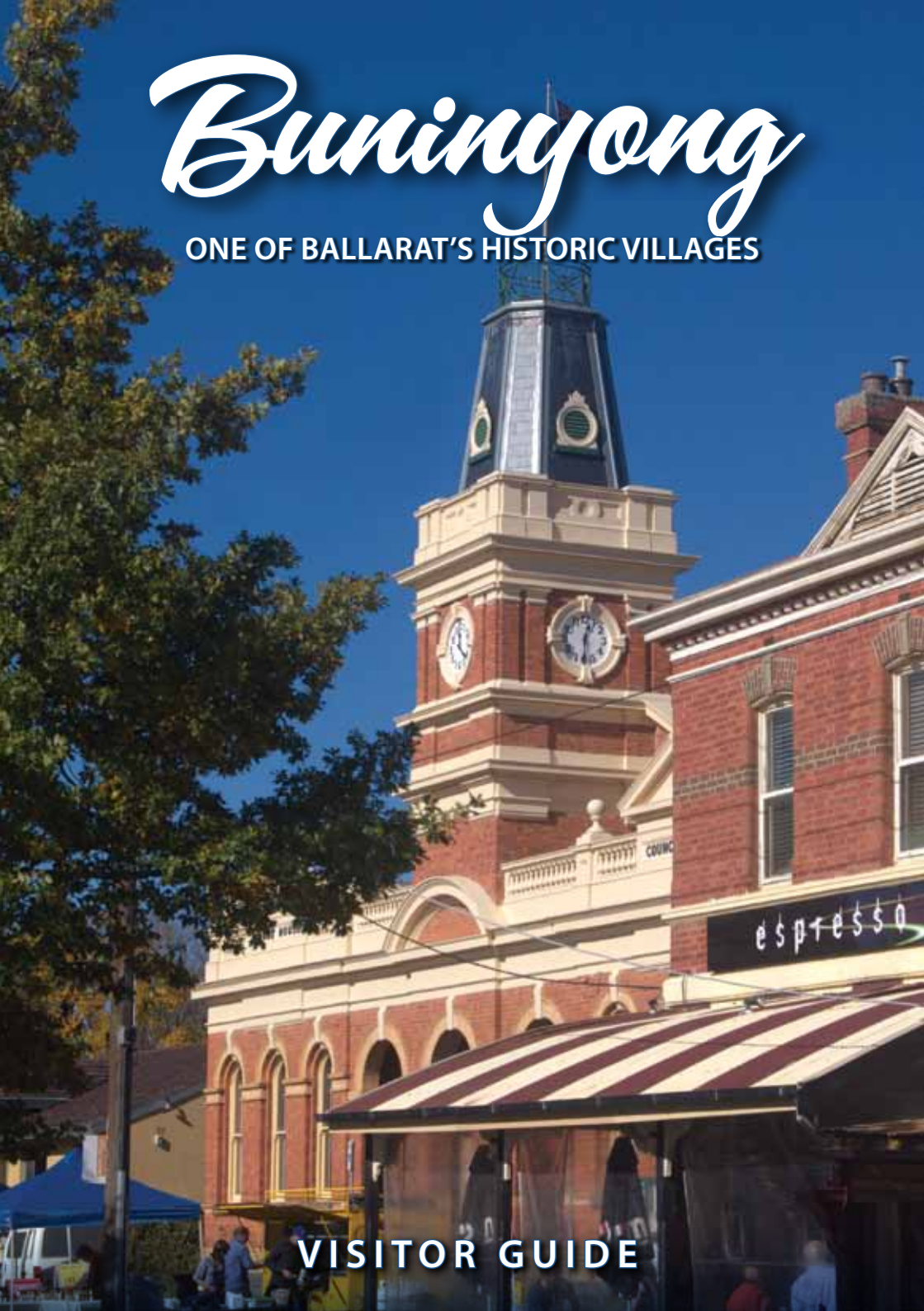


# Buninyong

ONE OF BALLARAT'S HISTORIC VILLAGES



VISITOR GUIDE

## **VISITOR INFORMATION**

A Visitor Information Centre, staffed by local volunteers is located in the Old Library adjacent to de Soza Park in Warrenheip Street  
Opening Hours Tue-Sun 10am -3pm  
Phone 5341 8211

Members of the Buninyong & District Historical Society are also available to assist visitors in the Old Court House (part of the former Town Hall complex) in Learmonth Street.  
Open third Saturday of each month between  
9.30am and 12.30pm or by appointment  
Phone 5341 7618

## **BUNINYONG VISITOR GUIDE**

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# History, heritage and heart

## BUNINYONG

**Surprisingly, Buninyong was settled long before Ballarat was even thought of. In 1838, the Learmonth brothers established a sheep station nearby. Sawyers and wood splitters built the first huts in 1841 and an eating-house was established the same year.**

Now an easy 15-minute drive south of Ballarat, Buninyong retains splendid colonial architecture.

As one of Victoria's first inland settlements, Buninyong has kept a strong sense of its past and heritage. Its gracious old buildings set in wide serene streets are testament to boom times during the 1850s gold rush, when the population reached some 10,000 people.

