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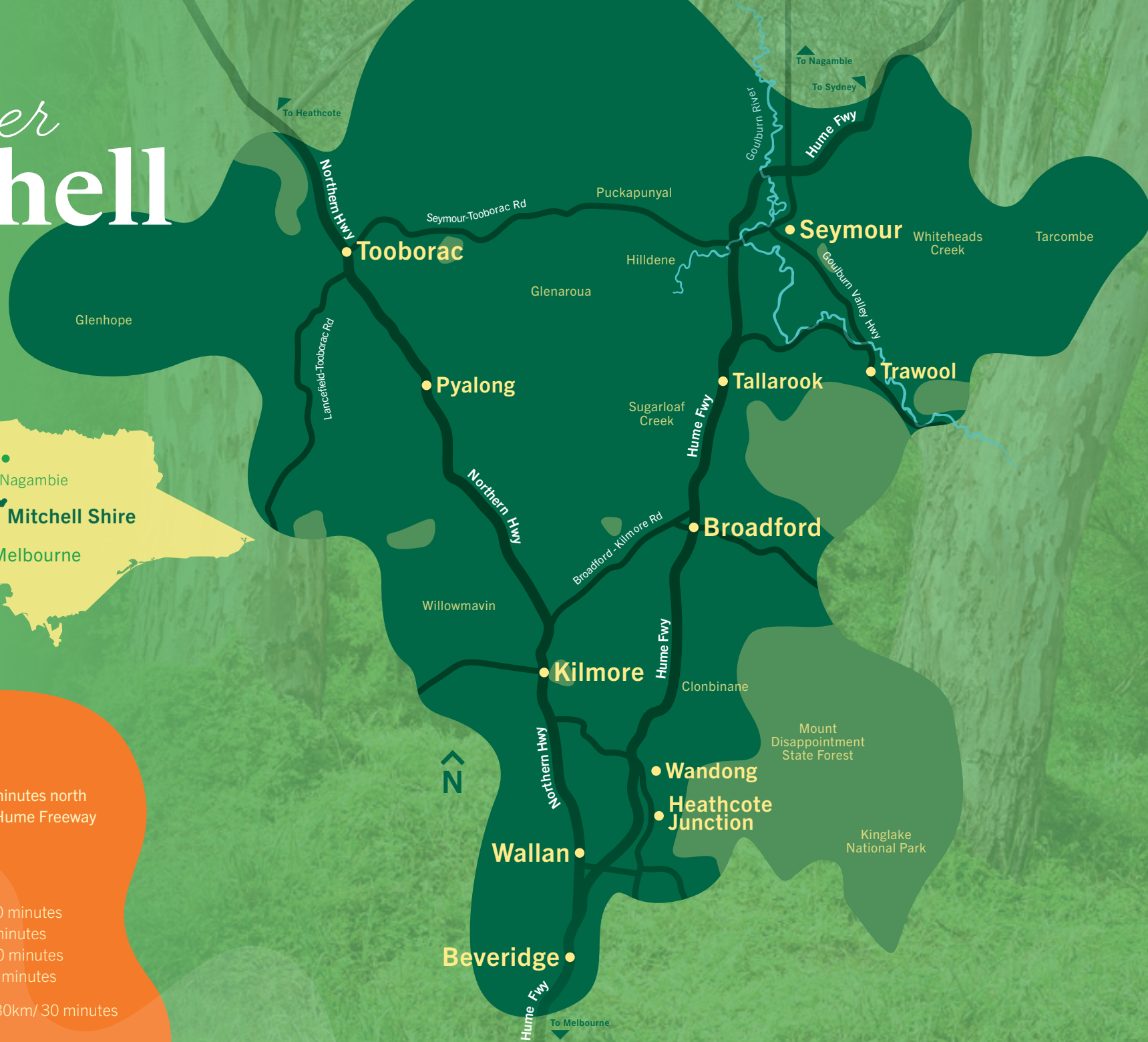
## GETTING TO MITCHELL

Mitchell Shire is located only 40 minutes north of Melbourne, accessible via the Hume Freeway or via the V/Line train service.

## TRAVEL TIMES

Melbourne to Beveridge 55km / 40 minutes  
 Melbourne to Kilmore 75km / 60 minutes  
 Melbourne to Seymour 115km / 90 minutes  
 Melbourne to Tooborac 95km / 80 minutes

Melbourne Airport to Beveridge - 30km/ 30 minutes



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# Welcome



## Acknowledgement of Country

Mitchell Shire Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, those of the Taungurung and Wurundjeri People. We pay our respects to their leaders and Elders past, present and emerging, for they hold forever the memories, traditions, culture and hopes of all Taungurung and Wurundjeri people.

We ask visitors to Mitchell Shire to respect and celebrate the history and culture of the Traditional Custodians of the land.

### Escape to Mitchell Shire and discover why the locals love it.

Mitchell Shire is located an hour north of Melbourne at the foothills of the Great Dividing Range. Our region is the perfect destination for your next escape.

We invite you to discover the many great things to see and do within our towns. Whether it is a family day out in Wallan at the Community Bank® Adventure Playground and Splash Park, a day of cycling on the Great Victorian Rail Trail beginning in Tallarook, a glass of locally made wine in Tooborac or enjoying the serenity sitting on the banks of the Goulburn River in Seymour, there truly is something for everyone to enjoy. Just off the Hume Freeway, the back roads are calling, and adventure awaits you.

