

Tamworth Moke Roundup

Melbourne – Tamworth – Melbourne

18Th October 2014
To
25th October 2014

The general idea is to take 4 days to get to Tamworth and 4 days to get back. Keeping the driving down to below 4 hours a day allowing plenty of time to investigate the numerous places of interest along the way.

As people have different interests, the plan is to not, necessarily, travel in a set convoy but for the group to split up into smaller groups to visit the places that interest them and then meet up again for lunch and/or the overnight stop.

As Peter H. will have his trailer with him, the group is covered if something goes wrong with a Moke and requires assistance.

At each overnight stop, there are motels or camping/caravan parks, so that each traveller can choose the accommodation of their choice for each stop.

The outward stops are at Wagga Wagga, Cowra and Mudgee. The return stops are at Dubbo, West Wyalong and Narrandera.

We hope to meet up with any travellers going our way at Wallabadah(50kms south of Tamworth) to travel the last kilometres in convoy to Moke central.

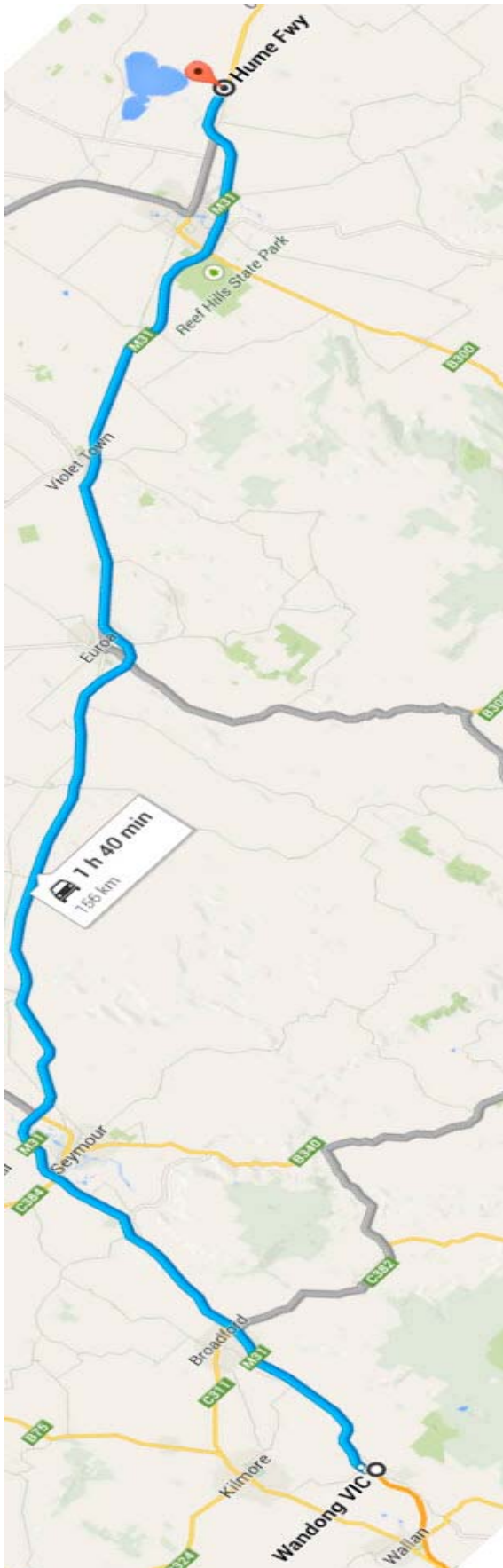


A star indicates a point of interest.

Day 1 First Leg (156 kms approx 1hr 40min)

Transport section Wandong to the [Lake Mokoan Rest Area](#) (Approx 2kms North of Winton)

Meet up with Eastern Suburbs folks coming to Benalla via Yarra Glen



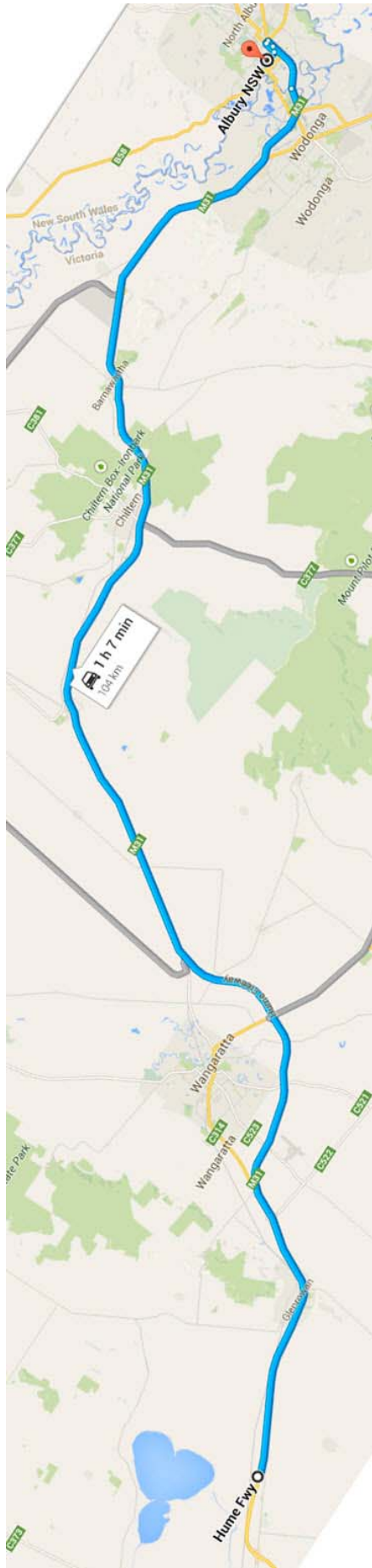
This first leg will just be a cruise run up the Hume Fwy.

Planning on leaving the Rest Area approx 2 kms north of the Kilmore/Wandong exit on the Hume Fwy at 9:00AM.

Arriving at the rendezvous point of the Mokoan Rest Area at approx. 10:45am.

