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Upper Lachlan
the shire of villages

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LAGGAN / TUENA**



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Welcome to the Upper Lachlan, nestled on the Great Dividing Range between Sydney and Melbourne, and just north of Canberra, the nation's capital.

Take the time to explore the diverse attractions of this remarkable region, from the underground wonders of Wombeyan Caves to the outdoor adventures at Lake Wyangala. Discover tales of pioneering and bushranging, and experience the creation of world-class produce.

This is a region rich in stories, breathtaking vistas, and warm country hospitality. Welcome to the Upper Lachlan, "The Shire of Villages" – so close, but a world away.

HOW TO GET HERE

BY CAR

The Upper Lachlan Shire is perfectly positioned just 2.5hrs from Sydney and less than an hour from Canberra.

BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

For details on reaching the villages of the Upper Lachlan by train and bus, please contact the Crookwell Visitor Information Centre on **02 4832 1988**.

CROOKWELL VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

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OPENING HOURS

Mon-Fri: 9.00am – 4.00pm | Sat: 10.00am – 2.00pm

Sun: 10.00am – 1.00pm

(Hours vary seasonally please check our website for current operating hours)

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FUN FACTS

Population: 8059

Area: 7,129km²

Population density: 0.01 person/ha

Townships: Crookwell, Gunning, Taralga, Binda, Bigga, Breadalbane, Collector, Dalton, Grabben Gullen, Laggan, Tuena

No traffic lights

Major industries by total employment:

1. Agriculture, forestry and fishing
2. Construction
3. Health care and social assistance
4. Education and Training
5. Public Administration and Safety

Crookwell's elevation: 904m above sea level

Crookwell's average rainfall: 856mm/pa

TUNE IN

106.1 FM 2GN

1368 AM 2GN

93.5 Eagle FM

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

UPPER LACHLAN SHIRE COUNCIL

02 4830 1000 (Business hours) Crookwell

**CROOKWELL
HOSPITAL**
02 4837 5000

**POLICE / FIRE /
AMBULANCE**
000

NRMA ROADSIDE
13 11 22

SES ASSISTANCE
13 25 00

POISON INFORMATION CENTRE / 13 11 26



MAJOR ANNUAL EVENTS

TARALGA RODEO



BINDA PICNIC RACES



ROLLIN' CHROME



CLAWFIELD CUP

JANUARY

- Australia Day Celebrations
- Taralga Rodeo

FEBRUARY

- Crookwell AP&H Show
- Gunning PA&I Show
- Dalton Market
- Rollin' Chrome
- Small Halls Festival Dalton

MARCH

- Taralga AP&H Show
- Binda Picnic Races
- Laggan Pub Car Show

APRIL

- Bigga's Biggest Market
- Tuena Easter Markets

JUNE

- Taralga Art Show
- Crookwell Amateur Dramatic Society Production
- Gunning Patchwork Weekend

JULY

- Breadalbane Bush Bash
- Dalton Christmas in July Markets

AUGUST

- Grabine Freshwater Fishing Competition

SEPTEMBER

- Crookwell Quick Shear

OCTOBER

- Crookwell Rotary Swap Meet
- Revisit Yesteryear @ Laggan
- Gunning Patchwork Finishing Day in Dalton

NOVEMBER

- Taralga Vintage Farm Field Days
- Kids Acting On Stage (KAOS)
- Crookwell Garden Festival
- Art on the Range - Crookwell
- Clawfield Cup - Laggan
- Dalton Mower Muster and Christmas Markets

DECEMBER

- Crookwell Christmas Fair
- Christmas Carols in the villages



CROOKWELL GARDEN FESTIVAL



Quick Shear Inc is a non-for-profit group, that hosts an annual shearing competition as community fundraisers within the Upper Lachlan Shire.

Held on the second Saturday in September each year. The event is family friendly, and includes a variety of entertainment, market stalls, and showcases the fastest shearers in the country.



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www.quickshearinc.com.au



MARKETS

TARALGA

WHEN: First Saturday of the Month
WHERE: Taralga Sports Club, Taralga
TIME: 9.00am to 2.00pm
ADMISSION: Free
MORE INFO: 0448 568 628 or 0427 494 263

LAGGAN

WHEN: Third Saturday of the Month (excluding December and January)
WHERE: Laggan Memorial Hall, Peelwood Road, Laggan
TIME: 9.00am to 1.00pm
ADMISSION: Free
MORE INFO: Amanda 0428 667 677

COLLECTOR

WHEN: Third Saturday of the Month
WHERE: 11 Murray Street, Collector
TIME: 9.00am to 2.00pm
ADMISSION: Free
MORE INFO: Collectormarkets@gmail.com
WEBSITE: www.collectormarkets.com.au



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EXPERIENCE THE CHARM OF CROOKWELL

Nestled among dramatic landscapes atop the Great Dividing Range, Crookwell embodies the essence of country charm, with down-to-earth, friendly locals and a laid-back lifestyle. Perched at an impressive elevation of 946 meters above sea level, this thriving community boasts a population of 2,686, as recorded in the 2021 census.

While the exact origins Crookwell's name remain shrouded in mystery, Crookwell's rich history dates back to the indigenous Wiradujuri, and Gundungurra peoples, who lived here and traversed these lands as ancient travel routes.

With its strategic location and fertile soil, Crookwell quickly became a magnet for permanent European settlement within decades of the First Fleet's arrival. Arable farmland and reliable rainfall beckoned early pioneers, with the discovery of gold in Bathurst and Tuena in the 1850s sparking a frenzied gold rush that attracted infamous bushrangers like Ben Hall to the region.

In 1865, renowned Australian poet Mary Gilmore was born just 16 kilometres south of Crookwell, in the location of Roslyn, adding to the town's storied legacy.

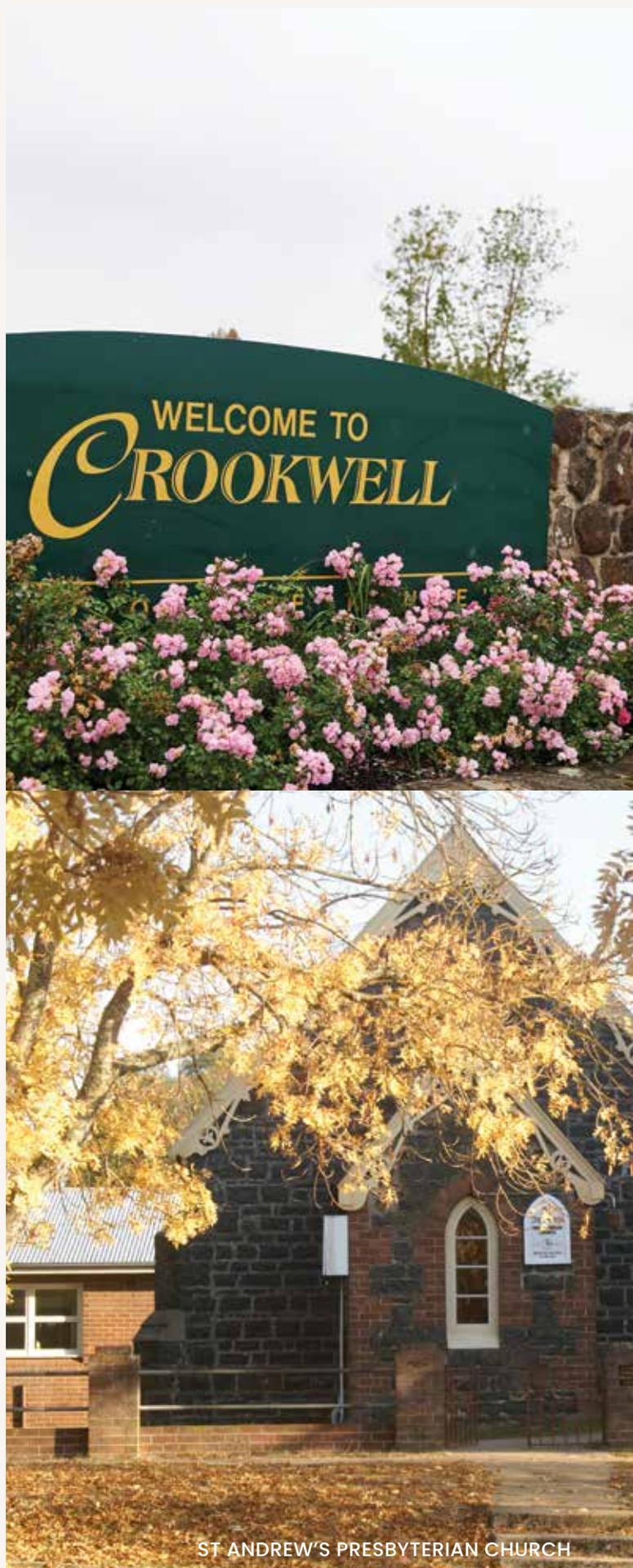
Over the years, Crookwell has witnessed remarkable transformations in transportation. What once took two days to reach Goulburn, Australia's first inland city, by dray, now only requires a 30-minute car ride. The heritage listed Crookwell Railway Station, which opened in 1902, stands as a testament to the town's rail heritage, offering visitors a glimpse into Australia's railway history with its functioning turntable, museum, and rail bikes.

Today, Crookwell is celebrated for its pioneering spirit, exemplified by the presence of New South Wales's first wind farm, boasting eight turbines located just a few kilometres outside of town. The town's thriving agricultural industry contributes significantly to the state's economy, with sheep and cattle production, and seed potato cultivation.

Experience the charm of Crookwell's main street, where grand buildings house a diverse array of specialty shops and boutiques. Don't miss the Lindner Sock Factory, where Andrew Lindner, a 10th-generation sock maker, proudly continues his family's legacy, crafting socks with care and precision, using locally grown wool.

After a day of exploration, unwind at one of Crookwell's quality dining establishments, where you can savour delicious meals made from locally sourced ingredients.

For personalised recommendations and insider tips, be sure to visit the Visitor Information Centre, where the friendly tourism team awaits to assist you in planning your perfect Crookwell adventure.



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Take the road less travelled and discover the Upper Lachlan.

Located on the main street, Crookwell Visitor Information Centre friendly staff will provide you with a range of information, including guides, directions, accommodation, local attractions and upcoming events.

The Centre showcases local produce, award-winning wines, jams, sauces and the famous local Lindner socks, made from quality merino wool using traditional techniques.

Drop in and meet their friendly staff who can provide you with maps, answer your questions and point you in the right direction so you don't miss the interesting places to visit across the region.



CRITERION HOTEL CROOKWELL



DINE

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner,
Functions & Events



DRINK

Hot Coffee, Ice Cold
Tap Beer & Cocktails



STAY

Pub Rooms, Family Rooms,
Short term, Long term



PLAY

Live Music, Karaoke, Social
Clubs, Raffles, & Themed
Nights

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LUNCH & DINNER**

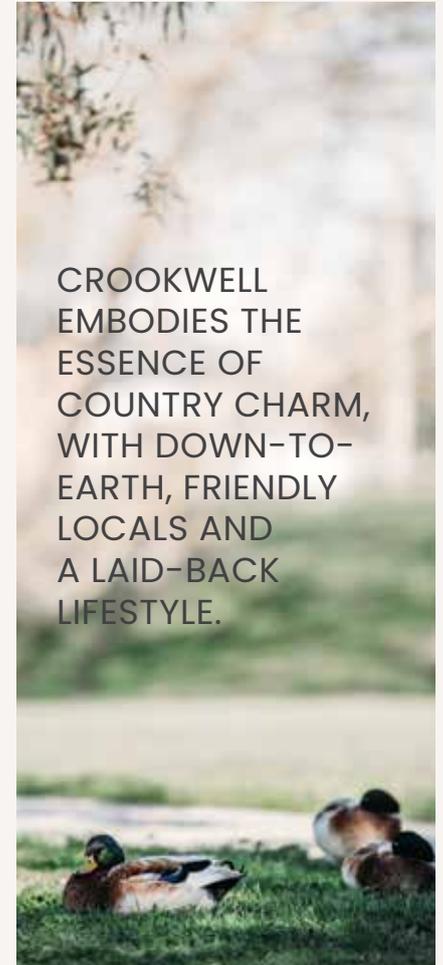
DAILY SPECIALS

OPEN FOR BREAKFAST - SATURDAY & SUNDAY

COFFEE BAR OPEN - 7 DAYS A WEEK



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CROOKWELL EMBODIES THE ESSENCE OF COUNTRY CHARM, WITH DOWN-TO-EARTH, FRIENDLY LOCALS AND A LAID-BACK LIFESTYLE.



CROOKWELL HOTEL MOTEL

The Crookwell Hotel Motel offers comfortable ensuited rooms in the heart of Crookwell. The onsite bar servicing Crookwell Lager and the bistro serves pub fare from Tuesdays through to Sundays including nightly specials.

This property is located within walking distance to most retail outlets and attractions within the township of Crookwell including cafes, restaurants and shops.

