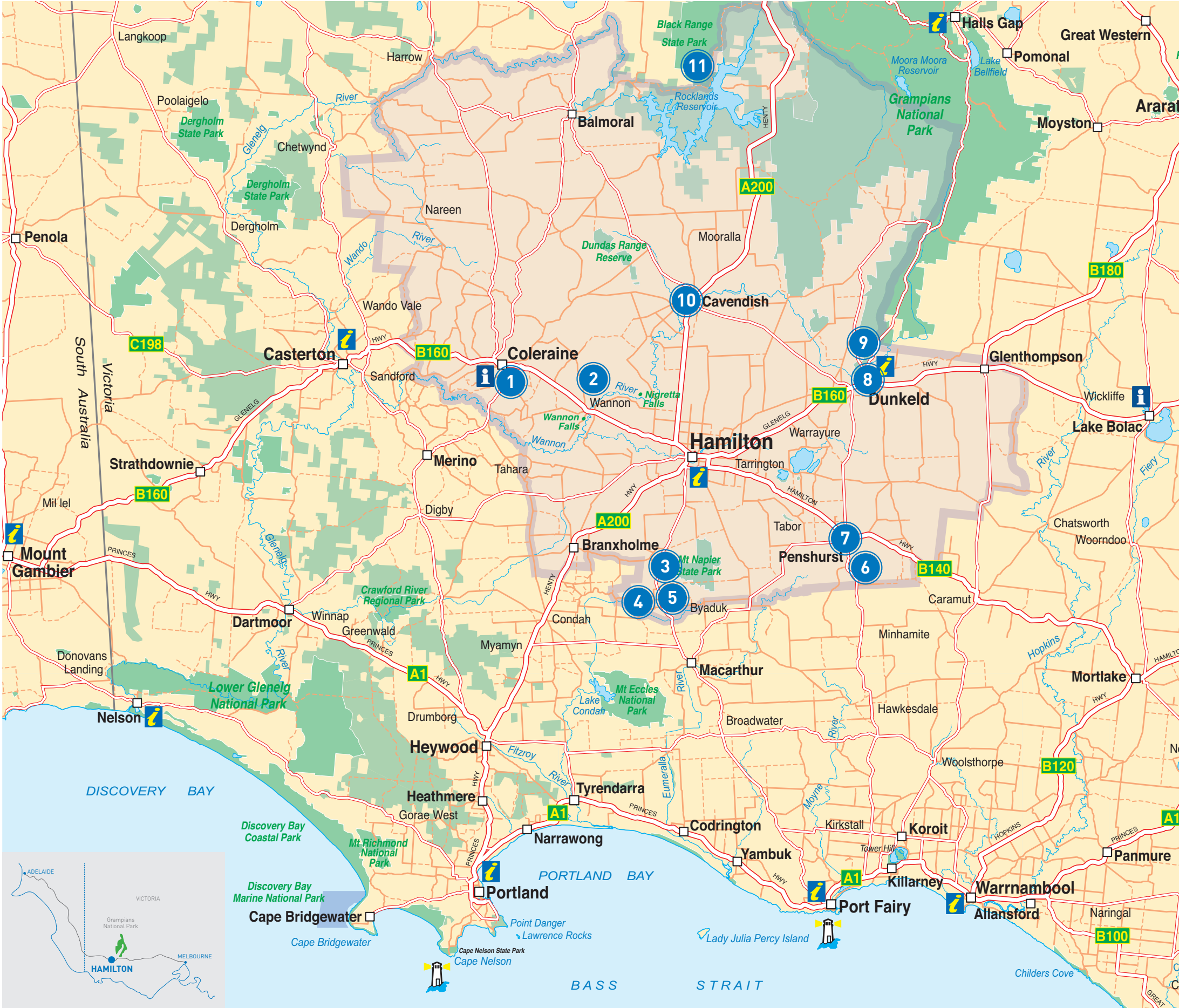


GREATER HAMILTON REGION



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 Arrandooong 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 barbecue 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 barbecue 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 and Mt Abrupt. 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.