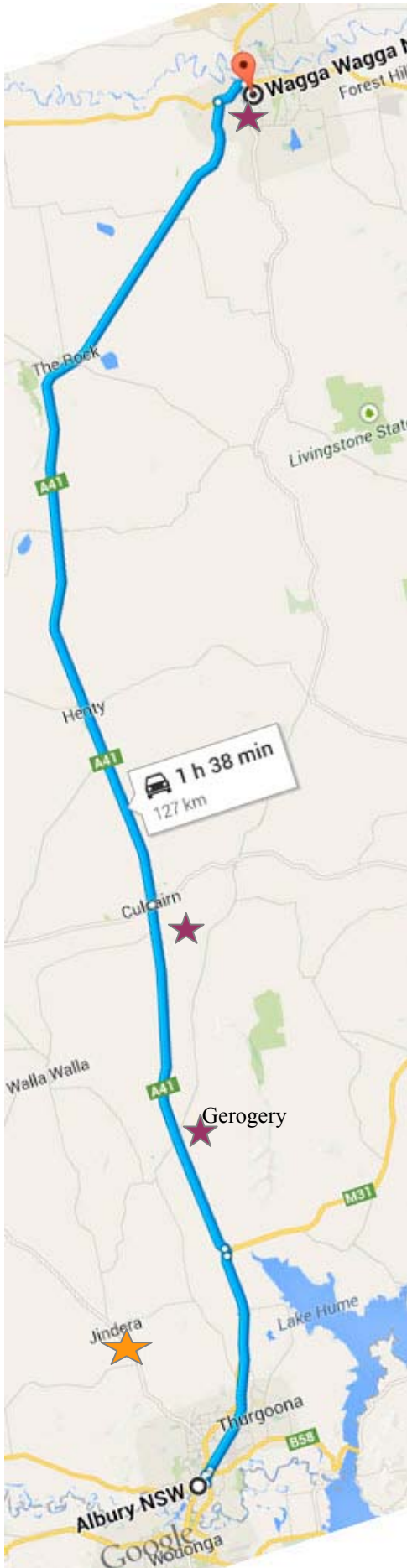
Day 1 Second Leg (104 kms approx. 1hr 7min)
[Lake Mokoan Rest Area](#) to Albury

Stop for Lunch



Again this section is a cruise up the highway to Albury and perhaps have lunch.

Day 1 Third Leg (127 kms approx. 1hr 40min)
Albury To Wagga Wagga
Overnight stop



Places of interest

Jindera

Pioneer museum:- shows items used by the pioneers of the district. Takes about 60-90 mins to see all.

Gerogery

Doll museum with 1600 antique and modern dolls including largest Barbie ever made and it also houses Teddies.

Culcairn

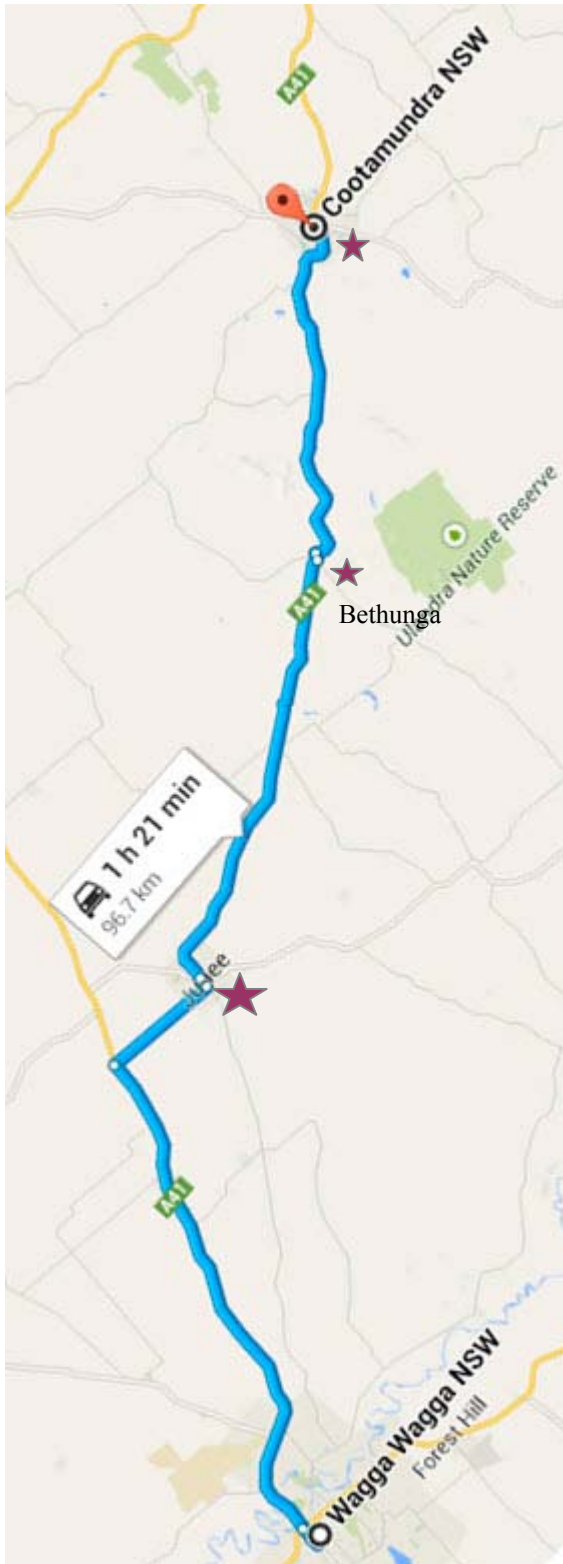
Morgan's Lookout;- see the sights of the surrounding country from Mad Dog Morgan's hideout.
Station House;- A must see for those lovers of all things railway.
Culcairn Railway Station Craft Shop - has locally made craft for sale.

Accommodation Wagga Wagga

There are several motels to suit most budgets as well as a Big 4 holiday park.

Day 2 First Leg (96 kms approx. 1hr 20min)
Wagga Wagga to Cootamundra

Lunch Stop



Places of interest.

Wagga Wagga

Wine and cheese can be sampled at the CSU winery and cellar door. They do sell other local produce as well.

The Soap Kitchen for natural cleaning products.
Museum of the Riverina – at the historic Council Chambers and also at the Botanic gardens which also has other things to see or do.

Junee

Roundhouse for the history and train buffs.
Broadway Museum a rich resource of local history.
Here they have a model of the Bethunga Spiral railway.

Licorice and Chocolate factory – see the factory or taste the goods.

Bethunga

Spiral Railway.