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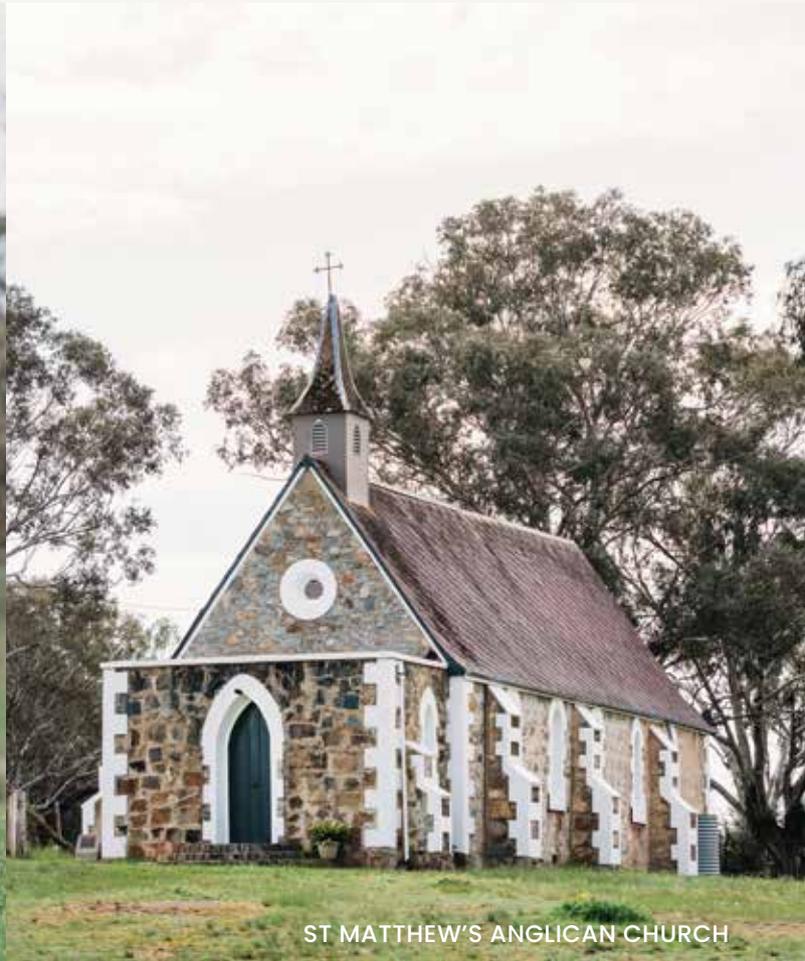
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BINDA



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THE OLD MILL

Binda's name is a word meaning 'deep water' taken from the language of the Gundungara Aboriginal people who often camped beside the water holes on the Binda Creek. Binda offers a glimpse into our colonial past. Binda was gazetted in 1850 making it the oldest town in the Upper Lachlan Shire.

Binda was the administrative centre of the Abercrombie district, boasting the first post office, police station, Courthouse and government school in the Upper Lachlan Shire.

The Binda Picnic Races are held annually in March, these races are a delightful local event where you can enjoy the excitement of horse racing in a picturesque setting and have been held on the Funny Hill property since 1848.

Visit the St James Anglican Church, built in c.1864. This early English Gothic Revival-style church is constructed from stone and features fine stained glass windows.

The historic Binda Mill, nestles the Michael Bligh designed gardens. The gardens are a serene spot to appreciate nature and perhaps have a picnic.

Markdale, another nearby location, boasts the beautiful Edna Waling Garden. Stroll through the gardens and admire the flora, with accommodation and special events also available.

Enjoy your time exploring the history and natural beauty of Binda!



FEDERAL HOTEL

BIGGA AN UNTAMED WILDERNESS

BIGGA IS A HIDDEN GEM WITH A POPULATION OF 268, AS PER THE 2021 CENSUS. RENOWNED GLOBALLY FOR ITS PRODUCTION OF SUPERFINE WOOL, BIGGA BOASTS A RICH HERITAGE OF SETTING WORLD-RECORD PRICES FOR ITS PREMIUM BALES, A TRADITION PASSED DOWN THROUGH GENERATIONS.

Situated on the western slopes of the Abercrombie Mountains, Bigga's landscape is a captivating canvas cherished by photographers and nature enthusiasts alike. The rolling hills and untamed wilderness offer a serene retreat from the hustle and bustle of modern life, inviting visitors to embrace tranquillity and savour the crisp, rejuvenating air.

Bigga warmly welcomes travellers with its RV-friendly amenities, making it an ideal stopover for adventurers seeking solace in nature's embrace. Cast a line into the nearby river for a leisurely fishing session or indulge in the hearty flavours of traditional pub fare at the Federal Hotel, serving delectable meals six days a week.

For golf enthusiasts, Bigga presents a challenge with

its scenic 9-hole golf course, open from Monday to Sunday, with the clubhouse extending a warm invitation on Friday evenings.

Step into the local general store and journey back in time with its original fittings and charming displays that evoke a bygone era. Be sure to explore Dennis's remarkable collection of vintage bottle openers and memorabilia.

As the gateway to Lake Wyangala, Bigga beckons water sports enthusiasts with a myriad of activities, from exhilarating jet skiing to leisurely boating and world-class fishing. Camping enthusiasts will find themselves in paradise amidst the tranquil shores of the lake, where starlit nights offer a glimpse into the wonders of the cosmos.

In Bigga, adventure and tranquillity intertwine, offering an unforgettable experience for those who seek to immerse themselves in the beauty of the Australian countryside.

BREADALBANE



CHISHOLM MEMORIAL CHURCH



BREADALBANE RAILWAY LINES

Nestled along the headwaters of the Lachlan River, Breadalbane exudes serene charm, steeped in rich history and tranquil surroundings. Originally known as “Mulwarry,” its name’s origins remain shrouded in history, echoing tales of Lachlan Macquarie’s influence or ties to the Scottish Highlands.

Today, with a modest population of 107 as per the 2021 Census, Breadalbane offers a glimpse into Australia’s past while serving as a peaceful retreat for visitors. The town boasts a scattering of homes, a primary school, a church, a playground, and a well-equipped hall available for hire, amid verdant pastures.

Notable landmarks include the Chisholm Memorial Church, a beacon of faith founded in 1937, and South Raeburn Farm, offering comfortable accommodation at The Shearers Quarters amidst picturesque landscapes.

While echoes of a bustling past linger, marked by remnants of a railway station and other establishments now repurposed, Breadalbane thrives as a productive livestock area. Annual celebrations like Anzac Day and the Bush Bash infuse the community with a festive spirit, inviting visitors to slow down and savour its blend of history, community, and natural beauty.



A QUIANT LITTLE VILLAGE NAMED COLLECTOR

FOUND ALONG THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY IN NEW SOUTH WALES, MIDWAY BETWEEN GOULBURN AND THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, LIES THE QUIANT VILLAGE OF COLLECTOR.

Home to a population of 376 as recorded in the 2021 census, this charming locale beckons visitors with its rich history, flourishing wine scene, and delightful culinary offerings.

European settlers first laid claim to the area in 1829 when Terence Aubrey Murray was granted land, originally dubbed Old Collector. A testament to its storied past, Collector boasts a legacy dating back to the 19th century, with its roots intertwined with the land and its indigenous heritage. Legend has it that the village derives its name from the Aboriginal term “colegdar,” paying homage to the region’s indigenous roots.

Steeped in history, Collector is renowned for its pivotal role in Australia’s colonial past. The Bushranger Hotel, formerly known as Kimberly’s Inn, stands as a poignant reminder of the village’s tumultuous history. It was here, on January 26, 1865, that Constable Samuel Nelson met his tragic end at the hands of John Dunn, a notorious member of Ben Hall’s gang. A solemn memorial now

marks the site of Nelson’s grave, serving as a poignant tribute to his sacrifice.

Beyond its historical significance, the village plays host to several esteemed wineries, including Lerida Estate, and the acclaimed Collector Wines. Here, visitors can savour the fruits of the land, indulging in award-winning vintages amidst breathtaking scenery.

In addition to its wine offerings, Collector boasts a vibrant culinary scene. Collector Fresh, a local market, showcases the region’s finest produce, offering visitors the chance to sample and purchase fresh, seasonal ingredients. For a cosy dining experience, Some Cafe serves up delicious meals crafted from locally sourced ingredients, providing a true taste of the region’s flavours.

For those looking to extend their stay, Collector offers a range of accommodation options to suit every traveller’s needs.

From tales of bushrangers to the allure of fine wine and delectable cuisine, Collector offers a captivating blend of past and present, inviting travellers to uncover its hidden treasures and create unforgettable memories amidst its timeless landscapes.

Images left to right: 1. Some Cafe. 2. Collector Scenic Drive. 3. Collector Wines.



DALTON

FILLED WITH ART & HISTORY JOINING THE SOUTHERN TABLELANDS MURAL TRAIL

Dalton is a small inland country town with a population of 230 (2021 census). Oolong Creek runs through the town, which is situated in an earth-quake region.

Dalton was settled in 1847 and its name was derived from the family name of the wife of the then Governor of New South Wales The Rt Hon. Sir John Young; her name was Adelaide Annabella Tuite daughter of Edward Tuite Dalton.

Dalton boasts impressive historical architecture including the Dalton Methodist Church (C.1923), a police station, built in (C.1889) and the still working Royal Hotel, built in C.1865 being lovingly cared for by the current custodians Craig and Jeannette where you can enjoy some real country cooking and a cold refreshment Thursday through to Sunday. The Hotel is also now offering newly renovated accommodation.

A substantial sheep shearing centre in the 19th century, Dalton thrived until the rail line was rerouted through nearby Gunning. Today Dalton is a rural-residential area with the wide streets of yesteryear historic churches, a school, hotel, a post office service, tiny home accommodation, a petrol station and motor repair shop.

Dalton has joined the Southern Tablelands Mural Trail with some impressive pieces on display, the artist Sektor has painted two murals one named "Healing Hearts, Renewed Hope" at the Royal Dalton Hotel and the other named "Strength in Unity" at the Dalton Garage.

Dalton also has a Fossil Leaf Deposit display, the fossil deposits are said to date back as far as 21 million years, displayed in the Park next to Oolong Creek the site is listed by the National Parkes and Wildlife Services as a Geological Heritage Site with original specimens now in the Australian Museum in Sydney.

Dalton also holds Bi-monthly Film nights at the local hall and holds markets in February, July and December.



NED KELLY - DALTON HOTEL



GRABBEN GULLEN

GRABBEN GULLEN EARNS ITS NAME, WHICH MEANS “SMALL WATER,” FROM THE NUMEROUS GENTLE WATERWAYS THAT FLOW INTO THE LACHLAN RIVER. WITH A POPULATION OF JUST 248, THIS QUIANT VILLAGE OFFERS A SERENE ESCAPE FROM CITY LIFE.

Enjoy leisurely picnics by these tranquil waterways or soak in the scenic countryside. The Albion Hotel welcomes you with warm hospitality and hearty pub fare, serving as the heart of the community.

For a unique adventure, try sapphire panning in Grabben Gullen’s renowned waterways. Hunt for precious gemstones amidst the gravel, promising an unforgettable experience in nature’s embrace.

Experience the timeless allure of Grabben Gullen, where simplicity and natural beauty reign supreme.



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Friday 10am – 9pm

Saturday 10am – 9pm
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GUNNING



Gunning, a quaint town conveniently placed along the Old Hume Highway, boasts a rich tapestry of history and artistic flair. Its wide main streets, reminiscent of a bygone era when horse-drawn wagons traversed the land, now serve as a testament to its storied past.

Once a bustling thoroughfare for cars and trucks journeying between Sydney and Melbourne, Gunning witnessed a shift in its rhythm with the completion

of the bypass in April 1993. Since then, the town has gracefully embraced a more rural pace of life while cultivating a burgeoning industry in bed and breakfast accommodation.

Rooted in agriculture and the production of wool, Gunning's heritage resonates with the echoes of its farming past. Yet, amidst the idyllic countryside, a vibrant artistic community thrives, adding a contemporary flourish to its historic backdrop.

During your visit to Gunning, immerse yourself in its artistic offerings. Explore the Picture House Gallery and Bookshop or peruse the Gunning Connect Gallery, housed within the charming train station. The annual Gunning Arts Festival in October celebrates the talents of local and visiting artists, with the former Gunning Court House providing a stage for captivating performances.

Wander the streets lined with heritage buildings, each telling a story of days gone by. Don't miss the opportunity to step back in time at the historic Pye Cottage or indulge in a leisurely browse through the town's specialty shops.

After exploring, treat yourself to a culinary delight at one of Gunning's local cafes or the Telegraph Hotel, where hearty meals and warm hospitality await.

Experience the timeless allure of Gunning, where the past seamlessly intertwines with the present, creating a destination brimming with charm and cultural richness.





LAGGAN

EXPERIENCE THE WARMTH OF THE COMMUNITY

Among the rolling hills just 8km northeast of Crookwell, Laggan is a picturesque village boasting a population of 407 (according to the 2021 census). Named in homage to Donald MacPherson’s childhood home village in 1838, Laggan exudes a timeless charm that beckons visitors to explore its storied past and vibrant present.

Originally established for pastoral purposes, Laggan served as a pivotal stop for convicts during the construction of roads between Bathurst and Goulburn. It also played a crucial role as a resting point for travellers on route to the goldfields of Tuena, with mining equipment journeying north and gold flowing south. Today, the village’s residents are predominantly engaged in the sheep farming industry, carrying on the traditions of generations past.

Laggan’s allure extends beyond its pastoral roots to embrace a rich tapestry of heritage and hospitality. The village is renowned for its historic buildings, including the Laggan Pantry, a hub of culinary excellence and artisanal brewing. Here, amidst the rustic charm, visitors can savour fine dining and locally crafted brews, immersing themselves in the flavours of the region. Additionally, the Laggan Country Pub, established circa 1924 and under the stewardship of the same family for three generations, offers hearty country fare in a cosy, welcoming atmosphere.

For wine enthusiasts, Laggan offers a taste of excellence with the vineyard of master of wine Nick Bulleid, whose

vintages capture the essence of the region’s terroir, the winery is open by arrangement. The village pulses with community spirit, evident in its bustling monthly market and signature annual events such as the Laggan Pig Races and Quick Shear. Step back in time with Revisit Yesteryear @ Laggan, an immersive journey into the pioneering days of past, where tales of resilience and ingenuity echo through the ages.

