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Visitor Guide

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The Murray River.





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this is robinvale euston

Robinvale Euston is a little bit different from the hustle and bustle that some holiday destinations can be.

With our sunny Mediterranean climate, our idyllic region is the perfect holiday environment for all the family and for those wanting a relaxed and fuss-free break, with plenty to see and do in the area if you choose.

We can boast one of the widest stretches of the Murray River for many kilometres, which means you can enjoy all sorts of water front activities - fish, water ski, swim and camp, bike ride, bird watch and bush walk.

Our vibrant townships on the Murray River comprise at least 22 different nationalities in a resident population of approximately 8,000 - 10,000 making Robinvale-Euston a unique multicultural melting pool. This figure is difficult to obtain as it is understood that some of the newer communities in the area including seasonal employees from overseas are not reached, therefore their data is not collected through the census.

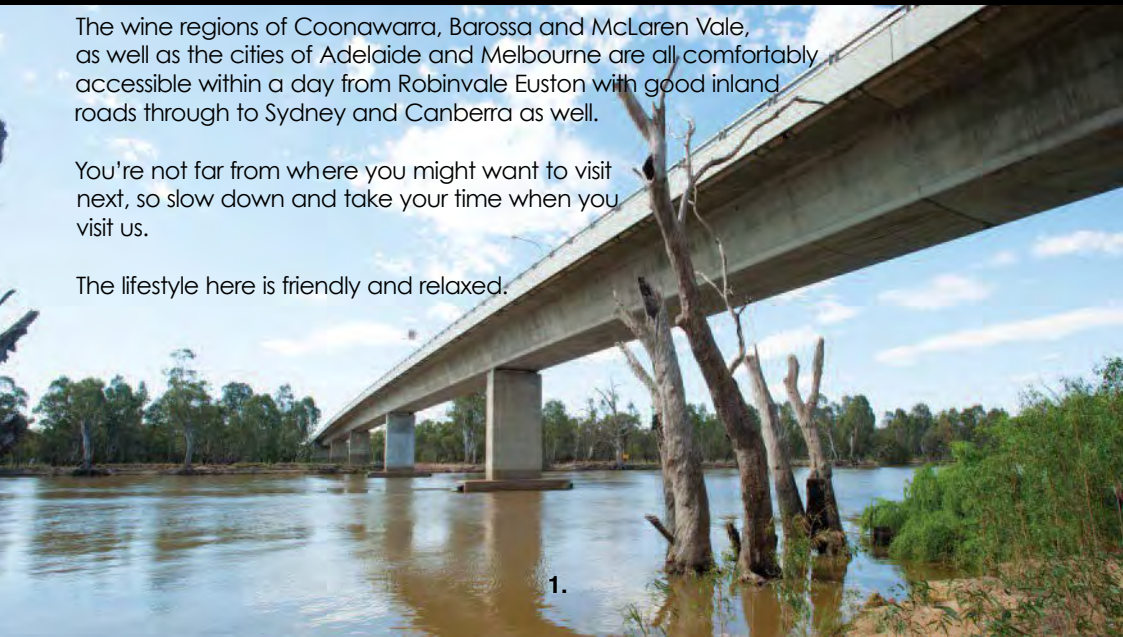
Take in the breadth of horticultural and agricultural diversity and industry that this region has to offer.

The Robinvale Euston Bridge spanning the Murray between our two towns makes us the perfect starting and return point for Mungo National Park only an hour and half away. The unique Mallee National Parks of Hattah Kulkyne, Murray Sunset and Wyperfeld are also a comfortable day trip.

The wine regions of Coonawarra, Barossa and McLaren Vale, as well as the cities of Adelaide and Melbourne are all comfortably accessible within a day from Robinvale Euston with good inland roads through to Sydney and Canberra as well.

You're not far from where you might want to visit next, so slow down and take your time when you visit us.

The lifestyle here is friendly and relaxed.



an abundance of produce

Driving your way through this region it is easy to see the vast amount of land utilised for a diversity of horticulture and agriculture.

Plantings of olive groves, almond and pistachio trees, various grape varieties for eating or wine making, carrots, broccoli, asparagus, apples, avocados, pumpkins, citrus fruit and more all thrive in the rich, sandy Mallee soil and provide Robinvale Euston with a cornucopia of fresh produce.

