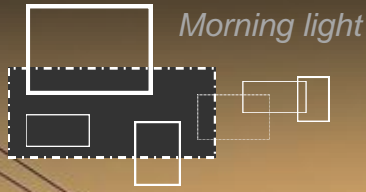


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EDITOR'S NOTE

- 2023 -

With the near arrival of 2024, I am amazed with the extent to which our contributors make our community projects possible. This includes our researchers, photo contributors, tree and nature group, and of course our amazing readership.

Thanks to everyone for their input in 2023. At this stage we are continuing into 2024 with the same timetable of eMagazine releases. While our projects have slowed down since Covid, we continue to output as much as we can to the community.

Special thanks to Kathie Maynes who is the editor of the excellent ePhoto Graphic Magazine and also proof reads everything that we do.

The Artworkz Team wish everyone a great and refreshing holiday season and New Years and we wish continued health in 2024.





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GET UP - GET OUT - GET EXPLORING

A BUSY DAY AT ARARAT

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Two V/Line road coaches had arrived outside the station at Ararat. Several passengers have joined the Velocity rail car will soon depart for western railway journey to Southern Cross Station. 1 November 2023

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I recently noted and read on an internet site for railway enthusiasts that there were details from the Australian Rail Track Corporation of a train timetable for the much famous The Ghan passenger train. It was making a rare and unique train visit from South Australia to Victoria. It had originated from Parklands terminal station in Adelaide during its unique railway journey to Inverleigh siding where the two diesels hauling the train are reversed. The interstate Ghan train then returns via Ararat travelling on standard gauge western country main line to Adelaide. Many people who are travelling on the Ghan train were able to enjoy the outback and desert scenery during rail journey to visit Alice Springs and Darwin in Northern Australia.

I woke up in the early morning on Wednesday 1 November 2023 and then I travelled an X'Trapolis electric suburban train from home in Mount Waverley to Southern Cross Station. After a short time, I soon enter the regular V/Line Velocity rail car with three carriages for western journey departs from Melbourne to later arrive at Ballarat.

Then I travelled in V/Line road coach operates from Ballarat to Ararat. There I wait for a short period of time in the early afternoon to anticipate taking several photos of the Ghan passenger train.

The on time arrival of a regular road coach at Ararat was following Western Highway on a road journey at 100 km/h from Ballarat. This daily road coach paused at a bus stop near an old signal box at Trawalla. Then it ventured to Beaufort for another stop at the train station. Soon a similar halt at the small bus stop was near a long time closed train station with signal box at Buangor.

For almost three hours I was able to photograph a Velocity rail car stabled in the long platform at station and soon I observed the long steel train that originates from Whyalla. After 40 minutes came a rare scene of the Ghan interstate passenger train being hauled by twin NR class diesels which were coupled with many silver air-conditioned sleeping, lounge and restaurant carriages for tourist people to travel in.

Then I walked to visit the local RSL building for a bistro lunch with coffee. Soon after my meal, I then walked towards the station to travel in a three carriages Velocity diesel rail car, that has two stops for few passengers between Ararat and Ballarat. Finally, this V/Line rail car eventually terminated at Southern Cross Station. My destination in Melbourne on that week day was Wednesday 1 November 2023.



The former Operation Branch Offices of Victorian Railways, Vic Rail and Public Transport Corporation have become a small railway museum with comprehensive memorabilia for local Ararat railway history.

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(Above and Below) The outside area of long time signal box at Ararat has been painted white. It is moved from where many rail sidings were built at the Melbourne end of this town to be preserved near the platform.

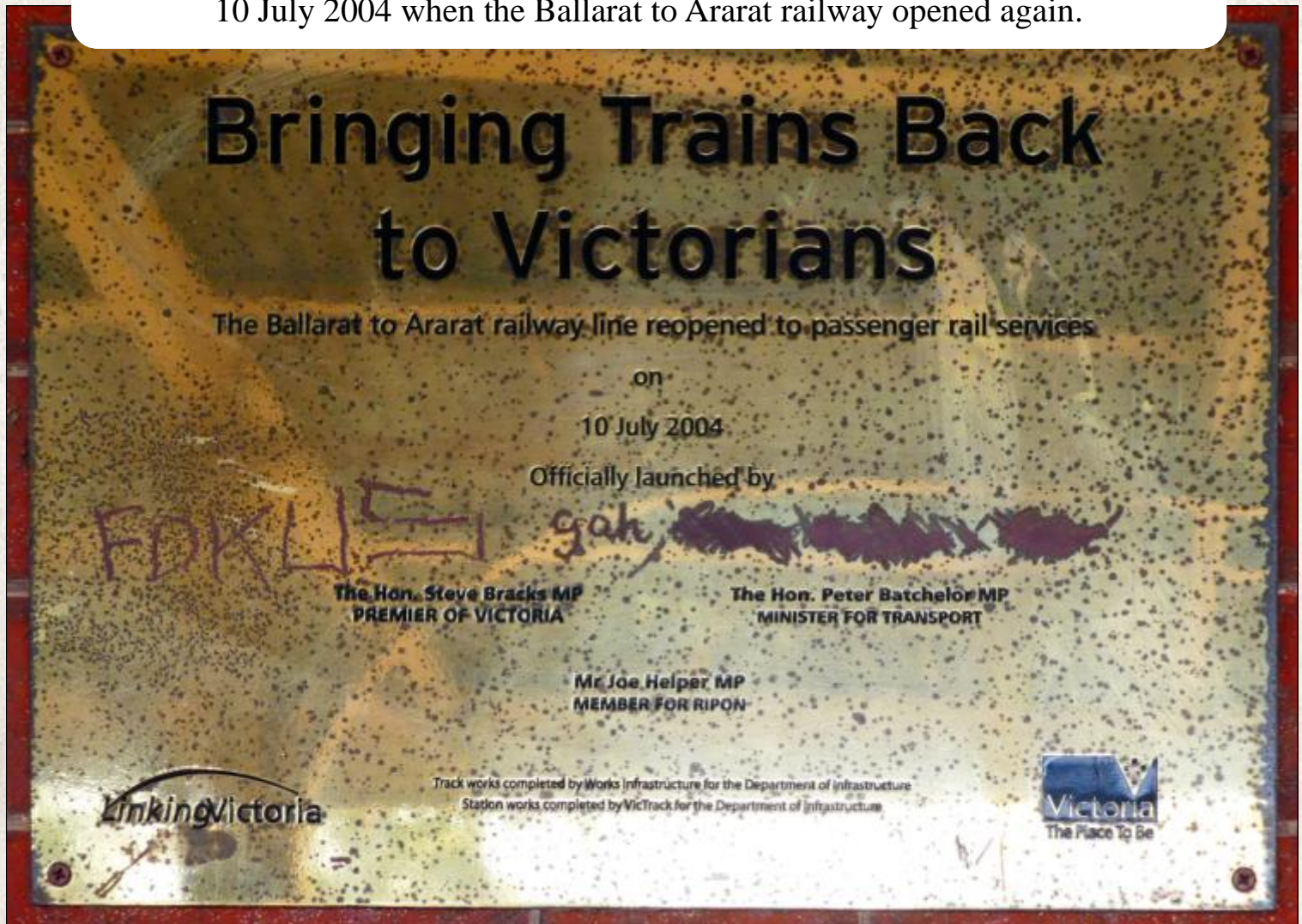
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This noteworthy tainted sign fixed on a brick wall at Ararat Station shows several senior Victorian political persons were present on 10 July 2004 when the Ballarat to Ararat railway opened again.



