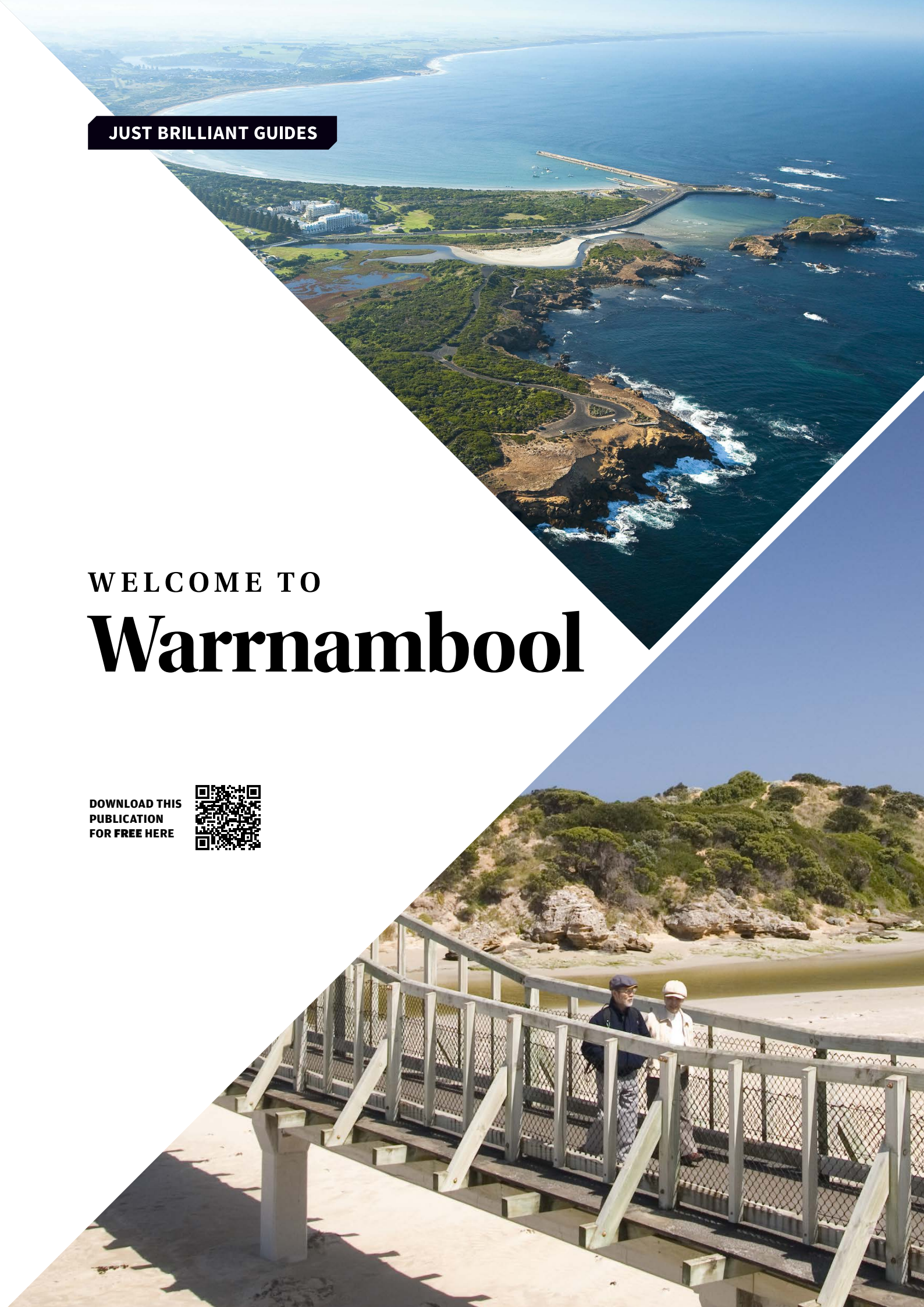


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Clean sheltered beaches, manicured parks and gardens, visiting whales, Maremma guardian dogs, notorious shipwrecks, unique volcanoes, contemporary art, exhilarating sports and a thriving city centre are just some of the reasons why thousands of people visit Warrnambool each year to experience this vibrant coastal city.

Warrnambool is the ideal location for exploring nature's finest attractions: spectacular stretches of coastline, beautiful swimming beaches, wildlife reserves, lush rainforests and waterfalls, volcanic lakes and rural landscapes. Warrnambool is well known for the Southern Right Whale Nursery. Once hunted almost to the point of extinction, these gentle creatures now return to the shores off Logans Beach to give birth. They can be seen from a viewing platform annually during the months of May to September.