Today, life in Buninyong is easy going. Active community groups abound. Many residents' families have been here for generations, while newer residents have been attracted by the area's beauty and sense of history. Some are staff and students from the nearby University of Ballarat

Many of the town's historic buildings have been faithfully restored and, in addition to a thriving business community and most professional services, the village boasts a range of art and craft shops and galleries, coffee shops, and boutique shopping stores.

Mount Buninyong overlooks the township and offers breathtaking views of the region and an abundance of walking tracks.

### **Blacksmith strikes gold in Buninyong**

Stroll down the main street and look at the old buildings, some of which date to the mid-1800s

when many of the town's 10,000 residents were chasing riches associated with the goldfields.

Local blacksmith Thomas Hiscock, in August 1851, was the first to discover a piece of the precious metal.

A cairn/memorial marks the spot – on the north side of the Midland Hwy 2km west of the village, just before the cemetery. Other historical plaques can be found 400m along Hiscock Gully Road.



*Pictured right: Old Town Hall and shops, Learmonth Street*



*Pictured top left: Old Library (1861), bottom left: Crown Hotel (1885), top right: Town Hall and Courthouse (1886).*

## **Buildings of Interest**

If you follow the 'Historic Walk' map (see page 8) you will pass many of Buninyong's historic buildings. Many have descriptive plaques attached. These include;

### **Old Library (1861)**

One of the oldest buildings in Buninyong. It was a gift to the town by local mill-owner and five time Mayor Robert Allen, to be used as a library and Mechanics' Institute. Now it provides visitor information, displays local history and maintains cemetery records. Heritage-listed and owned/operated by the Cemetery Trust.

### **Crown Hotel (1885)**

The original Selleck's Hotel was destroyed by fire in 1884, and the present two-storey gabled building replaced it soon after.

### **Old Post Office (1874)**

Replacing many smaller unofficial post offices, this building served as the Buninyong Post Office from 1874 until it closed in 2000. The current post office is in Warrenheip Street.

### **National Bank (1866)**

Banking services started in Buninyong in 1859 when the National Bank of Australasia opened an agency near the corner of Learmonth and Warrenheip streets. The bank purchased the site from John Adams who conducted the bakery and general store next door. The present fine building was opened in 1866. It was closed as a bank in 1974.

## Adams' Store (1852)

This iconic weatherboard building, a store and bakery was built by John Adams who from 1855 was also Buninyong's postmaster. Other owners were J. W. Wilson, Percy Lyne, and the Eames family who operated the bakery and store from about 1930 to 1989.

## Whykes' Butcher's Shop (1893)

The Whykes family purveyed meat to the residents of Buninyong from 1864 until 2000. The two-storey red brick building is now a coffee shop/bistro.

## Town Hall and Court House (1886)

The Italianate-style Buninyong Town Hall is an excellent example of impressive colonial goldfields architecture. Originally the building was of three sections, with the hall in the centre, the Council offices to the right and the courthouse to the left.

Today, the hall hosts the annual film festival and other events, while the old courthouse is the home of the Buninyong & District Historical Society.

## Old Police Court House (1858)

Built of sandstone on the site of the early police camp set up to administer law and order on the local goldfields, it fell into disuse when the new Court Houses opened in 1886. It was used as a butter factory and then a council works depot. The restored Court House was opened in 1995.

## The Eagle Hotel (1858)

This ornate gold-boom building is classified by the National Trust and has columns and various carved heads on the facade. Since closing as a hotel it has been a store and offices.



*Pictured top right: Former National Bank (1866),  
centre: Former Eagle Hotel (1858),  
bottom right: Former Post Office (1874).*

# Churches and Cemeteries

## BUNINYONG

Buninyong boasts a wealth of nineteenth century small village-style churches, some built from bluestone quarried from, or bricks made in, the area. Each has fascinating links to the founders of the village who came from Scotland, England and Ireland in the years from 1838.



### The Uniting Church (1860)

The Uniting Church in Learmonth Street was initially the Presbyterian Church and was served by Buninyong's first Minister, the Rev Thomas Hastie from 1847 to 1888. Look for his commemoration in the church's beautiful stained glass window.

### St Peter and Paul's Catholic Church (1853)

This old church is tucked away on a knoll in Fiske Street and is the oldest of Buninyong's existing churches with its foundation stone laid in 1853.

It was pre-dated by the area's first Catholic school, operating on the site from 1851.

### Holy Trinity Anglican Church (1862)

This bluestone church is located in a beautiful treed setting on the corner of Warrenheip and Scott streets. Inside, look for the marble stone memorial to its first priest, the Rev Garrett Russell, and a large stained glass window. The redbrick building to the rear was built in 1857 and operated as a denominational school until 1872.

A little further along Warrenheip Street, the red brick Methodist Church (1865) replaced a wooden one built in 1856, and operated until the establishment of the Uniting Church in 1969. It is now a private residence.



*Pictured top left: Uniting Church,  
bottom left: Holy Trinity Church.*

## Victoria's second cemetery

Buninyong's cemetery, located about 3km west of the village centre, is the second-registered cemetery in Victoria with its first recorded burial occurring in 1852. Typical of gold-mining areas, many early deaths in Buninyong were caused by unhygienic conditions, women dying in childbirth, men killed in mining accidents and rampant childhood diseases.

The beautifully maintained and historic cemetery straddles a small creek and lakes, and is where most of the district's rich and poor have been buried since the 1850s. Divided into four denominational sections, the cemetery also has a small Chinese section. An excellent database of burials is kept at the Old Library.

