

OFFICIAL VISITOR GUIDE

# Castlemaine, Maldon & Surrounds

EXPLORE THE BENDIGO REGION



VICTORIA





# Welcome

Blessed with historic architecture, a stunning natural landscape, hip shops, hot restaurants, an environmentally sustainable ethos, creative and innovative locals and a thriving entertainment scene – Castlemaine, Maldon and Surrounds is **one of the most exciting destinations** in Australia.







Located between Bendigo and Melbourne, the region has hung onto its gold rush charms – while welcoming a whole new generation of residents and visitors who have added fresh life to an area already blessed with natural beauty and history. ■



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## LEGEND

-  **Universal access and/or facilities**  
*Please contact the operator for further details.*
-  **Star Ratings Australia**
-  **Environmentally friendly business**
-  **Pet friendly**
-  **Wi-Fi**
-  **Accredited Tourism Business Australia**





# Arts & Culture



**The abundance of art** in this area is a delight for visitors. There's not only one of Victoria's most prestigious regional galleries, Castlemaine Art Museum, but also many artists' studios in Castlemaine, Maldon and Newstead that are often open to the public.

For performing arts, the town proudly hosts the internationally renowned Castlemaine State Festival and other events like the Maldon Folk Festival, the Castlemaine Film Festival and the Newstead Live Music Festival.



## Central Victoria prides itself on its creative population of writers, musicians, artists and poets



This is a brainy region blessed with many bookstores with five in Castlemaine and several others dotted across the region. As well as reading, locals keep busy by creating amazing art, beautiful gardens and some of Victoria's best regional cuisine.

But if you just rock up to town any old weekend you're guaranteed to see excellent live music at many local venues and the latest arthouse and blockbuster films at the historic and rejuvenated Theatre Royal. ■



# Food, Wine & Cider



**Castlemaine & Surrounds** can feel the full force of nature and the seasons however the local soil and climate is perfect for cider, wine and ginger beer production, particularly at Harcourt. Summer is dry and hot, autumn is warm with cool nights, winter is frosty and spring often brings the rain. Organic fruit and vegetables are farmed in this area so why not stock up on the freshest of local produce before you leave.

Top restaurants such as The Public Inn, Bistro Lola and Togs Café delight in serving locally sourced and organic produce. In Maldon you will find many cosy cafes and a couple of historic pubs where you can relax and watch the world go by.

A visit to The Mill in Castlemaine is like visiting a market in Tuscany. There's onsite smoked meats, locally roasted coffee, a small beer brewery, and a vegetable store that stocks organic and local produce. Pack up a picnic and take yourself to our magnificent Castlemaine Botanical Gardens across the road from The Mill. ■

When visiting one of our local restaurants or a cellar door, **everything you taste** will be just as nature intended





# History & Heritage



While **Castlemaine** is the most modern of country towns, Castlemaine and Maldon are also known for their generous grand streetscapes, a constant reminder of their history with streets set in gold rush era aspic.



Once one of the richest gold seams in the world, the **Victorian gold rush transformed** Melbourne and central Victoria during the 1800s



Mining settlements that exist around Castlemaine to this day, such as Guildford, Chewton and Fryerstown, are living history. But the jewels in the crown are Castlemaine and Maldon, with intact heritage buildings, such as the Courthouse and Town Hall in Castlemaine and wide streets lined with mature trees. At Maldon the streetscape itself is the hero.

Beautifully restored and maintained period architecture, from miners cottages to the grand Buda goldfields villa in Castlemaine, can be found all over the region.

Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park is one such mining site, where the treasures and toils of the gold digging past can still be seen today. ■





# Unique Shops, Vintage & Collectables



You won't find chain stores here!  
Castlemaine Maldon & Surrounds  
is home to a **thriving scene**  
of independent shops



**A rare manuscript shop**, bespoke clothing, ceramics, second-hand book stores, garden art, farmers and artists markets, also antiques and curiosity stores. And at The Mill, you can buy everything from vintage clothing to 12-seat dining tables. You will be amazed at the creativity of this region. ■



# Nature & Recreation



Year-round,  
nature in the  
goldfields is  
constantly  
changing



**In spring, it's wildflower season.** In summer, be sure to swim at the reservoir at Golden Point or the picturesque Vaughan Springs. In autumn, see the leaves change colour on the mature trees in the goldfields' towns, and enjoy a bushwalk that suits all levels along the tracks of Mt. Alexander. When the weather cools down, warm up by mountain bike riding at La Larr Ba Gauwa Park, a world-class mountain biking facility with around 34kms of single track trails on the north-western slopes of Mt. Alexander.

This region has diverse natural wonders. In one walk you're likely to see fern gullies, thick woodlands, ironbark and stringybark forests, flora reserves, vineyards and rolling farming hills.

Explore the Goldfields Track, or at least a section of its 210km length, with camping options along the way. And don't forget the new Castlemaine to Maldon Walking and Cycling trail — 17kms of track running alongside the historic goldfields steam railway.

Be sure to keep your eye out for native animals. Kangaroos and wallabies are often sighted in the area. ■





# Events & Markets



**There are events for** car enthusiasts, foodies, art lovers, music fans and culture vultures — all year round.

Festivals include the internationally renowned biennial Castlemaine State Festival, featuring the best of local and overseas performances, as well as the annual Maldon Folk Festival, Castlemaine Jazz Festival and Newstead Live. Car-lovers are well serviced with Chopped and the Rotary Truck Show.