Massive investment money has been spent in this region over the past three decades or more for domestic and export markets. The results speak for themselves with many of the foods and value-added products grown from within the region available for sale either at cellar door, the Tourist Information Centre or at the monthly Robinvale Community Growers Market.

Look out for road side stalls of fresh, home-grown, seasonal produce freshly picked for sale.

Goats, cattle and sheep are raised and grazed here also and the area still sustains farming families growing dry-land crops of wheat, barley and other grain.

Robinvale Estate

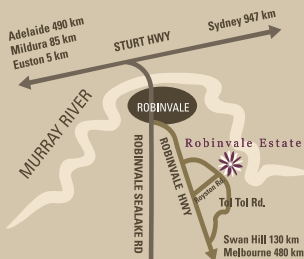
A family run business producing multi-award winning olive and olive oil products

FARM GATE SALES

Robinvale Estate offers farm gate sales and tastings just 8km south east of the township of Robinvale on Tol Tol Rd, 5km off the Murray Valley Hwy.

Visitors can taste award winning olive oils, dressings & caramelised balsamics from 10am-4pm. If shop unattended please phone 0409 437 414. We may be busy cooking the dressings and will attend to you as a matter of urgency.

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Mallee

ALMOND BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

The Mallee Almond Blossom Festival is an annual event which coincides with the largest explosion of almond blossom in the southern hemisphere.

The Festival is held on the third Sunday in August at the picturesque Robinvale Golf Club grounds on the Murray Valley Hwy.

Come prepared for a wonderfully relaxing day sampling and purchasing local products. Enjoy informative farm tours, entertainment, food and wine, giveaways and activities for all ages.

Our famous Cook-Off is a must see and there is a chance for everyone to enter the Almond Bake-Off competition. All this and lots more provide a great atmosphere and a fun day for all.

Mallee Almond Blossom Festival Organising Committee • malleealmondblossomfestival.org.au
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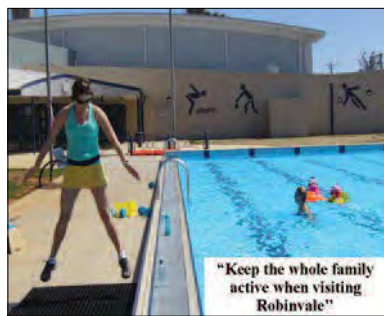
staying a while

Robinvale Euston offers a surprising amount of options for leisure time for a relatively small population.

Take part in a swim in one of three outdoor pools during summer months. Enjoy a round of golf or join an occasional exercise class all year round.

In the winter months, see the football season in full swing with real grass-roots footy being played on ground.

Tennis, cricket and lawn bowls are also popular seasonal activities. The Community holds a monthly local growers market with fresh seasonal produce available for purchase and tasting at Caix Square in Robinvale.



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Calendar of Events

- JANUARY** - Australia Day Breakfast
Robinvale Community Growers Market
- FEBRUARY** - Fishers IGA 2.5km Swim and
Euston Club Resort Grand Prix Triathlon.
Robinvale Community Growers Market
- MARCH** - Robinvale Euston 80 Ski Race – Labour Day
Long Weekend
Robinvale Lawn Tennis Club Easter Tournament
Robinswood Garden Show
Robinvale Community Growers Market
- APRIL** - ANZAC Day Services
Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia Rally (2014)
Robinvale Community Growers Market
- MAY** - Robinswood Patchwork Display (Mother's Day Weekend)
Robinvale Community Growers Market
- JUNE** - Robinvale Community Growers Market
- JULY** - NAIDOC Week
Robinvale Community Growers Market
- AUGUST** - Football Club Bonanza Night
Almond Blossom Festival Golf Classic
Mallee Almond Blossom Festival
Robinvale Community Growers Market
- SEPTEMBER** - Tour of the Murray Bike Ride
Robinvale Euston Agricultural Show
Close of Murray Cod fishing season
Robinvale Community Growers Market
- OCTOBER** - Robinvale Golf Week
St Mary's School Fete
Manangatang Races
Seniors Week
Robinvale Community Growers Market
- NOVEMBER** - Euston Public School Fete
Robinvale Community Growers Market
Robinvale Community Celebrations
- DECEMBER** - Opening of Murray Cod Fishing Season
Robinvale Community Growers Market

For up-to-the-minute details of events, contact the Robinvale Euston Tourist Information Centre or purchase a copy of the weekly Robinvale Sentinel newspaper.