## The Old Burial Ground

Stop at Learmonth Street, just west of the old Post Office, and look for a white picket fence. Here is Buninyong's Old Burial Ground, the oldest in the Goldfields region. But you'd never know it was there unless you knew where to look. While the first burial took place in this cemetery around 1837, the site was abandoned in the 1850s and no record of who is buried there has survived. Look for the plaque on the stone and the bunya bunya tree.



# Parks and Gardens

## BUNINYONG

### de Soza Park

The park was named after mining entrepreneur and local benefactor Henry de Soza.

Take a stroll along the banks of Union Jack Creek through the centre of Buninyong and discover this park's peaceful tracks through exotic and native trees. In the area of the park nearest to Warrenheip Street there are the remains of the shaft and mullock heap of the Old Crown Mine. The mine's air vent (capped in 1991) is in the grounds at the rear of the Old Library.

At the far western end of the park area, about opposite Cathcart Street, the creek was formerly the site of old miners' dams, the town reservoir and a large tannery commenced by local saddler, Andrew Davies in the 1850's and later operated by R Graham & Sons, closing in the 1920's.

Fast-forwarding to the present day, the park now hosts concerts, Christmas carols and local festival events as well as being a much-loved corner of serenity for locals and a stop-off point for visitors.

*Pictured below: Graham's Tannery, c 1900;  
bottom: A family stroll in de Soza Park.*





## Buninyong Botanic Gardens (1862)

Buninyong's peaceful Botanic Gardens have a fascinating connection with Melbourne's own botanic gardens. When ten acres of land were reserved in 1861, many specimens of trees and plants were donated by the famous Ferdinand von Mueller of Melbourne's Royal Botanical Gardens.

With upper and lower sections divided by an embankment on Cornish Street, the Botanic Gardens boast a range of features. The upper section centres on the small lake, known as the Gong, and walking paths lead up the hill towards the historic Catholic Church. On the southern side of the Gong can be seen the old bluestone brewery where beer was brewed from 1855-1873.

The lower gardens feature towering trees, graceful shrubs and quiet walkways, plus an ornamental pond and island, the historic Victoria rotunda (erected as a memorial to Queen Victoria following her death in 1901), an old swimming pool formerly fed by the spring waters of the Gong and now converted into sunken gardens; and, in the south east-corner, the old sandstone Courthouse.



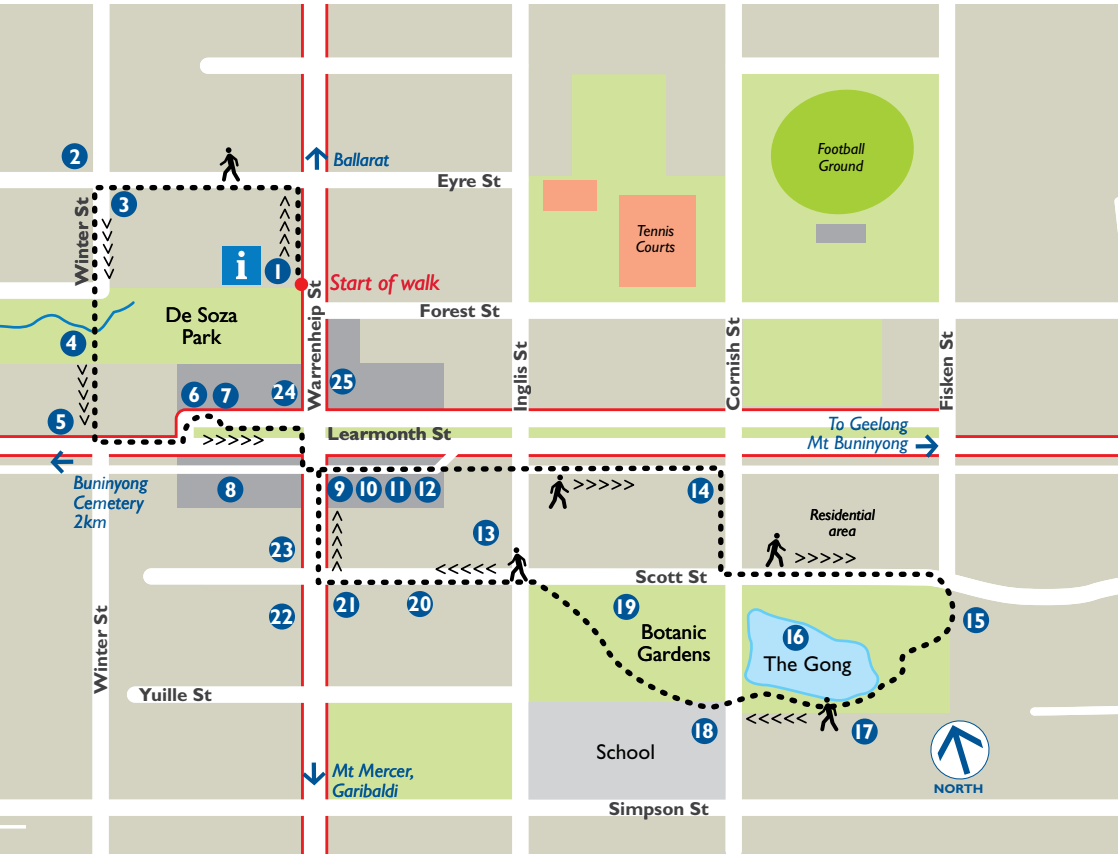
*Pictured top and bottom: Autumn in the Botanic Gardens, middle: Queen Victoria Rotunda, 1901.*

# Walk

## HISTORIC BUNINYONG

(Start – Old Library. Time One hour. Distance 3.5km. Conditions - mostly paved, gently undulating)

This easy walk gives a good sense of the important buildings and areas of the Buninyong historic village. On the map (below) some 25 sites of interest are highlighted. Many of the buildings also have blue 'Historic Buildings of Buninyong' plaques affixed to them. These provide brief historical information of the building or location.



