



Accommodation

Avoca Caravan Park

2 Liebig St, **Avoca** 3467
(P) 03 5465 3073
(E) avocacaravanpark@bigpond.com

Dunolly Golden Triangle Motel

1846 Maryborough Rd, **Dunolly**
3472 (P) 03 5468 1166
(E) info@dunollygoldentrianglemotel.com.au

Elizabeth Cottage

127 Broadway, **Dunolly** 3472
(P) 0428 322 208
(E) fiona.lindsay@bigpond.com

Hunt's Folly

29 Elgin St, **Dunolly** 3472
(P) 0402 209 517
(E) huntsfolly@gmail.com
www.huntsfolly.com.au

Newbridge Riverside Stay

36 Lyon St, **Newbridge** 3551
(P) 03 5496 2220
(E) darrylp@chariot.com.au

Rostrata Country House

1240 Dunolly Rheola Rd,
Murphy's Creek via Tarnagulla 3551
(P) 03 5438 7254
www.Rostrata.com.au

Tarnagulla Cottage

85 Commercial Rd, **Tarnagulla** 3551
(P) 03 5438 7554
(E) joanm2@bigpond.com

Camping

Many towns in the Golden Triangle have caravan parks and camping grounds. Additional camping facilities are available for day visitors and campers in Kooyoora State Park, Waanyarra Reserve, Bealiba Reservoir, Tarnagulla Recreation Reserve, Wychitella State Park, Hard Hills Reserve, Wedderburn and Kooyoora Park Retreat. Riverside camping is available at Laanecoorie, Bridgewater on Loddon and Newbridge.



Bealiba



Moliagul

Tarnagulla

Grand Duke Mine, Timor West

Inglewood Town Hall

Places to eat

Bridgewater Roadhouse

Calder Hwy, **Bridgewater** on
Loddon 3516 (P) 03 5437 3042
(E) stephen.harrison@bigpond.com

Dunolly Bakery

97 Broadway, **Dunolly** 3472
(P) 03 5468 1331
www.dunollybakery.com.au

Loddon Bridge Hotel

2 Main St, **Bridgewater on Loddon**
3516 (P) 03 5437 3224
(E) annajack61@hotmail.com

Newbridge General Store

36 Lyon St, **Newbridge** 3551
(P) 03 5496 2220
(E) darrylp@chariot.com.au

Wright on Broadway Cafe

127 Broadway, **Dunolly** 3472
(P) 03 5468 1245
(E) fiona.lindsay@bigpond.com
www.wrightonbroadway.com.au

Victoria Hotel

138 High St, **Avoca** 3467
(P) 03 5465 3362
(E) lizchef@hotmail.com

Wineries

There are many small wineries in the Golden Triangle that produce premium wines. A broad selection of the best local wines can be purchased from Wright on Broadway, 127 Broadway Dunolly 3472.
(P) 03 5468 1245

Arts, activities & collections

Billie Brooke's Homeware & Gifts

19 Main Street, **Bridgewater on Loddon** 3516 (P) 03 5437 541
www.billiebrookes.com.au

Central Goldfields Historic Machinery Society

Vintage machines, tractors & memorabilia (P) 03 5468 1282

Dunolly Books & Collectables

Cnr Broadway & Thompson St,
Dunolly (P) 03 5468 1623

Fusspots at Inglewood

39 Brooke St, **Inglewood** 3517
Secondhand dealer (P) 03 5438 3357
(E) fusspotsatinglewood@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/
FusspotsAtInglewood

Goldfields Historical Society Museum

75 Broadway **Dunolly** 3472
Open Tues, Wed, Sat & Sun:
1.30 – 4.00pm (P) 03 5468 7478



Dunolly Courthouse

Loddon Miniature Steam Locomotive Society

McCoy St, **Eddington** 3472
4th Sunday each month from April to October. To book special train rides, call (03) 5468 7233

