

## Itinerary - Silo Mural Art Trail - 31 Aug to 08 Sep 2026

### Mon, 31 Aug

**Pick-up** - Port Macquarie, Lakewood, Taree, Hallidays Point, Tuncurry, Forster, Pacific Palms, Bulahdelah, Nerong, Hawkes Nest, Tea Gardens, Port Stephens, Newcastle, Central Coast, Sydney

05.00pm – Arrive Gundagai Motel, Gundagai

06.30pm – Dinner Provided

### Tues, 01 Sep

from 07.00am – Breakfast Provided

08.30am – Depart Gundagai

11.15am – Arrive **Glenrowan** (lunch at own leisure)

***Kellyland** - Be sure to soak up as much Ned Kelly lore as you can while you're at the site of the famous Kelly Gang's last stand.*

*See the six-metre-high Ned Kelly statue 'guarding' the village. Witness Kellyland's animated theatrical portrayal of the last stand, and grab a map from the visitor information centre or take a stroll along the Siege Site Walk to explore several notable sites.*

01:00pm - Depart Glenrowan

02:45pm - Arrive Ampol Foodary Tallarook (Rest Stop)

03:15pm - Depart Tallarook via M8

05.45pm – Arrive Sovereign Hill Hotel, **Ballarat**

07.00pm – Dinner Provided

### Wed, 02 Sep

from 07.00am – Breakfast Provided

09.00am – Depart Sovereign Hill Hotel

### **Ballarat Town Tour** with Local Historian

*Ballarat is Victoria's third largest city, located just over an hour by road or rail west of Melbourne.*

*Ballarat has enjoyed a rich and prosperous heritage thanks to the Gold Rush which began in 1851. News that the Ballarat region was home to the richest alluvial goldfield in the world resulted in a population explosion as people came from all over the world seeking fortune. By 1855, Ballarat had grown to a city with a population of 100,000 people. Impressive public and private buildings sprung up which were financed from the wealth generated by the diggings.*

*These days, long after the gold has run out, the city retains much of its rich gold heritage in the form of opulent buildings, fountains, and tourist attractions which celebrate the city's history. Notable buildings include Ballarat's Town Hall (built between 1870 and 1872), Her Majesty's Theatre (1875) and Craig's Hotel which was built in several stages between 1853 and 1891.*

11.45am – Arrive **Ballarat Sovereign Hill** - lunch & explore at own leisure Mark

***Sovereign Hill** is a living museum presenting the story of Ballarat as a gold rush boomtown. Gold was discovered here in 1851, triggering the greatest alluvial gold rush the world has ever known.*

*But this isn't the history lesson you got at school. Sovereign Hill puts you at the heart of the action.*

*Explore underground on a mine tour, cosplay as a gold rush character inside their 1850s photography studio, pan for gold on the diggings, hop onto a coach ride, see live rare trades demonstrations, try the iconic Raspberry Drops handcrafted only at Sovereign Hill, browse the shops, and meet some colourful costumed characters.*

05.30pm – Sovereign Hill Hotel - Dinner Provided **Ballarat**

06.45pm – Sovereign Hill **"Aura"**

AURA is an immersive 90-minute theatre experience using amazing projection technology, that follows gold from its creation through to its colonial discovery, right up until the current day.

Explore Space, Delve into the Dreamtime and re-live Australia's most important rebellion all while travelling under the night sky. Aura is the story of how gold revolutionised Australia. Brought to you by Sovereign Hill

**Thurs, 03 Sep**

from 07.00am – Breakfast Provided

09.00am – Depart Ballarat Sovereign Hill Hotel

09.30am – Arrive **Creswick Woollen Mill Tour** - Morning Tea Provided

*Step inside the historic Creswick Wool Mill and uncover the fascinating story of one of Australia's most iconic wool producers. Your guided tour takes you on a one-hour journey through the mill, where expert hosts share insights into the wool-making process, from shearing sheep to crafting quality woollen products. Along the way, explore interactive heritage displays and discover how Creswick has upheld its commitment to quality, sustainability, and tradition for generations.*

*The highlight of the tour starts outside, where you get to meet the stars of the show, the alpacas and sheep that are at the heart of the industry. Learn about their care and enjoy up-close encounters that connect you directly to the source of this craft. With tea and coffee available, special retail offers, and plenty of time to browse the on-site shop, this guided experience offers something for everyone.*

