WELCOME TO OUR SHIRE

Welcome to the spectacular Southern Grampians, a landscape dominated by the Grampians mountain range, ancient volcanoes, tranquil rivers and waterfalls. The undulating pastoral land dotted with majestic red gums provides the ideal setting for you to explore this unique region.

Hitting the open road with a caravan or heading off on a camping or fishing trip are perennial favourites for visitors to our region. With the Southern Grampians compact size, accessibility, and excellent road network, a diverse range of camping opportunities is offered at over 20 locations. Many visitors return again and again for the personal, friendly and secure atmosphere that is offered. First-time campers meet new friends whilst others return to catch up with old friends each year.

The Southern Grampians is ideally located between Melbourne and Adelaide and is well serviced by major highways and daily coach services.

With many activities on offer including, bush walking, cultural heritage, fishing, gem fossicking, pastoral heritage, scenic drives, wineries, art galleries, bird watching and 4WD options, you are sure to find what you’re looking for.

WELCOME TO OUR TOWNS

Hamilton
Sited 295km NW Melbourne, 505km E Adelaide, Hamilton, the retail and service centre of the Southern Grampians is situated on the intersection of 3 major highways and is serviced daily by VL-Link coaches.

Hamilton has major chain stores and many boutique stores offering visitors an enjoyable shopping experience with all you need to make the most of your caravanning or camping experience. Activities include fishing, boating, sailing, rowing, water-skiing, lakes & waterfalls, indoor leisure & aquatic centre, galleries, gardens, golf (2 courses), tennis, bowls, croquet and horse racing.

Tarrington
Sited 6km SE Hamilton.

Located only 6km from Hamilton, Tarrington is a small village renowned for its German heritage, fire and timber restaurant/cafe. Offering picnic facilities, wineries, walks, weekend antiques and bike riding.

Balmoral
Sited 65km NW Hamilton. Ideally located within a few minutes of Rocklands Reservoir, Balmoral is surrounded by State forests and the nearby Black Range State Park. There is a caravan park and activities include camping, fishing, boating, bush walking, golf and tennis.

Rocklands Reservoir
Rocklands Reservoir is renowned as the best redfish fishing in Victoria with trout also in good supply. Boat ramps are located at various points around the reservoir as well as camping, barbecues and picnic facilities, provision for caravan and bus walking trails.

Cavendish
Sited 276km SW Hamilton.

Cavendish offers ideal camping amongst giant red gums along the Wannon River. Activities include fishing, tennis, National Trust walks, picnic facilities and gem fossicking. The picturesque ‘Settlers Walk’ brings the past to life.

Coleraine
Sited 34km NW Hamilton.

Historic township featuring specialist chocolate factory, eatery and ‘art’ gallery, historic railway station/visitor information centre and a caravan park. Activities include fishing, golf, swimming, tennis, horse racing, bowls and croquet.

Dunkeld
Sited 33km E Hamilton.

A beautiful destination from which you can explore the stunning Grampians National Park. Dunkeld has an extensive range of accommodation including a caravan park. Activities include fishing, bush walking, golf, bowls, horse racing, swimming, tennis, picnics facilities and bike riding.

Glenthomson
Sited 5km E Hamilton.

Agricultural and pastoral community, the home to St Peter’s Anglican Church and Mounts Hill Windfarm. Swimming, tennis and amenities, facilities are all available.

Penshurst
Sited 33km SE Hamilton.

Penshurst, the village at the foot of Mt Rosse, is steeped in volcanic history, associated with the Volcanoes Discovery Centre. The caravan park is located near the Wetland Gardens and activities include swimming, horse racing, tennis, historic town walks, picnics and tennis facilities.

Brannxholme
Sited 25km SW Hamilton.

Brannxholme is an agricultural community situated on the Henty Highway providing picturesque picnic facilities, skiing, swimming and tennis.

Byaduk
Sited 25km S Hamilton.

The site of Australia’s most recent volcanic eruptions some 8000 years ago. Byaduk features include the Byaduk Caves, Talam and Hamilton’s Valley. All are easily accessible.

Fishing

> Konongwootong Reservoir
  > Redfin, Brown Trout, Lake Macquarie
  > Glenelg River, Balmoral - Redfin, Carp
  > Lake Hamilton - Redfin, Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout
  > Old Reservoir, Hamilton - Brown Trout
  > Rocklands Reservoir - Redfin, Brown Trout, Yabbies
  > Wannon, Cavendish - Redfin, Brown Trout
  > Wannon, Negretta Falls - Redfin, Rainbow & Brown Trout

For a full list of Angling Clubs across the region please contact the Hamilton and Grampians Visitor Information Centre on 1800 807 056.