Distances (kms)	Hamilton	Coleraine	Dunkeld	Penshurst	Cavendish	Balmoral	G'thompson	Horsham	Halls Gap	Port Fairy	Portland	Ballarat	Geelong	Warrnambool	Melbourne	Mt Gambier	Conswarra	Adelaide
Hamilton		34	32	33	26	65	50	130	96	84	85	180	236	110	295	132	135	499
Coleraine	34		66	64	53	46	84	124	130	117	98	213	267	140	326	97	101	465
Dunkeld	32	66		28	31	70	18	135	64	93	117	147	205	105	261	156	166	519
Penshurst	33	64	28		54	93	47	158	93	64	104	179	203	75	278	154	165	530
Cavendish	26	53	31	54		38	50	104	82	109	110	179	236	130	293	147	154	487
Balmoral	65	46	70	93	38		89	76	96	148	145	217	275	168	332	141	122	449
G'thompson	50	84	18	47	50	89		154	65	111	136	129	186	93	242	174	185	538
Horsham	130	124	135	158	104	76	154		71	213	218	187	277	228	299	261	154	430
Halls Gap	96	130	64	93	82	96	65	71		157	181	137	228	165	249	233	229	522
Port Fairy	84	117	93	64	109	148	111	213	157		75	200	224	29	293	156	216	605
Portland	85	98	117	104	110	145	136	218	181	75		268	297	102	366	118	175	566
Ballarat	180	213	147	179	179	217	129	187	137	200	268		90	174	112	311	314	614
Geelong	236	267	205	203	236	275	186	277	228	224	297	90		198	75	369	368	704
Warrnambool	110	140	105	75	130	168	93	228	165	29	102	174	198		261	185	243	652
Melbourne	295	326	261	278	293	332	242	299	249	293	366	112	75	261		425	428	730
Mt Gambier	132	97	156	154	147	174	261	233	156	118	311	369	185	425				455
Conswarra	135	101	166	165	154	122	185	154	229	216	175	314	368	243	428	61		373
Adelaide	499	465	519	530	487	449	538	430	522	605	566	614	704	652	730	455	373	

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 NIGRETFA 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, Koori history and details of colonial artists who painted in the area.

Nigretta Falls has excellent viewing areas, river walks, free barbecue 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 Caves.



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. MT ROUSE (PENSHURST)

Twenty minutes east of Hamilton, lies the town of Penshurst, home to the extinct volcano Mt 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 Mt Rouse followed shallow, gently sloping river courses, extending at least 60 kilometres south. A thin basalt lava flow contained in the scoria cone has been dated approximately 1.8 million years old. The Mt Rouse summit provides panoramic views of the lava plain and surrounding district.



7. VOLCANOES DISCOVERY CENTRE (PENSHURST)

Situated at the base of Mount Rouse in Penshurst, the Centre interprets how volcanoes are formed, their geology, their history in Western Victoria, a video simulation of Mt Rouse erupting, the interaction of the Koori people with volcanoes, and an educational program aimed at school children. Open Wed-Fri 11am-3pm, Sat-Sun 10am-4pm and school holidays.



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 NATIONAL PARK WALKS

The Grampians National Park offers spectacular walking opportunities only minutes north of Dunkeld. Mt Abrupt (2.5-3hrs) Mt Sturgeon (2.5-3hrs) are ideally suited for the fit and energetic walker, both providing panoramic

views of the surrounding ranges. The Piccaniny (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 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, Mt Eccles, Mt Napier, 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.

MT ECCLES NATIONAL PARK

Situated 45km (1/2 hour) south of Hamilton, Mt Eccles is surrounded by 6120 hectares of national park and boasts Victoria's highest koala population and largest Manna Gum woodland - koala's favourite food. Three main craters at Mt Eccles 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'.

