

The Heart of NSW

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Lachlan Shire Council acknowledges the traditional owners of the land Lachlan covers, the Wiradjuri people. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge their love of and care for this land over many generations.

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The Heart of NSW encompasses the local government area of the Lachlan Shire and is well known for its natural beauty, friendly and welcoming locals and relaxed bush lifestyle.

The towns and villages in the Lachlan Shire capture the essence of life in the bush. Condobolin is the largest town in Lachlan followed by Lake Cargelligo and Tottenham then the villages of Tullibigeal, Burcher, Derriwong, Albert and Fifield.

All our towns and villages have unique features and attractions to explore, so reach for your hat, pull on your boots and be prepared to trek through our red dirt to see some of the most beautiful country in Australia.

We are proud to deliver your ultimate bush experience here in the Heart of NSW and we hope you make our home, your home.

Mayor

Lachlan Shire Council

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Bush Beginnings

Welcome to
Wiradjuri Country

Gawaymbanha
Wiradjurigu
Ngurambanggu

The Heart of NSW is the traditional land of the Wiradjuri people also known as the people of the three rivers. The Wiradjuri people have inhabited modern day New South Wales Australia for at least 40,000 years.

At the time of European colonisation, there were an estimated 3,000 Wiradjuri living in the region. This country extends from the Great Dividing Range in the east and is bordered by the Macquarie, Lachlan and Murrumbidgee Rivers. The Wiradjuri nation is the largest in NSW and second largest geographically in Australia. Lachlan Shire Council is positioned in Wiradjuri Country with one in six people identifying as Aboriginal.

The Wiradjuri people were a hunter-gatherer society, made up of small clans or family groups whose movements followed seasonal food gathering and ritual patterns.

Condobolin is the home of the Kalarie people, lower Lachlan region, and is considered by other Wiradjuri communities to be the heartbeat of the Wiradjuri nation, rich in local history and heritage, art, music and dance.



The Wiradjuri Cultural Centre is located on the corner of Cunningham Street and McDonnell Street in Condobolin. It was constructed for the express purpose of promoting the study and understanding of Wiradjuri culture. The Centre offers a local hub for training, development, employment, cultural appreciation and cultural awareness. There is also an art gallery and a yarn up space for visitors to gather and enjoy the environment. You are welcome to visit the Centre. Guided tours are conducted Monday – Friday, at 11:00am and 2:00pm. Tours can also be arranged by phoning (02) 6895 4664. Local Aboriginal art and products are also available for purchase from the gallery.

The Western Plains Regional Development building houses a traditional basket weaving display made by local artist Bev Coe. Also on display are stone artifacts collected by local man Stan Dodgson and a permanent display of Aboriginal family history which will be of interest to history buffs. The building is located at 18 William Street, and is open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

Goobothery Monument / Kings Grave is found on the Lachlan Valley Way between Condobolin and Euabalong. Surveyor – General John Oxley documented the Kings Grave location on 29 July 1817 on his return journey when exploring the Lachlan River. This site is a sacred burial site of an Aboriginal chief who drowned while crossing the river in a flood. On 21 July 1913 (96 years later), Edmund Milne and a party of men located one of the carved trees still intact and the lower portion of the other. The two carved trees were removed and relocated to the Australian Museum in Sydney and a stone cairn and replica posts were erected to commemorate the Oxley expedition. Today, the site is recognised with interpretative signage and a picnic bench for visitors to stop and appreciate the significance of this historical site.

Manna Mountain, located just outside the village of Burcher (50km south of Condobolin), offers a broad view of the landscape and has been a popular location with special significance for centuries. Those who wish to explore the mountain will discover the scars left in the rocks from generations of Aboriginal people sharpening their axes and other tools.

The **Lake Cargelligo** area is rich in Aboriginal history as the Wiradjuri tribe gathered on the banks of the lake for many years prior to European discovery by Oxley in 1817. The name Lake Cargelligo is a variation of “Cudjallagong” which in the Wiradjuri language means ‘Lake’. Although Lake Cargelligo is in the centre of Wiradjuri country, there are many Aboriginal people living there now who have been resettled from Carowra Tank in the heart of Ngiyampaa country, as well as from Menindee which is Paakantyi country.

Due to the presence of relatively permanent water, the lake and some parts of the Lachlan River were used by Aboriginal people for centuries as meeting places and sources of food and water. Many Aboriginal artefacts have been found on the lake foreshores.

Deadmans Point at Lake Cargelligo is the location of several **Aboriginal freshwater mussel shell middens**. Shell middens were formed by the accumulation of shells by Aboriginal people collecting, cooking and eating fresh water mussels over a long period of time. They are usually found along river banks, swamps and lakes. This particular midden contains the freshwater mussel (*Velesunio ambiguus*). This midden is fairly large and is the result of many meals eaten in the vicinity. Some large middens also contain burials.

An Aboriginal quarry or **Ochre Pit** containing rich yellow and red ochres can still be found on the edge of Frog’s Hollow. The ochre from the pit was used by the local Aboriginal population to decorate themselves during corroborees, for Aboriginal painting and decorating didgeridoos which were a valuable trading commodity.

Kejole Koori Art Studio is located at 98 Grace Street in Lake Cargelligo and showcases local Aboriginal artwork. Items include pottery, jewelry, didgeridoos, clapping sticks, paintings and merchandise like coffee cups and tea towels. Operators Kevin Cooper and John Clark encourage visitors to either drop in or make a booking by phoning (02) 6898 1708 or 0402 196 821.



Bush Camping



Sleeping under the stars is part of who we are at Lachlan and with our amazing night skies, you will not be disappointed. Whether it's pitching a tent, setting up a camper trailer or experiencing the caravan or motorhome camp experience, at Lachlan we warmly welcome and cater for all visitors including freedom campers.

Leave the stresses of the city life behind and head out bush where you will be met with good old fashioned bush hospitality offered by friendly locals who will make you feel very much at home. Try your luck fishing and throw in a line along the Lachlan River, the inspiration for Banjo Patterson's famous prose Clancy of the Overflow.

Listen to the sounds of the amazing birdlife and take in the down to earth beauty of the Australian bush through the day and during the night.

Our towns and villages of Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo and Tottenham are all RV Friendly offering amenities and services for the mobile traveller. These locations are also home to Council owned Caravan Parks that offer powered and unpowered sites and cabins. Facilities include camp kitchens, BBQs and it wouldn't be true bush hospitality if we weren't also pet friendly.

Gum Bend Lake at our major town Condobolin, or Condo as it's known to the locals, is fast becoming one of the "must visit" freedom camping sites across Australia. Sunsets at our two main freedom camp locations, Gum Bend Lake and Dead Man's Point Lake Cargelligo, are worth experiencing.

Lake Cargelligo is a spectacular location and is the showpiece of the largest natural inland lake system in NSW having a volume of 36,000 mega litres, a surface area of 1,440 hectares and an average depth of 3.7 metres. Lake Cargelligo is the perfect place for recreation of all kinds including water skiing, fishing, canoeing, swimming, camping and much more. Your ultimate bush experience awaits you.

