

## BROKEN DAM WALKING TRAIL

The Broken Dam Rest Area is a 5 minute drive north of Ariaiah Park on Mary Gilmore Way. The walking trail is 1.3kms through natural bushland and interpretive signs mark a number of historic sites of the original Broken Dam Settlement.

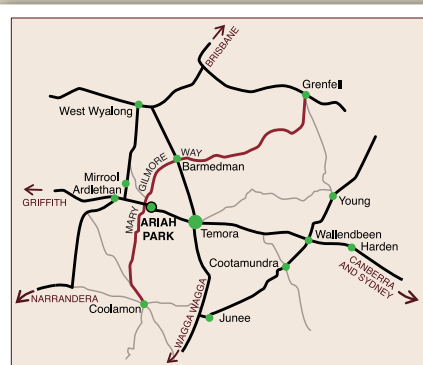
## DAME MARY GILMORE

(1865 - 1962) Author,  
Journalist, Poet & Patriot

Main Road 398 was re-named Mary Gilmore Way due to a proposal of Ariaiah Park Community Projects Inc marking her connection and that of her family to the area. Mary's father was publican at the "Beehive Hotel" and Mary returned to the area as a young school teacher in 1886 at Beaconsfield (now Quandary) near Ariaiah Park.



Ariaiah Park is accessible without the need to travel on major highways.



**LAKE ARBORTREE** recreational and picnic area 6 kms north of Ariaiah Park

For more information on Ariaiah Park or the region contact the Temora Visitor Information Centre on (02) 6977 1086 or visit:



[www.temora.nsw.gov.au](http://www.temora.nsw.gov.au)

[www.ariaiahpark.com.au](http://www.ariaiahpark.com.au)



Ariaiah Park Community Projects Inc 2012

STEP BACK IN TIME

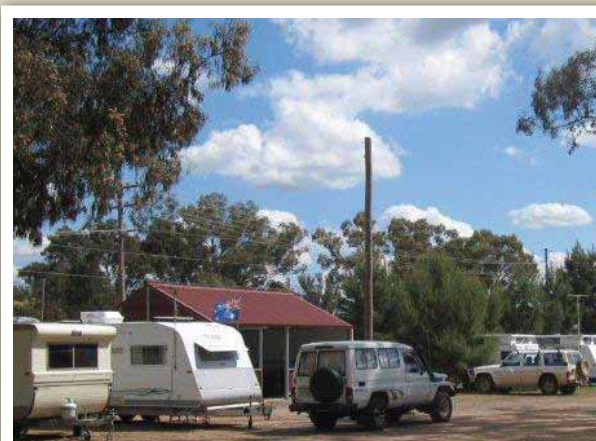
# Ariaiah Park

Explore a 1920's Heritage Village



**LOCATED 34 KMS WEST OF TEMORA AT  
THE INTERSECTION OF BURLEY GRIFFIN  
WAY AND MARY GILMORE WAY**

[www.ariaiahpark.com.au](http://www.ariaiahpark.com.au)



**ARIAIAH PARK CAMPING GROUND** is found in Barnes Street, opposite the 9-hole golf course and provides welcome respite to the weary traveller with camping and powered sites available. Amenities include a Camp Kitchen with free electric BBQ.



Situated just 34 kms west of Temora, this 1920's heritage village offers the traveller a glimpse of living history tucked away in modern rural Australia. The main street has been renovated to preserve the central avenue of peppercorn trees, a central plaza offers picnic tables and seating, the commercial centre is little changed from the peak of the village's prosperity in the 1920's and several of the vintage petrol bowsers have been restored and re-instated.



The village to-day caters for all essential requirements and shopping for antiques, old wares, collectables, pre-loved clothing and bric a brac. Historic walks, the Broken Dam historic trail along the Mirrool Creek and Echoes of Ariah Park Museum offer an insight into a by-gone era.



The heart of a strong and diverse rural community which produces cereals, oilseeds, wool, beef, fat lambs, stud stock and pigs, Ariah Park can count "Babe" as a favourite son, born and raised here before leaving to find fame on the silver screen.



The village provides facilities for a range of sporting activities including tennis, netball, football, bowls, golf and swimming.



In a district first settled by grazing interests in the 1850's, the village of Ariah Park sprang to life in response to the arrival of the railway.

On 27 September 1916 Ariah Park took a special place in the development of the Australian Grain Industry when, for the first time, anywhere in rural Australia, a shipment of wheat was loaded in bulk for rail transport to the seaboard.

Bushwalkers and birdwatching enthusiasts will enjoy the Ingalba National Forest, Pucawan Nature Reserve, Big Bush Nature Reserve, Mandamah and Yarranjerry State Forests and the stock route along Mirrool Creek, habitats of native birds, animals, flora and fauna, all located within 30 minutes of Ariah Park.



## THE BROKEN DAM SETTLEMENT

Ariah Park had its beginnings as the result of the settlement at the Narrandera-Young and Wagga Wagga-Condoblin Junction on the Mirrool Creek, a spot known as Broken Dam. William Sanderson built the Beehive Hotel there in 1872 and a few years later a store was built by Jimmy Fong. The Mirrool Creek rises in the low gravel ridge to the west of Temora. It takes its name from the Wiradjuri word "Merool" which means "coloured clay". The "Merool County" comprises all the vast area of land drained by the creek as its waters make their way westward towards the Lachlan River.



The first sheep run was taken up on the "Merool" in 1850 and it was aptly named "Ariah" - another Wiradjuri word that means 'hot and dry'.

