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Wineries

The Redesdale and Mia Mia region are home to a number of quality wineries with welcoming cellar doors ready for your visit.



Olive Groves

The region's rolling hills and Mediterranean climate are the ideal conditions for the numerous olive groves that have farm gates in the region.



Nature

Surrounding the picturesque Lake Eppalock are numerous rolling hills and bushland reserves such as Mount Lofty and Emberton, offering plenty for the nature lover to appreciate. Bush trails, cycling tracks and local flora and fauna can be enjoyed as well as great places to fish, picnic, enjoy a spot of birdwatching or simply relish the great outdoors.



Lakeside Boulevard, Lake Eppalock



Mia Mia Catholic Church



Canoeing on Lake Eppalock



Be sure to pick up these other great brochures for what to see and do while in the Heathcote region.



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Redesdale and Mia Mia



Lake Eppalock

History

Midway between Heathcote and Kyneton are the small communities of Redesdale and Mia Mia.

It's said that Major Thomas Livingstone Mitchell passed through the region in 1836 on his journey through Australia Felix. His travel party crossed the river he'd earlier named 'Campaspe' near the present location of Redesdale. Then, in 1860, the Burke and Wills expedition passed through Mia Mia on their journey across Australia.

Squatters and settlers started moving to the area in the late 1830s and before the McIvor goldrush had even begun in the early 1850s, squatters under license had taken up the entire district.

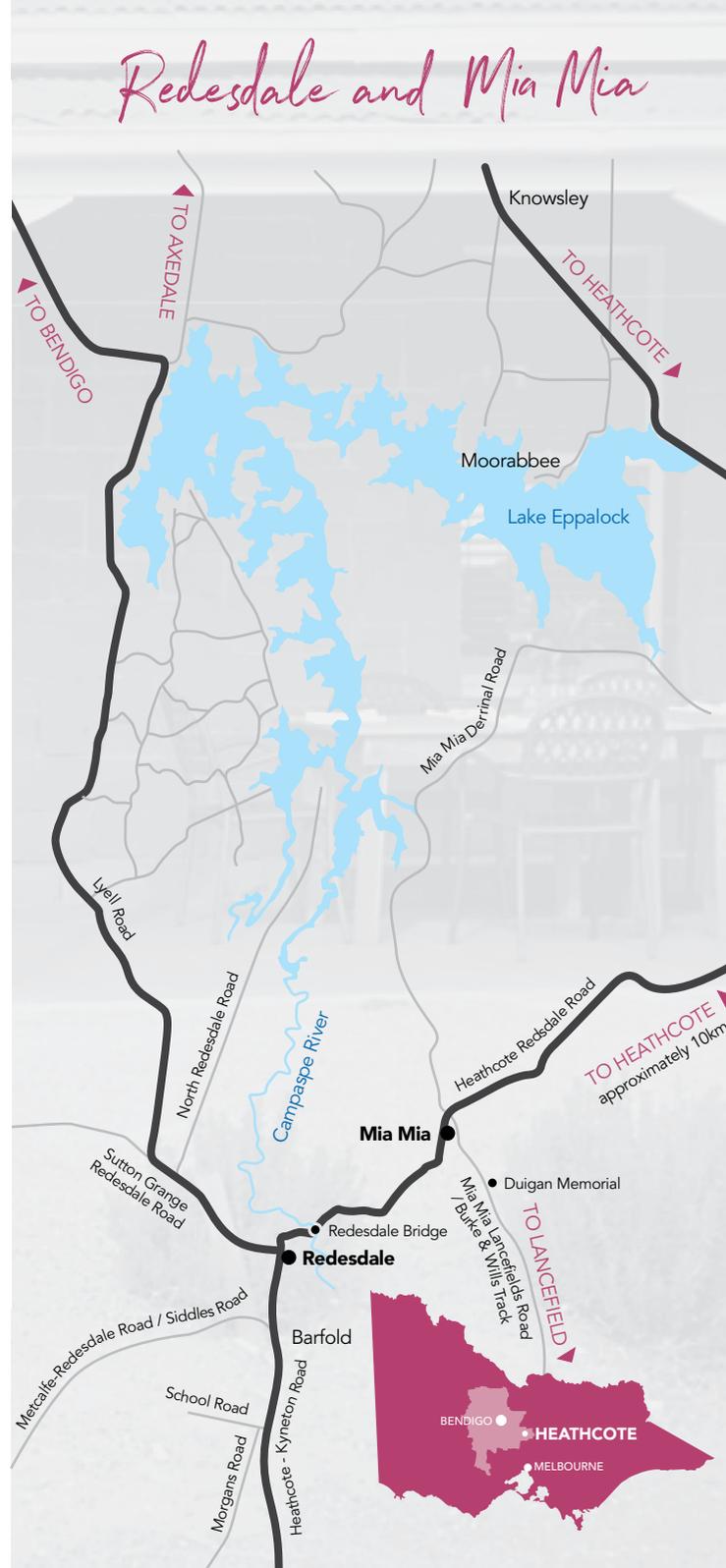
With Mia Mia no longer serving as a trading centre, Redesdale is perhaps better known. The two towns retain a close relationship and the community supports an established farming population.



Redesdale Hotel



Redesdale Bridge



Attractions



Early Buildings

Mia Mia Mechanics Institute

Valley Road, Mia Mia
Built in 1907 and renovated in 1983, the Mia Mia Mechanics Institute is home to many popular events, including the Mia Mia Opera.

Redesdale Hotel

2640 Kyneton-Heathcote Road, Redesdale

Rebuilt in 1856 using local bluestone, this historic hotel was once a Cobb & Co station.



Presbyterian Church

Clarke Street, Redesdale

The spectacular masonry work of the Presbyterian Church in Redesdale is well worth the visit.

Catholic Church

31 Matheson Road, Mia Mia

The beautiful Catholic Church (1873) is still in use today (as the Uniting Church).



Redesdale Bridge

Opened in 1868, the bridge is one of the oldest iron-lattice truss bridges in the state. The single span wrought iron and timber structure with bluestone abutments is located over the Campaspe River, just downstream from the 1836 Major Mitchell crossing. The bridge was salvaged from the shipwreck of the 'Herald of the Morning' and was originally intended for the Yarra River at Hawthorn.



Duigan Memorial

Just 3kms from Mia Mia is the memorial to the John Robertson Duigan flight in 1910. The plane, built by brothers John and Reginald and flown on their Spring Plains Station property, was the first Australian-built plane to be successfully flown.



Lake Eppalock

Constructed in the early 1960s to provide irrigation from the Campaspe River and to supply water to Bendigo and surrounds, this family-friendly 7,500-acre water playground is ideal for swimming, fishing, water-skiing, boating and bird watching.