

GUNDAGAI

NSW, AUSTRALIA

VISITOR GUIDE



Photo: Heidi Luff



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

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

 Where used in this guide refers to all or some parts of the site being accessible, and does not necessarily mean accessible toilets are available, please contact the visitor centre to discuss your specific requirements.

ABOUT GUNDAGAI



"The Great Rescue of 1852" Sculpture on Sheridan street celebrates flood heroes Yarri and Jacky.

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 *Along the Road to 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 Architectural Heritage Walk, or explore the Gundagai Museum, Railway Museum and Gabriel Gallery collections.

The Australian Road Transport Heritage Centre will provide you with an insight into our transport connections on the Hume Highway or take in the authentic atmosphere of the Old Gundagai Gaol.



AUSTRALIAN ROAD TRANSPORT HERITAGE CENTRE (ARTHC) ♿

An iconic national transport museum dedicated to the preservation, upkeep and display of vehicles and equipment that played a role in the development of the Australian road transport industry. The ARTHC showcase vehicles & equipment that operated on the Hume Highway and Gundagai region. At the corner of Tor Street and Jack Moses Avenue Gundagai.

*Opening hours: Thursday to Sunday 10am-3pm.
Visit: www.arthc.com.au*

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.



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: Tahila Crane



OLD GUNDAGAI GAOL & COURTHOUSE

The Gundagai Court House was one of the first stone buildings to be erected after the Gundagai floods of 1852 and was the site for the trial of Captain Moonlite (bushranger Andrew George Scott).

Scott and three surviving members of his party first faced a hearing in the Gundagai Court House. They were incarcerated in the old Gundagai Gaol, which is behind the Court House, surrounded by a high slate wall.

A world class narrative audio tour of the Old Gaol is available for hire through the Visitor Information Centre.

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.



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.





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.

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 song by Jack O'Hagan *Where the Dog Sits on the Tuckerbox*.

ORIGINAL POEM

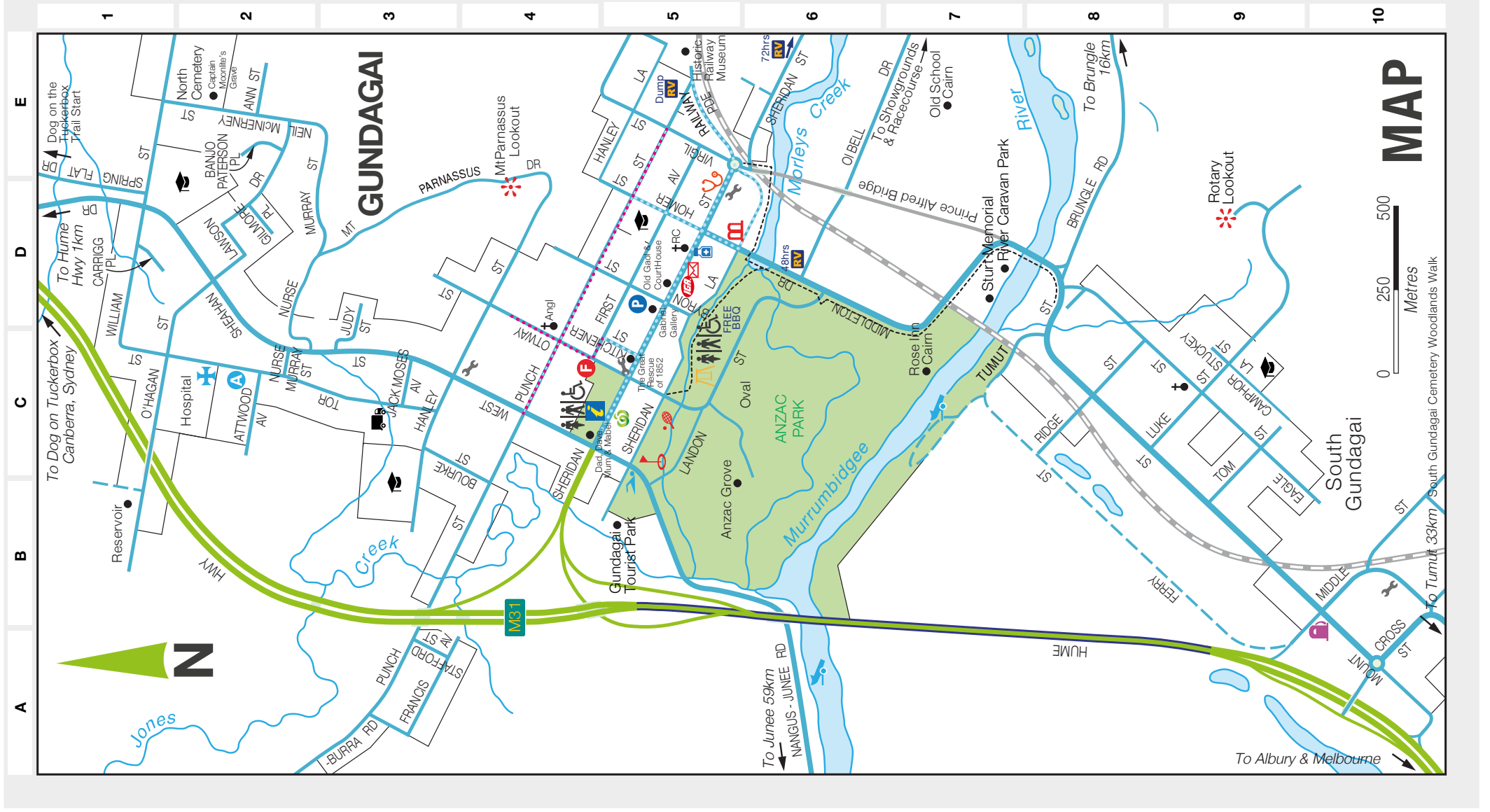
*As I was coming down Conroy's Gap
I heard a maiden cry,
"There goes Bill the bullocky,
He's bound for Gundagai.
A better poor old bastard
Never earnt an honest crust,
A better poor old bastard
Never drug a whip through dust."
His team got bogged at the Five Mile Creek,
Bill lashed and swore and cried,
"If Nobby don't get me out of this,
I'll tattoo his bloody hide."
But Nobby strained and broke the yoke,
And poked out the leader's eye,
And the dog sat on the tucker box
Five miles from Gundagai.*