With so many destinations within the region your options are endless – you will not be disappointed. Greener pastures await, just an hour up the road, what are you waiting for?



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# Discover Mitchell's Natural Beauty



The natural beauty of Mitchell Shire is just waiting to be discovered. This region is celebrated for its stunning scenery, featuring rolling hills, verdant bushlands, expansive rural plains, striking boulders, and the majestic Goulburn River. The varied landscape supports an array of flora and fauna, offering visitors a delightful experience.

The scenery across the region provides ample opportunity and inspiration for scenic drives, bird and animal watching, bush walking, or cycling adventures. Sight-seeing takes on a new meaning when viewing sights like those in the Mitchell Shire region.

As well as State Forests, Mitchell Shire has a range of parks and reserves that are the perfect place to have a picnic with the family or unwind in the surrounding serenity. For a full listing of our parks and more information please visit our website.

*Be sure to stop at the Murchison Gap Lookout, also known as the Valley of a Thousand Hills, for a truly magnificent view.*

## **NATURAL ATTRACTIONS:**

- *Andersons Gardens*
- *Trawool Valley*
- *Mount Disappointment State Forest*
- *Tallarook State Forest*
- *Monument Hill Reserve*
- *Mount Piper*
- *Horseshoe Lagoon*

## **PARKS:**

- *Australian Light Horse Memorial Park, Seymour*
- *Seymour Bushland Park*
- *Goulburn Park, Seymour*
- *Lions Park, Seymour*
- *Hudson Park, Kilmore*
- *Springridge Reserve, Wallan*
- *Wandong & Heathcote Junction Memorial Park*
- *Beveridge Recreation Reserve*

# Great Victorian Rail Trail



The Great Victorian Rail Trail is Victoria's longest rail trail and spans for 134km from Tallarook to Mansfield. Whatever your ability, the trail has an option for everyone. You can choose to conquer the entire length on bike, walk a smaller section between towns or ride along on horseback.

The trail follows the Goulburn River, showcasing beautiful views of the countryside, including the picturesque Trawool Valley. It's a fantastic chance to encounter local wildlife and immerse yourself in nature. The towns along the way are full of unique experiences, from historic landmarks to delicious local food, wine, and great shopping – there's something for everyone to enjoy!

The Great Victorian Rail Trail begins in the charming town of Tallarook, just an hour from Melbourne via the Hume Freeway. You can also take the train on the Seymour line for a convenient trip. The trail will take you on a scenic journey to Trawool. Along the way, you'll encounter a variety of stunning artworks that reflect the region's culture and creativity. These pieces add a unique touch to your visit, making it a delightful experience as you soak in the beautiful landscapes.



For further information visit:  
[greatvictorianrailtrail.com.au](http://greatvictorianrailtrail.com.au)

# Discover Mitchell's Tracks and Trails

Mitchell has many walking, cycling, and horse riding tracks and trails that cater to all interests and abilities. Whether you want to explore a nature reserve, state park, town centre or sporting ground, each trail brings a new experience.

## SOME OF OUR FAVOURITES

- Say G'Day Trail, Wandong
- Kilmore Creek Heritage Art Walk
- Broadford Common
- Goulburn River Trail, Seymour
- Seymour Bushland Park
- Mandalay walking tracks, Beveridge
- Monument Hill, Kilmore



## MOUNT DISAPPOINTMENT WALKING TRACKS

### Sunday Creek Reservoir Walk

Duration: 45 minutes, 2km  
An easy walking track that leads to the impressive Sunday Creek Reservoir

### Strath Creek Falls Walk

Duration: 15 minutes, 0.5km

## MOUNT PIPER WALKING TRACKS

### Mt Piper Summit Walk

Duration: 30 minutes, 950m

### Mt Piper Circuit Walk

Duration: 60 minutes, 3.2km

[www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/tracks-and-trails](http://www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/tracks-and-trails)

## TRAWOOL WALKING TRACKS

### Gawarn Baring Walking Track

Duration: 2.5–3 hours, 5kms

# Discover Mitchell's Railway Heritage

Mitchell Shire is home to a range of railway heritage.

Seymour is an integral town for the Victorian Railways, connecting Melbourne to the north of Victoria, and is therefore abundant with railway history. The unique heritage listed Seymour Railway Station is historically and architecturally significant for its era and the beautiful building stands proudly in the town centre on Station Street.

The Seymour Railway Heritage Centre is a unique railway attraction that has an extensive fleet of the impeccably preserved diesel locomotives and passenger carriers. Via prior arrangement, visitors can take a guided tour of the Centre. Alternatively, keep up to date online at [srhc.org.au](http://srhc.org.au) for news on special passenger services or package trips.

J.W. Elliott Reserve houses the locally known "Black Train". The Black Train is a preserved D3684 steam locomotive which was built in 1913 and placed in Seymour in 1965. Located on Anzac Avenue the reserve also features a playground and picnic facilities.



The quaint Kerrisdale Mountain Railway is located just 15 minutes from the centre of Seymour on the Goulburn Valley Highway. This is a rare little gem hidden amongst the Tallarook Ranges and features a unique railway. Travelling to a number of vantage points you will enjoy amazing panoramic views until you reach the peak at "Summit Station".




