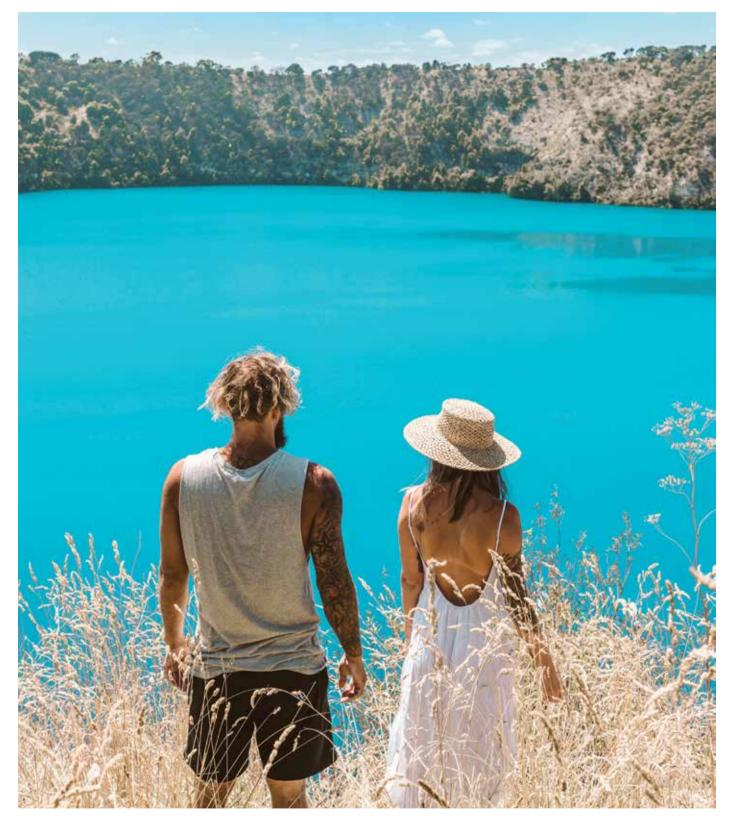
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Feast on a tasting platter that's over 200km long, and graze on the best local food and wine in an array of pubs, cafes and wineries. From Robe through to Henty in the Southern Grampians including the famed Coonawarra, come and unearth a smorgasbord for the tastebuds.

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#### Acknowledgement of Country

The lands and waters of the Limestone Coast are central to the culture and beliefs of our First Nations people, who have occupied, enjoyed, utilised and managed the area since the creation.

The Limestone Coast tourism industry acknowledges our First Nations people as the traditional owners, and we respect their spiritual relationship with Country. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

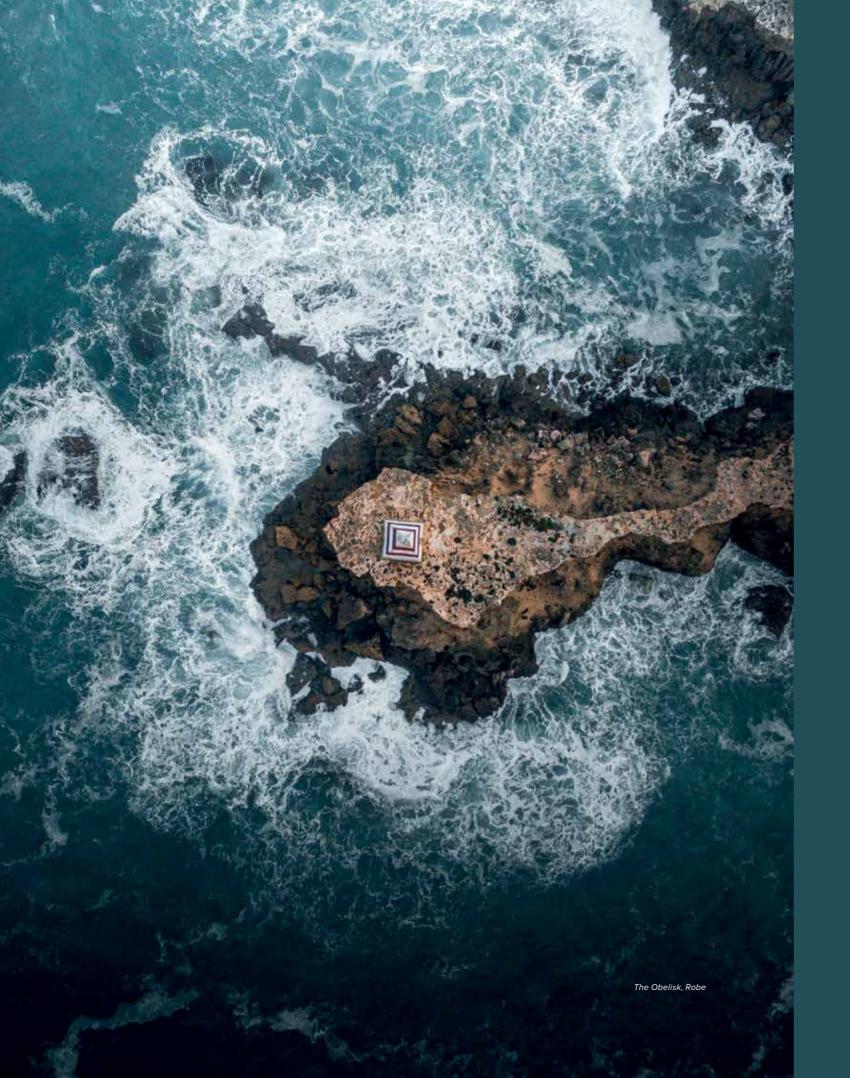
We honour their stories, songs, art and culture and their aspirations for the future of all people and these lands.

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Cover: Blue Lake, Mount Gambier This page: Robe

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# go deeper

Visitors are drawn to the Limestone Coast in search of unspoilt beaches and brilliant seafood. They're not disappointed! The region's coastline is some 350 kilometres long and – outside a string of gorgeous fishing towns – barely populated.

But the region is much more than a beautiful coast.

It has a substantial rural hinterland, one that enjoys warm days and cool nights, perfect conditions for growing the region's world-famous Coonawarra grapes. Its rich farmland raises golden grain and fat cattle, including Australia's highest quality, full-blood Wagyu cattle. (With its premium lobster, the Limestone Coast can legitimately lay claim to serve the nation's finest 'surf and turf'...)

The region's limestone was formed 25 million years ago and underpins much of what makes the attractions so singular, including a legacy of caves and sinkholes. The 500,000-year-old Naracoorte Caves are World Heritage-listed for the trove of megafauna fossils discovered in 1969. And divers come from all over for the unrivalled water clarity of sinkholes like Kilsby and Ewen Ponds.

The towns of the Limestone Coast tell remarkable stories. Penola was home to Australia's first saint. Robe was South Australia's second-busiest port in the 1850s. And the 30,000-strong city of Mount Gambier truly deserves the epithet 'unique', sitting on the side of a dormant volcano and hosting one of the world's most unusual inner-city gardens, set 20 metres into the ground.

So enjoy the sublime coast, but be sure to go a little deeper – you'll be amazed what you find.



# experience



Naracoorte Caves National Park

#### Chase a giant wombat

World Heritage-listed Naracoorte Caves is a 500,000-year-old place of discovery. Join guided tours that range from a one-hour stroll to a hard-hat-andoveralls crawl through deep tunnels. Rich in fossils, the caves have provided a window on Australia's extinct megafauna, including wombats as big as cars.



Glencoe Forest

#### Encounter the ghost mushrooms

'Ghost Mushroom Lane' sounds like something from Middle Earth, but you can find it just outside Mount Gambier. Every year between May and June, luminescent mushrooms spring up in the pine plantations around the town. Forestry SA creates a network of trails so you can see the soft green glow of these amazing fungi for yourself.

Ewens Ponds Conservation Park, Mount Gambier

#### Fathom the mysteries of the sinkholes

Free-diving fanatics and scuba-fiends love the crystal-clear freshwater sinkholes. There are more than 50 water-filled sinkholes, including the famous Kilsby, plunging 60 metres and renowned for glowing a luminous blue. If you prefer to keep dry, visit the Umpherston Sinkhole (Balumbul) in Mount Gambier; this strange, magical, secret garden blooms in a 20-metre-deep natural well.