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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 Old Library/Mechanics Institute | 10 Adams/Eames' Store & Bakery    | 19 Queen Victoria Rotunda (1901) |
| 2 Clifton Villa (1859)            | 11 Whykes' Butcher Shop (1893)    | 20 Old Manse                     |
| 3 Glencairn (c1855)               | 12 Town Hall & Court House (1886) | 21 Camellia Cottage (c1862)      |
| 4 De Soza Park/old tannery site   | 13 Uniting Church (1860)          | 22 Anglican Church (1862)        |
| 5 Old Burial Ground (1840's)      | 14 Former Nugget Hotel            | 23 Netherby (c1857)              |
| 6 Thomas Hiscock's Cottage        | 15 Catholic Church (1858)         | 24 Crown Hotel (1885)            |
| 7 Old Post Office (1874)          | 16 The Gong                       | 25 Former Eagle Hotel (1858)     |
| 8 Dr Longden's House (c1898)      | 17 Brewery/Kingshill (c1855)      |                                  |
| 9 Former National Bank (1866)     | 18 Old Police Court House (1858)  |                                  |

# Walk

## UNION JACK RESERVE

(Start – Old Library. Short loop walk time 50 minutes, distance 4km. Long loop walk time 100 mins, distance 8km. Conditions – undulating/steeper section near the Locomotive Hill Mine site. Wide formed tracks, well signed)

From the Old Library, walk (or drive) north along Warrenep St. After five blocks, turn right into Elizabeth Street and proceed 750m to the Union Jack Reserve entrance.

The Reserve was named after the English, Irish and Scottish miners who discovered gold there in 1857. Administered by Parks Victoria, the Union Jack Reserve covers some 72 hectares and provides a home for a diverse range of bird life and flora and fauna.

The walking trails, with regular numbered informative guide posts, pass many old mining relics such as mine shafts and sluice channels. On the longer walk you will see the shafts of the Locomotive Hill Mine site area where two miners lost their lives in 1933. Walkers should stay on marked tracks within the Reserve as there are deep mine shafts, some not easily visible.



# Walk

## MOUNT BUNINYONG

### The Mountain

Formed from an extinct volcano, Mt Buninyong is one of the most recognisable features of the goldfields region, rising some 745m above sea level. An early settler in the district, Thomas Learmonth scaled it in 1837 and from its vantage point was able to see Geelong to the south, the Grampians to the west and the rich volcanic plains and the Pyrenees beyond Ballarat to the north. Retaining much of its native vegetation cover, the mountain's messmate and manna gum trees are a significant koala habitat. Springs at the foot of the mountain were an important source of water in the years following the establishment of Buninyong in 1841.



Scoria stones from the eruption of the volcano are to be seen in the many dry-stone walls and fences in the district.

Access to the picnic reserve in the crater and the summit, with its look-out and fire spotting tower, is by sealed road and is just 3 km from the Buninyong village.



## Circuit Trail

(Start- Old Library. Time 3.5 hours. Distance 12 km. Conditions – Medium/hilly; some steep and unpaved sections)

From the Old Library, walk south along Warrenheip St, pass the roundabout, and turn left at Scott Street. Enter the Botanic Gardens at the white gate. Then follow the Goldfields Track posts through the gardens, alongside the Gong (lake), continuing to Lal Lal Street.

Cross there, look for the marker posts and walk over Mt Innes, then along Ogilvie Lane to the Midland Hwy.

Cross the highway, walk along the road verge for short distance to Granny White Lane, turn left and then right at the corner of Blackberry Lane, and follow the posts to the top of the Mountain.

Return via the Zig-Zag track and the Crater Walk to the car park at the foot of the mountain.

Walk down Mt Buninyong Rd and turn right into Gittings Lane. Pass (or explore) the Union Jack Reserve, and walk a further 800 m, via Elizabeth St, to reach the Ballarat-Geelong Road.

Turn left and walk back to the Old Library.



# Cycle BUNINYONG

## Home of Cycling Australia Road National Championships

Buninyong's historic village centre, its famous mountain and undulating roads which wind through rural, bushland and suburban settings, make it a great venue for the Cycling Australia Road National Championships held in early January. With growing crowds of spectators, national and international TV coverage, and the colour and trappings of the race teams, there is a touch of the Tour de France about the village for a few days each year.