A person wearing a cap and sunglasses is fishing from a boat on the Murray River. The background shows a river with trees on the banks.

our part of the murray

Fishing and Camping

The infamous Murray Cod, Australia's largest freshwater fish, is an icon of this length of the Murray and is on most fishermen's wish list when visiting this region.

Indigenous mythology believes that the Murray Cod created the Murray River and all its fishes.

Along with the cod, yellow belly and silver perch are targeted by fishermen, and when in season, Murray crays.

For any angler in the Murray River a New South Wales fishing licence is required and minimum weights/lengths must be observed to preserve stocks of native fish.

Any non-native fish (such as carp) should be destroyed and not released back into the River alive.

As for camping, you would be hard-pressed to find as many lovely and accessible sites on the Murray as you will along our part of the River.

So, for the budget minded, bush loving, river person or family, enjoy our part of the River at Robinvale Euston.

Murrumbidgee Junction

Leading off the Murray Valley Highway approximately five kilometres upstream of Boundary Bend and only 50 kilometres before Robinvale is a sign posted track that takes you to the junction of Australia's two largest Rivers: the Murray and the Murrumbidgee.

'The Indigenous word 'Murrumbidgee' translates to 'plentiful water'.

Aptly, the significance of these Rivers for irrigation of agriculture and horticulture is immense. Crops and livestock in a huge area of both Victoria and New South Wales depend on the water flowing through this junction.

A surprisingly smooth dry weather dirt road leads from a sign denoting Major Mitchell Passage Camp 5 where only six kilometres on you will come cross the Junction of the Rivers.

The drive in to the Junction is shaded by stands of red gums while at the Junction itself is a magnificent specimen of a 'canoe' or 'scar' tree, evidence of the habitation of Indigenous peoples in the region.

'Apostle' birds, finches, magpies and kookaburras can be seen and heard along the drive.



Boundary Bend

Boundary Bend boasts a gorgeous sweep of river as its view. An excellent boat launching ramp and access to lovely camping sites make this little township a pleasant stop with various amenities available to make your visit comfortable and extend your stay.

Let the kids have a run and stretch their legs at the new adventure playground in town. The site of this paddle boat- themed play area is the old Boundary Bend Primary School and is clearly visible from the Highway.

Have a close-up look at the ute painted by local Boundary Bend school children with a 'Mallee' motif located at the playground. How many icons of the Mallee can you spot on the ute?

This pretty township was once home to Archie Conner, a legend in his day who died in 1980 aged 94. An entrepreneurial individual, Archie survived grief and setbacks to become arguably one of the best known professional fishermen in this District.

His descendants still populate the Boundary Bend region and gathered to commemorate his achievements at the unveiling of a bollard in his honour at Boundary Bend in August 2008.

The bollard is one in a series along a stretch of the Murray River to recognise significant 'River People'. Archie's bollard is located on the foreshore at Boundary Bend positioned to gaze over the River he knew and loved so well.

Two other bollards in this series are located on the foreshore in Robinvale. Others in the series can be viewed at sites along the river around Swan Hill.

Belsar Island

This somewhat remote and isolated flood plain area will reward you with some gems of camping sites. There are several areas in this forest that end in sandy beaches at the River's edge, perfect for a serene swim or as easy, natural boat launching sites.

Kangaroos will often use these spots at dusk for access to the River for drinking. Belsar Island is signposted from the Murray Valley Highway downstream of Boundary Bend.

Pump Road River Drive

The Pump Road River Drive is a leisurely bush drive on an ungraded track less than five minutes out of Robinvale. There are countless restful places to stop off at during the 10 kilometre loop.

Drive your way along a truly Australian stretch of natural bush. The River almost never leaves your view on this drive.

Because the area is Murray River Reserve and managed by Parks Victoria, this means you are welcome to simply drive through and picnic for a while, or stay in the forest at your leisure enjoying a unique bush experience.