# Discover Mitchell's Military History

Just north of Melbourne is Seymour – a town full of Australia's military history.

Seymour is rich in military history, which can be experienced at many sites, including the Australian Light Horse Memorial Park, WWI Memorial Park, and the Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk.

Explore Seymour's wartime heritage, to discover the historic contribution the military has made to the area.

In 1914, the Seymour Camp was established as an army base for the Australian military. Covering 150 hectares this was Victoria's largest military base at the time. The camp was used throughout the course of the Great War for the forming and reinforcing of the Infantry Battalions and Light Horse Regiments. The camp remained operational during the Second World War and became an important site for the transit and training of troops. Today the area is known as the Australian Light Horse Memorial Park and is open year-round for the public to visit.



Located near the carpark you will find the gateway pavilion with interpretive information signs. Take a walk along the series of bush tracks and admire the beauty of the natural environment. Follow the track up ANZAC Hill, the highest point of the park, and you will be met with panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. With a picnic area located at the front of the park it is the perfect place to take a break and reflect on the history that surrounds you.

The WWI Memorial Park is located in the Seymour District Memorial Hospital precinct and pays tribute to local men and women who served in the First World War. Pass through the park's Memorial Gates and you will see 'Bluey' a statue of a WWI soldier. 'Bluey' is standing on top of memorial glass panels, which detail the service of fifty of the district's men and women.

Located 10 km west of Seymour, Puckapunyal is one of Australia's most well-known army training camps and is home to the Australian Army Tank Museum. The museum features an impressive collection that spans from the First World War to today's modern advancements, showcasing tanks, armored vehicles, uniforms, and artifacts. Please note that the museum is currently closed due to a site relocation and is expected to reopen in late 2024 to early 2025. Be sure to check for updates on opening times and entry requirements before planning your visit!





# Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk

The Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk is dedicated to all Vietnam Veterans and is the only walk of its kind in Australia.

The translucent glass wall provides a stirring photographic timeline, and scripts the 60,000 names of the service personnel and tracker dogs who devoted their energies to the service and protection of Australia. The Walk is set amongst native trees and grasses that symbolise the Vietnamese landscapes and allow for reflection of the time in Australian history. The walk also features a Centurion tank, 'Huey' the helicopter, and other artillery.

*Stop by the Seymour Visitor Information Centre, located next to the Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk. Here, you'll find plenty of information about Seymour's military history. You can also pick up a red poppy – the symbol of wartime remembrance – to place on the wall. Best of all, the poppies are free.*





## Discover Mitchell's Historic Buildings

Mitchell Shire is full of history worth discovering. While exploring our towns be sure to take notice of the historic buildings that surround you, reminding you of the years gone by. Each of our towns are home to places of historic significance and the following are just a few.

Kilmore, Victoria's oldest inland town, is rightfully home to many beautiful historic buildings. Take a stroll down Sydney Street and you will find the original bluestone Old Post Office, the Old Police Station and a range of other historical landmarks including the Kilmore Town Hall.

Venture away from Sydney Street and other historical attractions include the Old Kilmore Gaol, Bindley House Bed and Breakfast, Whitburgh Cottage and the Kilmore and District Hospital.

Look out for the blue plaques detailing the history of these beautiful buildings on your travels.

In the heart of Broadford you will find the Pioneer Cottage and the Courier Buildings which provide a glimpse into the past.

### TOP TIPS

*Seymour is home to a plethora of beautiful heritage buildings, starting off at the Log Cabin Lock-Up, located at the rear of the Visitor Information Centre. Ask one of our friendly volunteers for a Step Back in Time or Drive Back in Time brochure and enjoy a self-guided heritage tour of Seymour.*

*Other impressive historic buildings include the Wandong Public Hall which was built from donated timber in 1901, the Wallan Free Library and Mechanics Institute Hall which stands proudly in the centre of town, and the Tooborac Hotel which was built in 1857.*

*Be sure to visit our historic bridges, the Old Goulburn River Bridge in Seymour and the Trestle Bridge in Pyalong. Both provide a great opportunity for budding photographers.*



## Community Bank® Adventure Playground

The Community Bank® Adventure Playground and Splash Park in Hadfield Park Wallan is one of the state's coolest places to play.

The innovative all-abilities playground includes a fun five-storey tower with three slides and a water splash park. There is a tummy-churning flying fox, sensory play spaces, aqua drop bucket, barbecue facilities and change rooms. There is also a Changing Places facility available for use.

It's free and open all year, with the splash park operating 10am to 8pm, December through to March.



# Discover Mitchell's Recreational Activities

Mitchell Shire has a range of activities to keep all ages entertained. Whether you are looking to explore one of the many tracks and trails within the region, fish in the Goulburn River, play a round of golf, enjoy a horse trail ride or take your motorcycle or 4WD on one of our many tracks, Mitchell offers it all.

Our access to Melbourne makes Mitchell the perfect place for your recreational or sporting visit.



If getting active is your thing, we also offer a range of sporting facilities to enjoy, from quality reserves and leisure centres through to skate parks and playgrounds. Mitchell also has golf courses in all major towns. In both Wallan and Beveridge, you will find courses that are designed by golf champions and are considered premium courses in Victoria.

