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A historic river town
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Top from left to right: The Sweat box
Captain located at the Memorial Rooms
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The Murray Darling Confluence from the lookout at Junction Park, Wentworth
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The Port of Wentworth
History, culture and charm . . .

Welcome to Wentworth, where the Darling River merges with the Mighty Murray. Tributaries west of the Great Divide feed these rivers with summer monsoon rain to the Darling and winter rain and snow thaw to the Murray, making this region ‘an oasis in the desert’.

Any wonder the township retains a rich history, boasting a fascinating natural and pioneering diversity – our region offers something for everyone.

In the late 1880’s, Wentworth was bustling with river trade as Australia’s busiest inland port. Today things are a lot quieter on the river. The paddleboats have largely been replaced by houseboats and other leisure craft but some things haven’t changed; Wentworth, the oldest town in the region, still retains its Colonial charm, yet displays obvious community pride.

Enjoy the wonders
Clockwise, from top left: The Old Wentworth Gaol, The ancient sands of the Perry Sand Hills,
Rob Blackburn, Destination NSW.
... midst outback discovery
Explore the diversity

A place of vivid contrasts, Wentworth offers visitors an array of experiences in a unique environment.
Lots to see and do ...

There really is plenty to see and do in the historic Port of Wentworth and greater Wentworth Shire.

Visitors can enjoy natural features, historic buildings, vivid landscapes, wide blue skies, wonderful weather, river red gums, Perry Sandhills (iconic red sand dunes) - a great family playground, or climb the viewing tower to say “hello darling” in Junction Park.

The region, too, is famous for its sporting facilities, boasting top class golf courses, tennis courts and bowling greens. Not forgetting river activities, with water skiing and fishing spots on your doorstep.

The rivers link this region, with the other towns of Dareton, Buronga and Gol Gol just up-stream on the Murray River.

They offer a mix of unique experiences from houseboat adventures, to recreational pursuits and horticultural insights.

Up-stream on the Darling you’ll find the old port town of Pooncarie with walking trails, heritage buildings and river landscapes to explore. To the east of Pooncarie is Mungo National Park, a portal to the past and world heritage listed area.

With these diverse experiences and a full range of accommodation, every age group is catered for. From outback farm stays, to river-view apartments, motels and houseboat holidays or caravan parks, visitors can choose their own pace to explore the dynamic south west corner of New South Wales.
Where the rivers meet
The Historic Port of Wentworth is uniquely located at the confluence (junction) of the two greatest rivers in Australia; the Murray and Darling. A perfect place for the creation of Australia’s busiest inland port in river-boat history. Wentworth helped provide transport and trade from South Australia through to Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. Though paddleboats are fewer now, the rivers are still vital lifelines for the town, giving anyone the chance to captain their own boat along the vast waterways.

THE DARLING RIVER
The Darling River is Australia’s longest river. Many tributaries start in south-east Queensland and New South Wales as the river flows 2740km to end where it joins the Murray at Wentworth. Sedimentary clay produces a stark colour contrast when a good flush is coming down, creating an inland delta around Wentworth. Travel the length of this great river utilising the ‘Darling River Run’ self-guided tour map.

THE MURRAY RIVER
The Murray River also depends on tributaries sourcing winter rains and snow-thaw for its existence. Captain Charles Sturt named the river after Sir George Murray, Secretary of State for the Colonies, on his arrival here January 23, 1830. Acting as a natural border between New South Wales and Victoria, it flows 2530km from the Alps to the ocean at its mouth near Goolwa, South Australia. The introduction of weirs and locks in the 1920s ensures a constant ‘weir pool’ in and about Wentworth, allowing water sports and recreational activities to become a major draw card. Truly, one of nature’s best playgrounds.
We invite you to come and enjoy the fantastic guided kayak tours we have to offer. We will take you through the most breath-taking scenery the Murray and Darling Rivers can provide. Come on it’s easy for all ages. You won’t be disappointed.

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Website www.pruby.com Email info@psruby.com.au
Cruise Bookings and Enquiries: 03 5027 5080.

Ruby’s Cargo Co-Operative Ltd

This unique gift shop provides an outlet for local artists and crafts folk to display their creative handcrafts reflecting the strength and spirit that is this district. We have paintings, lurking lizards, gourmet foods and more. Truly there is something for everyone hidden in this local treasure trove.

