

Riverina's HIDDEN SECRETS

Lockhart Shire

A LITTLE more than half-an-hour's drive from Wagga, Lockhart Shire is an ideal destination for a day trip, weekend visit or getaway! With a huge range of things to do and see across the Shire's main towns and villages including Lockhart, The Rock, Yerong Creek, Pleasant Hills and Milbrulong, each community has its own unique character and history.

Visit some of Lockhart Shire's outstanding attractions including:

- **The Rock** – named Kengal by the Wiradjuri people – is the best-known landform in the Riverina. Throughout history it has captured the imagination of indigenous and European cultures, and today is a popular attraction with people hiking to the summit for the amazing views, for event training, or even abseiling on the sheer faces!
- **Greens Gunyah Museum** – located in the main street of Lockhart, the museum also operates the Visitor Information Centre. Open Wednesday to Sunday from 9.30am to 4.30pm, the museum houses artefacts from Brookong Station that illustrate the character of rural settlements from the 1840s onwards as well as the Doris Golder Gallery of layered wool art. The work of Lockhart resident Doris Golder – formerly exhibited in Parliament House, Canberra – consists of superb landscapes and

portraits of prominent Australians constructed in natural coloured fleece wool.

- **Galore Hill Scenic Reserve** – just 16 kilometres north of Lockhart this Recreation Reserve features 510 hectares of natural bushland with Galore Hill summit, accessible by road, rising to a height of 215 metres above the surrounding plains. Visit the recently reopened caves on the northern face of Galore Hill – legend has it that notorious bushranger Dan "Mad Dog" Morgan used them as a hideout in the 1860s... For more information on Lockhart Shire, visit www.lockhartshiretourism.com.au or phone 6920 5305.



Lockhart resident and artist Doris Golder with Tim Fischer and her wool art portrait of him.

Reynella Farm Stay Lodge

Your base for the ski slopes this winter

THIS winter, why not have a farm stay in affordable lodge-style accommodation in the beautiful high country at Reynella, near Adaminaby?

Perfect for family and friends, Reynella is situated a short 40-minute drive from the ski slopes of Selwyn. For the more adventurous, the drive to the Ski Tube at Blue Cow is only 90 minutes! Maybe you could spend your first few days at Selwyn, and then on the final days of your holiday test out your skills at Blue

Cow/Perisher or Thredbo a little further on!

Reynella's lodge-style accommodation consists of clean, comfortable lodge rooms with shared facilities – bring your dressing gown! All linen is provided and rooms are cosy with electric blankets on all beds, heaters in every room, and wood fires in common rooms.

For more information and bookings, please contact Roslyn Rudd on 1800 02 9909 or reynella@activ8.net.au.



Ganmain Bakery

MAKE the trip to Ganmain – just five minutes past Coolamon – to experience for yourself the legendary Ganmain Pie!

Made to a secret recipe at the Ganmain Bakery, the taste of the Ganmain Pie is far from a hidden secret – being famous throughout the Riverina and across the state.

"When we took over the bakery 14 years ago, the Ganmain Pie recipe was handed on to us from previous owners John and Pam Britton," explained Ann Webber, owner of Ganmain Bakery with her husband Steve.

"It remains a firm favourite with customers, although we do serve other pie flavours including curry beef, steak, bacon and cheese, steak and onion, steak and mushroom, chicken and vegetable, curried chicken and vegetable, and chicken,

cheese and asparagus."

"Come along to the Ganmain Show in August to witness or participate in the Great Ganmain Pie Eating Contest – it's always a popular event!"

"Ganmain Bakery's other hot food choices include sausage rolls, spicy chicken rolls, curried vegetable rolls and spinach and feta rolls."

"Ben, our innovative pastry chef also creates fantastic cakes and pastries, along with delicious bread rolls and fresh bread made from scratch."

"We also have a selection of sandwiches, wraps and ready-made rolls, as well as handy grocery lines."

Take a bite of a Ganmain Pie today! Visit Ganmain Bakery at 105 Ford Street Ganmain, open five-and-a-half days a week.

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Lockhart Shire Council

Adventure starts with you
in the Lockhart Shire!

Coming events include

- National Picolight Fly-in, Milbrulong mid September
- Picnic Races 11 October
- Spirit of the Land Festival 12 & 13 October

You will be surprised at the hidden treasures you discover when you visit the Lockhart Shire!

For more information visit www.lockharttourism.nsw.gov.au

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The Church Retreat

LOOKING for a unique getaway? The Church Retreat – located at Yerong Creek on the Olympic Highway just 30 minutes from Wagga – could be just what you are looking for!

A Lutheran Church from the 1960s until 2006 – when a beautiful renovation transformed it into the stunning holiday accommodation it is today – The Church Retreat has a contemporary, relaxed ambience, full kitchen, reverse-cycle air-conditioning, and sleeps six people.



