

WENTWORTH SHIRE & DARLING OUTBACK

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As a mark of admiration the authors of this document wish to acknowledge the Barkindji people, the traditional owners and occupiers of country in this area and in doing so recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

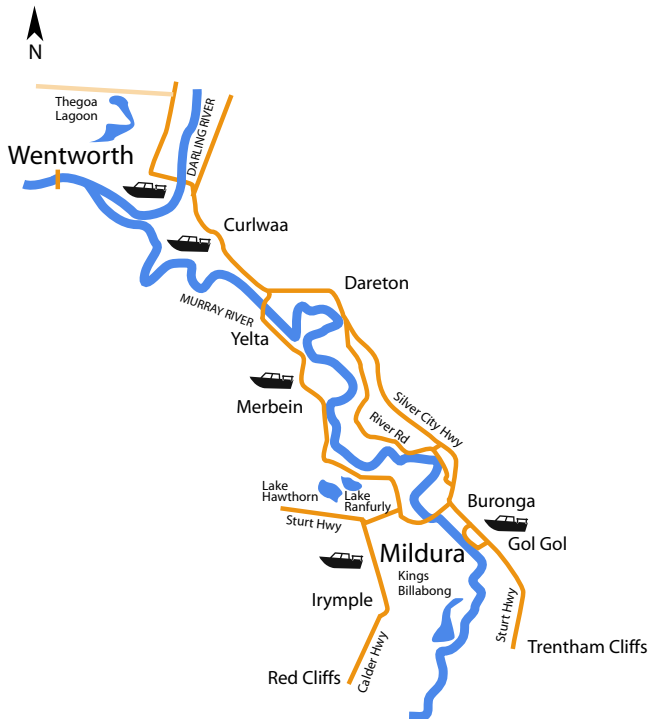
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Left: Artwork courtesy BMeet Art Gallery,
by local artist Lorraine Mitchell.

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EXPLORE THE DIVERSITY

A place of vivid contrasts, our region offers visitors an array of experiences in a unique environment





LOTS TO SEE AND DO

There really is plenty to see and do in the historic Port of Wentworth and indeed the greater Wentworth Shire and surrounds.

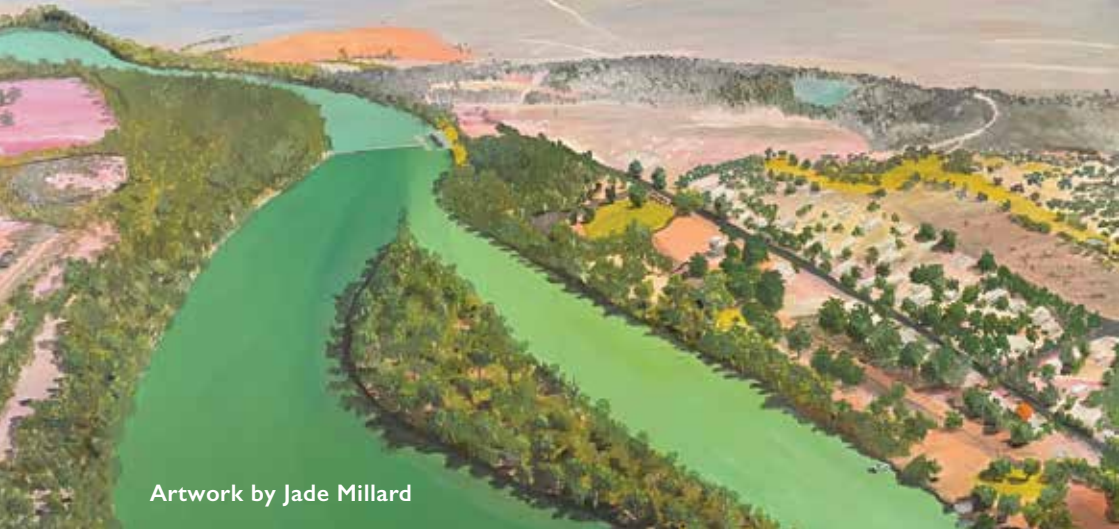
Visitors can enjoy natural features, such as the confluence of the Murray and Darling Rivers (from the Junction Park platform) or by venturing along the cultural and environmental walk on Junction Island to the inner tip of the confluence. Other natural features include experiencing the great River Red Gums, Perry Sand Hills or perhaps a paddle along Tuckers Creek, a short waterway which exits the Murray and joins the Darling to form what is colloquially known as 'the island'.

The region is well known for and proud of its sporting facilities boasting top class golf courses, tennis courts and bowling greens. Both the Murray and Darling Rivers are popular for all manner of river activities including water skiing, pleasure cruises, house boating or just attempting to entice a mighty Murray Cod. Wentworth also has a community funded world class skate park for those that appreciate something a little more energetic and adventurous.

The rivers link the communities within this region. Wentworth Shire includes the communities of Wentworth, Dareton, Pomona, Pooncarie, Buronga and Gol Gol. However our bond with community extends beyond our Shire and incorporates historical and cultural ties with the communities of Menindee, Wilcannia, Tilpa, Louth and Bourke - all historical river ports in their own right.

To complement the vast array of natural, environmental and cultural activities there are also many unique tourist attractions to explore. The Australian Inland Botanic Gardens, walking trails, heritage buildings and river landscapes are all available to the inquisitive explorer.

With these diverse experiences a full range of accommodation is catered for; from outback farm stays, river view apartments, motels, houseboat holidays, caravan parks and B&B's.



Artwork by Jade Millard

RELAX ON THE WATER

WHERE THE RIVERS MEET

The Historic Port of Wentworth is uniquely located at the confluence of the two greatest rivers in Australia; the Murray and the Darling. A perfect place for the creation of Australia's busiest inland port in riverboat history.

Wentworth helped facilitate transport and trade from South Australia through to Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. Though paddle steamers are fewer now, the rivers are still vital lifelines for towns, giving individuals the chance to captain their own craft along the vast waterways.