Broadford is home to the State Motorcycle Sporting Complex. Comprising of a race track, speedway and motor cross on over 600 acres, it is a great venue for all motorcycling needs.

Mitchell Shire is a haven for equine enthusiasts, boasting some of the top thoroughbred studs known for producing a roster of champion racehorses. Both Seymour Racing Club and Kilmore Trackside feature a thrilling calendar of racing events throughout the year.

For those seeking a more leisurely experience, Uncle Nev's Trail Rides located in Upper Plenty offers horseback riding adventures for all to enjoy.

Blu Sky Pony Rides in Beveridge also offer Saturday morning rides, you may even get to meet a unicorn!

*Mitchell Shire has three outdoor pools located in Tallarook, Broadford, and Seymour. These outdoor pools are open in the summer season from the first of December on days that are forecasted 26 degrees or greater.*



# Discover Mitchell's Art and Culture

Make a day of exploring Mitchell's emerging art scene.

Seymour's Station Street mural is not to be missed. Depicting many native animals and plants from the area, as well as imagery of Seymour's rich heritage, this is a big and bold masterpiece, worthy of an Instagram snap.

The botanical themed mural on the McIntyre Street underpass is also worth noting.

Art along the Great Victorian Rail Trail showcases an inspiring collection of works that stretch the length of the trail. Guided by the theme of connections, each artist interprets this concept uniquely, delving into aspects such as their relationship to the land, the local environment, the trail's history, and the sense of community. The artworks are distributed throughout the trail, spanning three Shires: Mitchell, Murrindindi, and Mansfield. Notable pieces in Mitchell include "Nook" by Donna Marcus near Tallarook, "Traces" by Yu-Fang Chi near Trawool, and "We Scar Many Trees" by Mick Harding at various locations along the trail.



Seymour is not the only place to find art in Mitchell! The town mural in Broadford is located on Powlett Street, just off High Street. The majestic wattle bird on Main Road in Tallarook is also one not to be missed.

Be sure to explore the Kilmore Creek Heritage Art Walk. Beginning on Union Street, this walking trail celebrates the rich and diverse history of the town. The interpretative storyboards tell the story of indigenous occupation through to colonial settlement, finishing with a vision of the town's future.

Mitchell is also home to a range of sculptures including Steve Wolfe's artistic blacksmith works of the Emus in Tooborac, the Stockman near LB Davern Reserve in Wandong and the Koala in Lions Park in Seymour. These steel pieces were all created by Steve with support from local schools and community.

And if bushranger history is something of interest, sculpture artist Ray McClean recognises Beveridge's role in Ned Kelly's childhood and life by creating a life size sculpture of Ned Kelly which stands in front of the Beveridge Community Centre in Lithgow Street.

*Visit the Seymour and District Art Society's Gallery which is located in Seymour's Old Courthouse building*





## Discover Mitchell's Food and Wine

The diverse landscapes of Mitchell provide excellent conditions for a range of agricultural pursuits, the results of which are fresh and quality local produce that allows for many culinary experiences in Mitchell.

The region has a range of country pubs offering up quality classic and bistro style food. Mitchell has an emerging cafe scene with quirky spots, celebrating the freshest of local ingredients. You will also find great country bakeries and restaurants serving a range of cuisines including Thai, Italian and Indian.

The Mitchell Shire region is quickly becoming a reputable wine producing location. The predominantly cool temperature climate is ideal for grape cultivation, and this paired with weathered loamy soils produce smaller crops with perfect fruits. This results in Mitchell's wineries offering a range of quality varieties that compete with the best Australian brands.

The many cellar doors, farm gates and markets offer an abundance of locally grown produce and artisan products. Be sure to ask at the Seymour Visitor Information Centre for a copy of our Discover Food, Wine and Local Produce guide for further recommendations.



# Events



## **JANUARY**

- Australia Day – Seymour
- Australia Day – Broadford
- Australia Day – Wallan

## **MARCH**

- Show and Shine – Seymour
- Australian Working Sheepdog Trials – Seymour
- Tooby Booby – Tooborac

## **APRIL**

- Alternative Farming Expo – Seymour
- Tastes of the Goulburn – Seymour
- Art Expo – Kilmore
- Busking Competition – Kilmore

## **SEPTEMBER**

- Swap Meet – Wallan

## **OCTOBER**

- Show – Seymour
- Art Beyond the Divide – Seymour
- Racing Festival – Seymour

## **NOVEMBER**

- Racing Festival – Kilmore
- Twilight Markets – Wallan
- Seven Sisters Festival – Glenaroua

## **DECEMBER**

- Carols in the Park – Seymour
- Community Bank Coming Together Christmas – Kilmore
- Christmas Market – Tallarook

## **Market Days**

- Tallarook Farmers Market  
1st Sunday of the month  
(except January)
- Wallan Market  
2nd Saturday of the month
- Trackside Market  
Every 3rd Saturday
- Kilmore Gaol Market  
Last Sunday of the month
- Seymour Rotary Market  
3rd Sunday of the month

*For a full event listing please visit  
[mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/events](https://mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/events)*



A couple is seen from behind, embracing in a lush green field. In the foreground, a light blue bicycle with a wicker basket on the handlebars is parked. The background features tall trees and rolling hills under a cloudy sky.