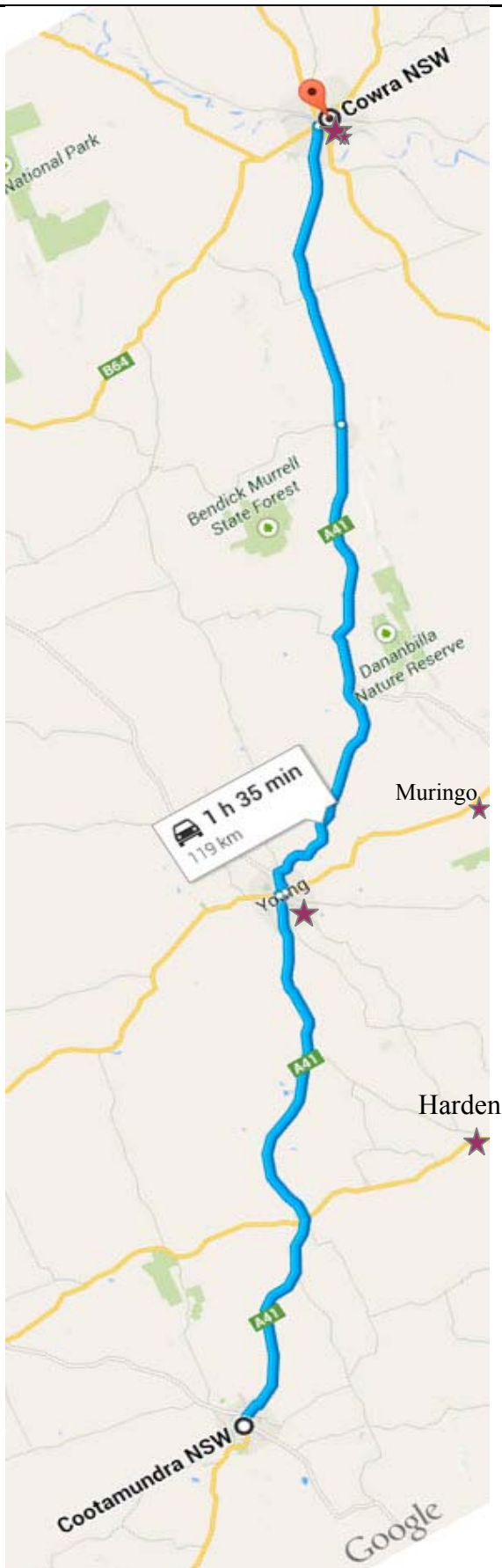
Cootamundra

Art and Craft centre – near the Station Masters Residence.

Heritage Centre - near railway station.
Don Bradman's Cottage.

Day 2 Second Leg (119 kms approx. 1hr 35min)
Cootamundra to Cowra

Overnight stop



Places of interest.

Harden

Federation Star Monument
Historic Museum with blacksmith and wheelwright

Young

Lambing Flat Folk Museum – goldfield history
Cherry district
Dunkell goats – soaps
Historic Young Railway Station – Hilltops Regional
Wine Cellar
Lambing Flat Chinese Tribute Garden

Muringo

Glass blower and engraver, historic site

Cowra

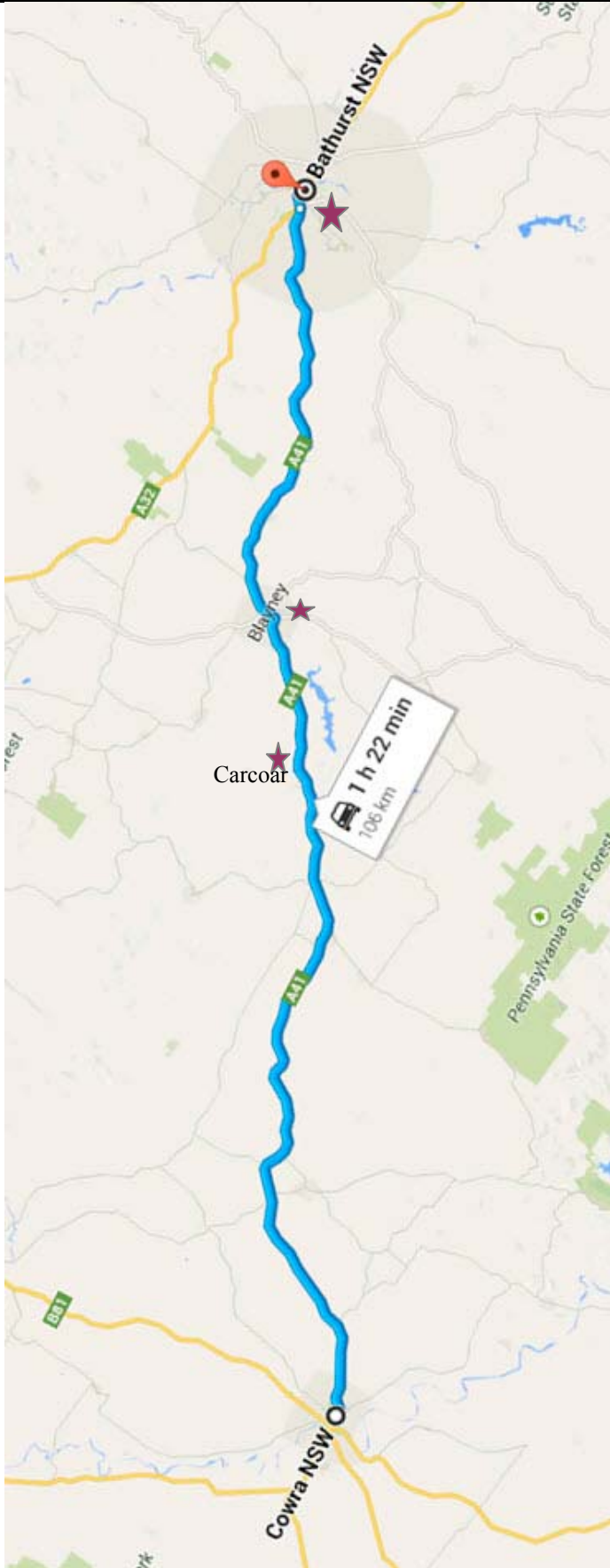
Various wineries
Japanese Garden and Cultural Centre
Fun Museum – model railway, war and rural
memorabilia, working steam engines plus.
Australia's world Peace Bell

Accommodation

There are several motels.
Cowra Holiday Park

Day 3 First Leg (106 kms approx. 1hr 25min)
Cowra to Bathurst

Lunch Stop



Places of interest.

Carcoar

National Trust classified town.

Blayney

Heritage town with interesting architecture.
Craft shops

Bathurst

Miss Triall's House
Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum
Mt. Panorama – National Motor Racing Museum
Sheep and Cattle Dome
Bathurst Observatory

Day 3 Second Leg (128 kms approx. 1hr 40min)
Bathurst to Mudgee

Over night stop

Places of interest.

There are many wineries to visit.