THE DARLING RIVER

The Darling River is regarded as Australia's third longest river however combined with its longest continuous tributaries measures some 2844km making it Australia's longest river system. With many of its tributaries starting in south east Queensland and north eastern New South Wales the Darling River flows to the confluence where it joins the Murray River at Wentworth. Sedimentary clay produces a stark colour contrast between the two rivers which

is evident as their waters merge. Travellers can explore the length of this great river by utilizing the 'Darling River Run' self-guided tour map.

THE MURRAY RIVER

Whilst the Murray was initially known by several names it was Captain Charles Sturt on the 23rd of January, 1830 who chose to name the river after Sir George Murray, Secretary of State for the Colonies in the British Government. Acting as a natural border between New South Wales and Victoria the Murray also depends on tributaries sourcing water from winter rains and snow-thaw. It flows 2530km from the high country in the east to the ocean at the Murray mouth near Goolwa in South Australia. The introduction of weirs and locks in the 1920's ensures a constant 'weir pool' in and about Wentworth, allowing water sports and recreational activities to become a major draw card. Truly, one of nature's most idyllic and surreal playgrounds.



- Boat ramp - Gol Gol



THE PORT OF WENTWORTH

History, culture and charm - the gateway to the Darling River and outback NSW

Welcome to Wentworth, where the Darling River merges with the mighty Murray. Tributaries west of the Great Dividing Range feed these rivers with summer monsoon rain to the Darling and winter rain and snow melt to the Murray making this region 'an oasis in the desert'.

Wentworth and surrounds retains much of its rich history, boasting a natural environmental and pioneering diversity - our region offers something for everyone.

In the late 1880's Wentworth was Australia's busiest inland port and was a vital link to remote inland ports along the length of the Darling River. Ports at Wentworth, Pooncarie, Menindee, Wilcannia and Bourke were vital trading locations for remote pastoralists and inland inhabitants.

The Darling River is no longer the watery highway for riverboats, trade and produce, however the colonial charm of life on the Darling will be felt when visiting the PS Ruby, a restored and fully functional paddle steamer. Contemporary river traffic has replaced the relics of the past yet the natural beauty, environmental and colonial charm can still be experienced from houseboats and leisure craft.

With a Weir and Lock 10 situated at Wentworth visitors can be assured of water levels to support houseboating, camping, fishing and waterskiing holidays all year round.

Church of
St. John the Evangelist



The fully renovated jewel in the crown of Wentworth town.

Situated on the banks of the Darling / Baaka River this park offers river frontage, 88 RV sites, 12 Cabins and Glamping facilities. Located in the middle of town all pubs, shops and cafes are within easy walking distance. Featuring a Playground, adjacent BBQ dining gazebo, camp kitchen, secure gated park with boundary fencing, asphalted & angled access with grassed sites and adjacent Houseboat mooring.

The perfect location to enjoy all your water sport activities, fishing, water skiing, boating, swimming or just relaxing.



14 - 16 Darling Street, Wentworth NSW 2648
P: (03) 5027 3213 | E: info@wandererscrossing.com.au



WELCOME TO THE WENTWORTH SHIRE

Some may say we're in the middle of nowhere, but we're actually **in the middle of everywhere** – just 433km from Adelaide, 583km from Melbourne, and 1,044km from Sydney!

Our Shire has a population of 7,487 spread across a vast 26,256km² – that's 3.51km² per person. Beyond Wentworth, the Shire includes several unique towns, each with its own character.

Experience stunning river views in Buronga, taste fine wines at Gol Gol and Trentham Cliffs, play golf at Coomealla, or venture into the Outback at Pooncarie.

The region boasts many attractions, from water sports and fishing on the Murray and Darling Rivers to the Perry Sandhills, Old Wentworth Gaol, fascinating museums, and a variety of food and drink options. There's something for everyone!

Stay for a night or a week, and enjoy a slower pace of life – because sometimes, less is more.

WORTH SEEING WORTH DOING!

WENTWORTH
and surrounds

experiencewentworth.com.au

Based on data from the 2021 Census.



All services under **ONE** roof

Our new Visitor Centre is **OPEN**, bringing all Council services under one roof.

Discover the Centre's interpretive space, showcasing the history of Wentworth and local attractions.

Stop by The Junction Café for coffee & cake, then explore the new Wentworth Library and outdoor courtyard overlooking the Darling River.

The Conference Centre has the capacity to host up to 200 patrons and is targeted at corporate conference style events – with advanced presentation equipments and catering facilities.

A true community hub for locals and visitors alike!

 **Wentworth**
Visitor Centre

61 Darling Street,
Wentworth NSW 2648





All services under ONE roof



OPENING HOURS

Council Administration Office:

Monday to Friday: 8:30am - 5pm
Saturday & Sunday: Closed



Wentworth Library:

Monday to Friday: 8:30am - 5pm
Saturday: 9am - 2pm
Sunday: Closed



Wentworth Visitor Information Centre:

Monday to Friday: 8:30am - 5pm
Saturday & Sunday: 9am - 2pm



61 Darling Street, Wentworth
Ph: (03) 5027 5080 | (03) 5027 5027
council@wentworth.nsw.gov.au
wentworth.nsw.gov.au

Adelora Houseboats

WENTWORTH



Well appointed, FSC houseboat, attractive rates for up to 12 people. Moored near the Murray Darling junction, with private secure on-site parking. Cruise to Mildura, lock 9 or take a leisurely trip up the Darling river. Unwind and relax with over 200km of river at your disposal.

44 Cadell St, Wentworth
P: (03) 5027 3066
www.adelorahouseboats.com

Fort Courage Accommodation and Caravan Park

WENTWORTH



Experience the Murray River, relax and drift away with a stay at Fort Courage. Offering full river frontage on a 70 acre park, only 18 kms from Wentworth. Fort Courage is ideal for that getaway or just some time out. Ideal for families and group bookings with access to the region's attractions.