DiGiorgio Family Wines, Coonawarra

#### Embark on a walking wine tour in Coonawarra

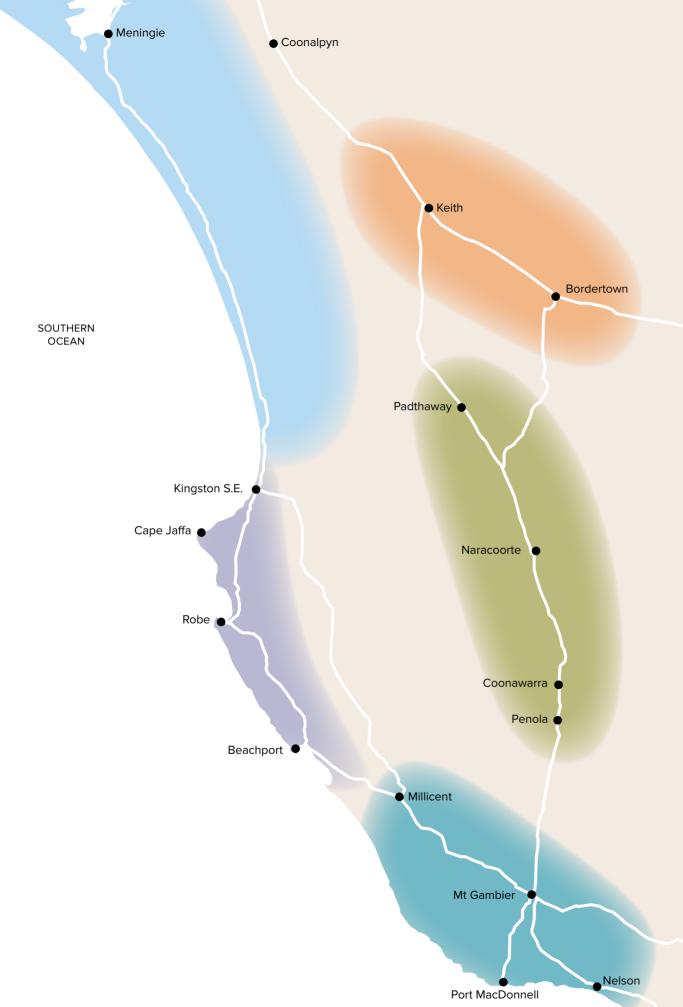
Meander between six of the region's best wineries, stopping for tasting flights and grazing boards. The route is just under five kilometres, takes approximately three hours to complete and requires no nominated driver!



Little Dip Conservation Park

#### Discover the two sides of Robe

With its sublime beach, interesting maritime history and busy fishing fleet, Robe has all the trappings of a picture-postcard seaside town. But there's another side to it. Wealthy visitors from Adelaide and Melbourne have helped grow a cosmopolitan restaurant and shopping scene - one that blends boutique with barefoot, a bit of 'sandy glam'. Don't miss The Caledonian Inn, especially at New Years – something of an institution.





#### Coorong

The Coorong National Park runs from Meningie (considered a gateway to the Limestone Coast) to Kingston SE. This largely uninhabited stretch of coast is an important ecosystem and a haven for migrating birds. View Lake Albert from Meningie Hill Learn about the ostrich-riding bushranger Fish for Coorong mullet Observe the local birdlife



## The Mid Coast

The fishing ports of Kingston SE, Cape Jaffa, Robe and Beachport are popular holiday destinations, with generations of families returning year after year to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and stunning beaches.

> Indulge in a little beachside chic at Robe

• Visit the local wine regions • Explore the maritime

> legacies of historic fishing towns

 Enjoy southern rock lobster in season

# explore

The Limestone Coast extends some 350 kilometres from north to south and measures around 150 kilometres at its widest. So there's a fair bit of territory to cover! To help with your planning, we've divided the region into five sub-regions, each with their own flavours, landscapes and attractions...



#### Upper South-East **Limestone Coast**

This agricultural district is serviced by Bordertown and Keith. Both towns have a proud history as important rest-stops between Adelaide and Melbourne, serving travellers during the goldrush and the era of steam trains. They still extend a warm welcome and have interesting natural hinterlands that repay the curious traveller. See Prime Ministerial memorabilia at the **Bob Hawke Gallery**  Climb Mount Monster • Explore the Historic Drive

 Camp in Ngarkat **Conservation Park** 



#### **Central Limestone Coast**

The inland strip running from Penola through Coonawarra and Naracoorte to Padthaway is not only a world-renowned wine region, it's rich in social and natural history.

#### Taste wines

- Walk in the footsteps of Australia's first saint
- Explore World Heritagelisted Naracoorte Caves
- Visit the birdlife at **Bool Lagoon**



#### Southern Limestone Coast

Mount Gambier is the region's largest centre and the secondlargest city in South Australia. It sits close to the Victorian border, built around the slopes of a dormant volcano. This region is also home to the famous sinkholes.

- Climb a dormant volcano!
  - Go beneath a city on a cave tour
  - Swim in a crystalclear sinkhole
- Experience the magic of Umpherston at dusk

## seven days in the

## limestone coast

#### DAY 1

From Adelaide, head to Tailem Bend on the South Eastern Freeway before making a giant loop that takes in the region's best attractions.

Take the coastal route on the Princes Highway to Meningie then travel alongside the Coorong National Park. This vast and precious system of saline lagoons is home to 230 recorded bird species, as well as signposted nature walks and campsites.

You'll know you've arrived at Kingston SE when you see Larry The Lobster, one of Australia's iconic 'big things'. Climb 125 steps at the nearby Cape Jaffa Lighthouse (now a museum) and you'll also get great views over the town's serene beaches. A good stop for lunch – especially if it's lobster season! Overnight Kingston SE or continue to Robe.

#### DAY 2 AND 3

Robe was once South Australia's secondbusiest port. The Robe Customs House explores this history, including the thousands of Chinese immigrants who landed here and walked to Victoria's goldfields. Today it's a popular family holiday destination and a strong food culture means it's one of the best places to taste fresh seafood along with local coffee, wine and beer. The shopping scene is increasingly upmarket, too.

The stretch of coast between Robe and Beachport has some of South Australia's loveliest beaches including those in Beachport Conservation Park. If you're looking for still waters, head to the dunes on the edge of town where the hypersaline Pool of Siloam is the perfect spot for a gentle float. Overnight in Robe or Beachport.

#### DAY 4

Heading inland, the Millicent Gallery exhibits works by local and touring artists. Nearby Tantanoola lends its name to a cave system you can explore, as well as the Tantanoola Tiger, a classic piece of South Australiana made famous by Max Harris' poem.

Near the Victorian border, Mount Gambier is most famous for the Blue Lake, which turns a stunning cobalt blue in the summer months. The limestone sinkholes that dot the region are also worth visiting: Umpherston Sinkhole has been turned into a sunken garden, while

Tantanoola

the 47-metre-deep Little Blue Lake is a public swimming area.

Head south towards the fishing town of **Port** MacDonnell, seeking out famous crystal-clear sinkholes of Kilsby (where you can do a guided snorkelling tour) and Ewens Ponds. Enjoy a sunset - and a beer - at Port MacDonnell. Overnight in Mount Gambier.

#### DAY 5

Loop inland to **Penola**, where Mother Mary MacKillop founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the Josephites), with an emphasis on education for the rural poor. In 1995, she was beatified by Pope John Paul II to become Australia's first saint.

The pretty town is full of Heritage-listed buildings and is easy to explore on foot. It's also an excellent base for visiting the Coonawarra wine region, famous for rich terra rossa soil that produces sought-after Cabernet Sauvignon. Overnight in Penola or Coonawarra.

#### DAY 6

Further north in Naracoorte, you'll find South Australia's only UNESCO World Heritage Site at the Naracoorte Caves. Take a guided walking tour to see some of the extensive fossil collection of extinct megafauna, including marsupial lions and giant wombats. Alternatively, go deeper into the cave network on an exciting down 'n' dirty tour complete with headlamps and overalls.

Continue north on the Riddoch Highway directly through the Padthaway wine region and visit the Padthaway Conservation Park to see a remnant forest of gums, a haven for native wildlife. Climb the granite outcrop of Mount Monster for views over the surrounding bush and farmland and keep your eyes on the ground to discover a profusion of orchids in spring. Overnight in Padthaway or Naracoorte.

#### DAY 7

Rejoin the Dukes Highway at the small farming town of Keith before passing the famous silo mural in Coonalpyn; the five monochrome portraits of local boys were painted by Guido van Helten in 2017 and have been viewed by more than half a billion people online.

#### Touring

You'll find touring companies operating out of Mount Gambier, Robe and the Coonawarra – all offering the convenience of tailored itineraries and the insights that can only come with living in the region.

Specialist tours include walking tours, golf tours, 4WD adventure tours, diving tours and (of course) wine tours.

In the Coonawarra, local wine guides can tailor a tour depending on your tastes or simply show you some of their highlights, quite often with access to the winemakers themselves for a view behind the scenes. Wine touring can be done by e-bike, minibus and car.

The region's many national parks offer guided tours. Naracoorte Caves has a whole menu of specialist tours, including guided tours of Victoria Fossil Cave, as well as tours to encounter bat colonies and caves and participate in a range of adventure caving activities.

There are fishing charters for hire up and down the coast and also on the freshwater lakes north of Coorong. Though not strictly a tour, fishing charters are very much a case of using local knowledge to your advantage!



Umpherston Sinkhole, Mount Gambier



# & outdoors

## From disc golf to sinkhole diving – the Limestone Coast is home to some of Australia's most unusual outdoor action-distractions

#### Freshwater snorkelling, diving and swimming

The volcanic craters and sinkholes in the lower part of the Limestone Coast make for spectacular – and often surreal - swimming, snorkelling and diving experiences. Destinations like **Ewens** Ponds (near Port MacDonnell), Piccaninnie Ponds (near Nelson), Little Blue Lake and Kilsby Sinkhole (both near Mount Gambier) all offer crystal-clear fresh waters within bizarre geological formations. Ewens Ponds is one of the best freshwater dive sites in Australia, delivering visibility of up to 80 metres; Piccaninnie Ponds is a wetland of international importance and place of glassy plunge pools; and Kilsby sits in a paddock, where you can do a guided snorkelling tour with all the gear provided. Mount Gambier is home to a dive operator if you want to hire gear or join a tour; there's also diving (under the city!) available at Engelbrecht Cave.