Experience the warmth of Laggan’s community, where history comes alive amid breathtaking landscapes and spirited camaraderie. Whether you’re indulging in culinary delights, raising a glass to tradition, or immersing yourself in the vibrant festivities, Laggan welcomes you with open arms and a timeless embrace.





TUENA A PICTURESQUE TOWN

ALTHOUGH ONLY SMALL TUENA IS A VILLAGE THAT SHOULD NOT BE MISSED. BEST KNOWN FOR GOLD DISCOVERED IN 1851, FOSSICKING IS STILL POPULAR IN THE AREA, WITH PANNING EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE AT PARSONS GENERAL STORE.

Tuena is a village located on Tuena Creek, a tributary of the Abercrombie River. At the 2021 census, it had a population of 81. The origin of the name Tuena may have come from the language of the local Burra Burra people. The word possibly means "string of waterholes".

Tuena is one of the most picturesque towns in NSW, especially during spring and autumn, Tuena experienced rapid growth due to the gold rush. It saw the construction of many buildings, a post office, and a police station in c.1852, three pubs including the Goldfields Inn (c.1866), Parson's store, a courthouse (c.1860s) and a school (c.1860). The current school dates only to 1889. The town's last hotel, The Goldfields Inn, formerly the Tuena Hotel closed in 2012.

The town also boasts three churches – St Marks Anglican (c.1886), thought to be the oldest timber miner's church still standing.

The heavily forested and mountainous countryside,

nearby Abercrombie Caves, and the presence of the goldfields made Tuena an attraction for bushrangers including Ben Hall, Frank Gardiner, John Vane, John Gilbert, John O'Meally, Cummins, and Lowry.

Take some time to walk around the town, with the self-guided walking tour. Some of the historic buildings offer an insight into life in the town during the nineteenth century. A good place to start is Parsons General Store which features old cedar counters and a small museum display, you can also purchase a bottle of local wine to enjoy at one of the beautiful picnic spots. The Tuena Coffee Stop and craft store are open for tea, coffee and light refreshments Friday to Sunday, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, there are popular fishing areas, a variety of camping and caravanning sites, and Tuena has joined the Southern Tableland Mural Trail with beautiful murals by Cam Scale.

Extract from the Bathurst Free Press and Mining Journal (Newspaper), 15 November 1851: –

On the latter part of last week, news arrived on the river, and was quickly circulated through the surrounding country that very, rich diggings had been discovered on Tuena Creek, at one of Mr. Smith's sheep stations, known by the name of the Sapling Hut. He proceeded to the place and found a body of men very busily engaged digging up the bed of one of his sheep-yards and procuring gold in abundance.

TARALGA



Originally established as the administrative centre for the vast landholdings of the colonising Macarthur family, Taralga is steeped in history and cultural significance. Situated on the ancestral lands of the Burra Burra clan of the Gundungurra nation, Taralga holds a special place in the tapestry of Australian heritage.

With a population of 403 (according to the 2021 census), Taralga traces its origins back to the mid-19th century when it emerged as a bustling township. The establishment of the first national school in 1857 paved the way for the growth of stores and businesses, attracting a surge in population from the 1860's.

The legacy of Taralga's past is etched in its architectural landscape, characterised by buildings constructed from locally sourced stones and rocks, giving rise to a unique blend of Georgian and Victorian styles. From the c.1860s to the c.1890s, settlers fashioned grand constructions adorned with larger windows, offering a glimpse into a bygone era of prosperity and ingenuity.

Step into history at the Taralga Historical Museum, housed within the former Methodist Church, where visitors can explore captivating displays, demonstrations, and archives that chronicle the township's evolution since its pioneering days.

Taralga beckons with a vibrant array of attractions and amenities, including specialty shops, a general store,

and esteemed dining establishments nestled within two heritage-listed hotels and a sports club. Nature enthusiasts will delight in the Taralga Wildlife Park, where encounters with native fauna await, including the chance to capture a photo with a wombat and feed the animals.

Immerse yourself in the local culture with Taralga's yearly calendar of events, featuring highlights such as the Taralga Rodeo, AP & H Show Day, Taralga Art Show, and Farm Machinery Heritage Rally. Embark on a self-guided historical walk through Taralga's charming streets or venture to the nearby Wombeyan Caves, a gateway to natural wonders waiting to be discovered.

Whether you're planning a day trip or a weekend retreat, Taralga offers a tranquil escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. With boutique accommodations, farm stays, and charming BnBs dotting the landscape, Taralga invites you to unwind, explore, and create cherished memories in a setting infused with timeless allure.

Experience the essence of Taralga, where the echoes of the past resonate harmoniously with the beauty of the present.

Images left to right: 1. Taralga Historical Museum. 2. Taralga General Store. 3. Taralga Mural.

TARALGA WILDLIFE PARK

Open 10am to 4pm Wed to Mon
and every day during school holidays

Cafe open from 10am to 3pm

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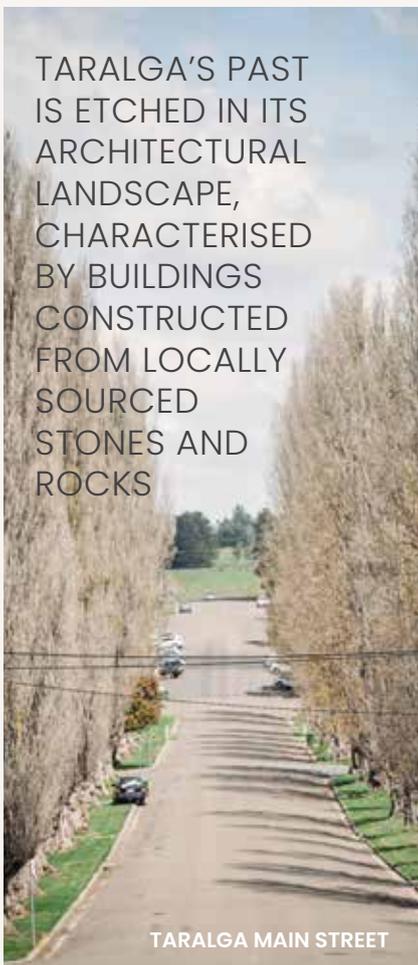
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TARALGA MAIN STREET

TARALGA Art SHOW

The annual Taralga Art Show is a vibrant exhibition which showcases works by local and regional artists. Visitors will see works including paintings, woodwork, sculpture, photography, ceramics and much more. Creative art and craft demonstrations are held over the weekend. Opening night is an annual social event for the town and everyone is welcome on the Saturday night from 6pm.

WHEN:
June Long Weekend
10am - 4pm, Sat and Sun
10am - 3pm, Mon

TARALGA MEMORIAL HALL,
Orchard St, Taralga
email taralgaartshow@gmail.com
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TARALGA WILDLIFE PARK

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1876

Built in 1876 the Taralga Hotel is a unique heritage listed blue stone building situated along the scenic country road between Goulburn and Oberon. Servicing pub classics as well as on trend seasonal menu items, plus a great range of beer, wine and spirits. Take a break and enjoy yourself in our bar, bistro or beer garden, with the option to stay overnight in one of our clean, comfortable rooms upstairs.



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SCENIC & HISTORIC DRIVES



The Southern Tablelands offers some incredible countryside, ranging from rolling hills with endless views to stunning vistas over the western Blue Mountains. These landscapes promise to fascinate the senses through the distinct seasonal changes of the year. This vibrant agricultural region has thrived for over two hundred years, with remnants of its rich history interspersed throughout lush grazing lands. Sitting high on the Great Dividing Range, the region is also the source of the majestic Lachlan, Wollondilly, and Abercrombie Rivers, and home to major water storages such as Lake Wyangala and Pejar Dam.

The Upper Lachlan is ideally located in the Southern Tablelands, offering extraordinary road trips whether you are heading north to the Central West, south to the Canberra region, or west to the Riverina.

The Crookwell Visitor Information Centre has curated a variety of scenic and historic drives for you to enjoy:

ROUTE 1 – WINE TO CAVES

Begin your adventure at Kingsdale Winery. Head north through the charming town of Crookwell and the historic villages of Binda and Tuena, the latter being an old gold mining site. Conclude your journey with a visit to the fascinating underground world of Abercrombie Caves.

ROUTE 2 – THE TABLELANDS WAY

Welcome to Macarthur country, where you'll be greeted with stunning views of the Blue Mountains. This scenic

drive takes you from Goulburn, Australia's first inland city, all the way to Bummaroo Ford on the Abercrombie River, an ideal spot for a picnic.

ROUTE 3 – EXPLORERS & BUSHRANGERS

Retrace the steps of Hamilton Hume, who began his famous trek south from his property near Gunning in 1824. He also explored extensive parts of the Goulburn Plains. This route also highlights the history of bushrangers like Ben Hall, who once terrorised travellers along these key transport routes. Journey from Gunning to Collector to immerse yourself in this rich history.

ROUTE 4 – SAPPHIRE & GOLD COUNTRY

Explore a region interwoven with ancient waterways, many of which contain gold and precious gems. While alluvial gold was once prevalent, the area around Dalton is dotted with shaft mines that sought the once prosperous gold reefs.

ROUTE 5 – RIVER TO RIVER

Enjoy stunning views of the Tablelands' rolling hills as you travel from Crookwell to the Wollondilly River country, spanning the picturesque Sydney Water Catchment area.

For full details of these drives, visit:

www.visitupperlachlan.com.au and look under the "Explore" section. Contact the Crookwell Visitor Information Centre for additional recommendations – they'll be happy to point you in the right direction.

THE OLD HUME HIGHWAY ROUTE 31

In 1824, Hume and Hovell famously set out from the Gunning district on their pioneering expedition to Port Phillip near the site of modern-day Melbourne. Much of the modern Hume Highway follows their original route; however, over the years, many small townships that were once stopping points along the highway have been bypassed to reduce travel times between Australia's state capitals. This has created a network of quiet country towns, just off the beaten track, which offer travellers fantastic places to take a break, enjoy great food, and explore.

One such town is Gunning, situated on the "Old Hume Highway" between Goulburn and Yass. In this part of the region, a large section of the quiet, old highway can still be enjoyed. An added advantage is crossing the Cullerin Range, where you can enjoy fantastic views of the Main Southern Railway, still operating and hauling heavy loads and passengers between Sydney and Melbourne. Join the "Old Hume Highway" either at Gunning or at Breadalbane and make sure you stop at the Hume Monument at Fish River.

New South Wales Roads and Maritime Services has produced an excellent publication, "The Old Hume Highway - History begins with a road", which can be downloaded from their website: www.service.nsw.gov.au

THE TABLELANDS WAY

The Tablelands Way experience is a wonderful opportunity to discover rural NSW. It is one of the most scenic routes in the state and connects Canberra to the Hunter through Goulburn, Taralga, Oberon, Lithgow, and Mudgee.

The diversity of adventures and attractions is truly remarkable, with everything from markets and festivals to camping spots and 5-star hotels, gentle bush walks to wild canyoning, tall tales to historic truths, food, wine, and geological wonders.

For more information, visit:

www.tablelandsway.com.au.

CENTRAL WEST CONNECTION

The upper Southern Tablelands were first explored in an attempt to connect the Goulburn Plains to the Bathurst Plains. Expeditions passed through modern-day Taralga and the Crookwell district.

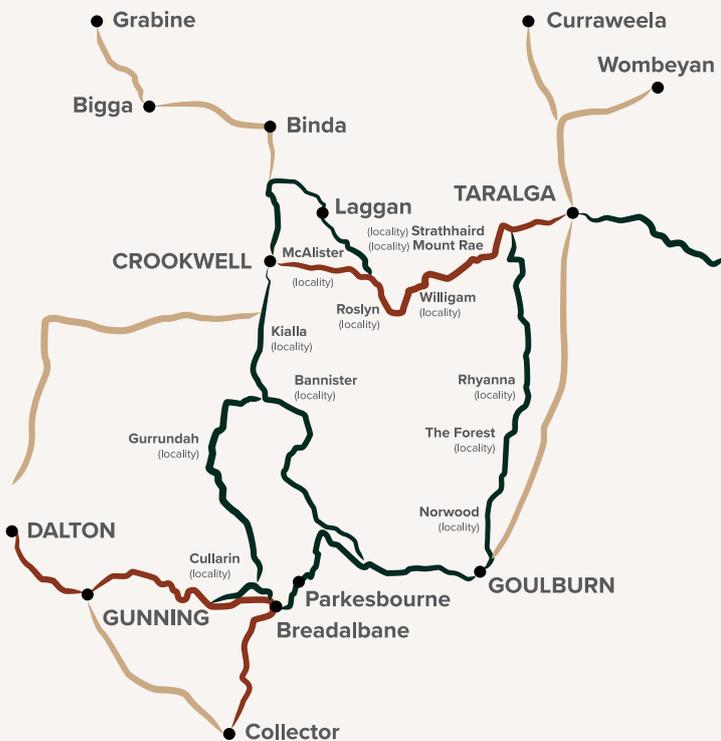
Today's travellers can explore the same paths in comfort with two fantastic main roads now connecting the region to the Central West areas of Orange, Bathurst, and Oberon. Both the Tablelands Way and the Bathurst Road afford visitors breathtaking views as they pass through prime farming and native bushland, including crossing the majestic Abercrombie River.

SCENIC & HISTORICAL DRIVES



CYCLE TRAIL

HAVE FUN AND STAY SAFE ON OUR ROADS



SOUTHERN TABLELANDS CYCLING TRAILS

For directions and maps for cycling in our region visit; visitupperlachlan.com.au or southerntablelandscycling.com

The Upper Lachlan Shire has a great network of cycle trails taking in quiet country roads and lanes connecting its towns and villages.