Fishing Licence

Any person aged between 18 and 70 is required to hold a recreational fishing licence (RFL). A fishing licence can be purchased online or from one of our local recreational fishing license outlets:

> Balmoral General Store, Balmoral
> Bridge Cafe, Scott St, Cavendish
> Dunkeld General Store, Parker St, Dunkeld
> Robertson’s Sportscene, Grey St, Hamilton
> Quinn’s Sportspower, Gray St, Hamilton
> Peninsula Service Station, Cox St, Hamilton
> Balmoral Caravan Park, Glendinning St, Balmoral
> McDonald Rural Services, Whyte St, Coleraine
> Bridge Cafe, Scott St, Cavendish
> McDonald Rural Services, Glendinning St, Balmoral
> Kelly & Hannon Mitre10, Parker St, Dunkeld
> Wannon, Negretta Falls - Redfin, Rainbow & Brown Trout

It is your responsibility to hold a current RFL when fishing in Victoria. Your RFL may not be loaned or transferred to another person.

Fuel

> Balmoral General Store, Balmoral
> Bridge Cafe, Scott St, Cavendish
> United Petrol, Cox St, Hamilton

Bike Riding

> Channel 40 - Used by highway vehicles and trucks. (Duplex use). Each repeater needs a pair of channels to work.
> Channel 1 - Repeaters (these can also be referred to by courtesy agreement).
> Channel 22 & 23 - lest signalling and telemetry channels only. No voice is allowed. (Allocated by law)
> Channel 40 - Used by highway vehicles and trucks. (Duplex use).
> Channel 15 & 18 - Used by caravans and campers. By courteous agreement.
> Channel 10 - Used for 4x4 drivers. (By courtesy agreement)
> Channel 5 - Used for emergency repeaters. (Allocated by law)

Boating

> United Petroleum, Whyte St, Coleraine
> Mobil 24hr Self Service, Bell St, Penshurst
> Mobil 24hr Self Service, Coleraine Rd, Balmoral
> United Petroleum, Parker St, Dunkeld
> BP, Cnr French & Cox St, Hamilton
> Kelly & Henson Mitre10, Parker St, Dunkeld
> Kelly’s Merchandise, Bell St, Penshurst

Motorbikes

Riding your motorbike through the forest is a popular pursuit and there are many areas of State Forest where riders can enjoy Victoria’s great outdoors. Roads open to the public in Victorian National Parks and reserves are also available for use by motorbikes. Riders must be fully insured and the bike roadworthy and registered. For more details contact the Hamilton and Grampians Visitor Information Centre on 1800 807 056.

Gas Bottle Supply

> Balmoral Caravan Park, Glendinning St, Balmoral
> United Petroleum, Park St, Dunkeld
> United Petroleum, Park St, Dunkeld
> BP, Cnr French & Cox St, Hamilton
> BP, Donaldson St, Hamilton
> BP, 6D Portland Rd, Hamilton
> Cottee, Ford Tray Rd, Hamilton
> Safety Petrol Plus, French St, Hamilton
> Shell Service Station, Thompson St, Hamilton
> United Petroleum, Cox St, Hamilton
> Mobil 24hr Self Service, Bell St, Penshurst

Gemm Fossicking

Claude Austin State Forest - Hallam’s Rd (North of Cavendish)

A Fossicking Licence can be purchased from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning. Phone 13 61 86. Fossicking is not permitted in the Grampians National Park or Black Range State Park.

UHF Channel Guide

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Boating Licence

It is important that all operators, whether recreational or commercial, hold the appropriate qualification for the activity they are undertaking on Victoria’s waterways. To make a booking for a licence test, contact VicRoads on 13 11 71.

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Camping Options

There are many camping options in a variety of settings to suit all campers. The Grampians National Park camp sites listed in this brochure include those in the Southern Grampians

Camping fees apply for most sites throughout the Grampians National Park, Mt Eccles National Park and the Campground on the West Reservoir. Free camping is available at Warrnambool. For further information about camping in the Greater Hamilton region please contact the Hamilton & Grampians Visitor Information Centre on 1800 807 056.

Road Reserves

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Key

- Camp Point
- Swimming Pool
- BBQ
- Picnic Tables
- Camp Fire
- Boat Ramp
- Caravan Access
- Laundry Facilities
- Pet Allowed and more

Rocklands Reservoir

- Rocklands Reservoir is one of Victoria’s most popular fishing and camping locations, situated by a state park.

Emergency Numbers

- Police, Fire, Ambulance: 000
- State Emergency Service (Hamilton): 13 5571 1157
- Hamilton Base Hospital: 03 5572 3855
- Hamilton District Health Service: 03 5573 8000
- RAY Emergency Road Service: 13 111

“Be Safe, Be Prepared”

- Carry plenty of water. Drinking water is not always provided.
- Don’t leave campfires unattended and always extinguish with water.
- If you are planning to go bush walking check weather and fire restrictions. Details are available by calling the Victorian Emergency Information line on 1800 22 6677. Be aware of Total Fire Ban days in your responsibility.
- Total Fire Ban days mean that no fire can be lit in the outdoors. This includes gas barbeques and portable camping stove.

Grampians National Park – There are over 400 kilometres of unsealed roads to explore the rugged mountain ranges and spectacular wildflower displays.

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