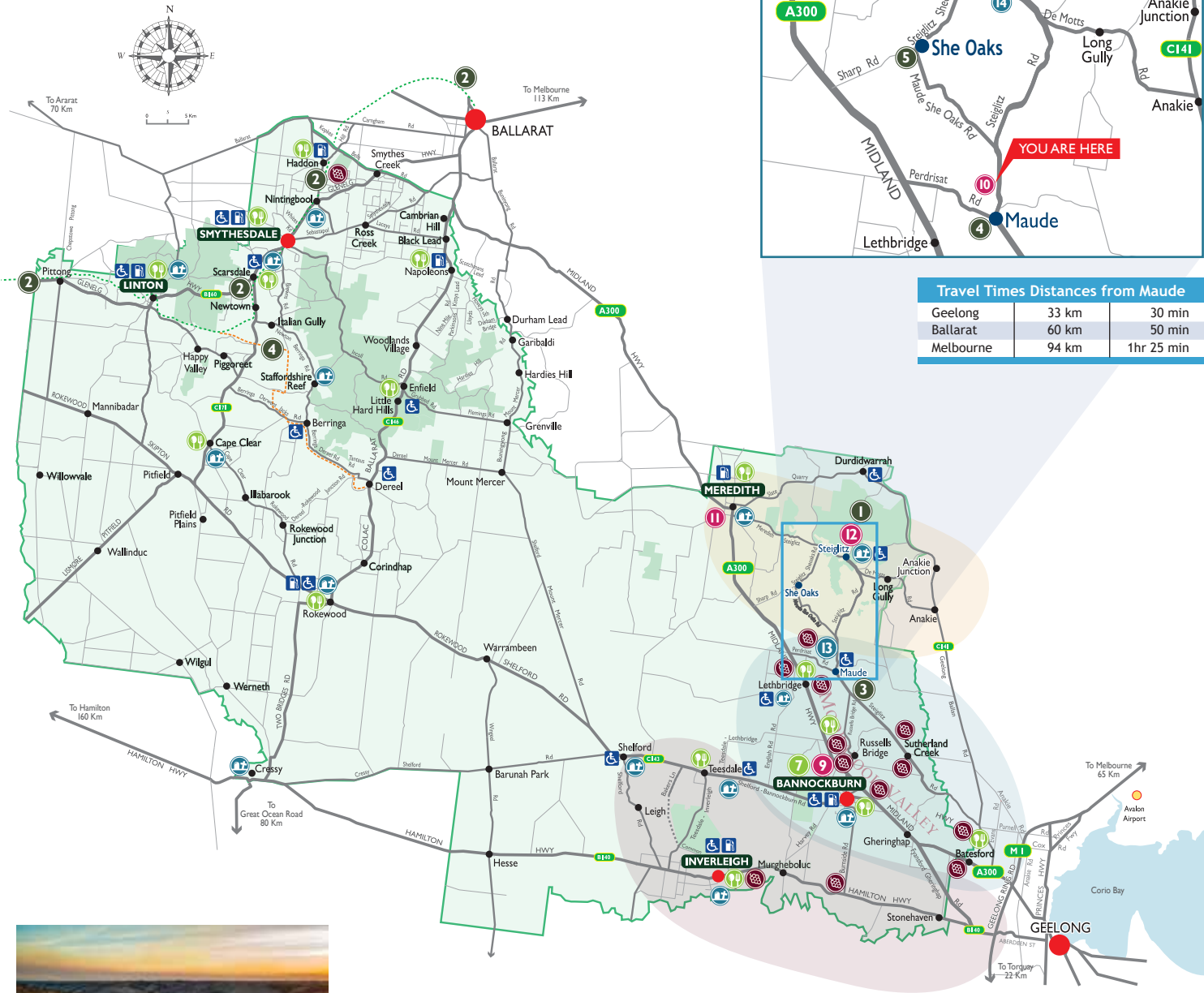


# Visit Golden Plains



## NATURE AND RECREATION

- Brisbane Ranges National Park**  
Set in a low range of mountains, dissected by rocky gullies, the unusual geology of the Brisbane Ranges National Park has preserved plants that have long since vanished from other parts of the region. There are number of options for bushwalking, ranging from short walks to three-day treks. The Park is also popular for picnicking, scenic drives and camping.
- Ballarat - Skipton Rail Trail**  
Walk, cycle or ride a horse along this 53-kilometre trail, and experience nature and history in towns, forests and farmland along the way.
- Moorabool Valley**  
The Moorabool Valley provides opportunities to explore the local flora and fauna of the region (including eagles, kangaroos, echidna and platypus) and offers several attractive picnic spots, including the Moorabool River crossings at Perdrisat Road, Sharps Road and Meredith-Steiglitz Road.
- Maude**  
Visit the Maude Recreation Reserve for a stroll around the reserve and take in great views of the Moorabool Valley from Bunjil's Lookout. Barbecues, picnic facilities and public toilets are available.
- She Oaks**  
The picturesque Steiglitz-She Oaks Road roadside reserve contains a great range of protected, rare and endangered flora. This road is part of the tourism loop linking up with Maude and Steiglitz.
- Steiglitz Historic Park**  
The park contains several interesting walking trails and visitors can also explore the facilities at the Bert Boardman Recreation Reserve. Picnic facilities and public toilets are available at Steiglitz.  
For other opportunities to explore the local flora and fauna, visit parkweb.vic.gov.au

