

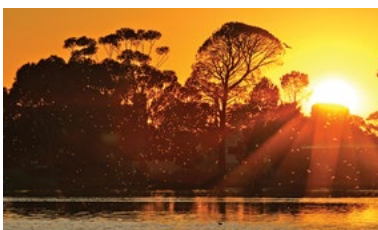
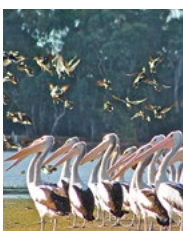
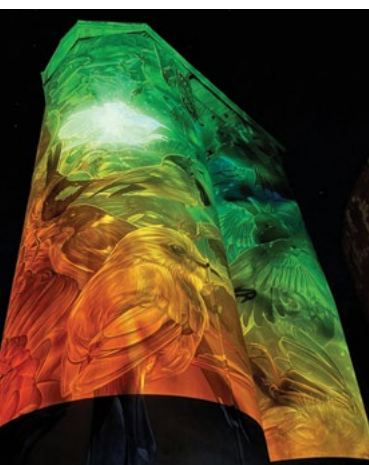
A close-up photograph of bright yellow, spherical flowers on green stems, likely a species of acacia, filling the top portion of the page.

# MURTOA

*Victoria*

A long, perspective view of a wooden post-and-rail structure, possibly a stable aisle or a covered walkway, with many vertical wooden posts and a high, vaulted wooden roof.

## VISITOR GUIDE



*Explore Yarrambiack*

## MURTOA:

Situated in the warm heart of the Wimmera, with the nearby Grampians National Park as a stunning backdrop, possesses some unique local experiences. Murtoa is Aboriginal for "Home of the Lizard", and features large lizard sculptures in the town centre. Murtoa was first settled in 1872.




The town of Murtoa is built around Lake Marma, widely recognised as one of the State's most picturesque, and boasts the largest inland grain receival centre in Victoria. Murtoa is home to a number of important local industries and the only National Heritage Listing in the Wimmera – The Stick Shed. Other Heritage Listed attractions are the Water Tower Museum and Kurrajong Avenue in Comyn Street. Murtoa also offers a comprehensive range of services, retail outlets and sporting facilities.



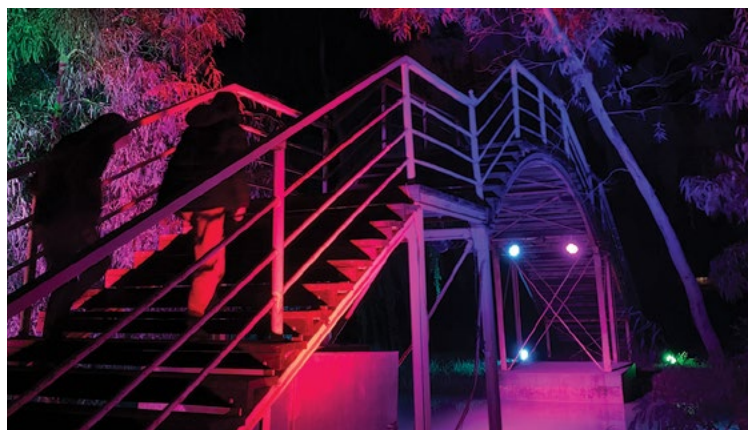
Local view of Grampians National Park; Lake Marma; treats at Murtoa's Orchard Café; Historic Water Tower Museum.