Each weekend you will find the Wesley Hill market open with baked goods and fresh produce for sale, while once a month, the Maldon Market and the Castlemaine Artists and Farmers Market draw hungry crowds from across the district.

And many nights of the year, there's films or bands performing at venues like the Theatre Royal, The Taproom, and many local pubs. ■

We love a party  
in central Victoria  
— and with more  
than 100 events a  
year in the region,  
your visit is sure  
to coincide with a  
festival, concert  
or celebration





### Antares Iron Art Garden

EVENTS

Cnr Brandt St and Punt Rd, Newstead | 0447 229 149  
[rogermckindley@gmail.com](mailto:rogermckindley@gmail.com) | [@rogermckindley](https://www.instagram.com/rogermckindley)

Roger McKindley finds beauty in objects others discard. Iron, stone, bone, wood and glass are gathered together into arrangements and installations to entice and intrigue. This ever expanding garden gallery is open weekends by appointment. Entry \$5. Featured in Castlemaine and Districts Festival of Gardens, Castlemaine State Festival and Arts Open.



### Maldon Folk Festival

EVENTS

PO Box 135, Maldon | 0421 643 478 (Pam)  
[mail@maldonfolkfestival.com](mailto:mail@maldonfolkfestival.com) | [www.maldonfolkfestival.com](http://www.maldonfolkfestival.com) | [f](https://www.facebook.com/maldonfolkfestival)

A boutique music festival held in the heart of the Goldfields. The unique social atmosphere guarantees a wonderful time for all. This festival is held annually over Melbourne cup weekend.

## Local Markets



### Castlemaine Artists Market

EVENTS

Western Reserve, Castlemaine | 0497 207 955 (Tina Helm)  
[info@castlemaineartistsmarket.com.au](mailto:info@castlemaineartistsmarket.com.au) | [f](https://www.facebook.com/castlemaineartistsmarket) [i](https://www.instagram.com/castlemaineartistsmarket) [t](https://www.tumblr.com/castlemaineartistsmarket)

A monthly showcase of Central Victorian artists, crafters and artisans. This vibrant market is dedicated to supporting skilled makers creating individually designed and handmade pieces. With around 80 stalls per month you'll find plenty to feast your eyes on including unique one-offs and handmade gems you won't find anywhere else! 1st Sun of every month (except Jan) 9am–2pm.



### Castlemaine Farmers Market

EVENTS

Next to Victory Park, Forest Street, Castlemaine | 0490 366 243  
[www.castlemainefarmersmarket.org](http://www.castlemainefarmersmarket.org) | [f](https://www.facebook.com/castlemainefarmersmarket) [i](https://www.instagram.com/castlemainefarmersmarket) [t](https://www.tumblr.com/castlemainefarmersmarket)

Simply superb produce! Catch up with the Castlemaine community on the first Sunday of every month (except January), from 9 am to 1 pm. Find fresh fruit and vegetables; excellent meats and cheeses; delicious home-made cakes, jams, preserves, and chocolates; fine wine and beer, plants, livestock and much, much more.



### Maldon Market: Hand Made, Home Grown

EVENTS

Second Sunday of every month, 9am–1.30pm.  
 Fountain St & Shire Gardens, Maldon | Market Coordinator: 0477 201 654  
[market@maldonnc.org.au](mailto:market@maldonnc.org.au) | [www.maldonnc.org.au](http://www.maldonnc.org.au) | [f](https://www.facebook.com/maldonnc) [i](https://www.instagram.com/maldonnc) [t](https://www.tumblr.com/maldonnc)

Maldon Market: Hand Made, Home Grown is a monthly farmers and makers market which brings together the very best hand made products and home grown produce from local independent artisans, gourmet food makers and growers in the picturesque town of Maldon.



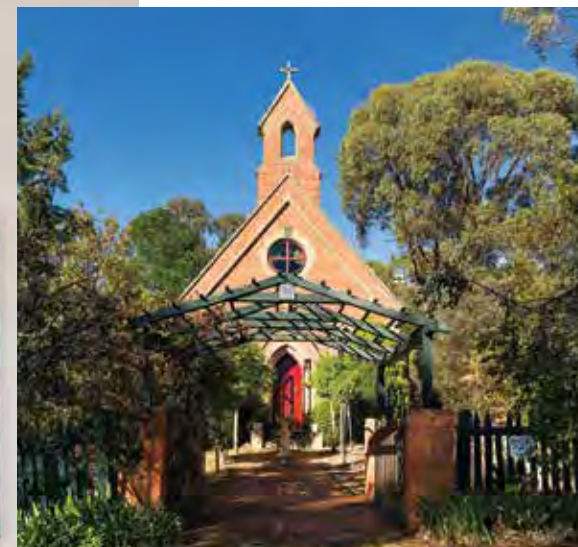
### Wesley Hill Community Market

EVENTS/MARKETS

Duke Street (Pyrenees Highway) and Van Heurck Street, Castlemaine  
[www.welesyhillmarket.com.au](http://www.welesyhillmarket.com.au) | [f](https://www.facebook.com/welesyhillmarket)

A quality community market since 1975. Explore over 60 stalls and find a diverse cultural experience with Thai, Chinese and Turkish cuisines, local roast coffee, chai tea, breads, cakes, Fruit and Veg, local Honey and preserves as well as plants, flowers and bric-a-brac. Every Saturday from 9am–1pm.





