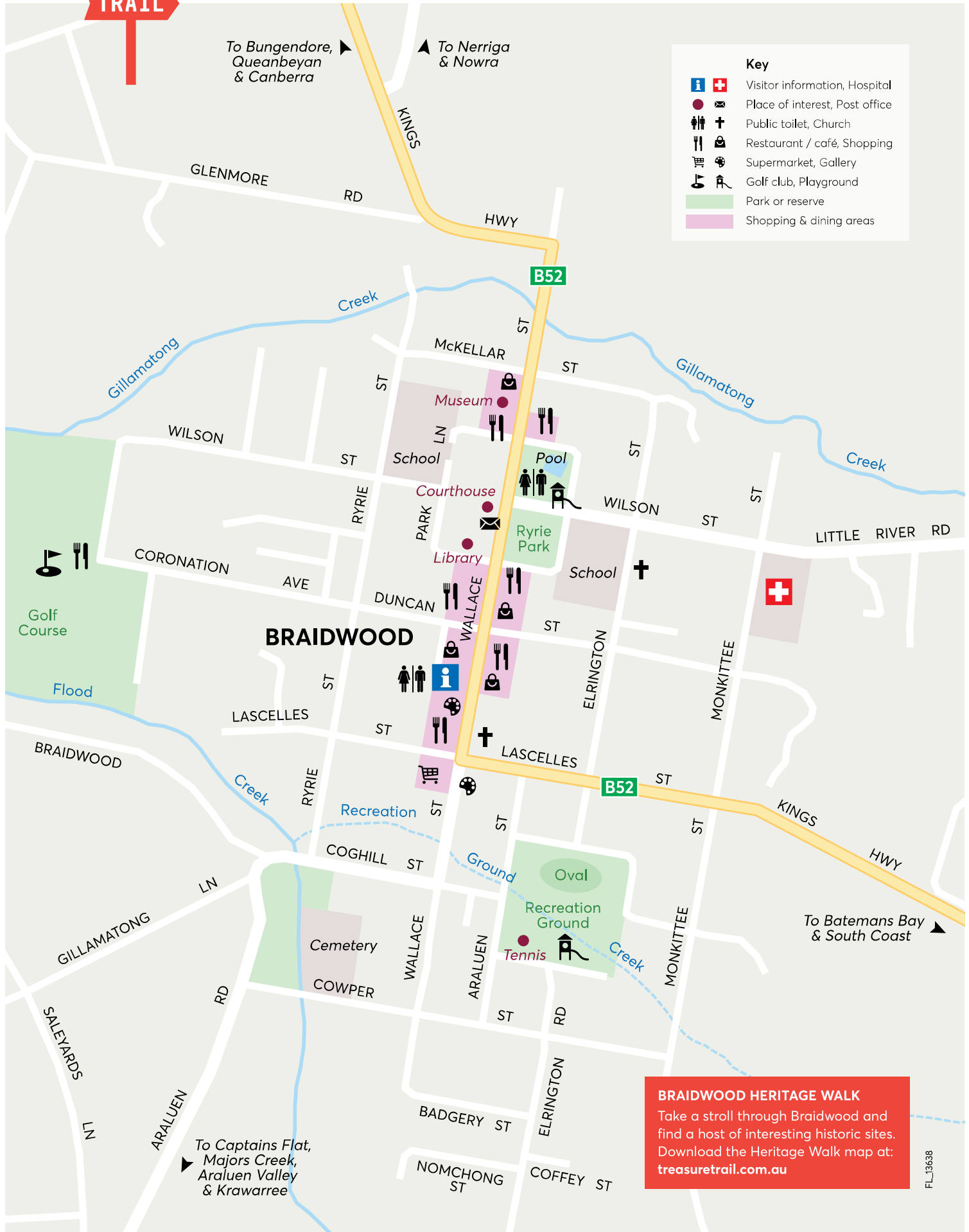




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BRAIDWOOD HERITAGE WALK
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IF YOUR IDEA OF BLISS IS WANDERING ENCHANTING COUNTRY VILLAGES, THEN A VISIT TO BRAIDWOOD IS A MUST-DO.

