## Silo Art





**Devenish** by Cam Scale

**Picola** by Jimmy D'Vate



Goorambat by Jimmy D'Vate



Katamatite by Tim Bowtell



**St James** 

by Tim Bowtell

**Tungamah** by Sobrane Simcock

## Other must see sculptures and murals to visit whilst in region:





Numurkah

Yarrawonga





Ulupna



Dookie

Cobram Barooga

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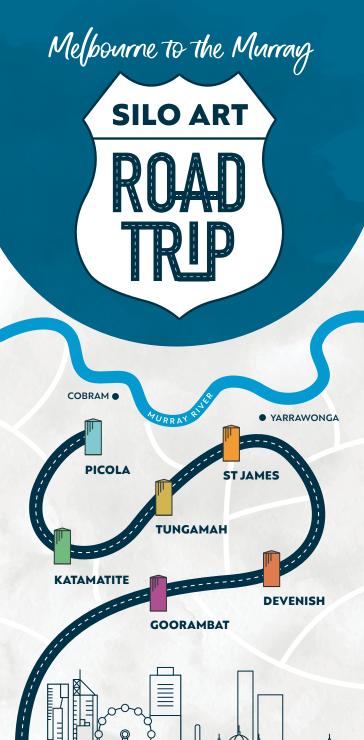
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## Countryside charm and silo art: the perfect road trip

Ever since silo art surfaced in 2015, it has revitalised rural and regional towns throughout Australia, turning them into canvases for grand public art.

We're proud to present our Silo Art Trail that highlights the spirited ethos of our local communities. The Melbourne to the Murray silo art road trip is not only a favoured driving route but also one of the most accessible, inviting you to leisurely explore our heritage-rich small towns and breathtaking natural landscapes.

We recommend dedicating an entire day or two to explore our curated collection of six silo artworks. Take time to pause for meals and rest, wander through the towns you pass, engage with the locals, absorb the history, and bask in the fresh air.

This guide outlines the route starting from the north in Picola, but feel free to begin from the south in Goorambat, or anywhere along the route if you're planning a loop. Your adventure, your way!

Welcome to the Sun Country on the Murray region – home to the best beaches on the Murray.



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"Our home town of Melbourne is known for its vibrant art scene, but you can get your dose of it in Regional Victoria too... A perfect way to spend the day. There are some epic landscapes as you drive along the trail which starts from Benalla, about 200kms north of Melbourne"

## **Places to stay**



# Barmah

Award winning pub, caravan parks and camping with nature on the banks of the mighty Murray River at the entryway to Barmah National Park, which forms part of the world's largest stand of river red gums. There is a general store and pub to stock up on supplies.

## Cobram

Ideal for families and golfers with a range of accommodation options including caravan parks, motels, club and resort facilities. Cobram boasts the 12th best beach in Australia (Thompson's Beach).

### Nathalia

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A quaint town with quiet and comfortable caravan park and motels. You can enjoy country hospitality at its finest. Be sure to drop in for a coffee at the local cafes, enjoy the historic buildings and take a walk along the Broken Creek.

# Numurkah

Your quintessential country town, with a main street, 3 pubs all offering a great feed, creekside caravan park and a range of motel and private rental options.

# Strathmerton / Ulupna

An emerging section of the region, Strathmerton is on the Murray Valley Highway and is home to the award winning tourist attraction Cactus Country. Strathy, as the locals call it, also has a motel, cafe and pub and is frequently used as an access point to the river beaches along the Murray River for camping and fishing.

## Tungamah 🛞 👖 🔂 🚯 📾 🛈

The most popular Free RV Camp in the region is located at Tungamah. Walking distance to the pub, general store, silo art and post office. Tungamah can fill quickly, so set up camp early on peak days. The hotel offers meals 7 days a week and also has accommodation upstairs for the travellers.

# Yarrawonga

Premium boutique accommodation, waterfront rentals, large gaming clubs and golf resorts are situated around Lake Mulwala. You will find boutique shopping, hairdressers and health and beauty shops. If you are seeking a premium destination head for Yarrawonga.



## **PICOLA**

#### **Interesting fact**

Jimmy has painted a wayward fishing hook into this picture as a reference back to the past. Picola was nicknamed 'The Hook' in the early days of the railways coming to town because it was 'on the end of the line'. See if you can find it.

#### Things to do

- Learn about the history at the Picola Heritage Park.
- Enjoy a meal and a drink at the Picola Hotel/Café.
- · Learn more about the Barmah National Park (part of the world's largest stand of River Red Gum) at the Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre in Nathalia and, subject to accessibility, venture out into the park and experience the flora and fauna depicted on the silo firsthand.



### KATAMATITE

#### **Interesting fact**

Tim took 32 days to complete the silos and an extra day to do the wildflowers on the concrete block in front of them; The silos are so tall in the centre that the boom lift wouldn't reach the top.

#### Things to do

- Murals on the toilet at C.R. Wood Park building by artist Tank.
- Eagle sculpture by Andrew Whitehead.
- Wooden tree and wildlife sculpture by Rob Bast, Boosey Creek mural by Baden Johnson and recently installed Boosey Bunyip story boards at the Lions Park on the Boosey Creek.



### UNGAMAH

#### **Interesting fact**

This was the first silo to be painted in North East Victoria. Sobrane, who is the first Australian female silo artist, used 60 litres of paint and 142 spray cans. The entire project took just 8 days.

#### Things to do

- If you're travelling in a self-contained recreational vehicle (RV), you should stay at the creek side RV overnight parking site.
- Visit the historic Tungamah Hotel and explore the Tungamah Heritage Trail.
- Explore the murals around town and on the wall of the Visitor Information Point in town.
- · Enjoy coffee and takeaway on select days from Tungamah General Store.



## **ST JAMES**

#### **Interesting fact**

Look hard on the first silo and you will find the face of artist Tim Bowtell driving the horses beside the load of wheat.

#### Things to do

- · Check out the Historic Jail near the public toilets. Look closely at the walls and see the etchings of past prisoners.
- Discover the remnants of the old Coles Shop, where there is more information.
- Birdwatching at Moodie Swamp Wildlife Reserve.

TOCUMWAL



## **DEVENISH**

#### **Interesting fact**

It was decided early in the piece to go for a Military theme, telling a story about our service men and women who left the district to head off to WWI. With two days to go before opening (Anzac Day) we decided we wanted poppies painted on the silos, racing over to Shepparton to get paint. They were possibly still wet during the service.

#### Things to do

- Visit the Vivian Bullwinkle memorial located at the silos and the memorial to Sally the explosive detection dog.
- Enjoy a meal and drink at the Pub.
- · See the mural at the public toilets and at the stables (behind pub). Artist: Tim Bowtell.





### GOORAMBAT

#### **Interesting fact**

The Barking Owl is Milli (Millibar) from Healesville Sanctuary. The Clydesdales are Clem, Sam and Banjo, bred in Goorambat by the Trewin family.

#### Things to do

- 'Sophia' of Goorambat inside the Uniting Church by Adnate.
- Rusty the Nankeen Kestrel by Dvate.
- Mural at the toilets by Simon White.
- Enjoy a meal and drink at Goorambat Railway Hotel.

#### **MAP LEGEND**





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BARMAH

Melbourne to the Murray

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