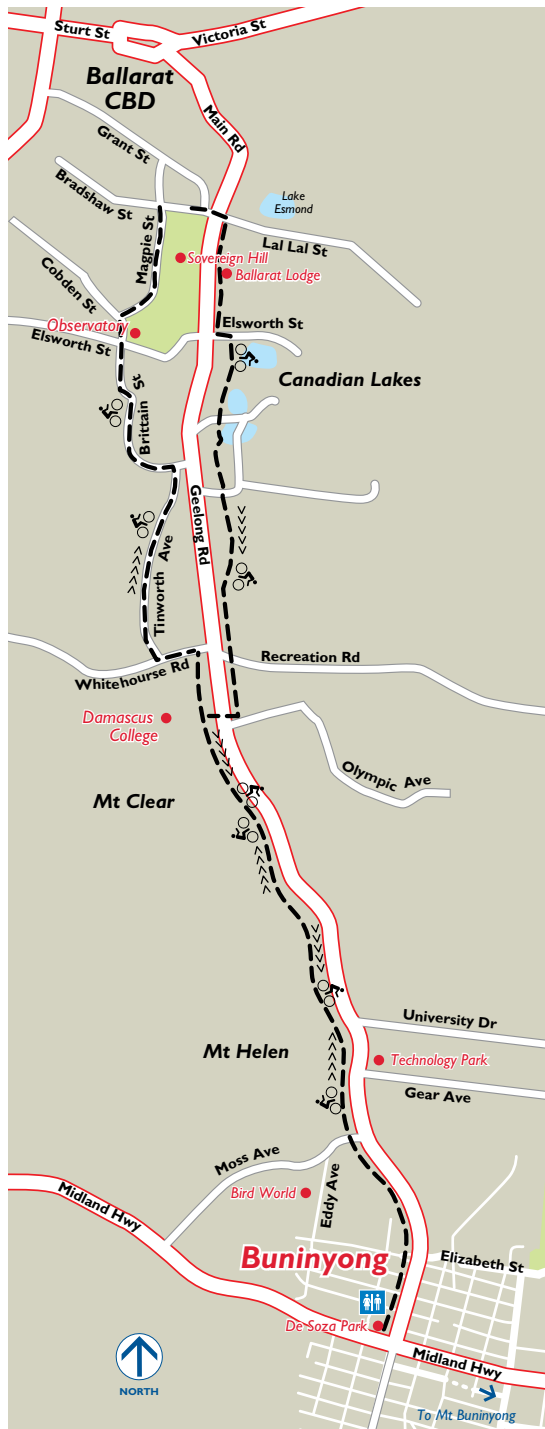
## Easy 22km loop from Ballarat to Buninyong

Starting at the Sovereign Hill car park in Bradshaw Street this ride to Buninyong is mostly via sealed bike paths and quiet streets.

Cross Main Rd, pass to the left of the Japanese Restaurant, and behind it, join the sealed path which passes through the rear grounds of the large Ballarat Lodge complex on Main Road. Soon you will pick up the lovely Canadian Creek walk/cycle path which follows the creek along a green corridor, passing across wetlands, through areas of bushland, and, after Mt Clear passes near the University of Ballarat.

After arriving at Buninyong, try a coffee and chat with other cyclists at Buninyong's Espresso Depot. The return path is back through Mt Helen (call in for a look at the rustic Bird World) and Mt Clear.

On Tinworth Ave you will see the major gold exploration project, and after joining onto Magpie St you will pass the Ballarat Observatory and the upper boundary of the famous Sovereign Hill tourist precinct.



# Drive

## BUNINYONG & DISTRICT

### Short Drives from Buninyong

#### Mount Buninyong

The scenic drive around the crater and summit of another of the Western district's extinct volcanoes is a must. At some 745 m above sea level there are great views in all directions. The brave can climb the tower for an extra experience and a panoramic outlook.

#### Ballarat Bird World

Run by octogenarians Paul and Joan Sperber, this park, just two km from the centre of Buninyong is on a 14 acre bushland valley site, with over 1 km of board walks, waterfalls, native plants and gardens, and Australia's largest display of beautiful parrots and cockatoos and other native birds and is a hidden local treasure. Take the Geelong Road back towards Ballarat and turn left at Moss Avenue.

*Pictured below: Lal Lal Falls*



While visiting the Buninyong area, you might wish to take some easy drives to local sights and places of interest.

### Other District Drives

#### Scotsburn

This district is named after the Scott family who settled in the area in 1839 on a 16,000 acre property. Of interest is the Scotsburn Union Church (1884) set on land donated by Andrew Scott.

#### Clarendon

On the Midland Highway, at the turn-off to Lal Lal there is the historic cottage, formerly the Clarendon Hotel (1856) which was an important stopping-off point for Cobb & Co coaches travelling between the Ballarat and Buninyong goldfields and the port of Geelong.

#### Lal Lal

This little township and the local area has quite a few points of interest. After a stop and a chat with Nick at the Lal Lal Falls Hotel, on your list-to-see put the historic bluestone railway station, the jam-packed second-hand yard just up the road from the station and Lal Lal Falls. A little further on visit the Moorabool Falls, with some interesting trails, the Bungal Dam, and the historic blast furnace.





## Elaine - Narmbool

Before reaching Elaine, and just a few km off the Midland Hwy is the 2000 hectare historic pastoral property, Narmbool. First settled in 1839, its current homestead dates from 1889.