1076 Renmark Rd, Wentworth
P: (03) 5027 3097
E: admin@fortcourage.com.au



Two Rivers Motel

WENTWORTH



Two Rivers Motel has 25 ground floor units with king beds and a long single bed offering complete privacy and comfort overlooking bushland. We have a range of suites to cater for all styles and budgets. Amenities include pool. BBQ facilities and free wi-fi with smart TV. Group bookings are welcome with ample parking for coaches.

198 Adams St, Wentworth
P: (03) 5027 3268
E: tworivers-motel@bigpond.com
www.tworiversmotel.com

Pelicans on the Darling

WENTWORTH



Kick back & relax in this calm, stylish space. Private & modern studio with uninterrupted river views. Wake to tranquil views of the Darling River with its abundant birdlife & native forest backdrop. Full kitchen & BBQ. A spacious bathroom with rain shower. Located on the edge of Wentworth - with easy access to Wentworth & a short drive to Mildura. Gateway to Mungo World Heritage area, Pooncarie, Broken Hill & beyond.

E: walliesonthedarling@bigpond.com
P: 0412 351 084

Bookings via Booking.com and Airbnb



Darling Junction Motor Inn

WENTWORTH



24 well situated rooms offering family, queen, twin and budget style accommodation. Pet friendly by prior arrangement. Easy stroll across the river to main street eating places and attractions. Off street parking, pool and BBQ area under magnificent old fig tree. Large vehicle parking available. Contactless check in means you can arrive at a time to suit your needs.

26 William St Wentworth
P: 03 5027 3636
E: info@darlingjunctionmotorinn.com.au

Wentworth Wharf B&B

WENTWORTH



Situated on the Darling River, Wentworth Wharf B&B offers spacious ground floor executive accommodation. Features include large queen bedroom with additional single bed, ensuite, powder room, large lounge and fully equipped kitchen. Conveniently located in Wentworth's CBD, with a short walk to many tourist attractions, eateries and shopping precinct.

Wharf St, Wentworth
P: 0427 056 678.



Wentworth Grande Resort

The Wentworth Grande Resort, considered the Jewel of the Outback is situated on the banks of the Darling River in the heart of Wentworth and adjacent to the new Wentworth Visitor Centre. We offer a range of newly refurbished rooms catering for different budgets, styles and needs including our range of self-contained Presidential Suites. Accommodation includes complimentary continental breakfast in our Darlingz Café & Restaurant with the added option of a full cooked selection from our menu. We cater for all needs with our licensed restaurant offering facilities for tour groups, conferences and functions. Other features include, disabled rooms, gymnasium, seasonal heated pool, guest laundry, BBQ facilities, free WiFi and ample off street parking.

P: (03) 5027 2225 | E: info@wentworthgranderesort.com.au
www.wentworthgranderesort.com.au | 61-79 Darling St, Wentworth

Outback Almonds Tourism

WENTWORTH



A working almond farm on the banks of the Darling River, we invite you to stay the night 'Glamping' in one of our Canvas Bell Tents, at our Cottage or at our unpowered river frontage camp sites. With wide open spaces, it's a picturesque outback backdrop to spend the night or attend one of our events. Fully licensed for 150 people.

2704B Low Darling Road, Wentworth
P: 0429 407 045 or 0429 149 886
E: outbackalmonds@gmail.com
www.outbackalmonds.com.au



Crown Hotel

WENTWORTH



The Crown is well known for its fantastic range of food and drinks, complemented with country hospitality. There's inside dining, alfresco in the beer garden, or in the 'Fergie Bar'. Enjoy a delicious coffee, grab a quick lunch, or a hearty dinner from the extensive menu and specials board.

Mon-Sat from 10am | P: (03) 5027 3061
Open Sundays for events or long weekends
Cnr: Sandwyck & Darling Streets, Wentworth
E: crownhotelwentworth@bigpond.com
www.crownhotelwentworth.com.au

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WENTWORTH



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8 Adelaide St. Wentworth
P: 0401 790 621
E: bookings@lock10.restaurant



The Captain Sturt Hotel

WENTWORTH



The Captain Sturt Hotel is a historic local pub, operating since the late 1800's. From our welcoming bar with ice cold beer and friendly locals, to our bistro, where you can enjoy a classic pub meal. The Captain Sturt Hotel is a go to for friends and family. Come and enjoy our spacious beer garden, along with live music and raffles on Friday nights.

41-49 Adams Street, Wentworth
P: (03) 5027 2481

Wentworth Golf Club

WENTWORTH



Community run golf course, idyllic local course with 18 grassed fairways and greens. Regular competition days, licensed bar open on these days, all public welcome. Cost: 9 holes \$10, 18 holes \$15. Clubs & buggies available for hire.

Beverly St, Wentworth
P: 5027 2325 or 0402 570 500

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WENTWORTH



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48 Darling St, Wentworth
P: 0439 701 155



Ruby's Cargo

WENTWORTH



Ruby's Cargo is a retail outlet which showcases a huge variety of locally made products. From metal and wood-work to gourmet food, we are proud of all the items produced by the women and men in our area who work from home. There is truly "something for everyone" at Ruby's.

Open Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-1pm,
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"A TRUE COUNTRY SHOW"

Wentworth Show

Enjoy food stalls, animals, entertainment, and more!

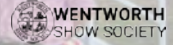
2025 Dates: 30 & 31 August

2026 Dates: 29 & 30 August

🌐 www.wentworthshow.org.au

📘 facebook.com/wentworth.show

📷 instagram.com/wentworthshowns/



Old Wentworth Gaol

WENTWORTH



A self guided tour of the Gaol allows you to inspect the inside of a historical land mark, designed to serve a vast region. The Wentworth Gaol now stands as a vivid reminder of those harsh and uncompromising days. The Gaoler's residence has an extensive range of souvenirs and giftware.

Open 7 days a week 10am-4pm.

CLOSED Christmas day.