At Thunder Point Coastal Reserve you'll experience the rugged coastal view of the breakwater, Merri Island and Middle Island - home to Oddball. For an enjoyable day with the children, visit Lake Pertobe on Pertobe Road which has an adventure playground boasting flying foxes, swings, slides, forts, bridges and a maze.

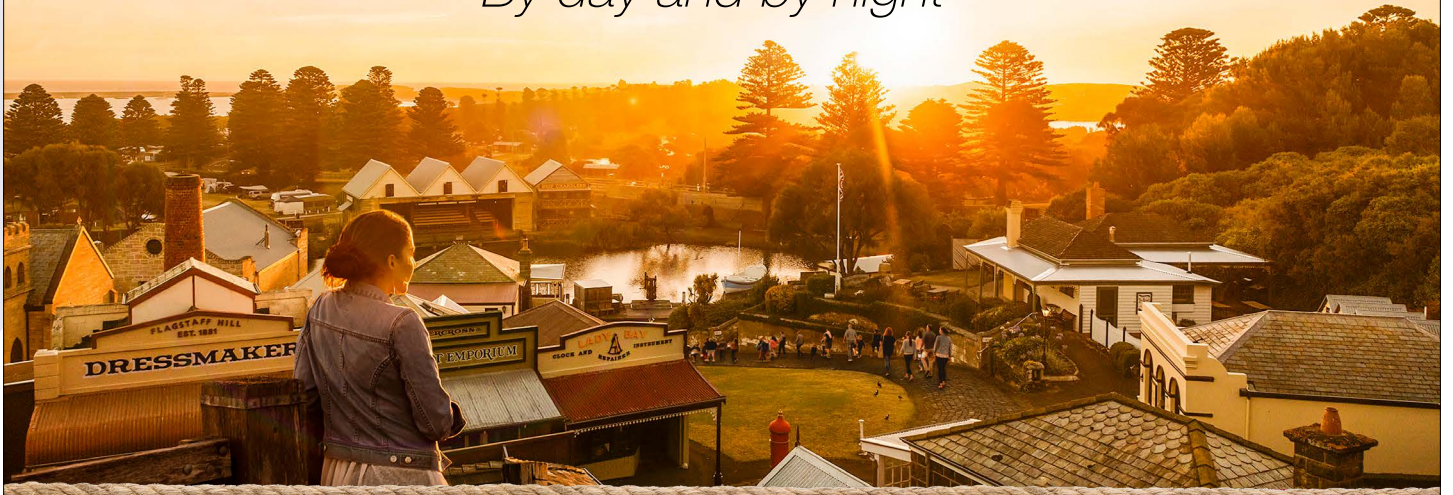
Don't forget to visit the 1800's Maritime Village and Muesum at Flagstaff Hill. You can explore the maritime history by day and return by night to experience the 'Tales of Shipwreck Coast' Sound & Laser Show. There's so much more to see and do in Warrnambool so make sure you take advantage of this unique region.

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The recreated 1870's coastal village and port allows you to experience firsthand the perils of early sea travel. You can explore The Gravesend Theatre, see a Welcome to Country audio-visual presentations, and discover replicas and treasures recovered from local shipwrecks including the

Loch Ard Peacock and the exquisite one carat diamond ring retrieved from the wreck of the Schomberg. The village and port is spread over ten acres with amazing views of Lady Bay.

Scattered throughout the port are typical dwellings of the period: a bank, doctor's surgery, slipway, an inn, school and sail maker's loft.

Book your Tales of the Shipwreck Coast tickets now through your accommodation or call 03 5559 4600. Flagstaff Hill is open daily 10am to 4pm, extended hours 10am - 7pm, Boxing Day until Australia Day. Night show: Nightly on dusk. Here you won't just learn about maritime history - you'll experience it! Please note that the experience involves strobe lighting, fog effects and some sudden movements. Bookings essential.

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LAKE PERTOBE

There are lovely walking tracks around the lakes, and the park features delightful picnic areas, sheltered barbeque facilities and an adventure playground.

CBD HERITAGE TRAIL

Wander through the city streets and view many historic buildings and sites linked within a 3km trail.

THE PORT FAIRY TO WARRNAMBOOL RAIL TRAIL

This trail offers 37kms of diverse scenery, ranging from dairy farms and volcanoes to wetlands and ocean views.

THUNDER POINT COASTAL WALK

This outstanding walk takes you alongside the coast and coastal wetlands with views of the Merri River estuary and rocky shoreline.

MAHOGANY TRAIL

Walk the 22km Mahogany Trail where the mysterious Mahogany Ship is believed to be buried somewhere under the sand dunes. The trail is primarily a beach walk running between Warrnambool and Port Fairy.

