



Visit

BOGAN SHIRE

Nyngan. Coolabah. Girilambone. Hermidale.

Welcome

Welcome to Bogan Shire, a delightful destination along the Bogan River in Western New South Wales! Perfect for travellers seeking a taste of rural Australia, Bogan Shire is known for its picturesque landscapes and vibrant agricultural heritage.

Start your adventure in Nyngan, the gateway to outback NSW. Here you'll find a welcoming community and plenty of amenities. Enjoy local dining spots, cosy accommodation options, and convenient services to make your stay comfortable. Nyngan is also the ideal base for exploring the wider region, situated at the junction of the Mitchell and Barrier Highways.

For those looking to explore beyond Nyngan, Bogan Shire's charming villages of Coolabah, Hermidale, and Girilambone offer unique experiences and rich history to delve into.

With its friendly atmosphere and range of activities and attractions, Bogan Shire is the perfect getaway for a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. Come and experience the charm and hospitality of this unique region!

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Acknowledgment of Country

Nyngan (Nyingen)
'Longpond of Water'

Yaamakarra
Hello/Welcome

Ngini ngurrampaa Wangaaypuwan
This is Ngiyampaa Wangaaypuwan Country

Ngini ngiyani wara-dhunma-nha
We are standing here together

Winanga-nha kiya-thu ngurampaa-pilaar
I acknowledge the owners of this Country

Pukil kiya-thu ngini ngurrampaa Wangaaypuwan wara-nha
I am happy to be standing on Wangaaypuwan Country


Nyngan Visitor Information Centre


Open 7 days

Monday - Friday: 8:30am – 4:00pm

Saturday and Sunday: 10:00am – 2:00pm

Located in the historic Railway Station building.


 (02) 6832 1056

 nynganvic@bogan.nsw.gov.au

 Free Wi-Fi

 Local products and souvenirs

 Public toilets

 Nyngan museum

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History

Bogan Shire has a rich and varied history that reflects the broader story of rural Australia. It is situated over the three nations of Wangaaypuwan (Wongaibon), Ngiyampaa (Ngemba) and Wayilwan (Weilwan) people.

The Bogan Wangaaypuwan Ngiyampaa Ngurrampaa, mayi (Wongaibon Ngiyampaa Country, People) have lived on and cared for this land and the Bogan River for thousands of years, and it was known as Longpond. Charles Sturt named it New Year's Eve Creek on 1 January 1829, during his expedition in 1828-29. It was also called the Bogan River prior to Major Sir Thomas Mitchell reaching here in 1835.

The name Bogan is an Australian Aboriginal term meaning 'the birthplace of a notable headman of the local tribe'.

Significant development started in the 1880s with the establishment of Nyngan, especially boosted by the arrival of the railway in 1882. This spurred agricultural and commercial growth, making Bogan Shire known for its robust agricultural sector, focusing on wool, cattle, and cropping enterprises.

The Shire has faced challenges, notably the catastrophic flood of 1990. In April 1990, Nyngan and the surrounding district suffered the worst flooding the area has known since being settled.

Record heavy rains in the catchment of the Bogan saw floodwaters rise to alarming levels, threatening the town. Despite the best efforts of the townspeople and an army of volunteers, the levee was breached.

By the morning of April 24, Nyngan was underwater and isolated in a vast inland sea. With damage estimated at \$50 million and all services to the town cut, it was decided to airlift almost the entire population of Nyngan to safety until the flood receded and services could be restored.

After the flood, Nyngan quickly recovered thanks to the assistance of the State and Federal governments and people from all over New South Wales and beyond, Nyngan has been fully restored. A new levee, one metre higher than the 1990 flood level now protects the town and the people of Nyngan.

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Discover our Town



Where to Stay

Business name	Address	Website	Contact details
Accommodation			
Alamo Motor Inn	14 Pangee St, Nyngan NSW 2825	alamomotorinn.com.au	(02) 6832 1660 alamomotorinn@bigpond.com
Callubri Station	586 Dandaloo Rd, Buddabadah, NSW 2825	callubristation.com.au	0403 571 331 info@callubristation.com.au
Canonbar Motel	129 Pangee St, Nyngan NSW 2825	canonbarmotel.com.au	0487 144 281
Country Manor Motor Inn	145 Pangee St, Nyngan NSW 2825	countrymanormotorinn.com	(02) 6832 1447 countrymanor@bigpond.com
Eighty Seven Pangee Street	87 Pangee St, Nyngan NSW 2825	nynganriverside.com.au	(02) 6832 1729 info@nynganriverside.com.au
Nyngan Riverside Tourist Park	Barrier Hwy, Nyngan NSW 2825	nynganriverside.com.au	(02) 6832 1729 info@nynganriverside.com.au
The Nyngan Hotel	104-106 Nymagee St, Nyngan NSW 2825	thenynganhotel.com.au	(02) 6832 1729 thenynganhotel@hotmail.com
Outback Motor Inn	108-116 Nymagee St, Nyngan NSW 2825	outbackmotorinn.com.au	(02) 6832 1501 omnyngan@bigpond.net.au
Perrington Estate	56 Cobar St, Nyngan NSW 2825	perringtonestate.com	0420 872 165 bookings@perringtonestate.com
Camping			
CMCA Nyngan Van Park	8-10 Old Warren Rd, Nyngan NSW 2825	rvparks.cmca.net.au	(02) 6832 2366
Nyngan Rest Area (free camping, dump point)	Nymagee St, Nyngan NSW 2825	bogan.nsw.gov.au	(02) 6835 9000 admin@bogan.nsw.gov.au
Upper Weir (free camping)	Ski Ln, Nyngan NSW 2825	bogan.nsw.gov.au	(02) 6835 9000 admin@bogan.nsw.gov.au
Nyngan Riverside Tourist Park	Barrier Hwy, Nyngan NSW 2825	nynganriverside.com.au	(02) 6832 1729 info@nynganriverside.com.au