Beverly St, Wentworth

P: (03) 5027 3337

Wentworth Rotary Pioneer Museum

WENTWORTH



The Wentworth Pioneer Museum offers history dating back 1.8 million years! Indigenous artefacts and mega-fauna displays feature fossils from Wentworth and Mungo National Park. Explore the rich history of river trade and pioneer settlement in Wentworth.

117 Beverley Street, Wentworth

P: (03) 5027 3160

E rotaryclubofwentworth@gmail.com

Went Weaving

WENTWORTH



Visitors to Went Weaving will observe weaving looms in action, a significant display of woven articles for personal and home use, many of which are for sale. Introductory and project based weaving classes are offered regularly with advanced classes on request. Commissioning work is available.

Open Thu-Sun 10am-4pm, most weeks

37 Darling St, Wentworth

P: 0427 056 678



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WENTWORTH



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35 Darling St, Wentworth

P: 0418 777 911

E: mcleathershed@yahoo.com.au



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50 Darling Street, Wentworth | P: (03) 5027 2325 | E: billwheeldon@outlook.com

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WENTWORTH



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Open daily, 10am-4pm

Shop 11 Sandwych St, Wentworth

P: 0434 549 401

www.wentworthmilitarycollection.com

Quirky Creative Supplies

WENTWORTH



QCS is Wentworth's little local yarn shop, with much more on offer as well! From yarns to threads; knitting needles to sewing needles; felt, craft kits, and accessories; there's something for all ages of craft enthusiast, whatever your quirky interest.



33 Darling St, Wentworth

P: 0490 025 733

E: felicity@quirkycreativesupplies.com.au





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10/21 Sandwyck St. Wentworth
P: 03 5045 3476

E: reception@silverlinehealthcare.com.au



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On the first Tuesday in November
P: 0428 273 024

E: info@wentworthraces.com.au
www.wentworthraces.com.au

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17 Sandwyck St, Wentworth

P: (03) 5027 2257

E: wentworth.ampol@outlook.com



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Open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm
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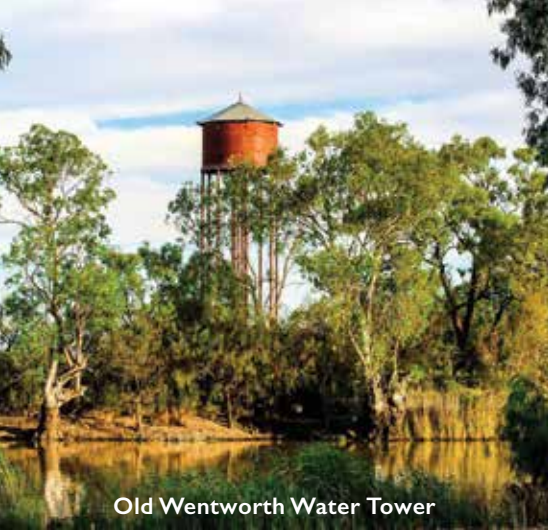
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Old Wentworth Water Tower



Canoe Tree & Foot Bridge to Junction Island

THE GREATER MURRAY JUNCTION RESERVE

The Greater Murray Darling Junction Reserve is the starting point for the Junction Island Trail, a 2km return walk to the inner confluence of the Murray and Darling Rivers. The entrance to the Junction Island Trail is significant due to the location of a magnificent example of an indigenous 'canoe tree'. The walking trail meanders through an ecologically significant wildlife refuge of natural bushland which hosts many varieties of vegetation, flora and fauna. Keen observers can often spot small reptiles, a range of birds and even a Murray Carpet Snake if you're lucky.

Discovered by Captain Charles Sturt in January of 1830, the confluence of the Murray and Darling Rivers represents the heart of the Murray Darling Basin. The confluence is the point where the waters of the upper Murray and the Darling come together. Distinct differences in water colour between the two rivers can often be observed at the confluence. Water from the Murray (snow fields) have travelled 1688km and the waters of the

Darling some 2740km at this point, from the confluence the waters travel a further 832km to the Southern Ocean.

In more recent years the Darling River has become known as the 'Baaka' in recognition of the 'Barkindji' peoples, their culture and their connection with the land and waters of the region.

Also of heritage significance and adjacent to the Greater Murray Darling Junction Reserve is the 'Old Wentworth Water Tower'. Built by the Hudson Bros of Clyde and shipped to Australia this water tower provided water to the Wentworth township from 1888. It is a prominent feature within our skyline and is unique in its construction due to the nine cylindrical columns bolted in four sections supporting a water tower tank with galvanized iron polygonal roof and decorative wrought iron finial.



NOTABLE TREES

Wentworth Shire

We've all heard the saying 'couldn't see the wood for the trees', well this may well apply to Wentworth Shire and surrounds as we are blessed with many and varied species of trees. For those of us that are interested in flora, fauna and the environment, our region offers magnificent examples of many species of trees and several walking trails that will inspire every field naturalist or casual walker of nature trails.

River Red Gums are prevalent and majestic, they are abundant around our various water courses and billabongs. Many trees bear the scars of indigenous culture having been selected in 'Canoe' making or the creation of 'Boundary Trees'. The Caravan Park at Wentworth has several River Red Gums but one, Sturt's Tree, stands out as having historical significance as it marks the location of Captain Charles Sturt weighing anchor in late January 1830 having just discovered the Junction of the Murray and Darling Rivers.

Of particular note within the grounds of the Australian Inland Botanic Gardens (AIBG) is a Mallee Tree affectionately known as the 'WOW Tree' (*Eucalyptus oleosa*). This particular tree is unique as it is estimated at over 2500 years old, there are no other examples, of this age, in existence within the region. The Mallee Tree is also meaningful in Aboriginal culture with trunks used for 'Didgeridoo' making. The conductive roots could also be used as a water source.