(Above and Below) Three carriages Velocity rail car in Ararat platform was ready to leave for several stations. It travelled to Wendouree and further on to Ballarat and terminate at Southern Cross station.

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Velocity rail car departs Ararat with Start Staff & Ticket Working Ararat Line sign for V/Line engine person ensured has the train authority to journey to Wendouree where the signal person is waiting for a rail car.

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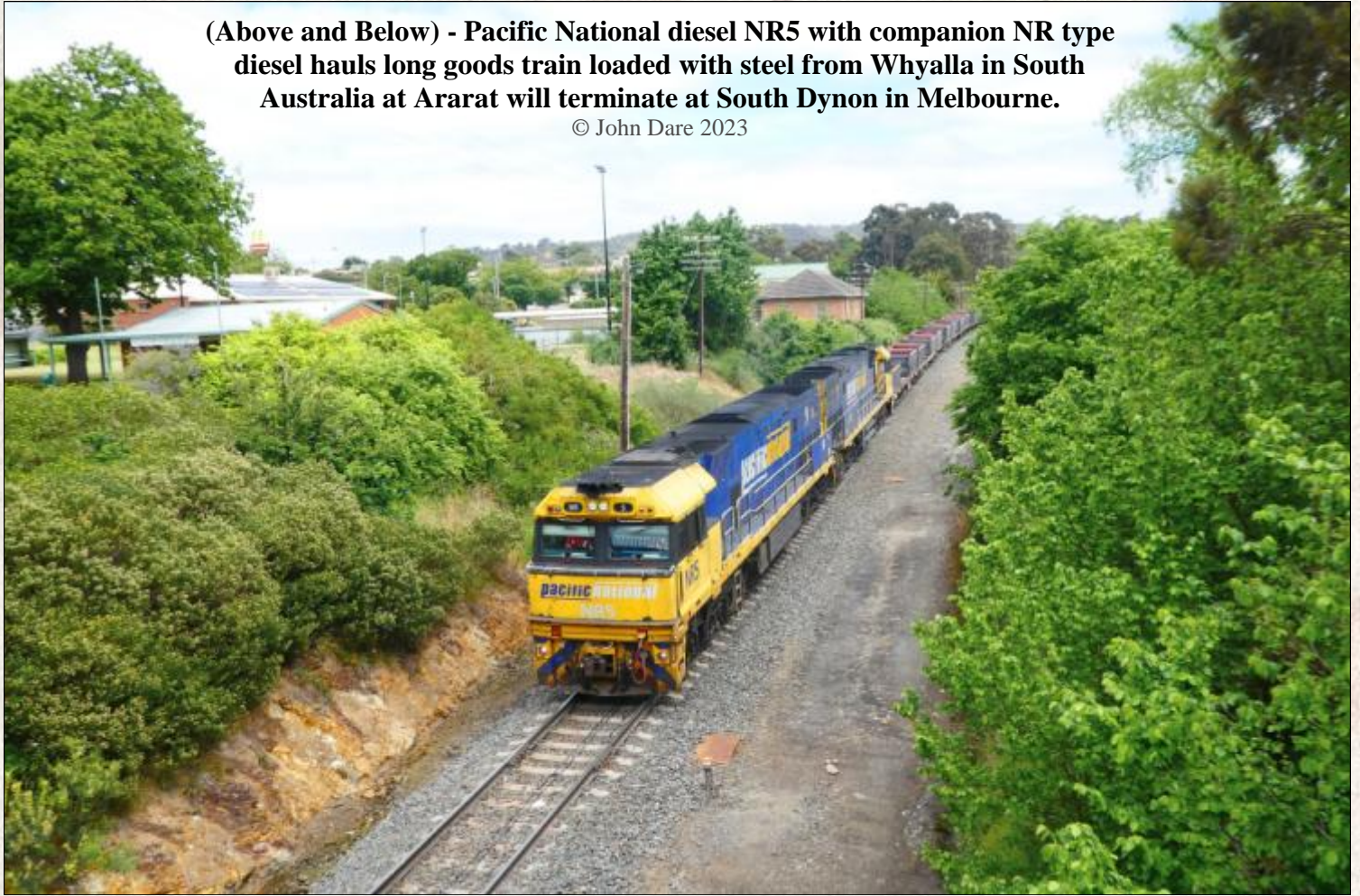
^ Velocity rail car disappears under twin not used gantries that once had several semaphore and disc type signals for train drivers to see during their railway journey from Ararat. The stabling sidings on right.

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(Above and Below) - Pacific National diesel NR5 with companion NR type diesel hauls long goods train loaded with steel from Whyalla in South Australia at Ararat will terminate at South Dynon in Melbourne.

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(Above and Below) The Ghan interstate passenger train passes through Ararat during its rare journey from Inverleigh where twin NR class diesels 99 and 55 reverse around train that will return to Adelaide.

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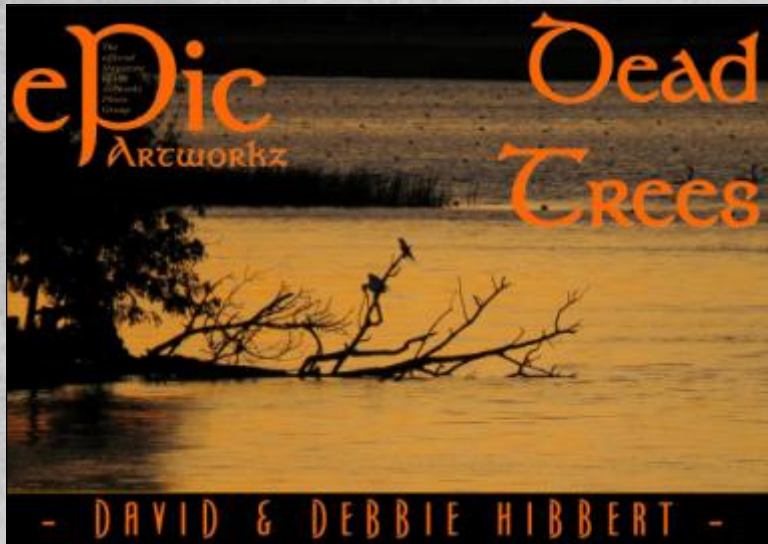