FREEDOM CAMPING LOCATIONS

Gumbend Lake, Condobolin

Beautiful lake views and close to the town centre. Clean amenities block with hot showers. Dogs permitted on a lead. BBQ area, children's play equipment and boat ramp. Donations welcome.

Dead Man's Point, McInnes Road, Lake Cargelligo

Camp right on the beautiful Lake Cargelligo waterfront. Close to the town centre. Eco toilets and picnic tables are provided, no power and no water. Dogs permitted on a lead.

Frogs Hollow, Lake Cargelligo

Camp right on the beautiful Lake Cargelligo waterfront. Close to the town centre. Dogs permitted on a lead. Picnic tables placed along the water's edge.

Pioneer Park, Wattle Street, Tullibigeal

Pioneer Park is in the main street and is a great place to stop. Facilities include a playground, BBQ area, toilets and showers. Dogs permitted on a lead. Donations welcome (02) 6972 9176.

Burcher Camping Grounds, Kurrajong Street, Burcher

Powered and unpowered sites with basic facilities including showers, toilets and sheltered camp kitchen. Drop in to the Post Office or Hotel to organise a site. Dogs permitted on a lead. Donations welcome.



Helpful Info for Bush Campers

Free Motor Home Dump Point

- **RIVERVIEW CARAVAN PARK**
Diggers Avenue, Condobolin. (02) 6895 2611
- **LAKEVIEW CARAVAN PARK**
Naradhan Street, Lake Cargelligo.
(02) 6898 1077
- **ROADSIDE DUMP POINT**
Narrandera Street, Lake Cargelligo.
- **THE STATE CENTRE CARAVAN PARK**
Tullamore Road, Tottenham. (02) 6892 4126

ATMS

The larger towns of Condobolin and Lake Cargelligo have ATMs in the main street, while the smaller towns and villages have EFTPOS available in various locations.

Service Stations

One thing to remember is that you can't always get 24-hour fuel in the country, so fill up when you are able.

- **BP CONDOBOLIN – VANTAGE FUEL**
Corner Denison & Molong St, Condobolin.
(02) 6895 2221
- **CONDOBOLIN SHELL**
118 Bathurst Street, Condobolin. (02) 6895 4054
- **RAY'S AUTO REPAIRS (CALTEx)**
20 Lachlan Street, Condobolin. (02) 6895 3060
- **CANADA STREET FUEL LAKE CARGELLIGO, SHELL**, 108 Canada Street, Lake Cargelligo. (02) 6898 1322

• WEST LAKE FUEL SUPPLIES

44 Foster Street, Lake Cargelligo. (02) 6898 1368

• BROWN'S SERVICE CENTRE

72 Umang Street, Tottenham. (02) 6892 4122

• TOTTENHAM RURAL TRADING

97 Umang Street, Tottenham. (02) 6892 4177

• DJ & L J FRANKEL PTY LTD

27 Wattle Street, Tullibigeal. (02) 6972 9176

• QUALITY FUEL

Melrose Road, Albert. (02) 6892 8223

24 hour fuel available

NRMA Assistance

NRMA roadside assistance is available if you get stuck anywhere in the Lachlan Shire 24 hours a day, every day of the year to help our members. **If you need roadside assistance please call 13 11 11.**

Internet Access

• WESTERN PLAINS REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

18 William Street, Condobolin. (02) 6895 3301

• CONDOBOLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

130 Bathurst Street Condobolin. (02) 6895 2253

• LOWER LACHLAN

COMMUNITY SERVICES INC.

30 Foster Street, Lake Cargelligo. (02) 6898 1151

• LAKE CARGELLIGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

35A Foster Street, Lake Cargelligo. (02) 6898 1722

• TOTTENHAM RTC

69 Umang Street, Tottenham. (02) 6892 4020

Medical

• SHORTIS & TIMMINS PHARMACY

75 Bathurst Street, Condobolin. (02) 6895 2477

• CONDOBOLIN HOSPITAL

Madline Street, Condobolin. (02) 6890 1500

• MELROSE MEDICAL CENTRE

Melrose Street, Condobolin. (02) 6895 2411

• CONDOBOLIN ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE

99 Bathurst Street, Condobolin. (02) 6895 4311

• DR PETER HARRIS DENTIST

130 Bathurst Street, Condobolin. (02) 6895 2091

• AC LORD, OPTOMETRISTS

51 Bathurst Street, Condobolin. (02) 6895 2679

• BARRATT & SMITH, PATHOLOGY SERVICES

97 Bathurst Street, Condobolin. (02) 6895 4371

• LAKE CARGELLIGO PHARMACY

17 Foster Street, Lake Cargelligo.
(02) 6898 1058

• LAKE CARGELLIGO HEALTH SERVICE

Uabba Street, Lake Cargelligo. (02) 6898 0200

• LAKE CARGELLIGO FAMILY MEDICAL PRACTICE. (02) 6898 2312

• TOTTENHAM MULTI-PURPOSE HEALTH SERVICE

Moondana St, Tottenham. (02) 6891 6200

Bush Adventure

Bush adventure is part of daily life here in the Heart of NSW. With such a large area to explore it is best to plan your trip but be prepared that you might encounter wildlife, farm machinery and drovers moving mobs of cattle on horseback.

Exact geographical centre of NSW, 42km west of Tottenham. A cairn marks the exact geographical point and gives the traveler a sense of space and appreciation of the natural environment. It is located on the eastern side of Cockies Road, 5km south of the Five Ways intersection. For GPS navigators the location is 147 1'56" E, 32 9'47" S.

'Utes in the Paddock', outdoor gallery just 3km down Mulguthrie Road near Ootha. Various models of Holden utes act as a canvas for the completion of high quality 'uteworks' that celebrate bush life in Australia. The collection features some of Australia's best known artists including John Murray, Shane Gehlert, Peter Brown, Adam Cullen and Condobolin's own local artist Karen Tooth, in a tribute to life in the bush. For more information visit www.utesinthepaddock.com.au

Lachlander Museum, 46 Bathurst Street Condobolin. One of the last newspapers in Australia to change from 'hot metal' printing to computerisation, only making the change on a permanent basis in January 2004. All the equipment has been kept and is available for inspection. The machinery includes three presses and two intertype machines. One intertype machine was manufactured in England and the other in America. The Intertype machine incorporates a keyboard, a magazine that contains continuously reused type matrices, a casting mechanism, and a distribution system for returning used matrices to the magazine. Tours of the museum are available any day of the week however, the premise is still used as a worksite so it is essential that you make an appointment by phoning (02) 6895 4010.



Condobolin Historical Museum, 35 Bathurst Street Condobolin, contains a variety of displays depicting Condobolin's pioneers, including a local WW1 centenary display. The Museum is operated by the Condobolin & District Historical Society Inc. with support of Lachlan Shire Council. Information on local and family history is available along with books and post cards. Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10.30am to 2pm or by appointment. Please phone (02) 6895 4018 or (02) 6896 2219 to arrange a time.

The **Condobolin Community Centre Craft Shop**, corner of Denison and Bathurst Street, displays handmade craft items and souvenirs available for purchase. Items include knitted baby jackets and booties, scarves, tea pot covers, coat hangers and soft toys. There is also a selection of locally made relish, jam and pickles and a large selection of preloved books. The Craft Shop is open from 10am till 4pm from Wednesday through to Saturday. Stop in for a chat with the friendly Lachlan locals.

