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Upper Murray Holiday Guide

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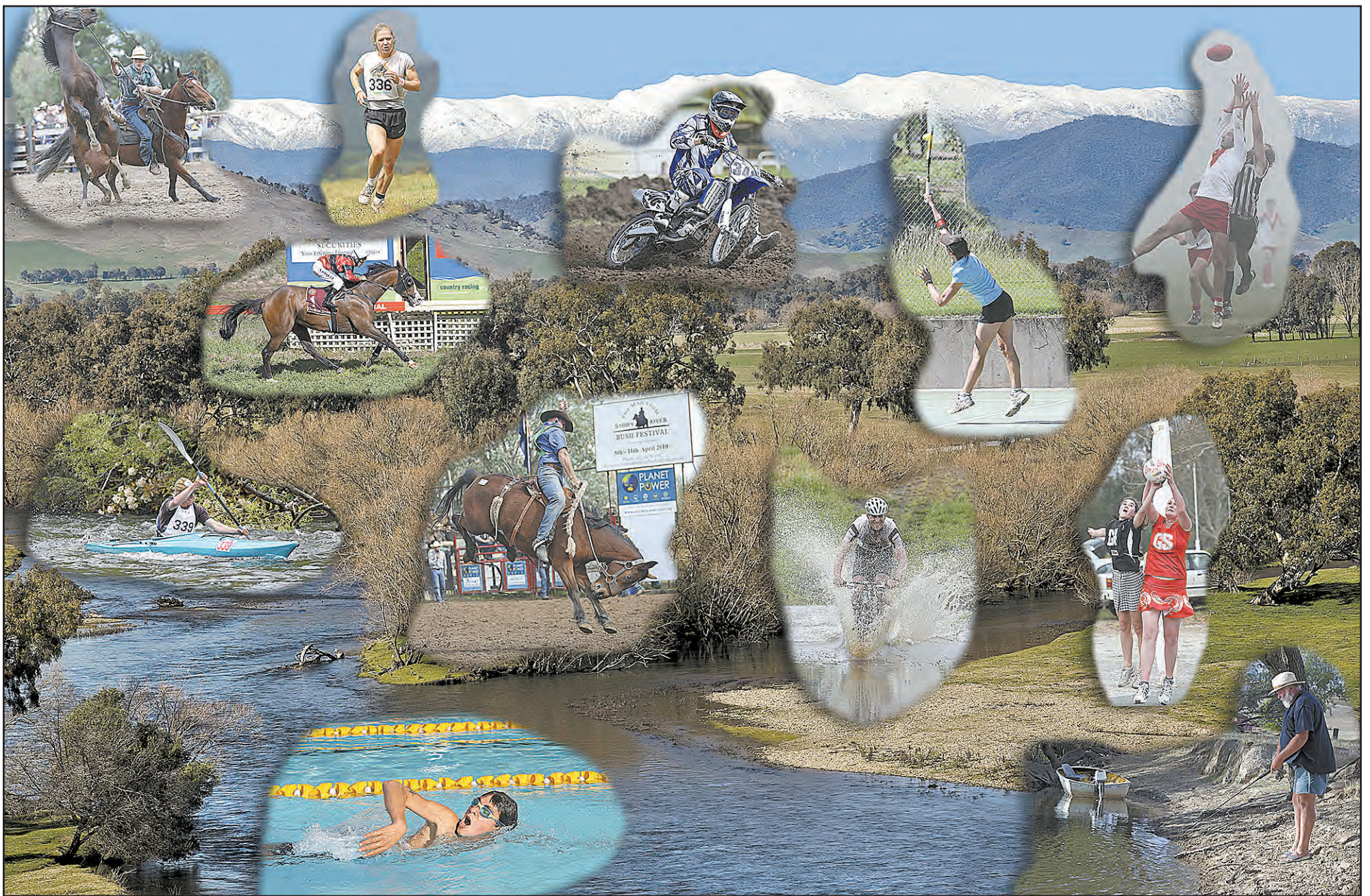


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for the fray**

Man From Snowy River Bush Festival, Corryong
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December 2022

Head for the hills



Here in the Upper Murray, where Australia's greatest river is born, you'll find a unique adventure playground, just waiting to be discovered.

Historic bridges, lookouts and waterfalls, the crystal clear mighty Murray River and mountain streams - an angler's paradise - the Snowy Hydro Scheme, The Man From Snowy River Bush Festival, Kosciuszko National Park, the best local museum.... you'll have to make time to fit it all in!

The area remains virtually the same as when Banjo Paterson visited

Jack Riley in 1890 and was moved to immortalise it in his famous poem "The Man From Snowy River".

Today, by taking to the mountains on horseback you can answer the same call to adventure that led Jack to live out his days here.

Another way to escape to the pristine wilderness and unique bushland that make up the Upper Murray is on foot.