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Beverley Street, Wentworth. T. 03 5027 3337

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Sturt Hwy, Gol Gol. Phone 03 5024 8643
www.golgolgiftandgarden.com

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Silver City Hwy, Mourquong. P/F 03 5023 5197
Website www.orangeworldmildura.com.au

Trentham Estate
Relax on the picturesque banks of the Murray River, enjoy a gourmet lunch at the winery’s restaurant or sample the award-winning wines from the cellar door. Named Best Tourism Winery (NSW) ‘07, ‘08 and ‘09. Houseboat moorings also available.
Sturt Hwy, Trentham Cliffs. Phone 03 5024 8888
Email cellardoor@trenthamestate.com.au
Website www.trenthamestate.com.au
Wentworth’s Pioneer Museum offers history dating back 1.8 million years! Indigenous artefacts and mega-fauna displays feature fossils from Wentworth and Mungo National Park. Explore the rich history of river trade and pioneer settlement in Wentworth.

117 Beverley Street, Wentworth
(Opposite the Old Gaol) Phone 03 5027 3160
An Outback delight

Set on the sloping banks of the Darling River, 115km north of Wentworth, is the town of Pooncarie, known locally as ‘The Port’.

A great spot to break your drive, stretch your legs, fill your tank and grab a bite to eat, Pooncarie provides a unique insight into life in the Outback, albeit on the banks of a river. The locals are only too happy to share a yarn about the town, its characters, and its history.

Like Wentworth, Pooncarie was once a thriving port town, with paddlesteamers laden with wool plying the Darling downstream for South Australia. The old Wharf site still exists today for visitors to explore.

Pooncarie provides an alternative track to Menindee and Broken Hill. But, if you have the time, stay and explore – you’ll be glad you did.
**DARETON**
The town of Dareton is at the centre of the Coomealla Irrigation Area, an ambitious horticultural development begun in 1922.

The bush landscape was transformed into an orderly pattern of vineyards and orchards, by soldier settlers, following the two world wars.

The Dareton Agricultural Research and Advisory Station has operated for 60 years providing scientific data for vine and citrus industries.

The Coomealla Memorial Club is a superb entertainment and dining centre, and also operates a championship golf course on the banks of the Murray River. The area is an angler’s paradise and habitat for fauna.

**BURONGA**
Early explorers and overlanders no doubt would have passed by this site in the mid 1800s before pioneering graziers took up the land between the Murray and Lower Darling Rivers.

Originally part of the ‘Tapio Run’, Buronga is situated on the Sturt Highway, just five minutes from Mildura. It is a modern close-knit community based on light industry, horticulture and viticulture. The Australian Inland Botanic Gardens are situated close to town, plus winery production and citrus and olive orchards. A riverbank caravan park and motels cater for accommodation needs.

**GOL GOL**
Established in the late 1870s, this town is historically significant as an important coach stop. Coaches were vital for communication, Royal Mail and transport in the Wentworth Shire. Up to six lines operated to and from the area to Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide. Gol Gol Inn was one of the major change stations. Today, Gol Gol Hotel is still a favourite stop. The town hosts a range of accommodation and recreational activities on the picturesque banks of the mighty Murray river. An award winning boutique winery can be found at Trentham Cliffs.
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Rachel and Tristin invite you to share their dining experience or a quiet drink in the unique Fergie Bar. Relax in the beer garden or soak up the live Friday entertainment. Centrally located to the local attractions and accommodation “The Crown” is the perfect venue for a freshly brewed coffee or a private function with conference facilities available.

52 Darling Street Wentworth  Phone 03 5027 3061  Website www.crownhotelwentworth.com.au

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**Wentworth Club**

The Wentworth Club offers outstanding sports bar, bistro, coffee shop and function facilities in a setting on the banks of the Darling River.

Located in the heart of the historic township of Wentworth and close to local attractions, the Wentworth Club is open 7 days from 10am.

Darling Street Wentworth Phone 03 5027 3302  Website www.wentworthclub.com.au

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**Coomealla Memorial Sporting Club**

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Silver City Hwy, Dareton 1800 674 505, Ph: 03 5027 4505  www.coomeallaclub.com.au

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Sturt Hwy, Gol Gol Phone 03 5024 8492
Website www.golgolpub.com.au

Pooncarie Hotel

The Historical Pooncarie Hotel/Motel has been a tradition in the far west Darling country since 1877. Josh and Lee invite you in for a well deserved break, a hearty counter meal, an ice cold drink or to share a yarn and stay a while at this icon of the outback.

Tarcoola St, Pooncarie Phone 03 5029 5205
Email lee.sheard82.ls@gmail.com

Get a taste for our region!