Condobolin Railway Museum, Madline Street. The Museum is housed in the former railway barracks and is a must see for railway enthusiasts. The barracks building is described by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage ; the best extant example of a rest house constructed from precast concrete in NSW from the 1920's. This unique collection focuses on items with a direct connection to Condobolin and the surrounding district. Items include the former Micabil railway station building, a four-wheel S truck, a four-wheel water gin and many other smaller items are housed within the well preserved barracks and out-buildings. Some would say it is the impressive assortment of hand-operated and motorised track maintenance vehicles that are the gems of the collection. Visits to the Condobolin Railway Museum can be organised by contacting (02) 6895 3301. There are currently no fixed operating hours or admission charges but a collection this extensive is worthy of the attention by anyone with an interest in our railway heritage.

The **farm chapel** 'Christ the King,' Lake Cargelligo River Road, 50km west of Condobolin. Located on a property bordering the Lachlan River called "Bolo". The first seeds for the idea of this farm chapel came from owner Walter Bachmann and his memories of his farm chapel on the family property in Switzerland, combined with a dream and the inspiration of the visionary Swiss National Saint, Bruder Klaus, whose image is depicted in one of the frescos adorning the outside of the

chapel. This spectacular farm chapel is of a circular design, representing the form of eternity. The domed roof is highlighted in the interior with a vast fresco adorning the ceiling and the building incorporates the chapel on the upper floor and a priests' residence on the ground floor. A gallery walk around the outside of the chapel displays three mosaics created over a period of months from thousands of finely cut and polished stones depicting Christ the Teacher, St Joseph with baby Jesus and St Nicholas von Flüe. The interior of the chapel is engulfed by the fresco covering the domed ceiling. Visitors to the bush chapel are most welcome. For more information please call Brother Dominic on 0457 692 735.

Lake Cargelligo Historical Society Museum, Holt Street. Managed by a dedicated team of volunteers, the museum boasts a large and diverse collection of items specific to Lake Cargelligo and the surrounding area. Spend hours in the grounds outside viewing the rural machinery used for ploughing the land or harvesting crops, take a tour or browse inside the museum through household relics. The collection has been carefully catalogued and offers visitors a comprehensive insight into the lives of Lake Cargelligo locals. From the first pair of water skis used on the lake, to the telephone exchange, local firefighters' uniforms, sewing machines, lamps and lanterns and more. Open Wednesday from 10am to 3pm or by appointment. To make a booking, please phone (02) 6898 1384.

The Lake Cargelligo Historical Society Museum also boasts a unique display of working draught horses which are on display at the museum annually on the June Long Weekend Museum Open Day or by appointment for large groups. If you wish to see the working draught horse museum demonstrating how things used to be done on the land, such as cutting chaff or grinding corn, please contact owners Jan and Steve Johnson in advance to ensure the horses are ready for your visit by phoning (02) 6898 1384.

The Lake Cargelligo Tourist Information Centre at 1 Foster Street houses the unique **Alf Tyack Stone Butterfly and Gem Collection** and is perfect to stop for information on Lake Cargelligo and the surrounding area. Call in and visit the friendly volunteer staff at the Information Centre and have a chat.



Bush Sports

The Heart of NSW is home to many great bush sporting events like gymkhanas, sports days, rodeos, cutting competitions and picnic race meets, all of which are held annually in our towns and villages.



Tottenham and Tullibigeal host annual gymkhanas where the horse and rider are put to the ultimate test of balance and control with flag, bending and barrel races. Gymkhanas are a great day out for families and friends where you can watch riders of all ages displaying their horsemanship skills.

Milby Sports Day is held at West Milby, a sports ground between Condobolin and Tullibigeal and offers good old fashioned fun at its best with gymkhana activities, a rodeo, poddy calf rides, a children's activity centre, a jumping castle, bog eye race, woodchop, tug-o-war and Miss Milby and Miss Junior Milby competitions with the day ending with band entertainment.

The Lake Cargelligo Buckout and Gymkhana Committee hold events including a rodeo, team penning events and gymkhana in Lake Cargelligo annually. These events are family orientated weekends which attract young and old alike. People travel from everywhere to enjoy what the weekends have to offer. For further information please contact Glen or Lisa on (02) 6966 1276.

The Condobolin Cutting Championship and Condobolin Campdraft are held annually in Condobolin. These events display the relationship between horse and rider and demonstrate the horse's ability to respond quickly with sharp turns and twists.

Picnic race meets are held annually in Condobolin, Tullibigeal and Tottenham. Visitors are welcome to join in with the fun of all of these wonderful bush events. For a full list of these events visit www.heartofnsw.com.au and look for event dates under the What's On section.

The Heart of NSW is an active region which supports many activities for adults and children such as rugby union, rugby league, soccer, netball, tennis, bowls, croquet, golf, touch football and cricket. For those wishing to cool down on a hot summer day, Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo, Tottenham and Tullibigeal have public swimming pools. For those who enjoy a hit of golf, enjoy one or all of our four golf courses at Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo, Tottenham and Albert.

There is a bicycle / walking track on the foreshore of Lake Cargelligo and from Gum Bend Lake to Condobolin. You can also enjoy the view of Condobolin at Reservoir Hill Lookout at the eastern end of Brady Street. Or visit Mt Tilga, eight kilometres north of Condobolin on the Cobar road where you can park your vehicle and stretch your legs to see beautiful 360 degree views.



Bush Adrenaline



The rush of adrenaline is often felt in the Heart of NSW with some of the most heart pumping events literally on the doorstep of our homes.

The Slattery Auctions Condo 750 is an off road navigational rally for motorbikes, cars, buggies, quads and motorbikes with sidecars. This annual event attracts competitors from all over Australia including Dakar riders and Australian Safari winners as well as numerous other riders whose aim is just to finish the gruelling 750 km track. Autos compete as 2WD, 4WD or buggies and boast local and interstate competitors. Motos compete as two wheeler, quad or our newest addition, the motorbike with sidecar class. Admission is free to all official Slattery Auctions Condo 750 events held over a two day period.

The Yellow Mountain Cross Country is a two day motorbike event consisting of approximately 220 kilometres each day and is run the first weekend of August each year racing between the townships of Condobolin and Tottenham. It is run as an Interclub between the two MNSW Motorcycle clubs of Tottenham and Condobolin. Each year the race starts and finishes alternately at either Tottenham or Condo and it's a great weekend of racing.

Water skiing is another popular heart starter in Lachlan with ideal water skiing locations being Lake Cargelligo and Gum Bend Lake. Lake Cargelligo is the perfect place for recreation of all kinds with a surface area of 1,440 hectares and an average depth of 3.7 metres so you will have plenty of room to water-ski, wakeboard or go for a spin on a biscuit.

Water skiing at Gum Bend Lake is equally as popular. Gum Bend Lake is a manmade lake three kilometres from Condobolin and when full is 1.75 metres deep. Opened on 22 October 1988, Gum Bend Lake was a project to commemorate Australia's bicentenary and was jointly funded by the NSW Bicentennial Council, the people of Condobolin and the Lachlan Shire Council. The Gum Bend Lake extension was opened on 20 May 1990, to commemorate the centenary of Local Government in Condobolin. Gum Bend Lake is not only ideal for water skiing but also proves popular with bird watchers and fishing on the nearby Lachlan River. To visit Gum Bend Lake travel west on Bathurst Street and continue along Gum Bend Road 3km.



