

WEST WIMMERA

Official Visitor Guide

Apsley • Edenhope • Goroke
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Deserts to Wetlands





W E L C O M E TO WEST WIMMERA

Welcome to West Wimmera Shire.

We invite you to enjoy our diverse nature and agriculture experiences. Our Shire encompasses 9,200 square kilometres from the Big Desert Wilderness in the north, down through the unique Little Desert National Park and Lake Charlegark, then onto the Glenelg River in the south. The Shire's western boundary is the South Australia-Victoria border which runs along the great 4WD Border Track. The south is dotted with stately Red Gums and about 3,000 wetlands. The whole Shire is perfect for a diverse tourism experience; whether nature based, site seeing, relaxing with friendly folk, enjoying local produce or a 4WD adventure. Whether your visit is for relaxation, sightseeing or adventure, we hope you enjoy your stay.



W E T L A N D S O F T H E W E S T W I M M E R A

West Wimmera Shire accounts for an incredible 25% of Victoria's individual wetlands.

You may catch a glimpse of endangered birds such as the Brolga, Freckled Ducks, or migratory birds during their travels from far flung parts of the World. The rare and endangered Red-tailed Black Cockatoo relies on the remnant hollow Red Gums, often found around wetlands for breeding.

Lakes Charlegrark, Bringalbert and Wallace plus Serviceton Reservoir and Broughton's Waterhole generally contain permanent water, while others contain water for only short periods. Wetlands are important recreational facilities, offering activities such as camping, waterskiing, bird watching, fishing and yabbying. Try your luck fishing for Murray Cod, Yellow Belly, Redfin or yabbies. Remember that many of the wetlands are on private property. You must seek permission of the land owner for access.

PLEASE NOTE: Fishing permits must be obtained prior to fishing in Victorian waters (seniors exempt).



D E S E R T S

O F T H E W E S T W I M M E R A

LITTLE DESERT NATIONAL PARK

The Little Desert is a desert in name only, spanning 132,000 hectares. Differing soil types, ranging from sandy soils to clay flats and swamps, give rise to diverse vegetation. The park is alive with a range of Flora and Fauna including 670 plant species and 200 species of birds. Bitumen access is available to western, central and southern areas via Kaniva, Goroke and Boorookpi. Be sure to learn about the unique Malleefowl at the Little Desert Nature Lodge. Keep a watch for Wedge-Tailed Eagles, the endangered Red-Tail Black Cockatoo, and many other species.

BIG DESERT WILDERNESS

Victoria's first declared wilderness area, Big Desert Wilderness is a vast park of 113,500 hectares located north of Kaniva. Many rare reptile and bird species. From the western area there is no vehicle access into the park. Only bushwalking and self-reliant camping is allowed. Nearest campsite is at Red Bluff. For information contact Parks Victoria, telephone 13 91 63.



R E D - T A I L E D B L A C K C O C K A T O O

West Wimmera Shire is home to the largest concentration of Red-Tailed Black Cockatoos (*Calyptrorhynchus banksii graptogyne*) in Victoria.

It is estimated that the population of this endangered species is only 700-1000 birds. Red-Tailed Black Cockatoos nest in hollows formed in old eucalypts, particularly the dead Red Gums which are found in many West Wimmera paddocks.

Your best chance of seeing these beautiful rare birds is to search in the Brown Stringybark Forests in the early evening until dusk when the birds fly to watering holes and then to roost.

If you are unable to see Red-Tailed Black Cockatoos in the wild, treat yourself to a viewing of aviary-bred birds at the Flora and Fauna Park at the western edge of Kaniva.