HISTORIC SHIPWRECK TRAIL

The Historic Shipwreck Trail along the Great Ocean Road features 25 sites where misfortune has struck seafaring vessels in the past. For more information, go to visit12apostles.com.au.

LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE

The Lighthouse Theatre features a range of live performance from comedy to dance to cabaret. For an events calendar, visit www.lighthouse theatre.com.au.

THE WARRNAMBOOL ART GALLERY

The Warrnambool Art Gallery fondly known as WAG was established back in 1886 and showcases a range of diverse works. Located on Liebig Street, the gallery is open 10am-5pm Monday to Friday and 10am-3pm Saturday and Sunday. An admission fee is required for certain exhibitions.

AQUA ZONE

Aqua Zone is an indoor aquatic and leisure centre suitable for the whole family which includes a swimming pool and gym. Open daily.



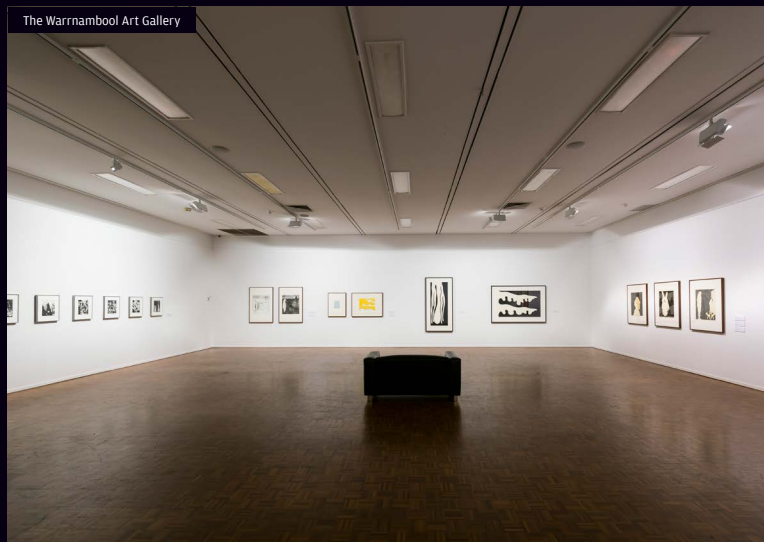
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Loch Ard Gorge - Shipwreck Trail



The Warrnambool Art Gallery

LAKE PERTOBE ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Located on Pertobe Road, this fantastic 20 hectare adventure playground is a paradise for kids with giant slides, flying foxes, a maze and boat rides. There are lovely walking tracks around the lakes, and the park features delightful picnic areas and sheltered barbeque facilities.

BOTANIC GARDENS

Warrnambool's Botanic Gardens are located at the corner of Queens Road and Cockman Street. Designed in the classic style, these elegant sheltered gardens feature wide curving paths, ancient trees, a lily pond with ducks, a fernery and a band rotunda.

TOWER HILL

Tower Hill, located ten minutes from Warrnambool, was once a volcano that erupted many thousands of years ago. As a result, the reserve is lush and offers panoramic views and wonderful fauna.

CANNON HILL

Located adjacent to the War Memorial, off Artillery Crescent, Cannon Hill offers panoramic views of Lady Bay and Lake Pertobe. Barbeques, a rotunda and car parking are all available.

FLETCHER JONES GARDENS

These gardens are located at the corner of Flaxman Street and Raglan Parade. The colourful gardens, once the site of a quarry, also feature the Sir Fletcher Jones' hawker wagon, a waterfall and a wishing well.

HOPKINS RIVER

Located off Otway Road, the Hopkins River mouth (Blue Hole) - with its beautiful cliffs, rock formations and rock pools - is a popular fishing spot. Just up from the river mouth, boating, water-skiing and swimming are possible.

MERRI RIVER

The Merri River lies to the west of the city meandering through wetlands before emerging at Stingray Bay in the Thunder Point Coastal Reserve. The Merri is regarded as one of Victoria's finest brown trout streams.

CITY MEMORIAL BOWLS CLUB

Located on Cramer Street, City Memorial Bowls Club is the club for everyone and offers barefoot bowls for all ages and skill levels. The club features four greens (three synthetic and one carpet) and the greens are open 7 days a week.

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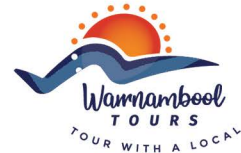
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The Shipwreck Coast

The Shipwreck Coast, located on Victoria's Great Ocean Road, is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the state.