Eat and Drink

Business name	Address	Contact details	Open
Pubs and Clubs			
Australian Hotel	42 Nymagee St, Nyngan NSW 2825	(02) 6832 1612 aussiehotelnynyan@gmail.com	Open 7 days
Gold Medal Chinese Restaurant (within Nyngan Bowling Club)	16 Terangion St, Nyngan NSW 2825	(02) 6832 1647	Open Wednesday to Sunday
Hermidale Hotel	1 Quanda St, Hermidale NSW 2831	(02) 6833 0725 reception@hermidalehotel.com.au	Open 7 days
Hog & Billy Hotel	18 Murrawombie Rd, Girilambone NSW 2831	0492 983 824 reception@hogandbillyhotel.com.au	Open Tuesday to Sunday
Nyngan Bowling Club	16 Terangion St, Nyngan NSW 2825	(02) 6832 1711 nynbowl@bigpond.net.au	Open 7 days a week
Nyngan Golf Club	1 Tottenham Rd, Nyngan NSW 2825	(02) 6832 1127 nyngangolfclub@outlook.com	Open 7 days (Bar only, no food)
Nyngan RSL Civic Club	106 Pangee St, Nyngan NSW 2825	(02) 6832 1102 nynganrslclub@bigpond.com	Open 7 days
The Nyngan Hotel	104-106 Nymagee St, Nyngan NSW 2825	0400 387 225 thenynganhotel@hotmail.com	Open Tuesday to Sunday

Business name	Address	Contact details	Open
Cafés			
Bogan Coffee Shop	74 Pangee St, Nyngan NSW 2825	0435 718 357	Open Monday to Friday
Bushcraft Cafe	10 Sydney St, Girilambone NSW 2831	0438 331 280	Open 7 days
D&D's Takeaway	88-92 Pangee St, Nyngan NSW 2825	0488 771 369	Open Monday to Saturday
Gundog Espresso	97 Pangee St, Nyngan NSW 2825	0484 616 828	Open Wednesday to Sunday
Major Mitchell Cafe & General Store	Mitchell Hwy Service Rd, Coolabah NSW 2831	0428 332 197	Open Monday to Friday
Sun Ray's Cafe	127 Pangee St, Nyngan NSW 2825	0474 528 624	Open Monday to Saturday
Read's Corner Store	19B Warren St, Nyngan NSW 2825	(02) 6832 1079	Open 7 days



Photo: The Nyngan Hotel



Shop like a Local

Bogan Shire offers a variety of shopping options within the community, with several storefronts operating along Nyngan's main street. You'll find clothing, home goods, gifts, toys, hardware and supplies, workwear clothing, and engraving and embroidery services.

Don't miss out on local arts and crafts, Bogan souvenirs at the Nyngan Visitor Information Centre, and wonderful jewellery from local hobbyists. Additionally, you can discover homegrown honey, flowers, and candles, most of which can be found on social media or at local community events and market days.



Other Services

Business name	Address	Contact details
Emergency Services and Medical		
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Nyngan Police Station	Tabratong St, Nyngan NSW 2825	(02) 6831 1399
Bogan Shire Medical Centre	76c Pangee St, Nyngan NSW 2825	(02) 6832 1305 Open Monday to Friday (appointment only)
Nyngan Multipurpose Service (hospital)	15 Hoskins St, Nyngan NSW 2825	(02) 6835 1700 Open 24/7
Fuel		
BP Service Station	Mitchell Hwy, Nyngan NSW 2825	(02) 6832 2188
Ampol Service Station	39 Pangee St, Nyngan NSW 2825	(02) 6832 2511
Shell Service Station	57 Pangee St, Nyngan NSW 2825	(02) 6832 1313
Woodham Petroleum	10 Sydney St, Girilambone NSW 2831	Self-serve
Woodham Petroleum	1 Quanda St, Hermidale NSW 2831	Self-serve
Major Mitchell Cafe & General Store	Mitchell Hwy Service Rd, Coolabah NSW 2831	0428 332 197
Additional Services		
Bogan Shire Council	81 Cobar St, Nyngan NSW 2825	(02) 6835 9000 admin@bogan.nsw.gov.au
Visitor Information Centre	Railway Square, Pangee St, Nyngan NSW 2825	(02) 6832 1056 nynganvic@bogan.nsw.gov.au