The region is home to several National Parks and State Forests, where you can spend an afternoon on a peaceful stroll along any of the walking trails, or take on

something a little more challenging like climbing to the summit of Mount Kosciuszko (Australia's highest mountain) or Burrowa Pine Mountain. (Australia's largest monolith 1½ times the size of Uluru).

Almost any trail, park or forest that can be seen on foot can also be explored on mountain bike. Enjoy a leisurely ride through the forest or a challenging gravel bike adventure.

Bicycles, including E-bikes are available for hire at Hobie's Sports Store in Corryong.

There are so many

ways to enjoy the pristine waters of the Upper Murray region.

The region is an angler's dream with the clear waters of the Murray river and its tributaries being home to a variety of fish.

Public boat ramps are available at Tintaldra and Khancoban.

Whatever your preference you will find an abundance of native plants and animals and spectacular scenery beyond compare.

If setting off without a guide please check weather conditions and local knowledge on

exploring the region at the Corryong Visitor Information Centre or with either Parks Victoria or the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service Information Centre at Khancoban.

A popular attraction in Corryong is The Man From Snowy River Museum.

The extensive and unique displays are loved by thousands of domestic and international visitors each year who visit the museum.

It is rated by overseas tourists as one of the top ten 'must see' museums in the country.

A big welcome

The Towong Shire welcomes visitors to the municipality and to the Upper Murray.

We have two main towns, Tallangatta and Corryong and a number of small towns.

We pride ourselves on our clean, green environment.

Corryong holds its famous 'Man from Snowy River Bush Festival' each April, celebrating the legendary ride which was the subject of Banjo Paterson's famous poem.

We also invite you to check out our latest touring route - the Great River Road.

Whether you come here to enjoy the festivals or the magnificent scenery, local people will welcome you warmly.

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So much to see and do!



The magnificent view from Farran's Lookout between Corryong and Tintaladra.

Corryong is undoubtedly the jewelled centre piece of the magnificent region known as the Upper Murray. Located just 11kms from the Murray River and in the foothills of the Australian Alps, Corryong and district has something for everyone.

Make the most of your visit to the magnificent Upper Murray by calling into the Corryong Visitor Information Centre to discover more of the attractions this region has to offer.

Ask about the abundance of local natural attractions including Burrowa-Pine Mountain National Park. This awesome granite monolith is 1.5 times larger than Uluru and has breathtaking views from its summit should you chose to walk. Cudgewa Bluff Falls is also within the Burrowa-Pine Mountain National Park and is one of the area's best kept secrets. Parking is now approximately 100m from the Falls themselves, however for those with limited mobility a key may be obtained at the Information Centre to give closer access.

Take a drive to Embery's Lookout on top of Mt Mittamatite and take in the view of Corryong with the Australian Alps as your backdrop. Mt Lawson State Park is only a short drive away. Visit Avondale Gardens and while in the area explore the trestle bridges.

For those with an interest in discovering more intimately our natural beauty there is four wheel driving, fishing and canoeing.

Touring throughout the Upper Murray provides unlimited opportunities to explore its local townships and history.

Visit historic Tintaladra, Walwa and Jingellic along the river. Stop for the many photographic opportunities at lookouts along the way. Tour Cudgewa, Nariel and Thowgla and the picturesque Biggara valley. Pack a picnic and find a pleasant location along our many waterways.

A visit to the Man from Snowy River Museum in Corryong should definitely be included on your itinerary. The Museum features the history of Jack Riley of "Man from Snowy River" fame.

Jack was the head stockman at Tom Groggin Station when he was visited by AB "Banjo" Paterson who penned the now famous poem "The Man from Snowy River" (1890). Jack Riley is buried in the Corryong Cemetery.

The museum also houses a unique collection of ski memorabilia and other local history.

A visit to the sites of the Snowy Scheme is a must for those wanting to experience the best of our region this summer. Visitors can pay a visit to the Snowy Hydro visitor centres and learn more about the power generator's operations, the Snowy 2.0 project and the history of the iconic Scheme.

No matter what time of year you visit, there is bound to be an exciting event waiting for your presence.

Annual feature events include the Nariel Creek Folk Festival, the Towong Cup, Corryong Machinery Club Rally and the Upper Murray Challenge. The Nariel Creek Folk Festival is held over the Christmas/New Year holidays across two

venues.

From a small gathering of like-minded people and curious locals, the folk festival has become the oldest running event of its kind in Australia, continuing a long tradition of old time music and dance which has been a feature of the Nariel Valley for more than 100 years. It will celebrate a remarkable achievement this holiday period by notching up its 60th anniversary.

The Towong Cup race meeting is well known as the 'Flemington of the Bush'. It is held on the March long weekend.

The Man From Snowy River Bush Festival is held in Corryong in April - a unique Australian bush gathering showcased by The Challenge and including Ag Field Days. The prestigious horse riding test draws skilled stockmen and stockwomen from right across Australia.

The Corryong Visitor Information Centre in the main street is open daily between 9am and 5pm (excluding Christmas Day, Good Friday and the morning of Anzac Day).