Bush Nature

Birdwatching

The Heart of NSW landscape varies from fertile meandering river country, inland lake systems and flat prime agricultural land making Lachlan something of a dream destination for birdwatchers.

Lachlan is home to around 230 bird species. 170 of these live here on a permanent basis while the remaining 60 species visit on annual migrations, to breed or in response to seasonal changes. As a result, Lachlan is a great birding destination. Many bird groups and clubs have annual trips to Lachlan and it's not unusual to leave this area with 30-40 lifers on your bird list, especially if you are from the coast.

There are three main factors which contribute to this area being the great birding destination that it is. The geographic location, large areas of intact native vegetation and the Lachlan River valley.

Lachlan lies in an area between the western slopes of the Great Dividing Range and the more arid interior. It boasts a large number of vegetation communities which in turn result in the large diversity of bird species.

Common local species aside, many species are at the edge of their individual distribution ranges. Eastern Yellow Robin, Speckled Warbler, Golden Whistler and Eastern Rosella are at the western edges of their home ranges with Southern Scrub Robin, Splendid Fairy Wren, Shy Heather Wren, and White Fronted Honey Eater area at the eastern limits of their home ranges. So it's not unusual in a days' birding, to see a wide variety of species.

The area is also an important 'flyway' for north/south migrating birds during spring and summer and autumn. Many of these birds are just flying through but others such as Dollarbirds, Rainbow Bee-Eaters and Pallid Cuckoos stop here each year to breed.

Lachlan still has large areas of undisturbed, intact native vegetation, especially on the western side. It boasts many state forests, native reserves and an extensive travelling stock route system. This is probably the single most important factor for diversity of bird species. Many woodland bird species thrive here while they are slowly declining in other areas where vegetation communities are more fragmented and disturbed. Grey crowned Babbler, Grand Cuckoo Shrike, Major Mitchell Cockatoos and Hooded Robin are common and frequently seen by birders. Large areas of intact Mallee also allows specialists such as Mallee Fowl, Scrub Robin & Gilberts Whistler to live and breed here.

Lachlan is split from east to west by the Lachlan River valley. Joining from the south and east are the Bland and Humbug Creek systems which enter along the Wallaroi Creek. The valley is typically vegetated by Redgum, Coolibah, Lignum/Saltbush and Myall communities. Many common waterbird species live and breed here.

There are no major permanent wetlands in Lachlan aside from small areas around Lake Cargelligo and Curlew Waters. In wet times and during flood years ephemeral wetlands appear along the Wallaroi Creek System. These wetlands persist long after floods have receded and provide great habitat for other uncommon waterbirds. Crakes, Rails and very occasionally Australian Pointed Snipe can be found at these times and will stay until the summer heat disperses them to cooler areas. When Lake Banar is full, large flocks of Pelicans, White Breasted Sea-Eagle and thousands of Plumed Whistling Ducks will invade the area to take advantage of the abundant food supply.

In dry times the Sewer Treatment Works at Condobolin and Lake Cargelligo are great places to see waterbird. They will often produce surprises such as Freckled Duck, Sharp Tailed Sandpiper, Black Tailed Native Hen and Australian Shelduck. They are always worth a visit.

The birding areas in the Lachlan Shire are all very accessible and it is easy to navigate your way around. A birding trip here will always be very productive for both beginners and hard core birders alike.

Fishing

The inland rivers and lakes in the Heart of NSW provide some of the best fresh water angling in the region. Fishing inland features slow waters, deep pools, fallen trees near deep weirs and shaded camping spots. The river banks are shaded by tall red gum trees, many of which have Aboriginal scars and markings.

Fish are important to the region for river health and of indigenous cultural significance. There are a number of sought after species such as the Murray Cod. The Golden and Silver Perch, Redfin and Catfish are also

targeted by many catch and release anglers. There is a weir near the eastern entrance to Condobolin, at the southern end of May St. There is some fine fishing downstream of the weir. Of course, most anglers will want to keep one or two fish for the barbeque so be sure to purchase your fishing license online at <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/licence-fee>.

Fishing laws exist in NSW to preserve fish and aquatic species. When you purchase your fishing license you will also need to check the recreational fishing rules and regulations. Please check before fishing as there are heavy penalties for not complying with these laws.

The Lachlan River is responsible for much of the Heart of NSW landscape. To experience the history and beauty of this iconic inland river, visitors can admire the river at Condobolin or through any of the Travelling Stock Reserves (TSR's).



Bush Business

Whatever your need while visiting the Heart of NSW, you will receive professional advice and assistance from the locally owned and operated business communities.

Lachlan is home to many traditional farming cultures and is one of the largest grain producing areas of NSW. It is a rich agricultural area and in addition to grain, is a significant producer of sheep, wool, beef and cotton. The agricultural sector accounts for nearly a third of economic activity.

While Lachlan Shire represents less than 0.01% of the total population of NSW which now exceeds 7 million, and 3.8% of the Central West, from a productivity perspective in the area of agriculture, Lachlan is a great contributor. Lachlan Shire produces approximately 17% of the State's wheat crop which covered more than 237,000 hectares. In 2011/2012 the oat crop generated 16.38% of the total agricultural income to NSW.



Farmers from Lachlan Shire were responsible for producing 36.48% of these oats. Lachlan is responsible for producing 14% of the State's total broad acre crops such as oilseeds and safflower, by dollar value (ABS 2010/2011 Agricultural Commodities). Lachlan certainly is punching above its weight.

The Agricultural Research Station is located 10 km east of Condobolin and is open by appointment on weekdays, (02) 6895 1025.

Lachlan has great potential for industry development. There is an abundance of opportunities for prospective investors and coupled with an ideal climate, the low cost of living and affordable housing, Lachlan has much to offer. A small but very successful light-manufacturing sector has emerged in both Condobolin and Lake Cargelligo. Council has also established Industrial Estates in both towns in an attempt to promote further growth.

Tourism is an emerging industry in Lachlan with the towns Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo and Tottenham all recognised as being RV friendly towns, catering for the growing caravan and camping visitor market to Lachlan. Coupled with unique bush attractions, Lachlan's ability to deliver on tourism experiences is gaining momentum.

Mining has emerged as an important new focus with employment being generated through the mines at Lake Cowal near Burcher and Mineral Hill near Condobolin. Prospecting is occurring across Lachlan and it is likely that mining activities will grow as a future source of employment and prosperity.

Lachlan Shire Council manages the largest road network of any local council in the state. It is responsible for maintaining a massive 4,460 kilometres of roads, with over 1,000km of these sealed. This strong focus on roads ensures visitors are well connected to explore Lachlan either on sealed or dirt roads.

Covering an area of 15,000 square kilometres and home to almost 7,200 residents, Lachlan sits amid major highways. The Newell Highway links Melbourne to Queensland through the central west. The Kidman Way, links the southern states to Queensland and the Northern Territory. The Mitchell Highway sits to the north and the Lachlan Valley Way connects Condobolin and Lake Cargelligo with Forbes to the east and Hillston to the west.