#### Golf

The Limestone Coast is home to a swag of golf courses stretching from Meningie to Mount Gambier, including: Naracoorte Golf Club (18 holes on slightly undulating country, with a driving range); Penola Golf Club (a par 72 course open to all); Kingston SE Golf Club (18 professionally designed holes); Robe Golf Club (uniquely located a few minutes' drive from the main street); Beachport Golf Club (nine holes near the caravan park); Mount Gambier Golf Club (18-hole, par 72 course named in Australia's top 100 courses); Blue Lake Golf Club (built on the southern crater of Mount Gambier); The Lucindale Country Club (18-hole course with watered fairways and greens set in rolling dunes); and Millicent Golf Club (rated as South Australia's best country course).

If you haven't quite mastered your woods and your irons, try the Crater Lakes Disc Golf Course in Mount Gambier where you'll be throwing a frisbee-like disc

Little Blue Lake. Mount Schank

instead of whacking a ball. There's also a brilliant new Mount Gambier-themed 18-hole minigolf course; it's part of the Blue Lake Golf Club in Mount Gambier, not far from the Valley Lake and Blue Lake.

#### **Off-road action**

Limestone Coast is home to huge tracts of country which is open to 4WDing. The Ngarkat Conservation Park covers 270,000 hectares with trails through woodlands, heathlands and dunes; it's also home to the well-known Border Track. Coorong National Park is a ribbon of wetlands, saltpans and dunes stretching 190 kilometres from the mouth of the Murray to Kingston SE, and 4WD is the only way to access its remoter parts. There's also 4WD options at Long Beach in Robe (12 kilometres of white sand) and Canunda National Park (45 kilometres of open beaches leading to fabulous walking trails, views and a shipwreck). The 50-kilometre Robe to Beachport route via the Sand Hills is renowned among drivers, campers and fishers.

#### In and on the water

There are excellent surf breaks up and down the coast. Surfers head to the wild, windswept frontage of 'The Dump' and West Beach near Robe, Post Office Rock, Surf Beach and Wooley Rock near Beachport and Burdon Beach near Southend. If you're new to the sport, there's a surf school at Robe. You'll also find kayaking adventures on the Gleneig River and of course there's no shortage of fishing action to be had with charters in Robe, Beachport, Kingston SE and Milang.

#### Exploring caves

Descending deep into the earth is always a thrill and the many chambers of the Naracoorte Caves go deeper than most! Naracoorte has a fabulous menu of activities, including a suit-up-and-get-dirty tour that will see you crawling on all fours. Engelbrecht Cave in Mount Gambier also does a brilliantdeep-down tour; you might even see cavedivers in action...

# nature

## Think you've seen it all? Then get ready for ghost mushrooms, dormant volcanoes, marsupial lions, a turquoise lake and white kangaroos

#### **Umpherston Sinkhole (Balumbul)**

Millions of years of weathering has left this 20-metre deep well in the limestone. Now sitting in the middle of the city of Mount Gambier, the sinkhole was transformed into an astonishing garden in the late-19th century. The subterranean oasis is lush and green, and a cool respite in summer. At dusk, you'll encounter its loveable locals, the Umpherston possums.

#### The Blue Lake and Mount Gambier

The Blue Lake (Warwar) is an icon and something of an enigma. It fills one of four craters of the dormant volcano that is called Mount Gambier (called Berrin by the Boandik people). The lake changes colour, from steel grey in the cooler months to bright cobalt blues in the summer. The volcano itself is estimated to have last erupted as recently as 4300 years ago; it's circled by a 3.6-kilometre road and walking track. There's an adjacent lake called Valley Lake, which is best viewed from the unusual 1904 Centenary Tower.

#### Naracoorte Caves

World Heritage-listed Naracoorte Caves National Park is home to a series of caverns, some of which proved traps for unsuspecting animals roaming the continent 500,000 years ago. Visitors of all abilities can enjoy the caves with a series of tours to see incredible cave formations, colonies of rare bentwing bats and the remnants of marsupial lions, giant wombats and giant kangaroos. Adventure cave options are available for those who don't mind going deep and getting dirty. Great camping options here, too.

#### **Tantanoola Caves**

One of few wheelchair-accessible caves in Australia, Tantanoola is also one of the most spectacular. Discovered by a 16-year-old boy in 1930, it features spectacular stalactites and wedding cake formations that are as colourful as they are prehistoric. ForestrySA has a self-drive forest trail, plus walks and tours. Pre-book an access pass.

Tantanoola Caves

#### Ghost mushrooms

From May to June, Glencoe Forest near Mount Gambier plays host to fungi that glows softly after dark. The result of a chemical reaction between fungal enzymes and oxygen, the glow makes for a magical effect and brilliant photos.

#### Mount Schank

Mount Schank is another dormant volcano, an ash cone rising to 100 metres above sea level, located 10 kilometres south of Mount Gambier. A two-kilometre walk around the rim provides excellent views of the city of Mount Gambier and Limestone Coast plains.

#### White kangaroos

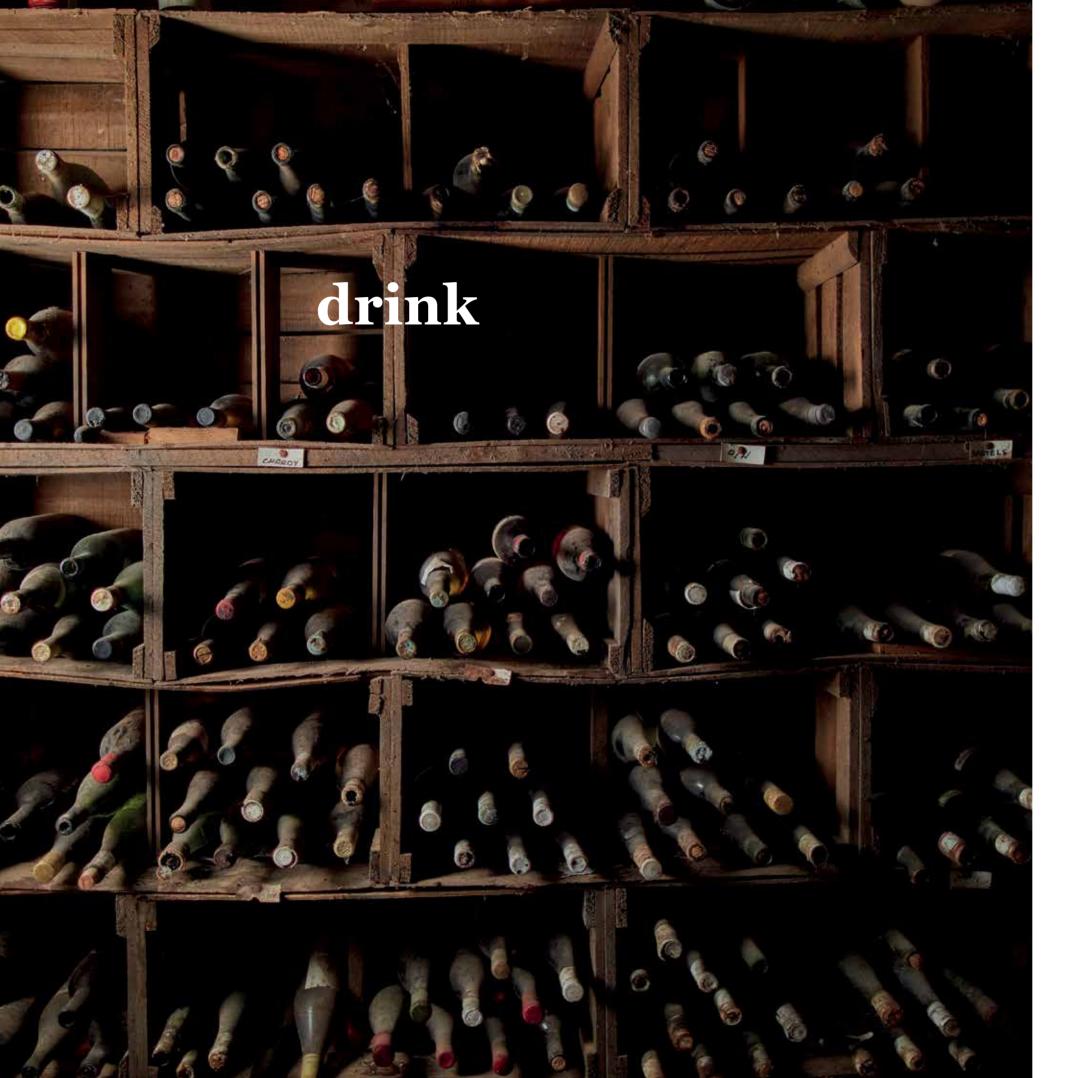
Bordertown is home to Australia's only colony of white kangaroos, resident at Bordertown Wildlife Park since the 1980s. Contrary to popular belief, these kangaroos are not albino, but a white strain of the western grey kangaroo. Stroll the perimeter of the park to see these striking marsupials among their western grey counterparts in a bushland setting.