HAMILTON

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 NATIONAL PARK

The picturesque town of Dunkeld lies at the southern tip of the Grampians National Park. There are fantastic walking trails leading to the peaks of Mt Abrupt and Mt Sturgeon 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



HAMILTON AND GRAMPIANS
Lonsdale Street
1800 807 056



DUNKELD AND GRAMPIANS
Glenelg Highway
03 5577 2558



COLERAINE
Pilleau Street
03 5575 2733





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HAMILTON STREET NAMES

Abbott St, G4 Alexandra Pde, F3 Ansett St, G3 Apes Dr, G4 Ballarat Rd, G4/H4/I4/J4 Bayley St, H5 Beauchamp St, C7 Beggins Cr, F2 Bella Vista Pl, H1 Berry Cr, G5 Botanic Ct, F5 Bowman Pl, F4 Bree Rd, F2 Bridge St, G5 Brown St, F4 Burns St, D3 Button Cr, F2 Byron St, E4 Cabernet Ct, H1 Cameron St, G4 Carmichael St, E5 Casuarina Ct, D2 Cemetery Ln, F5 Chamberlain Ct, D2 Charles St, F3 Chatsworth Rd, J4 Chaucer St, F2 Chelsea Pl, G3 Chesley Cr, D3 Clarence St, F2 Clarendon St, G3 Coulson Cr, H4 Coulter Ave, E3 Cox St, F4 Craig St, F5 Crean St, G4 Cross St, G3 Dale St, C5 David St, E1 Dean Cr, B3 Dempster Dr, I3 Dickens St, E3 Digby Rd, D5 Dimwoodie St, F3 Dryden St, E4 Duke Ave, H3 Dunbar Cr, H5 Dundas Cr, Inset Dunn Rd, E7 Eddy St, G4	Elijah St, B5 Elizabeth St, C3 Elmore St, E2 Elva Ave, G2 Eldradour Vw, H4 Eversley St, E4 Fairway Cr, H5 Fenton St, G3 Fitzpatrick Rd, H6 Flinders St, E4 Foster St, F3 Francis St, E3 French St, E5 Fyle St, H1 Garton St, F3 George St, H5 Glenelg Hwy, A1/H4/I4/J4/K4 Goldsmith St, E4 Gordon St, E2 Grace Ave, C2 Grampians Cr, Inset Grosserup Pl, G2 Haig St, F2 Hallam Cr, D3 Hamilton Hwy, J4 Hartill St, E3 Henderson St, C6 Henry Cr, I3 Hensley Park Rd, H2 Hector St, F2 Henderson St, C6 Hewett Cr, H2 High St, E3 Hiller Ln, J3 Holden St, G4 Hornor St, F3 Horwitz St, F3 Hughes St, G4 Hyland St, I3 Janet Ave, H4 Jennings Rd, K2 Jessop St, H3 Jolly St, C4 Jordan St, H6 Katherine Ct, D2 Keena Ave, F2 Kennedy St, E4 Kannernbergs Rd, J7 Kenny St, B3 Kent Manor, D2	Kent Rd, E1 Kerr St, D1 King St, D2 Kitchener St, G2 Kokoda Ave, I3 Kurtz's