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TOWNS IN THE REGION



BALMORAL

The historic township of Balmoral, first settled in the 1840's, is situated on the banks of the Glenelg River. Set amongst majestic river redgums, Balmoral is the gateway to the Black Range and Rocklands Reservoir. Many activities can be enjoyed in Balmoral, including fishing, bushwalking and golf.



BRANXHOLME

Situated 25kms south of Hamilton is Branxholme, a pastoral and agricultural township on the Arrandoovong Creek. Branxholme is an ideal rest area. The shady parking bay on the highway has been developed as a commemorative area for soldiers lost during World War I.



BYADUK

Byaduk is home to the magnificent Byaduk caves large underground volcanic formations known as lava tubes that form part of the Volcanic Trail. The Byaduk township provides the perfect setting to relax and enjoy a picnic or barbeque in peaceful surrounds.



CAVENDISH

Cavendish is situated on the Wannon River, where magnificent red gums give a park-like appearance. Present day Cavendish offers visitors plenty to enjoy within this small award-winning town. Parks, gardens, picnic and barbeque facilities with toilets nearby make for a pleasant place to take a break.



COLERAINE

Coleraine is situated in a valley on the banks of Bryan's Creek, 35 kilometres west of Hamilton. As well as the Peter Francis Points Arboretum, visitors can spend time exploring the early Coleraine settlement. Glenelg Fine Confectionary renowned for its handmade delights is also well worth a visit.



DUNKELD

Known as the Grampians Southern Gateway, picturesque Dunkeld is nestled beneath the majestic backdrop of Mt Sturgeon (Wurgarri) and Mt Abrupt (Mud-dadjug).s Dunkeld is well serviced by a range of accommodation options and is an ideal base from which to explore the Grampians region.



GLENTHOMPSON

Glenthompson is home to one of the best panoramic views of the Southern Grampians Ranges and the Oakland Hill Wind farm. The Anglican Church houses beautiful murals depicting the Glenthompson community while the Lion's Park is the perfect spot to stop for a picnic.



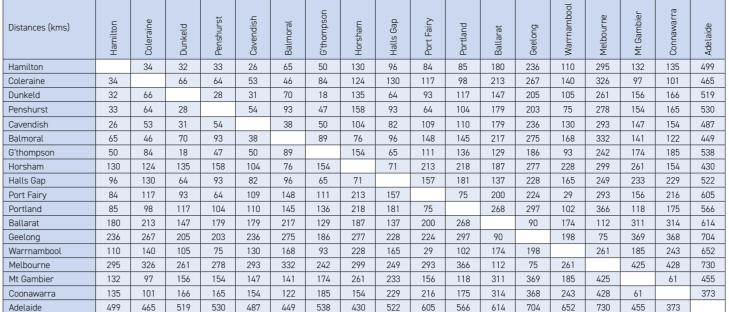
PENSHURST

Penshurst still reflects the rustic charm of a beautiful German settlement. Fine historic bluestone buildings, such as the former council offices, now home to the Volcanoes Discovery Centre, numerous private residences, shops and churches are a feature of the town.



TARRINGTON

The small village of Tarrington is situated to the south east of Hamilton. The town was established by German settlers who arrived in 1853 and quickly established themselves as farmers. Formally known as Hochkirch, this area is quickly becoming a well known "pinot noir" grape producing area within the Henty wine region.



Travel distances are stated by the most direct route using information provided by Map Data Sciences Pty Ltd 1998-2007



1. PETER FRANCIS POINTS ARBORETUM (COLERAINE)

Once the site of an abandoned quarry and rubbish dump with only one surviving tree, 'The Points', is now home to the official Eucalyptus collection of Australia. It features walking trails, picturesque views and tranquil picnic places.



2. WANNON AND NIGRETTA FALLS

Just 20km west of Hamilton, lie two exceptional waterfalls, Nigretta and Wannon Falls. The Wannon Falls, created by lava flows that surged upstream to the Wannon River, feature a spectacular thirty metre vertical precipice of hardened basalt

lava over which water cascades into a deep plunge pool below. Further downstream, rapids wind their way around large blocks of basalt, dislodged over time down the embankments of the narrow valley. A cantilevered viewing platform at the Wannon Falls offers spectacular views and a rotunda features interpretative signage for visitors, covering geology, flora and fauna, Aboriginal history and details of colonial artists who painted in the area.

Nigretta Falls has excellent viewing areas, river walks, free barbeque facilities with red gum picnic tables, toilets, fishing areas and a jarrah timber stairway leading to the base of the falls.