This region extends along the Great Ocean Road from Princetown in the east to Warrnambool, and then to Port Fairy in the west. A volcanic and rural hinterland adds to the region's diversity.

The primary attraction of the Shipwreck Coast is the 12 Apostles, a series of striking rock formations located in the Port Campbell National Park. The region is also well known for the many shipwrecks which occurred off its shores in and around the 1800s.

To explore some of the sites, embark on the Historic Shipwreck Trail along the Great Ocean Road. Keep an eye out for sign posts that highlight information plaques along the way.



Spa & Wellbeing

The Great Ocean Road is known for its nature and adventure experiences, yet visitors are increasingly setting their sights on the growing number of day spas across the region for rest and relaxation.

After a day of exploring the beautiful national parks, beaches, waterfalls and cliff tops of the Great Ocean Road, reward yourself with a hot stone massage or geothermal spa; or shut out the world with a luxurious face or body treatment.

There are several luxurious day spas set in beautiful locations that complement nature. One not to be missed is the Deep Blue Hot Springs Warrnambool which includes the popular geothermal hot springs and the Deep Blue Bath House & Day Spa which offers spa treatments, facials and massage therapy. The perfect place to encourage physical and emotional well-being.

The only one of its kind in the region, the Deep Blue Hot Springs Warrnambool harnesses the natural geothermal waters, rich in natural therapeutic benefits, known to promote physical and emotional rest, relaxation, healing and well-being, and provides a self-guided journey in an open-air sanctuary of bathing experiences.

Guests from all over the world, as well as the locals, relish the indoor public bathhouse (for all ages 5 and over), and the outside hot springs sanctuary.

Warrnambool's reputation as a bathing destination dates back to 1877 when the Warrnambool Swimming Baths opened and it has been named as the starting point for the Great Victorian bathing trail for visitors to Victoria and the Great Ocean Road region.

When you couple hot springs with nature based experiences, food and wine, walking and cycling trails, time by the water, day spas and hot springs, Warrnambool is an idyllic destination to unplug and unwind.



Middle Island Maremmas

In 2006, the Little Penguin colony on Middle Island, located just off the Warrnambool coastline, had dwindled to fewer than ten penguins. In an effort to save the penguins, the island was closed to visitors to protect the burrows and, in a world-first, Maremma dogs were trained and placed on the island to ward off fox attacks during the penguins' breeding season. The program was a success and the island's penguin population has recovered to more than 180 birds. The story of how the Maremmas helped save the colony inspired the feature film, *Oddball*, starring Shane Jacobson.

We now have two hard-working Maremma dogs, Tula and Eudy, spend five days a week on the island during the breeding season. Tula and Eudy are also training our next up and coming pups to be Maremma guardian dogs.

For more information on Maremma dogs, visit www.warrnamboolpenguins.com.au.

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The geothermal pools are of varying depths, shapes and sizes. The pools range from hydrotherapy, cold plunge, foot spa, sensory and aromatherapy with other features including basking stones, trickling waterfalls and a reflection pool which beautifully reflects the sky above.

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Victoria's Whale Nursery

Warrnambool is known as Victoria's Southern Right Whale Nursery.

Almost every year between May and September female southern right whales return to the waters of Logans Beach to calve. The whales often swim within a hundred metres of the shore and can be viewed from a specially constructed platform in the sand dunes or from the beach.

WHY DO THE WHALES COME TO WARRNAMBOOL?

Southern right whales have been visiting Warrnambool for hundreds of years. Once they were hunted almost to the point of extinction, but since whaling was outlawed in 1935 their numbers have been growing. In summer, southern right whales live in the sub-Antarctic. In winter, they migrate to warmer waters around the southern areas of Australia. The females migrate to the 'nursery' areas close to the shore to bear their calves, while the males, yearlings and young adults remain further out to sea. The females generally stay in the nursery for many weeks, allowing the calves to feed and gather strength for their journey back to the sub-Antarctic waters.

IS IT A SOUTHERN RIGHT WHALE?

The southern right whale can be recognised by its smooth black back and lack of dorsal fin. On the head of each southern right whale is a number of crusty outgrowths called callosities. The callosity pattern varies from whale to whale. Irregular white patches sometimes found on the whale's belly distinguish these animals from other species.

WHY ARE THEY SO NAMED?

The early whalers regarded the whale as the 'right' whale to hunt. They swam slowly and close to the shore, floated once harpooned, and yielded large quantities of oil and whalebone. The word 'southern' relates to southern waters.

THE BIRTH OF A WHALE

Whales breed once every two or three years. Pregnancy lasts between 9 and 10 months and the calf is suckled from a milk gland beneath the mother's body. The calf is about 5 to 6 metres long at birth, grows quickly, and may double its weight in the first week.

