

## Meanwhile...back at home base....

**Golf** – enjoy a lazy 9 or 18 holes of golf at Temora Golf Course, with its' friendly atmosphere and classic tree-lined layout.

Honesty boxes at the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> holes when Clubhouse is not open. Cost is only \$10 and the course is a flat stroll.

**Bowls** – The Temora Bowling Club has a chicken run on Wednesdays and you are more than welcome to join in the teams. Social bowls available all week.

**Shopping** - Take a stroll down Hoskins Street and you'll discover a rich array of stores – and some special experiences. For instance, White's Shoex reportedly has the best prices on R.M. Williams' boots in Australia – and they are specially fitted by experts. Then there's Walker's Wondermart – a combination of a Haberdashery, clothing store and much, much more. Stop at the confectionery store next door to McKenzies Floor Coverings for a scrumptious chocolate treat and some great ice creams. Gazzas has some great prices on clothing as does Rick Firmans and Sadie Michaels. If you like handcrafts then Patches of Heaven is a MUST – see Helen Granleese and you'll be transported to "Handcraft Heaven". There's lots more, too, so a stroll down the main street is just terrific.

**Lake Centenary** – a man-made Lake just north of Temora where there are picnic facilities, boating facilities and lots more. Many Temora people head out there for the day or even half a day to relax beside the lake. There's also a children's playground to keep the kids amused.

**Gloucester Park** – in Loftus Street, near the hospital, is a delightful park complete with barbecue facilities rotundas etc. where you can relax and enjoy a quiet break.

**Rural Museum** - a treasure trove of old buildings (include the Bradman family's first home), pioneer cottage, tiny schoolhouse and church and the operational flour mill of Temora, operational flatbed printing press from the Temora Independent and much more.

**Old Temora Cemetery** - Guided tours are available and will "bring back to life" the stories of many of those buried there, giving a special insight into the life of early Temora and the lifestyle of our forefathers.



# ***SELF-DRIVE TOURS***



## ***AROUND***

## ***TEMORA***

## ***.....and more***

## *These tours will get you going....*

**All these tours will excite your interest and involvement in a very special part of Australia. Information and tourist brochures about the places to visit are freely available from reception. May we help you plan a fascinating tour?**

### **Half-day tours**

#### *Coolamon-Ganmain-Matong-Grong Grong*

In Coolamon - with its superb wide main street with a park down the middle - is the Up-To-Date store, an old general store still in its original condition of a century ago; a classic 1950's Diner; beautifully restored buildings including a huge pub and the railway station; great confectionery store and more. Then to the "Haystack" at Ganmain and learn about chaff-cutting, stooking, haystack building and some great photo opportunities. A short drive then to Matong Memories with its classic antiques and bric-a-brac (a huge store) and call in to the beautifully restored pub even if it's only for a soft drink. Grong Grong's pub is also worth a visit and some of its old buildings are just delightful.

#### *Coolamon-The Rock*

Coolamon has a great antique store – and make sure you meet the newsagent who will give you lots more ideas of what to do; The Rock gets its name from the huge mountain which dominates the landscape and is the site of a Nature Reserve with walking trails etc.

#### *Junee-Illabo*

The old rail centre of Junee includes a superbly restored grand railway station, the Roundhouse Railway Museum, a liquorice and chocolate factory that conducts tours and includes a restaurant, and a superbly restored "grand mansion" – Monte Cristo – which is reputedly Australia's most haunted house.



#### *Barmedman-West Wyalong-Lake Cargellico*

Travel north of Temora to Barmedman and a great Mineral Pool, reputedly great for therapeutic purposes and healing, for a refreshing dip. Two great old pubs in town, too that are worth a visit. West Wyalong's main street is still rather crooked from the days of bullock drays. Beckett's Yester Years is a collection of historic buildings from around the district accumulated and reconstructed by the Becketts. There is an old school, shop, post office, settler's cottage, miner's hut and barn. All have been restored and furnished as they are likely to have been in their day and the owners will explain the history of each. There are also numerous farm animals around the place, including Clydesdales and guinea fowl. Then head to Lake Cargellico (pictured) a large inland lake that is an excellent water sports venue. There's boating, fishing, swimming, water skiing and lots more or just a relaxing lunch beside the lake.