The picturesque countryside is relatively untouched with undulating grazing land and ecologically significant areas of native bushland along the ranges and encompassing the region.

The cycle trails start in the city of Goulburn in our neighboring Goulburn Mulwaree Shire and connect the smaller towns and villages of Crookwell, Taralga, Gunning, and Collector. The trails utilize quieter roads and lanes to avoid the more direct (and therefore busier) routes for a great cycling experience. A typical day's ride is between 40km and 60km long.

There are ample restaurants, cafes, hotels, farm stays B&B and self-contained cottages. These eateries and accommodation houses vary in price and standard, ensuring a suitable match for visitors. You can contact the Tourism team at the Crookwell Visitor Information Centre for assistance.

The trails are mostly on sealed roads, however, there is a significant amount of unsealed surface, thus a hybrid touring bike is best suited. Mobile phone coverage is quite good in most areas.

There are no food or drink outlets between destinations, so it is important to carry enough food and water for the day's ride.

It is recommended that you pack a cycle repair kit, medical kit, as well as sunscreen.

TOWN MAP OF CROOKWELL



TOWN MAP OF CROOKWELL

TRAVEL DISTANCES

TO CROOKWELL, GUNNING & TRALGA

LOCATION	TO CROOKWELL	TO GUNNING	TO TARALGA
Albury	356km	312km	403km
Batemans Bay	190km	174km	191km
Bathurst	143km	186km	144km
Blayney	123km	166km	182km
Boorowa	86km	101km	178km
Bowral	123km	126km	121km
Canberra	111km	67km	135km
Cowra	143km	162km	181km
Dubbo	303km	346km	344km
Goulburn	45km	47km	46km
Katoomba	197km	243km	168km
Melbourne	681km	637km	728km
Mittagong	128km	131km	126km
Oberon	128km	172km	98km
Orange	158km	239km	199km
Sydney CBD	240km	243km	238km
Wollongong	182km	185km	180km
Yass	82km	37km	120km

DISTANCES FROM CROOKWELL

Binda	18km
Bigga	58km
Collector (via Breadalbane)	68km
Grabben Gullen	11km
Grabine State Park	83km (22km unsealed road)
Gunning	42km
Laggan	8km
Taralga	36km
Tuena	57km

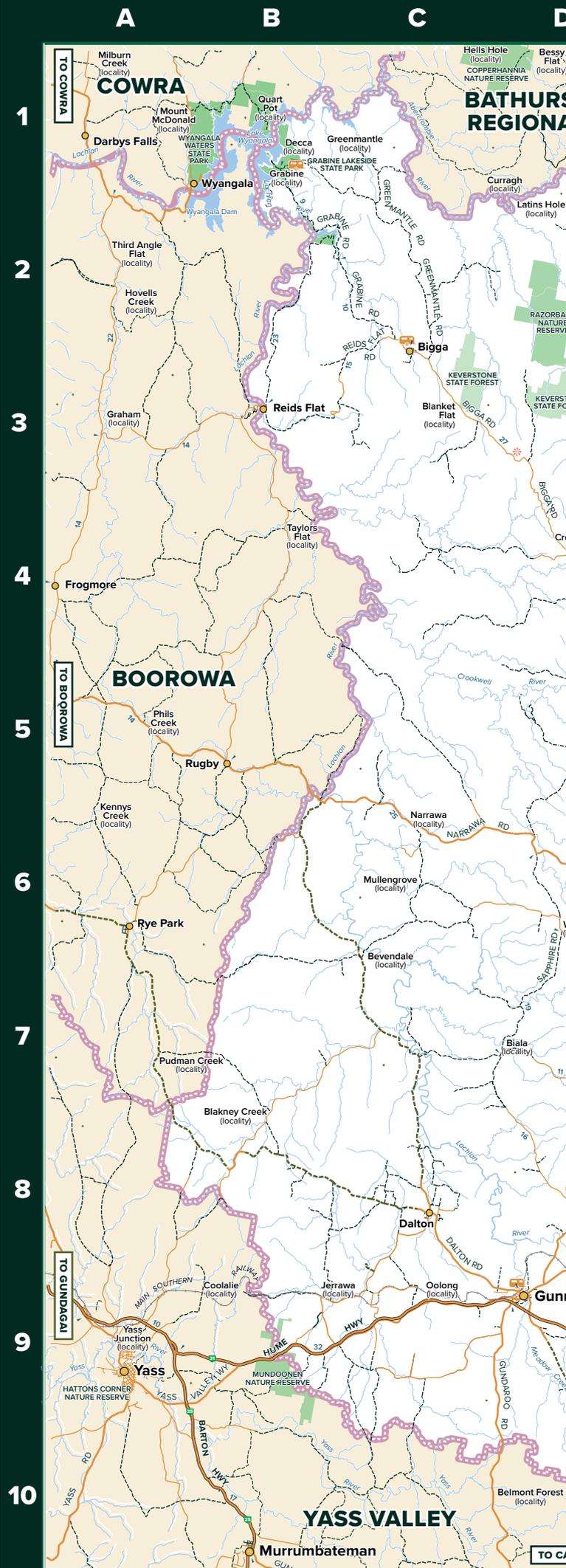
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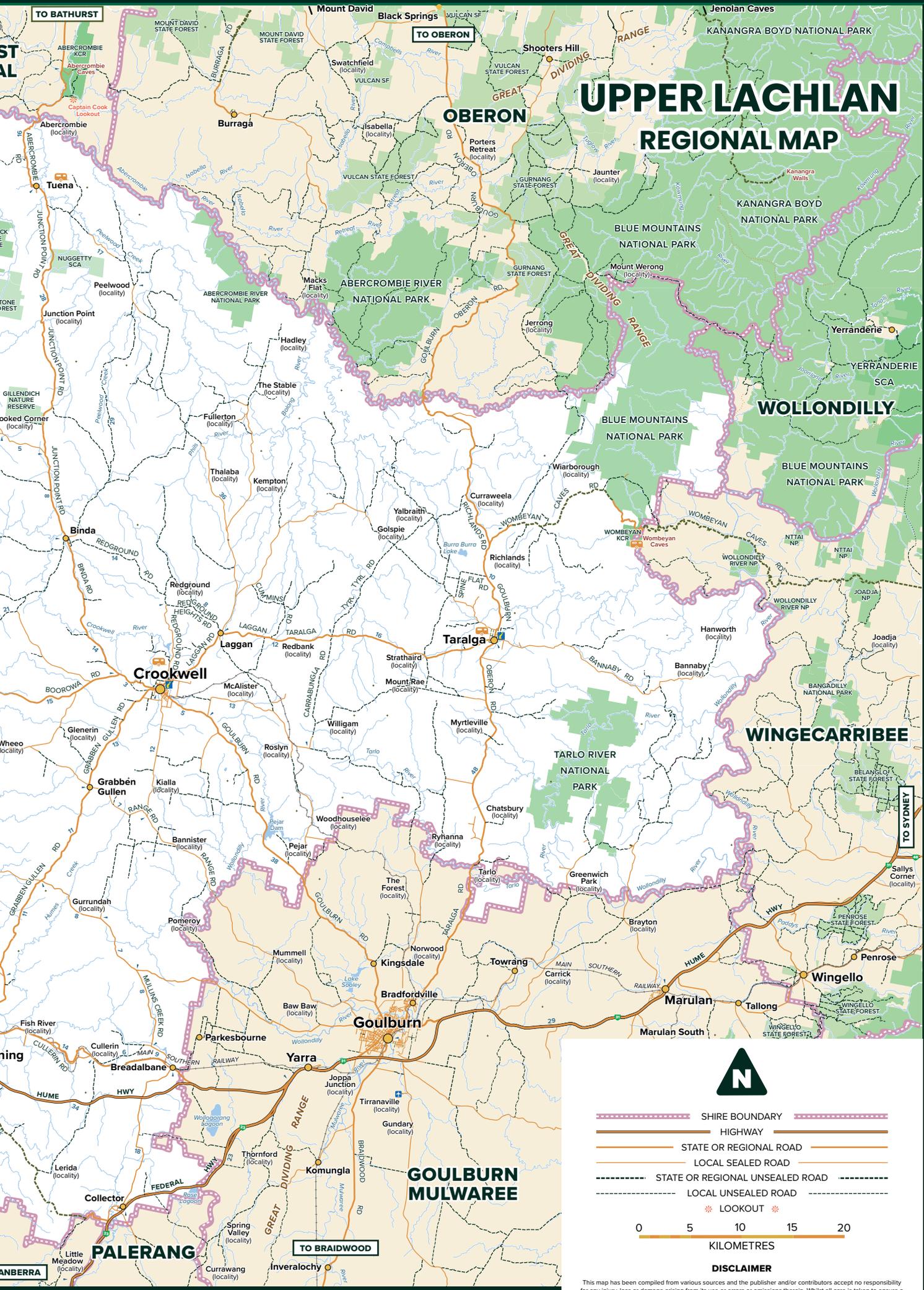
WEATHER AVERAGES

(Taralga Post Office)

MONTH	MEAN MAX TEMP	MEAN MIN TEMP	MEAN RAINFALL	MEAN RAIN DAYS
Jan	26.2°C	12.1°C	73.8mm	6.9
Feb	25.0°C	12.1°C	72.4mm	7.0
Mar	22.5°C	9.9°C	70.1mm	6.8
Apr	18.7°C	6.3°C	58.4mm	6.3
May	14.4°C	3.2°C	58.8mm	6.9
Jun	11.3°C	1.7°C	75.0mm	8.9
Jul	10.4°C	0.6°C	66.1mm	8.7
Aug	12.0°C	1.2°C	67.9mm	8.2
Sept	15.1°C	3.1°C	61.0mm	7.8
Oct	18.5°C	5.4°C	69.6mm	7.8
Nov	21.6°C	7.8°C	69.7mm	6.9
Dec	24.6°C	10.0°C	66.8mm	6.7
Annual	18.4°C	6.1°C	804mm	88.9

Source: Bureau of Meteorology June 2024





UPPER LACHLAN REGIONAL MAP

Legend

- SHIRE BOUNDARY
- HIGHWAY
- STATE OR REGIONAL ROAD
- LOCAL SEALED ROAD
- STATE OR REGIONAL UNSEALED ROAD
- LOCAL UNSEALED ROAD
- LOOKOUT

Scale

0 5 10 15 20
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TOWN MAP OF TARALGA & GUNNING

↑ TO GOSPIE 17KM
TO STONEQUARRY CEMETERY 5.5KM

↑ TO BATHURST 146KM
TO OBERON 98KM

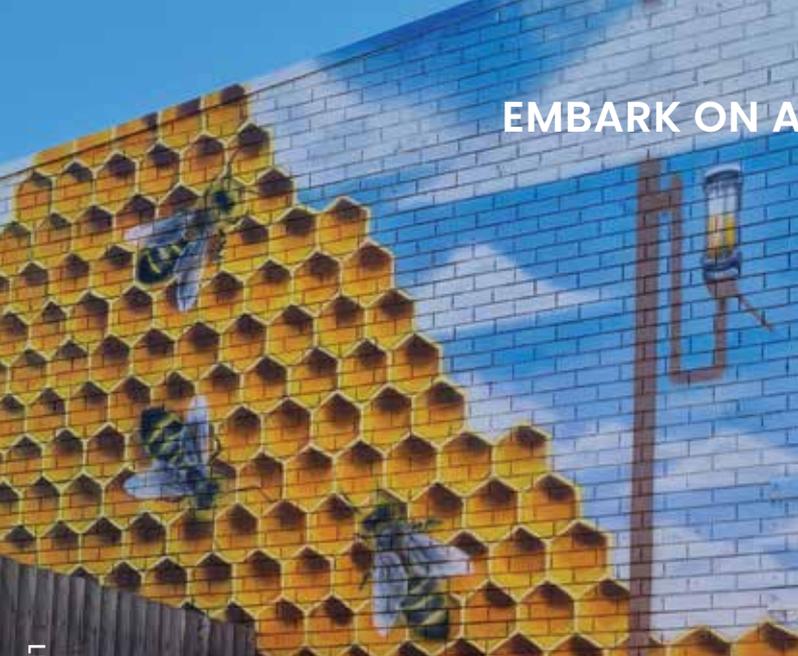
TOWN MAP OF TARALGA



TOWN MAP OF GUNNING



EMBARK ON A MURAL TRAIL



LEFT: MEAD CROOKWELL RIGHT: TUENA

Discover the Colourful Story of the Upper Lachlan Shire: Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of the Upper Lachlan Shire through its captivating mural trail. As you journey through the quaint villages nestled amid picturesque landscapes, let the vibrant colours and intricate designs of these outdoor artworks narrate tales of heritage, culture, and community spirit.

CROOKWELL: Explore Crookwell's vibrant mural scene, where the town's rich heritage comes to life on the walls of historic buildings. Admire the intricate details of a steam locomotive, a nod to Crookwell's railway history, alongside vibrant depictions of buzzing beehives, native birds on the nest, and the colourful flora and fauna that define the surrounding landscape. Each mural tells a unique story, inviting visitors to immerse themselves in the essence of rural Australian life.

TUENA: Journey to Tuena, where a testament to resilience and regeneration unfolds through the brushstrokes of artist Cam Scale. Amid the rugged beauty of the landscape, Scale's mural stands as a symbol of hope and renewal following the devastation of the 2019 Black Summer Fires. Against the backdrop of rolling hills, Tuena's historic bookkeeper's cottage takes centre stage, a tribute to the town's rich history and enduring spirit. As you admire the mural, let its vibrant colours and poignant imagery tell the story of Tuena's recovery and the community's unwavering strength in the face of adversity.

