

GUNDAGAI

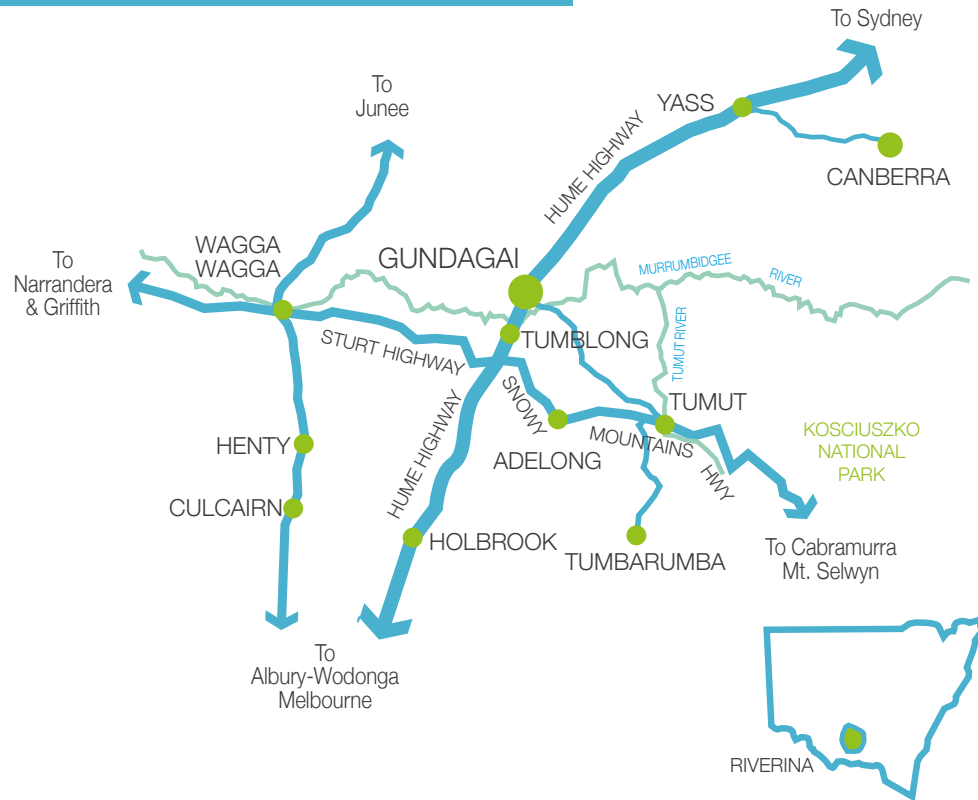
NSW, AUSTRALIA

VISITOR GUIDE



Take the time to unwind...

GETTING TO GUNDAGAI



Gundagai is a classic Australian country town situated on the Murrumbidgee River between Sydney and Melbourne, in one of the most picturesque rural areas of the Riverina, in southern New South Wales (NSW).

Gundagai is centrally located to all south eastern capital cities and on the Hume Highway making it easy to get to. We are a one and a half hour drive from Canberra, four hours from Sydney and five hours from Melbourne.

The friendly staff at the Gundagai Visitor Information Centre would be happy to assist you in booking public transport, if required.

Gundagai Visitor Information Centre

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Email: travel@gundagai.nsw.gov.au www.visitgundagai.com.au

Open: 9:00am - 4:30pm 7 days

Closed 12:30pm-1:00pm for lunch - weekends and public holidays

ABOUT GUNDAGAI

Having been a rich hunting field and ceremonial meeting place for the Wiradjuri people for thousands of years, the first known white settlers in Gundagai were Henry and Peter Stuckey in 1828. Gold mining and agriculture made Gundagai both prosperous and a centre for bushranging, giving the town a romantic bush appeal that resulted in it becoming iconic in Australian folklore. Many outback stories, songs and poems refer to Gundagai, including (more famously) Jack O'Hagan's songs *Where the Dog Sits on the Tuckerbox* and *When a Boy from Alabama Meets a Girl from Gundagai*.