Bush Hospitality

When you visit the Heart of NSW you will enjoy friendly country service with a smile. So plan your trip off the main highways and enjoy one of the scenic routes the Heart of NSW has to offer.

Take the 'Lake Loop' and travel off the Kidman Way to explore the towns of Lake Cargelligo, Euabalong and Euabalong West. 'The Lake Loop' is a sealed road which allows travelers to enjoy the scenic landscape that the Lachlan River offers. Depending on your travel plans, the 'Lake Loop' will reconnect with the Kidman Way or travelers can continue east to Condobolin.

Another scenic route is the 'Hillston to Eumungerie Road Link'. Travelers can enjoy the drive through the Heart of NSW leaving the Kidman Way at Hillston in the south west and connecting with the Newell Highway at Eumungerie in the north east. Each of the towns along this route epitomize bush hospitality and include the towns of Lake Cargelligo, Condobolin, Fifield, Tullamore and Narromine.

'The Bogan Way' scenic route connects the Newell Highway with the Mitchell Highway and the Barrier Highway through the towns of Forbes, Bogan Gate, Trundle, Tullamore, Albert, Tottenham and Nyngan. The highlight of the Bogan Way is the exact geographical centre of NSW just 42km west of Tottenham so be sure not to miss it!

Getting off the highways and taking the scenic route provides unique experiences for the traveler and injects much needed dollars into the local economies of our bush towns and villages.

When exploring our bush towns and villages the perfect place to get to know the locals of any small town is at the local hotel. Stop for a cool beverage in summer or a midday counter lunch in winter and enjoy learning about the history of the building and the town. Lachlan is fortunate to be the home of several unique hotels that can only be found in the smaller towns in Australia.

Tottenham, the "Soul of the Centre" is situated on the sealed Bogan Way and is home to an impressive hotel in the centre of the town. Its balcony has impressive views of the main street and visitors are welcome to stop and relax. Another great way to meet the locals is to drop into the Tottenham Tourist Information Centre. This is a community run initiative and your one stop shop for information on the Tottenham area. The centre also displays local arts, crafts and souvenirs and the local volunteers will make sure that your visit to Tottenham is unforgettable.

'The Rabbit Trap' hotel in **Albert** was made famous on the morning show Sunrise, with the unveiling of the 'Big' rabbit trap on the roof of the hotel. Albert is also famous for being the home of Jason Owen who was runner up of the 2012 show The X Factor. Drop into the 'Rabbit Trap' for a cold drink and a wholesome meal, or stay overnight in the rooms available at the hotel or book one of the cabins just across the road. The town also features a new park with recently built amenities and plenty of camping spots and 24 hour fuel. Make your stay in Albert a memorable one.

The **Fifield** Hotel is a newly renovated two story hotel which offers a cool drink, hearty meals and a chat with the friendly locals. Stay a while in this relaxed little town with rooms available at the hotel or camping available at the back of the hotel. Explore the small town of Fifield which was renowned for its deep lead alluvial platinum mining. Although the mine is now closed, you can still go for a drive around Fifield to view the white platinum mounds.

Tullibigeal is situated between Lake Cargelligo and Condobolin and is warmly referred to by the locals as 'Tulli'. Nestled in hills and fertile farmlands, the small town began as a Cobb and Co stagecoach change station and is now popular with caravan and motorhome users.

The park is within close walking distance of the hotel, where you can get all the local information you need. Drop into the Mayfield Hotel for a cool drink and a bite to eat. While you are visiting, take a look at the Tullibigeal football hall of fame, which consists of football team photos going back many years.

Burcher is a very hospitable town and visitors are always welcome to stay and enjoy the peace and quiet of the close knit community. Located about half an hour from Condobolin and West Wyalong, Burcher is the perfect day trip.

The strengths of the area lie in the strong sense of community spirit. Visitors will feel a sense of belonging and a sense of community. Lachlan locals are fair, honest, hardworking, friendly and caring.



Places to Eat and Drink

CONDOBOLIN

CAFE ROMO

80 Bathurst Street
Condobolin
(02) 6895 4044

CHIPS AHOY

79 Bathurst Street
Condobolin
(02) 6895 3393

CONDOBOLIN BAKERY

78 Bathurst Street
Condobolin
(02) 6895 2982

CONDOBOLIN HOTEL / MOTEL BAR & GRILL

110 Bathurst Street
Condobolin
(02) 6895 2040

CONDOBOLIN MOTOR INN RESTAURANT

20 William Street
Condobolin
(02) 6895 2233

CONDOBOLIN SPORTS CLUB

Tasker Street
Condobolin
(02) 6895 2465

HAPPY DAZE COFFEE LOUNGE

118 Bathurst Street
Condobolin
(02) 6895 4488

MIDTOWN CORNER STORE

Melrose Street
Condobolin
(02) 6895 2832

PIZZA BAR

91 Bathurst Street
Condobolin
(02) 6895 3333

RAILWAY HOTEL RESTAURANT

46 Molong Street
Condobolin
(02) 6895 2650

TASKERS RESTAURANT AT THE ROYAL HOTEL

71 Bathurst Street
Condobolin
(02) 6895 4043

THE HUNGRY HORSE

Condobolin RSL
20 McDonnell Street
Condobolin
(02) 6895 3842

LAKE CARGELLIGO

BOWLING CLUB KITCHEN

1 Prior Street
Lake Cargelligo
(02) 6898 1173

COMMERCIAL HOTEL

37 Foster Street
Lake Cargelligo
(02) 6898 2393

FISHOS HOTBAKE & TAKE AWAY

37 Foster Street
Lake Cargelligo
(02) 6898 2393

ROYAL MAIL HOTEL

14 Foster Street
Lake Cargelligo
(02) 6898 1006

SPORTS CLUB RESTAURANT

Walker Street
Lake Cargelligo
(02) 6898 2383

T'S AND COFFEE SHOP

24 Foster Street
Lake Cargelligo
(02) 6898 2127

TOTTENHAM

TOTTENHAM BOWLING CLUB BISTRO

115 Umang Street
Tottenham
(02) 6892 4314
(02) 6892 4066

TOTTENHAM CAFE

Umang Street
Tottenham
(02) 6892 4138

TOTTENHAM GOLF CLUB

Douglas Mawson Dr
Tottenham
(02) 6892 4132

TOTTENHAM HOTEL

77 Umang Street
Tottenham
(02) 6892 4211

LACHLAN VILLAGES

ALBERT GOLF CLUB

Recreation Reserve
Albert
(02) 6892 8242

BURCHER HOTEL

4 Bena Street
Burcher
(02) 6972 5244

FIFIELD HOTEL

Slee Street
Fifield
(02) 6892 7276

MAYFIELD HOTEL

Wattle Street
Tullibigeal
(02) 6972 9173

RABBIT TRAP HOTEL

1 Federation Street
Albert
(02) 6892 8201

TULLI CAFE

10 – 12 Cargelligo Street
Tullibigeal
(02) 6972 9114



Places to Stay

CONDOBOLIN

RIVERVIEW CARAVAN PARK

Diggers Ave, CONDOBOLIN

(02) 6895 2611

riverview@lachlan.nsw.gov.au

Enjoy country hospitality, a relaxing bush outlook by the river and plenty of room for any size rig. The park is close to fishing, abundant birdlife and the town centre with plenty on offer around the area. Immaculate amenities block with hot showers. Accommodation options include eight cabins, powered and unpowered sites, including drive-through. BBQ area and children's play equipment. Dogs permitted on a lead. Dump points located at the Park and also in town.