Stay longer in the region to **discover** hidden gems

**Choose from** stunning self-contained properties, grand homesteads, charming miners cottages, traditional B&Bs, boutique hotels, well-equipped caravan parks and even a few re-purposed historic churches. ■

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# Castlemaine



There's life in the country –  
sedate, slow-paced and genteel  
– and then there's **Castlemaine**



**Hang onto your hat** because Castlemaine is having a moment – and we're pretty sure there's nowhere like it anywhere else in Australia.

Only 70 minutes from Melbourne – Castlemaine has been reinvigorated and transformed by a new generation of enterprises and experiences, while honouring its gold rush past.

Eat some of the freshest farm-to-table produce (central Victoria is, after all, the state's food bowl). See live music in one of the country's oldest theatres, check out bespoke ceramics, wine, furniture, vintage clothes – even hot rods. And then explore enchanting natural springs, water holes and walking tracks..

A weekend in Castlemaine will leave you in no doubt as where should be crowned Australia's coolest country town. ■


## MUST DO'S

- Take some time out at one of our cool cafes, restaurants or bakeries.
- Be amazed at re-imagined historic spaces like The Mill and the Old Fire Station.





- 1 Castlemaine Botanical Gardens
- 2 Kaweka Wildlife Reserve
- 3 Mt. Alexander Golf Course
- 4 The Mill
- 5 Buda Historic Home & Garden
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 For more detailed maps visit the Castlemaine or Maldon Visitor Information Centres.



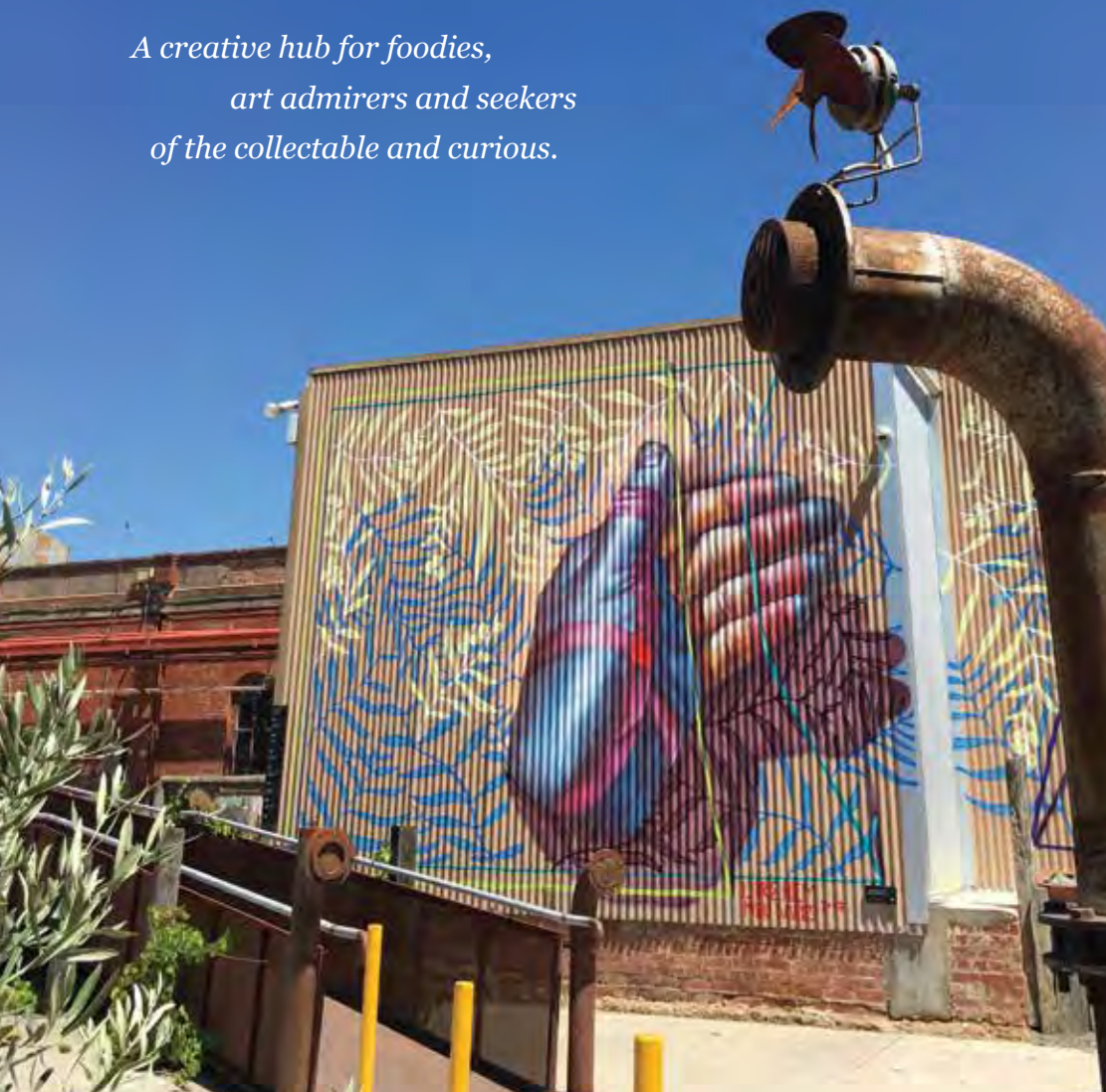
**MUST DO'S**

- Stroll around the historic Castlemaine Botanical Gardens.
- Admire Castlemaine Art Museum's remarkable collection or browse through stunning displays at our smaller galleries.
- Enjoy a local ale on the historic steam railway.
- Visit beautiful Buda Historic Home and Garden.
- If you're into gold history don't miss the Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park.
- Unwind at a local gig or show.