11.15am – Depart Creswick

12.45pm – Arrive Bendigo National Hotel - Lunch Provided

01:45pm - Depart Bendigo National Hotel - Walk Across the Road

01.50pm – Arrive **Bendigo Talking Tram Tour**

*Whether you're in Bendigo for a few days or just have an hour to spare, a Vintage Talking Tram Tour is the quickest way to get your bearings, learn about Bendigo's history and see the city's key landmarks and monuments.*

*Your ticket is valid for one day, allowing you to take your time discovering the city by hopping-on and off the tram to explore the many parks, attractions, shopping and dining facilities that are within walking distance of each tram stop.*

*Your ticket even includes access to Explore the Surface of Central Deborah Gold Mine.*

*You can Hop on & off the Vintage Talking Tram from Bendigo National Hotel / Central Deborah Gold Mine, Alexandra Fountain, the Bendigo Tramways Depot, Lake Weeroona or the Bendigo Joss House Temple.*

05.00pm – Arrive Bendigo National Hotel, **Bendigo**

06.30pm – Dinner Provided

**Fri, 04<sup>th</sup> Sep**

07.00am – Breakfast Provided

09.00am – Depart Bendigo National Hotel

09:45am – Arrive **Eucalyptus Distillery Museum**, Inglewood

*The Eucalyptus Distillery Museum Inglewood offers visitors a glimpse into an industry that dates back to the mid-1800s.*

*The museum is located on the site of a heritage listed Blue Mallee Eucalyptus Oil Distillery on the Calder Highway know as "The Old Jone's Distillery".*

11:45am - Depart Distillery

12:45pm - Arrive Railway Hotel, Boort - Lunch Provided

01:45pm - Arrive **SPANNER Man Sculpture Garden**

*The Spanner Man Sculpture Gardens is a remarkable attraction that reflects the artistic ability of the late John Piccoli. Spanner Man Sculpture Garden is set in 2ha of manicured lawns and gardens with an abundant natural bird life. There are approximately fifty sculptures created from old farm spanners collected across Victoria.*

03.30pm – Depart the Spanner Man

05.00pm – Arrive Bendigo National Hotel, **Bendigo**

06.30pm - Dinner Provided

**Sat, 05<sup>th</sup> Sep**

from 07.00am – Breakfast Provided

08.00pm – Depart Bendigo

10.00am – Arrive **Rupanyup Silo Art** - Morning Tea Provided

*Russian artist Julia Volchkova focused on the town's youth and their love of team sports for her mural in Rupanyup. Julia's work has also transformed little-known areas in George Town and Balik Pulau in Penang.*

10.30pm – Depart Rupanyup

11.00pm – Arrive **GrainCorp Sheep Hills Silo Art**

Melbourne-based artist Adnate is well known for his portraits of indigenous people and their native lands. At his mural in Sheep Hills he has depicted local Elders, Uncle Ron Marks and Aunty Regina Hood, alongside two young children to signify the important exchange of wisdom, knowledge and customs from Elders to the next generation.

11.30pm – Depart Sheep Hills

11.50pm – Arrive **The Creekside Hotel, Warracknabeal** - Lunch Provided, Jason

01.00pm – Depart Warracknabeal

01.15pm – Arrive **GrainCorp Brim Silo Art**

*Guido van Helten's mural in Brim was the first silo artwork to appear in Victoria and its international success inspired the establishment of the Silo Art Trail. The mural depicts an anonymous, multi-generational quartet of farmers and represents the strength and resilience of the local farming community.*

01.45pm – Depart Brim Lake Tyrell

02.40pm – Arrive **Rosebery Silo Art**

*The only female artist on the trail, Kaff-eine spent some time assisting Rone with his mural in Lascelles before completing her own in Rosebery in late 2017. Kaff-eine's artwork depicts the region's past, present and future and portrays a young female sheep farmer and a horseman enjoying a quiet moment.*

03.10pm – Depart Rosebery

04.00pm – Arrive **Patchewollock Silo Art**

*Brisbane artist Fintan Magee met the muse for his mural at the local pub. Local (lanky) sheep and grain farmer, Nick "Noodle" Hulland, had the exact spirit (and build!) Magee wanted to portray on the narrow GrainCorp Silos.*