Step back in time with a visit to the historic town of Braidwood. One of the region's true hidden gems, the old gold-rush town is brimming with colonial buildings housing unique boutiques, cafés, antiques and more. The town was the first to be listed in the NSW State Heritage Register, but it is far from the sleepy old village you may imagine. Bustling with life, yet surrounded by Australian history, Braidwood is the ultimate country getaway for city dwellers looking for a slice of tranquility.

SEE & DO

Explore a bygone era as you walk along the streets of Braidwood on a self-guided heritage tour of over 45 historic locations, or pay a visit to the amazing Braidwood Museum which boasts an impressive collection of preserved artefacts and photos that tell the story of the people who have lived in the district.

The rustic and rural streetscape of Braidwood has served as the backdrop for many iconic Australian films. Relive scenes from Mick Jagger in *Ned Kelly* or a young Ben Mendelsohn in *The Year My Voice Broke* on the very same streets on which they were filmed.

Also, a shopper's delight, Braidwood is a mecca for eclectic boutique shopping, local artisan-made art, crafts, jewellery and amazing fresh regional produce. The town's diverse and innovative shopping opportunities keep visitors coming back again and again to find treasures they can't get anywhere else.

The village is within reach of two of the region's most impressive national parks, Monga and Deua. Explore the great outdoors with a scenic drive over to the Big Hole in Deua or check out the magical misty forests of Monga.

HISTORY

Braidwood received its name from one of the district's early residents, Dr Thomas Braidwood Wilson. Originally from Scotland, Wilson was a surgeon in the Royal Navy, which included stints on convict ships. He settled down in NSW with his family, naming the property Braidwood. Wilson was buried under a tree on a scenic hilltop overlooking the town.

Braidwood boasts a rich multicultural heritage. Not only was the land occupied by Indigenous people for thousands of years before European settlement, the town also saw an influx of Chinese and Irish prospectors during the gold rush era.

To this day, the legacy of these Chinese pioneers lives on in Braidwood Museum's extensive collection of artefacts and photos of the era, as well as in many of the 19th century buildings on the main street of Braidwood.

Thanks to Braidwood's past as a centre of the gold mining region in NSW, its history is also filled with fascinating stories of infamous bushrangers. Immerse yourself in the history of the gold mining region by taking a trip to the nearby villages of Araluen and Majors Creek.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Braidwood is a hub for artists, designers and craftspeople alike. Check out Thompson Bespoke Jewellers, William Verdon Manufacturing Jewellers and Altenburg & Co for gorgeous unique jewellery and design.

Marvel at the talents of local artists at an exhibition at the Fyre Gallery or the Braidwood Regional Arts Group's Arts Centre, or go for a drive to Jembaicumbene's Mill Pond Farm to visit the one-of-a-kind Wheatfield Gallery.

EAT & DRINK

Braidwood boasts a wide variety of authentic, local food produced by passionate and creative members of the community. Here, you have the chance to enjoy astounding local produce such as premium cool-climate wines, beautiful organic garlic and pure local honey.

The town is home to many quirky cafés, irresistible bakeries and traditional pubs. Stop by for a pie at Dojo Bread and taste local apple cider at Sully's Cider at the Old Cheese Factory in nearby Reidsdale, or drop in for a coffee or a meal at one of the town's many charming cafés and restaurants such as Deadwood or Casanova's.

EVENTS

Plan your visit to coincide with the iconic events of Braidwood and the surrounding villages, such as the annual Braidwood Show, the traditional Airing of the Quilts, the famous vintage motorcycle get-together, the Machine Show, or the annual folk music spectacle, Majors Creek Festival.

You can also find hidden handmade treasures and fresh local produce at Braidwood's frequent farmers' markets, usually held the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.



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