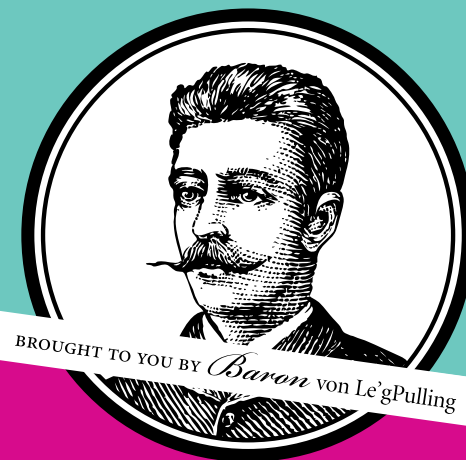


*A creative hub for foodies,  
art admirers and seekers  
of the collectable and curious.*



# Castlemaine Vintage Bazaar

Knick-knackery, bric-a-brac-ery, second hand curios, retro accoutrement and a soupçon of handmade finery. And stuff. Lozza stuff.



Seven days a week 10am–5pm

At The Mill – 9 Walker Street Castlemaine VIC 3450

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**Shades of Gray  
Gallery and Garden**

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BROWSE



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42 Hunter Street, Castlemaine | 03 5472 1032  
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Buda is a gracious historic villa residence and garden built during the goldrush era. From 1863 it was home to noted colonial goldsmith and jeweller, Ernest Leviny, and his creative family. The property was opened to the public in 1982 and the Leviny family's remarkable collection of art, decorative objects and personal belongings can be viewed on display in the house. The surrounding 1.2 hectare heritage garden is one of the most intact of its era still in existence in the state with its old-world plantings, meandering paths and unique garden structures. Buda is an accredited museum and has an annual program of interesting events and exhibitions, along with a plant nursery and giftshop for visitors.



EXPERIENCE



**Castlemaine Art Museum**

14 Lyttleton Street, Castlemaine | 03 5472 2292 | info@castlemainegallery.com

Founded in 1913, Castlemaine Art Museum is the custodian of a rich collection of art and social history, housed in a magnificent heritage listed art deco building.

The permanent art collection boasts significant Australian works including by Frederick McCubbin, Tom Roberts, Arthur Streeton, Margaret Preston, John Brack and Jeffrey Smart.

The museum's thematic exhibition celebrates Mount Alexander Shire's history through an engaging display of photographs, costumes, decorative arts and artefacts.

Castlemaine Art Museum is a five minute walk from the train station. Entry is free. For opening hours visit: [www.castlemainegallery.com](http://www.castlemainegallery.com)



EXPERIENCE



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EXPERIENCE





### Mulberrys Deli

TASTE

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Togs Place Café and Mulberrys Deli | 58-60 Lyttleton Street, Castlemaine  
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It's hard to put a finger on the eclectic mix you will find at Barrow Boy Traders, ranging from hard to find furniture pieces, odd bits of taxidermy and obscure decorative objects. We constantly source new and interesting objects that keep the shop fresh and interesting.

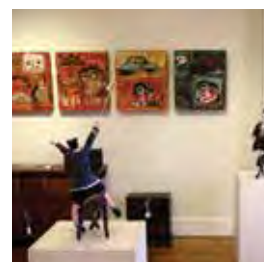


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### The Left Bank Gallery

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155 Barker Street, Castlemaine (opposite Victory Park) | 0412 545 555  
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A contemporary art space in the heart of Castlemaine. The Left Bank Gallery is within convenient walking distance of the Visitor Information Centre and the CBD. Housed in the 1861 Oriental Bank is a beautifully ornate front chamber that contrasts and complements the contemporary art works. Open Sat & Sun 10am–4pm, or on weekdays by request (please phone).



### BIG4 Castlemaine Gardens Holiday Park

STAY

1 Doran Avenue, Castlemaine | 03 5472 1125  
[info@big4castlemaine.com.au](mailto:info@big4castlemaine.com.au) | [www.big4castlemaine.com.au](http://www.big4castlemaine.com.au) | [Facebook](#) [Google+](#)

A beautiful tranquil holiday park in a magnificent location adjacent to the Botanical Gardens and vibrant Mill District. Walking distance to town. Fully S/C excellently appointed cabins, huge jumping pillow, games room, "Bush Hut" camp kitchen, spotless modern amenities and pet-friendly sites. Town outdoor pool at our entrance open Dec–Mar.



### Campbell St Lodge

STAY

33-31 Campbell Street, Castlemaine | 03 5472 3477 | Fax 03 5472 4597  
[reservations@campbellstlodge.com.au](mailto:reservations@campbellstlodge.com.au) | [www.campbellstlodge.com.au](http://www.campbellstlodge.com.au)

14 ensuite rooms including queen, twin and apartment. Complimentary WiFi, FOXTEL and private garden. Set in a central, yet quiet location, walking distance to town centre, cafés, galleries and sights of interest. Servicing guests for over 38 years.



