



## 6. POWERWORKS TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

**Location:** Ridge Road, Morwell. **Open:** 10am – 3pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Latrobe Valley contains one of the world's largest deposits of brown coal and produces approximately 72% of Victoria's electricity. Get switched on at PowerWorks with interactive displays of the power industry to excite all ages. Explore the major producer of Victoria's electricity and brown coal power generation. Tours of the power stations are no longer available. [www.powerworks.net.au](http://www.powerworks.net.au)



## 7. HAZELWOOD POWER STATION SITE

Hazelwood Power Station operated between November 1964 until its closure in March 2017. When operating, it could generate up to 1,600 MW or around 22% of Victoria's power.

## 8. CHURCHILL

A gateway to Morwell National Park, Churchill is Gippsland's University town, home to Federation University with its integrated Education Precinct. Nearby Lake Hyland is a lovely spot for family fun, fishing and picnics. **Points of Interest:** The Big Cigar – landmark sculpture of Winston Churchill's Cigar, Switchback Gallery – Federation University, Lake Hyland and Mathison Park.



## 9. MORWELL NATIONAL PARK

Situated in the northern foothills of the Strzelecki Ranges, Morwell National Park is important in the preservation of a section of the area's original plant and animal life. Located 16kms south of Morwell, the park has several walking tracks perfect for families or those who enjoy a light bushwalk. Boasting around 40 species of orchids and 100 species of native birds plus picnic tables, barbeques and toilets perfect for a picnic.

## 10. YINNAR

A tranquil rural township which is home to an eclectic arts community. The old butter factory has been restored back to life as the Art Resource Collective (the ARC) which features numerous local artists and exhibitions. Home to Yinnar General Store and Yinnar Hotel.

## 11. BOOLARRA

Located in the foothills of the Strzelecki Ranges, the village of Boolarra was established in 1884 with the arrival of the railway. The timber industry cleared the land and paved the way for the farming industry. Explore the Grand Ridge Rail Trail, that follows the picturesque Little Morwell River Valley with its native animals, birds and towering mountain eucalypts. The Boolarra Folk Festival is held annually in February.

## 12. MIRBOO NORTH

Mirboo North is a historic and picturesque town situated midway along the scenic Grand Ridge Road in the Strzelecki Ranges. Decorating the main street of the town are many beautiful murals which depict the local history of a bygone era. Enjoy a meal and a tasting at the Grand Ridge Brewery or go for a short stroll through the park and gardens. Lyrebird Forest Walk is only a short drive from the town centre or you can wander down the Grand Ridge Rail Trail.



## 13. THORPDALE

Thorpdale was once a railway terminus and business centre for the timber mills, fruit and dairy farms of the undulating countryside. The town was partly destroyed by the great bushfire of 1898. Today Thorpdale is surrounded by potato, dairy, sheep and beef farming. **Points of Interest:** Narracan Falls, Site of the World's Tallest Tree.



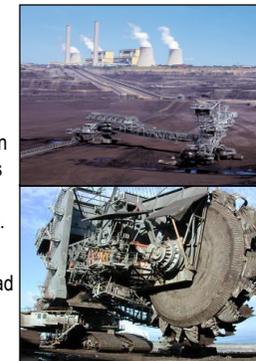
Route 94 marks the scenic drive through Latrobe Valley into the Strzelecki Ranges, through villages, past farmland to magnificent forests. With two distinct loops, following Route 94 will take you past Loy Yang power station and open cut mine, to the splendour of Tarra Bulga National Park, famous for its dense mountain gullies, suspension bridge, Cyathea Falls and wildlife. Route 94 will lead you through Churchill and on to Morwell National Park, the villages of Yinnar and Boolarra to the 'Mural' town of Mirboo North and along the green rolling hills to Thorpdale.

### ADDITIONAL BROCHURES TO COMPLIMENT YOUR TOUR

Tarra Bulga National Park Notes, Morwell National Park Notes, Grand Ridge Rail Trail brochure

#### 1. JACK VINES LOOKOUT (Miner's View)

From Traralgon follow the C482 road to Loy Yang. A few kilometres along on the left side is the Jack Vines Lookout from where to view Australia's largest open cut mine, Loy Yang. It is the newest and largest of the three mines in Latrobe Valley. Statistics are given in the shelter. Four bucket-wheel excavators operate in the mine, three of which are longer than the MCG playing surface.



#### 2. LOY YANG A POWER STATION

Continue along the C482 and you will see the power station on your right. Construction began here in 1977 and entered commercial production progressively between 1984 and 1988. It currently supplies approximately one third of Victoria's electricity needs. It has an output of 2,200MW and it's two chimneys are 260 metres high. On the left is the coal bunker, which contains only a few hours supply.

#### GEORGE BATES LOOKOUT

George Bates was the first Gippsland-born head of the SECV. From the front gates you will see a road to your right directing you to the lookout dedicated to him. Open daily from 9am – 5pm with toilets, BBQ's, picnic tables and an information shelter.

#### LOY YANG B POWER STATION

Construction of Loy Yang B commenced in 1985, making it the states newest base load power station. It came online in 1993, when the first of it's two 500MW generating units began operation. The second commenced commercial operation in 1996. It produces 1000MW of electricity, 17% of Victoria's power needs.

#### 3. GORMANDALE

Continue along the Hyland Highway to the small township of Gormandale. Nestled in the fertile Merrimans Creek Valley, Gormandale is the gateway to the Grand Ridge Road and the Strzelecki Ranges and is a wonderful area for wildflowers in the spring.

#### THE GRAND RIDGE ROAD

One of Victoria's most spectacular drives. This partially unsealed road, snakes its way along the Strzelecki Ranges for 132km, and occasionally opens up to striking views of farmlands of the Latrobe Valley to the north and the coastline to the south. The road passes through a forest of ferns and towering trees, rolling green hills and villages. The natural splendour of the route is seen at its best in the Tarra Bulga National Park.

#### 4. BALOOK

The locality of Balook is the home of the Tarra Bulga National Park and its Visitor Information Centre located on the Grand Ridge Road. **Places of Interest:** Mount Tassie Lookout, Duffs Sawmill Heritage Trail, Tarra Bulga National Park.



#### TARRA BULGA NATIONAL PARK

Hidden within the Strzelecki Ranges, Tarra Bulga National Park features lush fern-filled gullies, giant Mountain Ash and ancient Myrtle Beech. Protecting over 2,000 hectares of Mountain Ash Forest and Cool Temperate Rainforest, Tarra Bulga National Park is a haven for native birds and wildlife. Providing several walking tracks of varying lengths providing not only a scenic but historical journey, Tarra Bulga National Park is a perfect place to spend a relaxing day. Facilities include picnic areas with barbeques, shelters and toilets. The park also has a Visitor Information Centre which is open to the public during weekends and school holidays. A short drive from the park are the Cyathea Falls, a 10m waterfall tumbling in the lush Gippsland rainforest. A pleasant 35 minute loop walk takes in this waterfall as well as other rainforest features.

#### 5. TRARALGON SOUTH

Traralgon South, best known for the challenging motocross circuit, was relocated to its present site to make way for the Loy Yang Power Station.

To complete the loop, travel back to highway towards Moe and continue on through to Traralgon.

This information was compiled by staff and volunteers at the Latrobe Visitor Information Centre. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the details are correct, no responsibility will be accepted for any errors, omissions and changes. 2017 KP

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