Loddon Visitor Information Centre

Wilson St, **Wedderburn** 3518
For local art and produce
(P) 03 5494 3489

Roz's Treasures

63 High St, **Wedderburn** 3518
Gifts & secondhand goods
(P) 03 5494 3232
(E) roz.treasure@gmail.com

Wright on Broadway Gallery

127 Broadway, **Dunolly** 3472
(P) 03 5468 1245
(E) fiona.lindsay@bigpond.com

Unique events

Contact Visitor Information Centres for dates and details

- **Eddington Vintage Sports Cars Quarter Mile Sprints** 4th Saturday in March
- **Minelab Wedderburn Detector Jamboree** in March
- **Rheola Charity Carnival** on Easter Monday
- **Great Golden Triangle Horse Ride at Dunolly** in April
- **Vintage Machinery Rally and Tractor Pull** 1st weekend in October
- **Avoca Petanque Competition** in December

Tours

Self-drive CDs for several towns in the Loddon Shire are available from the Maryborough Visitor Information Centre, Loddon Visitor Information Centre, Wedderburn, the Red Couch Café, Bridgewater, Tarnagulla PO and the Tarnagulla Caravan Park.

Guided walking and bus tours

for Dunolly and the surrounding district can be booked through the Dunolly Town Hall, Courthouse: (P) 0428 322 208 or Goldfields Historical Society Museum: (P) 03 5468 7478.

Book group tours of the Loddon Shire with **Loddon Discovery Tours** (P) 03 5494 1200.

Joy rides over the Tiny Towns of the Golden Triangle can be arranged through the Maryborough Aero Club (P) 03 5460 4514.

Gold detecting tours can be arranged through Coiltek Gold Centre, Maryborough (P) 03 5460 4700.

Markets

Avoca (fourth Sunday)
Bridgewater (second Saturday, Oct-May)
Maryborough At Carisbrook (first Sunday)
Dunolly (second Sunday)
St Arnaud: Uncle Bob's (second Saturday)
Talbot Farmers' (third Sunday)



The Past

Sixteen clans of Jaara people lived in central Victoria at the time of European exploration and scattered pastoral settlement in the 1830s and 40s. Then gold fever hit the region in the 1850s, following early gold discoveries in Clunes and Ballarat, and the population exploded. Eager miners and prospectors from around the world followed the rushes – some stayed and many moved on. The gold rushes of the 1850s and 60s have left a lasting legacy in the Golden Triangle from substantial towns to abandoned mining sites and ghost towns.

The Present

Prospecting continues through the Golden Triangle of Victoria today and attracts visitors to try their luck. The Tiny Towns of the Golden Triangle are surrounded by extensive box and ironbark forests and sweeping agricultural landscapes, interspersed with dozens of vineyards and olive groves.

Motor touring, walking or cycling are great ways to explore the hidden treasures of these tiny towns or to head off the beaten track into the regional parks. Bed and breakfasts, well-appointed caravan parks, farm-stay holidays and even horse-drawn caravans are all bases from which to experience the history and tranquility of the Golden Triangle.

Tiny Towns of the Golden Triangle

Touring Guide



Moliagul

Many Tiny Towns of the Golden Triangle prospered from gold: the area between Dunolly and Wedderburn produced 90% of Australia's largest gold nuggets and the township of Moliagul was home to the biggest nugget ever found – the Welcome Stranger.

The Welcome Stranger was found in 1869 and weighed approximately 69 kilograms. It was soon broken up as no scales in the district could handle the massive 60x90 centimetre nugget. Today the Welcome Stranger would fetch several million dollars.

Towns were laid out and a building boom followed the rushes as grand buildings began to appear along previously tent-lined tracks. The names diggers gave to almost every metre of ground on the goldfields live on to intrigue us today – Nuggetty Gully, Slaughteryard Reef, Peeping Tom's Gully, Needful Reef and Bulldog Reef – while other sites suggest where miners came from, such as Adelaide Flat or California Gully.

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Avoca

Dunolly

Visitor Information Centres

Loddon Visitor Information Centre

(Wedderburn) (P) 03 5494 3489
www.loddon.vic.gov.au
www.inglewood.vic.au

Central Goldfields Visitor Information Centre

(Maryborough) (P) 03 5460 4511
www.visitmaryborough.com.au

Dunolly Visitor Information Centre

(Rural Transaction Centre)
(P) 03 5468 1205

Avoca Visitor Information Centre

(P) 1800 206 622
www.pyreneestourism.com.au
www.avoca.vic.au



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