Notice the changes in soil colour, vegetation and bird life throughout the drive. The soil close to the River is nutrient rich, being on the lower flood plain. The River Red Gums form thick groves. As the land elevates, the vegetation and soil change again to a combination of soil profiles, where black box trees and lignum bush thrive. The next elevation is of sandy, red soil which Wattle trees and Murray Pines prefer. As for bird life, there is variety also. Kingfishers, kookaburras, pelicans, black swans, parrots, jays, brown gibbons and cranes all live in the area of this drive.

The end of the drive leads you to a sealed road about three kilometres upstream from where you started. Refer to the yellow lines on the map below as a guide. Please note, this drive is not advisable during wet weather.



The Nine Mile and The Cut



The Nine Mile is a well-known and popular local landmark for water skiing, fishing, canoeing and rowing. In fact, The Robinvale Rowing Club has its headquarters just a short way downstream.

The Nine Mile is so named because the distance of the River around Bumbang Island from The Cut and downstream to the bridge equates to roughly nine miles.

The location of The Cut is just on the edge of Robinvale township where Latje Road joins McLennan Drive, opposite Bumbang Island.

The Cut was formed when the weir pool was completed in the 1920's. Before the weir pool was created, The Cut only existed during times of flood when the River would 'cut off' part of the mainland to form what is now known as Bumbang Island.

This spot is handy to town for various amenities and provisions such as drinks, ice, food and refuelling of the boat.

If you don't want to have to venture too far from town but still enjoy a glorious day on the River this spot is one where you can have the best of both worlds – The River at your doorstep and anything you need just a short trip to town.

Southern Cross Windmill and Bridge

Arguably the largest windmill in the Southern hemisphere resides at Robinvale.

It was erected in 1948 to supply domestic water to the township of Robinvale from the River Murray. Although no longer used for that purpose, it is an eye catching landmark that precedes the journey over the newly constructed Robinvale Euston Bridge into New South Wales.

Euston Walking and Bike Trail



This leisurely and peaceful 2.5km path links Robinvale and Euston on each side of the Murray River and provides an alternative view of Euston Weir and Lock 15.

The sealed surface of the track makes the path easy for walkers, cyclists and joggers and is shaded for most of the distance. Billabongs along the way provide a natural wetland environment for frogs, which croak loudly even throughout the day.

A pergola has been constructed approximately half way along the path to offer a perfect vantage point for an up-close, wide view of the river with flocks of pelicans and black swans in evidence. You may even see the occasional kangaroo on your way.

Access for bikes, prams and wheelchairs is available by parking your vehicle under the bridge on the Euston side of the River and starting your walk from there. Alternately start from Robinvale by crossing over the bridge and take in the spectacle of the Murray from up high before walking down either stairs or ramp to the Euston side to begin the trail which ends in the township of Euston.

The Euston Weir and Lock 15 extension of the Euston Walking Trail is not sealed, but is still suitable for pedestrians, joggers and cyclists and starts below the Euston Club.

Euston Weir and Lock 15

A short drive out of Robinvale sees the location of the Euston Weir and Lock 15 off Pethard Road. This is a fascinating insight into an aspect of the Murray River.

BBQ facilities, shelter, lawned area and an amenities block ensure that you can take your time to admire the view from the height of the hill and learn about this important construction from the staff that may be on site. (For those that might not know it, a lock is for boats to be able to navigate up and down stream, and a weir is a holding area for water.)

Construction of the Weir commenced in 1932 and was completed in 1936. The weir pool itself stretches back 60kms to Meilman East. In 1987 the original timber barricades were replaced with steel and gates were added, and the operation changed from a manual to hydraulic one.

32,000 mega litres of water flows through this system daily. (A mega litre is one million litres of water.)

Lock 15 is managed by a Tri-State agreement between NSW, Victoria and SA. The management of the river is shared so that no one State has full and total control over the water. Prior to this Tri-State agreement, communities downstream were disadvantaged by decisions made upstream.

The management of Lock 15 and the weir at Robinvale includes maintaining the daily level of the weir pool at a constant 47.6m above sea level (give or take 10cms allowing for such factors as evaporation).