Sofala

Gold mining – esp. Upper Turon
Turon Technical Museum.
Old Sofala Post Office

Ilford

Ploughman's Lavender Farm

Kandos

Bi centennial Industrial Museum

Rylstone

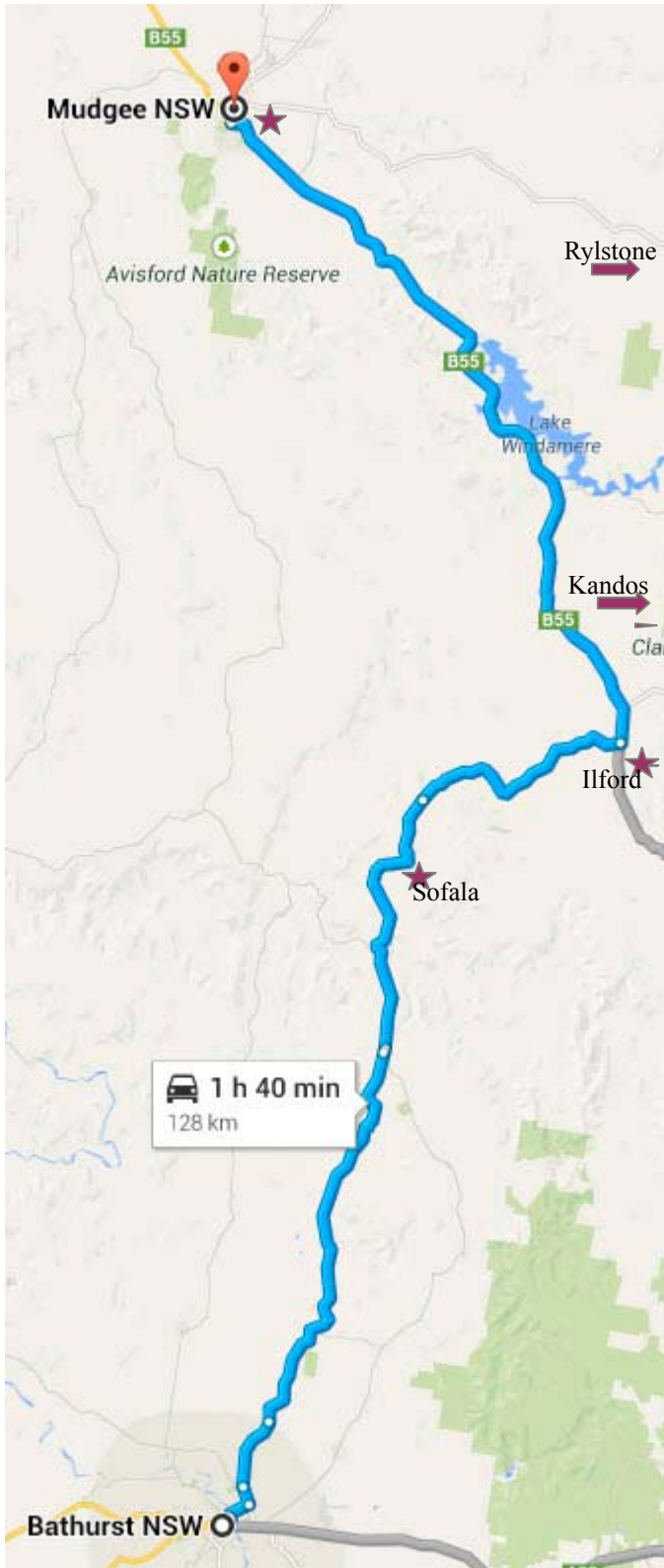
Lakelands Olive tasting room

Mudgee

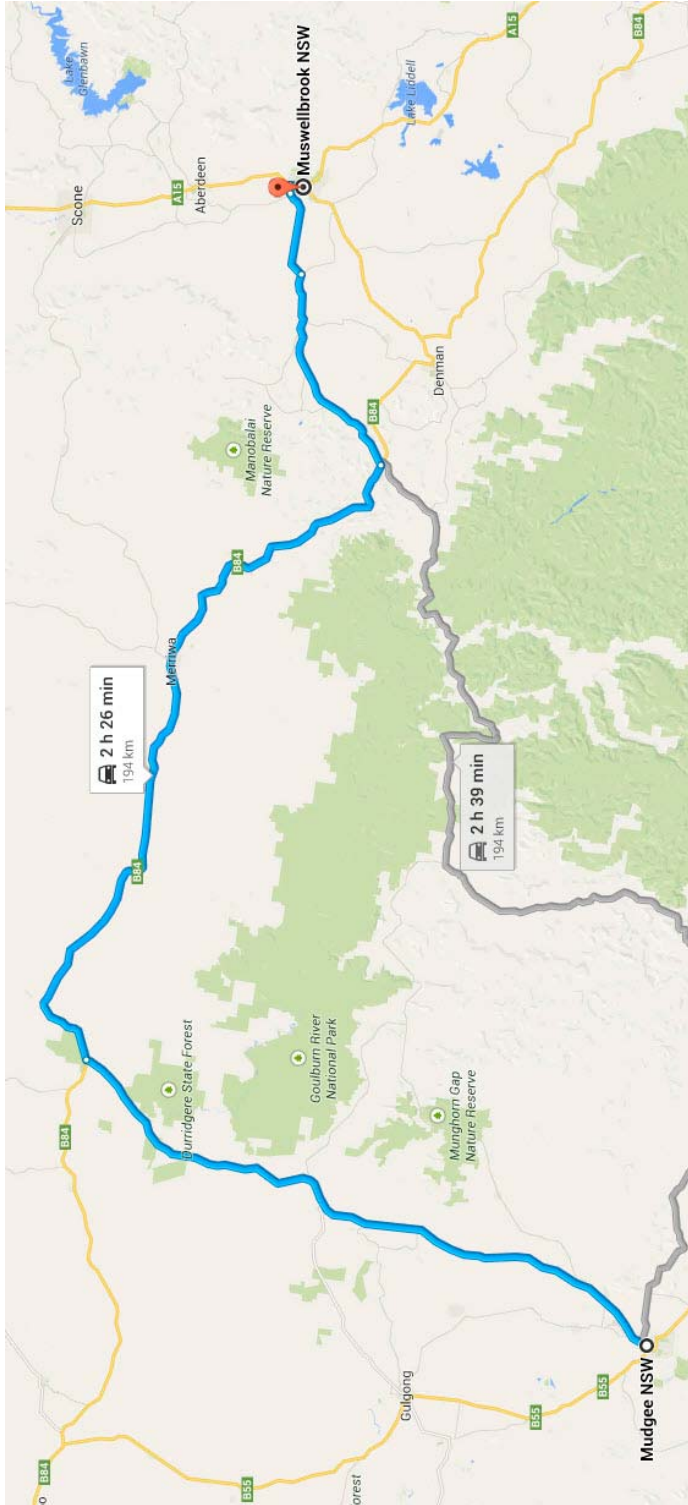
Mudgee Brewing co.
Arts and Crafts Mudgee – Old Railway Building
Lowe's winery and cellar door
The Olive Nest and 1838 Wines
Motorcycle Museum

Accommodation

There are several motels and at least 3 camping grounds.