### Castlemaine Central Cabin and Van Park

★★★★ | [WiFi](#) | STAY

101 Barker Street, Castlemaine | 03 5472 2160  
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Situated in the heart of Castlemaine and close to the shopping centre, we offer friendly hospitality. Perfect for couples and families. We have a choice of 1, 2 or 3 bedroom fully self contained ensuite cabins. Shady sites are available for caravans and campers with a clean and bright amenities block.



### Fitzgeralds on Lyttleton

★★★★ | [WiFi](#) | STAY

108 Lyttleton Street, Castlemaine | 0419 576 538  
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Award-winning studio set in grounds of Victorian house. Secluded yet easy walking to town centre. Ideally accommodates one couple with sleeping area accessed by spiral staircase on mezzanine floor, extra person(s) can be accommodated. Continental breakfast provided. No children or pets. Transfers from/to rail services available.



### Johnny Baker's

TASTE

359 Barker Street, Castlemaine | 03 5470 5695  
[www.johnnybaker.com.au](http://www.johnnybaker.com.au) | [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)

Johnny Baker's is a drive-through patisserie in true French style. Featuring an open kitchen and offering a range of freshly baked goods including croissants, cakes, tarts and pies, along with quality take-away coffee. Located on Barker Street behind the New Northern Hotel. Open 7 days from 6.30am–4pm.



### Public Inn

TASTE

26A Templeton Street, Castlemaine | 03 5472 3568  
[enquiries@publicinn.org](mailto:enquiries@publicinn.org) | [www.publicinn.org](http://www.publicinn.org)

Public Inn is a contemporary restaurant, cafe and bar located in Castlemaine's original fire station. Breakfast and lunch are served seven days. The weekly changing restaurant menu is offered on Friday and Saturday nights for dinner and for weekend lunches. A focus on local produce is expressed through award winning global cuisine.



# Maldon



## Could Maldon be the most Instagramable town in Australia?

**Maldon is picture perfect**, with an intact goldrush streetscape that has scooped a bundle of awards for preservation.

Walking down the winding main street is like going back into time — but inside the gorgeous shopfronts you'll find boutique stores including hip homewares, funky garden accessories and don't miss the Maldon Lolly Shop.

Sample local wines and food from farm gates and cellar doors. Like many towns in the region Maldon is spoilt with fresh, organic produce and wine, as well as antiques, vintage wares and collectables. Home to many artists, the backstreets are full of period homes and classic Australian bush landscape.

Ride on the Victorian Goldfields Steam Railway for a nostalgia-hit and great views of the countryside. Be sure to time your visit with one of many local festivals, including the Maldon Folk Festival or Maldon in Winter. ■

### MUST DO'S

- While away the time as you stroll around the historic streetscape, and admire the best preserved example of an Australian gold mining town.
- Shop till you drop at any number of boutique stores.





**MUST DO'S**



- Sample seasonal local produce, wines and cider at a quality café or bustling country pub.
- Take a drive up Mt. Tarrengower and enjoy panoramic views.
- Watch the world go by on the historic steam railway.
- Admire an eclectic array of antiques, collectables and vintage pieces.
- If history is your thing experience Carmans Tunnel, Maldon Museum or the Vintage Machinery Museum.



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Robert Maclaurin	Lydia Poljak
Judy Holding	Clayton Tremlett
Kyoko Imazu	Louise Davidson
Dean Bowen	Kevin Foley
David Frazer	Kareen Anchen

**The Church**  
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(Opposite the Maldon Gardens)  
  
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*"Echidna with Ant" Dean Bowen*

*"Tree of Twilight Birds" Jeff Gardner*



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# MALDON HOTEL

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**EXPERIENCE**

Ride with the driver for a small extra fee; bookings are strongly advised.

Special family tickets are available on all trains and trains runs Sundays and Wednesdays as well as school holiday Saturdays and some public holidays. Return trips from Maldon at 10.30am and 2.45pm. Return trip from Castlemaine at 12.00noon.

**For detailed timetables and fares visit [www.vgr.com.au](http://www.vgr.com.au)**







### Gardens Etcetera

BROWSE

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BROWSE

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### Carmans Tunnel Goldmine

[f](#) | EXPERIENCE

Parkins Reef Road (PO Box 64), Maldon | 03 5475 2656  
0403 560 058 | [carmanstunnel@maldon.vicmail.net](mailto:carmanstunnel@maldon.vicmail.net)

View by candlelight the features and techniques of gold mining in the 1880s. The tunnel is warm in winter, cool in summer, is dry, clean, spacious, level and easily accessible. Tours 1.30, 2.30, & 3.30 pm, weekends, public and school holidays, or by arrangement for groups of 12 or more. Adults \$7.50, Children \$2.50. Tour and coach bookings welcomed.



### Maldon Caravan Park

STAY

11 Hospital Street, Maldon | 03 5475 2344 | [WikiCamps](http://WikiCamps)  
[relax@maldoncaravanpark.com.au](mailto:relax@maldoncaravanpark.com.au) | [www.maldoncaravanpark.com.au](http://www.maldoncaravanpark.com.au) | [f](#)

A picturesque park, with lawns and gardens surrounded by natural bushland. Situated at the foot of Mount Tarrangower and only minutes walk to the centre of Australia's 1st Notable town, historic Maldon. Featuring fully equipped ensuite cabins as well as powered and unpowered sites. All in a peaceful, relaxing, bush-like environment.