Even Banjo Patterson was inspired by stories of drovers, bullock teams and bush travellers around Gundagai.

We invite you to take in the tranquillity of the Murrumbidgee River and the impressive timber bridges spanning the flats on our River Walk.

Stroll around the town and admire the historic architecture on the Gundagai Built Heritage Walk, or explore the Gundagai Museum, Railway Museum and Gabriel Gallery collections.

Criterion Hotel Gundagai



Photo: Brian Townsley



OLD GUNDAGAI GAOL & COURTHOUSE

Gundagai Court House was one of the first stone buildings erected after the Gundagai floods of 1852 and was where Captain Moonlite (bushranger Andrew George Scott), and three surviving members of his party first faced court. They were incarcerated in the old Gundagai Gaol, which is behind the Court House, surrounded by a high slate wall.

[An audio tour of the Old Gaol is available for hire through the Visitor Information Centre.](#)



RUSCONI'S MARBLE MASTERPIECE

Monumental mason, Frank Rusconi, left an impressive legacy for Gundagai in the form of a unique cathedral-in-miniature.

Built from 20,948 hand cut, turned and polished pieces of NSW marble, the cathedral showcases the beauty of the State's marble.

[Rusconi's Marble Masterpiece is on display at the Visitor Information Centre.](#)

DAD, DAVE, MUM & MABEL

A tribute to Steele Rudd's famous "Snake Gully" characters, Dad, Dave, Mum & Mabel, this life size family has been immortalised in copper by sculptor Aurel Ragus. The characters are on display in Carberry Park adjacent to Gundagai Visitor Information and Travel Centre on Sheridan Street.



GUNDAGAI MUSEUM

The Museum's vast collection includes a display on bushrangers and the medallions presented to local Indigenous heroes Yarri and Jacky, a T-model Ford, farm machinery, wagons, equipment, clothing, coins, stamps, early household items & even Phar Lap's Saddlecloth!

[Run by volunteers, it is open daily 9am-3pm.](#)

GABRIEL GALLERY

Gundagai is home to a truly unique collection of historic photographs. The town doctor in Gundagai from 1887, Dr Charles Louis Gabriel was a keen amateur photographer. Gabriel's visual record of Gundagai in the late 1800s and early 1900s is a fascinating documentary history of the time.



HISTORIC BRIDGES

The landscape of Gundagai is dominated by the historic Prince Alfred and Railway Viaduct timber truss bridges. Over 800m long, the bridges are a spectacular latticework of wooden trusses and wonderful examples of early engineering solutions to crossing a major flood plain.

[Located at the far end of the main \(Sheridan\) Street.](#)





Photo: Brian Townsley

Gundagai Railway Museum

RAILWAY MUSEUM

Once a hub of activity for the town, the Gundagai Railway Station looks exactly as it did when it first opened for business in 1886. Featuring the only slate roofed Goods Shed in NSW, the Gundagai Railway Station was restored to its original glory in the 1990s. Inside the railway station today, displays recall the travelling past, when trains ran regularly on the now closed Cootamundra-Tumut branch line. A photographic record of the restoration project, and many items of interest to railway buffs, can also be viewed.

Open every day except Wednesday, with entry by gold coin donation.

ANZAC GROVE

Features a central World War I memorial with a grove of 52 kurrajong trees representing fallen Gundagai soldiers, along with tributes to those who served in other conflicts.



The story of the Dog captured the imagination of all Australians through the poem Bullocky Bill by Jack Moses, adapted from an earlier version by otherwise unknown author 'Bowyang Yorke', in the early 1900s. The legend was then immortalised in popular songs by Jack O'Hagan with Where the Dog Sits on the Tuckerbox and Along the Road to Gundagai.

ALONG THE ROAD TO GUNDAGAI By: Jack O'Hagan

There's a scene that lingers in my memory,
Of an old bush home and friends I long to see;
That's why I am yearning, just to be returning
Along the road to Gundagai.
Chorus.....