#### The Coorong

The Coorong is a 140-kilometre stretch of saline lagoons fringed by vast dune systems. Though mostly wilderness (the National Park was established in 1966) it has sustained the Ngarrindjeri people for millennia. The Coorong can be driven in its entirety using suitably equipped vehicles, however it can also be accessed by a series of entry points including via an unsealed road out of Meningie. The park features a series of walking trails and scenic campgrounds found on both sides of the lagoons. The region is internationally significant as a migratory wader and waterfowl refuge, visited by some 230 species of birds.

Scan the QR code for more information on The Coorong.





# Six wine regions and a swag of cellar door experiences? We'll drink to that

#### Coonawarra

A pocket of rich red soil has helped take the name 'Coonawarra' to all corners of the globe. This may account for why many visitors are surprised to find the Coonawarra wine region is actually quite small and easily toured. The parcel of famed *terra rossa* is home to two dozen cellar doors, many of them north of the gorgeous historic town that is Penola.

#### Padthaway

Established as a grape-growing region in the 1960s, Padthaway is now very much a wine producer of note, known for growing some of the finest Shiraz and Chardonnay in the country. There are two operating cellar doors, though you can also call ahead to arrange a tasting by appointment at an ever-increasing number of smaller producers.

#### Robe

The Robe wine region saw its first vines planted in the mid-1990s. The region's vines benefit from cooling breezes off lakes in the east and the Southern Ocean to the west, as well as wind protection from the nearby Woakwine range. Result? A long, cool, dry growing season that produces flavourful wines. Look out for two cellar doors in town.

#### Wrattonbully

Wrattonbully supplied an Adelaide Hills jam manufacturer with grapes back in the 1880s, however the region's first wine grapes weren't planted until the 1960s. In the 1990s, winemakers started to take notice of the elevated sites and excellent soils of the region; today Wrattonbully produces high-quality reds, with parcels owned by some of the country's most prominent names.

#### Mount Benson

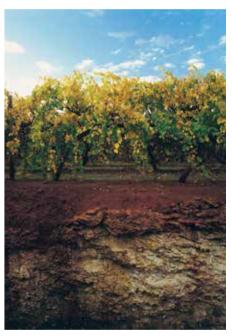
The Mount Benson wine region is one of the Limestone Coast's newest official wine regions, with more than 600 hectares of vines and seven cellar doors. The moderate

Brand's Laira, Coonawarra

climate, together with its loam-based *terra rossa* soils, produce premium Cabernet, Shiraz, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay.

#### **Mount Gambier**

Established as a viticultural region in 1982 and with just 270 hectares under vine, Mount Gambier is a burgeoning region producing Pinot Noir and white varieties of note. Small boutique wineries, many of them family-owned, are springing up with cellar doors. They are open for tastings, some on weekends but most by appointment.



Terra Rossa Soil, Coonawarra

#### KNEAD, ROLL AND COOK

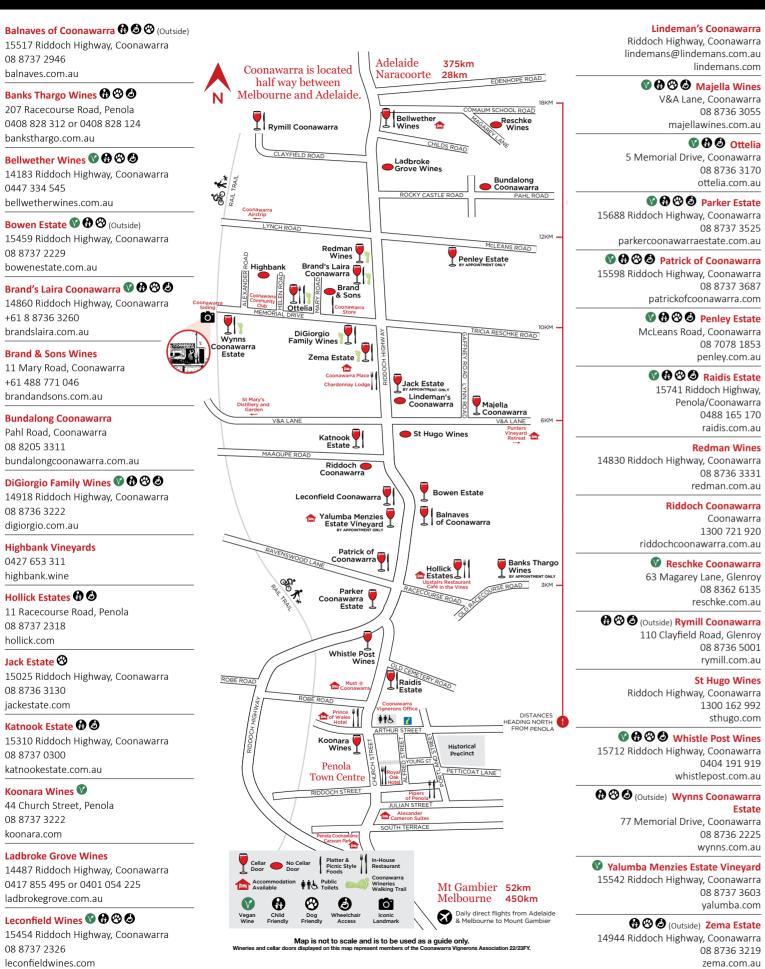
Enjoy a range of experiences, including wine tastings, at **DiGiorgio Family Wines**' beautiful cellar door in Coonawarra. One of their most sought-after experiences is a pasta-making lesson followed by lunch with the DiGiorgio family.

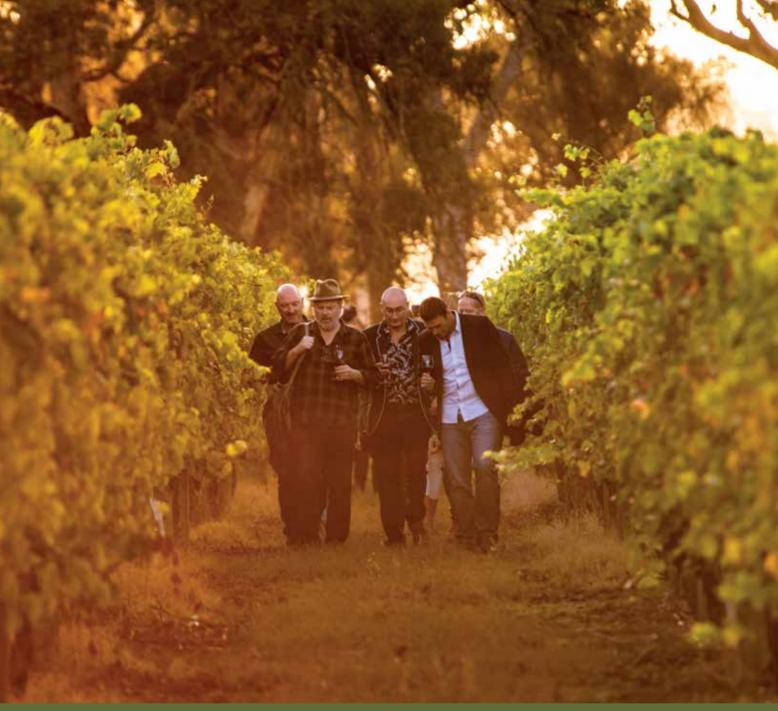
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# **WELCOME TO THE COONAWARRA REGION**

To view Cellar Door opening hours and to see what's happening in Coonawarra visit coonawarra.org scan the QR code







Limestone Coast (with more than 24 in the Coonawarra) offering tastings, wine sales, grazing plates – and occasionally something more ...

Hollick Estates has an 'Immerse Yourself' experience, where you sit down with the winemaker for a fully guided wine flight before pulling up a chair for an epic degustation lunch. At DiGiorgio Family Wines, you can tour the ancient terra rossa and 100-year-old vines before sipping from the barrel and feasting on Nonna's meatballs. At Raidis Estate, a long lunch with winemakers includes a guided tasting.

winemakers can live their dream with the Make Your Own Blend experience. And at Bellwether Wines, there's private tours and tastings, as well as an invitation to get handson with making sourdough and helping in the garden (where you can bag an armful of organic goodies for your next meal). And it's not all about wine. Don't miss two of the region's more unusual gin producers: St. Mary's Wines in Penola has transformed their age-old vineyard into a gin-lover's sanctuary and managed to impress the judges' eye at the 2021 GinNation Awards; and for a gin with a difference, try Sinkhole Gin - made from

**Cellar door experiences** There are dozens of cellar doors in the

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08 8736 3219 zema.com.au Down the road at Wynns Estate, wannabe

Raidis Estate Coonawarra, Penola

the famous limestone-filtered waters of the Kilsby Sinkhole.

Craft beer lovers will find their cup overflowing thanks to the like of Robetown Brewery (Robe), Loophole Brewing Co. (at Cape Jaffa Wines), Beachport Brewing Co. and two Mount Gambier breweries, Little Rippa Brewing Co. and Woolstore Brewery

Scan the QR code for more information on the Limestone Coast wine regions.





which is hand-fed on all sorts of natural, flavour-enhancing exotica. On Thursday to Saturday, Mayura offers a four-course chef-prepared menu utilising the best cuts of Wagyu available on the day. Meat lovers on less extravagant budgets will find themselves brilliantly catered to at The Barn Steakhouse in Mount Gambier.