3. BYADUK CAVES

Mt Napier State Park also takes in the Byaduk Caves, considered to be the most extensive and accessible set of lava caves in Australia. The caves were formed when lava flowing from the volcanic crater was quickly cooled by outside air, forming a crust with hot liquid lava flowing beneath. When the lava

flow ceased, a hollow tube was left behind. The largest caves are 18 metres wide, 10 metres high and extend 20 metres below the surface. Walking tracks follow cave edges and have a number of viewing points to observe flora, fauna and lava features.



4. LAVA BLISTERS (TUMULI)

West of the Byaduk Caves, near the limits of the Harmans Valley flow are a number of unusual clusters known as Lava Tumuli or 'Blisters'. Lava Tumuli are clusters of unusual circular mounds or hummocks of rock, up to 10 metres high and 20

metres in diameter, caused by the lava flow. The Lava Tumuli can be seen along the edge of the Harmans Valley flow at Wallacedale, 13 kilometres west of the Byaduk Cayes.



5. HARMAN'S VALLEY LOOKOUT The Harmans Valley Lookout

provides the unique opportunity to view remnants from volcanic activity believed to have occurred less than 10,000 years ago.

Australia's youngest volcano, Mount Napier overlooks the remains of the river of lava that reached as far as the sea between Port Fairy and Portland.



6. COLLORRER (MOUNT ROUSE) PENSHURST

Twenty minutes east of Hamilton, lies the town of Penshurst, home to the extinct volcano Collorrer (Mount Rouse). To the south of the main scoria cone is a deep circular crater with a small lake contained within a shallow, basalt rimmed crater. Past lava flows from Collorrer (Mount Rouse) followed shallow, gently

sloping river courses, extending at least 60km south. A thin basalt lava flow contained in the scoria cone has been dated approximately 1.8 million years old. The Collorrer (Mount Rouse) summit provides panoramic views of the lava plain and surrounding district.



7. VOLCANOES DISCOVERY CENTRE AND ROCK GARDEN (PENSHURST)

Situated at the base of Collorrer (Mount Rouse) in Penshurst, the Centre interprets how volcanoes are formed, their geology, their history in Western Victoria, a video

simulation of Collorrer (Mount Rouse) erupting, the interaction of the Koori people with volcanoes, and an educational program aimed at school



8. DUNKELD ABORETUM

The Dunkeld Arboretum is a community project based at the old Water Reserve. There are over 7000 trees in the reserve, including the second largest collection of oaks in Australia. The Old Reservoir Walk follows the creek at the bottom of town, below the hotel, taking in the

arboretum, the sawmill, the labyrinth and other natural sights. This is an easy walk suitable for all ages and takes approximately 40 minutes.

9. GRAMPIANS (GARIWERD) NATIONAL PARK WALKS

The Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park offers spectacular walking opportunities only minutes north of Dunkeld. Mt Abrupt (Mud-dadjug) 2.5–3hrs, Mt Sturgeon (Wurgarri) 2.5–3hrs and Signal Peak 3-4hrs.

are ideally suited for the fit and energetic walker, both providing panoramic views of the surrounding ranges. The Piccaninny (Bainggug) 1hr, is a gradual climb through open forest with the summit providing excellent views of the Dunkeld township and surrounding farmlands.



10. SETTLERS WALK (CAVENDISH)

Established as a memorial to the Solider Settlers, the mid 50's pioneers, 'Settlers Walk' brings our past back to life via brief stories on plaques affixed to volcanic rocks situated along the river. Entrance to the walk is through the garden

beside the Police Station. A plaque can be seen as you enter through the hand gate. Settlers Walk provides picnic areas and pleasant pathways with wheelchair accessibility.



11. ROCKLANDS RESERVOIR AND THE BLACK RANGE STATE PARK

The Rocklands and Black Range area is a picturesque block of public land, rich in flora, fauna and history. Lying to the west of the Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park, the area includes the Black Range State Park, Rocklands Reservoir, Claude

Austin State Forests and many smaller reserves. The area is popular for a wide range of outdoor activities including camping, fishing, boating, horse riding, bushwalking and nature study.

KANAWINKA GEOTRAIL

Wannon and Nigretta Falls, Budj Bim, Mt Napier, Collorrer (Mt Rouse), Byaduk Caves and the Lava Tumuli (blisters) are all part of the Kanawinka Geotrail encompassing western Victoria and south-east South Australia.