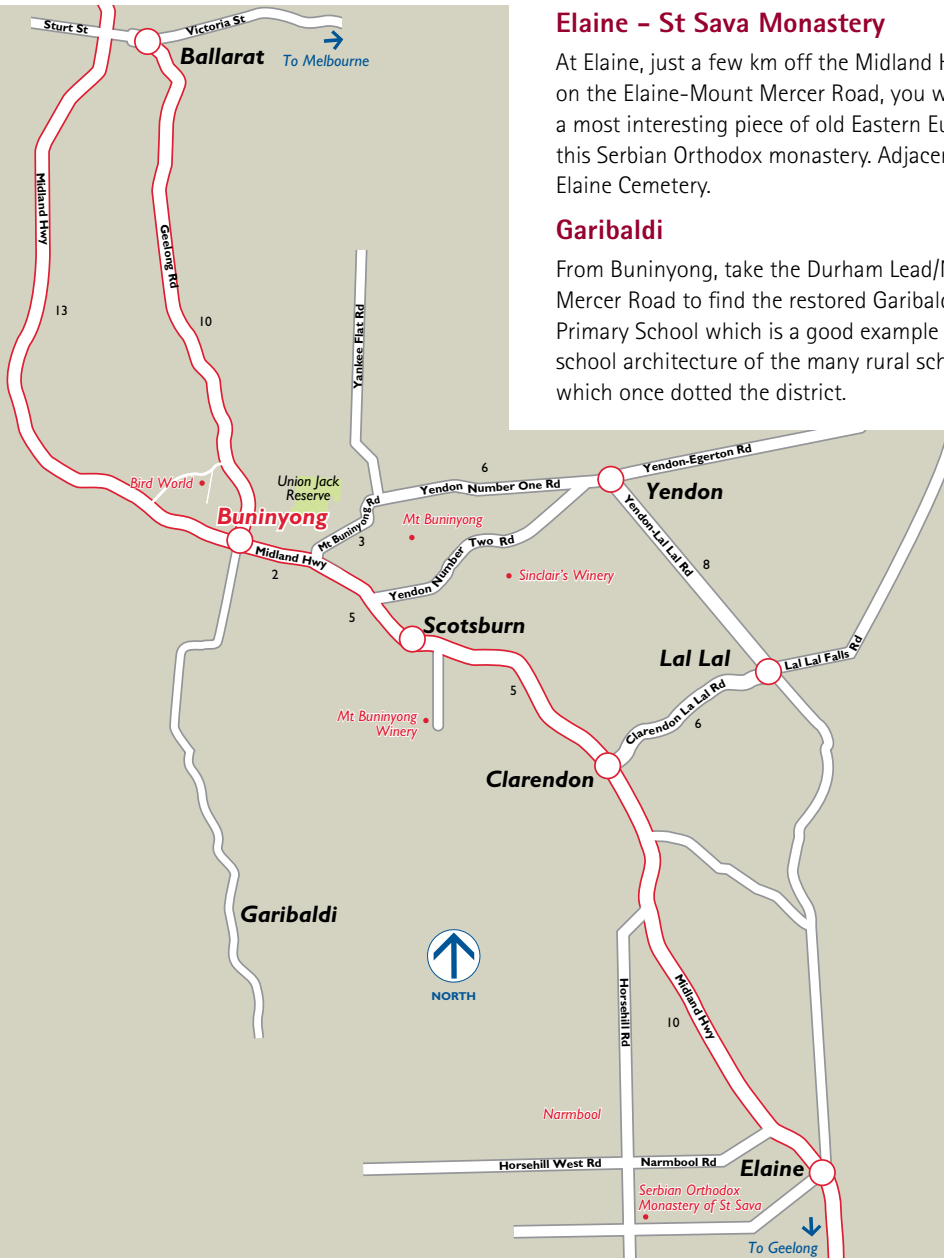
Donated to Sovereign Hill in 2000, the property, with its long tree-lined driveway, its ornamental gardens and water features, is still a working farm, and is used for functions and educational purposes. For details of upcoming events call 5329 2393.

## Elaine - St Sava Monastery

At Elaine, just a few km off the Midland Highway, on the Elaine-Mount Mercer Road, you will find a most interesting piece of old Eastern Europe in this Serbian Orthodox monastery. Adjacent is the Elaine Cemetery.

## Garibaldi

From Buninyong, take the Durham Lead/Mt Mercer Road to find the restored Garibaldi Primary School which is a good example of the school architecture of the many rural schools which once dotted the district.





Buninyong offers a range of self-contained and Bed & Breakfast style accommodation. These include;

### **Brim Brim Gardens**

*Lal Lal Street, Buninyong. 5341 3096*  
Two restored B & B cottages are set in the peaceful five acre garden and lake-side setting of historic Brim Brim homestead (1859) overlooking the Buninyong village.

### **Camellia Cottage**

*701 Warrenheip Street, Buninyong. 5341 8262*  
In one of central Buninyong's historic homes (1862), this self-contained cottage shares the home's gracious garden setting, and offers an organic continental breakfast.

### **Galwiji Farm Homestead**

*Pryors Road, Scotsburn 5341 337*  
In a quiet rural farm setting just a few kilometres out of Buninyong this comfortable farmhouse (est 1921) sleeps up to 12. Self-catering.