#### Graze beside the vines

Seek out a cellar door to while away a sun-filled afternoon. Try Rymill Coonawarra (grazing platters, picnics and paired wines); Brand's Laira of Coonawarra (soups, ploughmans and pastries in a gorgeous contemporary cellar door); Ottelia (newly renovated cellar door and restaurant serving gourmet pizza); Raidis Estate, Coonawarra (platters for two in a lovely rustic winery); Cape Jaffa Wines, Mount Benson (local platters served out of a cruisy cellar door with vineyard views); and Farmer's Leap Wines, Padthaway (steak and seafood with sweeping vineyard views).



Southern rock lobster



## Beach retreats, cool stays and great escapes

Hotel-Motel in Millicent; The Harbour View Motel in Robe (with luxury top floor suites and harbour views); Alexander Cameron Suites in Penola; Stay@Mount Gambier (self-contained apartments); and Naracoorte Hotel Motel (complete with Billy Mac's Bistro).

#### **Travelling light**

There are caravan parks and campgrounds across the Limestone Coast, many of them ranged along the southern half of the coast. Canny travellers will be sure to book ahead before the school holidays. The Coorong has a string of unpowered campgrounds along its length, run by National Parks and costing \$17.50 a night.



Coonawarra Bush Holiday Park

Scan the QR code for more accommodation options.



#### **PINING FOR MORE OPTIONS?**

Pine Country Caravan Park offers a range of accommodation options including stylish glamping tents. Expect a peaceful country vibe, yet only minutes from the town and walking distance to the famous Blue Lake.

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# culture & history

# COONAWARRA

THE COONAWARRA RAILWAY SIDING

#### **Riddoch Art Gallery** & Cultural Centre

Mount Gambier's Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre is a must, with local artists exhibiting alongside works of serious national importance. Among the state's foremost regional collection you'll find over 1500 items, from paintings and prints depicting the people and history of the Limestone Coast to a significant collection of Aboriginal and 20th-century Australian art. The Cultural Centre has regular free screenings of Volcano, a one-hour, big-screen experience that shows how Mount Gambier was formed, seen through both Aboriginal and European lenses.

#### Mary MacKillop Interpretive Centre

In Penola, in the heart of the legendary Coonawarra, is the Mary MacKillop Centre. Canonised in 2010, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop forged her legacy of childhood education, teaching out of a series of make-do shelters until founding the St Joseph's Schoolhouse in 1867. The Centre is adjacent the school and across the road from the old timber and stone cottages of Petticoat Lane.

#### Walkway Gallery & **Bob Hawke Museum**

The Walkway Gallery in Bordertown attracts national and state touring exhibitions, with household names taking centre stage alongside local legends. The Bob Hawke Gallery houses a trove of Hawke memorabilia, from historic photographs and paintings to the legendary 1939 British Panther model 100 motorbike he crashed as a teenager.

#### **Engage with First Nations culture**

For at least 30,000 years, the Limestone Coast has been home to the Boandik, Bindjali and Ngarrindjeri people. Their culture and traditions are honoured throughout towns, national parks and forestry reserves by sharing their stories through interpretive signage and exhibitions. For an immersive First Nations

Coonawarra Railway Siding

## The Limestone Coast has stories to tell

experience, join a tour with Boandik Elder, Ken Jones, for a cultural and foraging journey to identify, pick and taste bush foods along the Port MacDonnell coastline.

#### Heritage walks

The towns and villages of the Limestone Coast are rich with history, which can be explored on self-paced walking trails. Stroll the streets of Robe for histories of early port life as well as the 15,000 Chinese who landed here before walking to the Victorian Goldfields. On the Kingston Heritage Trail, explore 35 sites including the Cape Jaffa Lighthouse. In Mount Gambier, follow interpretive signs to see some of South Australia's oldest heritage hotels.

#### Glencoe Woolshed

Built in 1863, the beautiful Glencoe Woolshed near Mount Gambier is a museum dedicated to the days of hand-shearing using blades. Never converted to mechanised shearing, the old interior is as evocative as it is fascinating.



Riddoch Art Gallery, Mount Gambier

# events

FEBRUARY/MARCH

## FEBRUARY



 Southern Ports Golf Week



South East Field Days

MARCH

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For details and dates of events, visit visitlimestonecoast.com.au



Penola Arts Festival



Coonawarra Cellar Dwellers



Tour of the Great South Coast



Robe Home Brew & Craft Beer Festival

# the limestone coast, region by region



# the mid coast

Kingston SE, Cape Jaffa, Mount Benson, Robe, Beachport & Southend

The Obelisk, Robe









#### KINGSTON SE

Located on the picturesque waters of Lacepede Bay and home to Larry the Lobster (who stands at an impressive 15 metres tall), Kingston SE is an ideal place for holidaymakers.

Enjoy days of fishing for salmon, bream and mullet, swimming in safe waters off white beaches and walking the town's picturesque tracks. After sunset, it's time to explore the cafés and restaurants, with plenty of local wine to accompany the brilliant local seafood.

If you're keen for an adventure, explore the district's many conservation parks, including Butcher Gap, Mount Scott, Jip Jip and, of course, the Coorong National Park just to the north.

Kingston is steeped in a colourful and interesting history. Take a self-guided walk on the town's Heritage Trail, taking in 35 sites including the Kingston National Trust Museum (you'll find artefacts rescued from shipwrecks) and Cape Jaffa Lighthouse which offers regular tours and spectacular views.

For an altogether different experience, visit the lovely Wind Dance mural and watch it come to life on your smartphone courtesy of an app and the magic of augmented reality...



#### **CAPE JAFFA & MOUNT BENSON**

At the southern tip of Lacepede Bay, Cape Jaffa has a residential marina, boat launching facilities and is home to a commercial fishing fleet. During the warmer months, with its protected sandy beaches and clean seas, the area is perfect for swimming, walking, diving, fishing and exploring the history of the area.

For stunning ocean views visit the Bernoulli Conservation Reserve and Lighthouse Cottage Ruins near the headland.

Lovers of fine wine can indulge at one of the many cellar doors of the Mount Benson Wine Region, located between Kingston SE and Cape Jaffa.



#### ROBE

Robe has been a favourite holiday destination with South Australians and Victorians for decades.

The historic town sits at the southern end of Guichen Bay. It was a bustling merchant port in the 1850s, when tall ships came into anchor and trade, the major export at the time being wool. The earliest form of lighthouse, the iconic Obelisk, made of

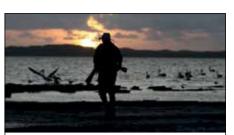
paddock limestone and painted in red and white, sits on Cape Dombey; it has been guiding captains through bands of marine reefs into shore since 1855. The town became famous as an entry-point for more than 15,000 Chinese goldseekers. Intending to avoid Victoria's punitive £10 tax imposed at Port Melbourne, they landed at the closest South Australian port and then walked the 400 kilometres to the goldfields. A memorial can be found near Robe Customs House Maritime Museum. Today, Robe is known for its rugged coastlines, sandy beaches, freshwater lakes – and a thriving town. The main street is a cosmopolitan mix of cafés, pubs and restaurants, boutique shops and art galleries, while the industrial area has seen a surge in unique retail businesses such as beef jerky, a coffee roasting

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Attractions include fishing at the marina, visiting a camel farm and a fine golf course. You can drive your car on the 12-kilometre Long Beach (to find a spot to call your own!) or go 4WDing to explore the fabulous coves and sandhill of Little Dip Conservation Park.

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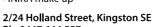
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Other activities include swimming, paddleboarding, kayaking, boating, walking trails and golfing.

The Bowman Scenic Drive follows the coastline, passing points of interest including Cape Martin Lighthouse, Penguin Island, Post Office Rock and Cowrie Island. It also takes in the Pool of Siloam, a highly saline lake that renders swimmers extrabuoyant and is said to have therapeutic properties; the pool has a picnic area.

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#### SOUTHEND

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Today, the town is a working cray fishing port and a holiday village. The ocean remains the focus of life, with plenty of safe swimming beaches, good surf, walking trails, boardwalks, lookouts and popular four-wheel driving spots.

Located 27 kilometres north of Millicent and 20 kilometres south of Beachport on the Southern Ports Highway, it's the gateway

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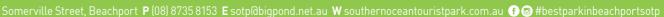
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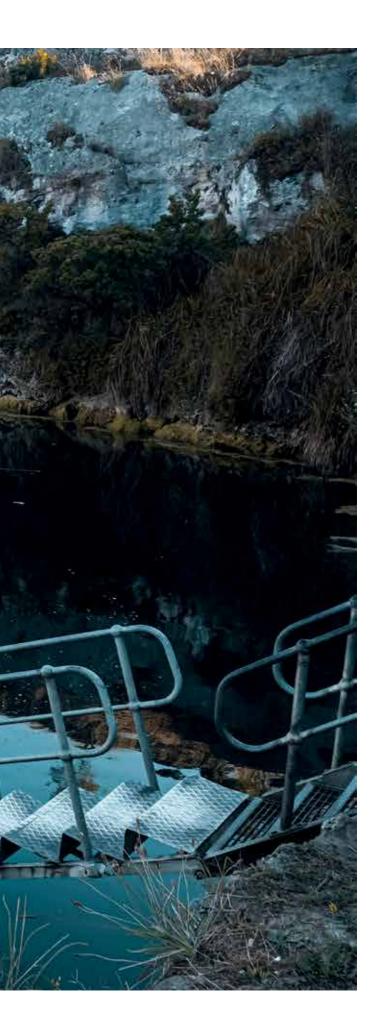
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Breakfast: Fuel up with a hearty breakfast at any of Mount Gambier's cool cafés like Bay Blue Espresso Bar, Confession (awesome bacon and egg melts) or the Metro Bakery.