# Discover Mitchell's Towns

Mitchell Shire's towns offer a variety of unique visitor experiences. Nestled in the centre of Victoria with scenic beauty that's sure to inspire, fresh air to revitalise the senses and friendly locals to welcome you, why wouldn't you plan your next visit to Mitchell.

Our towns are accessible via the Hume Freeway, or via the V/Line train service with all major towns offering a stop.

*For train timelines and to find our more visit the V/Line website: [vline.com.au](http://vline.com.au)*



# Seymour

Seymour sits on the banks of the Goulburn River, just over a one-hour drive from Melbourne and easily accessible from the Hume Freeway. With the Tallarook Ranges as its backdrop, Seymour provides a tranquil atmosphere with a wide range of activities for visitors to enjoy.



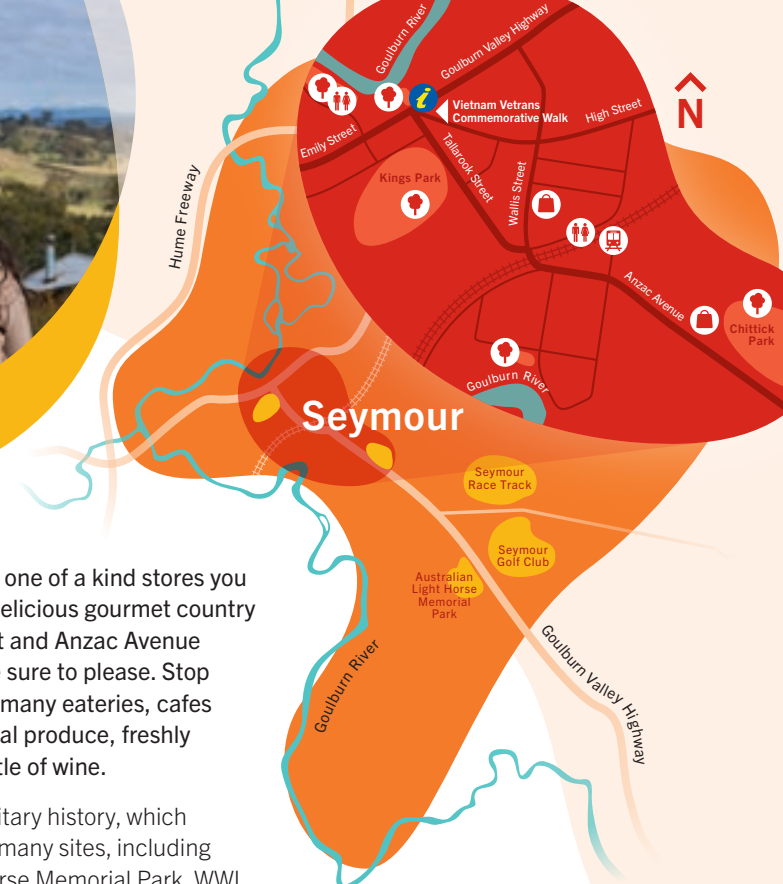
Whether it is boutique, one of a kind stores you are after, or the most delicious gourmet country pie, then Station Street and Anzac Avenue shopping precincts are sure to please. Stop in at one of Seymour's many eateries, cafes or wineries to enjoy local produce, freshly brewed coffee or a bottle of wine.

Seymour has a rich military history, which can be experienced at many sites, including the Australian Light Horse Memorial Park, WWI Memorial Park and the Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk.

The heritage listed Seymour Railway Station, the Seymour Heritage Railway Centre and the Black Steam Engine make Seymour famous for its railway history.

For those looking for a relaxing day out, the serenity of the Goulburn River from Goulburn Park or Lions Park are the perfect places to take a deep breath, slow down and be surrounded by nature. Shady picnic spots are dotted all along the riverfront and you will find convenient barbeque facilities, fishing jetties and fantastic walking tracks to enjoy.

*Drop into the Visitor Information Centre at the Old Court House for a copy of the 'Seymour and Surrounds' Visitor Guide for more detailed information on Seymour.*



**“We arrived in Seymour right on dusk and wandered down to take a look at the Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk. It was all lit up and looked amazing. A beautiful tribute. Well worth the trip.”**

- Discover a rich military history
- Soak up the serenity of the Goulburn River
- Indulge in quality coffee, wine and bakery treats

# Tallarook

Just ten minutes drive on either side of Seymour are the beautiful country towns of Tallarook and Trawool.

Tallarook is just off the Hume Freeway and its location and accessibility make it a great destination for a day trip from Melbourne. Full of country charm, this town will be sure to delight visitors with all that it has to offer.

Tallarook is also home to the start of the Great Victorian Rail Trail. The trail is the longest rail trail in Victoria and is 134 km in length travelling from Tallarook to Mansfield. The trail can be explored on foot, bike or horseback. It is an easily accessible, unique trail which offers an array of scenic experiences including the majestic views of the Trawool Valley.

Be sure to plan your visit to coincide with the Tallarook Farmers Market. This artisanal market is very popular with locals and visitors alike and happens on the first Sunday of every month.

No matter the reason for your visit, Tallarook is one of those small country towns that will make you feel right at home.

# Trawool

Classified by the National Trust in 1983 as a recognised scenic, geological and cultural site, the Trawool Valley provides the perfect backdrop to visitors driving through the region.