Jacaranda trees (natives of South America) are prevalent within the region having been planted as avenues in many areas, they are easily identified during spring by their displays of vibrant 'lilac' blossom. Wonderful examples

of the Bunya Pine can be found within Fotherby Park in Wentworth and the AIBG. A large evergreen coniferous, it can grow to heights of 50m. This tree produces both 'male' and 'female' cones around Oct-Nov each year; the female cones can measure up to 30cm wide and weigh around 10kg.

Also of significance at the corner of Adams and Adelaide Sts is the 'Inkberry Tree' believed to be one of several to have been planted in the early 1900's by a traveller from South Australia as he moved along the Murray River: The 'Inkberry Tree' (*Pircunia* or *Phytolacca Dioica*) is a native of Uruguay and Argentina, it is also referred to as the 'Ombu Tree'.

Located within the sand dunes at Perry Sandhills is a magnificent Murray River Red Gum (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) known as the 'God tree', which is estimated to be over 500 years old. Over time, the sand has completely engulfed the trunk of the tree, so that you are actually standing in the canopy. The story is told that on the 31st December 1999, the eve of the change of to the new millennium, the God tree was quite unsightly in that it had been vandalised and was covered in graffiti. The next day, 1st January 2000, those who travelled out to see the tree witnessed a pristine tree, the God tree had shed her bark overnight at the start of the new century.

Our flood plains encourage admirable stands of Black and Grey Box whilst Mallee Trees, Acacias and Belah thrive on the lighter sandier country. There are also examples of Moreton Bay & Port Jackson Fig trees in Sandwyck Street Wentworth and many examples of European varieties throughout the region.



DARETON

Named after Water Conservation & Irrigation Commissioner Henry Dare, the centre of the Coomealla Irrigation District.

The town of Dareton is at the centre of the Coomealla Irrigation Area, an ambitious and successful horticultural development which began in 1922. The bush landscape was transformed into a patchwork of orderly patterned vineyards and orchards by soldier settlers following the two world wars.



At the heart of Dareton is the Coomealla Memorial Sporting Club which provides fine dining and live entertainment. Adjacent to the 'Coomie Club' are excellent bowling greens, a caravan park and a full 18 hole greens golf course on the banks of the Murray River.

A visit to BMeet the meeting place of local indigenous artists will provide a fascinating insight to the very talented local artists.

Wentworth has a great volunteering community and the perfect example of this is the Dareton's Men in the Shed space. The newly completed 1.5 million dollar complex in Pool Road, is the largest Men's Shed in the southern hemisphere and welcomes locals and visitors alike, Wednesday and Saturday 9am-noon.

The area is an angler's paradise and a natural habitat for flora and fauna. The Dareton/Coomealla bushland is also home to the Coomealla Mildura Mountainless Bike Club.



BMEET



DARETON

Come and visit our local Aboriginal art and craft gallery which showcases work by local Barkindji and other artists. See the 'Big Didge' - Australia's largest playable didgeridoo. Cultural tours available by appointment, where local Elders or experienced artists will be on hand to share their cultural knowledge. Discover our local Aboriginal history through this unique experience.

Mon-Fri 9am-3pm, weekends by appointment
 1845 Silver City Hwy, Dareton
 P: (03) 5027 4073

Coomeealla Club



DARETON

Experience the excellent hospitality and variety of entertainment. The Coomealla Club caters for the entire family - enjoy a range of bar and catering options, world class undercover bowling facilities, golf, and other sporting activities plus a selection of accommodation options/packages. Open 7 days a week from 10am. We invite you to visit and enjoy our hospitality.

Silver City Hwy, Dareton
 P: 1800 674 505
www.coomeeallaclub.com.au



A family friendly intra-club of the Coomealla Memorial Sporting Club. We warmly welcome all skill levels, from Super Masters to the littlest of Shredders. Our purpose built trails are just 10 minutes from Wentworth, 1 km past the Golf Club, on the banks of the Murray River.