DALTON: Immerse yourself in the powerful narratives depicted in two mesmerizing murals by artist Sektor. At The Royal Dalton Hotel, "Healing Hearts, Renewed Hope" serves as a poignant symbol of healing and renewal in the aftermath of the 2019 fires. A delicate fairy wren perches on a branch, embodying vulnerability and the importance of community support and mental health awareness. Encircling the wren is the wreath of the Rural Fire Service, a tribute to their tireless efforts.

At Dalton Garage, "Strength in Unity" pays homage to the unwavering strength and unity of the Rural Fire Service and the Upper Lachlan community during the devastating fires. In the centre, a king parrot perches on charred tree remnants, symbolizing the resilience of both the local wildlife and the courageous firefighters. These murals stand as powerful testaments to the resilience and unity of Dalton's community in the face of adversity.

TARALGA: Discover the artistic talents of local artist Thomas Jackson through the captivating murals adorning the streets of Taralga. Jackson's masterpieces reflect the unique beauty and spirit of the town, with each brushstroke telling a story of Taralga's rich heritage and natural wonders.

At one corner, a captivating blue wren mural captures the essence of Taralga's wildlife, showcasing the intricate details of this beloved local bird against a backdrop of vibrant hues.

Nearby, another mural depicts a striking scene of a bird and a lizard, evoking the harmony between Taralga's diverse fauna and the surrounding landscape.

Additionally, don't miss the poignant fire scene mural by artist Amy Curran at the fire shed, a powerful tribute to the resilience and bravery of Taralga's firefighters and the community's strength in times of adversity.

As you explore Taralga's streets, let Jackson's artworks guide you through the heart of this charming town, where every mural is a testament to the enduring spirit and natural beauty of Taralga and its inhabitants.

GUNNING: Admire the captivating mural at the Railway station in Gunning, brought to life by the talented hands of Jess, a proud Gumbaynggirr woman from Crookwell. Each stroke of her brush tells a story, drawing inspiration from real-life experiences and infusing the artwork with her cultural heritage. As you stand before Jess's mural, let yourself be enveloped by its vibrant colours and intricate details, feeling the echoes of her heritage resonate through the railway yards of this historic town.

Venture further into Gunning, where a rich tapestry of artistic expression awaits. Irene Barerra's garden scene mural at the old undertaker's cottage, alongside Peter Try's murals at the former Gunning Newsagency and Bailey's Garage, offer glimpses into the town's heritage and community spirit. The Telegraph Hotel and Barbour Park boast additional murals and installations, each contributing to Gunning's vibrant artistic landscape. Explore the streets and immerse yourself in the beauty and creativity that define this charming town.

For a more comprehensive detail of all the murals scattered throughout the Upper Lachlan you can contact the **Crookwell Visitor Information Centre** for a mural trail brochure.

EXPLORE NATURE & OUTDOOR ACTION



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MULGOWRIE CREEK - ROVE NUMBY

EMBARK ON AN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE...

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Where Rivers Converge: Nestled just 80km northwest of Crockwell lies Lake Wyangala, a serene oasis formed where the Lachlan and Abercrombie Rivers merge. With a volume 2.5 times that of Sydney Harbour, Lake Wyangala beckons with endless possibilities for water-based activities like pleasure boating, fishing, canoeing, swimming, and water skiing. Explore the surrounding countryside teeming with diverse flora and fauna after a refreshing dip in the cool mountain waters.

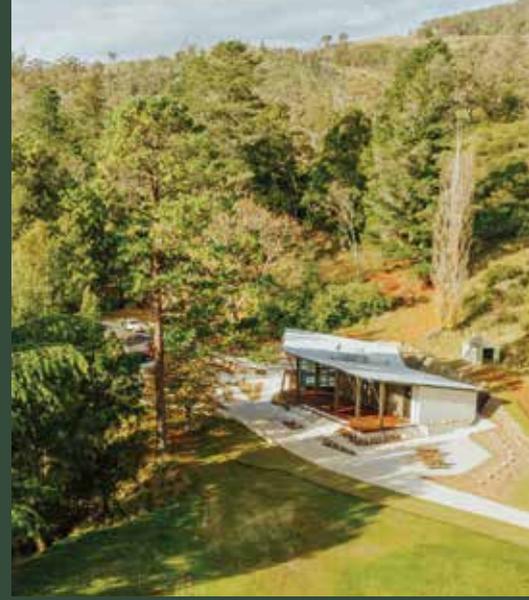
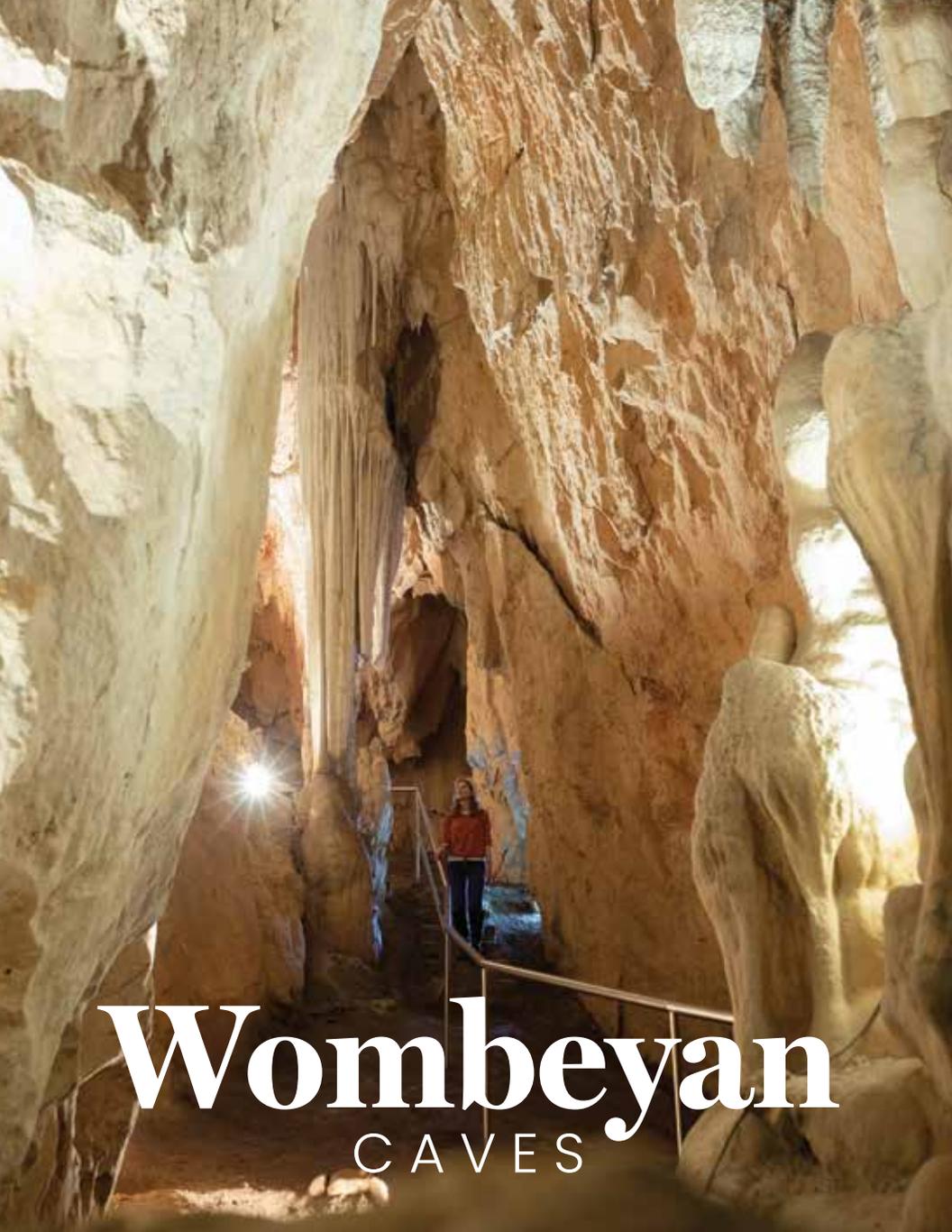
Discover the hidden depths step into the ancient world beneath your feet at the Wombeyan Caves, where a maze of underground passages, streams, and caverns unveil a captivating subterranean realm. Carved over millions of years, these limestone caves boast vast chambers adorned with stunning formations in an array of shapes and textures, offering a glimpse into the earth's ancient past.

Venture off the beaten track uncover a paradise of biodiversity in the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri, Gundungurra, and Ngunnawal peoples, preserved within a network of national parks, reserves, and conservation areas. Keverstone National Park and

Gillindich Nature Reserve beckon adventurers with opportunities for bushwalking, cycling, picnicking, and bush camping amidst pristine wilderness. Keep an eye out for vulnerable species like the Spotted-tailed Quoll, Gang Gang Cockatoo, and Powerful Owl that call these areas home.

Birdwatcher's Paradise: Experience the thrill of birdwatching amidst the diverse habitats of the Upper Lachlan Shire, where a stunning array of avian species grace the skies. From majestic raptors like the Powerful Owl to captivating songbirds like the Rainbow Bee-eater, there's no shortage of winged wonders to behold. Visit Todkill Park Bird Hide in Crockwell for an up-close encounter with a variety of birdlife, or explore the comprehensive birding database of Ebird.org to plan your birdwatching escapades across the region.

Embark on a journey of discovery uncover the natural wonders of the Upper Lachlan, where every trail leads to adventure and every vista inspires awe. Whether you're delving into the depths of ancient caves or marveling at the vibrant birdlife, the beauty of nature awaits your exploration.



Wombeyan

CAVES

MORE THAN JUST NATURAL BEAUTY COME AND EXPERIENCE THE SERENITY

The extraordinary Wombeyan Karst Conservation Reserve has reopened after a significant makeover. Now is the perfect time to rediscover the wonders of Wombeyan Caves, an iconic visitor destination in the Southern Tablelands of NSW.

Significant upgrades have been made to visitor facilities, accessibility and safety to encourage more people to experience the serenity and natural beauty of Wombeyan Caves. These include the installation of a unique wheelchair accessible viewing platform providing amazing views inside Victoria Arch, the spectacular natural rock formation which is the highlight of the Fig Tree Cave system.

The vast caverns are adorned with striking and delicate formations in a range of sizes and shapes. There are

four spectacular caves to discover: you can explore the Wollondilly, Kooringa and Mulwaree caves on a variety of guided tours, and the Fig Tree Cave is regarded as the state's premier self-guided cave experience. Book a cave combo pass, for two or three caves, to get the full Wombeyan Caves experience. Take advantage of a 10% discount on cave bookings (including combo passes) when making a camping or accommodation booking.

Wombeyan Caves is an easy drive from Sydney, Canberra, and Wollongong, making it a great place to escape for a weekend getaway with the choice of staying in cosy cabins or immersing yourself in nature by camping. Quiet and off the beaten track with beautiful grassed open spaces, it's also perfect for a day trip where you can picnic and delight in the kangaroos who call Wombeyan Caves home.

Visit nationalparks.nsw.gov.au to find out more and book your stay and cave tour.



Phone: **02 4843 5976**

Contact hours: 9am to 4.30pm daily. Closed Christmas Day.

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The Kanangra-Boyd to Wyangala (K2W) Link is a major natural connection between the sandstone forests of the Greater Blue Mountains and the hilly countryside around Wyangala Dam, following the Abercrombie River. The region is rich in culture and heritage, with significant protected areas, including Kanangra-Boyd and Abercrombie River National Parks, Wombeyan Karst Conservation and Razorback Nature Reserves and the Wyangala State Recreation Area.

Since 2012, the K2W partnership has worked with landholders, communities and organisations to protect wildlife and natural resources through managing and controlling pest animals and weeds; maintaining and restoring native vegetation; re-vegetating priority areas; working with First Nations to share traditional knowledge and working on country; and, hosting workshops, replanting events and citizen science.

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EUROPEAN SETTLEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

The allure of arable farmland and abundant rainfall swiftly attracted European settlers, with permanent colonisation commencing within two decades of the First Fleet's arrival, particularly due to the region's proximity to Sydney.

MINING BOOMS AND PRECIOUS METALS

Beyond fertile soils, the region held treasures beneath its surface. Gemstones, notably sapphires in various hues, beckoned seekers to places like Grabben Gullen Creek. However, it was gold that truly ignited the region's prosperity. From the southern reaches of Dalton to the northern expanses of Tuena, gold fever swept through the landscape. Tuena's public fossicking area remains a testament to this era, inviting modern-day adventurers to try their luck.

HISTORIC MINING SITES

The legacy of mining extends beyond gold. In Peelwood, the red brick chimneystack stands as a silent sentinel to the village's copper, silver, and lead mining heritage, dating back to the 1870s.



ARCHITECTURAL RELICS AND HERITAGE SITES

Within the shire lie treasures of architectural heritage. The Crookwell railway station, dating back to 1902, stands as a testament to the region's pivotal role in transportation and trade. Meanwhile, the Bushranger Hotel in Collector and Christ the King Catholic Church in Taralga serve as enduring symbols of the region's rich past.

HERITAGE WALKS

Explore the layers of history woven into the region's landscape through self-guided heritage walks. Wander through Crookwell, Gunning, Laggan, and Taralga to discover culturally significant buildings, historical sites, and architectural gems. For a deeper dive into history, guided tours offered by local historical societies provide immersive experiences, enriching your understanding of the region's past.

LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

Delve deeper into the region's history at museums curated by dedicated volunteers. From the Crookwell & District Historical Society to Gunning's Pye Cottage Museum and Taralga's Historical Society and Museum, these institutions offer windows into the past, preserving stories and artefacts for future generations.



CROOKWELL HERITAGE RAILWAY

START POINT FOR THE UPPER LACHLAN RIDE-THE-RAILS

The Crookwell Railway Station Precinct is a State Heritage Asset described as a significant pioneer rail branch line terminus and is well worth a visit.

The railway infrastructure and museum is maintained and operated by the Crookwell Heritage Railway group with a variety of NSW Railways heritage track maintenance vehicles, commonly called Trikes.

The Upper Lachlan Ride-the-Rails experience using rail bikes is currently under development.

The group meets in Crookwell on the third weekend of the month. New member and visitors are always welcome.

OPEN

3rd weekend of every month at Colyer Street, Crookwell
Other times - access site via pedestrian gate, left side of main gate



SHOPPING

Escape the pace of city shopping and discover the charm of our quaint towns and villages, each offering a distinctive shopping experience unlike any other. Step into a world where personal attention and unique finds reign supreme, away from the cookie-cutter offerings of big malls.

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From treasure troves of antiques to locally crafted socks imbued with character, our region's diverse array of retailers pride themselves on providing personalised service tailored to your needs. With outlets peppered throughout the towns, each outing promises an adventure, inviting you to uncover hidden gems and unexpected delights at every turn.

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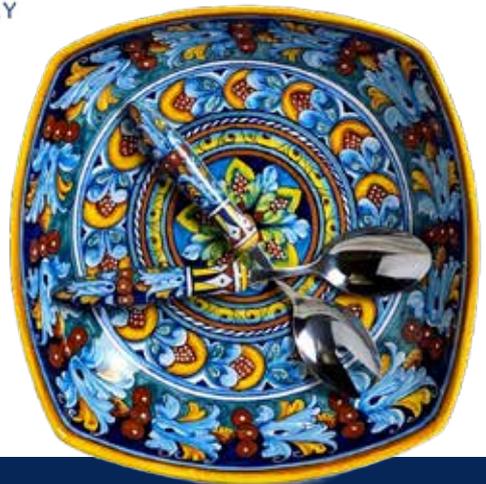
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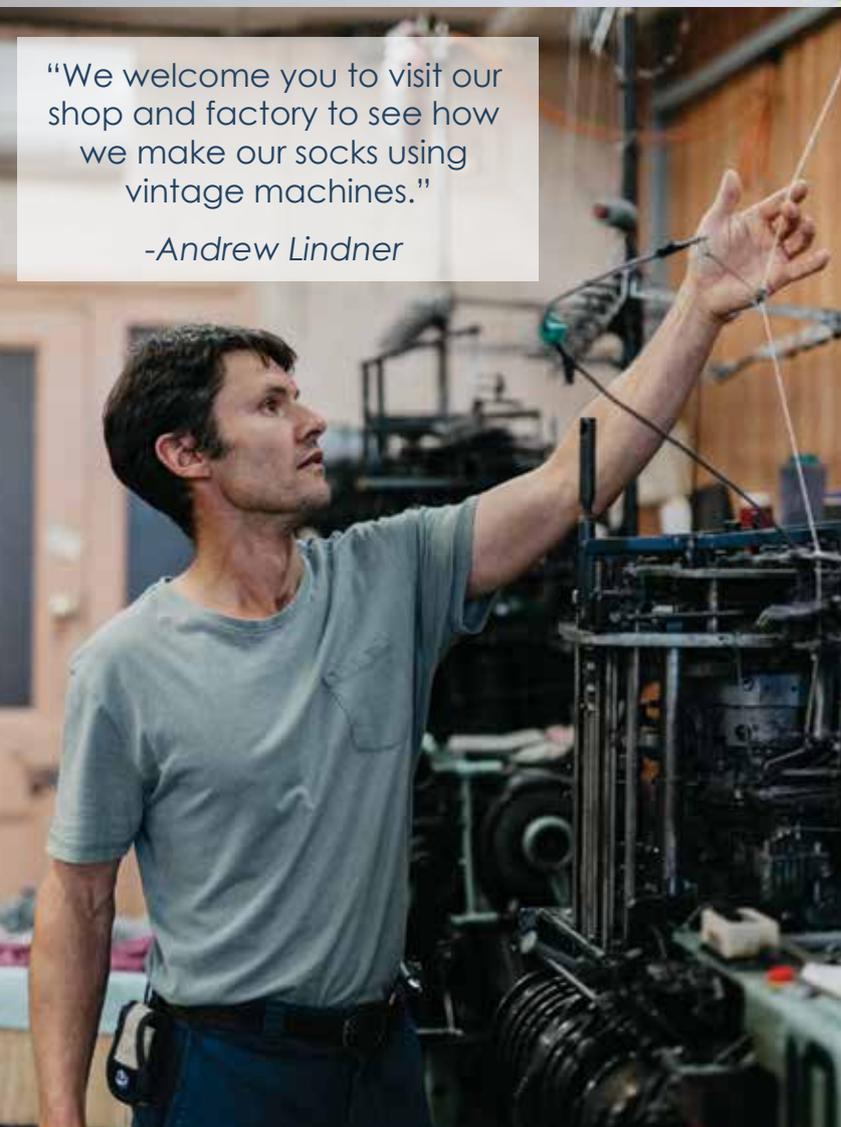
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ARTS & CULTURE

PICTURE TARALGA ART SHOW



ARTISTS, THE SOCIAL FABRIC OF LIFE

The Upper Lachlan district pulsates with creativity, boasting a vibrant community of talented artists spanning across various disciplines such as writers, painters, photographers, sculptors, musicians, actors, and poets. Their contributions weave into the social fabric of life, enriching the cultural landscape of the region.

IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES: Experience the pulse of creativity through a myriad of engaging events, from grand festivals to intimate artist workshops. Dive into thought-provoking exhibitions, indulge in captivating performances, or immerse yourself in the enchantment of movie nights. Join in the rhythmic harmony of social gatherings infused with poetry and music, where voices intertwine and stories unfold.

ANNUAL SHOWCASES: Mark your calendar for annual art extravaganzas such as the Taralga Art Show, Gunning Arts Festival, and Art on the Ranges in Crookwell. These prestigious events provide platforms for both seasoned artists and emerging talents to showcase their masterpieces, offering a glimpse into the region's artistic diversity and flair.

THEATRICAL DELIGHTS: Step into the realm of drama with the Crookwell Amateur Dramatic Society, delivering a captivating repertoire of performances

throughout the year. From comedies to tragedies, their productions promise to enthrall and enchant audiences of all ages.

MUSICAL REVERIES: Tune in to the melodic strains echoing from the historic Gunning Court House, where musical performances resonate with the echoes of the past. From classical melodies to contemporary tunes, the court house provides a fitting backdrop for a symphony of sounds.

ARTISTIC LANDSCAPES: Embark on a visual journey across the region, where sculptures and murals serve as poignant reflections of the collective consciousness. Each artwork offers a glimpse into the artist's perspective, capturing moments, emotions, and ideas that resonate with the community. Traverse the mural trail and immerse yourself in the kaleidoscope of colors, celebrating the vibrancy and diversity of artistic expression.

STAY CONNECTED: Stay abreast of the latest events and happenings by following us on social media. Discover the artistic wonders and expressive features that define our region, inviting you to explore, engage, and be inspired.

ART IS EVERYWHERE ESPECIALLY IN GUNNING

GUNNING IS BECOMING WELL-KNOWN AS AN ARTS AND CULTURE HUB IN THE UPPER LACHLAN SHIRE.

WE WELCOME YOU TO COME AND EXPERIENCE OUR ACTIVE AND ENGAGED ARTS COMMUNITY.

GUNNING FOCUS GROUP

Presents a series of affordably-priced fine music concerts each year in the historic Gunning Courtroom: Gunning's Home of Chamber Music, or in the newly refurbished Gunning Shire Hall. gunningfocusgroup.com

THE PICTURE HOUSE GALLERY & BOOKSHOP

Situated in the 1937 Coronation Theatre building is owned by iconic actor and artist Max Cullen and artist Margarita Georgiadis. The gallery houses a wonderful collection of original artworks, second hand books, prints, drawings, sculpture and ceramics by local and interstate artists. thepicturehousegallery.org

CREATIVE GUNNING

Members run a retail outlet in the main street of Gunning that sells quality arts and crafts handmade by members. Arts and craft workshops and sessions help to build community and pass on traditional craft skills. facebook.com/creativegunning

MUSIC THEATRE PROJECTS

Gunning-based company making theatre, cabaret, music theatre and film. Work presented in the region includes the remarkable short plays of Gunning-district WWI soldier settler farmer and playwright, Millicent Armstrong. MTP has a slate of work in development, so keep an eye out for future appearances at Gunning Arts Festival and other local events. musictheatreprojects.com

CONNECT@GUNNING STATION

Arts and cultural hub run by Southern Tablelands Arts. Hosting arts activities and exhibitions from artists throughout the region in the beautifully restored Gunning Railway Station. southerntablelandsarts.com.au/connect/

DALTON PUBLIC HALL

Located in the town of Dalton near Gunning, is a century old community hall which has been recently restored into a well appointed venue for hire for workshops, parties, and community use. The hall, with its wonderful acoustic qualities, is a regular venue for touring events of the Small Halls Festival and other musical concerts, plays and movie nights. Biannual market days are held in the hall as well as exercise classes and crafting retreats.
Find us on FaceBook: "Dalton Public Hall-NSW"

GUNNING ARTS FESTIVAL

As well as the activities above, the arts community collaborates every two years to bring you the Gunning Arts Festival.



PARKS, GARDENS & MORE



SOOTHE THE SOUL. EMBRACE NATURE.

Escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life and immerse yourself in the tranquil beauty of the upper lachlan parks, gardens, and serene landscapes. Whether you're seeking a peaceful picnic spot, a refreshing swim, or simply a moment of quiet reflection, the region offers a wealth of options to soothe the soul.

Picnic paradise indulge in a leisurely picnic amidst stunning waterways and picturesque countryside at some of the region's top spots:

PEJAR DAM - Goulburn Road: Nestled halfway between Goulburn and Crookwell on the Wollondilly River, Pejar Dam offers a serene rest area complete with BBQs, picnic shelters, and toilets.

BARBOUR PARK - Yass Street, Gunning: Set alongside Meadow Creek, Barbour Park provides a picturesque setting with amenities including toilets, picnic tables, BBQs, and play equipment.

GOODHEW PARK - Orchard Street, Taralga: Conveniently located on Taralga's main street, Goodhew Park boasts a range of facilities, including toilets, picnic tables, BBQs, a rotunda, playground, skate park, and outdoor gym.

MEMORIAL PARK - Spring Street, Crookwell: Adorned with a stunning rose garden and memorials to local servicemen, Memorial Park offers a tranquil retreat with amenities such as a gazebo, and seating.

COLEMAN PARK - Goulburn Street, Crookwell: Situated adjacent to the public swimming pool on Crookwell's main street, Coleman Park features BBQs, covered picnic tables, a playground, and toilets.

PAT CULLEN PARK - Roberts Street, Crookwell: Bordering Kiamma Creek, Pat Cullen Park boasts wood carvings by Welshman Adam Humphries, a scenic creek-side walk, and facilities including BBQs, seating, and toilets.

COLLECTOR OVAL - Bourke Street, Collector: Quietly located in the village of Collector, boasting a range of facilities, including toilets, picnic tables, BBQ's, a playground, and outdoor gym. Further parks can be found in Breadalbane, Bigga, Binda, Dalton, Laggan, and Tuena.

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COLEMAN PARK



BREADALBANE PARK



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www.redrobinnursery.com.au

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 CLIMATE, FERTILE SOILS, AND
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 THE PERFECT CONDITIONS
 FOR SPECTACULAR
 GARDENS AND MAJESTIC
 STREET TREES.

Explore a diverse array of local gardens, each bursting with spring blooms and radiant autumn colours, thanks to the passion of the region's vibrant arts community and dedicated gardeners.

Spring is an especially enchanting time to visit Crookwell, as gardens come alive with vibrant foliage and blossoms. Experience the joy of the season at the Crookwell Garden Festival, where carefully selected local gardens open their gates to visitors.

Embrace the beauty of nature and rejuvenate your spirit amid the breathtaking landscapes and vibrant gardens of the Upper Lachlan.

Joe Vinks crafts unqiue designs from the ground up!

From fallen timber, he sculpts bespoke chairs, stands, tables, stools, racks...works of art that furnish a home and bring the natural world inside. From branches he makes benches; from twigs, tables; from trees, treasures; from forest, feature pieces.



Contact Joe on his instagram page or call him on **0422 219 406**

email: joe@joevinks.com

CARAVAN, CAMPING & ACCOMMODATION

GRABINE



UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

Unwind among the breathtaking water vistas or find solace in the tranquil bush surroundings with a caravan or camping adventure in the Upper Lachlan Shire. Whether you travel the region in a caravan, motorhome, camper trailer, or prefer the simplicity of tent camping, a range of options awaits, ensuring an affordable and unforgettable getaway.

Each caravan park offers a unique experience, providing a comfortable base as you explore the picturesque countryside, charming towns, and inviting villages of the region. For a comprehensive list of caravan parks and camping options, refer to the directory at the back of this guide.



RV FRIENDLY TOWNS

Embark on a journey of hospitality and convenience as you explore the Upper Lachlan Shire's RV-friendly towns. Marked by the distinctive RV Friendly Town™ sign, these welcoming destinations promise travelers a warm reception, essential facilities, and safe overnight stays.