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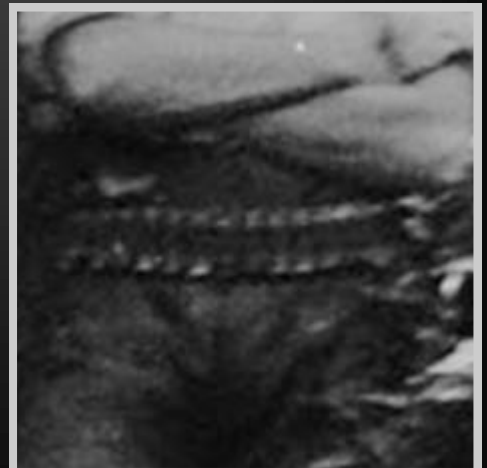
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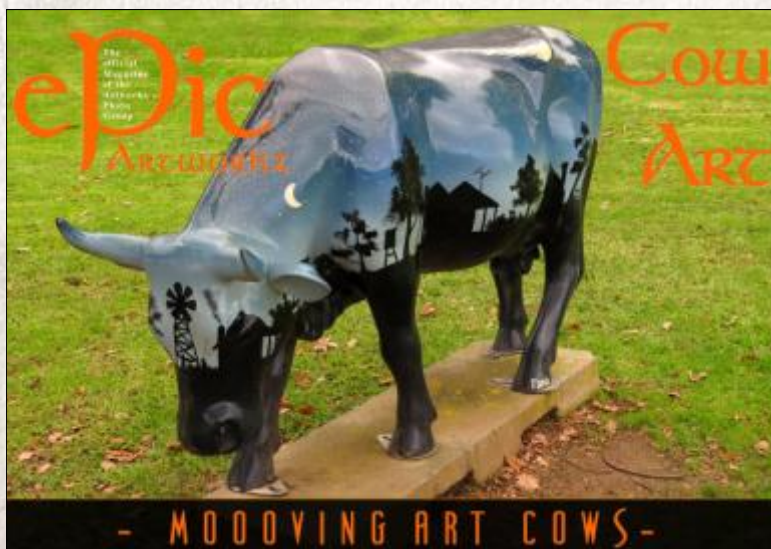


WATERFALL

The waterfall is unknown, but may be one of the many smaller falls found in the Highlands where granite boulders abound. The men in the image are out shooting, with one holding a shotgun and another wearing an ammunition belt.



Moooving Cows



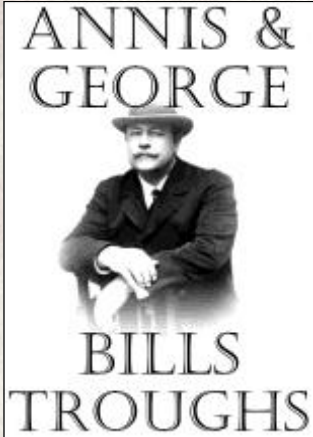
Murchison

This featured Moooving Cow is currently located in parkland at the small rural township of Murchison in Central Victoria.

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Avenel

Site: Harvest & Home Hotel, Avenel, Victoria
Address: Cnr Bank St and Saleyard Rd
Condition: Fair
GPS: S36.892209, E145.229920
Sighted: 20 July 2023
Notes: Against the eastern wall of the Hotel



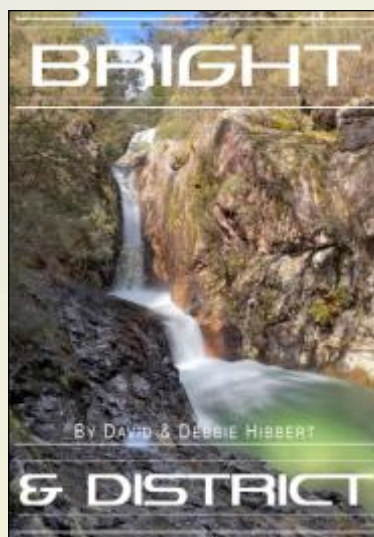
The trough is situated in the Beer Garden complex against the wall at the Hotel Harvest & Home Hotel. It is difficult to see as it has been filled with garden plants, and the dog trough is missing. The Hotel is adjacent the Avenel Railway Station and across the Railway line from the Post Office.



Slowly Building an eBook

In this growing series we introduce you to some cool tourism attractions in and around Bright in North Central Victoria. Once published here, we will add each feature to the Tourism eBook which will be available in the future.

TOURISM eBook PROMOTING THE BRIGHT DISTRICT



This tourism eBook is in the early stages of development and publication will only occur once we have published a large number of individual locations in the eSplash, such as the one that follows. We are interested in promoting Bright and District as it is an excellent daytrip location for those living in our area, plus it is an area that the authors adore.

MOUNT BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK

Dicksons Falls & Nature Walk



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Dicksons Falls & Nature Walk

Name:	Dicksons Falls (3.5 km return, 40 minute medium grade)
Known for:	Small waterfall and lovely Nature Walk
Location:	Mount Buffalo, 40 km from Bright
GPS:	Trail head: -36.763608, 146.787344, Falls: -36.775193, 146.795108
Facilities:	Interpretive signage
Notes:	The walk is extremely picturesque



Mount Buffalo National Park is situated on Mount Buffalo, 33 km west of Bright. It is recognised for its natural beauty and flora and fauna.

Mount Buffalo is 1723 m high and is popular in warmer months for rock climbing, walking, hiking, photography, nature studies, camping and more. In winter it is popular as a snow resort (snow chains must be carried). Lake Catani offers activities such as swimming, kayaking and fishing.



The Dickson Falls Waterfall is a small waterfall found 1.75 km along Nature Walking Track which is off Mount Buffalo Road at Cresta Valley. The walk is of medium grade, includes numerous boardwalks over boggy areas and is extremely picturesque. In spring and early summer the area is alive with wildflowers and the clear crystal brook that runs through part of the walk contains medium sized fish. The waterfall is beautiful though is best viewed after soaking rain to ensure it is running at its best. A viewing platform provides for views of the Falls as well as stunning alpine views.