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Gol Gol Hotel
Sturt Hwy, Gol Gol. Ph: 03 5024 8492
Pooncarie Hotel
Tarcoola St, Pooncarie. Ph: 03 5029 5205
Royal Hotel
41 Darling St, Wentworth. Ph:03 5027 3005
Trentham Estate Winery
Sturt Hwy, Trentham Cliffs. Ph:032424 8887
Wentworth Club
Darling Street Wentworth. Ph:03 5027 3302

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River Rd, Buronga. 03 5023 3612
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Phone 03 5027 3020 lawsavoca@activ8.net.au
http://sites.google.com/site/avocaondarling

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71a Caravan Park Road Buronga (Off Sturt Hwy)
T.03 5023 3040 info@burongacaravanpark.com.au
www.burongacaravanpark.com.au

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Phone 08 8091 7412
E. bindarastation@bigpond.com
www.bindarastation.com

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**Mungo Lodge**

Mungo Lodge is the gateway to Mungo National Park. Explore the natural wonders of this archaeologically significant landscape without compromising on luxury. Lodge facilities include licensed restaurant and bar, gift shop and guest lounge. Open daily.

Mungo Lodge Phone 03 5029 7297
Email stay@mungolodge.com.au
Website www.mungolodge.com.au
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Website www.coomeallavillas.com.au

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Website www.darlingjunctionmotorinn.com.au

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72-74 Adelaide St, (Sturt Hwy) Gol Gol Ph 03 5024 8778
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198 Adams St, Silver City Hwy Wentworth. Phone 03 5027 3268 Email tworivers-motel@bigpond.com www.tworiversmotel.com

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1073 Renmark Road Wentworth Ph: 03 5027 3097 fortcourage64@bigpond.com

Willow Bend Caravan Park

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Visit the website for more information about Willow Bend Caravan Park and the upcoming events.

Darling Street, Wentworth Phone 03 5027 3213 Website www.willowbendcaravanpark.com
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Natural Beauty
Lake Mungo is Outback’s most famous ‘treasure’. Thousands of years of sun, wind and rain have etched an ancient landscape. The 30km long ‘Walls of China’ are what visitors want to see. It is a stark, silent place - yet the surreal beauty is tangible.

Ritual burial sites and artefacts discovered years ago, provided evidence that this area was home to an ancient civilisation of Aboriginal peoples. Fossils of mega-fauna, and plantlife demonstrate unique characteristics for survival in this harsh environment.

Located 146km from Wentworth, the Interpretive Centre makes available tour maps, and camp sites. Guided tour companies operate regularly from Wentworth and Mildura.

Murraytrek Tours
Mungo National Park is our speciality. We have a maximum of 11 passengers per tour; small groups are a popular concept. Murraytrek caters for day tours and sunset, ideal for photography. Day tours include morning tea, lunch & evening meal for the sunset tours. Join your guide, Trevor Hancock who has over 50 years of local experience to share in the comfort of air-conditioned vehicles.

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Website www.murraytrek.com.au
Discover the rich past

The Wentworth Shire showcases over 150 years of pioneer settlement and 40,000 years of Indigenous culture.

THEGOA LAGOON AND INDIGENOUS TRAILS

The Aboriginal people living along the Darling river were known as the ‘Barkindji’ (or ‘Paakantyi’), meaning ‘belonging to the river’.

Thegoa Lagoon with its proximity to the river junction, was a natural ‘meeting place’ where Aboriginal people gathered for Corroborees. Nothing’s changed - still a great ‘meeting place’.

Thegoa self guided tour brochures are available at local VICs. Take in the natural beauty and learn of the archaeological sites - including: middens, hearths (fireplaces), scar trees (canoes, shields and tools have been removed from the River Red Gum trees) and the marvel of the Boundary Tree.

These are remarkable living examples of the Aboriginal ability to graft branches together to create an eye or ring in the tree. Visible from across the river, they were a clever way of marking a tribal boundary.

Thegoa Lagoon Reserve offers walk and drive trails and a bird hide to observe flora and fauna, within minutes of the town centre and popular Murray Darling river junction.
Standing the test of time
Scattered throughout the Wentworth Shire are fine buildings and structures - a legacy to the pioneers and engineers of times long past. From the grandeur of large homesteads nestled along the rivers, to historic schools, churches and the courthouse (in regular use since 1879). Lift-span bridges still operate today to assist riverboats, long retired farm and household implements are displayed in local parks and the Pioneer Museum, all a tribute to the perseverance of our pioneers and their strong will to provide for their families. Graziers were the first to arrive - the port town flourished. Irrigation later turned the region into an ‘oasis in the desert’. What a legacy they created for us.

The Old Wentworth Gaol
The most well-known building in Wentworth is H.M. Old Wentworth Gaol. The first prison designed for Australian conditions opened in 1881, a testimony to the building skills of the day. The gaol served a large area yet only operated until 1927. Open to visitors daily, a tour of the gaol gives an insight into what a struggle life could be in colonial times.