LAKE CARGELLIGO

LAKEVIEW CARAVAN PARK

Naradhan Street, LAKE CARGELLIGO

(02) 6898 1077

lakeview@lachlan.nsw.gov.au

Enjoy beautiful lake views, in a relaxed tranquil setting, with plenty of room in the park for any size rig, the boat or even a jet-ski. There is easy access to both Lake Cargelligo and the town centre. Accommodation options include eight cabins, grassed powered and unpowered sites, including drive-through. BBQ area, children's play equipment and large camp kitchen. Dogs permitted on a lead. Dump points located at the Park and also in town.

TOTTENHAM

THE STATE CENTRE CARAVAN PARK

Tullamore Road, TOTTENHAM

(02) 6892 4126

gailsimpson5@bigbond.com

The State Centre Caravan Park is not far from the town centre and has hut style accommodation with 12 rooms and 12 powered sites and unpowered sites. New two bedroom accessible cabin available. BBQ area and large kitchenette. Dogs permitted on a lead. Dump point.





Places to Stay

CONDOBOLIN

ALLAMBIE MOTEL

21 William Street Condobolin
(02) 6895 2722
admin@allambiemotel.com.au



Convenient and affordable motel accommodation for busy travellers. Only 250 metres from the central business district and a short walk to a number of pubs and eateries. Quite and safe ground floor accommodation.

CONDOBOLIN MOTOR INN

20 William Street, Condobolin
(02) 6895 2233
condomotorinn@bigpond.com



Nestled in quiet gardens guests of the Condobolin Motor Inn will appreciate parking that offers safe and easy room access, guest laundry service, breakfast & evening meals room service or you can enjoy the cocktail bar and restaurant. All rooms offer flat screen TV, desk, refrigerator, jug with tea & coffee, toaster, hair dryer and alarm clock.

IMPERIAL HOTEL

64 Bathurst Street Condobolin
(02) 6895 2139
imperialhotelcondo@hotmail.com



Located in the center of Bathurst Street, the Imperial is a great location to catch up with friends for a meal and refreshments. With air conditioned accommodation and car park at rear of hotel you will enjoy your time at the Imperial.

CONDOBOLIN HOTEL MOTEL

110 Bathurst Street Condobolin
(02) 6895 2040
condobolin.hotelmotel@outlook.com



The Condo is situated within easy walking distance to the main shopping area with eight self-contained motel rooms with daily or weekly rates available. The Condo has all your favourite beers on tap, full gaming facilities including online TAB and Keno, large digital screens throughout and the 3 bars featuring F2A Sport and Sky Racing.

CONDOBOLIN RAILWAY HOTEL MOTEL

46 Molong Street, Condobolin
(02) 6895 4240
info@railwayhotel.net.au



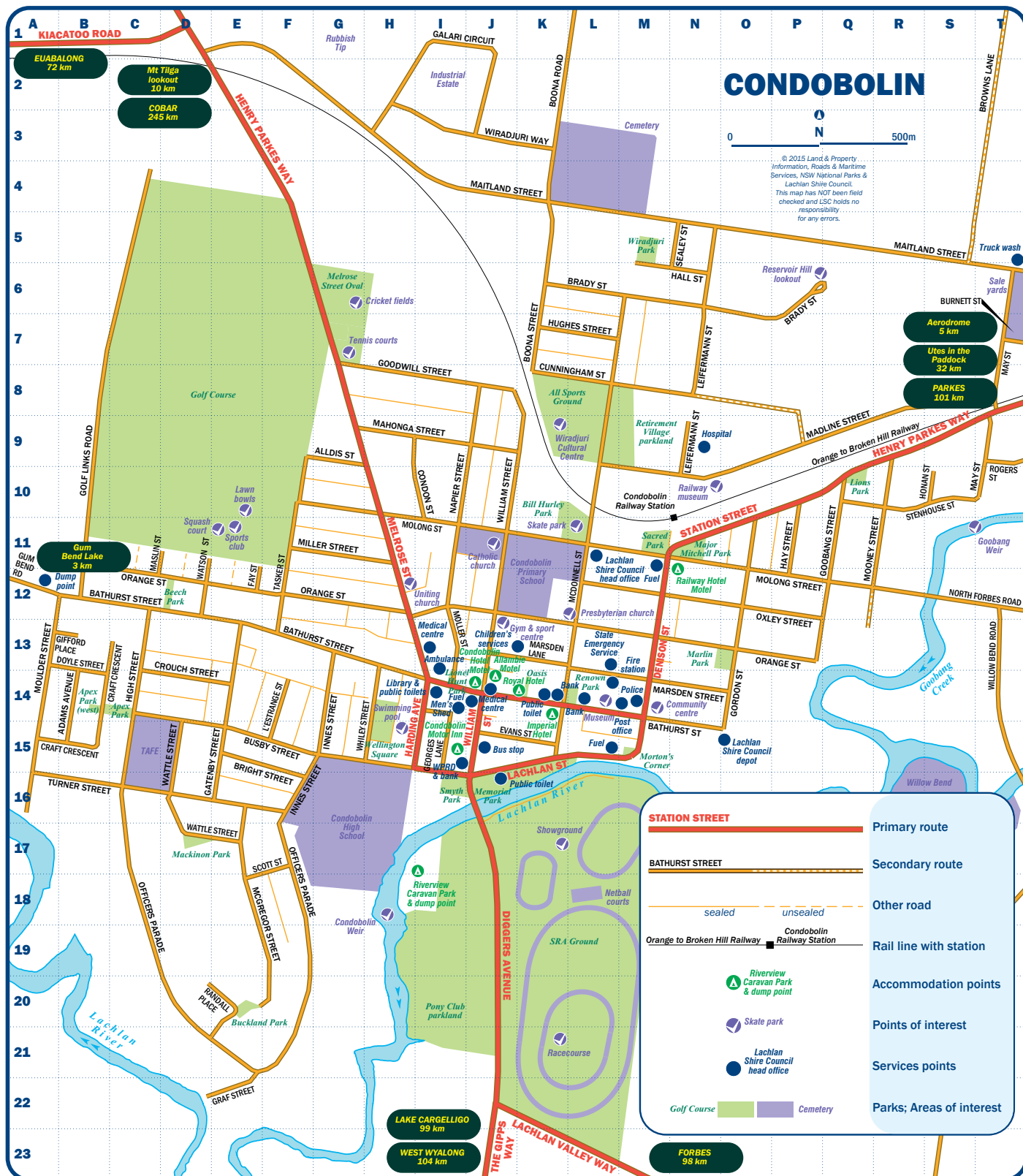
The Railway Hotel provides high quality accommodation and dining for visitors and locals. Featuring 20 standard hotel rooms, dining room, function capabilities and a conference room. The hotel is located at the entrance to Condobolin as you enter from the Parkes Road.