See and Do

Nature, Wildlife and Recreation

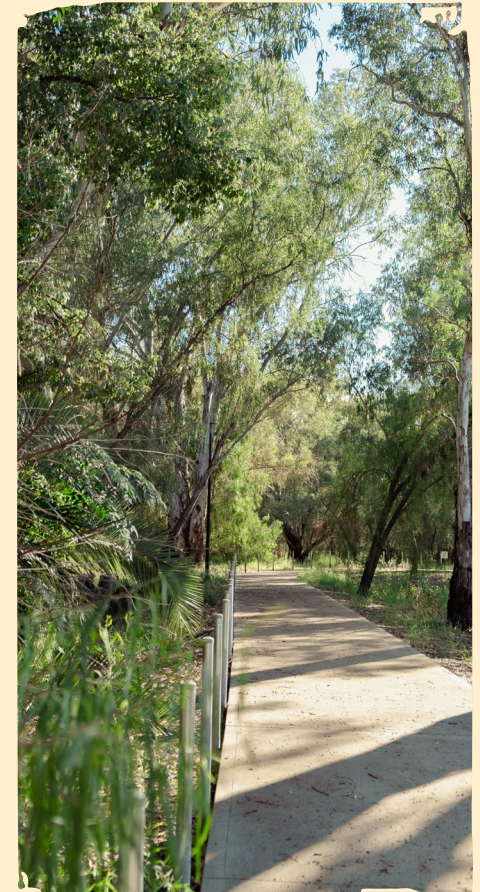
Walking tracks

Explore the banks of the Bogan River along our walking tracks!

The western end of the sealed walking track following the bends of the lower weir will deliver you to Rotary Park, the Bogan River Nature Trail, and Jack Hargreaves Park. There are information signs along the way to peruse, as well as drinking water fountains for you and your animal companions!

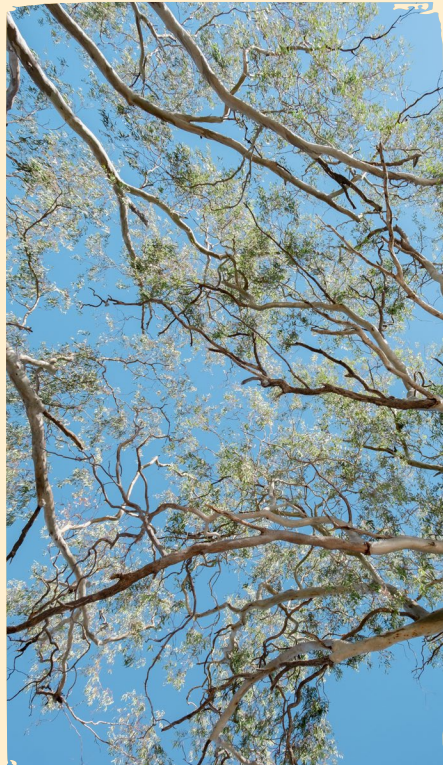
At the eastern end of the walking track, you will arrive at the Mid-State Shearing Shed Museum, located in the Nyngan Rest area on Nymagee Street. Here you will find spaces for free RV and caravan camping, a dump point, and the Nyngan Railway Overhead Bridge to take you over the train tracks and into Railway Square where you can explore Nyngan's main street or take a trip down memory lane and visit the Nyngan Museum.

Enjoy spotting local wildlife, finding painted rocks, and discovering hidden fairy doors along the Bogan River Nature Trail. Engage in games like tic-tac-toe on the massive tree stump. Relax and tune into nature on these scenic trails. Happy exploring and exercising!



Winangali Walk

On 15 November 2021, the Winangali Walk was officially opened. The entrance is at the corner of Cemetery Road and Titanic Drive. The land was transferred to Nyngan Local Aboriginal Land Council, and they have created a nature walking track to preserve indigenous plant species, bush tucker and trees. Signage along the track provides information about the plant species, including their use. Visitors are welcome to walk along the gravel track through the bushland.



Birdwatching

A bird hide is situated at the Upper Weir, offering an ideal spot for avid bird watchers.

This scenic location boasts stunning water views over the Bogan River, with an abundance of bird life to observe. Come and see how many different species you can spot. Below is a list of bird species identified during the field survey conducted around 2020:

- o Australasian Bittern (Endangered)
- o Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo (Inland subspecies) (Vulnerable)
- o Spotted Harrier (Vulnerable)
- o Brown Treecreeper (Vulnerable)
- o Little Eagle (Vulnerable)
- o Barking Owl (Vulnerable)
- o Glossy Ibis (Migratory)
- o Grey Crowned Babbler (Vulnerable).

Boating and Skiing

Enjoy boating, wakeboarding, and water skiing with convenient access via the public boat ramp at Rotary Park, located on the western side of the Bogan River. Skiing buoys are placed strategically in the river bend.



Fishing and Yabbying

Public fishing areas are available along the riverbanks. Day or temporary fishing licences can be purchased online through Service NSW.



Camping

Free camping sites are available at the Upper Weir, featuring toilet facilities and fire pits.



History and Heritage

Garford-Hale 15 Fire Engine

Garford Fire Engines were used in Nyngan from 1924, and the Old Fire Station on Cobar Street is now home to a newly restored engine.

The fire engine in question was decommissioned in 1963, when it was sold to the Marr family at 'Illabunda' and used around the property.

