



As Deniliquin is not often visited by U3A members, many participants in the State Conference may travel through NSW rural towns and may not know of their attractions.

Your Network Committee thought it may be useful to include some information so that your chosen "**Road to Deni**" can be both enjoyable and educational. We look forward to meeting with you in Deniliquin on 18 and 19 April.



Deniliquin. Our destination also known as Deni, the town is located in the South West of NSW on the Edward River, an anabranch of the Murray. More about Deni later.

Yass. Yass Valley is bursting with wonderful experiences. With a proud heritage connection to early rural Australia; a modern and well renowned food and wine scene; a thriving arts and boutique shopping environment; touring around Yass Valley is an experience not to be missed. Exploring the regions beautiful, historical towns and villages, like Gondaroo and Binalong, is sure to captivate everyone. Cooma Cottage, Hamilton Hume's National Trust home should also be visited.

Bowning. Refreshments at the Rollonin in Bowning, a short drive south from Yass just off the Hume Highway, are sure to be appreciated.

Harden/Murrumburrah. Here the Australian Light Horse was formed and the memorial in the main street is worth a visit. "Bill the Bastard", or the bronze statue which commemorates his 1st World War feats is also featured across from the memorial. The recent Silo Art is also prominent.

Wombat. Despite what you are told by the locals, Wombat Eggs are not available in Wombat. The Wombat Hotel, and across the road a huge collectables store, make Wombat a rememberable small village.

Young. Known as the Cherry capital of Australia, Young features The Chinese Tribute Garden and The Lambing Flat Museum, where you experience the history of Young and its surrounds.

Cootamundra. Visit the cottage where Sir Donald Bradman was born in 1908, which has now become a museum containing the batsman's cricket memorabilia. Bradman's Birthplace Museum is full of cricket history.

In Jubilee Park is the Captain's Walk, featuring over 40 bronze sculptures of Australian Test cricket captains and Unaarimim, a famous Aboriginal cricketer in the first Australian cricket team tour of England in 1868.

Agriculture is an important industry. The striking Milestones Sculptures in Parker Street pay tribute to some of Australia's finest wheat grown in the district.

Junee. A railway museum, haunted mansion, heritage streetscapes and a chocolate and licorice factory in an old mill are just some of the delights to discover in Junee, part of the beautiful Riverina. Stir your curiosity and tempt your tastebuds in this pretty country town.

Wagga Wagga. The Riverina's largest centre, is home to many features but the 'must sees' are the Riverina Museum, the Botanical Garden and the National Art Glass Exhibition.

Temora. Nestled in the heart of The Riverina, deep in Wiradjuri Country, Temora is renowned for being home to the nationally significant Temora Aviation Museum and the expansive historical collections of the Bundawarra Centre.

Ardlethan. This a small service town in the Coolamon Shire. Ardlethan is at the intersection of the Burley Griffin Way and Newell Highway. Ardlethan lays claim to be the birthplace of the Australian kelpie and two statues of the kelpie are on display here.

Barellan. In Barellan, where Yvonne Goolagong learned to play tennis, her magnificent tennis ability is commemorated with a "big" tennis racquet.

Leeton. Leeton was designed by noted architect Walter Burley Griffin in the early 20th century as part of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme. When exploring the heritage streetscapes you'll see many beautiful art deco buildings, such as the Roxy Theatre, which began operating as a cinema in 1930.

As one of Australia's richest agricultural areas, Leeton is a great base for exploring outstanding food and wine experiences. Begin with the Tastes of Leeton, a short daily presentation at the Leeton Visitor Information Centre that offers local produce to sample, including citrus and walnuts. Then visit the Leeton Museum for a informative display of Leeton's heritage. Wine lovers can visit cellar doors at Lillypilly Estate Winery and Toorak Winery.

Griffith. Explore world-class wineries, fresh produce and fascinating heritage in Griffith, located in South West Riverina. In Griffith visit the Pioneer Park Museum, where you step back in time as you enter this delightful open-air museum. Home to forty original and recreated buildings, which are furnished with an extensive collection of artefacts to provide a glimpse of what pioneering life was like in the early 1900s. And, of course, you should sample one of the many Italian Restaurants, which reflect Griffith's rich Italian Heritage.

Narrandera. The Memorial Gardens off East Street, Narrandera feature the ceramic Hankinson (Royal Doulton) Fountain, which was presented to the people of Narrandera in

1922 in honour of those who served in the First World War. This is one of two such fountains in the world, with the other one found in the City of Karachi, Pakistan.

Also in Narrandera you may visit The Marie Bashir Park and Tiger Moth Memorial, the Parkside Cottage Museum, and the Flora and Fauna Reserve.

Hay. Hay is home to the Bishop's Lodge, Hay Water Tower Art and the Australia Shearer's Hall of Fame. You can learn about these and the many other attractions in and around Hay by visiting - <http://Aussietowns.com.au/town/hay-nsw>

Perhaps you may like to read Banjo Paterson's "Hell, Hay and Booligal" to reacquaint you with his thoughts about the Hay Plains.

Jerilderie. Heritage walks and a tree-lined streetscape, await visitors to the historic township of Jerilderie. Established in 1859, our town is nestled on the banks of Australia's, and reputedly the world's, longest creek. Billabong Creek winds its way through Jerilderie and 321 kms of quintessentially Australian landscape. Jerilderie is known in history as the childhood home of Australia's greatest military strategist, Sir John Monash. The private home stands beautifully preserved in the main street where you can sense the history, browse shops devoted to vintage wares and collectables.

Explore "The Ned Kelly Raid Trail of 1879". Jerilderie is the only town in NSW featured in the Ned Kelly saga and has more surviving authentic Kelly sites than anywhere else along the Ned Kelly Touring Route. Ned Kelly and his gang captured the town during the raid on Jerilderie in February 1879, when they robbed the local bank of £2,000. Here, Ned gave his Jerilderie Letter to the bank's accountant for publication as well as printing in the Jerilderie Gazette. It outlined Kelly's defence of the Gang's actions at Stringybark Creek, but was not published until after his death.

Deniliquin. Deniliquin is an important rural service town located on the Edward River, an anabranch of the Murray River. The town is particularly attractive as it is built around the river and a series of lagoons, which are surrounded by both parkland and state forest. Consequently, the town's main attractions, apart from its famous Ute Festival, are water based and include an island wildlife sanctuary, fishing, water skiing, canoeing, boating and safe swimming at both the sandy McLean Beach and Willoughby's Beach, which lie within the nearby state forest. Deniliquin is in the heart of an irrigation area which covers 725,000 hectares. The district produces rice, wool, beef, dairy products, wheat, barley, fat lambs, vegetables, fruit and timber.

Your hosts, Deniliquin U3A, are proud of their town and look forward to your attendance at the U3A State Conference in April this year. They will ensure that your time in "Deni" is well spent and most enjoyable.

There are many sources of information 'out there'. Bruce Elder's aussietowns.com.au is a good starting point with recommendations for your visits and edification.