This is a manual operation performed by the Lock Masters. On occasion larger volumes of water are released in instances where algae bloom need to be flushed out downstream.

Originally the lock and weir was constructed for navigation of river cargo, but nowadays its main importance is for irrigation and recreation.

Wander down the hill to the River itself and find the post that marks the famous 1956 flood level. It is astounding to imagine that such a volume of water flowed at that spot 50 years ago.

Another of the important tasks performed by the staff at Robinvale is the monitoring of fish. The Fisheries Department takes its breeding stock of silver perch, perch, and Murray cod from fish that staff at Lock 15 collects.

Robinvale is only one of two places along the Murray that this occurs, because of the healthy size of the fish stock in this part of the Murray River.

The staff monitors the fish levels of perch, Murray cod, silver perch and carp using radio trackers which trigger a data logger as the fish finds its way through the Denall Fish Way (so named for the person who invented the system). Stand on the edge of the lock and look for a zigzag concrete shape rising up out the river on the far side of the weir. That is the Denall fish way.

Its purpose is to mimic the current of the River allowing fish the opportunity to travel upstream where the weir wall would not allow them to get past. The fish that are tagged with tracking devices automatically trigger a response into a data logger which collects information such as what type of fish swam through, the time, the date, and the water temperature. This important information regarding the health of the fish stock in the Murray River in this area is then passed on to the Fisheries Department.

Lock staff are available from 8am-4pm daily ph. 5026 4005

Wemen and Beyond

The distance to Wemen from Robinvale is only about forty kilometres and you may be rewarded with good fishing away from some of the crowds upstream.

The children will enjoy the many expanses of sandbars and the beach-like atmosphere and setting.

As with most stretches of the Murray River around Robinvale Euston you can camp with plenty of space around you but know that should you need anything, a township is not far away.

A local shop provides for bait and fuel along with food and cold drinks. Consider a visit to Hattah Kulkyne National Park whilst in this area and explore the many archaeological sites there, including canoe and shield trees and the remains of middens.



original inhabitants

There are now at least 5 indigenous clans residing in the Robinvale Euston region: Tati Tati, Wiradjuri, Muti Muti, Wamba Wamba, Latje Latje.

In the time before white settlement, these tribes would travel far afield, following the seasonal food sources, moving onto different areas and trading with other clans as they went. Mixing bowls and grinding stones would sometimes be left behind, where a clan knew that this was an area that they would return to.

The area surrounding the Murray River at Robinvale Euston was an important settlement for some of these clans: The area of the current weir was a main eating place; Knights Bend and Lake Benanee were sites for burial.

Bumbang Island as it is now known was originally part of the mainland of Robinvale, except for a few short weeks when the Murray was in flood. With the creation of the lock and weir downstream in the 1920's this stretch of River is now permanently 'in flood' and has become the Island as it now stands. As a result, Bumbang Island is like a time-capsule of history of the Indigenous life before white settlement. It is estimated that there are over 800 scar trees on the Island, where bark has been cut out of

certain types of trees for the making of shields and canoes. Permission should be sought to access the Island.

If you look closely at the trees along the River's edge around Robinvale you may notice this distinctive oval scar left behind in the bark. One such scar tree is marked with a plaque under the bridge on the Robinvale side of the Murray. You may also notice clusters of shells along the River bank which indicates the site of a midden. These are the shells of the River mussels that were dug up out of the mud and eaten at that site. Traditional medicine is still used by some descendants of the original clans. The bark of a certain tree is boiled into a tea to ease headaches, coughs, colds, and for 'women's business'. Bark from the same tree is burned and the ash used externally as a poultice for wounds.

Wild pigface (a fleshy plant, with properties somewhat similar to the aloe vera plant) is used for treatment of skin infections and sores. 'Old man weed' is a River plant usually found along the banks of the Murray which can be boiled into a tea, or made into an ointment. Unfortunately, with the Murray flooding less and less and soil erosion taking place, some of these plants are not as plentiful as they once were.

An Indigenous Garden is currently underway on River Road, opposite Bumbang Island and Indigenous community members are growing fruit and vegetables in the Manatunga Community Garden in Robinvale.