Day 4 First Leg **Option 1** (194 kms approx. 2hr 26min)
Mudgee to Muswellbrook
Lunch stop



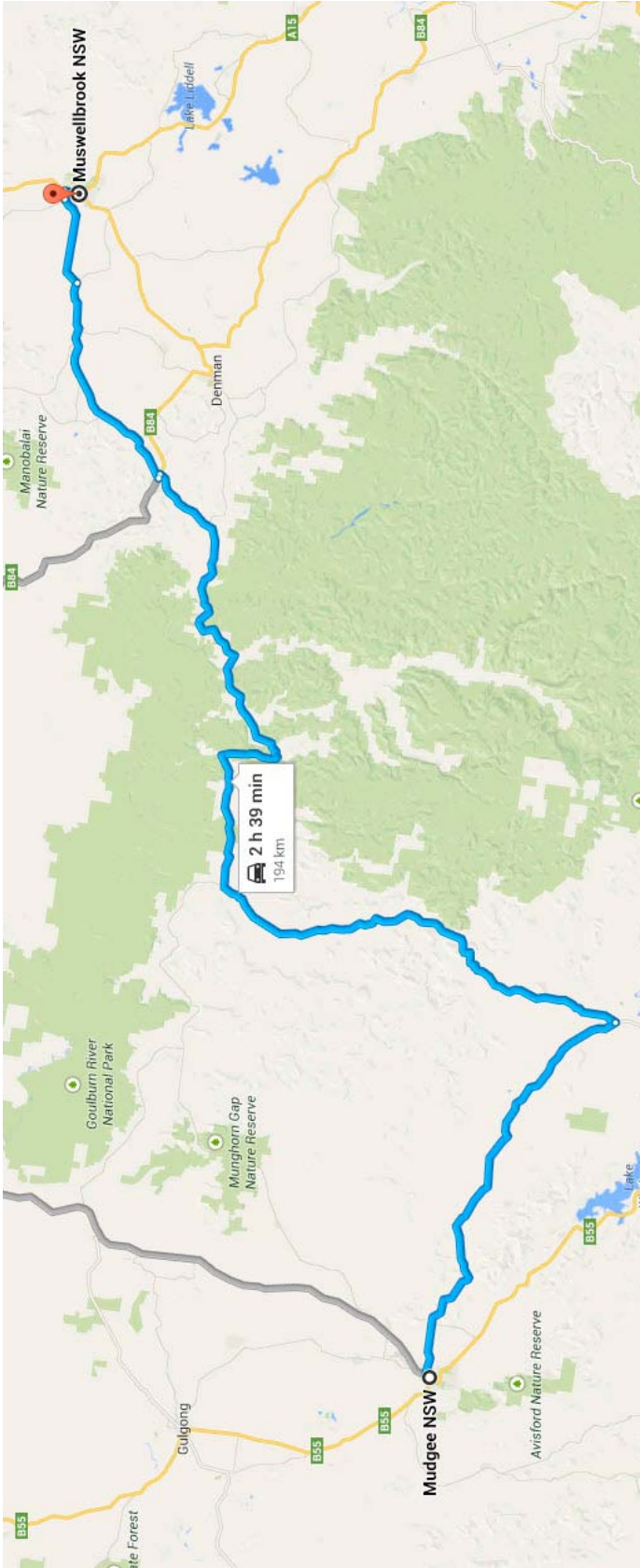
Beautiful scenery and a chance to check the old Moke out for its time at Tamworth.

Don't forget we do have a trailer if things go wrong.

There are three possible routes that can be taken to Muswellbrook these are the first two. All take around the same length of time.

Day 4 First Leg **Option 2** (194 kms approx. 2hr 39min)

Mudgee to Muswellbrook
Lunch stop



Alternate route.

Day 4 Second Leg (156 kms approx. 2hr)
Muswellbrook to Tamworth

We are there.



Places of interest.

Muswellbrook

Hunter Belle Cheese
Muswellbrook Heritage walk

Scone

Australia's home of the racing Industry – see
beautiful statue near Elizabeth Park

Quirindi

First Fleet Memorial Gardens also includes Second
Fleet Memorial

Wallabadah

Perhaps gather together here and convoy into
Tamworth to 'Moke Central'

Return journey: Day 1, First leg 182kms approx. 2h 18 min.

Tamworth to Coonabarabran
Lunch stop.

Points of Interest.

Tamworth

Australian country music hall of fame
Calala cottage museum
Many other places to find out about.

Gunnadah

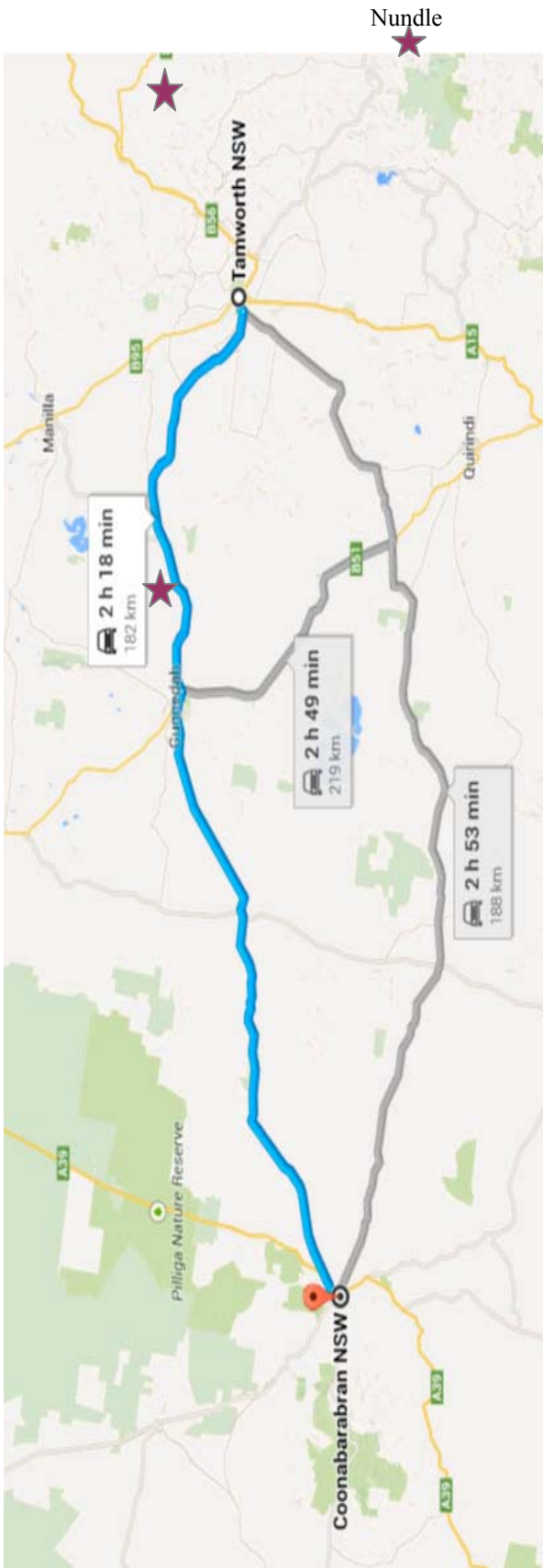
Diprotodon drive near Tamber Springs
Rural Museum
Miners memorial statue

Nundle

Nundle Country traders
Nundle woollen mill
Plains of Plenty
near Nundle – Arc en Ciel trout farm

Coonabarabran

Sliding Springs Observatory - Discovery Centre
Visitors Information Centre



Day 1. Second leg 158Kms approx. 1h 52min.
Coonabarabran to Dubbo.