#### *Young-Grenfell-Barmedman*

The trip to Young travels past the rolling Narraburra Hills just outside Temora then passes through the hamlet of Grogan. Young has a vast array of activities available, including wineries, Peace Garden, Dolls House (a large collection of dolls), and Jam Factory to name a few. Some lovely gardens are available for inspection. Just outside Young is Sunnyside Rose Garden and Clydesdales (on the way to Grenfell) providing carriage rides, bush poetry, yarns and they arrange tours of nearby landra castle. Grenfell (originally Emu Creek) is Henry Lawson's birthplace and celebrates the Henry Lawson festival each year. Grenfell was also the haunt of notorious bushranger, Ben Hall, and home to some of the finest examples of heritage architecture in rural Australia. The Emu Creek gold diggings have been replaced by the local sports fields. Clearly signposted off the road to Young (to the south of the town) is a large obelisk (pictured) which is located where Peter Larsen (Henry's father) had his bush tent. Henry Lawson was born here on 17 June 1867.



### *Ariah Park-Ardlethan*

Ariah (pronounced “area”) Park, given the title “town of wowers, bowzers and peppercorn trees”, with its main street frozen in the 1920’s, a grand old pub and a pleasant walking trail around the village. Ardlethan is the home of the Kelpie dog.

### *Young*

Australia’s cherry capital – and much more. The site of the famous Lambing Flats gold fields and riots, location of a magnificent display of dolls, wineries, Peace Gardens and much more. The Jam Factory (pictured) is a “must”, particularly if it is in production. That’s also the site of a great restaurant and souvenir shop and overlooks portion of Young. You should also have a look in Mad Harry’s store on the road in from Temora – a collection of replicas and furniture in two huge sheds that will have your jaw dropping.



### *Stockinbingal-Cootamundra*

Just 20 minutes east of Temora is the village of Stockinbingal, a key grain loading centre and the site of a great little antique shop and museum, a terrific café in the old bank building, and some classic scenery reminiscent of Australia’s past. Then head to Cootamundra – when Sir Donald Bradman was born. His birthplace (pictured at left) is open for inspection, then stroll along the Captain’s Walk.

### *Gundagai*

Visit the site of the famous “Dog on the Tuckerbox” at Gundagai – about an hour’s drive from Temora – and while you’re there check out the Snake Gully Museum, “home” of Dad and Dave and Mabel and much more. Also stop at the Visitor Information Centre and view the masterpieces of sculptor Frank Rusconi. One is an elaborately detailed Baroque Italian palace in miniature containing 20,948 individual pieces of marble, each cut, turned and polished by hand, created during 28 years of spare time; there’s also a replica of the altar of St Marie’s Cathedral outside Paris that took him seven years to complete. Rusconi worked on the original in his youth.



## **One-day tours**

### *Junee-Gundagai*

Start off with a visit to Australia’s most haunted house – and a beautifully restored mansion – then on to the Railway Roundhouse Museum, then the liquorice and chocolate factory, the Junee Railway Station and then off to Gundagai where the “Dog Sits On The Tuckerbox”. There’s also the Snake Gully tourist complex featuring Steel Rudd’s four most loveable characters – Dad and Dave, Mum and Mabel – symbolising the indomitable characters and spirit of our pioneers. There’s also the Prince Alfred Bridge – the longest wooden bridge structure ever built in Australia – over the Murrumbidgee River - and Rusconi’s masterpieces in the Visitor Information Centre, created by Frank Rusconi, a marble craftsman. One is an elaborately detailed Baroque Italian palace in miniature containing 20,948 individual pieces of marble, each cut, turned and polished by hand, created during 28 years of spare time; there’s also a replica of the altar of St Marie’s Cathedral outside Paris that took him seven years to complete. Rusconi worked on the original in his youth.