04.30pm – Depart Patchewollock

05.20pm – Arrive **Lake Tyrell (Sea Lake), Sunset Viewing Platform**

*The Sunset Viewing Platform at Lake Tyrell, near Sea Lake, Victoria, offers stunning views of sunsets, sunrises, and the vast Salt Lake, featuring the Sky Lounge with tiered seating, a boardwalk, walking paths, and interpretive signs for stargazing and photography, especially when water creates mirror-like reflections or the salt pans turn pink. Visitors can access it via an upper car park, walking a short distance along boardwalks and tracks to experience the unique landscape, which is Victoria's largest Salt Lake.*

06.05pm – Depart Lake Tyrell

06.30pm - Arrive Royal Hotel, Sea Lake - Dinner Provided

07.30pm – Depart Royal Hotel, Sea Lake

08.30pm - Arrive Swan Hill Motel, **Swan Hill**

**Sun, 06<sup>th</sup> Sep**

from 07:30am - Breakfast Provided

09:30am - Depart Swan Hill Motel

09:45am - Arrive **PS Pyap Murray River Cruise**, Swan Hill

*Step aboard the historic PS Pyap for a relaxing one-hour cruise along the Mighty Murray River. As you glide upriver, you will pass scenic landmarks like the Riverside Caravan Park, Murray Downs Marina, and the historic Murray Downs Homestead. It is a perfect way to soak in the history and beauty of the Swan Hill region!*

*Enjoy light snacks and refreshing beverages available for purchase on board, making your cruise even more enjoyable as you take in the sights and sounds of the Murray River.*

11:45am - Depart Swan Hill

01.15pm – Arrive **Waring Gardens Deniliquin** - Lunch Provided

*Located on Cressy Street in the heart of Deniliquin, Waring Gardens is a beloved green space offering something for everyone. Whether you're feeding the ducks by the lagoon, relaxing under the shade of a giant Moreton Bay fig, or watching the kids enjoy the enclosed playground, it's the perfect spot for a peaceful picnic.*

*Directly opposite one of Deni's best shopping strips, the gardens are both a scenic retreat and a cultural landmark. The site features the cenotaph and Vietnam Veterans memorial, honouring local service members' contributions.*

*Established in 1888 and named after Deniliquin's first Town Clerk, John Waring, the gardens began as a botanic testing ground for trees and shrubs suited to the local climate. Historic features like the band rotunda and creeper-covered fountain rotunda (erected in 1891) add to the charm.*

*A footbridge enhances the scenic lagoon system that weaves through the town centre, and on the corner of Edwardes & Cressy Streets, you'll find the Three Muses—marble sculptures representing Art, Science, and Literature, originally crafted in Italy and restored in 1997.*

02.15pm – Depart Deniliquin

05.15pm – Arrive Mercure **Wagga Wagga**

06.30pm – Dinner Provided

### **Mon, 07<sup>th</sup> Sep**

from 07.00am – Breakfast Provided

09.00am – Depart Wagga

09.15am – Arrive **Riverina Oils & Bio Energy Pty Ltd Tour**

*We crush and refine over 200,000 tonnes of oilseeds per year through a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility, sourcing raw materials from local farms, in order to produce world-class oils and vegetable protein meals. Riverina Oils & Bio Energy Pty Ltd (ROBE) has custom built a state-of-the-art integrated oilseed crushing and refining plant, making the project one of the largest value-added investments in the Agri-Food processing sector in regional Australia in the last 5 years*

10.30am – Depart Riverina Oils

11.00pm – Arrive **Junee Chocolate Factory** - Tour & Tasting - Lunch at Own leisure

*The Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory is located in the old flour mill of Junee, New South Wales.*

*Open seven days, take a guided tour and witness the creation of organic licorice and chocolate products under the brand Green Grove Organics. For the more creativity souls, why not make your own giant chocolate freckle.*

*Indulge in the licensed Millroom Restaurant for breakfast or lunch, and you can't go past trying their hot chocolates made with real melted Belgium styled chocolate!*

01.00pm – Depart Junee Liquorice and Chocolate Factory

04.00pm – Arrive Mercure, Goulburn

06.30pm – Dinner

### **Tues, 8th Sep**

from 07.00am – Breakfast

08.30am – Depart Mercure Goulburn

11.30pm – Arrive Twin Servos - Lunch at Own Leisure

12.30am – Depart Twin Servos

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