### Millduck Strawbale B&B

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143 Ford Road, Harcourt North | 03 5439 6451 | 0449 643 721  
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### Nuggetty Cottage

STAY

30 Nuggetty Road, Maldon | 03 5475 2472

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Nestled on 24 acres at the foot of the Nuggetty Ranges with spectacular views over the Northern plains, the Cottage provides a peaceful and serene retreat. Built from local stone in the traditional "ragstone" manner it is fully self-contained with two bedrooms, one queen and one double. Sun dried linen and a self-catering breakfast provided.



### "Our Selection"

STAY

6 Phoenix Street, Maldon | 03 5472 2003 | [jane-ross@westnet.com.au](mailto:jane-ross@westnet.com.au)

A delightful two bedroom miners cottage near the Maldon CBD. Set in a beautiful garden this restored cottage is perfect for a holiday or short stay. Open plan living and kitchen area with French doors opening onto a covered deck where views can be enjoyed. Open shower, large bathroom, separate toilet and laundry plus 2 spacious bedrooms.



### The Maldon Lolly Shop

[f](#) | TASTE

20 High Street, Maldon | 03 5475 1136 | [info@themaldonlollyshop.com.au](mailto:info@themaldonlollyshop.com.au)  
[www.themaldonlollyshop.com.au](http://www.themaldonlollyshop.com.au) | [f](#) [@](#)

For almost 30 years, The Maldon Lolly Shop has delighted visitors and locals alike with extensive range of good old fashioned and traditional sweets. Find your favourite lolly or view our display confectionery memorabilia. A visit to this charming little shop is a true journey back to childhood. Open 7 days a week.



### Miss Pritchard's Pantry

TASTE

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Chef/owner Richenda Pritchard, invites you to enjoy her seasonal menu of modern comfort food celebrating Central Victoria's finest local produce. Open for lunch Wed-Sun, breakfast on weekends and dinner every Friday and Saturday evening. Enjoy an intimate casual setting in our 25 seat licensed café/restaurant, including al fresco and courtyard dining in warm weather.



# Harcourt



Just minutes off the freeway, **Harcourt** is a fertile valley that's one of Victoria's best kept secrets

**Famous for its apples**, crisp, tasty varieties that have been grown on local orchards since the 1800s — this community is responsible for producing some of Australia's best wines, cider, ginger beer and juices.

If you've overindulged while sampling the best of the cellar door, Harcourt also contains the remedy. The town not only has beautiful back roads great for cycling, it is home to La Larr Ba Gauwa Park, featuring the Harcourt Mountain Bike Trails.

Opened in early 2018, the park includes 34 kilometres of world-class mountain bike trails to suit all levels. It's become one of the region's premier attractions, with visitors coming by car or catching the train to Bendigo or Castlemaine and biking from there. Not a cyclist? The Goldfields Track also winds through the region and suits walkers of all abilities.

Rest your weary calves and chill out with a glass of wine or cider at the end of a day. It's the best of all worlds. ■

## MUST DO'S

- Test your skill levels at La Larr Ba Gauwa.
- Allow plenty of time to sample local wines, ciders and organic produce.
- Enjoy stunning views from the top of Mt. Alexander Regional Park.





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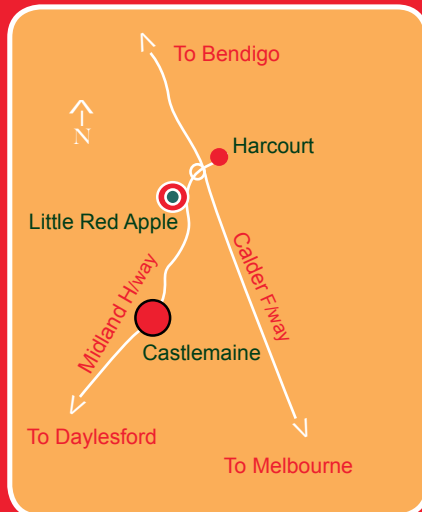
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## Blackjack Vineyards

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Blackjack Vineyards is nestled in the beautiful Harcourt Valley just 2kms south of Harcourt. Blackjack Vineyards offers a friendly welcome and a chance to taste some excellent award winning full bodied reds made from Shiraz, Cabernet and Merlot grapes. Wine that has twice won the trophy for the 'Best Shiraz' at the Royal Melbourne Wine Show.

Image credit (right): John Tozer

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— James Halliday Wine Companion



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## Harcourt Valley Vineyards

TASTE

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- Bendigo's most awarded winery (over 40 trophies and 700 medals)
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- Oldest vineyard in the shire producing some of the region's best wines
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- Boutique beers
- Open 11am-5pm daily
- Harcourt Valley Easter Festival every Easter Sunday





**The Scout Hall**

138 Victoria Road, Harcourt | 03 5474 3172  
bookings@thescouthall.com.au | www.thescouthall.com.au | 

Unique, elegantly appointed boutique accommodation, the Scout Hall accommodates up to 6 people in comfort and luxury. Fully self-contained with complete kitchen facilities, the Scout Hall is a stroll to the centre of Harcourt, a short drive to Castlemaine and close to wineries and abundant natural beauty.

 | STAY





**LA LARR BA GAUWA PARK** in Harcourt includes 34 kilometres of mountain bike trails that take advantage of the area's stunning views and unique rock features.