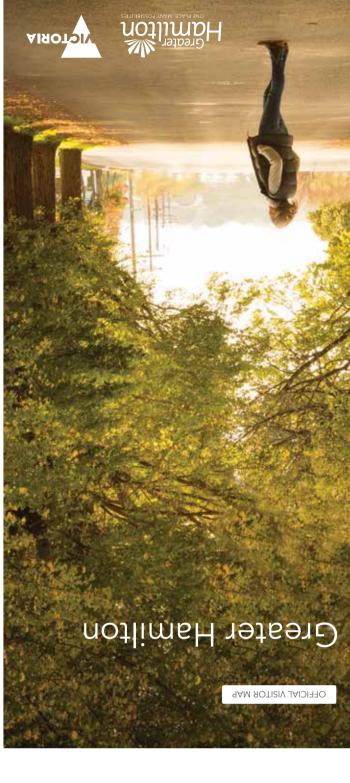
Volcanic eruptions began in this area approximately 20,000 years ago and continued until approximately 8,000 years ago. The volcanic plains which encompass western Victoria and south east Australia rank as Australia's most extensive volcanic province.

BUDJ BIM NATIONAL PARK

Situated 45km (1/2 hour) south of Hamilton, Budj Bim is surrounded by 6,120 hectares of national park and boasts Victoria's highest koala population and largest Manna Gum woodland - koala's favourite food.

Three main craters at Budj Bim hold the waters of Lake Surprise, a body of water around 800 metres long and 300 metres deep.

The park has well developed walking trails for visitors to enjoy the beautiful flora and fauna, fascinating volcanic formations and interesting lava caves



GREATER HAMILTON REGION

The Greater Hamilton Region is ideally located between Melbourne and Adelaide, and is well serviced by major highways, a regular, daily air service to and from Melbourne and daily coach services.

With a landscape dominated by the spectacular Grampians mountain range, ancient volcanoes, tranquil rivers & waterfalls and undulating pastoral land dotted with majestic red gums, the Greater Hamilton region spans the heart of Victoria's renowned 'Western District'.

HAMILTO

Hamilton, both the geographic and business hub of the region, has been the centre of a large and wealthy pastoral industry for over 160 years and has grown to become a thriving regional city. Exhibiting style and quality, with excellent shopping, diverse architecture, an outstanding art gallery and stunning botanic gardens, this gracious city offers a first class visitor experience.



GRAMPIANS (GARIWERD) NATIONAL PARK

The picturesque town of Dunkeld lies at the southern tip of the Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park. There are fantastic walking trails leading to the peaks of Mt Abrupt ((Mud-dadjug) and Mt Sturgeon (Wurgarri) where the most spectacular views of the rugged mountain range can be witnessed. The flora and fauna variety is diverse with over a thousand species of native plants being found in the Grampians as well as more than a quarter of all Australian birds and over thirty species of native mammals.