Overnight stop.



Gilgandra

Gilgandra Coo-ee Heritage Visitors Centre
Rural Museum
Grandma's Dolls
Shelly Mae Antiques and Collectables

Dubbo

Dubbo Observatory
Dubbo arts and craft society Inc.
Taronga Western Plains Zoo

Accommodation

Lots of motels.
Holiday Park

Day 2, First leg.
Dubbo to Parkes 120kms approx. 1h 30min.

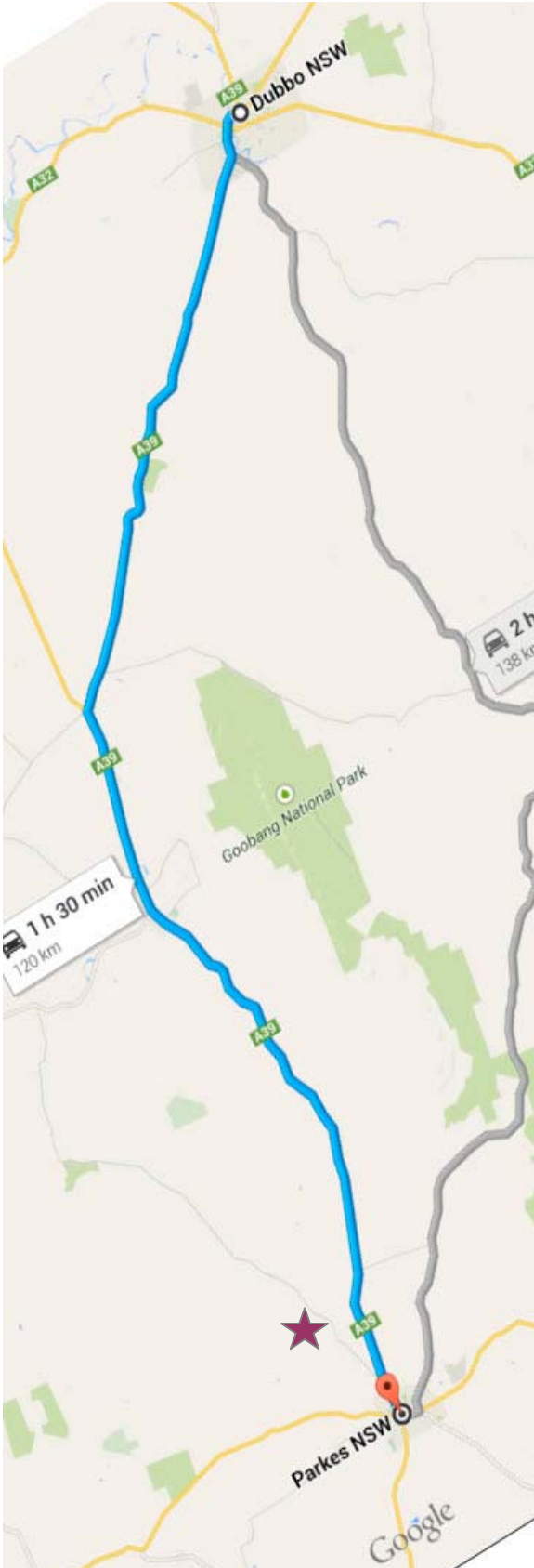
Lunch stop.

Points of Interest

Parkes

Craft Corner
CSIRO Parkes Radio Telescope
Henry Parkes Centre – many things of interest.

Park Hill
At holiday park – Big Fish Fossil Museum



Day 2, Second section
Parkes to West Wyalong. 137Kms approx. 1h 40min

Overnight stop.

Points of Interest

Forbes

Forbes and District Historical Society Museum
Forbes Platypus Gallery
Forbes Railway Arts and Visitors Centre
McFeeter's Motor Museum and Visitor's Centre

Wyalong

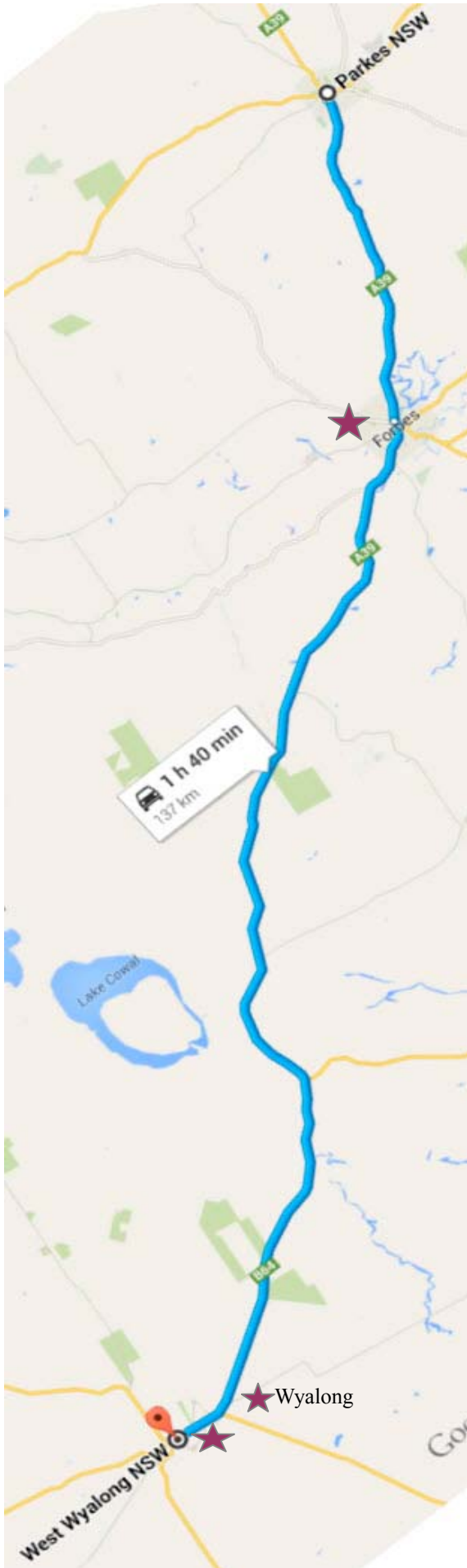
Exclusive Hot Glass Gallery

West Wyalong

Splatter Gallery and Cafe
Thom, Dick and Harry's
True Blue Mining Poppet – between Wyalong and
West Wyalong

