites, sand beaches for swimming and canoeing; and fireplaces.
- Gogeldrie Weir offers complete camping facilities including showers, gas barbeques and bitumen road access.
- Whitton Punt Reserve has a secluded camping and picnic area, and shallow spots for swimming.

**Must See:** Spot a Brolga or one of 175 bird species at the internationally recognised Fivebough and Tuckerbil Wetlands.

**Leeton Visitor Information Centre**  
10 Yanco Avenue Leeton NSW 2705  
Ph: 02 6953 6481  
[www.leetontourism.com.au](http://www.leetontourism.com.au)

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# Junee & surrounds

Junee is located approximately 30kms from the Murrumbidgee River and has a variety of accommodation options including a well serviced caravan park complete with cabins and excellent amenities.

The town is a relaxed central base for exploring the region and parts of the river.

- Sandy Beach at Wantabadgery is just a short trip from Junee. Following the Nangus Road out of Junee you will reach this beautiful and very accessible site. It is ideal for camping and caravanning; has a boat ramp and is a popular site for swimming and picnicking.

**Must See:** Take in the heady scents of the Kaybunda Lavender fields located in Old Junee.

Sweet tooth's head to the Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory or if history is more your thing, visit Australia's most haunted house, Monte Cristo Homestead.

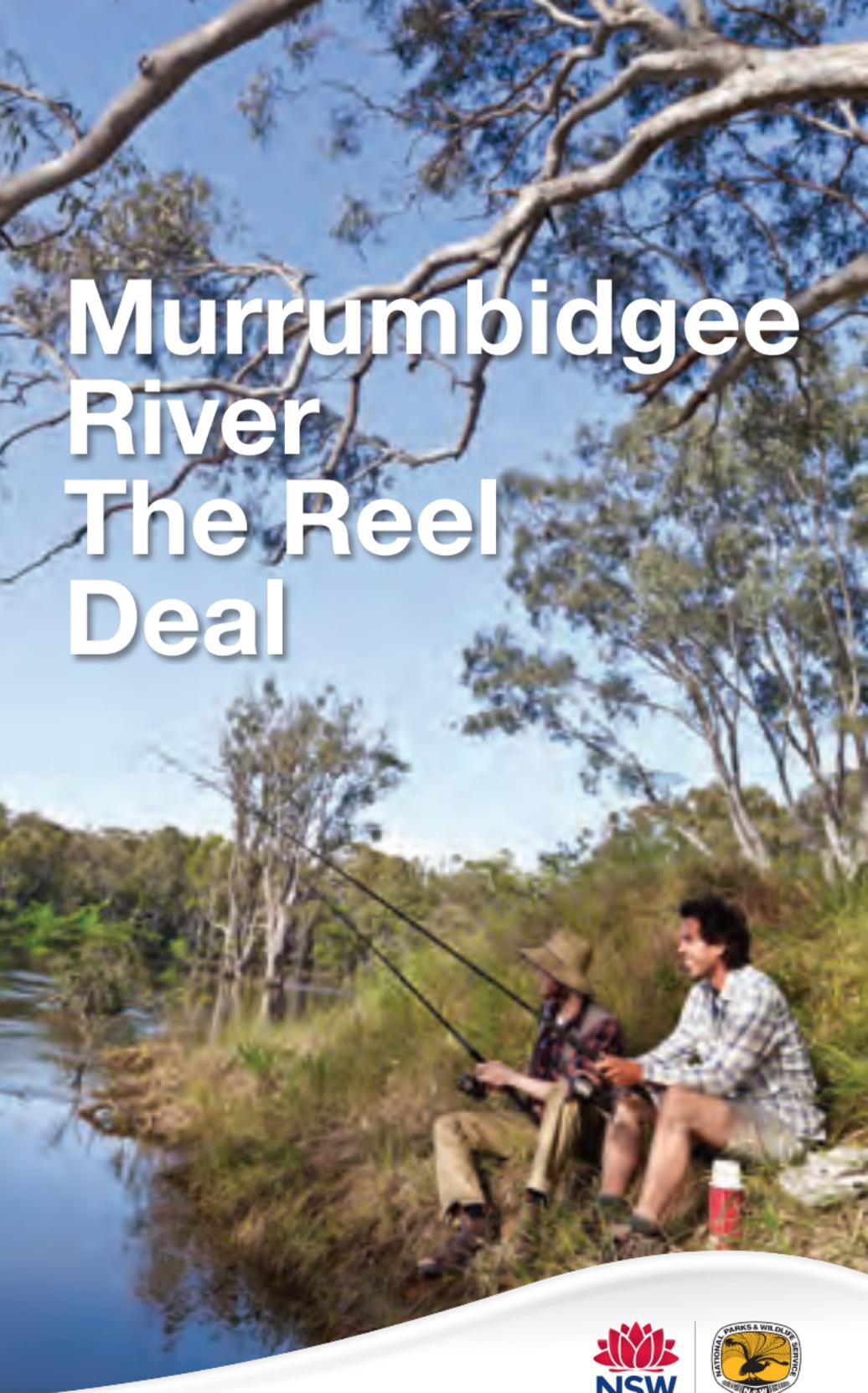
Information and a detailed map of the township and shire can be found at the Junee Visitor Information Centre:

**Junee Visitor Information Centre**  
181 Lorne Street Junee NSW 2663  
Ph: 02 6924 4682  
[www.visitjuneec.com.au](http://www.visitjuneec.com.au)

and visitors are advised to contact the nearest Visitor Information Centre for up to date information.



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AT LEETON, NARRANDERA, GRIFFITH, HAY OR BALRANALD**



## For further information:

**Carrathool Shire Council**  
9-11 Cobram Street  
Goolgowi NSW 2652  
Ph: 02 6965 1900  
[www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au](http://www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au)

**Coolamon Shire Council**  
55 Cowabbie St  
Coolamon NSW 2701  
Ph: 02 6930 1800  
[www.coolamonshire.com.au](http://www.coolamonshire.com.au)

**Cootamundra Visitor Information Centre**  
Hovell St Cootamundra NSW 2590  
Ph: 1800 350 203  
[www.cootamundra.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cootamundra.nsw.gov.au)

**Deniliquin Visitor Information Centre**  
Peppin Heritage Centre  
George St Deniliquin NSW 2710  
Ph: 1800 650 712  
[www.denitourism.com.au](http://www.denitourism.com.au)

**Griffith Visitor Information Centre**  
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Griffith NSW 2680  
Ph: 1800 681 141  
[www.griffith.com.au](http://www.griffith.com.au)

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249 Sheridan St Gundagai NSW 2722  
Ph: 02 6944 0250  
[www.visitgundagai.com.au](http://www.visitgundagai.com.au)

**Hay Visitor Information Centre**  
407 Moppett St Hay NSW 2711  
Ph: 02 6993 4045  
[www.hay.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hay.nsw.gov.au)

**Junee Shire Council**  
181 Lorne Street Junee NSW 2663  
Ph: 02 6924 4682  
[www.visitjunee.com.au](http://www.visitjunee.com.au)

**Leeton Visitor Information Centre**  
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69 Green St Lockhart NSW 2656  
Ph: 02 6920 5305  
[www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lockhart.nsw.gov.au)

**Narrandera Visitor Information Centre**  
Narrandera Park  
Newell Hwy Narrandera NSW 2700  
Freecall: 1800 672 392  
[www.narrandera.com.au](http://www.narrandera.com.au)

**Temora Visitor Information Centre**  
29 Goldfields Way  
Temora NSW 2666  
Ph: 02 6977 1086  
[www.temora.com.au](http://www.temora.com.au)

**Wagga Wagga Visitor Information Centre**  
183 Tarcutta St  
Wagga Wagga NSW 2650  
Ph: 1300 100 122  
[www.visitwagga.com](http://www.visitwagga.com)

**West Wyalong Visitor Information Centre**  
Bland Shire Library  
6 Shire St  
West Wyalong NSW 2671  
Ph: 02 6972 2266  
[www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au)

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*The NSW Department of Lands have produced a Canoe & Kayak Trail Map.  
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