The family donated it back to the Nyngan community when they sold 'Illabunda', and it was recently restored by Tamworth Classic Fire Engine Club. It is now housed in the newly renovated Old Fire Station near the Post Office.

Council replaced the existing front door of the building with a transparent one to enable passers-by to see inside, where there is also a display of other antique fire fighting memorabilia.

Chinese Graves and Burner

Nyngan Cemetery is home to one of NSW's largest collections of Chinese grave markers, recognised on the New South Wales State Heritage Register since 2009.

These markers, located near a brick burner for food and money offerings, include six made of sandstone or limestone, two of marble, and one of red granite. They are predominantly rectangular with varied tops: one flat round, five evenly rounded, and others bevelled or tapered.



Mid-State Shearing Shed Museum

Open Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 12:00pm, or by appointment, the Mid-State Shearing Shed Museum is located in the Nyngan Rest Area on Nymagee Street, alongside the Flood Memorial Park.

The Museum was built in a disused railway goods shed by an enthusiastic group of retired shearers to memorialise the contribution that the shearing industry made and is continuing to make in Nyngan and New South Wales.

The Mid-State Shearing Shed also has on display the talents of local artists with large murals covering many of the walls.

Entry is by gold coin donation, with all contributions gratefully accepted. For more information, contact (02) 6832 1706.

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Bell Iroquois A2-1022 Helicopter

Located on Pangee Street, in front of the Nyngan Visitor Information Centre, Iroquois A2-1022 is a helicopter with significant military history.

Iroquois A2-1022 was donated to Nyngan by Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair on behalf of the Federal Government to commemorate the evacuation of residents during the tragic 1990 flood. Helicopters were used to airlift stricken residents out of the town, and few would dispute the 1022's appropriateness as a symbol of courage.

Delivered from the United States in 1962, 1022 played a vital role in the Vietnam War transporting Australian troops and equipment. On 18 August 1966, during the Battle of Long Tan, it helped resupply Australian troops under intense conditions.

In May 2011 Iroquois 1022 was transported by volunteers to Caloundra in Queensland where the helicopter was fully restored and placed on display at the Caloundra RSL. A restored replacement Iroquois 1022 was delivered to Nyngan and is now mounted on a pole in Vanges Park, Pangee Street.

The Nyngan Railway Overhead Footbridge

The Nyngan Railway overhead footbridge was erected on 25 September 1897, using recyclable rails. This bridge is an early example railway footbridge design and is notable as one of the only five existing footbridges in NSW.



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Sculptures and Murals

The Big Bogan

Snap a selfie with the Big Bogan himself and his best mate, Rusty, along with their esky. The Big Bogan stands at 5.96 metres tall and weighs approximately 1,500 kilograms. You'll find this iconic statue in the heart of the main street, right next to the Bogan Shire Medical Centre and Cobb & Co Coaches.

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Cobb & Co Coaches

Cobb & Co Coaches transported goods and people throughout Bogan Shire before the coming of the railway. A replica coach, made by Don Burns, stands proudly in the Nyngan Coach House with a wool wagon and can be found on Pangee Street right next to the Big Bogan.



The Bogan Drover by Michael Carroll

The Bogan Drover sculpture evolved from a concept by WW & HM McLaughlin of 'Tongo' in tribute to Archibald and Matilda McLaughlin. The sculpture commemorates the settlers of Nyngan on the Bogan and is located on the Mitchell Highway just before crossing the bridge and heading west towards Bourke and Cobar.



Antique Farm Equipment with Farmer

An antique grader and HV McKay Sunshine Mouldboard plough in Flood Memorial Park, Nymagee Street. The two pieces of vintage farm equipment are on permanent loan to the Nyngan community from James and Victoria Boag "Belar Creek", originally from 'Willie Retreat' north of Warren. Both implements were common on rural properties during the early 1900s.

Bicentennial Mural

The Bicentennial Mural, installed on a brick wall located in Davidson Park, marks Australia's Bicentenary in 1988. The mural, made from tiles designed by local residents, glazed and fired in Nyngan, depicts the Bogan River, the history of Bogan Shire, local families, rural properties, and also charts 100 years of rainfall.

Anzac Centenary Plaque and Pioneer Wall

On Anzac Day 2015, Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair officially unveiled the Anzac Centenary Plaque in Heritage Park. Surrounding the plaque is a sandstone block wall featuring family commemorative plaques. The trees lining the entrance were planted by Nyngan community members including school children. Also located within the park is a Lone Pine tree, which was planted on Anzac Day 2018 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. The seedling of the lone pine can be traced back to original trees from Gallipoli.

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Pools and Parks

Nyngan & District War Memorial Swimming Pool

Officially opened in 1952, Nyngan's swimming pool is the place to be during the hotter months of the year with its water slide, splash park, 50m swimming pool, children's pools, half basketball court, BBQ facilities, picnic tables, and plenty of seating and shade shelters.

Hot and cold food is also available from the kiosk.

The pool is open from October to April each year.