Nestled in the bend of the Goulburn River just between Trawool and Kerrisdale, you will find Horseshoe Lagoon. The peaceful atmosphere and stunning natural landscape make it the perfect place to enjoy a spot of fishing.

The Great Victorian Rail Trail also meanders through Trawool and the majestic views of the Valley can be taken in on the trail. Make sure you visit the Trawool Estate. You can stop for a quick refreshment, or a full dining experience, better yet pre-plan your trip and stay for a few days to explore more of what our region has to offer.

**“Trawool Shed, Farmstay and Cottages is also brilliant for a weekend getaway, and is also pet friendly!”**

- Ride the Great Victorian Rail Trail
- Enjoy the serenity of the Goulburn River
- Explore the Gawarn Baring Walking Track which will lead you to the historic Trawool Reservoir



# Kilmore

Picture Kilmore, Victoria's oldest inland town and the geographic heart of Victoria, and what it would have looked like in 1837. Sydney Street was the town's main thoroughfare and was a bustling hive of activity, starting with the picturesque Courthouse and Town Hall at the southern end of town.



Now, Sydney Street still remains a hive of activity, with beautiful historic buildings remaining as the main feature, but with the added extras of country pubs with craft beer on tap, food for the soul at chic cafes and local boutiques showcasing hand selected fashions. With Hudson Park being one of Mitchell's favourites for kids, Kilmore is one of those towns that is sure to have something to make everyone in the family happy.

Sutherland Street is in walking distance from Sydney Street and will bring you to the amazing piece of history that is the Old Kilmore Gaol. The bluestone penitentiary was built in 1857 and is of great historical significance. The best thing is you can now stop in and enjoy a freshly brewed coffee and take in the serenity of the surrounding gardens.

If you're looking for a scenic break be sure to visit Monument Hill Reserve. The reserve contains several walking tracks where you can enjoy the surrounding scenery. Follow the path to the top of the hill where you will find the Hume and Hovell monument, and enjoy the view over the Kilmore Township.

*“The historical buildings along the main street of Kilmore make you feel as though you have stepped back in time. Cafes are great too!”*

*For further details on Kilmore, please ask the staff at the Seymour Visitor Information Centre for a 'Kilmore and Surrounds' Visitor Guide*



# Tooborac

Take a drive past the rolling hills and pristine farmland to the town of Tooborac, where you will be greeted with friendly country hospitality. Set against the backdrop of the McIvor Ranges and surrounded by dramatic granite boulders, Tooborac is truly the hidden gem you have been looking for.

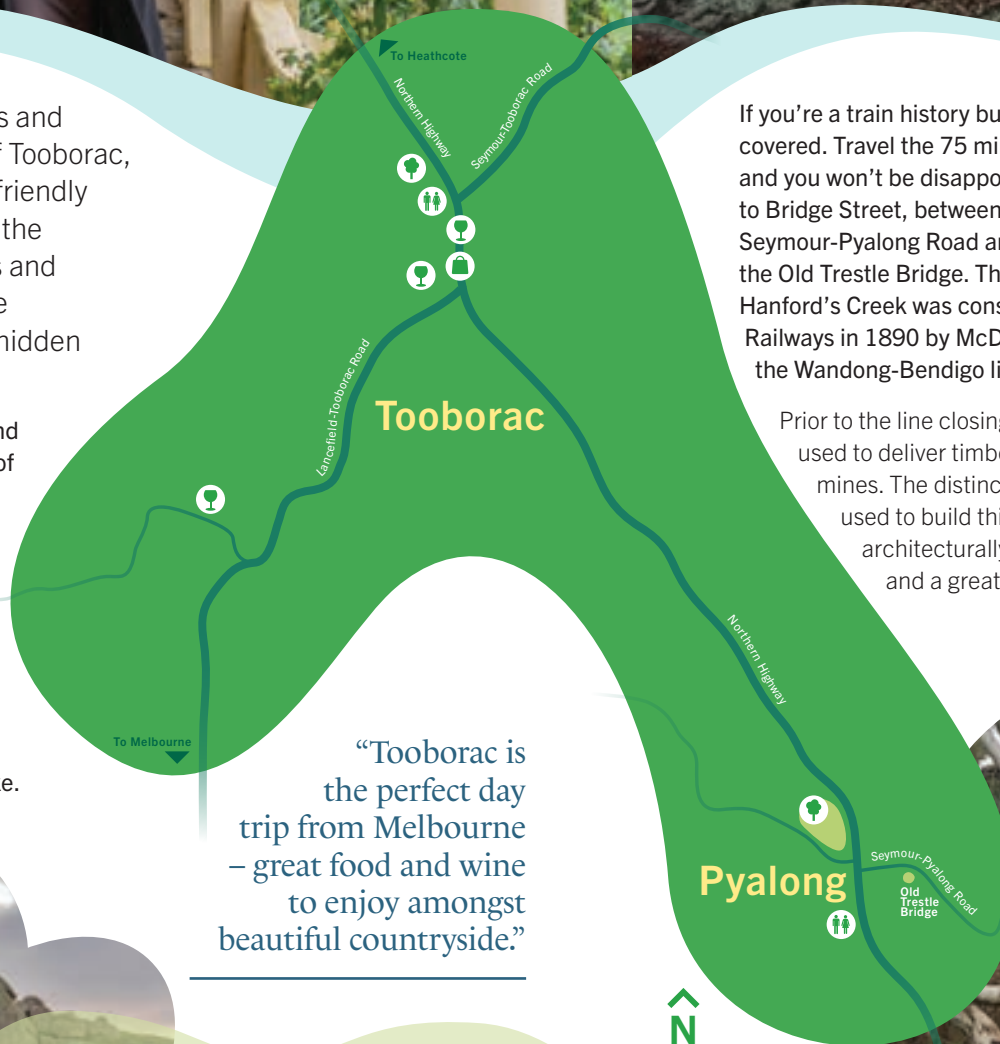
Tooborac is located at the northern end of Mitchell Shire and marks the start of the Heathcote Wine region where the rich cambrian volcanic soils, hills and temperate climate are ideal for growing varietals, especially Shiraz grapes. The town is home to wineries, award winning pies and a brewery amongst other attractions. Spend the day basking in the sun, while enjoying tasty local produce at the cellar doors and beer gardens alike.