There's a track winding back to an old-fashioned shack,
Along the road to Gundagai;
Where the blue gums are growing, and the
Murrumbidgee's flowing beneath that sunny sky,
Where my Daddy and Mummy are waiting for me
And the pals of my childhood once more I will see;
Then no more will I roam when I'm heading right for home
Along the road to Gundagai.
























When I get back there I'll be a kid again,
Oh, I'll never have a thought of grief or pain;
Once more I'll be playing where the gums are swaying,
Along the road Gundagai.
(Chorus once more.....)

An internationally recognised Australian icon, the Dog on the Tuckerbox monument was created in 1932 by Frank Rusconi as a tribute to our early pioneer settlers.

The Dog is situated 8kms (or 5 miles) north of Gundagai, just off the Hume Highway (as it says in the song!).



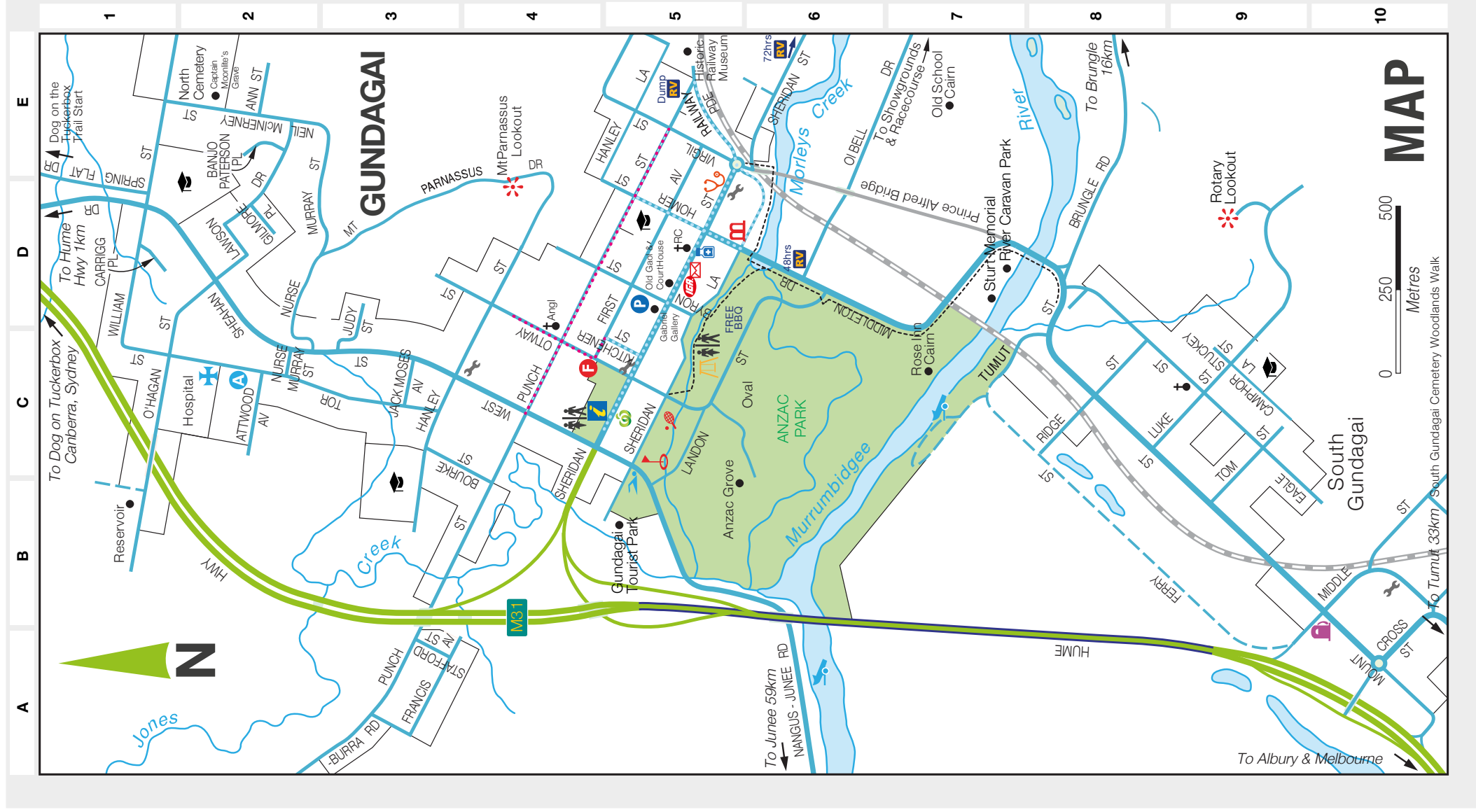
LEGEND

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-  Fire
-  Ambulance
-  Hospital
-  Toilets
-  Information
-  Post Office
-  Museum
-  Churches
-  Petrol
-  Woolworths
-  IGA
-  Playground
-  School
-  Swimming
-  Tennis
-  Golf
-  Lookouts
-  Boat Ramp
-  Medical Centre
-  Pharmacy
-  Mechanic
-  RV Camping/Dump

MAP LOCATIONS

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- Railway MuseumE5
- RV 48hrs D6
- RV 72hrs E6
- RV DumpE5
- Gabriel Gallery D5
- Old School CairnE7
- Sturt Cairn D7
- Rose Inn CairnC7
- Prince Alfred Bridge. E6
- Showground/ RacecourseE7
- Marble Masterpiece .C4
- Gundagai Museum . D5
- Anzac GroveB5
- Rotary Lookout D9
- Mt. Parnassus Lookout.. E4
- Football/Soccer Ovals ... C6
- Gundagai Tourist Park... B5
- River Caravan Park ...D7.

WALKS





WALKING TRAILS

DOG ON THE TUCKERBOX TRAIL

The newly formed Dog on the Tuckerbox Walking/ Cycling/Horse Riding Trail is a 4 km trail connecting town with the Dog on the Tuckerbox. Use the quiet roads to access the trail from the main street (an extra 3km), or park your car at the track head at the end of Spring Flat Drive.

WOODLANDS WALK

South Gundagai Cemetery contains one of Australia's rarest vegetation communities: White Box Woodlands. A short self-guided walk will help you appreciate the significance of this area. See many of the region's rare woodland birds, or visit in spring to early summer to see the wildflower displays.