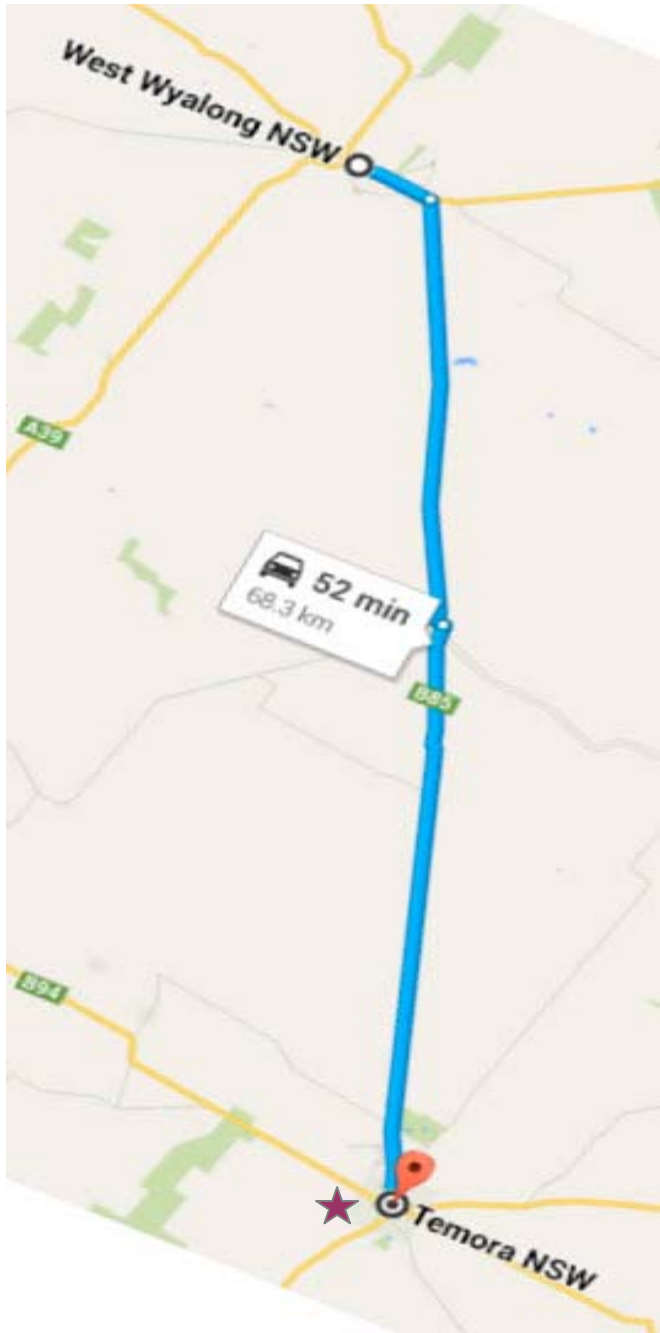
Accommodation

West Wyalong Caravan Park
Several motels



Day 3, First section.
West Wyalong to Temora 68.3kms approx. 52min.

Lunch stop.



Point of interest

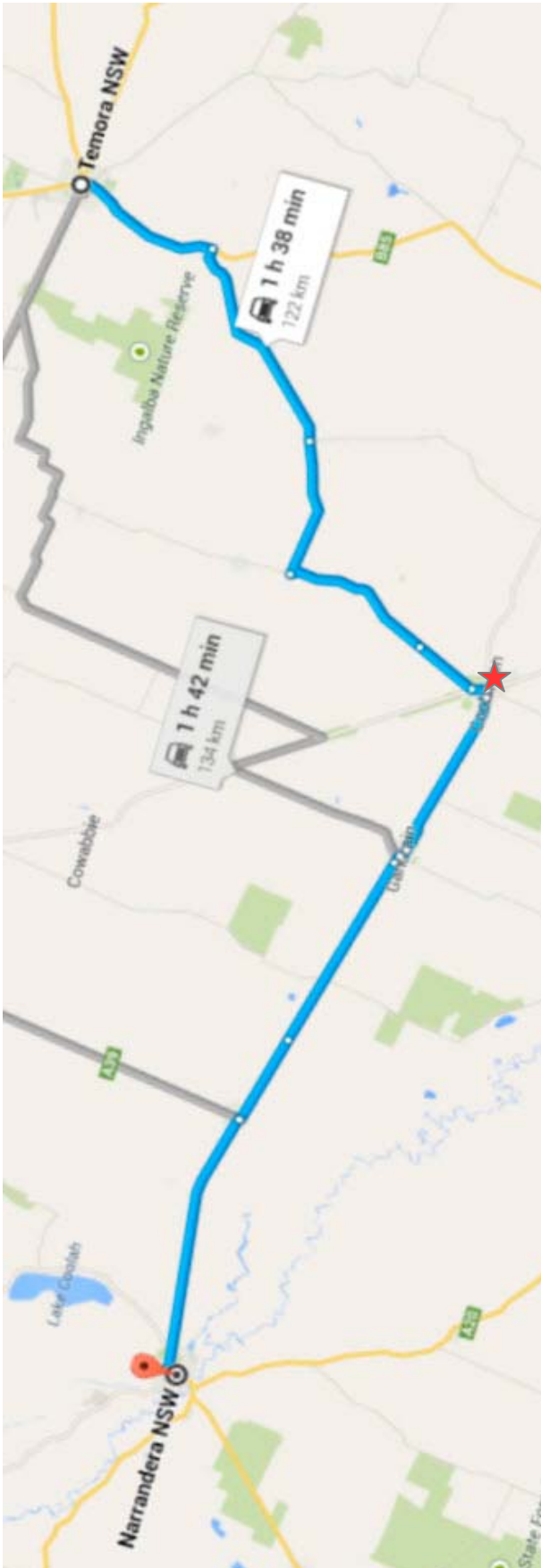
Temora

- Temora Aviation Museum
- Temora Rural Museum
- Ariah Park Heritage Village

Day 3, Second leg.
Temora to Narrandera 122kms approx. 1hr 38min.

Overnight stop.

