

Yahna Gurtji Shared Pathway

Named after HRH Princess Elizabeth (now HM Queen Elizabeth II). In 1948 the Shepparton Branch of the CWA planted trees at the entrance to mark her 21st birthday. A number of sporting facilities are located within this park.

Historical Pump Site

This is the foundation of the pump which supplied water to the first irrigated orchard on the east side of the Goulburn River. Commenced about 1893 by the Mason brothers, the orchard was bounded by Mason Street, Wyndham Street, Balaclava Road and The Boulevard. During the first half of the last century cultivation of most of the area changed to market gardening. It was developed as a residential subdivision after World War 2.

Dainton's Bridge

This bridge was named after James Henry Dainton who was the engineer in charge of the first bridge built over the Goulburn River in 1878. This was at the Fryers Street entrance to Shepparton. The bridge was later demolished to make way for the Monash Bridge (1913 - 14). He also built the jetty at the rear of the Shepparton Heritage Centre.

McGuire's Bridge

Named after Patrick McGuire who established a punt crossing on the Goulburn River near this spot in the early 1850's. When cycling always wear an approved bicycle helmet. Obey all traffic signals and road rules. Use bike lights and wear reflective clothing when riding at night. Look out in advance for hazards on the roads and paths. Remember to lock your bike to a secure object when unattended. Always ride a metre from the kerb or parked cars. Signal your intentions by hand and establish eye contact with motorists. Always carry a repair kit, spare tube and water on a long ride. Keep to the left side of the path. Give way to pedestrians. Let others behind you know when you are slowing or stopping. Sound your bell, or simply call out 'passing on your right' as you approach pedestrians. Move off the path if you stop. Ride at a speed that allows you to stop quickly. Ride no more than two abreast or in single file in heavy traffic. Ride predictably in as straight a line as possible. Place all rubbish in a bin provided or take it with you when you leave. Be prepared: take water, sunscreen, hat, insect repellent, snacks, waterproof jacket and whistle. A Victorian Fishing Licence is required for fishing in inland waters in Victoria. You can obtain a licence from Trellis's Fishing & Hunting World at 209 Corio Street, Shepparton Phone: (03) 5821 6572

Daish's Bridge

Named after the adjoining area known as Daish's Paddock. The Daish family had a butcher shop in Shepparton for many years (est. late 1870s). They had their slaughterhouse in the paddock near this bridge. Stock awaiting slaughter were also held there. (Path access to SPC Ardmona KidsTown).

SPC Ardmona KidsTown

A gold coin donation will give the family entry to this wonderful adventure playground that is sure to delight children of every age. Stop a while, enjoy a snack under the trees or make use of the on-site BBQ facilities.

Boolbadah Floodway

'Boolbadah' is an aboriginal word meaning abandoned camp. For many years (from the late 1930's), many local aboriginals lived in permanent camps in the area around this floodway. In 1958 most of them moved to the then newly constructed housing settlement 'Rumbalara', just south of Mooroopna.

Geraghty's Bridge

Named after the Geraghty family who, for many years, operated the bus service and a taxi service between Mooroopna and Shepparton. In 1938, Ern Geraghty bought the business from William Hatton who, with Jack Goodfellow had started the regular bus service in the early 1920's.

Ah Wongs Bridge

Named after Ah Wong, a Chinese migrant, who set up a market garden in the area between Dainton's Bridge and the Goulburn River. From there he and his family supplied vegetables to the township of Mooroopna and the surrounding district. Chinamans Garden Reserve was the site of this vegetable garden.

x-ambition Skate Park

Located on McLennan Street, Mooroopna near Ferrari Park, this skate park offers a wide variety of challenges and is suitable for BMX, roller blades, skateboards and scooters.

(Kialla Lakes Drive via Tom Collins Drive, Broken River)

(Kialla Park via Broken River and Goulburn Valley Highway)

Distance:

1.1km - Dainton's Bridge to Aquamoves

2.6km - Caravan park (rear) to GV Highway (bridge)

1.6km - GV Highway (bridge) to Gordon Dr. (Lake Kialla)

1.9km - GV Highway (bridge) to Kialla Park

Concrete shared path surrounds:

Lake Kialla may be accessed from various points, including Gordon Drive via Wellington Court, Pedder Court, Cowen Court. Lake Amaroo may be accessed via the Archer Street end of Kialla Lakes Drive. Please take care when crossing the road.