### **Glen Bowen Cottage**

*Easons Road, Buninyong, 5341 3023*  
Charming brick cottage set in a 12 acre bushland retreat with abundant bird life and native animals to be seen

### **Kankama Cottage**

*135 Lockyers Rd, Garibaldi. 5341 3741*  
Two bedroom farm-stay cottage. Pet friendly. Log fire, A/C, gas BBQ. Share farm activities on 30 acre property eight minutes to Buninyong.

### **Lal Lal Falls Cottage B & B**

*42 Lal Lal Falls Road, Lal Lal. 0407 717 626*  
In the heart of Lal Lal village, near the old railway station and the country pub, this cottage, with spa and wood fire sleeps four guests



*Pictured above: Brim Brim Gardens*

### **Miners' Church B & B,**

*Scotchmans Lead Road, Buninyong. 5341 3954*  
The converted historic red brick church has three bedrooms, wood fire, large gardens, mining artefacts and a colonial style kitchen

### **Rosella Cottage**

*4 Rosella Road, Lal Lal 0418 525 309*  
Just 15 minutes from Buninyong, this mud-brick, pet-friendly, two bedroom cottage sleeps up to six guests, and is set on two acres

### **Schaanwald B & B**

*Hendersons Lane, Buninyong 5341 2351*  
S/C accommodation in unit, suite or B & B formats. Set in 18 acres of bushland

### **Sinclair of Scotsburn Cottage**

*256 Wiggins Road, Scotsburn. 5341 3936*  
Set in a vineyard, this miner's cottage accommodates up to eight guests. Enjoy the abundant birdlife, go fishing for trout, or just relax.

### **Swallowvale**

*122 Bluebridge-Clarendon Rd, Clarendon. 5341 7777*  
A 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home set on a 60 acre rural property, 10 mins from Buninyong  
Wood fires, 6 person spa. 4 star rated.

### **The Ridge - Mt Buninyong**

*694 Yankee Flat Road, Buninyong. 5341 3087*  
A modern, purpose-designed S/C apartment offering couples luxury amenities, panoramic views, and an attractive garden setting

### **The Wattles on Eddy**

*316A Eddy Avenue, Mount Helen. 5341 8228*  
S/C two bedroomed cottage located in a natural bushland setting with abundant native flora and fauna. Close to Buninyong and University.

# Play

## BUNINYONG

Take advantage of the township's many sporting and recreational facilities.



If you are a golfer, why not try out the splendid 18 hole Buninyong Golf Course with its watered, couched fairways and grass greens? Located just on the western fringe of the village, it has clubs and carts available for hire.

The solar-heated swimming pool, on Forest Street is popular in summer with both locals and visitors.

A little further along Forest Street is the Buninyong Tennis Centre and sportsgrounds facilities.

*Pictured above: Buninyong Aquatic Centre, Forest St.  
Below: On the 18th green at Buninyong Golf Club.*

The tennis centre has eight Rebound Ace courts, under lights. To hire, call at BP service station in Warrenheip Street.

Tucked away in a picturesque setting in a corner of the Botanic Gardens is the 140 year old Buninyong Bowling Club. Visitors are welcome.

The kids will enjoy the playground facilities in de Soza Park on Warrenheip Street, while visitors can relax or picnic in the historic Botanical Gardens in Scott Street. Other quiet and popular play/picnic areas are in the crater of the extinct volcano, Mount Buninyong, and at the Lal Lal Falls reserve.



# Food & Wine

## BUNINYONG

While the historic Crown Hotel offers an a-la-carte, sit-down lunch or dinner, there are several other interesting possibilities to consider.

### Espresso Depot

*Learmonth Street*

A licensed, specialist coffee shop with a tempting array of light lunches and cakes in an historic former butcher's shop.

### The Buninyong Bakehouse

*Learmonth Street*

In addition to a wide range of breads and cakes, try delicious pastries, light lunches and cold drinks.

### Old Bluestone Café

*Learmonth Street*

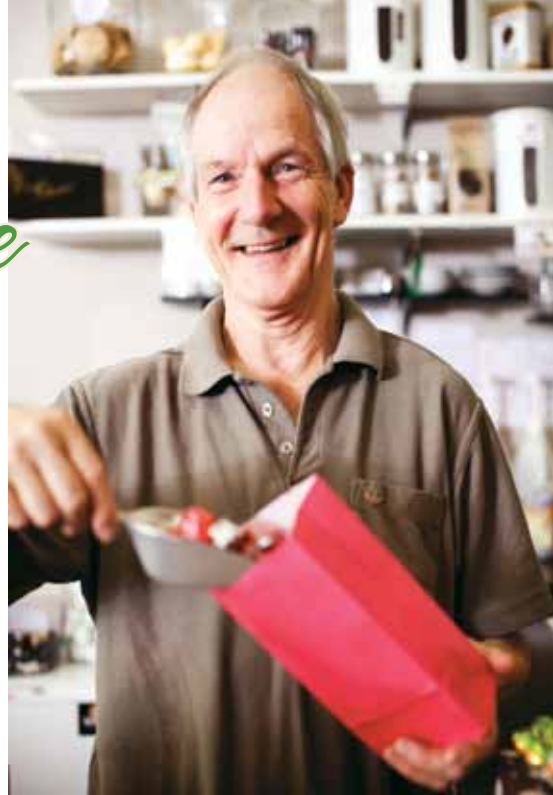
Here you can sit and enjoy light lunches and coffee while looking at an interesting range of giftware.