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15000 SIPHON BRIDGE



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15000 SIPHON BRIDGE

Access:	Trailhead on Royston Rd, then 20 minute walk along the track
Rating:	☼☼☼☼☼
Grade:	Good
Facilities:	Carpark and interpretative signage. There are no other facilities
Start:	Access the Rubicon Tramway at the 15000 Siphon Bridge

The 15000 Siphon Bridge is located 400 m north of the Royston Power Station along the historic State Electricity Commission (SEC) tramway and aqueduct, in the Rubicon State Forest. Originally built in 1926, it was then rebuilt after being destroyed in the 1939 Bushfires. It was repaired in the early 1970s and completely rebuilt again in 2005. It survived the 2009 Black Saturday Bushfires untouched. The bridge allowed for the movement of battery powered rail trucks to maintain the Rubicon hydro electric scheme. Guard rails were added in 2017 to provide safe passage for visitors walking the historic Walk.

The historic tramway is located on public land, but is beside the privately operated and operated Hydro electricity scheme which includes electrical assets such as the aqueduct and power stations. Please keep to the tramway line at all times and do not interfere with the operational components of the electrical scheme.

Access to the Siphon 15000 bridge is via the Rubicon Historic Area Loop Walk commencing at the carpark on Royston Road.



Guard rails installed in 2017

Forest:	Rubicon State Forest
Managed:	DEECA
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Web:	www.depi.vic.gov.au



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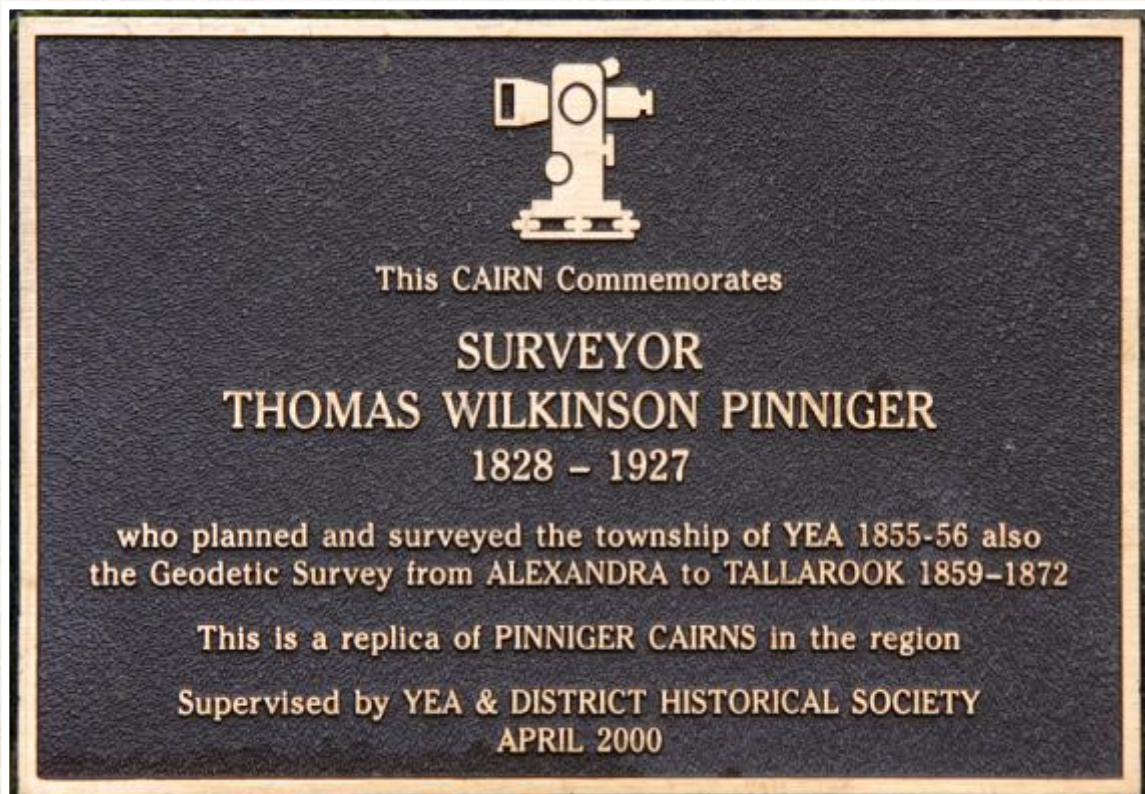
THOMAS WILKINSON PINNIGER MEMORIAL



Located in the grassed
centre of Yea's High Street

THOMAS WILKINSON PINNIGER

An historic replica cairn was built to commemorate Surveyor Thomas Wilkinson Pinniger who completed significant local survey work in the mid 1800s. His work included the original survey of the township of Yea.



FUN SIGNAGE

From around Australia



Caution Signs

and other artistic signs

This featured sign shows a newish Victorian sign highlighting our bushfire danger.

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The Alexandra Times

Friday 28 May 1869

Original and Selected Poetry.

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And where I met them last.
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That it hath come from me.
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To ———, Esq., Alexandra,

J. S.

Alexandra Times
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J.S. (Jonathon Solomon)

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*Sketch of Jonathon Solomon
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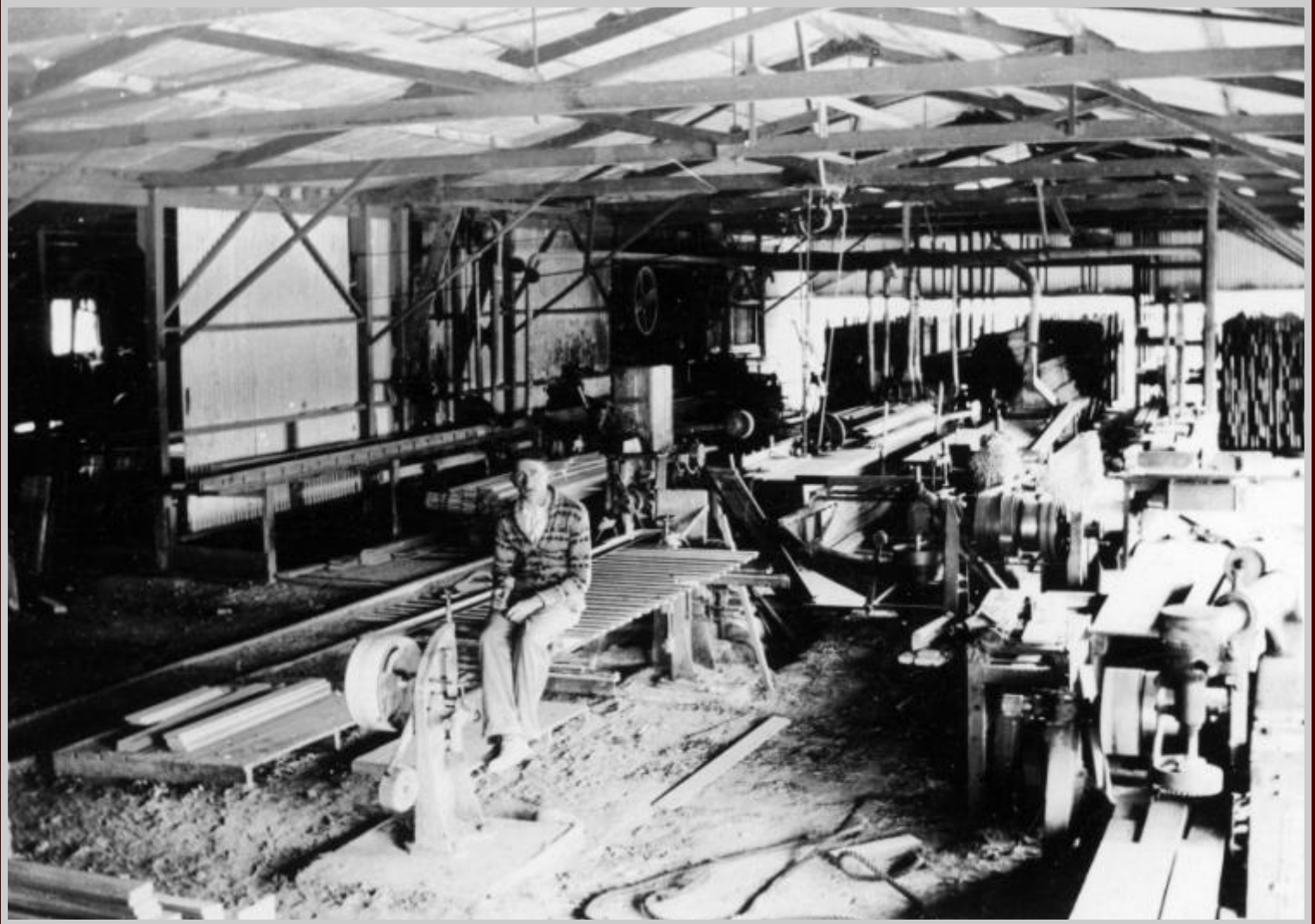