# Explore

- H** ● **The Stick Shed** is National Heritage listed and takes its name from the 560 Mountain Ash unmilled poles or 'sticks' up to 19m high that support the mammoth 270m x 60m structure built as a wartime emergency grain storage. The Stick Shed has undergone extensive restoration and is open daily for viewing 10am-3pm. Groups of ten or more can also arrange an appointment: [thestickshed@gmail.com](mailto:thestickshed@gmail.com) or call 0434 227 921.  [www.thestickshed.com.au](http://www.thestickshed.com.au) to keep up to date with current events and information.
- H** ● **Water Tower Museum, Concordia Memorial Cottage, Bell Tower & Murtoa Railway Station** is open for viewing Monday to Saturday 12-2pm and Sunday 12-2 pm, and by appointment: 0429 944 673 or 0437 920 734. The Water Tower Museum houses a range of local artefacts including the famous James Hill Taxidermy Collection of over 500 birds and other fauna. Concordia Cottage is the last remaining section of the original Lutheran Concordia College established in Murtoa in the 1890's and features related material. Visit the recently rejuvenated 1878 Railway Station that holds railway history displays, opposite the 1895 Railway Hotel.
- **Dunmunkle Sumpoilers Engines Museum** is located at the former Wimmera Inland Freezing Works site opposite The Stick Shed. Included in the impressive museum are four massive single piston Richard-Hornsby engines dating back to 1910 which are believed to be the only set of four remaining on their original footings in the world.
- **Lake Marma & Rabi Park** provide a tranquil oasis in the centre of town. A 2km walking track around Lake Marma features many varied scenes with abundant wildlife, ideal picnic spots with treed surrounds, electric BBQ's, children's playgrounds, fishing, skate park and historic features.

*Below: Memorial Gates and Sprott Fountain; Lizard Art in Duncan Street*



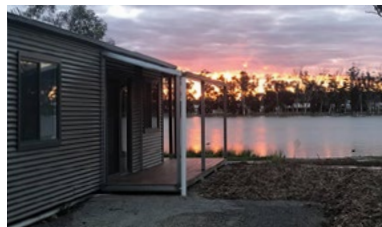
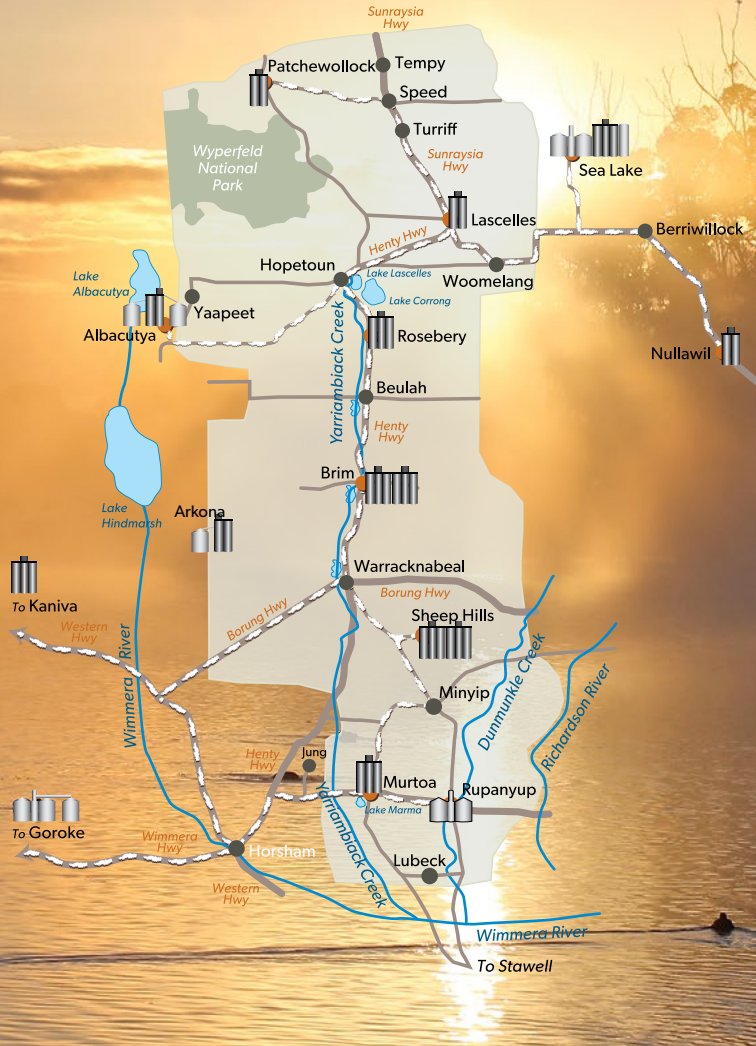