RIVER WALK

Stretch out and relax after a long journey and take a leisurely stroll from Sheridan Street over to the Murrumbidgee River. You will pass the ANZAC Grove Memorial, and monuments marking the great flood and the passing of explorers. Take in the detail as you pass under the historic timber rail bridge.



BUILT HERITAGE WALK

The heritage charm of Gundagai can be fully explored on these walk/drives of the town. Pick up the 'Explore Gundagai's Built Heritage' Flyer from the Visitor Information Centre or complete on your phone/device at www.visitgundagai.com.au/1



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Gundagai offers some excellent outdoor recreation facilities, including the Olympic pool with well maintained grounds and shady trees to relax under and the neighbouring netball complex, Gundagai Services Club facilities including the golf course, bowling greens, tennis & squash courts, Yarri Park playground, free BBQ & skate park, as well as the top quality sports fields at Anzac Park.

FISHING

With the Murrumbidgee River at Gundagai's back door, the attraction to the angling enthusiast cannot be resisted. The banks of the river tease the angler with brown and rainbow trout, murray cod and yellow-belly. Spend a peaceful weekend relaxing on the banks of the 'Bidgee or Morley's Creek.



GOLF

Nestled on the picturesque banks of the Murrumbidgee River, the Bidgee Banks Golf Club offers a challenging 18 hole, grass green course, with very affordable green fees. Arguably, one of the best golf courses in country NSW; it will tempt both beginners and experienced golfers. Groups welcome.



KAYAKING

There are many great spots to put the Kayak in! Teach the kids in the quiet waters of Morley's Creek or take in a stretch of the Murrumbidgee. www.visitgundagai.com.au/2015/kayak

PANORAMIC VIEWS

There are excellent vantage points to view and photograph Gundagai and the Murrumbidgee River valley. You can head to the summit of Mount Parnassus (on which much of the town is built). The Rotary Lookout at South Gundagai also affords panoramic views.