Golf Course Road, Dareton

P: 03 5027 4505

E: president@mountainlessbikeclub.net.au

www.mountainlessbikeclub.net.au



Abbotsford Bridge *Gateway to the Outback*

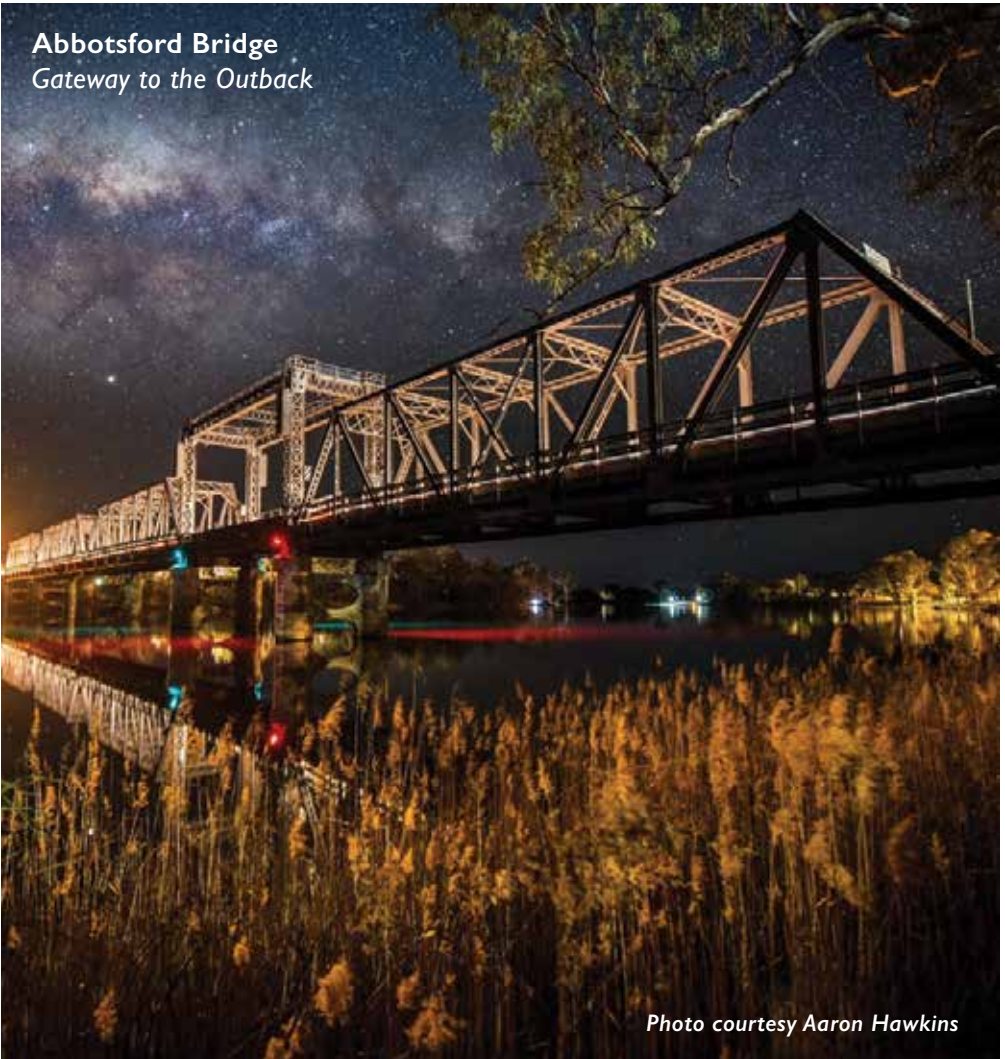


Photo courtesy Aaron Hawkins



*“Camping the old-fashioned way
with your fire pit”*



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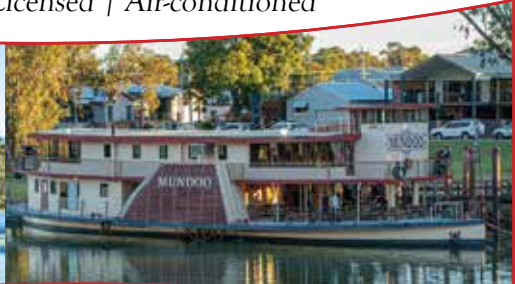
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MENINDEE

Visited by explorers Major Thomas Mitchell and Charles Sturt, and later used as a base by Burke and Wills in 1860.

Menindee the first town on the Darling (Baaka) River settled in 1853 and gazetted in 1863, is sited between the Darling (Baaka) River and Lake Menindee, it currently has a population of around 550 residents. The Menindee Lakes and Darling (Baaka) River were first discovered by the Barkindji People who have continuously inhabited the area for over 40000 years.

The natural flood plain lakes system now partially modified, is seven times the size of Sydney Harbour when full, providing significant breeding and feeding grounds for thousands of water birds, fish and aquatic life. The lakes system provide the visitor with many activities including fishing, birdwatching, bushwalking and fantastic opportunities for the amateur or professional photographer with over 200 species of bird and wildlife that frequent the Menindee Lakes and Darling Baaka. Visitors have the photography opportunity of a lifetime at sunset at both Lake Menindee and Lake Pamamaroo.

Menindee played an important role in early exploration of our vast continent. The original accommodation at Maiden's Hotel where our ill-fated explorers Burke and Wills stayed in 1860 is still utilised today. The site of their base camp on Lake Pamamaroo (now the Burke & Wills Camping Ground) is open to visitors. The town also played an important part in our state's pastoral, riverboat and rail history, still providing access across the Darling for the transcontinental (Indian Pacific) railway.

Bordering the town is the Kinchega National Park, home of the heritage listed Kinchega Woolshed. This is a must see, to walk through and visualise the old shearers, who shored over six million sheep during its time as a working pastoral property.

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Written by Geoff Looney, Menindee.

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THEGOA LAGOON AND INDIGENOUS TRAILS

The Aboriginal people the 'Barkindji' (or Paakantyi) living along the Darling River referred to it as the 'Baaka' meaning 'belonging to the river'. The Baaka was the life source for the Barkindji people providing the spiritual connection and essential food, clothing and tools for life in this sometimes harsh environment.

The Thegoa Lagoon with its proximity to the Murray Darling junction was a natural 'meeting place' where Aboriginal people gathered for Corroborees. Nothing's changed - it remains an idyllic 'meeting place'.

A self-guided tour will expose the walker to its natural beauty and the prevalence of the archaeological sites - including middens, hearths, (fireplaces) and scar trees from which canoes, shields and tools have been crafted by the Barkindji people.

The keen observer will marvel at the Boundary Tree a remarkable example of the Aboriginal ability to graft branches together to create an eye or ring in the tree. Visible from a distance this was a clever way of marking a tribal boundary.

Thegoa Lagoon Reserve offers walk and drive trails and a bird hide to observe flora and fauna within minutes of Wentworth and the popular Murray Darling river junction.

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Louth hosts a community Outback race event in August each year and is home to Shindys Inn, the Tilpa Pub (c1894) was established to service the river trade and outlying stations, Wilcannia and its iconic colonial architecture is not to be missed. A quick Google search of any of these locations will surprise the enquiring visitor.



WILCANNIA

A township older than Broken Hill.

Wilcannia, established in 1866 is in fact older than Broken Hill. In 1883 the "Wilcannia Times" reported Charles Rasp's ore discovery which led to the founding of Broken Hill Proprietary (BHP) and Broken Hill township.

Locally quarried sandstone was utilised in construction of many of the town's iconic buildings. The Post Office, Hospital, St James Anglican Church, the Bond Store, Police Station, Court House/Gaol and Resch's brewery are all examples of Wilcannia's unique architecture. The town once had a population of 1,200 people which, aided by miners heading to Mt. Browne, drovers and other visitors supported 12 hotels. Today only one 'watering hole' remains, the Club Hotel on the site of the first hotel built in 1864, the remains

of Resch's Brewery is now part of the Wilcannia Golf Club.

More information about Wilcannia and surrounds can be sought by referring to our app., accessible through the Central Darling Shire webpage.