Cultural awareness of our Indigenous past is on the increase.

The local Aboriginal community invite you to contact them while you are in our region.
Murray Valley Aboriginal Co-Op
Latje Road, Robinvale
Ph. 03 5026 1229

Manatunga Community Garden

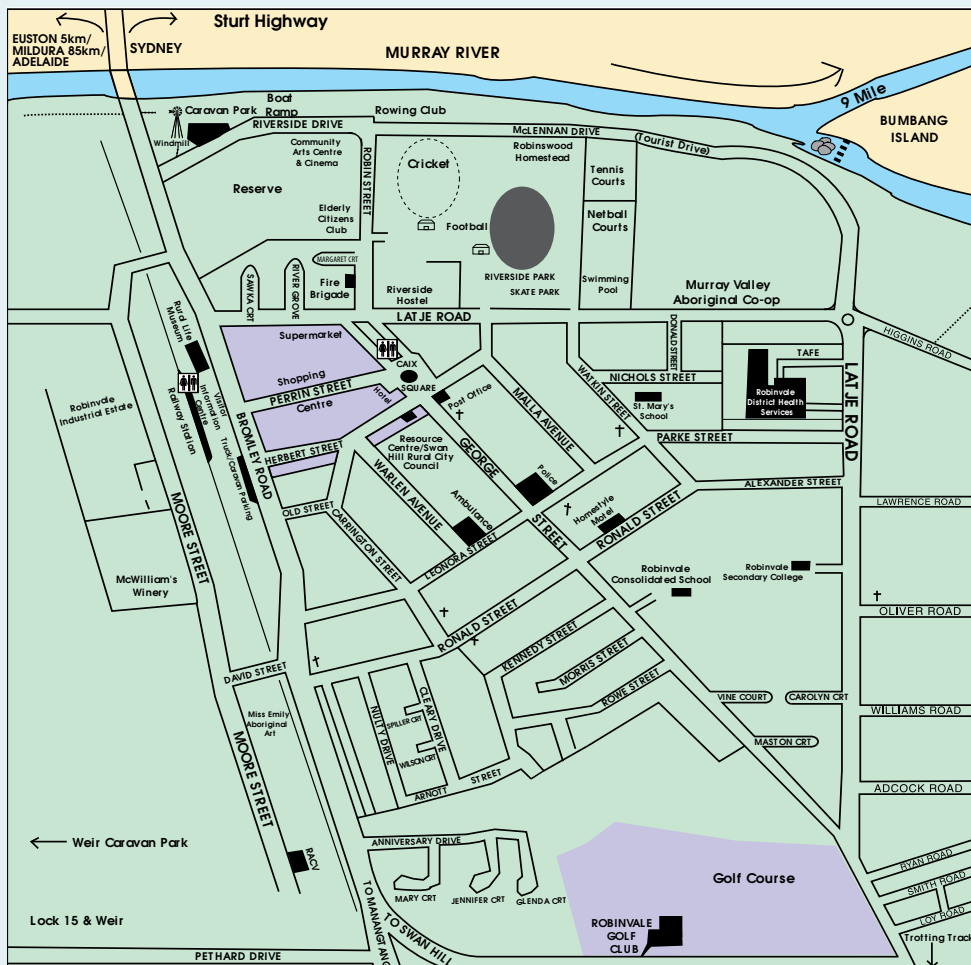
This Indigenous managed Community Garden located in Moore Street, Robinvale has been operating for over a decade to provide fresh, seasonal produce to community members and for occasional sale at the Robinvale Community Growers Market.

Interested individuals plant, water and harvest the produce as it comes into season.

The Community Garden provides an opportunity for interested participants to help develop the land for continued production and supply of nutritious 'home grown' fruit and vegetables.