The Upper Lachlan Shire proudly promotes Gunning and Bigga as RV Friendly towns, certified under the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia program. Barbour Park in Gunning and the Bigga Recreation Ground serve as ideal bases for overnight stays, offering access to the region's captivating sights and sounds, beckoning visitors to delve deeper into the wonders of the Southern Tablelands.



BARBOUR PARK

Barbour Park offers 48 hours free parking for caravan and campervans right in the heart of Gunning.

The park features free BBQ's, toilets and hot showers in a picturesque setting next to Meadow Creek just a short stroll to Gunning's hotel, cafes and specialty shops. The Gunning Showground provides overflow sites for Barbour Park as required.

No booking required.

Type Rest Area
 Sites Unpowered Sites
 Address Yass St, Gunning
 Phone **02 4832 1988**
visitupperlachlan.com.au



TUENA SHOWGROUND

The Tuena Camping and Picnic Ground is a lovely flat spot along the babbling creek in historic Tuena.

Facilities include an amenities block, barbecue, potable water and covered tables. It is pet-friendly. Pop into Parsons General Store for payment for your stay and for information about fossicking.

No booking required.

Type Campground
Sites Powered & Unpowered Sites
Address Bathurst Rd, Tuena
Phone **02 4834 5235**
visitupperlachlan.com.au



BIGGA RECREATION GROUND

Bigga Recreation Ground offers 72 hours free camping right in the heart of Bigga village.

The ground features a renovated amenities block including toilets and hot showers.

Dump point available.

No booking required.

Type Rest Area
Sites Unpowered Sites
Address Mulgowrie St, Bigga
Phone **02 4835 2347**
visitupperlachlan.com.au



CROOKWELL CARAVAN PARK

Crookwell Caravan Park is situated in Crookwell township in the beautiful parklike settings created by the meeting of the Crookwell River with Kiamma Creek. The park offers powered caravan and camping sites within easy walking distance of the Crookwell town centre with its many eateries, supermarket and speciality shops. Well appointed camp kitchen complete with cosy fire for the colder months. Dump point available.

Type Caravan Park Sites 21
powered sites on slabs, various
grassed sites
Address Laggan Rd, Crookwell
Phone **02 4832 1988**
info@visitupperlachlan.com.au
visitupperlachlan.com.au



TARALGA SHOWGROUND

The Taralga Showground is a safe quiet place to camp, whether you're planning a short stay or a long stay.

There are places for tents, caravans, camping trailers, horse floats and trucks with powered sites available.

The Showground is an ideal spot when there are major events or simply as a base to explore the surrounding region and enjoy the historic township of Taralga.

Type Showground
Sites Powered and Unpowered Sites
Address Walsh Street, Taralga
Ph: **02 4840 2558** or **02 4840 2831**



Explore the Upper Region

Carinya' is surrounded by a private garden, centrally located in quiet a quiet street of Crookwell. The house has been in the family for three generations and a place where many happy family gathering were held.

This is a delightful home for a country getaway, for people attending sporting tournaments, weddings, working in the area or for catching up with family.

The town provides a golf course and swimming during the summer months.

Located in the heart of the Upper Lachlan Shire 'Carinya' is a great base to explore the wider region.

Carinya.

64 Cowper St, Crookwell NSW 2583
Phone: **0425 231 477**
wheelwright.margaret@gmail.com
roslynestate.com.au

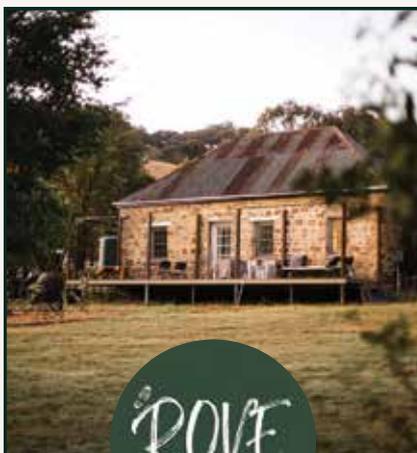


LET'S STAY!

Embrace the charm of the Upper Lachlan Shire with a variety of accommodation options tailored to suit every traveller's preference. Whether you seek the rustic allure of a historic country cottage, complete with a crackling wood fire, or the tranquillity of a lakeside cabin enveloped by untouched natural landscapes, the region offers a warm embrace and a genuine country welcome.

Indulge in the quintessential country lifestyle with a stay at a local farm, where rolling hills and friendly animals set the scene for an unforgettable retreat. Choose from a diverse selection of accommodation, ranging from traditional bed and breakfasts to self-contained cottages, motels, pub stays, cosy cabins, farm retreats, and even charming tiny homes. Whether you prefer a secluded hideaway or a village setting with easy access to cafes, clubs, and pubs, the Upper Lachlan Shire caters to every preference.

Discover the full spectrum of accommodation options by visiting visitupperlachlan.com.au.

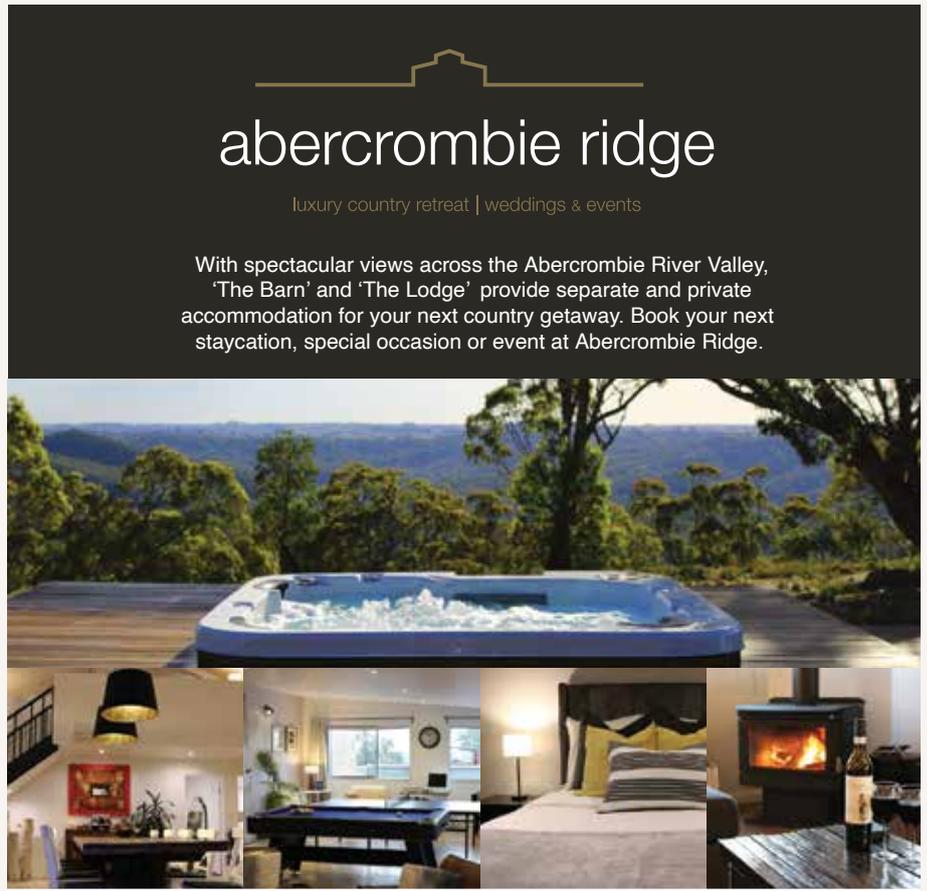


WALK | STAY | FEAST

Unique walking weekends at Numby, in the Upper Lachlan.

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rovenumby.com.au  



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 For bookings - <https://www.airbnb.com.au/h/stoneycreekbannaby>
Phone: **0418 268 214**

 Find us on Instagram @stoneycreekbannaby



Looking for a place to wind down and relax? Look no further than the charming bed and breakfast, Counting Sheep Binda. This quaint cottage sleeps up to 8 people with two queen rooms both with ensuites, and a family suite that has a queen bed and a room with two single beds and a shared ensuite. Counting Sheep Binda is the perfect place to warm up by the indoor fireplace, gaze up at the endless stars or quite literally count sheep...

Counting Sheep BnB

93 Kangaloolah Rd, Binda
 Phone: **0410 319 349**
countingsheepbnb@gmail.com
countingsheepbnb.com.au



ALL SAINTS CHURCH LAGGAN

BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATION

2885 Woodhouselee Rd,
 Laggan NSW 2583
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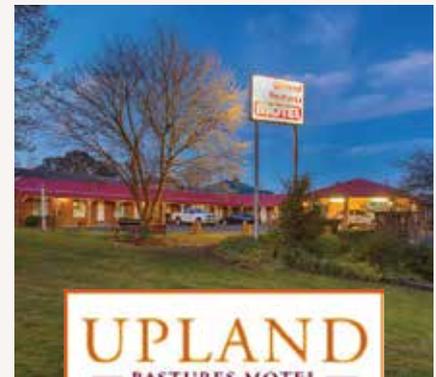
RED HOUSE

When in Crookwell why not stay at this lovely self catering accommodation, with its delightful views overlooking a peaceful established garden with regular visits from a variety of birds. Situated only a short stroll to the local cafes, hotels and IGA, it is an ideal location with easy access and off street parking. Accommodation is available for short to medium stays, with one Queen Bed, ensuite and separate entrance from deck via a ramp. No pets.

Type: Bed and Breakfast Rooms 1 Queen
 Address: 15 Roberts Street, Crookwell

Email: redhouseaccommodation@yahoo.com // Phone: 0428 238 023

[FACEBOOK.COM/REDHOUSEACCOMODATION](https://www.facebook.com/redhouseaccommodation)



At Upland Pastures Motel we pride ourselves on friendliness, cleanliness and good old country hospitality. We overlook the beautiful township of Crookwell, and are located in easy walking distance to the CBD.

We offer a range of accommodation from Standard Rooms to Deluxe rooms, with continental breakfasts also available.

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2 Oram Street,
 Crookwell NSW 2583
 Phone: **(02) 4832 1999**
info@uplandpasturesmotel.com.au

SOUTHERN TABLELANDS REGION



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HILLTOPS LANDSCAPE



GOULBURN

Discover fascinating stories of our eclectic history through the abundance of museums, homesteads and stunning heritage architecture, or immerse yourself in our captivating galleries and performance venues to let your imagination wander.

Goulburn boasts a variety of beautiful walking trails, playgrounds and parks. Play at the impressive Adventure Playground, or perhaps a peaceful bushwalk amongst nature is more suited. Discover the walking trail along the banks of the Wollondilly River – the perfect setting for a relaxing picnic with water views.

Experience a traditional 'Country Mile of Shopping' in the main thoroughfare of Auburn Street and indulge your senses in the region's diverse spread of food and beverage.

Having too much fun to leave? Stay another day, we have you covered. From intimate guesthouses, self-contained cosy heritage homes and pub stays to sleek and modern hotels – Goulburn has a broad range of accommodation to suit every occasion and budget.

For more information, drop in to the Goulburn Visitor Information Centre on Sloane Street (opposite Belmore Park)

call **02 4823 4492** or visit goulburnaustralia.com.au.

HILLTOPS

HARDEN-MURRUMBURRAH, BOOROWA, JUGIONG & YOUNG

The Hilltops region is one of the country's finest food and wine producers and still one of NSW's best-kept secrets. Across the region of rolling country fields and intimate valleys, the towns of Boorowa, Harden-Murrumburrah, and Young provide visitors with a varied selection of activities like horse riding, biking, and hiking. Explore the charming towns of Boorowa, known for its rich Irish heritage and the annual Boorowa Irish Woolfest, Harden-Murrumburrah, where the skies come alive during the Harden Kite Festival, and Young, the "Cherry Capital of Australia," hosting the National Cherry Festival always held at the start of summer.

Indoor attractions that are sure to delight your senses. Experience the warm country hospitality in our thriving villages, such as Jugiong for food lovers, Murringo for art lovers, or Wombat for simply a good time, The Hilltops offers plenty of intimate shopping strips and meet-the-maker culinary tastings. Uncover the best-kept secret in NSW – It's all happening in the Hilltops!

Call **1800 628 233** or visit visithilltopsregion.com.au.

The SOUTHERN TABLELANDS

WHEN VISITING THE UPPER LACHLAN SHIRE, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO EXPLORE THE SURROUNDING TOWNS AND VILLAGES THAT MAKE UP THE SOUTHERN TABLELANDS REGION.

QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG

QUEANBEYAN, BUNGENDORE & BRAIDWOOD

Discover the memorable towns and villages dotted along the kings highway in queanbeyan-palerang, right on the doorstep of the nation's capital and the pristine coastline of southern nsw. Visit queanbeyan, bungendore, braidwood and the surrounding villages to uncover handmade treasures from local artists and artisans, indulge in award-winning cool climate wines and paddock-to-plate produce, and discover the old tales of the gold rush era that had the region teeming with prospectors before tucking in for a peaceful night at a boutique hotel or a magnificent homestead.

YASS VALLEY

BINALONG, BOOKHAM, BOWNING, BURRINJUCK, GUNDAROO, MURRUMBATAMAN, SUTTON, WALLAROO, WEE JASPER & YASS

Escape to Yass Valley and experience all the country lifestyle has to offer.

Stop and chat with a local, the true guides to our captivating region. With an impressive food and wine scene, Yass Valley is the place to experience farm fresh produce and award winning local wines. Chat with passionate winemakers in Murrumbateman and Gundaroo about their latest vintage, and sample local produce in one of our many restaurants and cafés. Or stop in at one of the many thriving art displays and boutique shopping experiences.