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Located in the Upper Murray are a number of spectacular parks and reserves.

These natural attractions contain rugged mountain peaks, rocky outcrops and waterfalls and offer spectacular views over the surrounding countryside.

The varied terrain is home to numerous rare species of flora and fauna and provides for a range of recreational activity.

Burrowa - Pine Mountain National Park - This Park (18,400 ha) consists of two rugged and contrasting mountains. The park boasts impressive scenery, diverse habitats and significant flora conservation values.

Bluff Falls - a spectacular set of waterfalls exists where water cascades off the park plateau, over Cudgewa Bluff and into a tranquil grotto below.

Pine Mountain - this gigantic rock monolith is 1.5 times as big as Uluru (Ayers Rock). The walk to the top over imposing rock outcrops (12 kms return) is difficult but good views are available after only 1 km.

The Lookouts Walking Track - this walk starts at Bluff Falls and climbs past Campbell's Lookout (1.5kms return) to Ross Lookout (6km return). It offers excellent views of the park and surrounding countryside.

Mt Burrowa - the highest point in the park (1300m) can usually be reached via a number of walking tracks including from Hinces Creek (21 kms return) and from the Cudgewa Bluff Rd (15 kms return). The walk is strenuous but rewarding. It would pay to check whether it is open.

Bushwalking - a range of additional walking opportunities are possible and a combination of walking tracks and 4WD tracks may be used to form extended overnight hikes.

Picnicking and camping - basic facilities are provided at Bluff Creek, Blue Gum Camp, Hinces Creek and at Pine Mountain.

Four wheel drive and mountain biking - a network of 4WD tracks exists although most minor tracks are fine weather only and seasonal closures apply.

Mt Lawson State Park - This Park (13,150

ha) is known for its steep slopes, cliffs and prominent rocky bluffs. The park contains a range of largely undisturbed natural environments with significant conservation values and walking tracks

Mt Lawson Summit - the highest point (1,041m) in the park provides outstanding views north over the Murray River valley and south to the Victorian Alps.

Historic Railway Trestle Bridge - this high, timber bridge over Boggy Creek was built c1915 as part of the disused Wodonga - Cudgewa railway line.

Picnicking and camping - basic facilities are located at the Historic Railway Trestle Bridge, Koetong Creek, Mt Lawson summit and the Kurrajongs.

Four wheel driving and mountain biking - a network of vehicle tracks exists although most minor tracks are fine weather only and seasonal closures apply.

Mt Granya State Park - This Park (6,140 ha) is a dominant feature in the landscape with its steep, forested slopes rising dramatically above Lake Hume and surrounding valleys. The park features diverse vegetation and spectacular wild-flower displays.

Mt Granya Summit - the highest point in the park (870m) provides spectacular views of the surrounding countryside.

Granya Falls - these seasonal waterfalls, a pleasant destination for day-visitors, are reached after a short walk (1 km return) from Cottontree Creek.

Scout Hut - a log hut, constructed by the Granya Scout Group in 1937, is situated on the walking track between Cottontree Creek and Granya Falls.

Bushwalking - a variety of walking opportunities are possible on the network of tracks and fire trails.

Four wheel driving and mountain biking - a network of vehicle tracks exists although most minor tracks are fine weather only.

Jarvis Creek Regional Park - This Park (2,510 ha) consists of two prominent, forested ridges that form a broad plateau at their junction. The park contains a diverse range of wildlife and is readily

accessible from nearby towns.

Plateau Road Scenic Drive - this two-wheel drive, fine weather, gravel road offers a pleasant drive through the park between Jarvis Creek and Georges Creek Roads.

Picnicking - basic facilities are located at picnic areas on Plateau Road and at Lightning Creek.

Four wheel driving, mountain biking and horse riding - a network of vehicle tracks exists although most minor tracks are fine weather only.

Mt Mittamatite Regional Park - This Park (4,280) is a striking feature in the landscape, its forested slopes rising sharply from the surrounding plains. These steep, rocky slopes shelter a number of rare plant species.

Mt Mittamatite Summit - Located on the highest point in the park (1,003m) are radio and aviation communication facilities and a firetower. Note: The summit is only accessible during dry conditions.

Embry Lookout & Reg's Lodge - Provides spectacular views of the Kosciuszko Main Range (NSW) in winter and is a popular hanggliding location.

Wabba Wilderness Park & Falcon Point - Wabba Wilderness Park (20,100ha) is important for its high nature conservation values, relatively undisturbed foothills, forests and natural water catchment.

The park provides visitors with opportunities to enjoy some solitude. No public vehicles or animals are permitted. No facilities or signs exist.

Murray River Reserves - Located along the Murray River are a number of reserves that provide opportunities for camping, swimming, fishing, canoeing and other passive pursuits.

Avondale Gardens - The Avondale Gardens Reserve (22ha) near Shelley is centred on the original homestead site of a former grazing property. The reserve contains an impressive 2ha garden of mainly exotic tree species, first established in the 1950s.