Heritage and Flood Memorial Park



Heritage Park, leading to Flood Memorial Park, was established on the corner of Nymagee and Mitchell Streets at the main entrance to town with the official opening conducted by Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair on 8 June 2013. Members of Nyngan community organisations, along with children from local schools helped Bogan Shire councillors and staff to formally plant the trees lining the main pathway at Heritage Park.



Heritage Park Aboriginal Garden

This Heritage Park Aboriginal Garden acknowledges the First Nations peoples as the original custodians of the land. The design elements of the park include three circles representing the Wangaaypuwan (Wongaibon), Ngiampaa and Wayilwan nations.



Jack Hargreaves Park

Jack Hargreaves Park, located across from Rotary Park on the Bogan River, is named in honour of Olympic Gold Medallist, Jack Hargreaves. Born and raised in Nyngan, Jack was part of the gold medal rowing team at the Tokyo Olympics.

This beautiful scenic area is perfect for picnics and enjoying nature. It features BBQ facilities and steps for closer access to the river. It's a great spot to admire the Bogan River's beauty and to watch skiing and recreational boats during the summer.



Rotary Park

Rotary Park, situated on the western side of the Bogan River off the Mitchell Highway, offers access to the scenic riverbanks and riverwalk pathways. The park includes a public boat ramp, a playground for children to burn off energy from travelling, and a pontoon for enjoying scenic views or getting closer to the river for fishing as well as public toilets.



Davidson Park

Located in the main street of Nyngan, Pangee Street, Davidson Park is a central green space with toilet facilities and plenty of seating and shade. It sits right next to the Nyngan Visitor Information Centre and Museum in Railway Square, a spacious area with ample room for caravan parking.



O'Reilly Park

Located on Cobar Street right next to the pool, O'Reilly Park features a variety of new playground equipment, toilets, seating, a large lawned area, and BBQ facilities.

The Liberty Swing is wheelchair accessible. An MLC key can be collected from the Bogan Shire Council office during weekdays.



Lions Park

Located at the intersection of Wambiana Street and Dandaloo Street, this area features a playground, an enclosed cricket area, and a netball hoop.



Moonagee Park

Located at the intersection of Bogan Street and Nyngan Street, this area features a playground and grassed oval space.



Nyngan Off-Leash Dog Park

Located at the corner of Cannonbar and Terangion Street, with access through O'Reilly Park, this fenced area allows dogs to roam off-leash and stretch their legs safely, away from traffic hazards. Please ensure you pick up any mess your pets make during their visit.



Events and Festivals

2024

August

- Nyngan Ag Expo
- NAIDOC Dinner
- NAIDOC Week
- Big Boar Bonanza

September

- The Long Table
- Big Bogan Street Festival
- Nyngan Can Assist High Tea

December

- Nyngan Community Christmas



2025

January

- Australia Day Ceremony

February

- Nyngan RSL Fishing Club Annual Carp Muster

March

- Seniors Week

April

- Hermidale Easter Gymkhana
- Anzac Day Commemorations and Races
- Youth Week

May

- Nyngan Show

July

- Duck Creek Picnic Races

August

- NAIDOC Week
- Nyngan Ag Expo
- Big Boar Bonanza

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- Nyngan Community Christmas

Discover our Region



Coolabah

The village of Coolabah lies on the Mitchell Highway 76km north of Nyngan. The population of the village is about 32, according to the 2021 Census.

The village grew as a result of the establishment of the railway station on 2 September 1884. The railway, slowly pushing north to Bourke, served the ever-increasing population on the large grazing properties in the area.

The first building in Coolabah was the Railway Station which was demolished several years ago. The Fettle's House still stands and is privately owned.

The town was named by Louisa Poplin after a nearby property called 'Coolabah' which was owned by her husband, Albert Poplin. The property had been named after the coolabah trees which grew in abundance in the area.

Shortly after the Railway Station was completed a merchant named Charles Werner, who subsequently became a wealthy and prominent member of the community, built the 'Three Legs O' Man' Hotel.

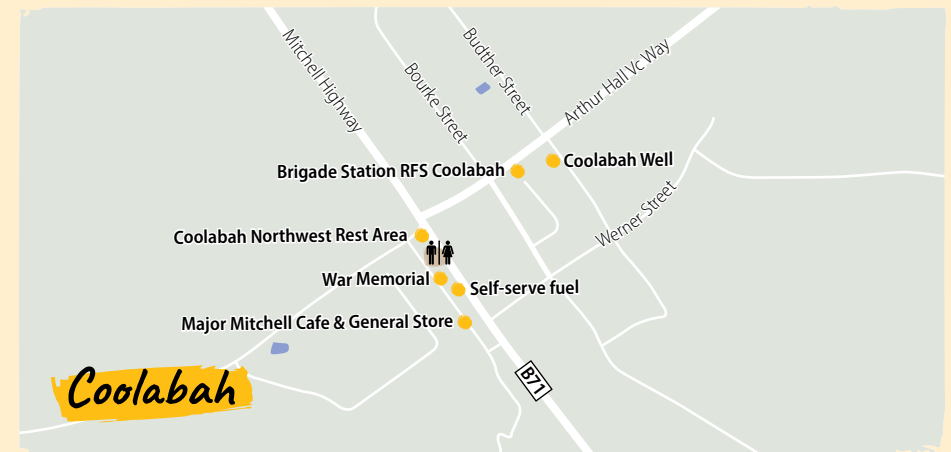
A Post Office was established in 1885.