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CLARKE & PEIRCE TIMBER MILL

This unique image showcases the inside of the Clarke & Pierce Timber Mill at Alexandra. Timber was fallen in the Rubicon State Forest and transported to Alexandra on a timber rail where the bulk was processed and shipped to Melbourne by train. Timber from the mill was also sold locally to support the growing district. The man is thought to be a member of the Norbury family.



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Bitumen which can make an excellent background



The historic Eglinton Rail Bridge was the first rail bridge that passenger and goods trains would encounter after leaving the Alexandra Railway Station. The former wooden trestle bridge was replaced with a more substantial concrete and steel bridge in the late early 1900s. Little is currently known about the bridge's construction process or the exact date of construction.

Today the bridge plays the important role of bridging the Eglinton Creek (also known as Johnsons Creek) for the Rail Trail (Great Victorian Rail Trail). As you pass over the bridge, look down to the creek below and enjoy the treetop views.



Eglinton Creek is normally a small and tranquil creek, though can become a dangerous raging torrent during periods of moderate to severe flooding. Please avoid being near this bridge or driving over the nearby culvert during flooding.

When walking or riding over the bridge, please be vigilant for bike riders who often travel at speed down the downhill section of the rail trail onto the bridge.

Do not hang any part of your body over the railing or climb over the edge of the bridge.

Always be aware of snakes and spiders in the Australian bush. Please ensure you have the correct footwear and clothing as conditions can change quickly in the Victorian bush.

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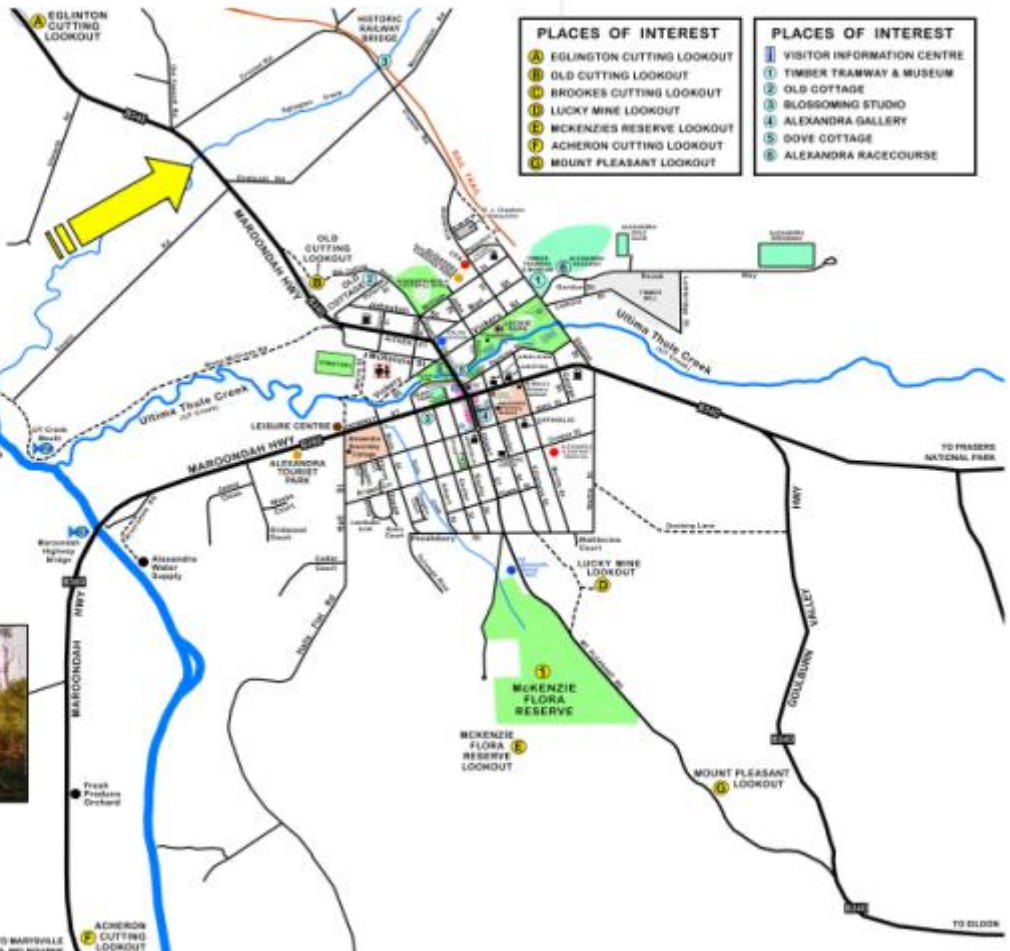
HISTORIC EGLINTON RAIL BRIDGE



Shaded by over 50 Mountains and on the banks of the beautiful Goulburn River and Lake Eildon. This is our playground!