Basic picnic facilities are provided. Camping is available in designated areas.

Visit our largest park

Visit Kosciuszko National Park at any time of the year and a world of discovery awaits you.

Autumn is perfect for getting an adrenaline charge before winter on your mountain bike. Boating and fishing activities are also great before the water gets cold again for winter.

Spring is a great time for bushwalking as the wildflowers come into bloom in some areas and the days are not too hot.

In summer there's alpine wildflowers in bloom and a wealth of special student excursions to join including climbing Mt Kosciuszko, bush banquets, learning about conservation and Aboriginal heritage.

In winter stay at the ski resorts at Perisher, Thredbo and Charlotte Pass for skiing and snowboarding adventures in the beauty of the snow-covered mountains.

The Park covers 690,000 hectares (1.5 million acres).

From the summit of Mt Kosciuszko, at 2228 metres, the park drops down through woodlands to plains and river valleys of a few hundred metres altitude.

With such diverse areas, the park supports a potpourri of plant and animal life, including many alpine plants which are found nowhere else in



The picturesque Blue Waterholes is a great base for exploring the Kosciuszko National Park.

the world.

The park is also home to rare animals including the mountain pygmy possum, the broad-toothed rat, tiger quolls and the unique vivid yellow and black striped corroboree frog.

You might also see the unusual wingless Kosciuszko grasshopper, known for its ability to change from blue to green, depending on the temperature.

More than 200 species of birds have been sighted in the park - almost 40 per cent of the known bird species in NSW.

The magnificent wedged-tailed eagle is a common sight as are kestrels, emus, cockatoos and magpies. You might even see a lyre bird in the western end of Kosciuszko.

Kosciuszko is a place to go to escape urban

pressures and discover scenic ranges, plains and fragile alpine areas.

The park has several short, regularly maintained walking tracks where visitors can begin their discovery of Kosciuszko.

Alternatively, escape to the more remote areas of the park following one of the many management trails.

Take in the views at one of the numerous lookouts scattered throughout the park.

Try caving. Guided and self-guided tours are available at Yarrangobilly Caves in the northern end of the park. In addition to its majestic limestone caves, the area boasts a thermal pool where, with water temperatures at 27 degrees Celsius, people swim all year round.

Go canoeing. The Park's fast mountain streams challenge many

canoeists. Many of these rivers are part of the hydro-electric scheme, so check if the river is downstream from a dam and for possible dangerous releases from its spillway.

Relax and unwind. The Lower Snowy in the southern end of the park is a great place for the family on a hot summer's day. Picnic by the river's edge and cool off in the water.

Saddle up a horse. Re-live the days of the "Man From Snowy River" and explore the park on horseback. Horse riding is only permitted in approved areas in order to prevent damage to vegetation and soil stability.

For heritage buffs, scattered throughout the park are huts and the remnants of times past. Start your exploration at Kiandra's heritage trail off the Snowy Mountains Highway.