ROYAL HOTEL

71 Bathurst Street, Condobolin
(02) 6895 2009
theroyal@westserv.net.au



The Royal Hotel has a restaurant and counter meals and is conveniently in the middle of the main street with air conditioned accommodation and car park at rear of hotel. Cold beer on tap Tooheys New, Tooheys Old, XXXX Gold, Hahn Light, Carlton Dry, spirits, wine and friendly service.



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Places to Stay

LAKE CARGELLIGO

LACHLAN WAY MOTEL

2 Foster Street, Lake Cargelligo
(02) 6898 1201
lachlanwaymotel@bigpond.com



The Lachlan Way Motel is situated at the end of the main street overlooking beautiful Lake Cargelligo with each room equipped with reverse cycle air conditioning, television, fridge, microwave. We have free wireless internet access plus wireless printer access.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL

32 Foster Street, Lake Cargelligo
(02) 6898 1209
gshill2011@hotmail.com



Relax at the Commercial Hotel in Lake Cargelligo. The hotel is a short walk to the beautiful Lake foreshore offering TAB and Keno. The restaurant is open Monday to Friday and on weekends when booked. Drop in and say hello or call to make a booking.

BURCHER

BURCHER HOTEL

Bena Street, Burcher
(02) 6972 5244



Burcher Hotel is open 2pm till late with meals available in the evenings on Tuesday and Friday only. Enjoy a game of pool or the outside fire in the beer garden during winter.

LAKE CARGELLIGO MOTEL

28–30 Canada Street, Lake Cargelligo
(02) 6898 1303
lakemotel@bigpond.com



The Lake Cargelligo Motel is an easy walking distance to the main street and has ten double rooms with split system air-conditioners, TV and DVD player. A great place to stay for families and business trips with an in ground pool you can enjoy.

ROYAL MAIL HOTEL

14 Foster St, Lake Cargelligo
(02) 6898 1006
kc.1@bigpond.com



Unwind at the Royal Mail Hotel in the main street of Lake Cargelligo not far from the water's edge. Bar and restaurant open seven days a week and accommodation is available. Enjoy a beverage and a chat with the locals.

TULLIBIGEAL

MAYFIELD HOTEL

24 – 26 Wattle Street, Tullibigeal
(02) 6972 9173
spotoncleanservices@hotmail.com



Drop into the Mayfield Hotel for a cool drink and a bite to eat. While you are visiting, take a look at the Tullibigeal football hall of fame. Open Monday from 4pm till late, Tuesday – Friday 11am till late and Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon till late. The restaurant is open from Tuesday – Saturday and Chinese meals are available on Tuesday. All welcome.



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BATHURST STREET

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Orange to Broken Hill Railway
Condobolin
Railway Station

Riverview
Caravan Park & dump point

Skate park

Lachlan
Shire Council
head office

Golf Course

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Places to Stay

TOTTENHAM

TOTTENHAM HOTEL

62 Umang Street, Tottenham
(02) 6892 4211
tottenhamhotel@hotmail.com



The Tottenham Hotel is an impressive hotel in the centre of the town with views of the main street from the balcony of the verandah. Visitors are welcome to stop and relax and learn about the local area.

ALBERT

THE RABBIT TRAP HOTEL

1 Federation Street, Albert
(02) 6892 8201
owenitptyltd@gmail.com



Drop into the 'Rabbit Trap' for a cold drink and a wholesome meal, or stay overnight in the rooms available at the hotel or book one of the cabins just across the road. Open seven days a week from 10am till late. Stop and enjoy a camp oven with us on the last sat of every month.

FIFIELD

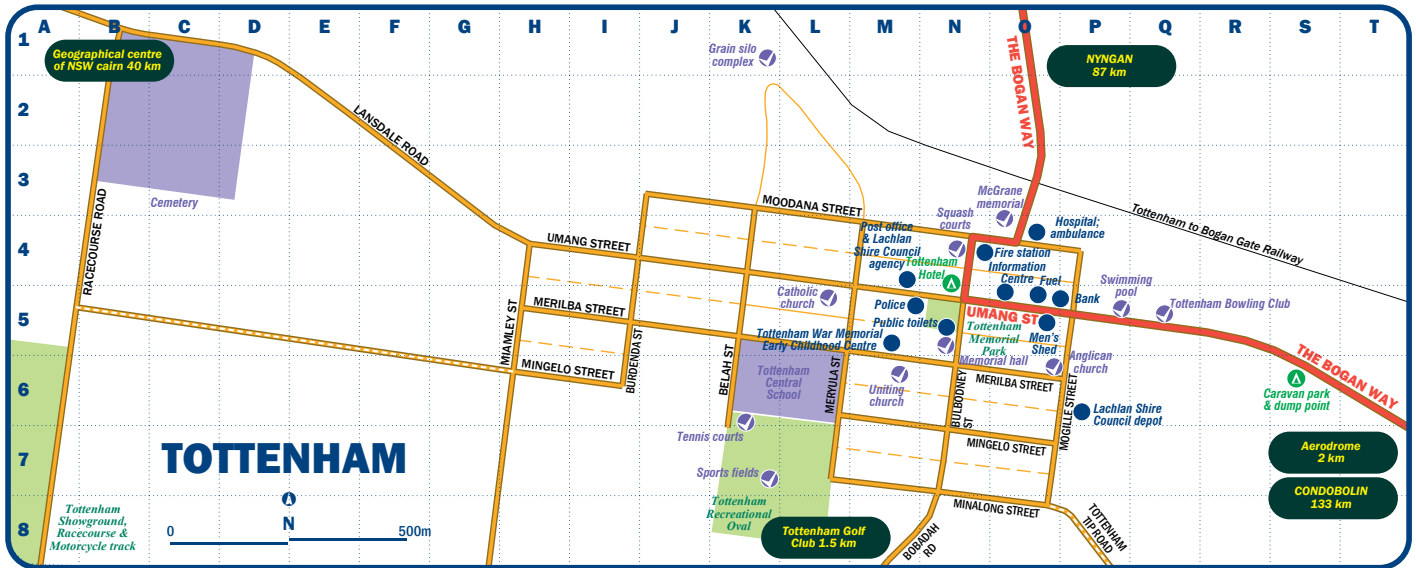
FIFIELD HOTEL

Slee Street, Fifield
(02) 6892 7276
sharon.crowe1@bigpond.com



Open seven days a week from 7am till close. Free camping is available for caravan and campers and breakfast, lunch and dinner are available every day.