Coolabah Well

Measuring 30.8 metres across and 13.9 metres deep, the Coolabah Well operated as the town's major water supply and was once the largest well in Australia. Hand dug with pick and shovel, it was said to have been able to hold 210,000 litres of water and originally had a domed roof made of timber and iron.

Cemetery

In the cemetery is the grave of Charles Werner, founder of Coolabah, who was buried in 1914. His wife was buried there in 1913.



Girilambone

Girilambone is located on the Mitchell Highway 45km north of Nyngan. The population of the village is about 86, according to the 2021 Census.

The area of land now known as Girilambone lies within the traditional lands of the Wangaaypuwan dialect of the Ngiyampaa people. The name Girilambone is derived from the local language name for 'place of many stars' or 'place of falling stars'.

Copper mining originally drew workers to the area, but it was the railway creeping north in 1883 that fixed its identity. When the mines were being established, there was no town of Girilambone, but with the arrival of the railway line in 1883 the new Girilambone village began.

Interesting Facts

- o In the cemetery lies the body of Helena Kerz. Helena is part of a story immortalised by Thomas Keneally and Fred Schepisi – the story of Jimmy Governor – *The Chant of Jimmy Blacksmith*. Helena was a local school teacher who boarded with the Mawbey Family.
- o Girilambone proudly boasted of being the smallest town in Australia with a ridgy-didge RSL Club. The Club was established in the early 1950's but closed down in 2011. The building has since been completely renovated and is now the Hog & Billy Hotel.

Girilambone Railway Station

Girilambone was originally a copper mining settlement situated further south, but when the railway station opened on 2 September 1884, the village moved to surround the station. It was an important siding on the main line to Bourke, employing a station master, officer in charge, gate keeper, porter and assistant station master (*Life Along the Railways West of Nevertire, Glad Eldridge 2017*). It was decommissioned on 29 January 1986 and since then the historic buildings have slowly decayed and been vandalised.

In 2019, Bogan Shire Council received funding from the NSW Government's Regional NSW Infrastructure Grant to restore the Girilambone Railway Station. The railway precinct will include a small museum, commercial gallery and artist workshop space, and a café with amenities built into a train carriage. The surrounds will be landscaped for free camping.

Copper Mining

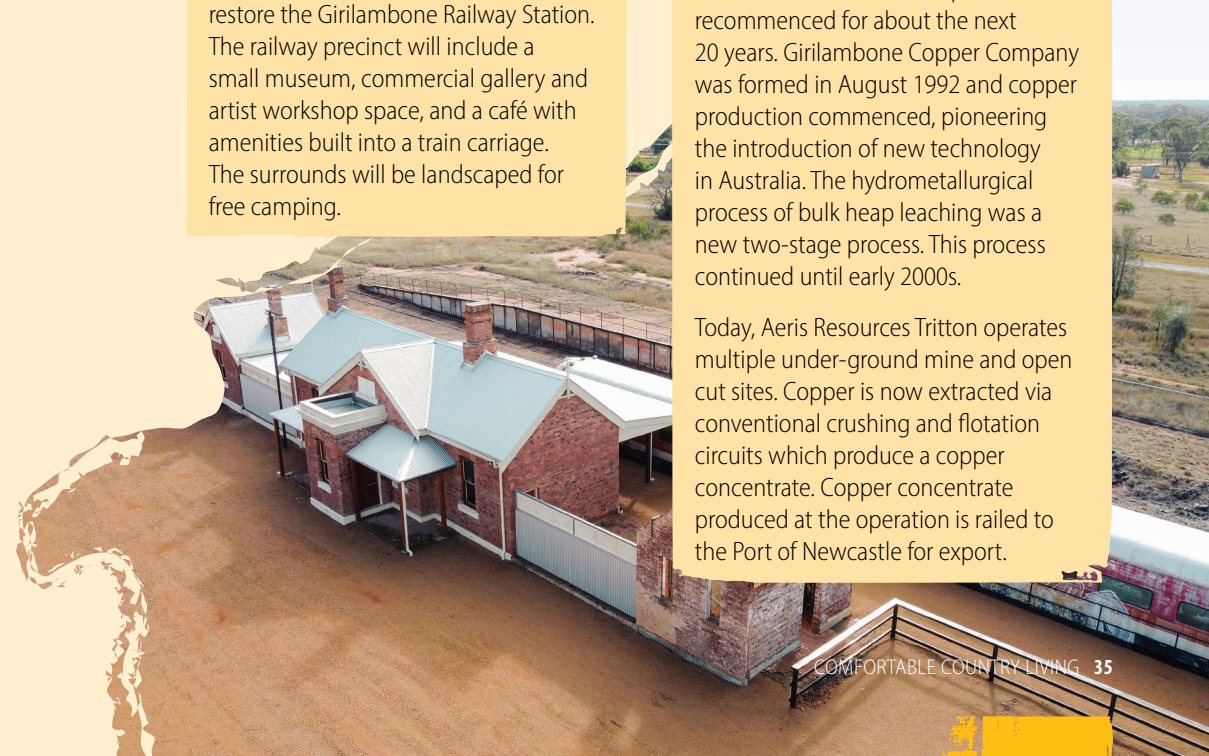
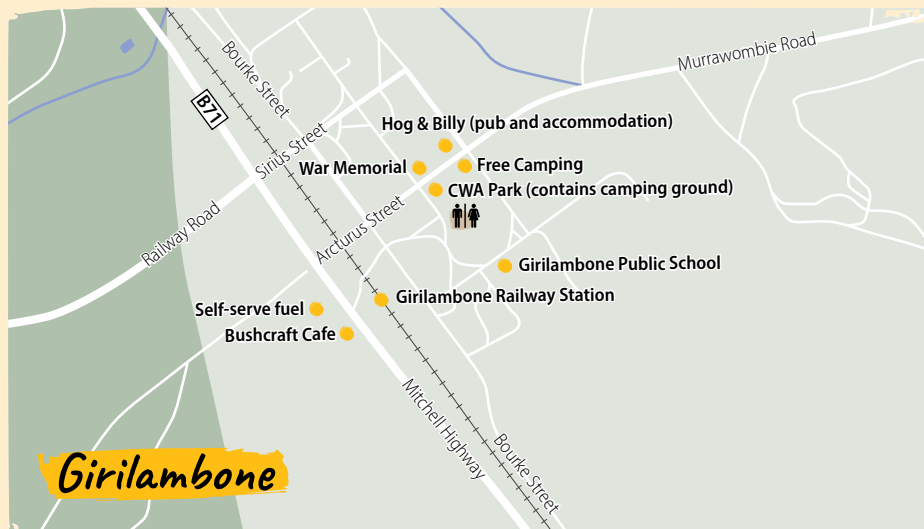
In 1879 Messrs. Hartman, Campbell and Hunter discovered traces of copper whilst journeying to Cobar. They took ore samples to Cobar to be tested and returned to commence mining in 1880.