The Park includes 11 trails catering to riders of all abilities – from beginner to advanced.

The name means “stones and mountain” in the language of Dja Dja Wurrung people of this region.







## Chewton

**A thriving village** on the outskirts of Castlemaine, Chewton is a picturesque former gold mining site with a modern twist — a thriving foodie farm-to-table pub, community-run swimming pool, antique shop, post office and cafe.

Located on the Pyrenees Highway, Chewton is surrounded by box ironbark forests and in the spring wildflowers bloom. A great spot for walkers and cyclists. ■

## Taradale

**This vibrant rural village** is notable for its patches of native forest and lush valley farmland, as well as the 19th century Taradale viaduct. The former gold rush town is popular with tree changers, and those wanting to live in a close-knit and sustainable environment. ■

## Newstead

**A creative and vibrant** rural community, Newstead is home to an eclectic mix of artists, farmers and foodies. Sustainability is a key component of this environmentally progressive town.

Situated on the picturesque banks of the Loddon River, you will find artist studios, walking tracks and historic hotels.

The town also hosts the Newstead Live music festival and Chopped which brings traditional style rods and custom cards from all over the country. ■

## Baringhup

**The jewel in the crown** of rural Baringhup is the Cairn Curran reservoir, a popular spot for boating, swimming, canoeing and fishing. The town also features in the modern Australian classic, Raimond Gaita's *Romulus, My Father*. ■

## Fryerstown

**Nestled in the** Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park Fryerstown was home to thousands of miners during the height of the gold rush. Now known for its strong sense of community and appeal to tree changers. ■







## Guildford

Halfway between Castlemaine and Daylesford, gorgeous Guildford on the Loddon River was once home to a large encampment of Chinese miners during the gold rush.

Today, historic homes and buildings form an attractive streetscape, and its vineyards — like the terroir model in France, are tended with care for the unique biodiversity of the land.

Check out the famous Ron Barassi bust, the Big Tree estimated to be over 500 years old or catch a gig at the local pub or music hall. ■

## Vaughan

Vaughan is home to Vaughan Springs, a natural waterhole in a bushland setting, that for years has been a closely held local secret.

There's plenty of parking, so take a picnic down to the banks of the river, taste the mineral water from the pump, swim in the refreshing river or take the kids down the huge slide. ■



### Sarah Koschak Ceramics

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I look forward to welcoming you to my pottery studio and gallery, where I create functional, wheel-thrown porcelain ceramics, bringing hand-crafted beauty to everyday life. Depending on the day, you may find me at different stages of the creative process.



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STAY

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STAY

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Situated in the centre of Guildford on 2 acres with stunning views Tara offers 2 fully SC cottages (up to 4 guests). Welcome platter on arrival and a brekky basket of homemade and local produce. The Villa Nova BnB retreat (2-6 guests) is also available. Children and pets welcome.



### Killiecrankie Wines

TASTE

103 Soldier Road, Ravenswood | 0447 733 599

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The Quirky cellar door is set in an 1880s red brick workers cottage just off the Calder Highway in Ravenswood. Experience the beauty of the surrounds while enjoying the high quality boutique wines and the photographic based artwork which John and Claire have produced. Open 11am-6pm weekends & most public holidays.



### Taradale Wine & Produce

TASTE

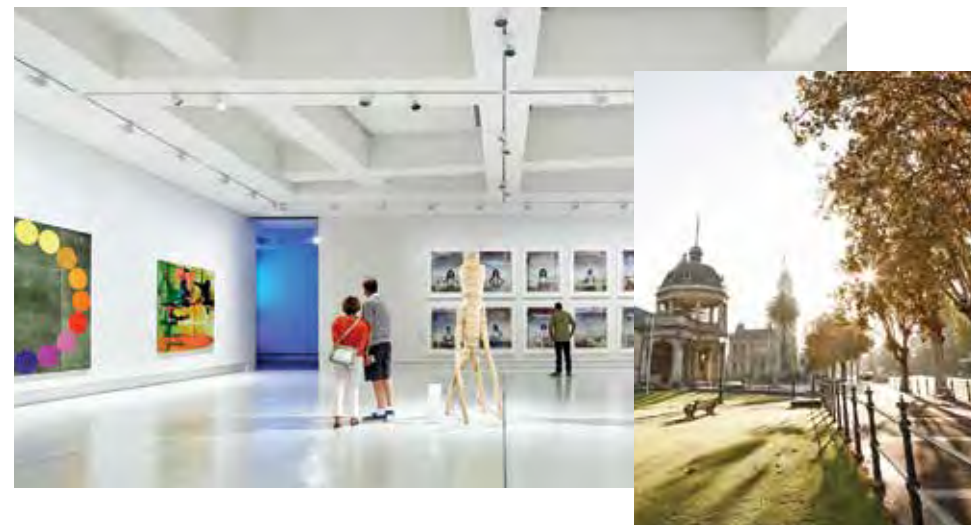
120 High Street, Taradale | 03 5423 2828 | [taradalewine@gmail.com](mailto:taradalewine@gmail.com) | [f](#)

Experience a unique cellar door Café and Art Gallery in the historic post office. Sample a range of wines, coffee, olive oil, artisan bread, cheese, preserves, cakes & wood fired pizzas. Collectables and clothing also available. Open Thur 4-6pm, Fri 11am-9pm, Sat 11am-6pm, Sun 11am-9pm. Pizzas cooking Fri & Sun 6-8pm.