## FOOD AND WINE

- Golden Plains Farmers' Market**  
A vibrant and authentic farmers' market that takes place on the first Saturday of every month, (except January), from 8.30am to 12.30pm in the Bannockburn Heart Precinct, 20 minutes from Geelong. Enjoy farm-fresh, flavoursome and seasonal produce, as well as local artisan stalls.
- Moorabool Valley Taste Trail**  
The Moorabool Valley Taste Trail encompasses the rolling hills and magical valleys of the region north west of Geelong. It's a foodie haven, a gourmet delight and a wine lover's paradise. [mooraboolvalleytastetrail.com.au](http://mooraboolvalleytastetrail.com.au)

## ARTS AND CULTURE

- Golden Plains Community Arts Trail**  
Spread across the Golden Plains Shire, the Community Arts Trail provides a complete art experience. Meet local artists in their studios, and get hands-on with creative activities. Find us on Facebook and Instagram or email: [gpartsinc1@gmail.com](mailto:gpartsinc1@gmail.com)
- Bannockburn Creators and Craft Market**  
This established free outdoor market showcases the handmade creations of more than 50 local artists and craftspeople. Held three times a year; on the first Sunday in May, and last Sundays in August and November, from 10am to 2pm.  
Find us on Facebook, Instagram, email: [orccbanno@bigpond.com](mailto:orccbanno@bigpond.com), or contact 0427 923 934
- Maude Recreation Reserve**  
Visit Bunjil's Lookout and learn about the indigenous Dreamtime story told through interpretive signage and artwork.
- Meredith and Golden Plains Music Festivals**  
These iconic festivals are now a permanent fixture in Australia's music festival scene. Held annually in December and March in a 'supernatural amphitheatre' on farm land just outside of Meredith, the festivals offer a cultural and musical experience that reflect the strength and diversity of the national and international music scene.
- Back to Steiglitz**  
A Back to Steiglitz reunion and Airing of the Quilts is a social event which is held on the last Sunday of October. A great opportunity to explore the Steiglitz township and discover its history. Airing of the Quilts will be held every second year from 2019.

## HERITAGE

- Bunjil Lookout**  
Stroll around the Maude Recreation Reserve. Visit Bunjil's Lookout and learn about the indigenous dreamtime story. Learn about the old Maude State School, the schoolmaster's house and other aspects of more recent local history. [maudedistrict.com](http://maudedistrict.com)
- Steiglitz Heritage Walk**  
Follow the heritage town walk or just wander around the Steiglitz township and surrounding parklands to discover the history of the local gold rush era. Visit the heritage buildings and historical points of interest and investigate a range of artefacts from a bygone era. [backtosteiglitz.org.au](http://backtosteiglitz.org.au)



Bunjil's Lookout, Maude.



Steiglitz Courthouse, Steiglitz



She Oaks Road

## MAUDE, SHE OAKS & STEIGLITZ

Maude, She Oaks and Steiglitz are three small settlements situated on the lands of the Wadawurrung People approximately 30 kilometres north west of Geelong.

Maude, She Oaks and Steiglitz settlements were originally part of the Moranghuk Pastoral Station.

MAUDE Township was first surveyed in 1851. It was described as an area of fertile ground on a ridge between the Moorabool River and Sutherlands Creek, and was initially a resting stop for travellers along the route to the Ballarat and Steiglitz goldfields. Many orchards and vineyards were originally established but Maude later became a mixed farming area for dairying, cropping and grazing. Maude has now become popular for smaller lifestyle holdings due to its proximity to Geelong and Melbourne.

SHE OAKS is a peaceful rural area located between Maude and Steiglitz on the Moorabool River. Although all the former public buildings in She Oaks have been relocated over the years as the population of the area declined, She Oaks retains a strong historical presence in a tranquil, picturesque setting for residents and is on a designated tourism loop with Steiglitz and Maude.

STEIGLITZ is an 1800's gold rush town. Following the discovery of gold, thousands flocked to Steiglitz from across the globe, all filled with hopes of striking it rich. Steiglitz became a lively melting pot of nationalities, home to bushrangers and popular dance halls. Once regarded as a 'ghost town', Steiglitz is now a living treasure of heritage buildings and artefacts in a natural bushland setting.

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