Visit Logans Beach whale watching platform east of Hopkins River to view the whales in season. Admission is free and the platform is open at all times. For the latest whale sightings go to visitwarrnambool.com.au or phone 1800 637 725.



Whale viewing platform, at Logans Beach, Warrnambool

WINTER WHALE TRAIL

The Whale Trail is a must-do winter road trip for whale sightings along the Great Ocean Road from Warrnambool through Port Fairy to Portland (or the reverse order if you're coming from South Australia).

This section of coastline is known as the 'whale corridor' because in the winter months whales from the Antarctic make the journey to warmer waters along this coast in order to breed, birth and nurse their young.

The Whale Trail is a collection of locally made itineraries of what to see and do along the way. Whether you're a nature lover, an adventurer or a cosy up food and wine type there will be an itinerary to suit.

You can expect to discover secret beaches, fun indoor and outdoor winter activities for families and couples, breathtaking nature, volcanoes, wildlife, waterfalls, walks and the best places to eat and drink along the way.

Go to the Whale Trail page at visitwarrnambool.com.au to discover a full program of winter events in one place. Subscribe to the Great Ocean Road Whale Blog to stay up to date with whale sighting notifications.

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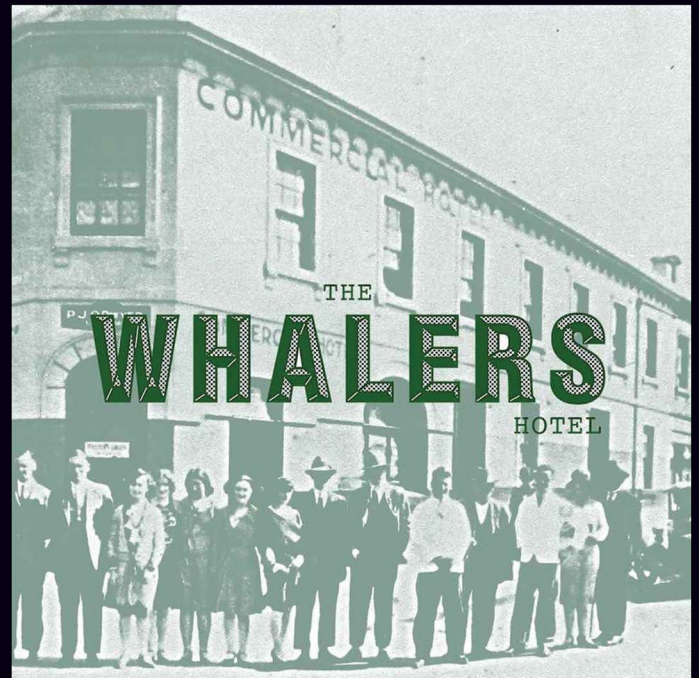
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Calendar of Events

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- BeachFest - 27th Dec-26th Jan
- Koroit IGA Cup Day - 10th January
- Australia Day in the Botanic Gardens - 26th January
- Grand Annual Sprintcar Classic - 22nd-24th January

FEBRUARY

- Wunta Fiesta

MARCH

- Port Fairy Folk Festival - 11th-14th March

APRIL

- Warrnambool & District Easter Arts Festival 1st -15th April
- Easter Carnival - 2nd April
- Day on the Hill, Flagstaff Hill - Easter Sunday
- Flagstaff Hill Autumn Holiday Program - 2nd-18th April
- Coastal Jam Warrnambool - 4th April
- Easter Sprintcar Trail - 4th April
- 360 Sprintcars - 9th April
- Koroit Irish Festival - 30th April - 2nd May

MAY

- Melbourne to Warrnambool Cycling Classic - 1st May
- Warrnambool Racing Carnival - 4th-6th May
- National White Wreath Day - 29th May

- Southern Right Whales are sighted most years between May and September on Logans Beach whale watching platform

JUNE

- Flagstaff Hill Winter Holiday Program - 26th June - 11th July
- Solstice Searching - 19th & 20th June

SEPTEMBER

- Flagstaff Hill Spring Holiday Program - 18th Sept - 3rd Oct

OCTOBER

- Southern Right Whales depart
- Celebrate Festival 6th-31st October
- Spring Orchid Show
- Warrnambool Agricultural Show - 30th October

NOVEMBER

- Mortlake Cup
- Terang Races
- St James Annual Rose Show
- Jericho Cup - 28th Nov

DECEMBER

- Flagstaff Hill Summer Holiday Program - 18th Dec - 30th Jan 2022
- New Year's Eve on the Hill - 31st Dec



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