EATING OUT

Gundagai has a wide selection of places to eat from a quick bite to a special dinner. Choose from our three pubs, Chinese restaurant, several Cafés, a bakery and pie shop or dine at the Gundagai Services Club. In town experience the nostalgic Niagara Café or the Poet's bar. We also have a variety of fast food options available at South Gundagai and the Five Mile Precinct, or dine with the dog at the Dog on the Tuckerbox Café, also at the Five Mile (just past the service centre).

ACCOMMODATION

Whatever style of accommodation you are looking for you are sure to find somewhere to rest your head at Gundagai. We have all types covered including:

- A large variety of motels at various price points (some with dining)
- Two caravan parks (with on site cabins)
- RV Friendly with 48 & 72 hour free camping sites (self-contained only)
- Pub accommodation
- Bed and Breakfasts and Self Contained Cottages
- Plus farm stay and fishing retreat options

For more details on accommodation go to www.visitgundagai.com.au

SHOPPING

Gundagai has a distinctive collection of shops, from country inspired homewares to quality menswear, stylish ladies fashion, and antiques & art. We also have all the necessities you may require with two supermarkets, a chemist and a newsagency.



Gundagai is the perfect spot to host events, with plenty of accommodation capacity and a beautiful riverside setting half way between Melbourne and Sydney. On the last Sunday of every month the town comes alive for Sundry in Gundy, with town market stalls, generous retail discounts and a monthly attraction from open gardens to terrier races.

All events details are available at www.visitgundagai.com.au

JANUARY New Year's Day Races
Australia Day Celebrations

FEBRUARY Gundagai Show

APRIL ANZAC Day
Gundagai Cup

OCTOBER Carpathon
Battle of the Bidgee
Festival of Flowers

NOVEMBER Snake Gully Cup
Gundagai Rodeo

DECEMBER Christmas Carols in the Park



ADELONG

A unique and impressive heritage-listed township. Stroll along the tree-lined streets and enjoy the country village lifestyle and warm genuine hospitality. Adelong Falls, with its rich gold mining past, is an ideal spot to have a leisurely picnic or swim, or to explore the historic goldfields.

BATLOW

For clean mountain air and panoramic views, Batlow is not to be missed. Famous for its apples, stone fruits and surrounded by orchards. Ciderfest each May brings this town to life.

MT KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK

Take a daytrip to the Kosciusko National Park and visit the Selwyn snowfields or in summertime Yarrangobilly Caves or Blue Waterholes. Explore the Snowy River country or do some fishing.

BLOWERING DAM

On your way back drop into the Blowering Dam wall on the mighty Tumut River and inspect the ground-breaking technology that is the Snowy Mountains Hydro System.

TUMUT

See the process of broom making and purchase an old fashioned straw broom at the famous Tumut Broom Factory. The Children's pint sized version is very cute!

JUNEE

Take a trip through the farming country of Nangus to the old railway town of Junee. Visit the roundhouse Railway Museum, and the Old Mill which is now an organic licorice and chocolate factory. The haunted Monte Cristo homestead is a living museum and mansion full of rare and precious antiques and history. The elegant Broadway Hotel is home to the town's museum and a quaint coffee and lolly shop. Also check out the Kaybundah lavender farm a short drive from town.

COOTAMUNDRA

Bradman's birthplace at Cootamundra 'Wattle town' hosts a collection of memorabilia on the Australian icon cricketer Don Bradman.

TEMORA

In the heart of the NSW agricultural belt, Temora Shire is a community rich with heritage and resources. The internationally acclaimed Temora Aviation Museum hold regular flying displays of their aircraft.



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Gundagai Visitor Information Centre has a coach booking service and can also book travel insurance. They stock a wide range of local wine, produce and souvenirs.

There are also interpretive displays which are well worth a look when planning your stay in Gundagai. Plus Rusconi's Marble Masterpiece viewing.

