



## MURRUMBIDGEE SHIRE MARVELS

Ned Kelly Touring Route  
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### MURRUMBIDGEE SHIRE, NSW

Less than two hours from Wagga Wagga is the Murrumbidgee Shire, home to the three iconic towns of Jerilderie, Coleambally and Darlington Point.

**Jerilderie** is famous for being the only town in New South Wales to have been raided by Ned Kelly and the town still brims with historic charm.

On the June long weekend, Jerilderie will play host to Australia's national Open Thermal Soaring Competition. Come and watch as hundreds of competitors from around Australia and the world launch their radio-controlled model gliders into the sky.

No visit is complete without a stop at the Jerilderie Bakery for one of their famous pies. The Bakery's external facing wall was recently painted by four local artists as part of an Indigenous art project and now features a beautiful eagle, a totem for the town.

**Coleambally**, or 'Coly' as the locals call it, still has the honour of being one of Australia's newest towns and this June long weekend will celebrate its 50th birthday with four days of fun activities and reunions for residents past and present, visitors, families and friends.

The 50th birthday party will include vintage machinery displays, fashion parades, fireworks, a bush dance on Saturday night, food stalls, AFL and netball games, the Coleambally Gift running race and even a billy cart derby.

Coly is also home to Yarrow Park olive grove and vineyard. Yarrow Park hosts tastings for their wines, olives and award winning extra virgin olive oils at their cellar door every weekend and by appointment during the week.

At **Darlington Point** you'll find a small-town bursting with country hospitality. Be sure to check out the new Hygge Living & More, a cafe and homewares shop run by Kylie Place who also owns the nearby Airbnb-listed Hawkesbury Park Country Cottage.

RivaDestra Pizza & Pasta is a 'Point institution and has been dishing up delicious Italian fare for 10 years. It's open Tuesday to Saturday for pizzas and the full Italian menu is available on Friday and Saturday nights.

And don't forget nearby Altina Wildlife Park, the zoo-fari experience where visitors get up close with lions, zebras, rhinos and more.

For more information about what's on in Murrumbidgee Shire visit [www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au](http://www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au).



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