B O W L I N G

IN THE WEST WIMMERA

EDENHOPE Synthetic and grass rinks. See calendar of events for tournaments. Licensed Clubrooms. Visitors welcome. Situated in Lake Street. Robert - 0428 504 725

GOROKE Two 7 rink greens, 1 synthetic and 1 grass. Social bowls every Saturday from March onwards. Men's invitation Fours Tournament in March. Night Bowls every Friday. See calendar of events for more tournament details. Licensed Clubrooms. Visitors most welcome. Don - (03) 5386 1313
Dorothy - (03) 5386 1248

KANIVA Open all year round. Two greens (1 synthetic, 1 grass). Social Bowls Wednesdays and Saturdays. \$5 mat fee. Licensed clubrooms. All ages and abilities welcome. Annual Bowls Carnival held in February. Col - (03) 5392 2257
Brenda - (03) - 5392 1322

SERVICETON New club built in 2004 with up to date facilities and a 7 rink Santa Ana Couch green. Several tournaments - Men's Fours on Australia Day plus Mixed Pairs, Men's Pairs, Mixed Fours being incorporated around the nearest weekend to Australia Day. Men's invitation Fours last Tuesday in February. Social Bowls every Saturday during months of October through to March. Visitors most welcome. Terry - (03) 5392 2767
Dean - (08) 8752 2472



G O L F I N G

IN THE WEST WIMMERA

APSLEY The 18 hole Apsley Golf Course is regarded as one of the prettiest courses around. Undulating with sand greens, lovely native wattles, plenty of birds and wildlife, this course is challenging for the golfer. Licensed clubrooms and \$5 green fees
Jenny - (03) 5586 1400 Bruce - (03) 5586 1401

EDENHOPE Set in a natural bushland setting. Gently undulating ground combined with fully watered fairways and 18 grass greens. Enjoy the abundant flora and fauna throughout the course and often the endangered Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo (the club's logo), is seen feeding in the numerous stringybarks. Fully Licensed clubrooms. Trevor - (03) 5585 1024
Gerald - (03) 5585 1604

GOROKE This course is an 18 hole sand scrape and is a winter course, open from April to October. Aprons around scrapes and hit of areas. Excellent Clubhouse facilities. Bill - (03) 5386 1014
Brian - (03) 5387 4261

HARROW A picturesque course with 18 white sand scrapes. Season operates from April to November. Men's tournament Sundays, Ladies Wednesdays. Visitors welcome. Neat casual dress. Green fees \$5. Licensed clubrooms. Geof - (03) 5588 1387

KANIVA The Kaniva Golf Club, set in natural bushland is an 18 hole grass greens course. Open from March to October with \$10 green fees, licensed clubrooms. All welcome.
Andrew - 0458 504 005

SERVICETON An 18 hole sand scrape on gently undulating sandy loam country that was formerly the Lockhart Racecourse, alongside the Victoria-South Australia border. Open from April to October with \$5 green fees. Mark - (08) 8752 5208
Jenny - (03) 5393 1231



F E S T I V A L S

Activities and events as diverse as the Shire itself are certain to provide you with hours of fun and entertainment.

JANUARY

- Tussock Jumpers B&S Ball at Harrow
- Serviceton Annual Bowls Carnival (Australia Day Weekend)

FEBRUARY

- Kaniva Lions Club Car and Bike Show
- Henley on Lake Wallace at Edenhope (2nd Saturday)
- Lake Charlegrark Country Music Marathon (3rd Weekend) www.lcmm.com.au
- Kaniva Annual Bowls Carnival
- Men's 2 Bowls Triples at Edenhope
- Groke Ladies Bowls invitation

MARCH

- JH. Greenhill Edenhope Racing Cup
- Harrow National Billy Kart Time Trials (Labour Day Weekend)
- Johnny Mullagh Shield Cricket Match at Harrow, Aboriginal Xi vs Glenelg Xi (Labour Day Weekend)
- Quick Shear Competition at Harrow
- Kaniva Easter Thursday Traders' Street Sale
- Men's Pairs Bowling at Edenhope
- Mixed Fours Medley Bowls at Edenhope

APRIL

- Apsley Racing Club Cup (Held at Edenhope)
- Classic Scramblers Mo to X at Harrow



