

## Emergency Numbers

Police, Ambulance, Fire		000
Powercor	Service difficulties	132 412
Southern Grampians Shire Council	After hours emergency contact	0418 528 313
Wannon Water	Customer Service	1300 926 666
	After Hours/Emergency	1300 926 668

## Southern Grampians Shire Services

Council Business Centre	111 Brown St, Hamilton 3300	5573 0444
Home & Community Care Services		5551 8484 or 5551 8486
Family Day Care		5551 8484
Maternal & Child Health Services		5551 8488

## Places Of Interest

Byaduk Caves	Port Fairy Rd
Harman's Valley	Port Fairy Rd
Tumuli (Lava Blisters)	Old Crusher Rd

## Schools

Branxholme Wallacedale Community School	Munroe St	5578 6253
Branxholme Kindergarten	Best St	5578 6378

## Businesses

Branxholme Hotel	Brown St	5578 6264
Post Office	Brown St	5578 6250
Stalkers Bend Café	67 Creek St	5578 6250
Jewell & Millard Building Contractors	1275 Morven Rd	5570 0550

## Community Groups

Branxholme Cemetery Trust		5578 6285
Branxholme Progress Association		5578 6268
Branxholme Public Hall		5578 6346
Branxholme Rural Fire Brigade		5578 6346
Hook Line & Sinkers Community Centre		5578 6201

## Sporting Clubs

Branxholme Cricket Club		5578 6277
Branxholme Football / Netball Club		0417 361 678
Branxholme Recreation Reserve		0400 887 231

## Community Services

V/Line	Brown Street Stop
	Tickets available onboard

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# Branxholme

Branxholme and surrounding farm lands are situated within Australia's extensive volcano region known as 'Kanawinka'.

## A PROUD HISTORY

The village of Branxholme was originally established at the crossing of the Arrandoovong Creek on the Portland Hamilton track. Like most regions in Australia there were large grassed areas due to the land management of the Gunditjmara Nations use of fires. Major Mitchell passed through the area in 1836 and by the 1850's a large influx of Scottish emigrants recognised the good land formed from the basalt rock and limestone similar to their homeland and thus settled the district. A stroll through the Branxholme cemetery, north of the township, reveals the commemorative headstones of those early settlers. Graves dating back to the 1870's are witness to the lives of these early pioneering families.

Visitors travelling the Henty Highway will be well rewarded with a stopover in Branxholme. The Heritage Park contains a timeline of the town and a pioneers wall with plaques commemorating early settler families of the region. The wall itself is made from basalt blocks carefully collected from the original homesteads in the district. This park also contains an avenue of honour commemorating those who served in WW1.

The nearby Recreation Reserve, home of the Branxholme - Wallacedale Football and Netball Club and the Branxholme Cricket Club, hosts the popular Autumn Rodeo. Free camping is permitted on the surrounds of the arena.

Branxholme is on the Portland railway line, and was a junction station for the branch line to Casterton from 1884 to 1977. The Branxholme Hotel was built in the 1870's to accommodate the rail passengers coming through town. The bar itself is decorated with shearing memorabilia and is a great spot to meet locals.

Today Branxholme is well serviced by a kindergarten and primary school, the Junction Hotel and Stalkers Bend General Store, which also includes the post office and newsagency. Many families from far and wide consider this is the home of the best fish and chips in the region.



*Kurtuk-Kurtuk,  
meaning sisters,  
is the traditional  
place name for  
Branxholme.*



*Power connection  
commenced in the  
1960's marking the  
introduction of the  
television.*