Robinvale Township



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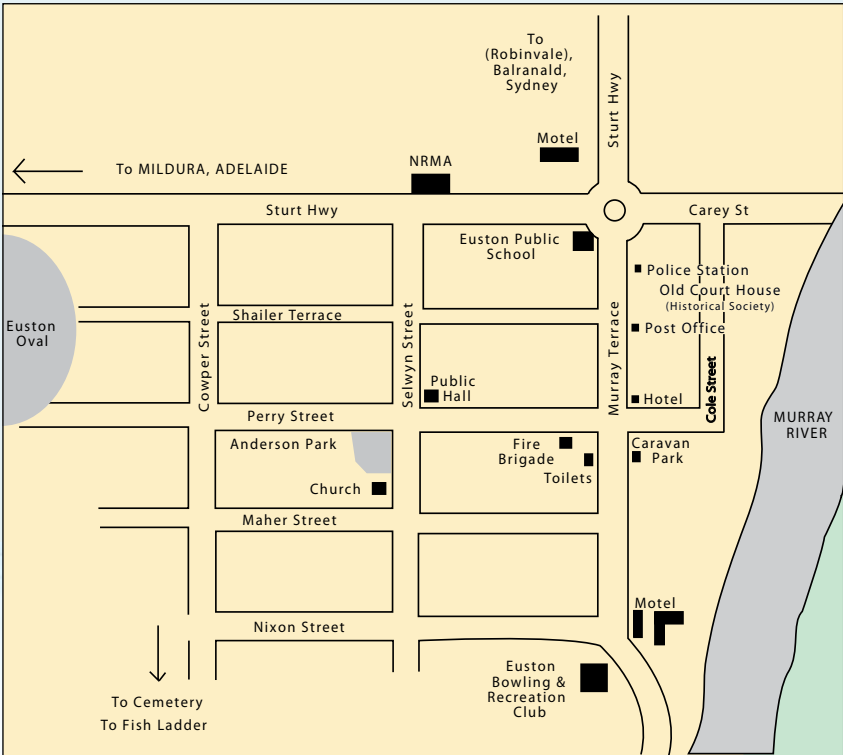
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Euston Township



*Our river is beautiful- but
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SWIM SAFE BY MARY MERLIN AND NAN CONNER

Swimming in fresh water is different from sea swimming. Fresh water is less buoyant, you will tire more easily.

If you are at all unsure of your swimming ability wear a life jacket when swimming in or boating on the river.

Swimming in the river is not like being in a swimming pool. There is a current, the bottom is uneven, there may not be people around if you call for help, and there is no firm edge a stroke or two away.

A sandbar slopes gently upstream, but the downstream edge is most often steep. That's how sandbars form. Move upstream as you play, not downstream. A sandbar may have quite deep holes in it, apart from the edges.

Test the bottom carefully each time before rushing into the water. Are there branches floating downstream? Has an unexpected deep spot formed overnight? Has some idiot thrown broken glass into the water?

NEVER dive into the water until you have tested for depth, freedom from snags and rubbish floating below the surface.

That includes diving off the bank, from a log leaning out into the water or off a boat.

A rope swing out over the water looks like fun; what will it drop you into? Find out before using it.

A likely fishing spot is not a likely swimming spot. There will be old lines and nets and fish hooks to catch you, as well as fish.

If you must have a race, race along the river, not across it. If you run out of puff, get a cramp or want to give up, the bank is not far away. It is further across the river than it looks.

Don't swim across the river alone. Go with a group of swimmers or with someone in a boat till you are sure you can last the distance. Even then, go with at least one other person.

Don't fight the current; swim downstream at an angle to reach the bank. If you plan to swim across, start upstream of where you want to land. If you get tired or have a cramp, don't panic. Turn over and float on your back, the current will take you to the bank in a little while.



European settlement



Historical Robinvale

European settlement of Robinvale commenced around 1847 when John Grant obtained a pastoral lease on Bumbang Peninsula, as Robinvale was then known.

The creation of channels and dams brought permanent water away from the River but only onto small holdings of land. Wheat crops were grown from the late 1800's. However, pumped irrigation water was not commonplace until after World War 2.

At first settlement most traffic and cargo travelled by boat along the Murray River bringing provisions to the township and taking market garden produce and fish to the markets of Melbourne.

In 1928 the (first) bridge connecting Robinvale and Euston was erected, replacing the punt that had previously joined our two towns.

Following World War 2, the Government of the day established an irrigation settlement comprising a total of 246 fruit-growing blocks which were allocated to eligible returned servicemen.