DIRECTIONS

1. Travel to the Alexandra Visitor Information Centre on Grant Street.
2. Travel north along Grant Street and turn right into Bon Street at the Police Station.
3. Travel to Shamrock Street and turn left.
4. Travel Shamrock Street past the CFA and up the hill out of Alexandra.
5. Travel 2 km until you reach a small culvert over Eglinton Creek. Park just before the bridge on the right hand side.



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- A EGLINTON CUTTING LOOKOUT
- B OLD CUTTING LOOKOUT
- C BROOKES CUTTING LOOKOUT
- D LUCKY MINE LOOKOUT
- E MCKENZIE'S RESERVE LOOKOUT
- F ACHERON CUTTING LOOKOUT
- G MOUNT PLEASANT LOOKOUT

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- 1 VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
- 2 TIMBER TRAMWAY & MUSEUM
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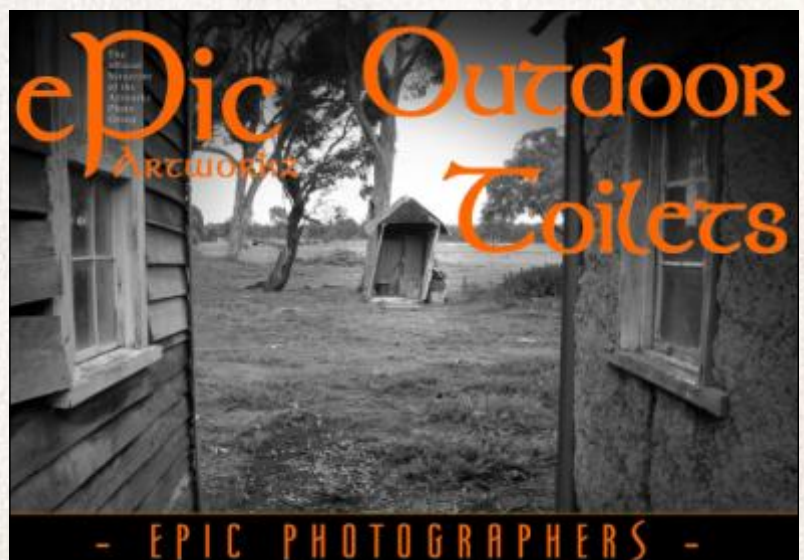
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Featured Aussie Dunny

This featured dunny was taken at Mooroopna near Shepparton and is the first toilet block with historic imagery that we have found.

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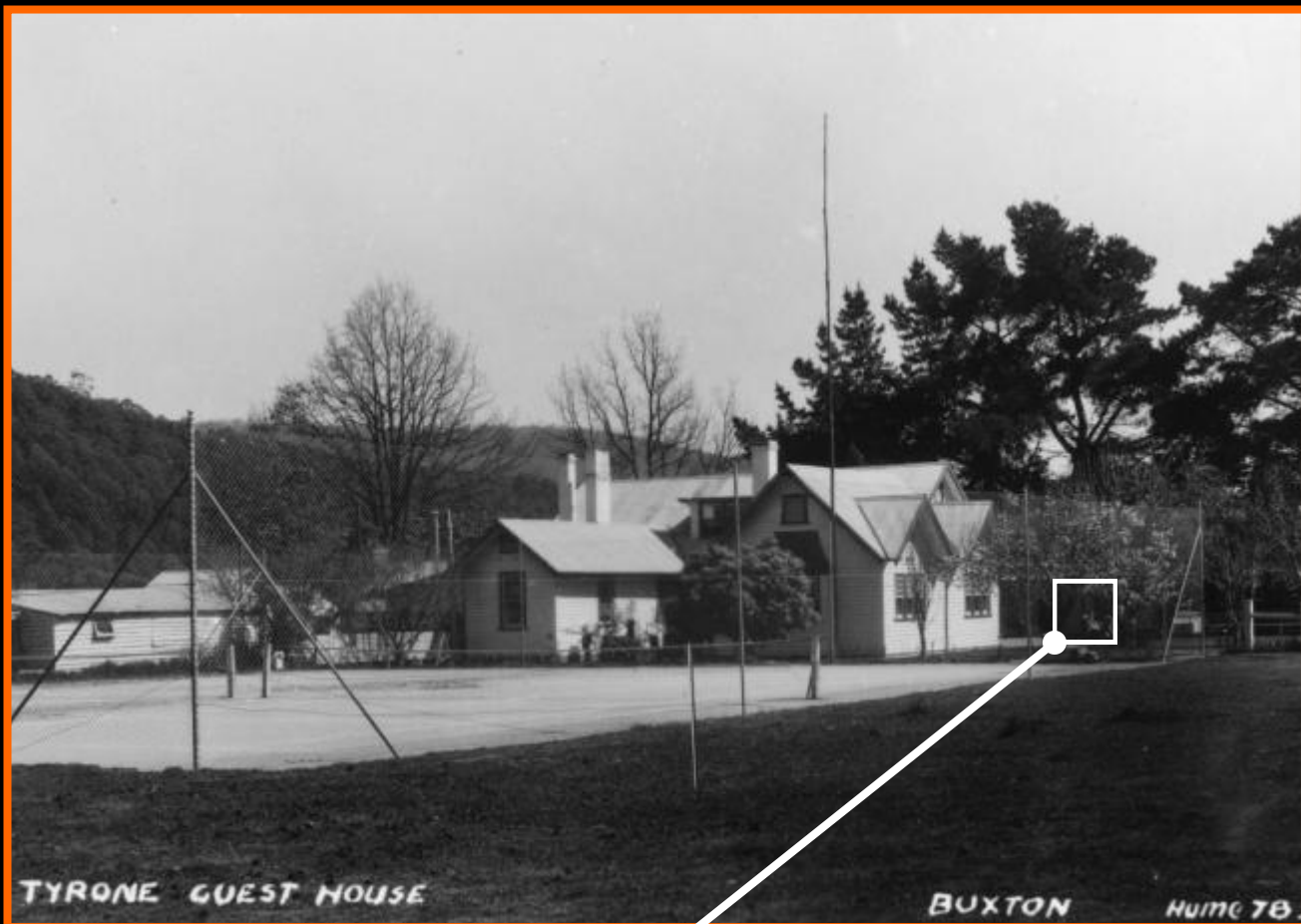


S U N S E T



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Tyrone Guesthouse Buxton, Victoria



Two people seated



Courtesy Kelly Petersen and
David & Debbie Hibbert

William Scott and his wife travelled to Australia from Barnescourt in the County of Tyrone, Ireland in 1862. He found employment at Lancefield, then in 1865 he joined the Victorian Police Force in Melbourne where he was employed until 1870. He then took up 200 acres at Buxton, raised his family and farmed dairy cows until his wife became sick.

He named the property 'Barnescourt' after his homeland and later purchased the adjacent property which was named 'Tyrone'. Circa 1914, Tyrone commenced trading as the 'Tyrone Guest House' under the ownership of his son Robert and wife Ruth Scott.