### Chocalatto

*Warrenheip Street*

A coffee shop with a huge range of ice-creams, chocolates and lollies. Children's eyes light up when they visit.

For other take-away food options consider the **Buninyong Pizza Shop** (*Learmonth Street*), **Sue's Den** or the **Buninyong Fish Shop** located on Warrenheip Street.



### Winery Visits

While there are several wineries in the area, two of the local wineries have cellar door tastings and sales. These can be found by taking the Midland Highway towards Geelong for about four or five kilometres (*see 'Drive' map*).

### Sinclair of Scotsburn

*(take Yendon No 2 Road, LHS of Midland Hwy, to Wiggins Road)*

A boutique winery whose chardonnay and pinot noir varieties are award-winners. Cellar door visits by appointment. Phone 5341 3936.

### Mount Buninyong Wines

*(on Platts Road, RHS of Midland Highway at Scotsburn)*

Unique, quirky tasting room/restaurant that will intrigue. Open Mon-Thurs 11-6, Fri-Sun 9-late (dinner available) Specialties are pinot noir and fortified and liqueur wines. Phone 0428 331 066.

*Pictured above: A friendly face at Chocalatto;  
Left: Vineyards flourish in the shadow of Mt Buninyong*



# Shop

## BUNINYONG

There's an interesting range of galleries and specialty shops in Buninyong.

### **Awaking Dreams Gallery**

307 Warrenheip Street, Buninyong. 0415 903 669

Offers a range of art works, giftware and handmade products from Australian and Japanese designers/producers. There is also jewellery, scarves, candles, Japanese teas and other quirky gifts. Open Wednesday-Saturday.

### **Unique Garden Décor**

401 Warrenheip Street, Buninyong. 5341 2582

Wander through the historic old grocer's shop and view the huge range of exclusive, garden inspired furniture and accessories, for inside or outside of the home. Closed Monday and Tuesday.

### **Lana-Rose**

509 Warrenheip Street, Buninyong. 0438 003 512

A chic boutique of new and pre-loved clothing and accessories for ladies, men and children. Find contemporary, retro, vintage and even a wide range of Rockabilly and Psychobilly rock & roll clothing. Open Tuesday-Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4.

### **Sew Special: Button Heaven**

Learmonth Street, Buninyong. 5341 3050

Stand ready to be knocked over by one of Australia's biggest specialty shop range of buttons, sewing supplies, local craft items (including the exquisite B Gentle Soap display). Find your special fabrics or have clothing altered by expert seamstresses. Open seven days

### **Bower Bird Cottage**

Midland Hwy, Buninyong. 0409 519 671

Just opposite the Buninyong cemetery, on the Midland Highway, is a unique shop with a large range of antiques, china, glassware, new and estate jewellery, bric a brac and other collectables. Closed Monday and Friday.

### **UFS Dispensaries**

316 Learmonth Street, Buninyong. 5341 2121

For all pharmaceutical supplies and a range of gift ware. Open until 1.00pm Saturdays.

### **...and a Picnic**

If a picnic is on the cards, then head for the deli section of Buninyong's new **Foodworks Supermarket** in Learmonth Street, where you will find a wide range of fresh breads, cold meats, fruit, and roast chickens.

Buy a few plastic plates and a bottle of local wine from the extensive range on sale there, and your picnic will be ready to go.



# Festivals

## OF BUNINYONG

On the third Saturday of each month a Farmers' Market is held in and in front of the Town Hall. A Designer Craft Market is also held there three times each year. Carols are held in de Soza Park in early December.

### February

#### The Buninyong Marvellous Marmalade Fair

In 2010, a group of marmalade makers from Buninyong issued a challenge to those of Cumbria, England, the long-time home of the International Marmalade Awards. The Buninyong challenge involved sending a batch of 11 jars of Australian marmalade to be judged against 11 jars of the English product with the prize being referred to as the *Marmalashes* – a take-off of the prized trophy, The Ashes, competed for regularly between Australian and English cricket teams.

The annual fair in Buninyong (first Sunday in February) involves the judging of entries for the "Australian XI" and the "Buninyong Village XI" to be sent to Cumbria, and associated events.

The cosmopolitan nature of the Buninyong community generates a range of regular and spontaneous festivals and events in the village.

### May

#### The Buninyong Film Festival

This two day Festival, on the first weekend in May of each year, started in 2002 and has been a sell-out success since then.

Six or seven Australian and international films are screened in the historic setting of the Buninyong Town Hall (1886).

Film sessions are interspersed with breaks for (optional) lunch and dinner in the adjacent Town Hall supper room.

### October

#### The Good Life Festival

Replacing the village's former Gold King Festival in 2010, the Good Life Festival, held on the third Saturday of October, has many activities located in or near the 'village green' setting of the historic Uniting Church (1860) in central Buninyong.

The festival features lots of stalls, fun of the fair and children's activities, talent and busker competitions, historic carriage rides, displays by local groups such as firefighters, vintage cars and the like.



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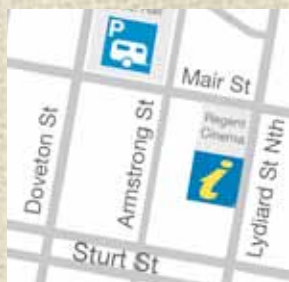
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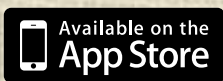
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