Rd, K4 Laidlaw St, G6 Lakeside Ct, H4 Law Dr, I2 Lawson St, D3 Leahy Ct, D2 Learnmonth St, F3 Leopold Ave, E2 Leura Ln, H1 Lewis St, A2 Lochberr Ct, Inset Lodge Rd, E6 Lonsdale St, H4 Lord St, I3 Macpherson St, E3 Maddison Vw, B1 Mannett St, G3 Margaret Rd, I6 Market Pl, E4 Martin St, F5 Mason Cr, C2 May St, F1 McArthur St, G2 McDonald Ave, E2 McIntyre St, E5 McLuckies Ln, F4 McMillan St, I3 McPhee St, C3 Michell Cr, B3 Miller Rd, H2 Miller Cr, C3 Millman St, F3 Milton St, E3 Monivae St, D6 Moody Ave, I4 Moore St, D4 Morongo Ave, H4 Mt Baimbridge Rd, D3 Mt Napier Rd, H6 Noite St, F3 Norma Ave, H3 Normanby Pl, H5 North Boundary Rd, B1 Noske Cr, F1 School Cr, E1 Officer St, E4 Palmer St, F6 Park St, F2 Patterson Ave, F1 Paynes Rd, K3 Peck St, B1 Petschells Ln, H7 Pierpoint St, E6 Pioneer St, B5	Pope St, E3 Port Fairy Rd, D7 Portland Rd, D5/D6/ D7/C7 Prince St, G2 Queen St, D3 Quigley St, B3 Rankin Cr, H3 Roberts St, G2 Robson's Rd, Inset Roscoe Ave, H4 Roundtree St, G3 Rasmussen Ave, H3 Redgum Cr, I6 Rifle Rd, H7 Riley St, G3 Rippon Rd, H3 Roberts St, G2 Robson's Rd, Inset Roscoe Ave, H4 Roundtree St, G3 Scone's St, E4 Sedgewick St, G4 Shakespeare St, E2 Shanahan Cr, I4 Shilcock St, H3 Skene St, E5 Smith St, D4 Sobey's Rd, C1 Sth Boundary Rd, D7 St James, G2 Station St, G4 Steel Rd, G6 Stephen St, E3 Stewart St, D3 Strachan St, I3 Tantallon Ave, H5 Tatlock St, I4 Tennyson St, D4 Terrell Dr, E4 Thomas Cr, H4 Thompson St, F4 Tulloch Cr, B3 Tyres St, F3 Uren Cr, D3 Walls Cr, E3 Victoria St, F2 Wade St, I2 Walls Crs, C3 Wedge St, D6 Wells Cr, E2 West Boundary Rd, A2 Westcott St, F5 White Ave, H5 William Cr, E2 Windsor Dr, G2 Woodbridge St, H5 Woodward Cr, C1 Wright St, E2 W Schultz Rd, K5 Young St, B3
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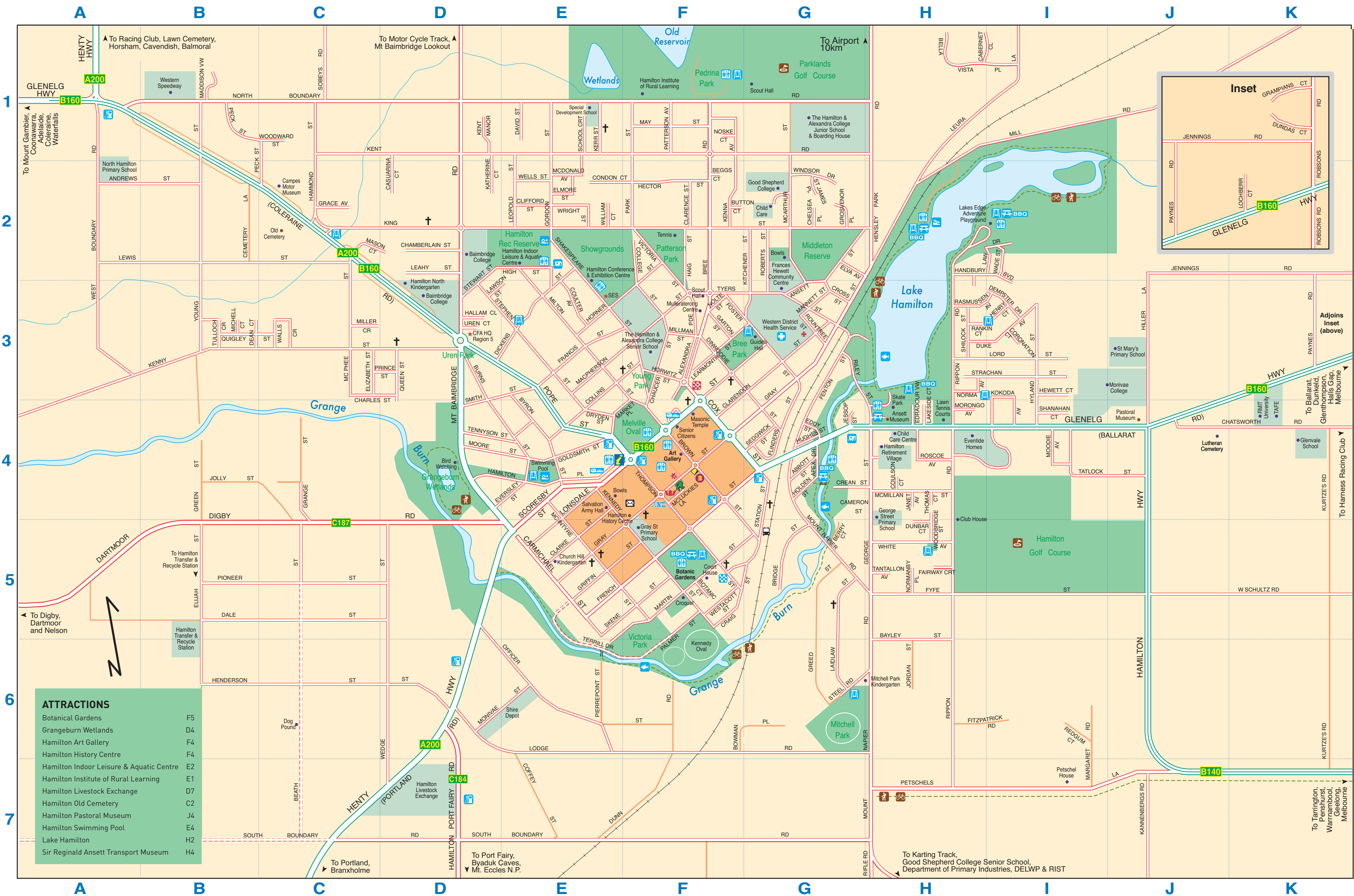
Ansett Museum (Riley St), H4
Back of IGA (Lonsdale St), F4
Botanical Gardens (Thompson St), F5
Visitor Information Centre (Lonsdale St), E4
The Hub (Brown St), F4
Performing Arts Centre (Brown St), F4
Lake Hamilton Beach (Rippon Rd), I2
Lake Hamilton Boat Ramp (Mill Rd), H2
HILAC (Shakespeare St), E2