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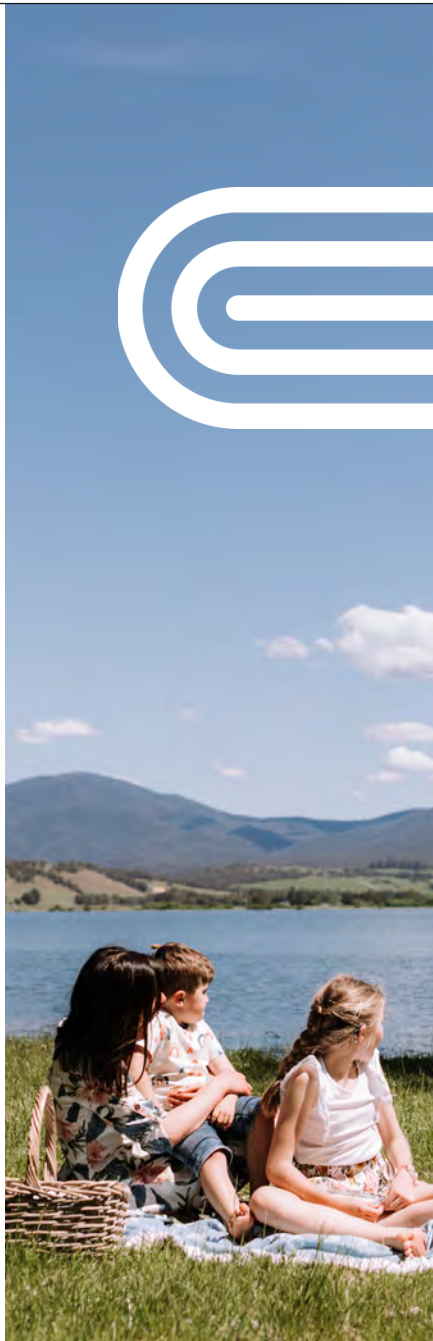
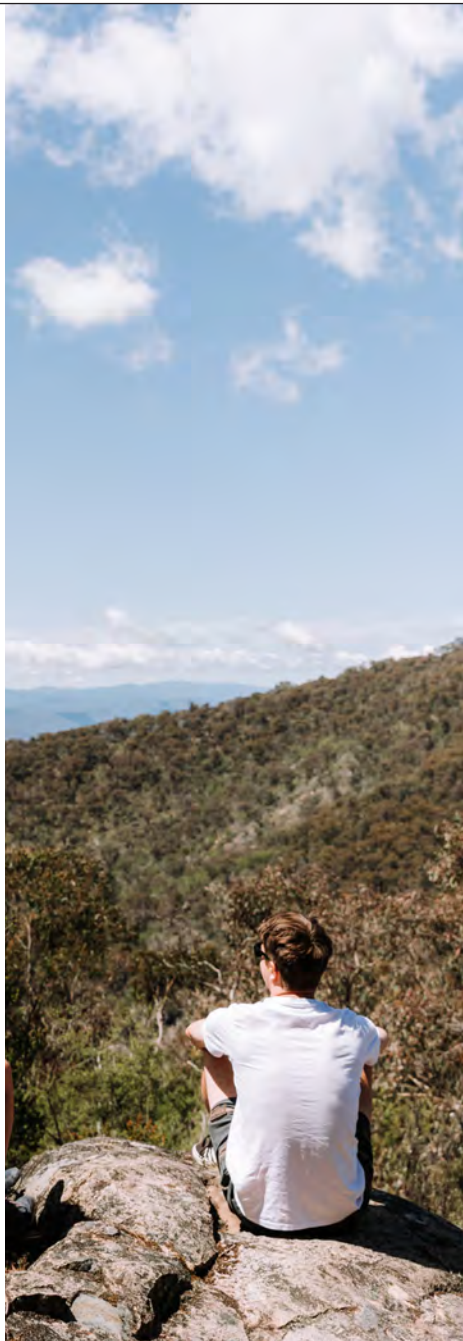




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Follow the Great River Road ...



Local fauna features in five public artworks as part of a local touring route in the region - The Great River Road - which starts at Bellbridge on the Hume Dam and wends its way along the mighty Murray River to Khancoban.

Its many wayside stops feature picturesque views of the Murray River, the Upper Murray valley, the surrounding areas and the Snowy Mountains.

The route includes and upgrade of existing wayside stops with new interpretive signage, seating, shelters and landscaping as well as the installation of five large-scale, interactive artwork pieces at key sites along

the way.

Award winning sculptor Benjamin Gilbert from the Yackandandah-based Agency of Sculpture was commissioned for the works.

The first of these at Tintalra was a homage to the famous Murray Cod and the other works reference the natural fauna throughout the area - a flying eagle at Mount Alfred, Bogong Moth at Newmans Lookout, Murray Cod at Tintalra, Murray Cray at Bringenbrong and the Big Trout at Khancoban.

The route along the Murray River Road and Murray Valley Highway offers the best

touring experience of Australia's greatest River, with the spectacular Snowy Mountains as the backdrop.

The Great River Road experience is designed to be taken as a leisurely trip travelling principally along the Murray River road from Bellbridge, just outside Albury, in the west to Khancoban in the east or vice versa.

Stage 2 of the project is underway and includes the commissioning of four new artwork pieces and development of various walking tracks.

Travellers experience many stops, views and stories and towns along the way.

The Murray Grey cattle had its origin in the Upper Murray and the story is told along the way where you can read how and see where it all began.

The Murray Cray at Bringenbrong marks the spot where local man Graham Middleton began his epic swim of the length of the Murray River in the 1990s to become the first person to conquer Australia's greatest waterway.

While touring the Upper Murray experience the local towns and hospitality. Have a coffee or enjoy a tranquil country pub meal watching the river waters flow by.

See The Man From

Snowy River statue and the museum in Corryong - rated among the top 20 in Australia.

There are many things to do in the Upper Murray and its surrounds so call in at the Corryong Visitor Information Centre for more information.

Complementing the Great River Road has been the construction of a new boat ramp at the Tintalra Reserve.

A concrete ramp has been built approximately 40m downstream of the Tintalra Bridge.

A trailer and parking space is situated above the riverbank on Back Tintalra Road - across the road from the pub!.

Drop a line in pristine waters

The Upper Murray is an angler's dream with the clear waters of the Murray river and its tributaries being home to a variety of fish.

Murray Cod, Trout Cod, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, English Perch (Redfin) Macquarie Perch, Golden Perch (Yellowbelly) and crayfish thrive in the waters of the upper river catchment.

This makes fly fishing and angling some of our best loved outdoor sports and forms of relaxation.

To keep our fish populations sustainable, every waterway has a fishing classification which determines its open fishing season, the number of allowed attended rods, lines and hooks and the legal length and daily bag limit allowance for these fish.

