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## wimmera country

Murtoa is Aboriginal for "Home of the Lizard". Murtoa features large lizard sculptures in the town centre and was first settled in 1872, by mainly German families.

The town is built around picturesque Lake Marma and boasts the largest inland grain receival centre in Victoria. Murtoa is home to a number of important local industries and the only National Heritage Listing in the Wimmera – the Murtoa Stick Shed. Other Heritage Listed attractions feature the Water Tower Museum and Kurrajong Avenue in Comyn Street. Murtoa also offers a comprehensive range of services, retail outlets and sporting facilities.

Join us on the Wimmera Mallee Tourism, Yarriambiack Tourism, Murtoa, The Stick Shed & Murtoa Big Weekend Facebook Pages information

Yarriambiack – Home of the Silo Art Trail www.murtoa.net www.thestickshed.com.au www.murtoabigweekend.com.au

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Population: 800



Arriambiack Tourism









## points of interest

- > The Stick Shed is National Heritage listed and takes its name from the 560 Mountain Ash unmilled poles or 'sticks' up to 20m high that support the mammoth 270m x 60m structure built as a wartime emergency grain storage. The Stick Shed has undergone extensive restoration recently and is now open for viewing every first Sunday of the month 10am-2pm. Groups of ten or more can also arrange an appointment: thestickshed@gmail.com or call 0434 227 921.
- > Barrabool Reserve, a few km South of Murtoa, has much Aboriginal Heritage and is a largely un-disturbed area of Wimmera flora and fauna. Dry weather only.
- > Dunmunkle Sumpoilers Engines Museum is located in the former Wimmera Inland Freezing Works site opposite the Stick Shed. Four massive single piston Richard-Hornsby engines dating back to 1911 are believed to be the only set of four remaining in the world on their original footings.
- > Lake Marma & Rabl Park provide a tranquil oasis in the centre of town. A 2km walking track around Lake Marma features many varied scenes with abundant wildlife. Ideal picnic spots with treed surround, electric BBQ's, children's playgrounds, fishing, skate park and historic features.
- > Murtoa Cemetery is 3km east of town and provides an insight into the early beginnings of Wimmera settlement, particularly its local German heritage.
- > Murtoa's BIG Weekend three day annual festival occurs the first weekend in October. It features the local Show, Murtoa Cup races, Dunmunkle Sumpoilers Engines, Monster Market, Stick Shed, Water Tower Museum and other entertainment.
- > Water Tower Museum, Concordia Memorial Cottage & Bell Tower is open for viewing each Sunday 2-5pm and houses a range of local artefacts including the famous James Hill taxidermy collection of over 500 birds and other fauna. Concordia Cottage is the last remaining section of the original Lutheran Concordia College established in Murtoa in the 1890's and features related material.



**Engines Museum** 

7. Marma Gully Hotel

5. Golf Club

6. Lake Marma

- 12. Rabl Park, Information & BBQ
- **13.** Railway Hotel/Motel
- 14. Memorial Gates, Sprott Fountain, Rotunda, Boat Ramp & BBQ
- & Bell Tower
- **18.** Murtoa F-12 College
- **19.** OLHC Catholic Primary School
- **20.** Information Centre / **Neighbourhood House**