“Tooborac is the perfect day trip from Melbourne – great food and wine to enjoy amongst beautiful countryside.”

# Pyalong

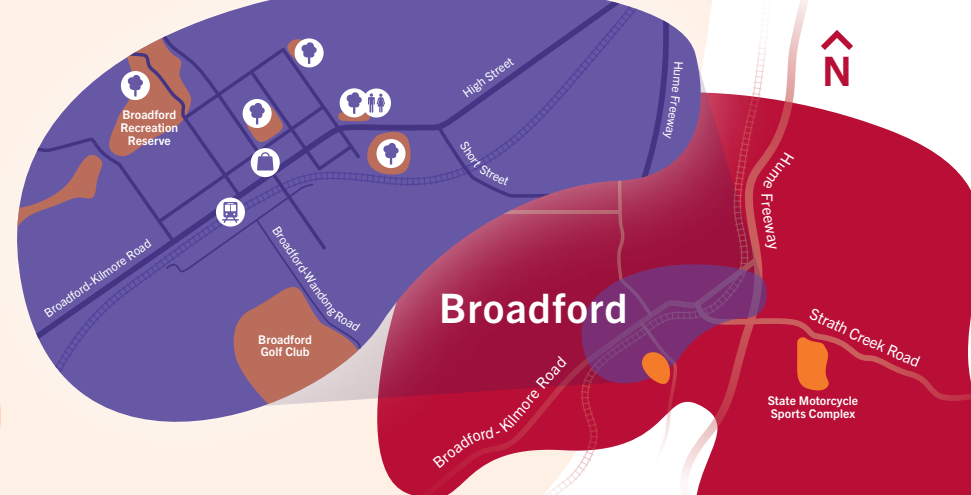
If you're a train history buff, then Pyalong has you covered. Travel the 75 minute trip from Melbourne, and you won't be disappointed. Make your way to Bridge Street, between Atkinson Street and Seymour-Pyalong Road and you will come across the Old Trestle Bridge. The Rail Bridge over Hanford's Creek was constructed for the Victorian Railways in 1890 by McDermott and Sons along the Wandong-Bendigo line, near Pyalong.

Prior to the line closing in 1968, it was primarily used to deliver timber shafts to the Bendigo mines. The distinctive construction method used to build this bridge makes it architecturally significant to Victoria and a great photo opportunity.



# Broadford

Broadford is located only 15 minutes from Kilmore and its township is built around High Street. The main street offers a range of local amenities and shopping facilities. In the heart of town, you'll find a charming country bakery, local cafes, pubs, and a variety of eateries, offering something for everyone to enjoy.



Broadford is incredibly proud of its history and is home to the Broadford and District Historical Society. The Broadford Courier building boasts one of the oldest printing presses in Australia, Mill Cottage and The Old Schoolhouse and is located in the heart of town. The Historical Society is open by appointment.

If you're after a little more action, Broadford is also home to the State Motorcycle Complex. The complex hosts various motorsport events and motorcycle races throughout the year, featuring well known international and Australian riders.

Broadford will also bring out the professional photographer in everyone. Head up to the Murchison Gap Lookout, choose a spot on the viewing deck and snap to your heart's content while you're taking in the region's beautiful rolling hills. All of Broadford's local history and stories will be revealed if you look closely enough.

**“Mt Piper Reserve is the reason I come back to Broadford time and time again. The scenery is amazing and makes you feel as though you're in another world.”**

- *Enjoy Broadford's outdoor pool in summer*
- *Take in the view from the summit of Mt Piper*



# Wallan

Wallan embraces the perfect balance of country charm with the amenities and conveniences of Melbourne close at hand. Whether by train or by the Hume, a large part of Wallan's appeal is its easy access to and from the centre of Melbourne. Wallan offers a classic example of where the city meets the country.

Filled with natural beauty, the Wallan area abounds with opportunity and boasts fantastic family friendly recreational facilities. The Wallan community harbours a well-appointed shopping district where you are sure to find something that suits all your family's tastes.

Located in the Wallan town centre in Hadfield Park is the Community Bank® Adventure Playground and Splash Park. This innovative, all-abilities playground offers an exciting array of adventure play experiences for all ages and abilities.