In 1896 the Girilambone Copper Mining Company Ltd was formed and 200 men were employed.

There were at least 7 hotels and wine saloons at the old Mine Town, about 5km from the present site of Girilambone, until the closure of the mine caused most businesses to shift to the new town close to the railway line.

Mining ceased in 1918 mainly due to unprofitability and it was not until the late 1960s that exploration recommenced for about the next 20 years. Girilambone Copper Company was formed in August 1992 and copper production commenced, pioneering the introduction of new technology in Australia. The hydrometallurgical process of bulk heap leaching was a new two-stage process. This process continued until early 2000s.

Today, Aeris Resources Tritton operates multiple under-ground mine and open cut sites. Copper is now extracted via conventional crushing and flotation circuits which produce a copper concentrate. Copper concentrate produced at the operation is railed to the Port of Newcastle for export.



Hermidale

The village of Hermidale is situated 46kms west of Nyngan and 600kms from Sydney, on the Barrier Highway. The population of the village is about 127, according to the 2021 Census.

Following the arrival of settlers, the site of Hermidale lay within two counties – the County of Canbelego (Parish of Hermitage) and partly within the County of Flinders (Parish of Boree).

A non-official Allowance Post Office opened in 1881 in a building on the side of a private residence. Following the arrival of the railway in 1892 the post office was installed in the railway station and thus the station master was also the postmaster. Originally known as Hermitage Plains to settlers, postal authorities substituted the name of Hermidale in 1892 which led to some confusion with the NSW town of Armidale.

Hermidale village was proclaimed in 1896. It wasn't until 1917 that a police station opened.

Hermidale CWA branch formed in 1923. During WW2, the CWA closed for 2 years because members didn't have fuel to be able to attend meetings. The Hermidale CWA is still going 100 years after it first began.

Hermidale once had a freezing works with even the local children catching rabbits and selling them for pocket money at 2/6d (two shillings and six pence, or commonly known as "two and six") a pair.

The Phillip Dutton Rest Area is in honour of our Olympic medallist who won gold in the equestrian three-day team event at the 1996 and 2000 Olympics.



Hermidale Future Farmers

In 2022, Hermidale Public School students (Hermidale Future Farmers or HFF) became celebrities with the successful harvest of their very own wheat crop, which was planted on 85 hectares of land donated by a former student with the children watching the sowing and harvesting processes.

In 2023, Hermidale Public School became the proud winners of the Inaugural Royal Easter Show Agricultural Innovation in Schools Award.

Follow their progress on Facebook: search Hermidale Future Farmers (HFF) to read all about the tiny village school students' projects and follow their story.

Day Trips in our Region

The Geographical Centre of NSW – 72km south of Nyngan

A cairn marking the spot is located in Bogan Shire adjacent to the Condobolin Road. The cairn is made from slag from the old Mount Royal Copper Mine which used to operate at Tottenham.



45 minutes from Nyngan

AGL Nyngan Solar Plant

Bogan Shire is home to one of Australia's largest solar farms, which has become a major tourist attraction. About 10km out of Nyngan on the Barrier Highway is the turnoff.

In conjunction with the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) and NSW Government, AGL built the 102 MW large-scale solar photo-voltaic (PV) power plant on approximately 250ha of agricultural land located about 10km west of Nyngan, off the Barrier Highway. At the time of construction, it was the largest solar plant in the Southern Hemisphere!