The historic value
Above left to right: St John’s Anglican Church. Paddle boats arrive at the port. MurrayRiverPhotos.com.au
Tour of the ancient sites of Mungo. Don Fuchs Destination NSW.
Below: Avoca on Darling Homestead
The Old Wentworth Gaol.
From the pioneering of homesteads and once expansive station empires of Avoca, Bindara and Mungo, to the will and achievement of the quality production of world exported wine and produce of Trentham, Varapodio and Orange World; these attractions all offer an inside glimpse into the industry and harvest practice from a region that hosts a successful environmental balance.

One of the regions greatest demonstrations of environmental management is the Australian Inland Botanical Gardens. These beautifully landscaped gardens offer displays of both native and intercontinental plantings. Complete with its famous rose garden, the gardens provide a unique understanding of the environment.

Visitors to these attractions can take part in a variety of guided tours, enjoy the tastes of fresh, local produce, relax with a local wine or simply take in the beauty and diversity that our region has to offer.

Opening and touring times are available from the Wentworth Accredited Visitor Information Centre. Phone: (03) 5027 5080.
Triumph over the extremes

In a region of diversity and at times adversity, pioneering, will and community spirit can make anything possible...

Environment Attraction

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The Australian Inland Botanic Gardens

The rich beauty of the iconic rose garden, just a taste of what this unique attraction has to offer.
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Regional Festivals

Mildura & Wentworth Arts Festival
March
Enjoy the colour and splendour that is the Mildura Wentworth Arts Festival. Events held across the region over 10 days.


Mildura Country Music Festival
September - October
Kick up your heels for 10 days of non-stop country music. With a range of free entertainment throughout the region.

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Mildura Jazz, Food & Wine Festival
October - November
Sample a selection of the region's award-winning wines and soak up the Jazz. Festival runs for 10 days.


A taste of village charm and festivities
Top left to right: Jazz Food & Wine Festival on the banks of the Murray. Mildura Wentworth Arts Festival. Paddleboats celebrate a history of steam at the historic port of Wentworth. Above Centre: Fergie Tractors take to the streets in the Festival of the Flood - Fergie Rally and All of the fun and excitement of the Wentworth Races on Cup Day.
MUST SEE AND DO

(A) The confluence of the Darling and Murray rivers can be best viewed from the observation tower.

(B) Stand on the island at the confluence of the rivers with a natural reserve walking track near the Wentworth District Hospital.

(C) The Old Wharf on the Darling and the Captain John Egge Memorial. A short walk from the main street to the river front, once the scene of busy river trade.

(D) Fotherby Park houses a range of pioneer heritage including a ‘drop log’ homestead, an original Chaffey brother’s steam powered tractor, and the iconic ‘grey Fergie’ the saviour of the town in the 1956 flood.

(E) The Wentworth Rotary Pioneer Museum and The Old Gaol for a taste of Wentworth’s history.

(F) P.S. Ruby, Wentworth’s flagship. Open Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm for inspection and an up close look at her working steam boiler.

(G) See the Wentworth Visitor Information Centre for more information and up coming events.

(H) Riverboat Rod’s Model Paddle Steamer Display. Open Wednesday to Sunday 10am - 4pm. Over 30 hand-crafted detailed models on display.

Going Out

Wentworth Trail

Travel back in history ... at your own pace
Visit 34 points of interest as you are guided about Wentworth on the Wentworth Trail. The tour of the historic Port of Wentworth begins at the Wentworth Shire Visitor Information Centre, 66 Darling Street. It high-lights historical buildings, from the Post Office, built in 1899, and the Town Hall (1884) to cultural sites, such as mussell beds and middens.

Australian Inland Botanic Gardens

An oasis in the desert
Take the time to discover the jewel of Sunraysia with a visit to the beautifully landscaped botanic gardens. There’s the Garnpang Homestead gift shop, rose garden and plants representing every Australian State and continent on display. A “Big Breakfast” & Market is also held on the 4th Saturday of the month at the Homestead.

(I) Perry Sand Hills

A natural wonder of Wentworth
Explore the drifting sands of this ice-age formation, home to mega fauna fossils and a second world war RAAF practice range. Enjoy a quiet stroll over the hills or go wild with the endless fun to be had up and down the dunes.

(J) ROTARY WHARFSIDE MARKET

Enjoy the variety of stalls and displays at the Old Wharf at the Historic Port of Wentworth with fun for the whole family.

This market brings festivities, fun and entertainment of a traditional village market to the banks of the Darling River.

The Rotary Wharfside Market operates on the 5th Sunday of the month, from 9am until 1pm. Entry to the market is Free.

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Attractions

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Old Wentworth Gaol  
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www.orangeworldmildura.com.au
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www.paddlesteamers.com.au
P.S. Ruby  
www.psruby.com
Rest-A-While Gardens & Gallery  
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Rotary Wentworth Market  
5th Sunday of the month
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03 5027 2297
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