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A DAY OF ART & HISTORY IN ROCHESTER

Discover a town where art, history and community come together along the banks of the Campaspe. From towering silo murals and sporting legends to shady river walks and country hospitality, Rochester offers the perfect mix of creativity and calm, all just a short stroll apart.

MORNING

Start your day with a freshly brewed coffee from **7 Beans** as you make your way into town.

First stop, the **Rochester Silo Art**, a breathtaking tribute to three local endangered species: the Azure Kingfisher, Squirrel Glider and Growling Grass Frog. Standing beneath these towering artworks, you'll feel the town's pride painted into every brushstroke.

From here, head to the **Rochester Sports Museum**, located in the old railway station. This one-of-a-kind collection was created by local Mitiamo legend John Forbes, whose love of sport and storytelling shines through more than 4,000 pieces of memorabilia. You'll find everything from Adam Gilchrist's wicket-keeping gloves to Martina Navratilova's tennis dress, each item with its own story to tell.

Before you leave, grab a **Mural Map** to guide your afternoon adventure through town.

VISITING WEDNESDAY OR FRIDAY?

Discover the stories that shaped Rochester at the **Historical & Pioneer Society Museum.**

AFTERNOON

When it's time for lunch, settle in at the **Rochester Hotel** for a hearty pub meal, or grab a pizza from **Rochy Pizza** and enjoy a relaxed picnic by the **Campaspe River**. The shady gums and gentle ripple of the water make the perfect backdrop for a slow-paced afternoon.

With your **Mural Map** in hand, take a wander through town to discover more than 50 murals, sculptures and wood carvings scattered through the streets. Don't miss **Mural Park**, home to the annual **Rochester Mural Festival**, where new artworks bring the town to life each autumn.

7 Beans
5 Gillies Street, Rochester
Open Mon - Fri, 7am - 2pm
Sat & Sun, 8am - 1pm

Rochester Silo Art
Northern Highway, Rochester

Rochester Sports Museum
24-26 Moore Street, Rochester
0438 843 444
Open Thu - Sun, 10am - 4pm

Rochester Historical & Pioneer Society Museum
96-98 High Street, Rochester
rochesterhistoricalsociety.com.au
Open Wed & Fri, 9am - 12pm

Rochester Hotel
39 Moore Street, Rochester
03 5484 1040
Open everyday, 11am - 11pm

Rochy Pizza
10 Moore Street, Rochester
03 5484 1990
rochypizza.com.au
Open Tue - Sun, 5pm - 10pm

Rochester Mural Park
Moore Street, Rochester

Rochester Mural Festival
Moore Street, Rochester
rochestermuralfest.com.au

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STAY A LITTLE LONGER

As the sun dips behind the gums, enjoy dinner at the **Shamrock Hotel**, a friendly local favourite filled with history and character.

If you're staying the night, settle in at one of these welcoming spots:

- **Rochester Motel**
- **Rochester Riverside Holiday Park**
- **Rochester Caravan Park**

THE NEXT DAY

Rochester 20 Colbinabbin 15 Rushworth 15 Girgarre 15 Kyabram 15 Tongala 20 Rochester

Grab a takeaway breakfast from **Willow's Café at Ampol**, then hit the road to **Colbinabbin**, where six painted silos tell the story of community and connection.

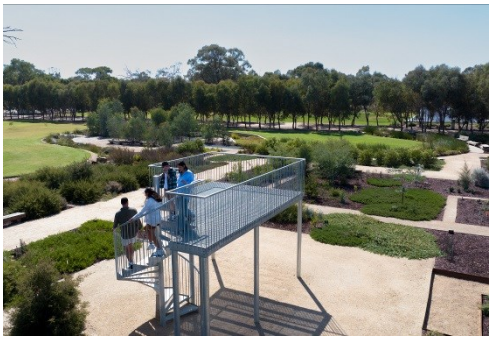
Next, make your way to **Rushworth**, a historic gold rush town lined with charming heritage buildings and a welcoming country vibe. Take a stroll down the main street, explore local shops, and feel the echoes of the past in every weathered brick and timber beam.

Continue to **Girgarre**, home to the **Gargarro Botanic Garden**, a stunning new space blending art, nature, and community spirit. The **cafe** here is the perfect spot to stop for lunch, think fresh local produce and views that invite you to linger a little longer.

Afterwards, head to **Kyabram**, where the **Water Tower Art** and **Town Hall Gallery** showcase local talent and regional pride. From towering murals to intimate exhibitions, you'll find creativity in every corner.

Round out the day in **Tongala**, a town that wears its art on its sleeve, literally. More than 30 murals splash colour across fences, shopfronts, and laneways, each one telling a story of country life, history, and humour.

Then, as the sun begins to dip, make your way back to **Rochester**. By now, you'll have seen the region's creativity unfold one wall at a time, each stop adding another brushstroke to a bigger picture of country character, community and heart.



Shamrock Hotel
1 Gillies Street, Rochester
03 5484 1841
Open Mon - Sat, 11am - 1am
Sun, 11am - 4.30pm

Rochester Motel
24 Echuca Street, Rochester
03 5484 1077
rochestermotel.net

Rochester Riverside Holiday Park
1 Church Street, Rochester
03 5484 1622
rochesterriverside.com.au

Rochester Caravan Park
2 Pascoe Street, Rochester
0438 841 622
rochestercaravanpark.com

Willow's Cafe at Ampol
38-40 Bridge Road, Rochester
03 5484 2282
Open Mon - Fri, 6am - 8pm
Sat & Sun, 7am - 8pm

Colbinabbin Silo Art
Meade Lane, Colbinabbin

Gargarro Botanic Garden Cafe
481 Winter Road, Girgarre
0409 570 899
gargarrocafe.com.au

Kyabram Water Tower Art
Union & Drum Street, Kyabram

Kyabram Town Hall Gallery
199 Allan Street, Kyabram
03 5852 1546
kyabramtownhall.com.au
Open Mon - Sat, 10am - 4pm