Fishing requires an appropriate state fishing license which can be purchased online or in Corryong, Tumbarumba, Tallangatta, Khancoban, Dartmouth, Mitta Mitta and Walwa. Fishing from either bank of the Murray River requires a NSW fishing license.

Fishing Licences & Information are available at Hobie's Sports Store, Corryong (6076 1121).

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Pay a visit to the Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre in Cooma to learn more about its operations, the Snowy 2.0 project and the history of the iconic Scheme.

You can experience the Scheme like never before in the new immersive theatre which provides a virtual flyover of the mountains and tells the remarkable story of the Snowy Scheme's past, present and future.

You can also check out the scale model of one of Snowy 2.0's tunnel-boring machines in the interpretive area.

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While at the centre, you can gain an insight into Snowy Hydro's operations through real-

time screens. The centre carries an extensive range of maps and a variety of products to purchase including local produce, books and gifts.

The Snowy Visitor Display in picturesque Khancoban is inside The Pickled Parrot Providore

café and supermarket. It is the ideal place to learn more about Snowy's operations in the region and view a model of the Snowy Scheme and Geehi Reservoir.

While visiting Talbingo, drop into the supermarket in the centre

of town and see the Snowy Hydro display.

There are a number of ways you can plan your visit to the Scheme. For up-to-date information visit the website at snowyhydro.com.au/visit. Alternatively, call 1800 623 776.

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The Man from Snowy River
The ride that made a legend of Jack Riley occurred in the mid 1880's

- Riley joined a party of stockmen out to capture an escaped thoroughbred stallion, which had joined a mob of horses.
- The others, having followed an easier way down, found Riley waiting at the spot, the stallion safe inside.
- A stockyard was built at the foot of Mt. Leatherhead & the mob was found on a high ridge nearby. Only Jack Riley had the courage to follow the stallion in its mad plunge down the scrubby slope!
- Harro Patterson, was a frequent visitor to the Mitchell's at Eriangahong & in 1890 he and Walter Mitchell spent a night in Riley's hut. A modest Jack Riley was persuaded to tell the story of the ride to recapture the stallion.

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As early as 1861, John Derbyshire (Acting District Surveyor) sent Arthur F Walker to subdivide country lands at Tintalra, Cudgewa, Colac Colac and Wabba.

In the same year Derbyshire himself laid out the township of Towong, with the first land being offered for sale on 29th November, 1867.

Both Towong and Tintalra were vying to be the 'capital' of the Upper

Murray.

However, even in the 1860s, the manager of Watson's Tintalra Store, Mr Charles Armstrong, wrote in his diary that Corryong was the most natural centre and his judgement was proved correct.

Corryong was surveyed in 1879 by Thomas K Brain and the first land sale took place on 20th June, 1882. Some development had taken place when a Mr Miller transferred his store from Koetong by bullock wagon in 1875.

When he died the following year, Donaldson (who was

managing Watson's Store at Tintalra) bought the estate and expanded the business.

In the meantime, the Primary School had transferred to its present site (diagonally opposite the Memorial Hall) in 1877 from Hugh Harris' "Hunters Plain" where it was established five years earlier.

This new school was built by Mr William Lloyd and it still stands today, surrounded by new additions.

Donaldson decided that his business would be better served if it was nearer the school, so in 1883 he built a new shop opposite the school.

This shop, which later included the Post Office, was burnt down in 1903 and rebuilt where it stands today as Pioneer Corner at the top of Hanson Street.

The current Shire Offices building was opened on 28th May, 1971 by the then Premier of Victoria, the Hon Rupert Hamer. The Shire Engineer of that time, Mr John Sherring, designed

the building.

80 Hanson Street was, for many years, a doctor's residence. The well-loved Dr Greenham (after whom Greenham Street was named) lived here until the residence and surgery diagonally opposite were completed. That building now houses the Baptist Church.

The land on which the Masonic Lodge was built was purchased from Andrew and James Harris and the lodge opened on 15th October, 1921.

The red roofed house at 104 Hanson Street was built in the 1920s as the Shire Engineer's residence. One of the first to occupy it was Mr Farran, whose name is perpetuated in Farran Street and Farran's Lookout on the road to Tintalra.

The end of your walk down Hanson Street is the 'Man from Snowy River' Museum. This building was erected in 1926 as the Upper Murray Shire Offices and handed over to the Upper Murray Historical Society in 1971.

The museum houses

an interesting collection of local memorabilia, as well nationally and internationally significant items, and is a must-visit stopover - allow at least an hour to see it all.

The museum is open on a daily basis and varies on the time of year - check the Tourist Information Centres for current times.

Most visitors to Corryong comment on the impressive trees lining the main street, especially in autumn when they display their gold colours.

These liquid ambers are planted all around town. A former shire engineer, John Showers, who had come from the Bright area, was responsible for the planting which started at the museum many years ago. To get back to the starting point walk back via Wheeler Street and see more of the trees that have given this town the reputation for its autumn displays.