Hoping to relax? Simply mix your favourite cocktail at the bar or soak in the deep bath...

Yerong Creek

As the sun sets, build a fire in the outdoors firepit – built into the deck – and pour a glass of local wine and enjoy the serene country atmosphere.

Looking for entertainment? The games room – formerly The Old School, attached to the Church – has a pool table, darts, and plenty of books and games to entertain guests.

Want to get active? Try exploring the local area on the two mountain bikes, visit The Rock National Park, have a leisurely walk in the countryside, explore the wetlands at Henty, or go boating or fishing on the Murrumbidgee River.

Enjoy the simple things at The Church Retreat – one of Riverina's hidden secrets – until now!

Email Nick on ndstone@ozemail.com.au or visit www.thechurchretreat.com.au for more information.

Altina Wildlife Park

Darlington Point

JUST an hour-and-a-half's drive down the Sturt Highway from Wagga near Darlington Point – Altina Wildlife Park is one of the Riverina's hidden secrets that won't stay that way for much longer!

Highlighting animals from six continents, Altina Wildlife Park is home to Crocodiles, American Alligators, African Lions, Giraffes, Tasmanian Devils, Camels, Asian Water Buffalo, Scimitar Horned Oryx, American Bison, the only Spotted Hyenas in Eastern Australia, the only South American Maned Wolves in Australia, and more!

The journey around the 207-hectare safari park is a comfortable one in a cart drawn by a magnificent Clydesdale, while friendly tour guides share interesting facts about the animals you visit. Enjoy getting closer to these animals than you ever imagined!



For those who want to experience something extra, private feeding tours are also available each Wednesday and Friday at 3pm by appointment.

Tours include:

■ **Ferocious Jaws:** Hyenas, African Wild Dogs, African Lions and Maned Wolves

■ **Beasts Feast:** Lions!

■ **Fantastic Four:** Giraffe, American Bison, Camels and Asian Water Buffalo

Tour participants must be over 12 years old for the Fantastic Four Tour and over 16 years old for Carnivore Tours, and observe all safety requirements. Cameras are permitted on these feeding tours – what a wonderful gift idea for an animal lover!

Altina Wildlife Park is constantly growing and building, with new animal species being acquired all the time. Look out for the new small primates' enclosure – coming soon! – which will house delightful Marmoset monkeys!

Open every day except Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, Altina Wildlife Park is your complete day out with morning or afternoon tea provided, and a picnic and barbecue area available – conditions apply.

Book your safari tour or private feeding tour today on 0412 060 342 or visit www.altinawildlife.com for more information.

THE CHURCH RETREAT

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Perfect for a romantic getaway or room for a family of 6

Call Nick on 0417 239 843 or visit

www.thechurchretreat.com.au

Hay – Have you discovered it yet?

HAY is on the Murrumbidgee River and is surrounded by unique flat plains with a diversity of attractions and the richness of cultural heritage.

Set off on one of the free bikes and explore:

- **Shear Outback** – Australian Shearers' Hall of Fame
- **Dunera Museum** – The Hay Internment and Prisoner of War Camps
- **Bishop's Lodge** – Historic House and Heritage Rose Garden
- **Hay Gaol Museum**
- **Hay War Memorial High School Museum**

Call in to see artist Chris McClelland at work in his Gallery which is full of his famous pencil drawings.

Explore the sculptures along the Bidgee Riverside Trail that leads through the river red gums to Sandy Point Beach with great picnic, camping and barbecue facilities.

Hay has a wide range of accommodation from motels, caravan parks, self-contained



Explore Hay on the free bikes!

houses, camping and farm stays. With sporting facilities from the free Olympic pool complex, golf course, tennis courts, parks and gardens, Hay is a true oasis on the plains.

Visit Hay Visitor Information Centre at 407 Moppett Street, Hay, or phone on 6993 4045, or check out Hay's website at www.hay.nsw.gov.au or Like Hay's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/haynsw.

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Upcoming Events:

September:

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th - Hay Show

Friday 27th to Sunday 29th - Hay Open & Junior Tennis Tournament

October:

Saturday 12th - CWA Flower Show

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th - Riverina & NSW Sandgreen Championships

Saturday 20th - Bishop's Lodge Spring Market

November:

Saturday 23rd - Hay Races

Visit Hay's Museums & Attractions

Hay Gaol Museum • Shear Outback • Bishop's Lodge • Dunera Museum

• Hay War Memorial High School Museum • Bidgee Riverside Cultural Trail



Hay Shire Council - www.hay.nsw.gov.au

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Super sale at The Stem & Petal Florist Gundagai



CALL in at The Stem & Petal Florist at 134 Sheridan Street, Gundagai to check out the super sale!