The Wallan Market runs on the 2nd Saturday of each month and is one of Wallan's most popular events drawing people together from all over the state. The market offers a wide variety of stalls from trash and treasure, arts, plants, local produce and a wide range of food stalls for a great shopping experience.

Hidden Valley lies to the north of Wallan and is a thriving country estate with a rich equine history. Hidden Valley remains a green oasis paying homage to the late Robert Holmes a Court who designed the property to be one of the best stud properties in the world. Now a residential development, Hidden Valley features a championship golf course, bar, bistro, a conference and events centre, all set within a picturesque landscape.

Whether it's a short trip or for an extended stay, there is something for everyone in Wallan.

*For further details on Wallan, please ask the staff at the Seymour Visitor Information Centre for a 'Wallan and Surrounds' Visitor Guide.*

**“We always catch up with our friends at the splash park. It's a relaxed atmosphere, safe for the family, easily accessible and close to the shops.”**

- *Grab some supplies from one of our local food traders and head to Hadfield Park for a picnic!*



# Beveridge

Beveridge is the most southern town of Mitchell Shire. Located on the Hume Freeway and with Mt Fraser as its backdrop, Beveridge is a growing town that has wonderful attractions for visitors to enjoy.

Beveridge was named after Andrew Beveridge who built the Hunter Tryst Inn in 1845. The town's history is tied to the notorious bushranger Ned Kelly. The Kelly House in Beveridge is known as the birthplace of the infamous Ned and was his home for the first nine years of his life. Ned's father built the home in 1859 and it is still standing today. You can visit both the house and the bluestone Catholic Church where Ned attended school as part of the Ned Kelly Touring Route.

Located on the other side of Beveridge is Mandalay golf course – perfect for your next golfing day. A true resort-style experience for visitors with dining options from the modern Australian cuisine in the fine dining room, or a more casual bistro meal all surrounded by natural beauty and the manicured landscapes of Beveridge.



*The Greater Beveridge Community Centre is a vibrant, inviting and accessible space available for community use and hosts a range of services.*

**For more information on Ned Kelly history and attractions see: [nedkellytouringroute.com.au/](http://nedkellytouringroute.com.au/)**

# Wandong and Heathcote Junction

Wandong and Heathcote Junction are neighbouring townships located less than one hour from Melbourne on the Hume Freeway. Both townships are easily accessible by train from Melbourne and the surrounding areas.

The towns are located at the summit of the Great Dividing Range and near to Mount Disappointment State Forest. This location means that Wandong and Heathcote Junction are surrounded by natural beauty and have true country charm.

Wandong and Heathcote Junction are rich in heritage and a substantial part of Mitchell Shire's history. The townships were designed by entrepreneur Robert Affleck Robertson who arrived in the town circa 1884 and built an extensive tramway network to Mount Disappointment. This was part of the boom of the timber industry, seasoning works and brickwork industry in the towns

Only a few minutes away from town is the Mount Disappointment State Forest. The area is a natural haven offering beautiful scenery, wild flowers, tree ferns, and wildlife. There is a variety of opportunities to explore the forest with a range of nature based recreational activities. You can tour the many 4WD tracks, bush walking tracks, bike trails or just enjoy the scenery of the area.

Other attractions in the area include the Say G'Day walking trail around the town and the Wandong and Heathcote Junction Memorial Park that houses a skate park, war memorial and bushfire memorial which commemorates those who lost their lives in the Black Saturday fires of 2009.





## Seymour Visitor Information Centre

47 Emily Street, Seymour  
Parking located on High Street  
Ph: (03) 5799 0233  
E: [visitorinfo@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:visitorinfo@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au)  
[mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/DiscoverMitchell](http://mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/DiscoverMitchell)

Free Wifi is available at the Seymour Visitor Information Centre

Seymour RV Dump Point: High Street, Seymour  
Broadford RV Dump Point: 120 High Street Broadford



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## Travel Safe

We want you to enjoy your time visiting Mitchell Shire and discovering the many attractions we have to offer. However, always remember to travel safely to assure you return home to your loved ones.

Always check the weather and Fire Danger Rating, especially during the summer to assure you are staying safe. Never travel into high fire risk areas where a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating has been declared. Download the VicEmergency app and listen to local radio so you can stay up to date with current warnings.

## Contacts

### EMERGENCY:

Ambulance, Fire and Police – 000  
*If you don't have mobile coverage, ring 112 to access Emergency Services*

VicEmergency Hotline – 1800 226 226

RACV Roadside Assist – 131 111

Help for Injured Wildlife, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) – 136 186

### LOCAL COUNCIL:

Mitchell Shire Council – (03) 5734 6200  
113 High Street, Broadford

### HEALTH:

Nurse-On-Call – 1300 60 60 24  
*24 hours a day, 7 days a week*

National Home Doctor Service – 137 425

Seymour District Memorial Hospital  
Seymour Health, 1 Bretonneux Street, Seymour 3660  
Ph: (03) 5793 6100  
*Urgent Care Centre Open 24 Hours a day, staffed by a Nurse Practitioner*

The Kilmore and District Hospital  
Anderson Road, Kilmore, 3764  
Ph: (03) 5734 2000  
*Urgent Care Centre Open 24 Hours a day, staffed by registered nurses*



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