- **Murtoa's BIG Weekend** three day annual festival occurs the first weekend in October. It features the local Show, Murtoa Cup races, Dunmunkle Sumpoilers Engines, Monster Market, Stick Shed, Water Tower Museum and other unique entertainment each year.  
➔ [www.murtoabigweekend.com.au](http://www.murtoabigweekend.com.au)
- **Murtoa Memorial Gates** were erected in 1921 to remember soldiers from the district who have served their country. It is a rare example of its type in Victoria and forms a picturesque frame to the Lake Marma Recreation Reserve.
- **Murtoa Cemetery** is 3km east of town and provides an insight into the early beginnings of Wimmera settlement, particularly its local German heritage.
- **Barrabool Reserve**, a few km South of Murtoa, has much Aboriginal Heritage and is a largely un-disturbed area of Wimmera flora and fauna. Dry weather only.



*Rabl Park historic railway bridge sparkling during Light Up Murtoa 2021; Dunmunkle Sumpoilers Engines Museum; welcoming signage and informative audio post at The Stick Shed; friendship seat at OLHC Primary School; native flowers at Barrabool Reserve.*

# Yarriambiack Silo Art Trail



Sunrise views of Lake Marma; delicious meal at The Railway Hotel;  
sunset views from a choice of three Cabins at Lake Marma.

# Explore MURTOA

To HORSHAM

WIMMERA HWY

DONALD MURTOA RD  
To MINYIP,  
WARBACKABEAL  
and DONALD



the railway hotel



Short  
WALKS or  
DRIVES

- - - Lake Marma Walk (1.7km)
- - - Lake Marma & Rabl Park Walk (3km)
- - - Shopping Centre Walk
- - - Historic Features Walk/Drive
- - - Church Walk



RACE COURSE

To Woods' Museum,  
Rupanyup >  
To RUPANYUP  
and ST. ARNAUD  
MURTOA CEMETERY 3KM >

WIMMERA HWY

THE STICK SHED

## ACCOMMODATION

- 1 The Railway Hotel/Motel
- Murtoa Cabins on Lake Marma
- Murtoa Caravan Park
- Houses to Rent

## CHURCHES

- 2 Anglican
- 3 Catholic
- 4 Lutheran
- 5 Uniting

## SCHOOLS

- 6 Kindergarten & Maternal Health
- 7 O.L.H.C. Catholic Primary School
- 8 Murtoa F-12 College

## FACILITIES

- 9 Opportunity Shop/  
Hands and Feet Services
- 10 Hardware Store
- 11 Supermarket
- Café Marma
- Neighbourhood House /Information  
Centre, Murtoa's Orchard Café
- Wild Duck Kafé
- Medical Centre
- 12 Pharmacy
- 13 Post Office / Newsagency
- 14 CBA Bank / ATM
- 15 Statues, Pots & Collectables

## ATTRACTIONS

- 16 The Stick Shed 1941
- 17 Murtoa Historical Precinct:  
Water Tower Museum,  
Concordia Cottage, Bell Tower &  
Murtoa Railway Station
- 18 W.C.Thomas Mill 1923  
*(now Solomit Strawboard factory  
and Murtoa Silo Art)*
- 19 Wimmera Inland Freezing  
Works Buildings 1911  
*(now Schier Cabinet Makers factory)*
- 20 Dunmunkle Sumpoilers Museum
- 21 Marma Gully Hotel
- 22 Memorial Gates 1921
- 23 Sprott Fountain 1894-6
- 24 Rotunda 1907
- 25 Railway Bridge 1896
- Lizard Art
- Heritage Kurrajong Ave

## SPORT

- B Bowling Club
- BB Basketball Stadium
- T Tennis Courts
- NB Netball Courts

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- Public Phone
- Toilets
- Toilets - Disabled
- Bus Stop
- MH Mechanics Hall 1928
- CC Community Centre
- BQ Barbeque
- Fuel
- FS Fire Station
- i Tourist Information
- Police Station
- PG Play Ground
- SP Skate Park
- Jetty and Boat Ramp
- WG College Wind Generator



 [murtoa.net](http://murtoa.net)  Murtoa


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