Construction began in January 2014 and was finalised in 2016.

The Solar Plant consists of about 1,350,000 solar PV modules installed on frames which are supported by around 150,000 steel posts.

A short 3km drive off the highway is the viewing platform which is wheelchair accessible. Around the platform, garden beds are planted with indigenous flora.

Please contact the Nyngan Visitor Information Centre for further information.



18 minutes from Nyngan

Burrima Boardwalk (Macquarie Marshes)

'Burrima' is a private property located in the Macquarie Marshes about 117km north of Nyngan, 128km north of Warren and 49km from Carinda. To access the entrance, follow the signs from Nyngan, Carinda, Quambone or Warren.

An elevated boardwalk meanders for 2km through the marshes wetland and an observation tower allows you to gaze across part of the largest reed bed in Southern Australia.

Allow yourself plenty of time to experience 'Burrima' – at least 1-2 hours. Ensure you take plenty of drinking water with you. Look into 'Willie Retreat' for accommodation options.

To visit the Burrima Boardwalk you will need to register via the website, burrimamacquariemarshes.com.

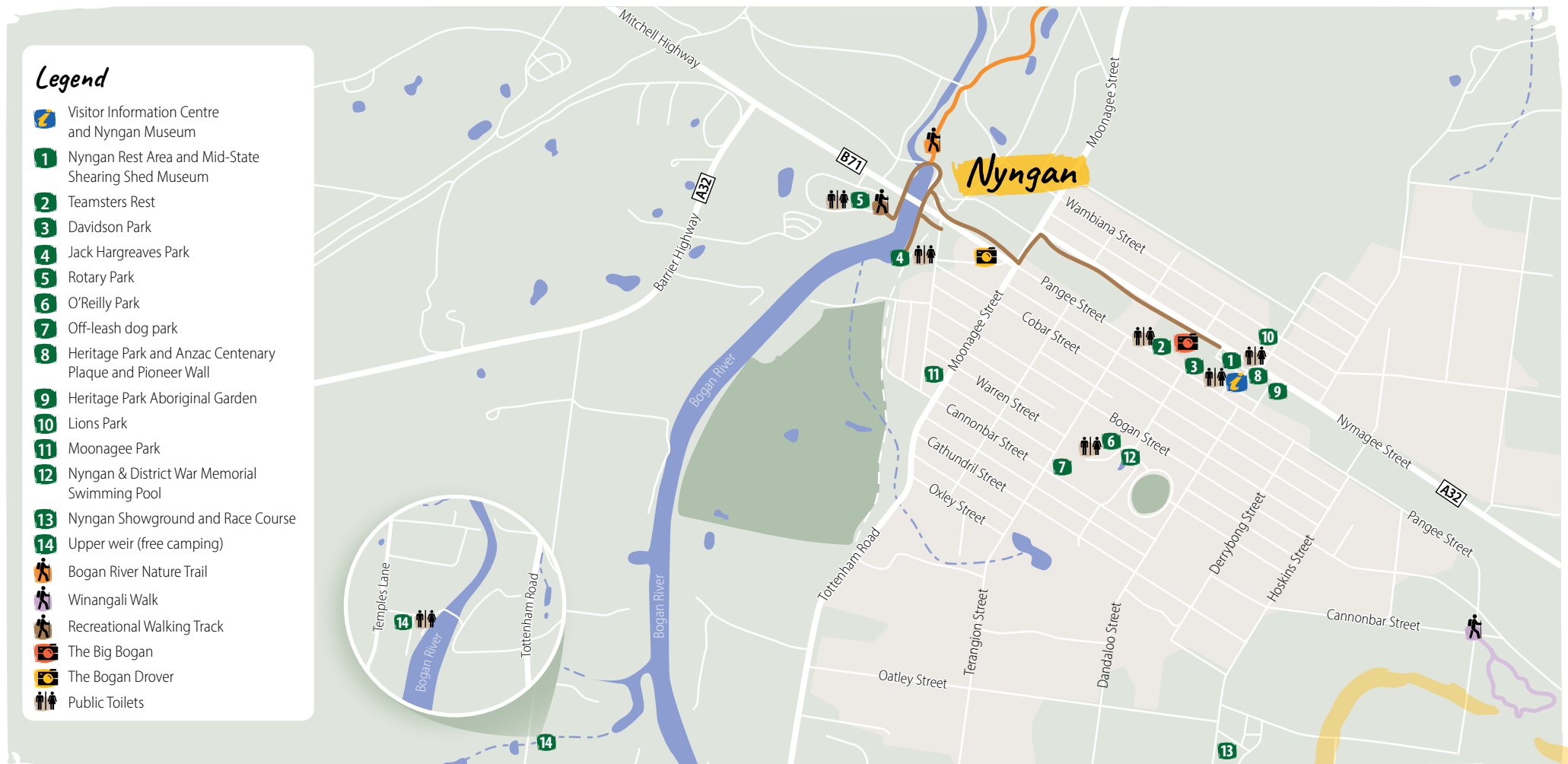
For enquiries, call 0447 924 043 or email info@burrima.com.



1.5 hours from Nyngan

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