Wilcannia Tourism Association

Situated on the majestic Darling River, Wilcannia was once NSW's third largest port. Boasting impressive sandstone buildings, dating back to the 1880's there is much to see and experience. The police complex (1881), Rich & Co Emporium (1879), and the post office (1879) are but a few.

*"In the middle of nowhere,
the centre of everywhere!"*

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EARLY TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION

River Steamers

The settlement of the Wentworth Shire was largely enabled by the utilisation of the Murray and Darling rivers as major arterial routes for cargo and passengers. Wentworth and the ports along the Darling River owe their early vitality to the tenacity and endurance of the river steamers and their crews.

Coaches

Horse drawn coaches were a vital communication and transport medium within the Shire and Darling Outback. Several lines operated in the region including Cobb & Co, Burton Bros, Charters Bros, Kidman Nichols, McMahon and John Hill & Co. The coach services were also carriers of the Royal Mail. During the dry months when river boats weren't viable coaches stepped up by offering extra coach services for passengers.

Bullocks, Donkey and Camel

The transport of wool clips to the nearest wharf or barge stop was often performed by the use of bullock teams, donkey teams or camel trains. Afghans were sometimes employed to guide the camels on their arduous journeys.

Postal Services

The first postal service in the region was based at Moorna Station. When it moved to Wentworth it was operated from a shed in Darling Street, with a new Post Office being built in 1899 (corner of Darling and Sandwyeh Sts). The mail routes were important links for the large stations with mail being delivered by horseback over large distances prior to the introduction of motor vehicles.



WHAT'S ON - Wentworth Shire & Darling Outback

January	Cricket Match - Anabranche vs Pooncarie
January 26	Australia Day Celebrations
February	Valentine's Day
March	Seniors Week
March	AUSFLY
March	tHeARTShow
April	Youth Week
April	Pooncarie Gun Club Shoot
April	Pooncarie Desert Dash Rally
April 25	ANZAC DAY Celebrations
Easter Sunday	Junction Junk, Easter Garage Sale
Easter Weekend	Wentworth & Mildura Rowing Clubs Easter Regatta
Easter	Australian Mounted Games
Easter	Magenta Artists Art & Photography Show
Easter Saturday	Mildura Vintage Vehicles Club Show & Shine
May	Gol Gol Public School Country Fair
May	Pooncarie Gymkhana & Bikekhana
May	Mother's Day
June	Sunraysia Sports Aircraft Annual Fly-in
July	Pooncarie Gun Club Shoot
July	NAIDOC Week Celebrations
July/August	Why Not Winter in Wentworth
August	Wentworth Pre-show Horse Show
August	Wentworth Show
September	Father's Day
September	Local Legends Sunraysia Safari Rally
September	Royal Flying Doctors Rowathon on the Darling River
September	Combined Community Garage Sale
September	Pooncarie Races
November	Murray Darling 110 - Ted Hurley Ski Race
November	Wentworth Melbourne Cup Races, 1st Tuesday
November	Buronga International Food Festival
December	Pooncarie Gun Club Shoot - Christmas event
December	Wentworth Community Christmas Eve Street Party
Monthly Events	Australian Inland Botanic Gardens Big Brekkie, 4th Sat.
	Fort Courage Fishing Competition, 2nd Sat.
	Wentworth Angling Club Fishing Competition, 2nd Sat.
	Wentworth Seniors, 3rd Tues, Memorial Rooms (Visitor Info Centre)
	Murray Darling Junction Fishing Club-Fishing Competition, Last Sat.

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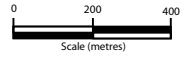
Details for all events should be checked at www.visitwentworth.com.au



Wentworth Skate Park

Town of Wentworth NSW

NORTH





MUST SEE AND DO

1) The confluence of the Murray and Darling Rivers can be viewed from the observation tower at 'Junction Park'.

2) Stand on the inner point of the confluence and experience the merging of the two rivers. The different colour of the water from these two rivers makes this an intriguing experience. Information boards along the walking trail provide an enlightening insight into the environmental and cultural significance of the junction area and its unique flora and fauna.

3) The Old Wharf on the Darling River and the Captain John Egge Memorial.

A short walk from the main street to the river front, once the scene of busy river trade.

4) Fotherby Park houses a range of pioneer heritage machinery including a 'drop log' homestead, an original Chaffey Brothers steam powered tractor, and the iconic 'grey Fergie' the savior of the town in the 1956 flood event, and the statue and story of Possum

5) PS Ruby - The 'Ruby' can be viewed at her mooring in Fotherby Park, unfortunately public access is not an option at this time however further information can be sought from the Visitor Information Centre on 03 5027 5080.

6) The Wentworth Rotary Pioneer Museum and 'The Old Gaol' for a taste of Wentworth history.

7) The Wentworth Military Collection displays over 125 years of Military service from all over the world.

8) River Boat Rod's Model Paddle Steamer display. Over 30 hand crafted and detailed, to scale models of Paddle Steamers of the past. Open Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 4pm. Free entry.



OUT AND ABOUT

WENTWORTH TRAIL

Travel back in history at your own pace. Visit 34 points of interest as you are guided about Wentworth on the Wentworth trail. The tour of the historic Port of Wentworth begins at the Visitor Information Centre, 61 Darling Street. It highlights historical buildings, from the old Post Office built in 1899, to the Town Hall (1844) to the cultural sites such as mussel beds and middens.

AUSTRALIAN INLAND BOTANIC GARDENS

An oasis in the desert. Take the time to discover the jewel of Sunraysia with a visit to the beautifully landscaped botanic gardens. There's the Garnpang Homestead Gift and Coffee Shop, rose gardens and plants representing every Australian State and Territory on display. A 'Big Breakfast and Market' is held on the 4th Saturday of every month at the Homestead.

PERRY SAND HILLS

A natural wonder of Wentworth. Explore the drifting sands of this ice age formation, home to mega fauna fossils and a World War Two RAAF practice range. Enjoy a quiet stroll over the hills or go wild with the endless fun to be had up and down the dunes.