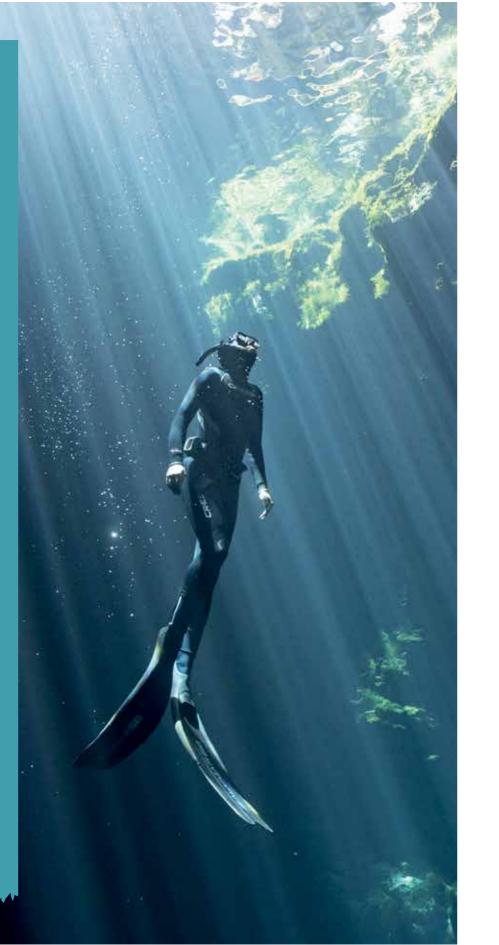
**Morning:** The kids are spoiled for choice – let them go wild at Kaboom, the Treehouse Adventure Centre or Railway Lands. At Valley Lake golf, nature walks and an adventure playground; there's also an awesome new 18-hole minigolf course. The famous Blue Lake, a short walk away, is especially dazzling on a summer morning. There's a great hour to be spent on a tour of Engelbrecht Cave, a labyrinth with an interesting history amazing Umpherston Sinkhole.

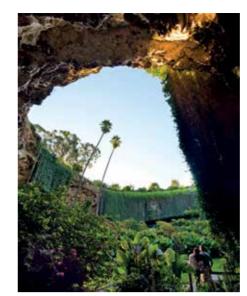
Lunch: Café Melzar. Molten Chocolate Café, Presto Eatery and Sorrento's are all great lunch options, ready and able to prepare you for an action-packed afternoon!

Afternoon: Head onto Commercial Street to join the 4.5-kilometre circuit City Heritage Walk, taking in the city's most important buildings and plenty of stories along the way. (Brochure available from the Visitor Centre.) Make sure to leave time for the Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre for the hour-long (free) screening of *Volcano* – a big-screen experience bringing ancient, Indigenous and European stories to life. And don't miss the very fine art collection.

**Dinner:** Dine at an historic pub, eat waterside at Thyme at the Lakes, try one of several excellent Asian restaurants or go upmarket at The Barn steakhouse!

After-dark: Enjoy a pre-show cocktail before taking in a live performance at the multi-purpose arts centre, Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre.





Umpherston Sinkhole, Mount Gambier



#### MOUNT GAMBIER

South Australia's second-largest city sits on the side of a volcano, affording it membership to a rather exclusive club that includes cities like Naples, Auckland, Quito, Seattle and Reykjavik. The volcano was home to the Boandik people for tens of thousands of years before it was sighted in 1800 by the Europeans and named Mount Gambier. A sheep station was established in the 1840s; both it and the subsequent settlement took the name.

Mount Gambier was declared a city in 1954 and today it's home to a little under 30,000 people. Ideally positioned halfway between Adelaide and Melbourne, it makes for a perfect base from which to explore the many attractions of the region.

The volcano hasn't erupted for more than 4300 years though it's no less spectacular for that, lending the city a remarkable topography and some extraordinary features found nowhere else. This includes the geological legacy of lakes, caves, sinkholes and waterways that have become integrated into everyday life. Synonymous with Mount Gambier is the Blue Lake (Warwar), a water body that fills the volcanic crater on the southern edge of the city. The water can show as a vibrant cobalt or even turquoise blue from November to March, before transforming to a steely grey in winter – a phenomenon said to be caused by the formation of calcite crystals, in turn caused by the warming of the lake. The nearly-round waterbody is almost a kilometre across and encircled by a road and walking track, with a number of viewing points.



Blue Lake, Mount Gambier

The lake is part of the Valley Lake Precinct - home to four craters and two lakes - which provides a range of activities including walking, cycling, disc golf and an adventure playground, all taking advantage of this distinctive environment.

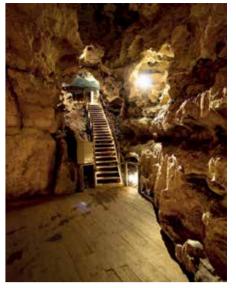
One of the city's most photographed locations is the remarkable Umpherston Sinkhole. Though set within the fabric of the city, the sinkhole is some 20 metres deep and rich with botanical gardens. These were first planted in the late 1800s as something of a Victorian curio. Today it's a must-see attraction. The Cave Garden (Thugi) is another city sinkhole and provides a lovely picnic spot at what was once the water supply to the early settlers.

Hidden away in a perfectly ordinary residential part of the city is **Engelbrecht** Cave. Behind a blink-and-you'll-missit entrance is a vast and quite surreal underworld. Join a 45-minute guided tour of the cave, descending 70 metres to see a beautiful underground lake. This is popular with cave divers who continue to explore the system; as recently as November 2022, a vast new cave was discovered beneath Mount Gambier.

This ancient landscape is explained at daily screenings of Volcano, The Story of Earth, Fire and Water. Starting with the Aboriginal Dreamtime story of Craitbul and his giant ovens, this award-winning bigscreen experience takes you through the spectacular history of eruptions that shaped Mount Gambier and the Kanawinka region.

Screenings take place at The Riddoch Arts and Culture Centre where heritage meets state-of-the-art technology to showcase natural and cultural treasures. The Riddoch Art Gallery first opened in 1887 and today houses a collection of more than

Kilsby Sinkhole, Mount Gambier



Engelbrecht Caves

1500 Aboriginal and European artworks; it also hosts touring exhibitions, runs public programmes and offers a gift shop with works by local artists. It sits adjacent to the Cave Garden, right in the heart of the city.

Mount Gambier fosters plenty of fine jazz talent, stemming from the popular Generations in Jazz competition for young musicians, and ably supported by part-time resident James Morrison. It's also the birthplace of Sir Robert Helpmann, and boasts a theatre named in his honour which hosts regular musical and theatrical performances.

While the city is easily explored on your own, joining a tour will prove more informative. Look out for the walking and cave tours or enjoy a pioneer farm experience. You can explore the city by bike with free hire available from the Visitor Centre and other locations, but for two-wheeled adventure look out for the mountain biking trails. Golfers can take advantage of two golf courses.

There's a growing wine region on the outskirts of Mount Gambier with visits welcome by appointment. Look out for locally grown wines from Haig Vineyard, Caroline Hills, Herbert Vineyard and Noski Wines, along with gin makers (Sinkhole Gin is made with water from the aquifer supplying the famous Kilsby Sinkhole), soft drink producers and breweries including Little Rippa Brewing Co. and Woolstore Brewery. The Farmers' Market is a great way to discover more of the local produce which can also be found at everything from funky cafés to fine diners.

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Millicent has an impressive range of historic buildings, among them the 1873 primary school building which now houses the awardwinning Millicent Museum. The museum has

a 'Shipwreck Room', a display on the extended drainage system of the South-East, the Helen Hughes vintage clothing assortment and one of Australia's best collections of horse-drawn vehicles. Millicent is also home to murals, sculptures and continually evolving public art installations incorporated into a walk around the township.

The town prides itself on a number of free, family-friendly attractions. The largest is the Millicent Domain Skatepark and Nature Play Space, very rightly called the 'Mega Playground' owing to its impressive range of play spaces, swings and slides. The Millicent Swimming Lake (open November to March) and the Road Safety School are also popular with families.

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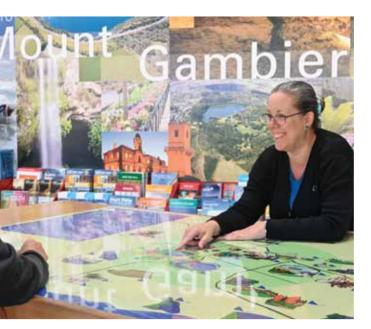
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(it also has barbecue facilities). Take a stroll through the stunning Coola Outstation trail in the Canunda National Park, or up the intensity and hit the sand dunes, popular with four-wheel drive enthusiasts.