 Accessible parking bays for cars displaying a disabled persons parking permit are located in the following areas;

Gray St, F4 (3 Bays)
Thompson St, F4 (2 Bays)
Brown St, F4 (2 Bays)
McLuckies Lane, F4 (3 Bays)
Coles Car Park, F4 (4 Bays)
ALDI Supermarket, F4 (2 Bays)
IGA Car Park F4, (4 Bays)
Hamilton Central, F3 (3 Bays)
HILAC, Shakespeare St, E2 (2 Bays)
Hospital, Foster St, G3 (2 Bays)
Target Car Park, F3 (3 Bays)
Visitor Information Centre, Hamilton Place, E4 (1 Bay)

KEY OF SYMBOLS

 Accredited Information Centre	 Boat Ramp	 Walking Tracks
 Information Outlet	 Fishing	 Bicycle Track
 Toilets	 Police	 Place of Interest
 Disabled Facilities	 Hospital	 Bank Logos
 Picnic Table	 Ambulance	 ANZ
 Playground	 CFA	 Post Office
 Barbeque	 Fire Station	
 Parking	 Church	
 Long Vehicle Parking	 V/Line Bus Stop	
 Disabled Parking	 B Highway Route Shield	
 Caravan Park	 C Highway Route Shield	
 Petrol	 Destination Arrow	
 Swimming	 Golf Course	



HAMILTON GALLERY (Map Ref F4)
A local treasure for over 50 years, Hamilton Gallery is renowned for its outstanding historic and contemporary collections of fine and decorative arts. Many of the gallery's treasures once decorated the region's gracious homesteads. Open Mon - Fri 10am to 5pm, Sat - Sun 10am to 2pm.



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 days.



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 PLAYGROUND (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 run wild!



SIR REGINALD ANSETT TRANSPORT MUSEUM (Map Ref H4)
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 - 4pm.



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 contact 5551 4300.



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.



For more information contact the Hamilton and Grampians Visitor Information Centre 1800 807 056

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