These original 'blockies' passed on their farms to their sons or eventually sold to others. People of Mediterranean origin found their way to this region after this time, possibly lured by a climate similar to 'home' and some have also passed on their farms to sons, just as the original 'blockies' did.

Robinswood Historical Homestead

This historically listed Heritage building was erected in 1926 by the Cuttle family, some of whose descendants still reside in Robinvale.

The Homestead is situated in McLennan Drive and is a very well preserved building showcasing a home that was modern by the standards of the time. The rendered concrete walls, roof tiles, and leadlight windows and doors are all original. An immense mirror in the entranceway has only recently been returned to the Homestead by the family in Melbourne, after having been removed in the 1940's.

The land surrounding the home still contains shrubs and trees that were planted at the time Robinswood Homestead was built. Several citrus trees and a bougainvillea on the grounds were part of the original extensive gardens. Two large peppercorn trees on the road next to Robinswood mark the site of what was a drop-pine log house that was demolished to make way for Robinswood.

The Cuttle family enjoyed welcoming visitors from the community to their home for cards and music, and Robinswood is still utilised extensively by the general public as a venue for craft groups and meetings and for special events such as small weddings, and patchwork and doll displays. It is available for hire as a function space with catering facilities available.

The Cuttle room in Robinswood Homestead contains loaned memorabilia and mementoes of the time and shows some of the history of the house and township as it was.

For further information and bookings contact Mrs Joyce Kelly: 0427 530 569.



Robinvale's French Connection

The Robinvale/Villers-Bretonneux Association was set up when Robinvale was twinned with Villers-Bretonneux, France, in 1984. A bell in Caix Square at the roundabout in Robinvale commemorates the twinning ceremony of the towns.

Robinvale was named after Robin Cuttle who was shot down and killed near Villers-Bretonneux in the Caix area of France during the First World War. The name of the town means 'Farewell Robin'.

The Robinvale/Villers-Bretonneux Association provides information for people who are intending to visit France and the Somme battlefields and the Australian War Memorial in Villers-Bretonneux.

The Association has a collection of memorabilia housed at Robinswood Historical Homestead. Robin Cuttle's war uniform has been donated to the museum in Villers-Bretonneux by his family to signify the strong connection these two towns still maintain and the importance of the sacrifices made by the Australian soldiers.

For further information on Villers-Bretonneux contact Mr Ian Boyd (03) 5026 4312.





Rural Life Museum

A shared interest in vintage machinery is what originally brought the Rural Life Museum's enthusiastic group of volunteers together in 1991. They were concerned that too much of the area's rural history had already been lost or destroyed, and decided to save and preserve as much as they could - so that future generations would appreciate what difficult conditions the original settlers in this region endured.

The Museum has evolved to incorporate not just an extensive display of olden day tractors, the majority of which are in working order, including a 1935 Lanz Bulldog. The collection also contains small engines, including a working 1897 Hercules Gas Engine (one of only 3 in the world!) and also farming tools and equipment, signs, Depression-era hand-made tools and implements, photographs of the area's World War 2 soldier Settlers, as well as household utensils and gadgets relating to that time.

You don't have to be a tractor buff to enjoy this well exhibited Museum. Group visits of bus tours, school and community groups are welcome. The Museum is open Thursdays and Saturdays, or arrangements can be made to open by appointment at any other time.

Contact numbers are listed on the Museum door.

Historical Euston

The Courthouse at Euston has been home to the Euston-Robinvale Historical Society since 1981 when the Society was founded. The aim of the members is to house and preserve written and photographic material relating to the history of the two towns and their surrounds.

October 2008 saw the 125th anniversary of the Courthouse. An open day featuring mock trials and re-enactments of actual cases from the 1880's took place at the commemoration.

Members of the Society meet at the Courthouse on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10am-12noon. Visitors are welcome to have a look around the Courthouse and view or purchase publications about the history of Robinvale Euston.

Whilst in Euston, take a stroll through the township and view the six plaques that have been erected on sites of historical significance. Each plaque is accompanied by photo and text describing a time and place in the history of Euston.

The plaques are located at the following places around Euston: at Euston Court House, opposite the Royal Hotel, at Euston Public School, on the road outside the Euston Club, with two plaques along the Murray River's edge at the car park near the River at the bottom of the Club.



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