# Bendigo



While the city shines with historic beauty, cosmopolitan **Bendigo** is firmly set in the now

**A vibrant regional city**, Bendigo's beautiful streets are the legacy of one of the world's greatest gold rushes. Explore these streets to discover the heart of Bendigo; an arts culture led by the acclaimed Bendigo Gallery, dine at award-winning restaurants and café's, unearth unique fashions and collectables.

Relive the gold rush by visiting our world-class attractions, and taste quality local wines and produce from markets, nearby farms, and surrounding vineyards.

Attend an action packed calendar of arts and cultural, food and beverage, and sports events throughout the year.

Venture into the nearby Heathcote Region, a long-time favourite for serious wine lovers which also boasts great bushwalking/riding tracks, lookouts, shopping, dining and water sports at nearby Lake Eppalock. ■

## MUST DO'S

- Discover contemporary dining, boutiques and laneways.
- Visit one of Australia's largest and impressive regional art galleries.
- Taste locally made wine, cider and craft beer.
- Search for gold underground at Central Deborah Gold Mine.
- Create a clay masterpiece at Bendigo Pottery.
- Meet the world's oldest and longest imperial dragons.
- Ride a vintage tram along the beautiful historic streetscapes.
- Experience Bendigo's Blues Music and Performing Arts Scene.
- Visit the largest Buddhist temple in the Western World.
- Ride or walk a section of the beautiful O'Keefe Rail Trail.



# Loddon Valley



## Spend the day in the genuine little country towns of the Loddon Valley

### MUST DO'S

- Visit the Simply Tomatoes farm gate in Boort for great food and country hospitality.
- Lose time in the antique and collectable shops of Inglewood.
- Visit the Eucalyptus Distillery Museum in Inglewood or the working Eucalyptus Stew Pot at Wedderburn.
- Launch your canoe, fishing or ski boat in the Loddon River at Bridgewater or swim in the natural infinity pool.
- See the amazing collection in Wedderburn's General Store Museum that was originally the goldfields shop.

**Take a deep breath...** and travel along the meandering roads. They start at untouched historic villages, weave their way up to spectacular views on granite strewn hilltops, through ancient forests, and then alongside wide flowing rivers and vast wetlands.

In these charming towns you will meet warm characters who call these villages home. Lining the streets are clusters of antiques and collectible stores, and small shopfronts with some of the finest breads, meats and produce from the land.

Going through, you slow down. The pace of life changes and you begin to discover something that you thought long gone. Here you will be revived and inspired. ■





## The world's largest gold nugget, the Welcome Stranger, was unearthed in the Central Goldfields

### MUST DO'S

- Find locally-grown produce in cool cafés and provedores.
- Shop the quirky stores for quality antiques and collectables.
- Fossick for gold in the Box-Ironbark forests.
- Cycle the series of scenic trails through classic goldfields country.
- Pack your camera for the postcard-worthy towns of Dunolly and Talbot.

**Today, fortune hunters still flock** to Maryborough and Dunolly's historic gold detecting supplies stores in search for that elusive find.

In Maryborough, the famous railway station is the town's icon and a must visit. Local art galleries and museums host top quality exhibitions and there are many beautiful hotels and cafés to choose from.

Take the scenic drive to Talbot and fossick the quirky bookstore and other boutiques on offer, and taste regional produce at the provedore and eatery in town. Once a month, winding Scandinavian Crescent comes to life for the farmers' market day.

For those who like the outdoors, make sure you bring your bike to pedal along one of 15 cycling trails weaving their way through traditional goldfields and Box-Ironbark forests. ■

**For more visit [visitmaryborough.com.au](http://visitmaryborough.com.au)**



# Travel information

## From the Melbourne Airport or Melbourne city:

Excellent public and private transport options are available from Melbourne to Castlemaine. A great option is Bendigo Airport Services which operate shuttle buses to and from the Melbourne Airport several times a day. These buses stop at various towns including Castlemaine.

**Train:** With departures nearly every hour from Melbourne's Southern Cross Station, Castlemaine is just over an hour from Melbourne by train and is the perfect way to sit back, relax and enjoy the journey. Public transport requires you to use a Myki card, these can be purchased online at [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au). The Castlemaine Railway Station is an easy walk, just minutes from the CBD.

For steam rail buffs visit [vgr.com.au](http://vgr.com.au) to access information on the steam railway service between Castlemaine and Maldon.

**By Car:** This region is very accessible by car – just over an hour from Melbourne via the Calder Freeway.

**By Bus:** Once you arrive in Castlemaine you will find both public and private companies providing some regular services.

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## Castlemaine Visitor Information Centre


Located in our magnificent Market Building, we offer a great range of walking and cycling maps, locally-made souvenirs, regular art exhibitions and you can even hire a bike to add to your visit.

 44 Mostyn Street, Castlemaine 3450  
03 5471 1795 or 1800 171 888  
[visitors@mountalexander.vic.gov.au](mailto:visitors@mountalexander.vic.gov.au)





## Maldon Visitor Information Centre

Located in our Shire Gardens, close to the historic township. Drop in for information about accommodation, self-guided walking tours, local events and attractions or to take home a souvenir.

 93 High Street, Maldon 3463  
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