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STATION STREET

BATHURST STREET

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 Orange to Broken Hill Railway — Condobolin Railway Station



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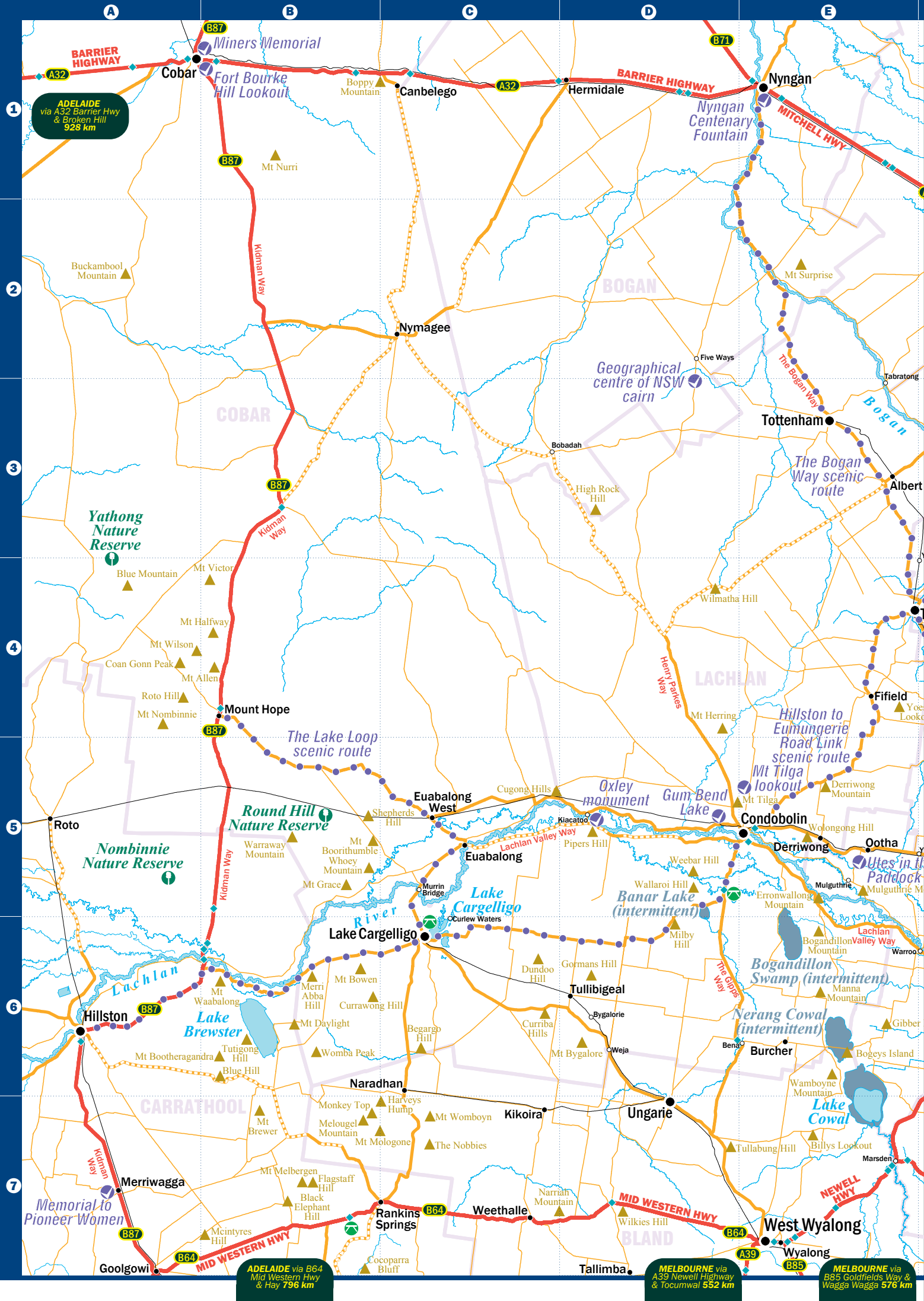
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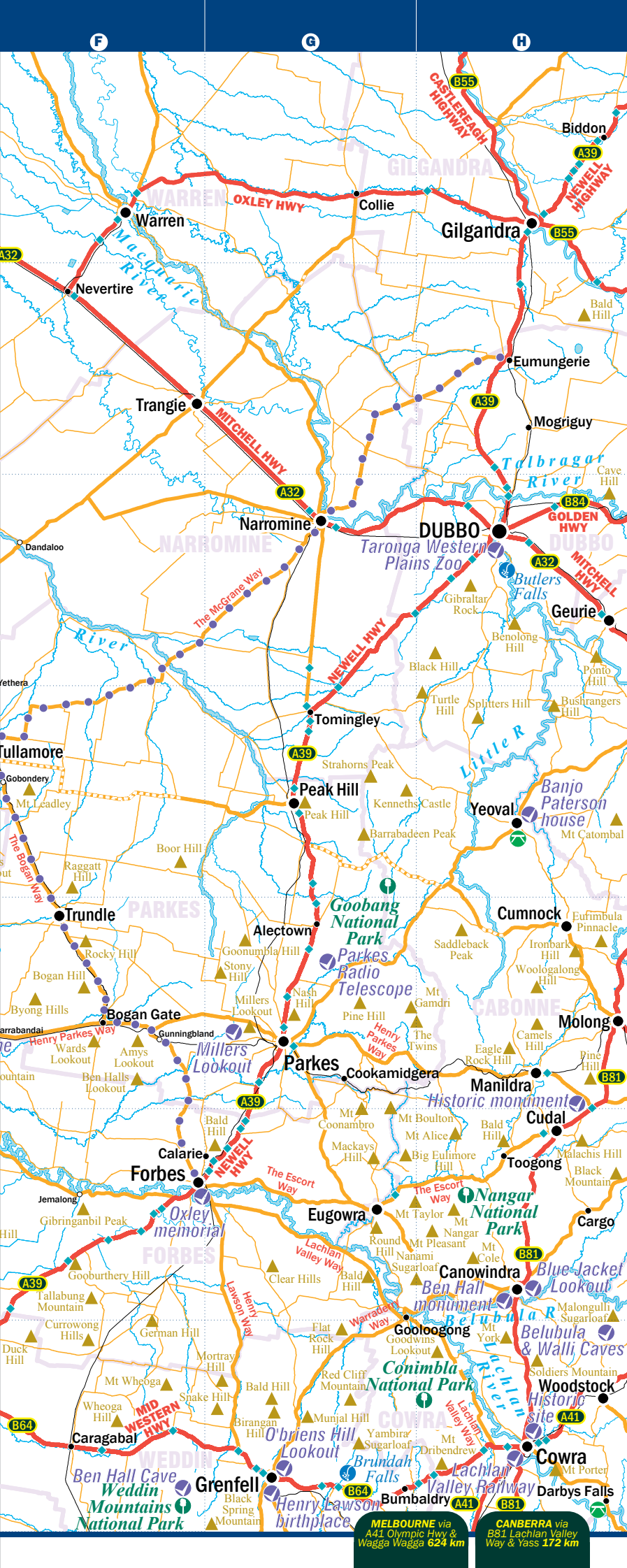
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Goondiwindi
750 km

SYDNEY via B55
Castlereagh Hwy &
Mudgee
418 km

NEWCASTLE via
B84 Golden Hwy &
Dunedoo
358 km

SYDNEY via
A32 Mitchell Hwy &
Bathurst
374 km

SYDNEY via
A32 Mitchell Hwy &
Bathurst
283 km

MELBOURNE via
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Scenic route

Henry Lawson Way

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Henry Lawson Way

Locality; Village

Bena O

Small town

Ootha

Large town

Condobolin

Point of interest; Nature Reserve / National Park

Forbes

Waterfall; Picnic area

Gum Bend Lake

LGA boundary & name

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CABONNE

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