S-Cape Skate Park

The skate park, in the Victoria Park Lake precinct, provides an exhilarating recreational option for young people. It is centrally located adjacent to Victoria Park Lake on one side and the John Pick Playground on the other, giving parents and guardians a place to relax and share in the fun and excitement.

Aquamoves

When you think about fitness, fun and healthy living, Aquamoves is the place to be. With the amazing rapid river ride, challenging water slide and powerful water sprays, there is something to delight everyone. If you need relaxation, the centre offers a wonderful hydrotherapy pool, spas and sauna. A fully equipped gymnasium is also located within this modern facility.

In order to continue to Kialla, please use Tom Collins Drive and take care as this is not a designated shared pathway.

All Abilities Playground

Located adjacent to Aquamoves, this fully fenced all abilities playground features swings, concord net, sand play area, slides, climbing walls, etc. There is full wheelchair access to this free playground and it is open from dawn to dusk. Public toilets on site.

Victoria Park Lake and SPC Ardmona KidsTown Trail Connection

The shared pathway, via a spectacular suspension bridge, directly links two of Greater Shepparton's most popular passive recreation areas. The bridge is a bright and colourful landmark that allows users of the pathway to move from the Victoria Park Lake precinct to one of Australia's largest outdoor playgrounds, SPC Ardmona KidsTown.

River Junction Goulburn and Broken Rivers

The Goulburn River is named after Major Frederick Goulburn, Colonial Secretary and registrar of the records of the Colony of New South Wales (1820 - 1824). The Goulburn River was discovered by Hume and Hovell in December 1824. In the early days of its discovery, it had various names - Hovell, Goulburn, Twisden and the native name 'Bayunga' or 'Bayungun'.

None of the other names found favour with the public and the name Goulburn was retained. The Goulburn River now forms part of an extensive irrigation system which includes three large water storages.

Broken River

The Broken River is so named because according to William Howitt in his first book, 'Two Years in Victoria', published 1855, 'As the name imparts, it is broken here and there into a variety of channels only filled at flood time, and lagoons bordering on them'. In the early 1880s (probably 1882), about 10 or 12 years after the first farmlands were taken up in the district, two concrete weirs were built across the stream, one known as 'Casey' in the Parish of Goorambat, and the other known as 'Gowangardie' in the Parish of Currawa.

The Broken River joins the Goulburn River on the southwest boundary of Shepparton. The native name for the Broken River is 'Marangan'.

Jackson Park

This park is named to acknowledge the association of the former owners, Mr JA and Mrs NM Jackson, with the area. Mr Jackson purchased this site from the Crown and built a house there in 1947.

Following his discharge from the Air Force in 1945, he established and operated a plumbing business in Shepparton for some thirty-three years. Late in 1989 the sale of the property to the Rural Water Commission and the Council was completed, this being required as part of an earlier adopted flood mitigation scheme. Following the removal of Jackson's house, the park was tidied up and beautified, on a voluntary basis, by nearby resident Mr Ian McArthur.

Lighting, an electric BBQ and an automatic watering system for the park were donated by the Shepparton Apex Club. This park is a popular venue for outdoor weddings.

John Pick Playground

Named after John Pick, JP, a Councillor of the Borough of Shepparton from its inception in 1927 until his retirement in 1940 (Mayor 1937 - 38). A public spirited man, he led several community functions including the 'Back To' 1923, Centenary celebrations 1938, comforts sent to servicemen in World War II and 'welcome home' receptions. A keen amateur painter, his work is represented in the Shepparton Art Collection. This playground is part of Victoria Park Lake precinct.

McGuire Reserve

This reserve is named after Patrick McGuire, an Irishman who was the first settler in what is now Shepparton City. Early in 1850 he established a punt crossing on the Goulburn River nearby and erected the first building, the 'Emu Inn'.

In August 1853 the punt and the inn were sold to JK Hill.

Ross-Edwards Reserve

Named after Peter Ross-Edwards, Member of the Legislative Assembly in the Victorian Parliament, for his outstanding contribution and commitment as the representative for the Shepparton electorate from 1967 - 1991. He was leader of the National Party from 1970 - 1988.