On a sad note, in 1951 Kevin James Miller was convicted of murdering his one year old child Hazel at the Guesthouse. They were staying in the Tyrone bungalow at the time of the murder.

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EARLY AMERICA SERIES

*Australian life has been strongly influenced
through the years by countries, such as America.*



Immigrant woman with children circa 1936

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AUSSIE TOWNSHIP ART

Artworks from across Australia



Trawool Rail Trail Traces

Trawool is a small rural locality near Seymour in Central Victoria. It is 115 km from Melbourne, 13 km from Seymour and has a tiny population. Originally named Traawool which was the indigenous name for wild water. Nearby is the Trawool Falls.

This steel artwork was created by artist Yu-Fang-Chi and stands beside the rail trail at Trawool along with interpretive signage. The work is inspired by nature with its shape being like an organic seed.



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CAPE TOURVILLE

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FEATURED LIGHTHOUSE

Lighthouses in Australia come in all shapes, sizes and materials. This beautiful bluestone light is this issue's featured lighthouse.



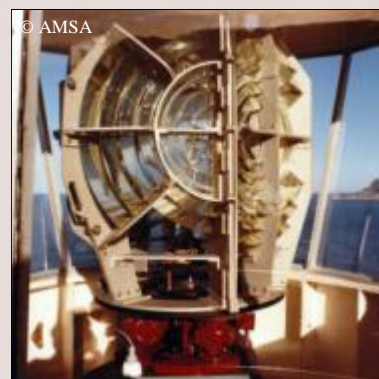
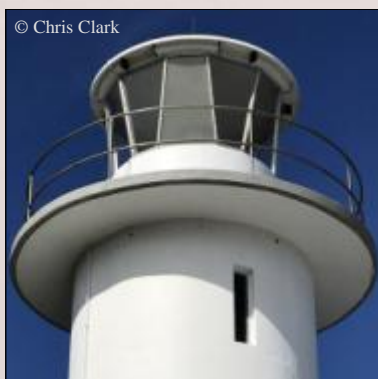
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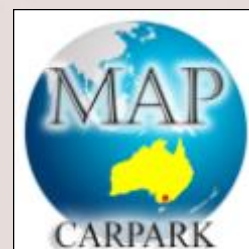
Height:	11 m tower / 126 focal plane
Location:	Freycinet National Park
First lit:	1971
Construction:	Round white tower
Flash:	3 flashes every 10 sec.
GPS:	S42.122801, E148.342653
Facilities:	Car park



A 4 m lighthouse built in 1917 on the 80 m high Lemon Rock nearby was cut off from Cape Forrestier at high tides, and could only be accessed with favourable seas. Ladders had to be used to scale the near vertical boulders; a flying fox was used to lift a cache of 28 acetylene cylinders to the building which housed a lantern. Better navigational aids were required when bulk carriers started to access the wood chip mill at Triabunna. Cape Tourville lighthouse was built in the Freycinet National Park in 1971 to be both unmanned and automatic; it is powered by mains electricity. In the same year, a second, virtually identical but slightly taller lighthouse was built on private land on Point Home, to the south of Triabunna; it is not publicly accessible. These two lighthouses provided a vital link for giant bulk wood chip carriers, prior to closure of the wood chip mill. Attached to each tower is a one storey, round brick service building. With these two new lighthouses in operation, Cape Forestier light was dismantled, in 1971. The lighthouse is located in the Freycinet National Park, managed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service Tasmania. Toilets and picnic facilities are available in the national park at Coles Bay, 9 km before the Cape Tourville lighthouse and access is via a 2WD unsealed road. There is a good 600 m loop walking track to and around the lighthouse allowing excellent views of the rugged coastline. The tower is not open for tours.