Known for its beautiful and affordable floral arrangements featuring the freshest, best quality blooms, The Stem & Petal Florist also has an extensive giftware range.

With 30 to 50 per cent off the prices of all stock* now is the right time to shop for a special gift for birthdays, babies, anniversaries, weddings – and possibly even Christmas for the well-organised!

Don't pay city prices for quality floral orders either – for bouquets, prices start from \$25,

Gundagai

while prices for boxed arrangements start from \$35. The Stem & Petal Florist will deliver within a 20 kilometre radius of Gundagai too, for a small fee.

Phone The Stem & Petal Florist on 6944 1989, or drop in between 10am and 3.30pm weekdays, or Saturdays from 9.30am to 12 noon. Like The Stem & Petal Florist's Facebook page for updates.

* Excludes sterling silver jewellery and new candle range.

Burrinjuck Waters State Park

BURRINJUCK Waters State Park is 75 hectares of unspoilt Australian bush nestled on the southern escarpment of Mt Barren Jack in NSW.

It offers spectacular scenery and friendly wildlife in their natural habitat.

The park is quiet and peaceful with tranquil surroundings.

It is a stunning place to relax and enjoy myriad recreational activities.

It offers a haven of untouched native bushland just waiting to be enjoyed.

Get up close and personal with the native wildlife, or satisfy your thirst for adventure with a choice of water sports.

Burrinjuck Waters is among the best places in NSW for both casual and avid bushwalkers.

State Park

A variety of trails have been developed, ranging from easy to the more challenging.

The famous 370-kilometre-long Hume and Hovell walking track also passes through the Lake Burrinjuck State Park.

Popular with visitors as well as keen fishing enthusiasts, Lake Burrinjuck is home to the famous Murray Cod, as well as Golden Perch (Yellow Belly).

Other species such as Trout, Red Fin and European Carp are targeted on a regular basis.

Phone 6227 8114 or visit www.stateparks.nsw.gov.au/burrinjuck_waters for more information.

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Toorak Winery

Affordable wines for all tastes

TAKE a relaxing visit to Toorak Winery – located in a picturesque rural setting at Vineyard 279, Toorak Road, Leeton – to enjoy an exceptional offering of award-winning wines.

Creating affordable wine for all tastes, Toorak Winery is the home of Willandra Estate, Willandra Leeton Selection and Amesbury Estate Wines, and has won 201 wine show medals since 2000, including 156 Bronze, 36 Silver, eight Gold, one Double Gold and two Trophies.

Medal-winning wines include Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Chardonnay, Semillon and Traminer, as well as a range of fortified wines such as Fine Old Tawny and Liqueur Muscat.



Toorak Winery was founded by the Bruno family in 1965. Brothers Vince and Frank started out as a small winemaking team, making popular fortified wines and Cabernet Sauvignon. With

gradual expansions and hard work, today they make 200,000 cases of premium wine each year, supplying Australian and overseas markets.

Toorak Winery is open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, with weekend sales and tastings by appointment only. Visit www.toorakwines.com.au or Toorak Winery's Facebook page for more information, or phone 6953 2333.

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The Golden Roast Catering across the Riverina

WANT to cater for a special occasion or professional function but live out of town?

Why not call The Golden Roast, a specialist spit roast catering service with mobile facilities and professional staff to host your indoor or outdoor function – right across the Riverina!

Rhonda Parr and her son Mark Parr are the owners of The Golden Roast, and offer complete catering solutions.

"We prepare, cook and present the food for your function, which allows you to focus on enjoying your event and entertaining your guests," Rhonda said.

Offering a range of packages and prices with options to please everyone, The Golden Roast cooks all meat fresh, on site, at the time of your event, and then cleans up and packs up any unconsumed food for your continued enjoyment, if you wish.

"At The Golden Roast we are known for our generous servings, and never run out of food for



Rhonda Parr and her son Mark Parr, owners and operators of The Golden Roast. Picture: Les Smith

numbers quoted," Rhonda explained. "We are dedicated to ensuring your function is catered professionally, with unbeatable value, and there is absolutely no compromise on quality, quantity and presentation."

The Golden Roast would love to assist you in making your function a success.

Please phone 0414 685 450 or 69712036 to enjoy the difference of The Golden Roast.

The Monarch Tumut

ENJOY a beautiful family break away in Tumut this winter at The Monarch's luxury heritage accommodation.

Located at 12 Wynyard Street, a short stroll takes you to the main street's shops and restaurants, while picturesque Bila Park and the bike/walk trail along the Tumut River is only a minute's walk away. Want to head to the snow? It will only take an hour's drive to be at the ski fields!