The nearby seaside village of Southend offers spectacular coastal clifftop walks, fishing, 4WDing and camping. The township of Mount Burr has the newly developed Mount Burr Trails, offering picturesque views and opportunities to immerse yourself in nature.

Venture south to Tantanoola via the Windfarm Tourist drive, taking in views of Lake Bonney, the largest freshwater Lake in South Australia on the edge of Canunda National Park. The Tantanoola Cave is recognised as one of the finest single-chamber caves in the region. Don't miss the Ghost Mushrooms at Glencoe, or the historic Glencoe Woolshed and stunning scenery of Lake Leake and Lake Edward.





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#### PORT MACDONNELL

Port MacDonnell operates as Mount Gambier's seaport and is home to a fleet fishing the clean waters of the Southern Ocean.

Head out to sea on a fishing charter or visit the local fish and chip shops for catch of the day. Other dining options include cafés, pubs and restaurants, served up with wines from the district.

A long history of seafaring can be discovered at the Port MacDonnell Maritime Museum located in the Community Complex along with the Community Gallery.

The town plays host to some unusual attractions, including South Australia's southernmost point and the remnants of a petrified forest. There's also Feast's collection of classic cars and memorabilia not far out of town - a collection that reliably excites those who stumble upon it!

Carpenter Rocks, near the popular fishing and camping sites at Cape Banks Lighthouse, is the southern entrance to the Canunda National Park that runs north to Southend and Beachport. Surfers will want to seek out the waves at Cape Northumberland, where you can still see the foundations of the first lighthouse built on mainland South Australia.

Port MacDonnell is close to many of the region's famous sinkholes. Little Blue Lake is a popular swimming spot, and there's snorkelling and diving on offer at Ewens Ponds. Kilsby Sinkhole is perhaps the most renowned, an attraction located on private property and a must for divers who rate the 65-metre-deep sinkhole among the best in the world owing to the water clarity; you can also snorkel Kilsby with a guide, a chance to get some proper context on the geological phenomena. Piccaninnie Ponds Conservation Park boasts a freshwater spring system and is another popular dive site.

Be sure to make time to climb nearby Mount Schank, a dormant maar volcano: a walking trail leads to the rim (100 metres above sea level) for dramatic views of the surrounding landscape and into the crater itself. It's a good place for a picnic. More walking trails can be found at Dingley Dell Conservation Park, Germein Reserve and further afield at Telford Scrub.

The Victoria Hotel in Port MacDonnell is a great place to round out a day of swimming and snorkelling.



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Just over the border with Victoria you'll find Nelson, a tiny township located on the Glenelg River, where you can enjoy boating, river and ocean fishing, swimming, snorkelling, bird watching, water skiing and canoeing.

While in the area, visit the Princess Margaret Rose Cave in Lower Glenelg National Park, carved out by tidal water around 800,000 years ago and part of the Kanawinka Geotrail.

Continue on the Great Ocean Road to Portland with its beautifully maintained heritage buildings, Botanic Gardens and Marine Discovery Centre. Watch the local fishing fleet unload its catch, walk the foreshore, spot the resident seals and perhaps spy a southern right whale from the breakwater.

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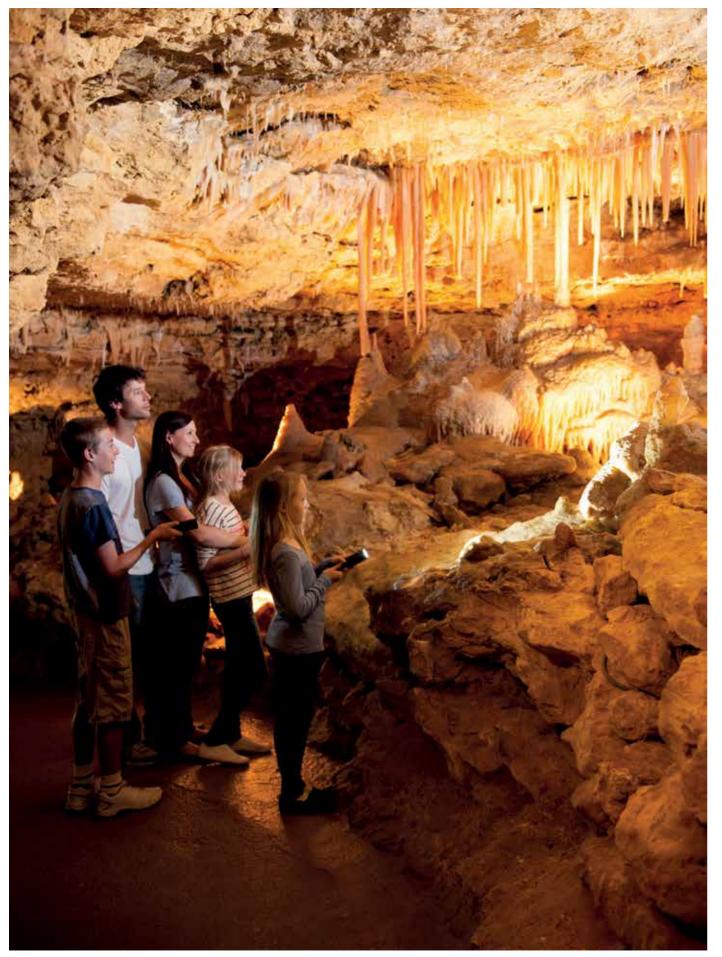


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#### **PENOLA & COONAWARRA**

Visitors travel to Penola and Coonawarra to experience world-famous wines and Australian history in equal measure.

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Visitors especially love the five-kilometre Coonawarra Wineries Walking Trail for its breadth of cellar doors, the gorgeous surroundings and the fact no-one needs to drive! The loop takes in Redman Wines, Brand's Laira Coonawarra, Ottelia, Wynns Coonawarra Estate, DiGiorgio Family Wines and Zema Estate. Download the mobile app before you start your stroll.

Penola is the largest town in the wine region and has many of its heritage stone buildings still intact.

It's also famous as the home of Australia's first saint, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Mary MacKillop began her work in education here in the 1860s, while residing with her uncle, Alexander Cameron (known as 'the King of Penola'). Visit the Mary MacKillop Penola Centre to see the old schoolhouse where she taught after being inspired by Father

Julian Tenison Woods to provide education for all children in the district.

Download the Walk with History app to tour other historic buildings in the town which was also home to poets John Shaw Neilson, Will Ogilvie and Adam Lindsay Gordon. Petticoat Lane features 1850s cottages including the home and herb garden of shoemaker Christopher Sharam and his wife Ellen, mother to their 15 children.

Soak up the atmosphere of the local galleries, cafés and shops or, for a bit of exercise, there's a golf course and bike hire. 'Walk, Run or Cycle' is the recently opened Coonawarra Rail Trail, which extends 19 kilometres through the world-famous Coonawarra Wine Region. The sealed trail begins in Penola and follows the unused Wolseley to Mount Gambier rail corridor. Visit wineries along the way and soak up the history and beauty of the region.

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Experience the Scottish heritage and historic buildings of the town, including the striking Georgian building in Ormerod Street which is home to the Naracoorte Regional Art Gallery, a showcase of traditional and contemporary visual arts. The Sheep's Back Museum is housed in an 1870s flour mill and tells the stories of the Australian wool industry and its people. For one of the many uses of wool, visit MiniJumbuk where you can view the production of their world-class woollen bedding products.

Set in glorious grounds, the Naracoorte Swimming Lake is a huge man-made lake with shallow sections for the littlies, deeper sections for lane swimming, a diving pontoon and an enclosed children's area.

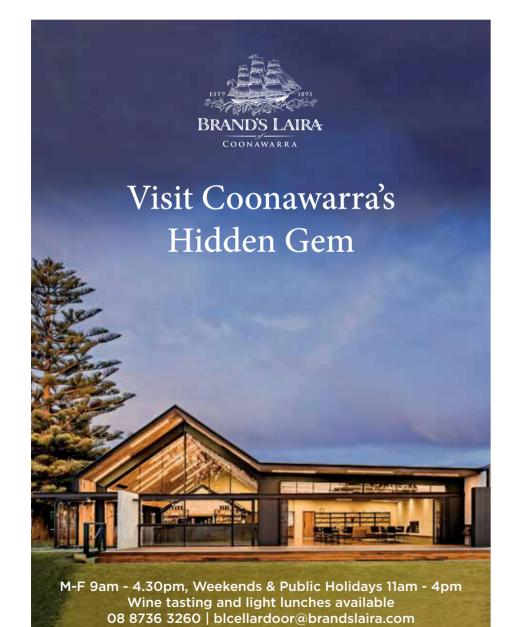
Walk, run or cycle the various self-guided trails around Naracoorte and explore the town's natural wonders, abundant wildlife and rich history. There's a trail for everyone, from the 30-minute walk through the native bushland of the Naracoorte Nature Park, to the 14.7-kilometre-long Naracoorte Caves Trail which connects the town of Naracoorte with the world-renowned caves.