Visitor Information Centres

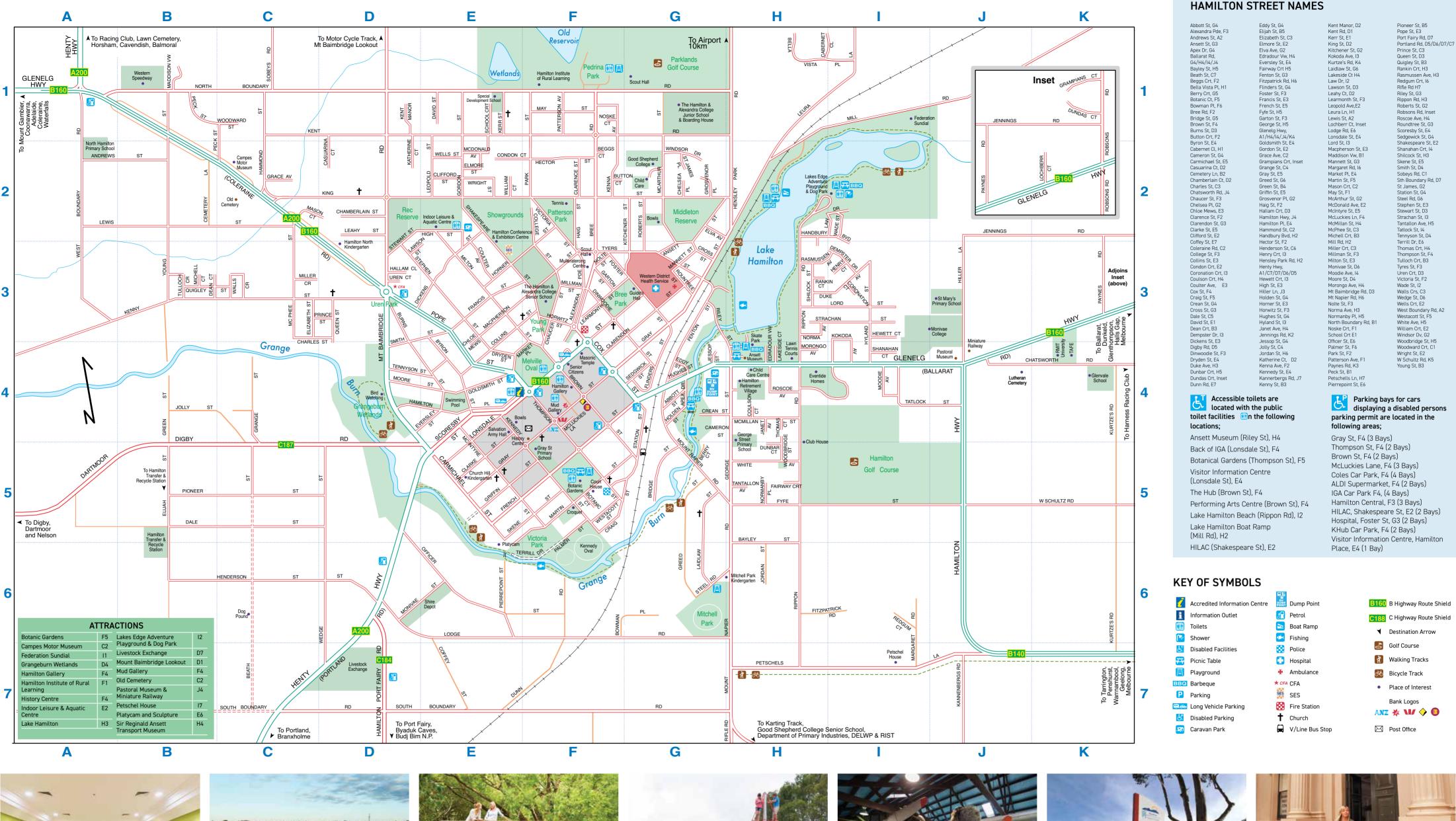
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DUNKELD AND GRAMPIANS Parker Street 03 5577 2558

COLERAINE
Pilleau Street
03 5575 2733







HAMILTON GALLERY (Map Ref F4)

Outstanding free gallery presenting touring exhibitions, curated highlights from their internationally significant collection and engaging events alongside a design store.



LAKE HAMILTON (Map Ref H2)

An attractive landscaped manmade lake used for swimming, sailing, yachting, skiing, rowing and featuring an excellent walking/bike track of 4.5 km. Powered boats have lake usage on odd calendar days and non-powered boats on even calendar



HAMILTON BOTANICAL GARDENS (Map Ref F5)

One of Victoria's most outstanding regional civic gardens, the Hamilton Botanic Gardens are rightly recognised as an important part of Victoria's heritage. Designed in 1881 by Melbourne Botanic Gardens curator, William Guilfoyle, the Gardens are open every day and are a source of interest and pleasure to Hamilton residents and visitors alike.



LAKES EDGE ADVENTURE PARK PLAYGROUND & DOG PARK (Map Ref I2)

Located on the edge of Lake Hamilton, this all abilities playground has been designed and built for pure enjoyment. A great place to take a picnic or enjoy a barbeque and let the kids



SIR REGINALD ANSETT TRANSPORT MUSEUM

Once home to Sir Reginald Ansett, Hamilton became the birthplace of Ansett Airlines. The museum tells the story of the Ansett Empire with displays of aviation memorabilia and early documents. The museum is open 7 days a week from 10am -



HAMILTON INDOOR LEISURE AND AQUATIC CENTRE (HILAC) (Map Ref E2)

The state of the art centre is a sporting hub for the region in any season. Facilities include an eight lane heated indoor 25 metre pool, fully equipped gymnasium, four basketball courts, multi use table tennis arena, squash and racquetball, meeting space, crèche and café. For other information and program details



HAMILTON HISTORY CENTRE (Map Ref F4)

Located in Gray Street, the centre is situated in a dignified, formal structured building designed by architect William Smith. Genealogy and history resource materials form the basis of the collection along with over 2000 local historical photographs, a small historical museum and a lace collection. Open every day from 2pm - 5pm except Saturday.