John Riordan Reserve

Named after John Riordan, JP, a Borough and later City Councillor of Shepparton from 1927 - 1965. He served as Mayor on two consecutive occasions, 1940 / 41 and 1941 / 42. As Chairman of Parks and Gardens, he devoted much time to their improvement, including the original Victoria Park Lake project. He directed the establishment of the tennis courts, bowling and croquet greens to a stage when they could be taken over by the clubs. The Shepparton Lawn Tennis Courts and Clubhouse are located in this reserve.

Jaycee Park

Located at the western entrance to Shepparton, this bushland park was named after Jaycees (Junior Chamber of Commerce) Service Club which proposed and carried out some development of the area. This park is in a flood prone area, hence development is limited.

Brickworks Park

Located along The Boulevard, Brickworks Park is one of the newest parks in Shepparton. Developed on a rehabilitated quarry site by the Greater Shepparton City Council, in conjunction with the Goulburn Valley Environment Group, the park has a strong environmental theme. Its features include a unique and eye-catching entrance, an ephemeral wetland area and a large range of native plantings.

Kalinga Park

'Kalinga' is an aboriginal word meaning 'pleasant' and 'cheerful'. It is an appropriate name for this natural bushland park adjacent to the Broken River.

Cudjee Park (meaning 'a very good place to visit')

Located at the junction of The Boulevard and Balaclava Road, this indigenous parkland fronts the Goulburn and features stairway access to the river, making the area more accessible to the community while enhancing the natural surroundings.

Monash Park

Named after Colonel and later General Sir John Monash, who was the engineer responsible for the concrete bridge, which his company (Monier Pipe Construction Co.) built in 1914 to replace the original (1878) wooden bridge over the Goulburn River. This concrete bridge, at the western (Fryers Street) entrance to Shepparton, was demolished in the early 1970s when the course of the river was diverted and two

causeways were built, providing two western entrances to the city. One gives access via Fryers Street, the other provides access to the city centre via High Street as well as the continuation of the Midland Highway. The old river bed and adjacent area, between the causeways, now Monash Park, was later built up above flood level and developed with the help of several local organisations.

Goyen Reserve

Goyen Reserve was named after Arthur Thomas Bowden Goyen AICA, ACIS, LCA. Goyen was a councillor of the Borough of Shepparton from its inception in 1927 until his retirement in 1929. As Chairman of Parks and Gardens he, with CR J Riordan, played an active role in developing the original Victoria Park Lake project. He was also involved in many community activities including 'Back To' celebrations in 1923, patriotic organisations in World War II and the Chamber of Commerce. While secretary of this latter organisation he published a guide to Shepparton. He was also the local Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages for many years. A time capsule was buried in this park on 16th April, 1985, to mark Victoria's 150th anniversary. It is to be exhumed 31st May, 2027

The Goulburn River

The Goulburn River is the lifeblood of the Greater Shepparton region. It provides irrigation water for our thriving horticulture and dairy industries, is a clean source of water for drinking, and supports the massive food processing sector - SPC Ardmona Foods, Campbell Soups Australia, Unilever Australasia and Tatura Milk to name a few. The river environment is home to many rare and endangered species, among them the Squirrel Glider, Carpet Python, Murray Cod, Whitebellied Sea Eagle, Barking Owl and Barking Marsh Frog.

The red gum forest growing on the banks and floodplains of the lower reaches of the Goulburn River is the largest remaining remnant of native vegetation in the Shepparton irrigation region. A precious resource, it provides a wonderful glimpse of our native flora and fauna near the bustling urban centre of Shepparton. In recent times, the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority has taken over the responsibility for the Goulburn River and has put in place a multi-million dollar project to restore the river to its former glory by stabilising, fencing and revegetating banks and removing rubbish and weeds from the river bank. Early last century fishermen were able to look down through crystal clear waters to the bed of the river. By reducing erosion along the Goulburn and its tributary streams, waterway managers hope that in the not too distant future the lower reaches of the river will again run clear.

WB Ferrari Park

The development of this park reserve on the corner of Midland Highway and Echuca Road Mooroopna, was a Mooroopna Lions Club project and recognises the commitment of charter member and past president Bill Ferrari. There is off-Highway parking and the site features barbecue facilities, a sheltered picnic area, skate park and public toilets.

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