### *Narrandera-Leeton*

Visit Narrandera – about an hour’s drive from Temora and located on the Murrumbidgee River. There’s a Tiger Moth Memorial, a ceramic fountain, one of only two in the world, created by Royal Doulton and located in the Narrandera Memorial Gardens. Visit the Golf Course which is rated as one of the best in New South Wales, and Lake Talbot. Also take the Bundidgerry Walking Track around the lake and the Murrumbidgee. While you’re in the area, why not take the short trip to Leeton where you can visit the Sunrice Centre, wineries, a local cheese factory, the Yanco Powerhouse Museum and the Whitton Courthouse Museum. Make sure you have time to inspect the Roxy Theatre (pictured), one of the few remaining theatres of its type.



## Narrandera-Grong Grong-Matong-Ganmain-Coolamon



In Narrandera, visit Lake Talbot – a great spot for water sports – or take a stroll along the Bundidgerry Walking Track (or drive it in dry weather) to First Beach or Second Beach,

secluded locations where you can swim in the Murrumbidgee or just relax in the classic bush setting beside this mighty river. There are fishing areas and a Koala regeneration area. On the way home, turn off at Grong Grong (some pretty old buildings on the northern side of the railway line), then head to Matong where you MUST stop and have a beer at the pub (due to turn 100 in 2008) – pictured - which has been superbly restored by the publican (ask to have a look at the dining room, too) and then “get lost” in Matong Memories and its huge display of antiques and bric-a-brac. Or you might like to stop for a break in the park opposite and just take in the rural landscape. On your way to Ganmain, look out for the traditional haystacks (pictured) and stooks that are still part of the craft in this area and produce Australia’s premium quality chaff. In Ganmain, stop at the Big Haystack Information Centre and the Col Logan Park on the left hand side of the main street. Also visit the straw bale construction Ganmain Conciliation and Learning Centre. Then travel to Coolamon with its beautiful wide street, the Up-to-date Store with all its fittings as they were 100 or more years ago and a real 1950’s



diner (and don’t forget the confectionery store in the old barbers shop). Just ask the newsagent for more information about Coolamon – you won’t be sorry!

## Griffith-Leeton

Griffith is the heart of wine country in the Riverina. A city designed by Walter Burley Griffin (the Burley Griffin Way links Canberra and Griffith – the two cities he designed) it offers a great wine trail around the various wineries as well as spectacular views from Scenic Hill, Lake Wyangan and nearby Nericon Swamp which abound in birdlife, a regional art gallery, a Pioneer Park featuring more than 40 historic buildings commemorating the life and times of the early pioneers. Make sure you visit the Fruit Salad Farm, and get an inside look at an irrigation farm at Catania Farm, too. Also have a look at nearby Cocopara National Park (see picture) Leeton is a picturesque town of palms and parks as well as more wineries and the Sunrice Centre which gives presentations on the Australian rice industry. Pop in to the Whitton Court House Museum and the Roxy Theatre, one of the few remaining theatres of its type where movies are still shown in Friday and Saturday evenings. Take a guided tour of the historic Hydro Guest House, built in 1919 and new beautifully restored. There’s also the Powerhouse Museum at Yanco with a mini railway and forest drives through red gum forests.



## Barmedman-West Wyalong-Condobolin

Travel to West Wyalong and stop at Cooina Bushland Reserve, between Wyalong and West Wyalong, where you’ll find an exact replica of the 25-metre poppet head of the True Blue Gold Mine. The mine was established in 1894 with a battery and treatment works that ultimately yielded 40kg of gold. Adjacent is a replica miner’s hut and plans are afoot for a replica mine tunnel with displays and equipment. Stop at the Lions Park opposite McCann Park which features a 1943 DC3 aircraft and a 1914 Victoria Wagon that was formerly hauled between Parkes and Corowa by a team of Clydesdales