& E V E N T S

- MAY**
- Apsley Dirt Circuit Car Racing
- JUNE**
- Annual Golf Tournament at Harrow
 - Kaniva Golf Club Annual Tournament
 - Serviceton Golf Club Annual Tournament
- JULY**
- Edenhope Golf Club Annual Tournament
 - Goroke Golf Club Annual Tournament
- AUGUST**
- Apsley Golf Club Annual Tournament
- OCTOBER**
- Quilters Show at Harrow, Edenhope and Kaniva (Alternate Years)
 - Goroke A&P Society Show
 - Goroke Mens Bowls invitation
 - Kaniva A&P Society Show
 - Rotary Club Monster Auction at Kaniva (Antiques, Furniture, Farming & much more)
- NOVEMBER**
- Edenhope A&P Society Show
 - Lake Wallace Men's Bowling Fours at Edenhope
- DECEMBER**
- Christmas Eve Street Party at Kaniva
 - Christmas Party at Edenhope and Harrow
 - Goroke Ladies invitation Mixed Bowls
 - Bowls invitation Ladies Fours Edenhope

Regular Monthly Markets are also held in Edenhope (3rd Sunday) and Apsley (4th Sunday). Harrow Sound and Light Show - for show dates contact 03 5588 1358.

For further information about any event please visit www.westwimmera.com.au or contact any Visitor information Centre.



H I S T O R I C W E S T W I M M E R A

Cemeteries can provide a wealth of information about the history of a region, as well as for private genealogical research.

Main town cemeteries are still in use with headstones from the past eras. There are also smaller historical cemeteries throughout the shire, and these exist wherever smaller settlements commenced. Many have several grave sites, others only one.

You are advised to check through West Wimmera Visitor information Centres for genealogical groups or cemetery locations. Websites with Victoria's cemetery details have information regarding access to the following cemeteries. Please remember some are on private property.

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| APSLEY | EDENHOPE | LEMON SPRINGS | OZENKADNOOK |
| BENEYEO STATION | GOROKE | MINIMAY | PLEASANT BANKS |
| CHETWYND | HARROW | MIRAM | SERVICETON |
| COVE | KANIVA / LILLIMUR | MORTAT STATION | SOUTH LILLIMUR |
| DERGHOLM | KARNAK | NEWLANDS | YARROCK |
| DINYARROCK | LAWLOIT | STATION | HOMESTEAD |



T R A V E L L I N G O N

You will find so much to see and do within a one hour drive of your base in the West Wimmera Shire.

LITTLE DESERT NATURE LODGE Malleefowl, stunning wildflowers and 4WD tours

MOUNT ARAPILES World renowned rock climbing centre.

NARACOORTE CAVES NATIONAL PARK World Heritage Listed fossil site. Tours and interpretive Centre.

COONAWARRA World famous wine region. Cellar doors and restaurants

PENOLA Mary McKillop interpretive Centre, Petticoat Lane, arts and crafts

THE GRAMPIANS NATIONAL PARK Mountains, waterfalls, Aboriginal art sites. Rockclimbers and bushwalkers paradise.

CASTERTON Home of the Kelpie working dog and historic Warrock Homestead.



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For more information
Telephone 1800 520 700
www.tatiara.sa.gov.au



FURTHER INFORMATION

For additional information about the region please go to www.visitwestwimmera.com.au or contact one of the following Visitor Information Centres.



EDENHOPE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

96 Elizabeth Street

Telephone 03 5585 1509, Facsimile 03 5585 1130

Email edenhopevic@dodo.com.au

Open Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm or by appointment.



HARROW VISITOR INFORMATION

Harrow Discovery Centre, Blair Street

Telephone 03 5588 1387

Email discover.harrow@gmail.com

Website www.westwimmera.vic.gov.au follow the links



KANIVA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Windmill Café, 41 Commercial Street

Telephone 03 5392 2418

Email kanivaprogress@gmail.com

Website www.kaniva.info

information also available at Goroke Post Office, Apsley Café and Tolmer Way on the Victoria-South Australia border.

TRAVELLING TIMES

To Melbourne from	Edenhope.... 4.5 hours	Kaniva.....4.5 hours
	Goroke..... 4.5 hours	Harrow.....4.5 hours
To Adelaide from	Edenhope.... 4.0 hours	Kaniva.....3.5 hours

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