



History Tour...

2 DAYS | GILGANDRA, TOORAWEEAH AND ARMATREE

A trip to suit history buffs big and small.

Adults and kids alike will love this tour back in time, taking in the bright and vibrant past of Gilgandra, Tooraweenah, and Armatree. You'll get a taste of our military and rural history - and find a hidden treat or two along the way! This itinerary even takes you out to the Warrumbungles, a place of great significance to the region's first peoples.

Need help making the Gilgandra Region part of your next adventure? Call our Visitor Information Centre on 02 6817 8700.

Day 1 - Gilgandra...

FUEL UP FOR A BIG DAY IN GILGANDRA

Kick-off the day with breakfast or just grab a coffee to get you going. A country town wouldn't be complete without a great main street - and that's just what you'll find on Miller Street! Restaurants, cafes, a bakery, boutiques and gift stores are all within a short walk.

WANDER THE WINDMILL WALK

Follow the cut-out Coo-ee marchers along the 2km (one way) trail to the Coo-ee Heritage Centre and Gilgandra Museum. You'll also walk along the 'upside down' Castlereagh River, a natural marvel that will have kids and adults alike scratching their heads.

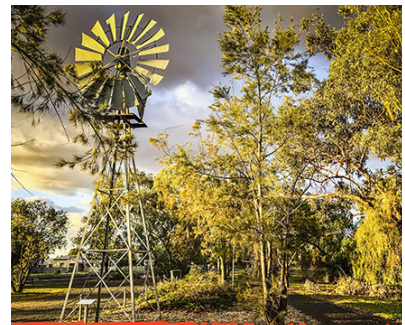
STEP BACK IN TIME AT OUR MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

(COO-EE HERITAGE CENTRE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS)

Linked by the Windmill Walk, you'll find there's plenty of history to soak up at the Coo-ee Heritage Centre and Gilgandra Museum.

You'll feel the Coo-ee spirit of mateship and community at the Coo-ee Heritage Centre as you learn about the 1915 Coo-ee March, get a taste of history and see the exhibitions from local and regional artists.

Then, discover life throughout history, with interactive displays and plenty of machinery to inspect at the Gilgandra Museum. See an original Howard Rotary Hoe, which was invented right here in Gilgandra!



THE WINDMILL WALK

A BEAUTIFUL 2KM (ONE WAY) WALK BESIDE THE CASTLEREAGH RIVER.



MUSEUMS

GILGANDRA MUSEUM AND COO-EE HERITAGE CENTRE.

VISIT THE COO-EE SOLDIER AND MURALS

Heading back to the CBD, you'll pass the Rising Sun in the War Memorial precinct and see the first of the murals. The Coo-ee bronze sculpture, commemorating the Centenary of the Coo-ee March, sits pride of place in the Gilgandra Community Plaza. This sculpture recognises the 25 men who left Gilgandra in 1915 and their eternal footprint on the history of the community and the nation.

You'll find a mural depicting the Coo-ee March and a plaque and storyboard which marks the starting point of the March in Bridge Street.

Murals depicting additional aspects of Gilgandra's history can be found in Morris Street, Warren Road and Wamboin Street.

SEE HITCHEN HOUSE

The Hitchen Brothers started the 1915 Coo-ee March. See the original house at 62 Miller Street and imagine the brothers sitting on the verandah discussing duty, adventure and the coo-ee call.

Day 2 - Tooraweenah and Armatree...

GILGANDRA TO TOORAWEEAH 47KM (36MIN DRIVE)

TAKE IN THE VIEWS AT TOORAWEEAH

Hop in the car and make your way to Tooraweenah. On your way into town, pull up and say hello to the returned soldier sculpture, located at the GK Rohr Warrumbungle Viewing Platform. Take in the incredible views of the Warrumbungles and surrounding farmland.

WALK BACK IN TIME WITH TOORAWEEAH'S HISTORICAL WALK

Follow the self-guided tour past original historical buildings, and imagine Tooraweenah's early life.

GRAB A BITE TO EAT

Stop in at the Mountain View Hotel for a wonderful home-cooked meal and a cold drink or head to The Little Gecko Coffee Shop. Open Wednesday to Saturday from 8:30am - 12:30pm The Little Gecko Coffee Shop has great coffee, yummy treats, meals and a beautiful selection of gifts.

TOORAWEEAH TO ARMATREE 48KM (39MIN DRIVE)

LEARN ABOUT ARMATREE'S HISTORY

First, visit the Armatree War Memorial, an essential stop for history lovers, where you will also find a memorial to local World War I Victoria Cross recipient, Alexander Buckley. Then, read the Armatree History Boards which detail the cultural and agricultural history of Armatree.

FINISH UP AT ARMATREE HOTEL

Expect nothing less than country hospitality when you stop by the family-friendly Armatree Hotel. Established in 1929, this pub could tell a story or two! Grab a meal and a beer in the venue awarded Best Bush Pub in both 2018 and 2019. Plus, it's a well-known live music venue. If you time your visit right, you might just catch some of Australia's best bands and touring artists. Why not stay the night? The Armatree Hotel offers a variety of accommodation and camping options.

OTHER HISTORICAL BUILDINGS & SITES WORTH A VISIT

GILGANDRA COURT HOUSE: Myrtle St, GILGANDRA

ANGLICAN CHURCH & FEETHAM HOUSE: Cnr Wamboin and Myrtle St, GILGANDRA

REMNANTS OF THE GILGANDRA FLOUR MILL: Warren Rd, GILGANDRA

FORMER MASONIC LODGE: Wrigley St, GILGANDRA

CHINNOCK B&B (FORMER HOSPITAL): Morris St, GILGANDRA

BUNGALOW MOTEL HOME, Cnr Castlreagh and Mullion St, GILGANDRA

RAILWAY HOTEL: Bundy St, GILGANDRA

ROYAL HOTEL: Cnr Bridge and Miller St, GILGANDRA

TATTERSALLS HOTEL: Cnr Wamboin St and Warren Rd, GILGANDRA

FORMER BANK BUILDINGS: 3 Buildings located on Miller St, GILGANDRA

SITE OF BREELONG MURDERS: A plaque commemorating the historical Breelong 1900's murders is situated at a rest area 20 kms along Castlereagh Highway towards Mendooran.

For further information on the location of these buildings, please contact the staff at the Visitor Information Centre on 02 6817 8700.

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