- Bowyang Yorke

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.*





LEGEND

- Police
- 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
- Australian Road Transport
- Heritage Centre

MAP LOCATIONS

- Old Gao/Courthouse ... D5
- Railway MuseumE5
- RV 48hrsD6
- RV 72hrs.....E6
- RV DumpE5
- Gabriel GalleryD5
- Old School CairnE7
- Sturt CairnD7
- Rose Inn CairnC7
- Prince Alfred BridgeE6
- Showground/Racecourse E7
- Marble MasterpieceC4
- Gundagai MuseumD5
- Dad Dave Mum & Mabel C5
- Great Rescue of 1852... C5
- Anzac GroveB5
- Rotary LookoutD9
- Mt. Parnassus Lookout... E4
- Football/Soccer Ovals ... C6
- Gundagai Tourist Park .. B5
- River Caravan ParkD7

WALKS

- Dog on the Tuckerbox Trail E1
- Woodlands WalkA10
- River Walk
- Heritage Houses Walk ..
- Main St Heritage Walk ...

MAP





Photo: Chloe Manton



Photo: Samantha Gradon



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. Surface suitable for mountain bikes.

RIVER WALK

Stretch out and relax after a long journey and take a leisurely stroll from Sheridan Street (turning south onto Otway 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.

ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE WALK

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

OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

If you are interested in a more natural walking experience without a formed track we have several options on Crown Land including the Gundagai Common, South Gundagai Common (Stoney Beach) and Mount Kimo. Visitor Centre staff would be happy to provide you with directions and a map to access these areas. Please ensure you respect country etiquette and close any gates you open.

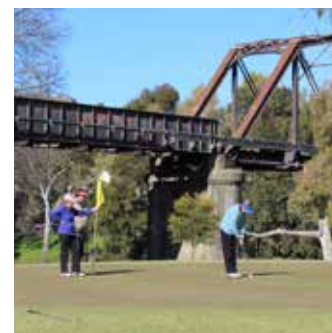


Photo: Tahlia Crane

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. Details available at the Visitor Centre.

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

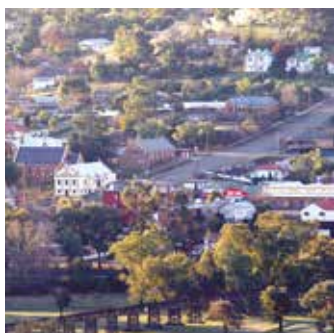
There are many great spots to put the Kayak in! Teach the kids in the quiet waters of Morley's Creek or take in a stretch of the Murrumbidgee. www.visitgundagai.com.au/2015/kayak

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.



Photo: Aaron Parsons



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 including the nostalgic Niagara Café, plus the Gundagai Bakery, and the Gundagai Services Club. 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 boasts a vibrant shopping precinct, offering everything from gifts and homewares, clothing and footwear, to antiques and collectibles. We also have all the necessities you may require with supermarkets, banks, hair and beauty, florist, chemist and newsagency.

Gundagai is the perfect spot to host events, with plenty of accommodation and a beautiful riverside setting half way between Melbourne and Sydney.

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

JANUARY New Year's Day Races
Australia Day Celebrations

FEBRUARY Gundagai Show

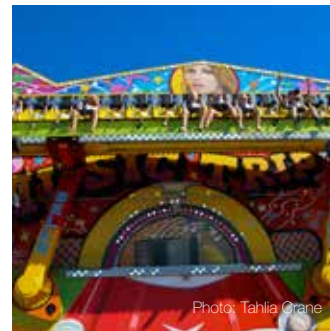
MARCH Bald Archy Exhibition

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



IN THE REGION

COOTAMUNDRA

Bradman's birthplace at Cootamundra 'Wattle town' hosts a collection of memorabilia on the Australian icon cricketer Don Bradman. The Captains' Walk in Jubilee Park, Wallendoon Street features 42 bronze sculptures of Australian Test Cricket Captains, along with Unaarrimim the leading aboriginal player in the first Australian cricket team to tour England in 1868.

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 Kosciuszko National Park and visit the Selwyn snowfields or in summertime Yarrangobilly Caves or Blue Waterholes. Explore the Snowy River country or do some fishing.

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 antique shop.

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.



GUNDAGAI & SURROUNDS



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Gundagai Visitor Information Centre has a coach booking service and stocks 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.

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.



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