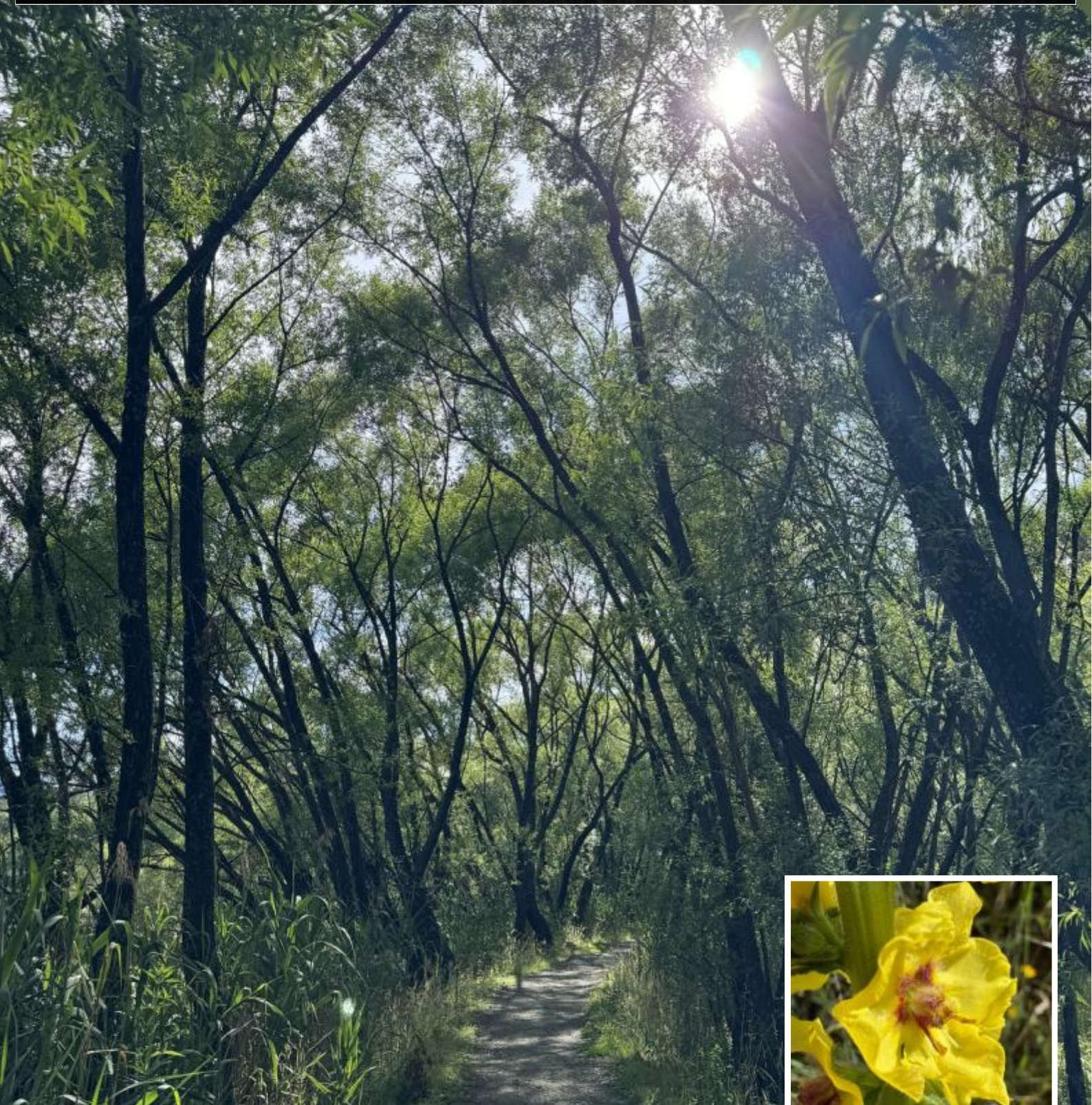


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LOWER PONDAGE WALK

EILDON - 3 DECEMBER 2023



Pondage walk

Eildon is one of our favourite destinations, and this day after having breakfast in Eildon, we casually walked around the Lower Pondage. This beautiful walk is always inspiring to us and brings benefits to our health and fitness.

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Beautiful day



Silver wattle seedpods

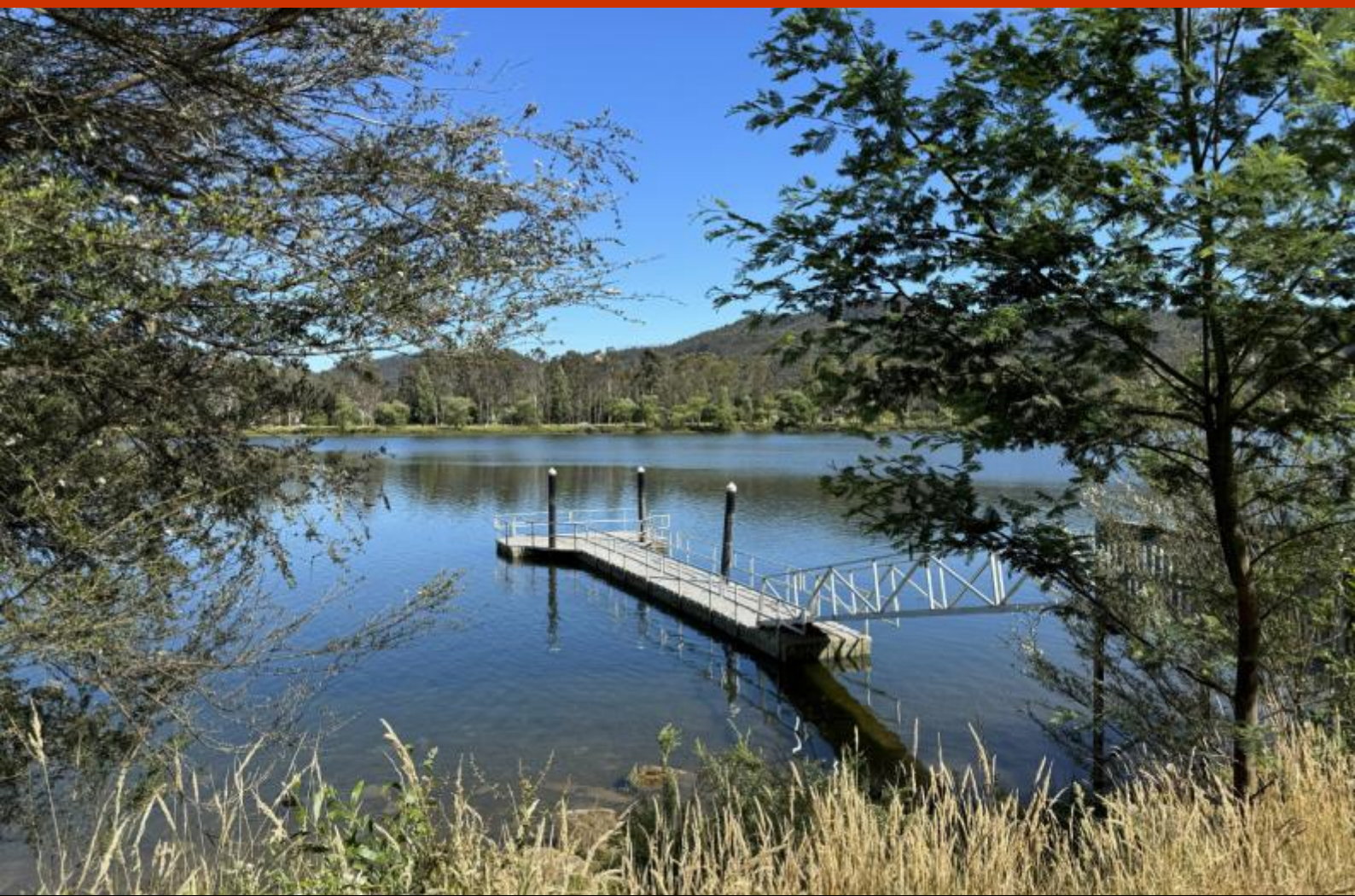
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Ongoing improvements







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Fisherman's paradise



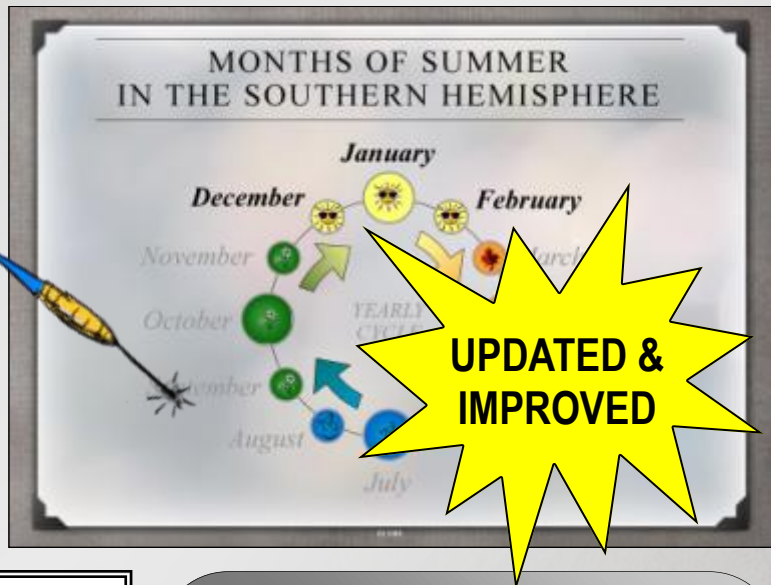
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only person who knows
how afraid you are

anonymous

*Working together
to serve the Community*