There are many other historical buildings within the town including Davis Cottage in the Attree Centre.

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A colourful history

Set among majestic liquid amber trees in Hanson Street in Corryong is the 'Man from Snowy River' Museum.

The commitment of the local community to carry on the traditions and stories of early settlement through to the post-war years is an experience to behold.

The extensive and unique display is loved by thousands of visitors each year who visit the museum.

It is rated by overseas tourists as one of top ten 'must see' museums in the country.

People from around the world also visit the museum to retrace their heritage as many early European settlers called the Upper Murray area home, and the museum boasts a sizable research room of local records.

The building, which was formerly the Shire Offices, was erected in 1926 and gazetted to the museum in 1971.

The museum houses an interesting collection of local memorabilia, including many nationally significant items.

An authentic bark slab hut as used by the

mountain cattlemen is also being constructed on the site.

An internationally significant item in the museum is Jim Simpson's rug, one of Australia's most precious items of war memorabilia which is housed in the purpose-built cabinet. Mr Simpson knitted the rug, depicting the map of Australia, while he was a prisoner of war during World War II.

The museum is staffed wholly by volunteers and is open on a daily basis. Check the Visitor Information Centre for times.

See the best bush racing

A day at the races is both a sporting and social occasion in the Upper Murray.

The annual race meeting at the Towong Racecourse, near Corryong, attracts thousands of punters.

Some are caught up in the excitement of the horse racing while others are more intent on relaxing in the picturesque setting under shady 100 year old elm trees.

The racetrack and historic grandstand have undergone major renovations, adding to the amenity.

Towong was one of the locations for the filming of the Phar Lap movie because of the superb old style grandstand which dominates the course.

Over the years, thousands have made the journey to "The Flemington of the Bush", and reportedly among them was legendary

Melbourne gangster Squizzy Taylor.

In the 1920s Squizzy and his gang, who were allegedly hiding out in the area, could not resist the temptation and made off with the day's gate takings!

The Towong Turf Club holds its Cup meeting on the Saturday of the March long weekend in Victoria.

It attracts many ex-patriots and regular visitors who make the trek to catch up with old friends.

Towong features full on course TAB operations, a strong bookmakers ring and Sky Channel.

There is also a variety of entertainment (check for coronavirus restrictions on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/towongturfclub/>).

On race day buses run to and from Corryong and the other towns in the area.

For more information phone 0427 220 966.



Campers are spoilt for choices



Camping enthusiasts are well catered for in the region with more than 60 caravan parks and camping sites located throughout the Tallangatta area, Upper Murray and into New South Wales.

A Camping Guide is available at local information centres.

Visitors are advised

to take the necessary precautions when camping out by checking weather conditions in advance and getting the latest information on road conditions and closures.

It is advisable to carry your own firewood for fires and barbecues at some of the more isolated camp spots.

Our towns are RV friendly

Caravans, motorhomes and campervans can be assured that visiting the Towong Shire will be a friendly experience, following official recognition of Corryong and Tallangatta by the Campervan Motorhome Club of Australia.

Improving facilities to encourage more caravan, motorhome and campervan visitors has been an essential priority of the Towong Shire Council.

The industry is the fastest growing domestic tourism sector in Australia in the past 10 years and the Upper Murray is a great destination for RV tourers.

Recharge your batteries



The township of Cudgewa, just 10 kilometres from Corryong, is perfect for spending a quiet day unwinding.

Cudgewa has the distinction of having been the largest railhead for beef cattle in Australia in its heyday.

It is at the end of the old railway line from Wodonga. A storyboard at the site tells about the part the railway played in the town's history.

The colourful playground at Cudgewa is a lovely venue for a picnic.

Other attractions in the district include the majestic Bluff Falls picnic area and the Cudgewa Creek, which is well known as a hot fishing spot.



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Where legends are born

They can crack whips, shoe horses, catch brumbies and ride like the Man from Snowy River. And they assemble in Corryong every autumn to battle in the Man from Snowy River Challenge.

The prestigious horse riding challenge is the highlight of the Man From Snowy River Bush Festival and draws skilled stockmen and stockwomen from right across Australia.

Challenge competitors will take part in demanding tests of skill including a vet and gear check, stock handling, packhorse, bareback obstacle riding, horseshoeing and cross country riding.

Only the top ten competitors will take part in the daring final events - brumby catching and stock saddle buck jumping.

These will determine who will leave Corryong with the prestigious Modern Man from Snowy River title along with a cash prize and awards.

The event has gone from strength to strength over the years.

The 2017 Junior and Ladies events featured in a final of their own for the first time with The Ladies Silver Brumby Catch testing the Brumby catching skills of the top three lady riders and a time trial to test the top three junior riders.

All Challenge events take place at the Corryong Showgrounds where many of the entrants and their supporters camp throughout the festival.