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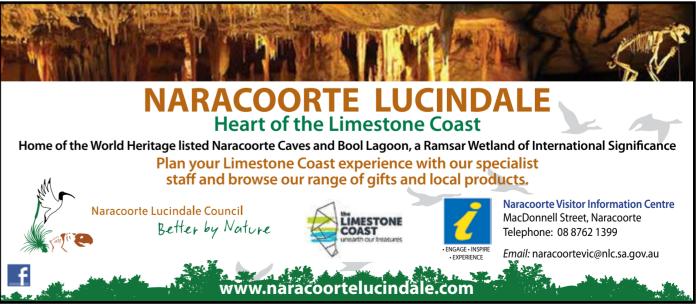
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#### PADTHAWAY

The thriving and picturesque village of Padthaway is situated on the Riddoch Highway, 60 kilometres south of Keith. The surrounding wine region - which also bears the name – was first planted with grapes in the mid-1960s and now boasts thousands of hectares of vineyards stretching as far as the eye can see. The fruit finds its way into iconic labels that have become household names.

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Bordertown & Keith

Mount Monster





Walkway Gallery, Bordertown



#### BORDERTOWN

Bordertown has been a service centre for travellers since the 1850s gold rush. Today it's an ideal stopover on the modern version of the Gold Escort route - the Dukes Highway which follows the path originally taken by the police troopers who delivered gold to Adelaide.

This local history is on display at the Clayton Farm Heritage Museum. The life and achievements of Bordertown's most famous son, former Prime Minister Bob Hawke, are brought to life at the Bob Hawke Gallery.

You'll find the work of artists from the region at the Walkway Gallery in the Tatiara Civic Centre. The collection is supported by an art prize open to all Australian artists. For more creative

works, walk the Public Art Trail to discover sculptures, murals, ceramics and leadlight. The town has a series of walking trails with nature reserves and a white kangaroo wildlife park nearby. Poocher Swamp, set among old red gums, is a known yabbying hole and picnic spot.

Spare a couple of hours to take the Tatiara Historic Drive. Starting at the Bordertown Visitor Centre, the 50-kilometre round trip includes 14 places of interest explaining the history of the region. Highlights include the Clayton Farm Heritage Museum, and lunch at the historic Old Mundulla Hotel. This district is known for some of the state's best farming land and the town of Mundulla hosts the Stockman's Challenge and Mundulla Show each March. Follow the self-guided Moot Yang Gunya Swamp Walk to see abundant birdlife and unique flora and fauna.

Nearby Wolseley was once a bustling railway town where the narrow gauge line met the broad gauge from Melbourne. The fuel storage tanks camouflaged as farm buildings built by the RAAF during World War II can still be seen. Find out more on the self-guided Historical Walk.



#### KEITH

On arrival in Keith be sure to look up where you'll see (what else?) a Land Rover sitting atop a pole. The quirky monument commemorates investment in vast new areas of farmland near Keith during the 1950s; it was undertaken by the AMP Insurance Company which contributed to the growth of the town. Earlier histories are told in a Keith National Trust Museum with

displays in a former Congregational Church and a small 1894 cottage – Davis Historical Cottage - on Emu Flat Road.

Travellers can stretch their legs on the golf course while the kids will enjoy the playground and monorail train.

For 4x4 or dirt bike riding action or a camping experience, head out to Ngarkat Conservation Park, Mount Monster or Jip Jip Conservation Park. Walk to the top of Christmas Rocks near Willalooka for the best views over the district.

Mount Monster Conservation Park is 12 kilometres south of Keith and known for an unusual granite outcrop called Mount Monster. A short hike to the summit offers uninterrupted views over the granite outcrops, natural bushland and the flat agricultural land extending into the horizon. An interpretive self-guided walk around the base of the granite outcrop reveals some of the secrets of 'the Monster'.



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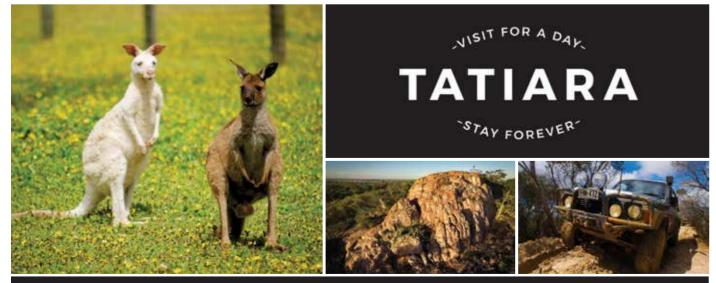
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Walkway Gallery Located in the Tatiara Civic Centre the Walkway Gallery supports work of local Tatiara (and Limestone Coast) artists and arts organisations, as well as giving visitors the opportunity to engage with important work by significant and established artists. Education and public programs, including kid's art classes are aligned Walkway with the exhibitions program. Gallery 43 Woolshed Street, Bordertown F

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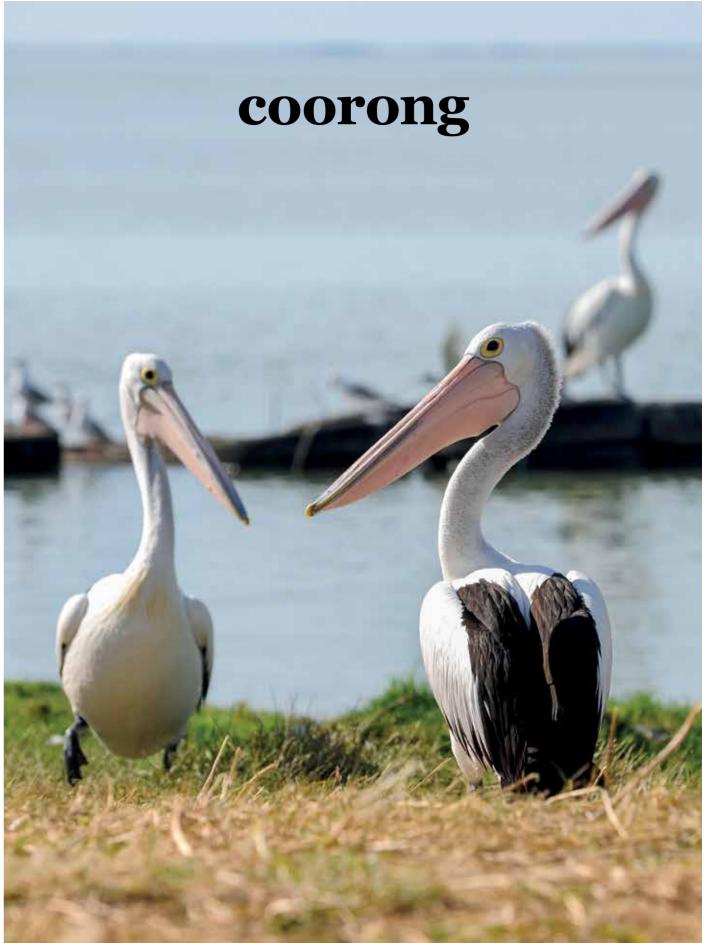


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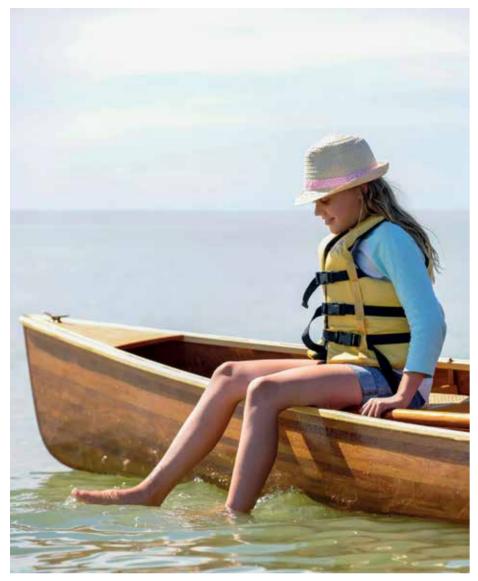








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#### MENINGIE

The northern gateway to the Coorong and Limestone Coast, Meningie was established as a staging post serviced by paddle steamers. Today the town offers fishing, boating, skiing, walking trails and fabulous sunsets. Meningie Hill Lookout provides views over Lake Albert and the surrounding pastoral properties, while a wetland bird sanctuary is a haven for the many birds also seen in the Coorong. An interpretive path along the waterfront highlights the diverse history of the region.

The town is home to a sculpture and display dedicated to the iconic Birdman of the Coorong, a bushranger who was said to ride an ostrich. It's your chance to saddle up and take a photo! Look out also for famous Coorong Mullet, served at local eateries, the Lake Albert Golf Course (a very good 18-hole green course), The Meningie Cheese Factory Museum (housing historic and present-day artefacts) and 'The Chambers', home to Coorong Cottage industries for local arts and crafts.

There are a number of excellent drives along the shores of Lake Albert and the Coorong. You can also do a loop south along the Coorong, heading out on Narrung Road toward the unsealed but well-graded Seven Mile Road. Head south to the Coorong National Park's northern lagoon where you'll get a great taste of what the wild and wonderful Coorong is all about. Here's the place to indulge in a little birdwatching and bushwalking. There are more than 230 bird species recorded in the Coorong; take one of the well-signposted nature walks and see how many you can spot. Return to Meningie via Bonney Reserve Nature Trail and Princes Highway.



## **Meningie Information Hub**

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