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE GALLERY

The Wentworth Shire Visitor Information Centre at 61 Darling Street Wentworth provides the perfect introduction to the region's rich environmental, cultural and historical past. With much of the open floor plan dedicated to static explanations, interpretive displays and interactive activities, the visitor can embrace the local history, our challenges and our achievements. Also available is the Wentworth library with an adjacent outdoor area and gazebo looking over the Darling Baaka, a great place to relax, ponder your next activity, read or enjoy a coffee from the Junction Café.

For more information call into the Wentworth Visitor Information Centre or visit www.wentworth.com.au, or phone 03 5027 5080.



PS RUBY - THE AUTHENTIC 1907 HERITAGE PADDLESTEAMER

Built in Morgan, S.A. in 1907, as a 'side wheeler' the PS Ruby (or the Paddle Steamer Ruby) is currently the flagship of the historic Port of Wentworth. 'Side wheelers' were designed and built for their manoeuvrability and were ideally suited to the unpredictable and sometimes treacherous Murray River. Whilst the PS Ruby had an industrious life as a cargo and passenger vessel operating between Echuca, Mildura, Wentworth and Goolwa she now rests in a pondage within the confines of Fotherby Park Wentworth. Recognising the historic value of this iconic vessel the Rotary Club of Wentworth purchased the neglected PS Ruby in 1968, and successfully completed an extensive restoration process which enabled the Ruby to be presented to the public as an authentic and operating paddle steamer of its era. Having completed the restoration Rotary handed ownership to the Wentworth Community in the trusteeship of the Wentworth Shire Council.



TOWN SERVICES GUIDE

The Wentworth Shire & Darling Outback celebrates the Rivers, the People & the Outback.

Many services are provided within the region. Please refer to this guide for further information (This guide is current at the time of publication).

WENTWORTH
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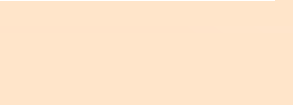
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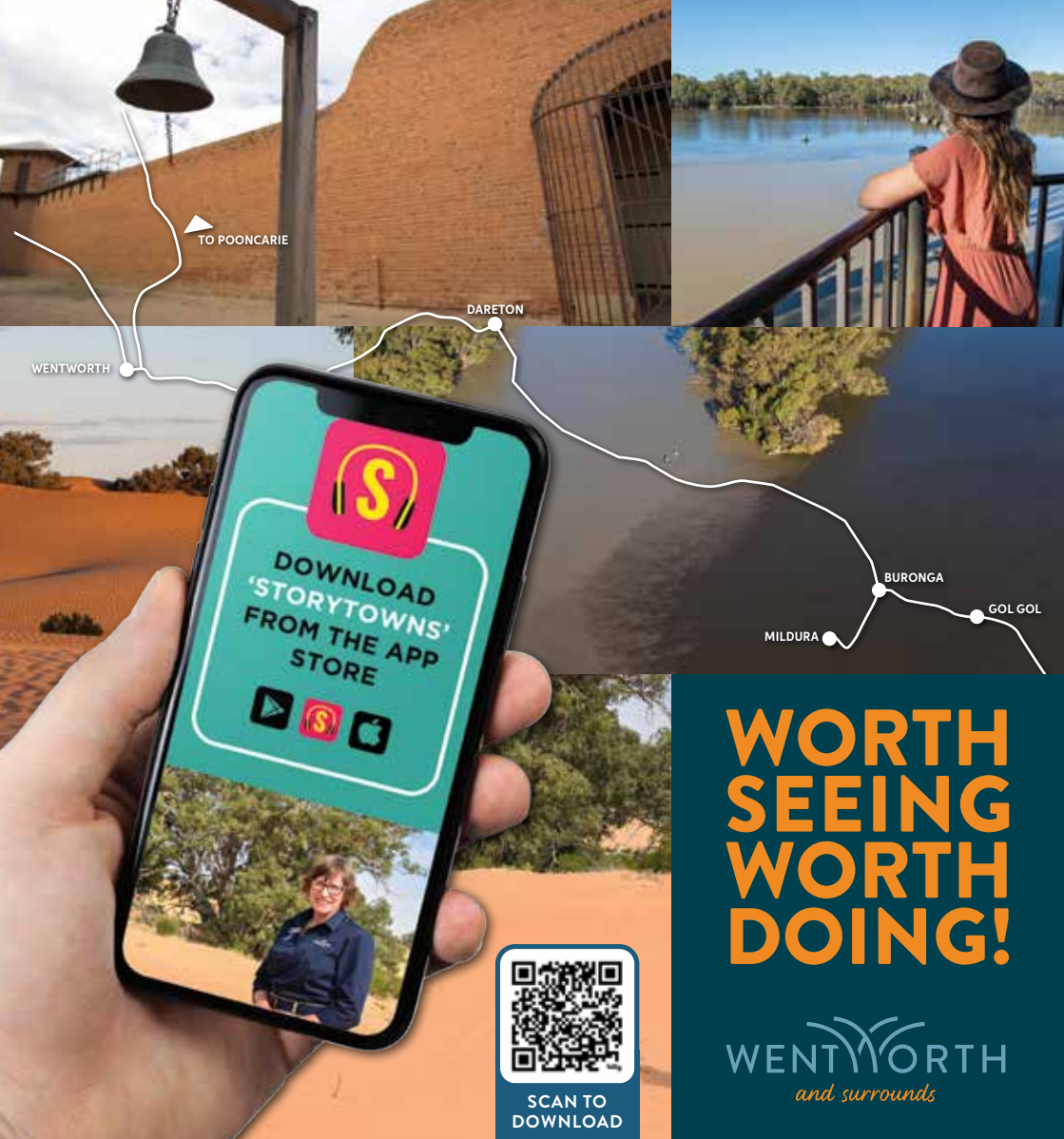
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