From a bushranger's grave in Binalong to a famous poet's hangout in Bowning, Yass Valley has a proud connection to early rural Australia that you can visit for yourself.

For nature lovers an underground wonderland awaits in Wee Jasper or head to Lake Burrinjuck and enjoy a diverse array of water-sports.

Yass Valley has something for everyone!

Call **1300 886 014** or visit yassvalley.com.au



FOUR WINDS VINEYARD

LIVE, WORK, INVEST



A RURAL LIFESTYLE IS A WARM EMBRACE

LOCATED WITHIN EASY REACH OF CANBERRA, SYDNEY, GOULBURN, AND BATHURST, THE UPPER LACHLAN EMERGES AS AN IDYLIC HAVEN FOR THOSE SEEKING THE QUINTESSENTIAL TRIFECTA: TO LIVE, WORK, AND INVEST.

Renowned for its awe-inspiring natural beauty, storied heritage, and distinctive rural allure, the region beckons with a plethora of amenities ensuring unparalleled quality of life. From top-tier educational institutions to state-of-the-art healthcare facilities, from boundless recreational opportunities to a thriving artistic community, the Upper Lachlan exemplifies an environment where every facet of life flourishes. Anchored by a robust sense of kinship, our community fosters an environment conducive to nurturing families, embracing retirement, or relocating established enterprises.

Experience the symphony of seasons in their full splendour as you embrace the warmth and security of our welcoming rural lifestyle. Whether indulging in the culinary delights of our award-winning regional fare, teeing off for a round of golf with cherished companions, or simply savouring a leisurely morning coffee in a cosy café, every day unfolds with new adventures and delights.

For comprehensive insights into the boundless opportunities awaiting those wishing to live, work, and invest in the vibrant tapestry of the Upper Lachlan Shire, visit www.upperlachlan.nsw.gov.au.



COLLECTOR REAL ESTATE

FOR YOUR UPPER LACHLAN REAL ESTATE NEEDS

Whether you're looking to buy, sell or simply explore your options, Sue Bell's dedication, local knowledge, and proven results will guide you through every step of the process.



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BUSINESS DIRECTORY

STAY. PLAY. EAT. SHOP.

ENJOY ALL TO OFFER IN AND AROUND UPPER LACHLAN

ACCOMMODATION

BUSINESS NAME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Bethania	Bannister	Airbnb
Observatory BnB	Bannister	Airbnb
Windwood Retreat	Bevandale	Rent By Owner
Federal Hotel	Bigga	02 4835 2219
Markdale	Binda	0418 868 830
Mill Cottage	Binda	02 4835 6087
Rosewood	Binda	0403 288 000
Stoney Creek Cottage	Bannaby	Airbnb
The Shearers Quarters	Breadalbane	0406 319 514
Bushranger Hotel	Collector	02 4848 0071
Collector Cottage	Collector	0402 459 261
Lynwood Cottage	Collector	Airbnb
Selah Garden Studio	Collector	Airbnb
Crooked Corner Cottage	Crooked Corner	Airbnb
Carinya	Crookwell	0425 231 477
Criterion Hotel	Crookwell	02 4832 2735
Crookwell Hotel/Motel	Crookwell	02 4832 1016
Crookwell Manor House	Crookwell	Stayz
Elysian Farmstay	Crookwell	0407 896 427
Mister Munro	Crookwell	Airbnb
Pinn Cottage	Crookwell	0421 457 135
Red House Accommodation	Crookwell	0428 238 023
Upland Pastures Motel	Crookwell	02 4832 1999
Abercrombie Ridge	Curraweela	0405 632 009
Grathawai Homestead	Curraweela	0450 100 899
Tanjenong Cottages	Curraweela	02 4843 8150
Tanjenong Glampin	Curraweela	02 4843 8150
Tiny Charlotte	Dalton	Airbnb
The Royal Hotel	Dalton	0439 785 074
Hadley Homestead	Fullerton	0427 272 181
Eldorado Cottage	Golspie	Airbnb
Country Cottage Gunning	Gunning	Airbnb
Gunning Motel	Gunning	02 4845 1191
Hold Cottage	Gunning	Airbnb
Merino Cafe Accommodation	Gunning	Airbnb

Risbor	Gunning	Airbnb
The Stay	Gunning	Airbnb
All Saints Laggan	Laggan	0414 437 395
The Church @Laggan	Laggan	0414 394 461
Laggan Cottage	Laggan	02 4837 3039
Eudora Farm	Laggan	Airbnb
Moorabinda Guest House	Narrawa	0437 998 827
Moorabinda Huts	Narrawa	02 4836 5203
Rove Numby	Reids Flat	rovenumby.com.au
Argyle Inn	Taralga	0448 402 008
Charlies on Church	Taralga	0429 131 331
Lilac Cottage	Taralga	02 4840 2268
Taralga Cottage	Taralga	Airbnb
Taralga Hotel	Taralga	02 4840 2007
Taralga Terraces	Taralga	Airbnb
The Dacha	Taralga	Airbnb
Woolbrook Cottage	Taralga	Airbnb
The Shed	Tuena	Airbnb
Hillview Cottage	Wheeo	Airbnb

CARAVAN, CAMPING & CABINS

BUSINESS NAME	LOCATION	CONTACT
FREE		
Bigga Recreation Ground (72hrs Free)	Bigga	02 4835 2347
Barbour Park (48hrs Free)	Gunning	02 4832 1988
FEE REQUIRED		
Abercrombie Caves	Abercrombie	1300 072 757
Crookwell Caravan Park	Crookwell	02 4832 1988
Reflections Holiday Park Grabine Lakeside	Grabine	02 4835 2345
Taralga Showground	Taralga	0437 771 319
Tuena Campground	Tuena	02 4834 5235
Wombeyan Caves	Wombeyan	1300 072 757

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

ATTRACTIONS & ACTIVITIES

BUSINESS NAME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Markdale Edna Walling Garden	Binda	0418 868 830
Alpaca Farm Experience	Crookwell	0414 464 206
Crookwell & District Art Gallery	Crookwell	0487 721 339
Crookwell Railway Museum	Crookwell	0413 119 694
Gullen Range Wind Farm	Crookwell	1800 509 711
Lindners Sock Factory	Crookwell	02 4832 0202
Sydney Vintage Car Restoration	Crookwell	02 4843 0888
Crown Theatre Café Indoor Playground	Crookwell	02 4217 8172
Reflections Holiday Park Grabine Lakeside	Grabine	02 4836 2345
Picture House Art Gallery & Bookstore	Gunning	02 4845 1889
Pye Cottage Museum	Gunning	02 4845 6339
Orchard Street Gallery	Taralga	0414 838 590
Taralga Museum	Taralga	0418 919 357
Taralga Wildlife Park	Taralga	0419 014 540
Abercrombie Caves	Trunkey Creek	02 6368 8603
Wombeyan Caves	Wombeyan	1300 072 757

CHURCHES SERVICES

BUSINESS NAME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Binda Parish	7 Locations	0428 238 023
St Bartholomew's Anglican	Crookwell	02 4832 1057
St Mary's Catholic	Crookwell	0403 631 797
Uniting Church	Crookwell	02 4832 1026
St Francis Xavier Catholic	Gunning	02 6226 1086
Christ the King Catholic	Taralga	0403 631 797
St Luke's Anglican	Taralga	0429 990 264
St Stephen's Presbyterian	Taralga	02 4843 8163

FOOD & WINE

BUSINESS NAME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Bigga Golf Club	Bigga	02 4835 2260
Federal Hotel	Bigga	02 4835 2219
Bushranger Hotel	Collector	02 4848 0071
Collector Wines	Collector	0417 810 594

Lerida Estate Wines	Collector	02 4848 0231
Some Cafe'	Collector	0493 271 744
Cafe' Zestt	Crookwell	0438 428 988
Cake Me-Up	Crookwell	0484 675 669
Crown Theatre Café	Crookwell	02 4217 8172
Criterion Hotel	Crookwell	02 4832 2735
Crookwell Hotel Bistro	Crookwell	02 4832 1016
Crookwell IGA	Crookwell	02 4832 1159
Laliguras Bistro & Cafe	Crookwell	02 4832 1265
G Hills & Co Butchery	Crookwell	02 4832 1081
Hong Kong Gardens	Crookwell	02 4832 1888
Matt's Bakery	Crookwell	02 4832 2222
Meats a Treat Butchery	Crookwell	02 4832 1418
Paul's Cafe'	Crookwell	02 4832 1745
19th Hole Café Crookwell Golf Club	Crookwell	02 4832 2279
The Royal Hotel	Dalton	0439 785 074
Albion Hotel	Grabben Gullen	02 4836 7208
Gunning Butcher Shop	Gunning	02 4845 1559
Merino Cafe'	Gunning	02 4845 1250
Old Hume Cafe'	Gunning	02 4845 1034
Telegraph Hotel	Gunning	02 4845 1217
The Old Coach Stables	Gunning	0499 451 034
Laggan Hotel	Laggan	02 4837 3208
Laggan Pantry & Brewing Co	Laggan	02 4837 3039
Hatherleigh Winery	Laggan	0418 688 794
The Barn at Leeston	Roslyn	0437 949 510
Taralga General Store	Taralga	02 4840 2831
Taralga Hotel	Taralga	02 4840 2007
Taralga Sports Club	Taralga	02 4840 2088
The Argyle Inn	Taralga	0448 402 008
Coffee Shop Café	Tuena	02 4834 5297

REAL ESTATE AGENTS

BUSINESS NAME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Collector Real Estate	Collector	0414 085 783
Anderson MD & JJ	Crookwell	0428 322 318
Duncombe & Co	Crookwell	02 4832 1732
Nutrien Harcourts	Crookwell	02 4832 1122
Ray White Real Estate	Crookwell	0429 795 507

SERVICE STATIONS

BUSINESS NAME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Bigga General Store	Bigga	02 4835 2234
Binda Store	Binda	02 4835 6024
Metro Petroleum	Crookwell	02 4832 2323
Mobil Crookwell	Crookwell	02 6054 1103
Spackman Motors	Crookwell	02 4845 1224
Dalton Garage	Dalton	02 4845 6213
Gunning Mobil	Gunning	02 4845 1394
Taralga Rural Supplies	Taralga	02 4840 2200
Parsons General Store	Tuena	02 4834 5235

SPECIALTY RETAIL

BUSINESS NAME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Ensemble & Co	Crookwell	0431 198 958
Crookwell Country Bunches	Crookwell	02 4832 2344
Crookwell Emporium	Crookwell	0447 282 801/ 0414 464 206
Crookwell Footwear & Workwear	Crookwell	02 4832 1636
Davies Newsagency	Crookwell	02 4832 1061
Gibsons Home Hardware	Crookwell	02 4832 1155
Harts Pharmacy	Crookwell	02 4832 1138
JD's Rural Supplies	Crookwell	02 4832 1906
Lindner Quality Socks	Crookwell	02 4832 0202
Mad Hatters Gifts & Homewares	Crookwell	0487 291 119
McGeechan Farm Supplies	Crookwell	02 4832 1066
Red Dirt Apparel	Crookwell	0488 681 599
Soul Pattinson	Crookwell	02 4832 1177
TJC Products	Crookwell	02 4832 1700
Top Paddock	Crookwell	02 4832 2319
Bandicute Design	Gunning	0408 265 781
Creative Gunning	Gunning	0414 230 701
Gunning Nearly Antiques & Collectables	Gunning	0418 419 721
Gunning Pharmacy	Gunning	02 4845 1339
Picture House Gallery & BookShop	Gunning	02 4845 1889
Whimsical Wares	Gunning	0410 449 923
Will & Russ	Gunning	0438 324 529
InnStore Taralga	Taralga	0447 260 629
Joe Vinks Stick Furniture	Taralga	0422 219 406
Love Vintage	Taralga	0417 447 130
Taralga General Store	Taralga	02 4840 2831

Taralga Rural	Taralga	02 4840 2200
Orchard Street Gallery	Taralga	0414 838 590
Parsons General Store	Tuena	02 4834 5235
Tuena Treasures	Tuena	02 4834 5165

SPORTING FACILITIES

BUSINESS NAME	LOCATION	CONTACT
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PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS

Crookwell Swimming Pool	Crookwell	02 4830 1000
Gunning Swimming Pool	Gunning	02 4845 4100

FISHING CLUBS

Taralga Fishing Club	Taralga	02 4840 2088
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GOLF COURSES

Bigga Golf Club	Bigga	02 4835 2260
Crookwell Golf Club	Crookwell	02 4832 2279
Taralga Sands Golf Club	Taralga	02 4840 2166/ 02 4843 8187

TENNIS COURTS

Crookwell Tennis Courts	Crookwell	Online Bookings
Bigga Tennis Courts	Bigga	02 4835 2260
Gunning Tennis Courts	Gunning	Online Bookings
Taralga Tennis Courts	Taralga	02 4840 2146/ 02 4840 2445

LAWN BOWLS

Crookwell Services Club	Crookwell	02 4832 1412
Taralga Sports Club	Taralga	02 4840 2088

SQUASH

Rising Sun Health	Crookwell	0418 633 254
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GYM AND FITNESS

Rising Sun Health	Crookwell	0418 633 254
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SHOWGROUNDS

Crookwell Showground	Crookwell	0491 373 246
Gunning Showground	Gunning	0447 445 247
Taralga Showground	Taralga	0437 771 319

VETS & BOARDING KENNELS

BUSINESS NAME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Crookwell Veterinary Hospital	Crookwell	02 4832 1977
Pawtails Rural Retreat	Laggan	02 4837 3027
Culley Veterinary Services	Wheeo	0458 367 251



MARKDALE STATION FARMSTAY

FARMSTAY & EVENTS



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