The Challenge begins on the Friday and the preliminary rounds are held over two days - vet and gear check, packhorse, stockhandling, horse-shoeing, whipcracking, cross country and bareback obstacle.

The top ten competitors are announced on the Saturday evening and the finalists are able to celebrate at the Open Air Concert which takes place at the Showgrounds that night.

The seniors finals take place on Sunday. The daring Brumby Catch and Stock Saddle Buckjump are exciting displays of

skills - great entertainment for onlookers.

The prizes are awarded following completion of the Stock-saddle Buckjump and tallying of the final scores.

Each year the event is hailed as the best ever, as the riders strive to be the best in the land.

A host of local riders also compete, hoping for a home town victory.

Several promising riders have graduated from the junior event to the senior Challenge.

That includes three-time champion John Mitchell from Tooma (2016-2018), surpassing the feat of his brother David who won in 2010 and 2012.

Previous winners of the Challenge have been:-

Seniors

- 1995 - Bill Willoughby
- 1996 - Scott Bandy
- 1998 - Ron Connley
- 1999 - Ron Connley, and Barry Paton
- 2000 - Scott Bandy
- 2001 - Ben Hall
- 2002 - Geoff Willis
- 2003 - Jason Leitch
- 2004 - Jason Leitch



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- 2005 - Geoff Willis
- 2007 - Sam Baylis
- 2007 - Ryan Pendergast
- 2008 - Not held (equine influenza)
- 2009 - Morgan Webb
- 2010 - David Mitchell
- 2011 - Scott Bandy
- 2012 - David Mitchell
- 2013 - Scott Bandy
- 2014 - Scott Bandy
- 2015 - Bronson Macklinshaw

- 2016 - John Mitchell
- 2017 - John Mitchell
- 2018 - John Mitchell
- 2019: Kieran Davidson
- 2020 - Not held
- 2021 - Morgan Webb
- 2022 - Morgan Webb

Juniors

- 1998 - Jim Laverty
- 1999 - Mark Patterson
- 2000 - Jim Laverty
- 2001 - Ryan Pendergast
- 2002 - David Mitchell
- 2003 - David Mitchell
- 2004 - Tyler Pendergast
- 2005 - Rhys Angland
- 2006 - Morgan Webb
- 2007 - John Mitchell
- 2008 - Not held
- 2009 - Daryl Baines
- 2010 - Ben Donahue
- 2011 - Dean Pendergast & William Harrison
- 2012 - William Harrison
- 2013 - William Harrison
- 2014 - Nick Roe
- 2015 - Johnny Ward
- 2016 - Kelsie Lupson
- 2017 - Johnny Ward
- 2018 - Travis Bandy
- 2019 - Travis Bandy
- 2020 - Not held

- 2021 - Jessie Fox
- 2022 - Bill Phegan

Women

- 1995 - Tarina Connley
- 1996 - Jocelyn Paton
- 1998 - Jocelyn Paton
- 1999 - Jocelyn Paton
- 2000 - Linda Adams
- 2001 - Jocelyn Paton
- 2002 - Linda Adams
- 2003 - Julie Willoughby
- 2004 - Jess Newton
- 2005 - Megan Nankervis & Sarah Connley
- 2006 - Sarah Connley
- 2007 - Christie O'Connor
- 2008 - Not held
- 2009 - Christie O'Connor
- 2010 - Christie O'Connor
- 2011 - Malory Nankervis
- 2012 - Kirby Nankervis
- 2013 - Christie O'Connor
- 2014 - Emma O'Shea
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- 2019: Emma O'Shea
- 2020: Not held (Covid pandemic)
- 2021: Emma O'Shea
- 2022 - Emma O'Shea

Kick up your heels at the ultimate bush shindig

The celebration of a culture and history that is uniquely Australian begins when thousands of lovers of all things that celebrate Australia's mountain bush heritage converge on Corryong in April.

The Man From Snowy River Bush Festival is a great weekend of art, music, poetry, horse competition, entertainment, trade stalls, street parades, markets, historical machinery, ute muster, dog competitions and lots of fun!

From the dust busting action of the re-enactment of Banjo's famous poem, the rodeo, unique quality horsemanship or the side busting laughter at the bush poets or bending your elbow at the bar and having a dance with your best mate to the country rock bands there really is something for everyone.

The Man From Snowy River Re-enactment kicks off the festival in a cloud of dust and nail biting action, the rough terrain indicative of the imagery represented in Banjo Paterson's famous poem.

An Australian-themed festival isn't complete without good old bush poetry. Throw in a great display with some of the best country artists and photographers depicting the Australian bush culture and stroll the market stalls for those special and unique treasures only found in the country.

Visitors also have the chance to be part of this legendary weekend by entering the Bush Idol competition and win cash and guitars and the opportunity to perform at the Country Rock Concert on the main stage on Saturday night.

Friday night's Man From Snowy River Rodeo is full of bone jarring excitement of the bull and bronc riding invitational spectacular.

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