The Monarch's gas log fire, central heating and electric blankets will keep you cosy all winter, with refrigerated ducted cooling for the summer months. Dining options are many – from the nearby local restaurants to relaxing around the barbecue or making use of the fully equipped state-of-the-art kitchen.

Soft bathrobes, luxury towels, fine linen, L'Occitane

bathroom products, heated towel racks in the two beautiful bathrooms – one with a spa – heighten the experience, while music and television options are well covered, with HD widescreen television, DVD player, Astar, and iPod docking station.

For bookings or more information, call The Monarch on 6947 1335 today, or visit www.monarchtumut.com.au.



Church House B&B Gundagai

THE perfect location for a short stay or a romantic interlude, the Church House B&B at 91 Church Street is just a leisurely two-minute stroll from the town centre of Gundagai and sits on a hillside overlooking the Murrumbidgee River flats.

Experience traditional country hospitality while enjoying privacy and luxury in one of Church House B&B's three tastefully

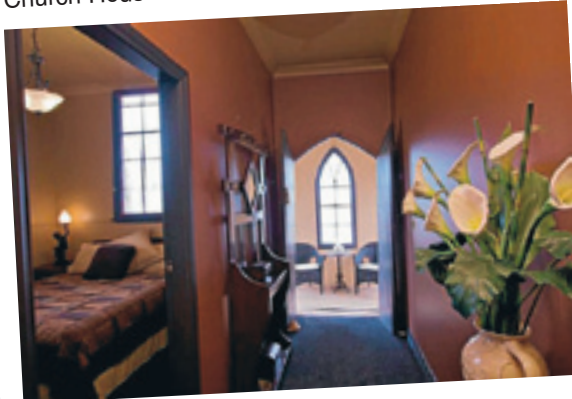
decorated bedrooms all with their own ensuite.

Cook yourself a country-style breakfast from the sumptuous hamper provided in the fully equipped modern kitchen, or Judy or Peter your Hosts will cook it for you.

Take advantage of the barbecue facilities in the expansive tranquil gardens, then relax and unwind in the spacious comfort of the lounge room while you enjoy complimentary port and chocolates.

Why not take the time to discover the many delights offered by this most famous of Australian towns? Just ask your hosts Judy and Peter about the sporting, artistic, historic and shopping facilities that Gundagai has to offer.

For more information visit www.churchhouse.com.au, or phone 6944 1455 or 0409 441 455.



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The Paddock Gallery Wagga Wagga

ONE of the Riverina's newest hidden secrets is The Paddock Gallery, located at 3 Campaspe Close, Springvale, Wagga.

First opened in December last year, The Paddock Gallery combines a display of original artworks with beautiful gardens, and is open from 10am to 3pm on Saturdays and Sundays of the second weekend of every month. The Paddock Gallery is open at other times by appointment.

A pleasant stroll through The Paddock Gallery reveals treasures at every turn, with unique creations straight from the artists. Artwork is affordable, with small items priced from just \$5.

For further information, check out The Paddock Gallery's Facebook page, or phone 0414 941 581.



Cobbers Café Coolamon

COBBERS Café has been a familiar part of the Coolamon streetscape for many years. Located at 109 Cowabbie Street Coolamon, Cobbers Café scores the trifecta of friendly service, great food and great prices.

Choose to eat indoors, or at an outdoor table under the verandah to watch the world go by.

Featuring a selection of takeaway favourites to warm you up on a cool winter's day, Cobbers Café serves chips and gravy, fish and chips, traditional hamburgers, potato cakes, dim sims and Chiko rolls. Cobbers Café also creates a range of tasty wraps, sandwiches and rolls.

Thirsty? Cobbers Café can help you out with delicious milkshakes, thickshakes and a good variety of soft drinks and milk drinks to choose from in the drinks fridges.

On those sparkling sunny winter afternoons, how about an icecream cone from the selection of creamy Streets



flavours available at Cobbers Café? Or for an alternative, make your selection from the icecream cabinet.

For your convenience Cobbers Café is open seven days a week from 8am to 8pm. Why not drop in today?

Jaegers Event Hire wins national award



Jaegers Event Hire owners and operators Duncan Jaeger and Milton Jaeger with their prestigious award.

JAEGERS Event Hire of Wagga Wagga was recently presented with the Rental Company of the Year – Events Division Award at a gala dinner held at Luna Park in Sydney.

Run by the Hire and Rental Industry Association, the peak body of the hire industry, the awards dinner was held at the association's annual convention.

"The competition

was tough," Jaegers Event Hire owner Milton Jaeger said.

"We were up against companies from the city and other successful regional hire businesses."

Jaegers Event Hire had to meet stringent criteria focusing on all aspects of the business, from customer service through to strategic planning for the business.

The selection process consisted of a written presentation and an interview with the judges.

The judges then contacted business clients to confirm quality of service, product and overall management of the event from a hire point of view.

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