Points of Interest



Coolamon

RSL Museum
Vintage Farm Machinery
Up to Date Store
Ajunta Cafe and Store

Narrandera

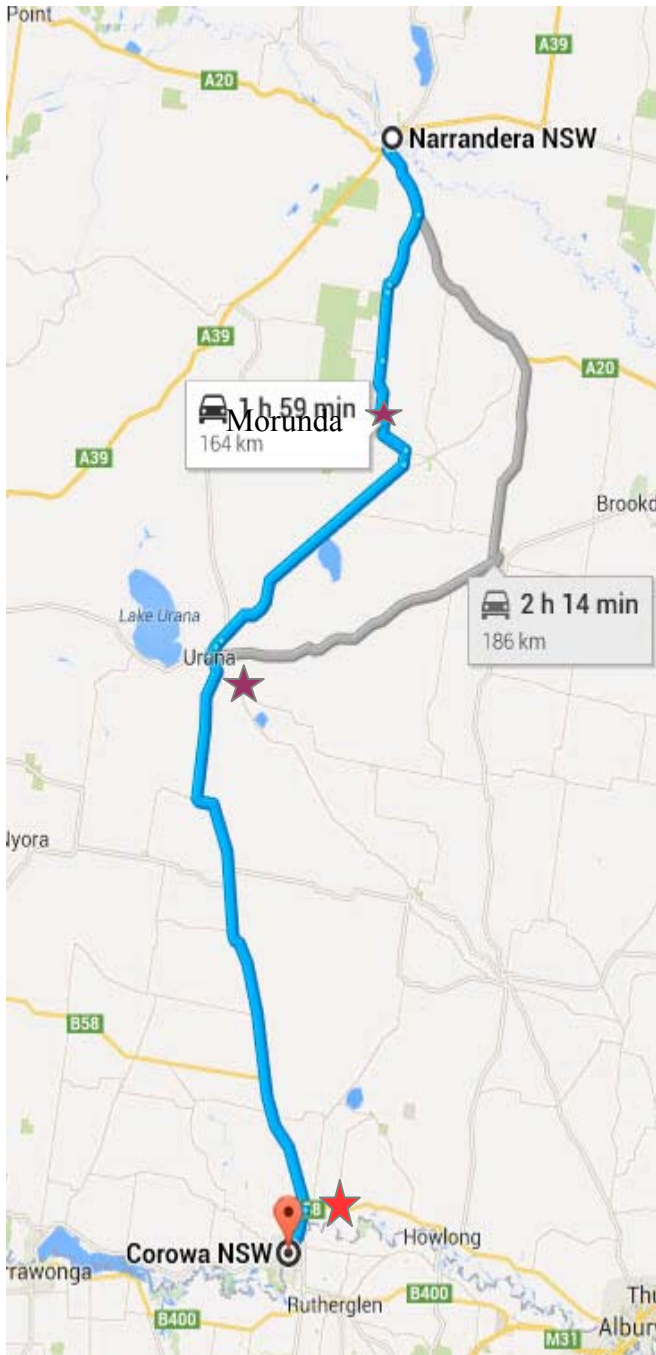
Big Guitar
John Lake Centre – Aquarium

Accommodation

Motels
Narrandera Caravan Park

Day 4 First section
Narrandera to Corowa 164kms approx. 2h

Lunch stop.



Points of Interest

Morundah

Horse sculpture

Urana

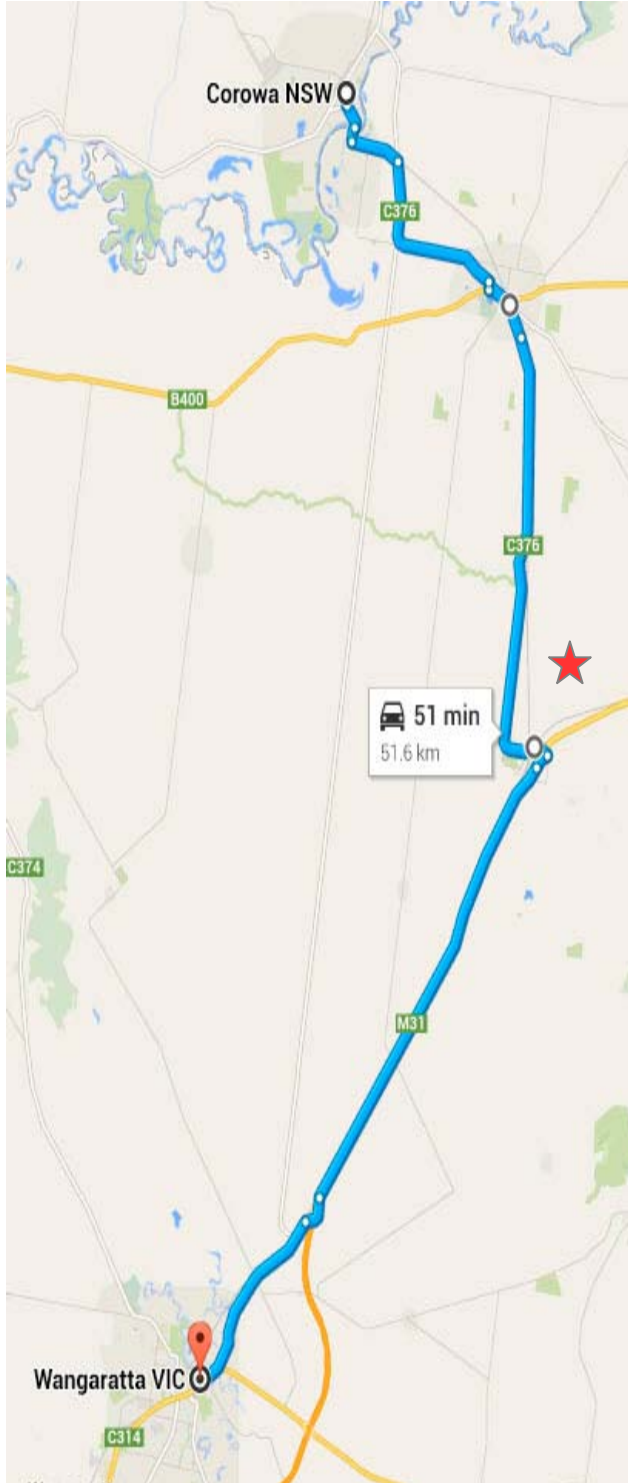
The Big Spider
Soldier's Memorial Hall – architecture
Tractor on the Pole
Court house Museum

Corowa

Wineries – especially Pfeiffer's
Max's Motor Museum

This last section offers some interesting points to visit. From here you may like to proceed home as and when you wish.

We hope you enjoyed the trip back. Thank you for your company.



Points of Interest

Rutherglen

Parker Pies

Chiltern

The Star Hotel – several interesting sites in one.
Motor Museum

There are several wineries in this area so keep a lookout for appropriate signs.