A DAY OF HISTORY EXPLORATION IN RUSHWORTH

If you love towns with character, and stories etched into the walls, Rushworth is your kind of place. Once a bustling gold rush settlement, this heritage township is now a peaceful haven for curious travellers who like to take their time and uncover the past one building at a time.

MORNING

Start your day with a coffee and freshly baked pastry from the **Rushworth Bakery**, the perfect fuel for a day of exploration.

Step straight into history with a stroll through **Rushworth's Historic Township** along the **self-guided Heritage Walk**. Admire the beautifully preserved gold rush architecture. Wide verandahs, red brick facades, and elegant details hint at the town's 1850s boom. Each stop tells a story, from miners and merchants to the early settlers who shaped the community.

Take time to explore local stores. The **Rushworth General Store** is filled with homewares and unique finds, **Glasgow House Gallery Antiques and Collectables** invites you to discover treasures from another era, and **Angie Russi Handcrafted Ceramics** showcases one-of-a-kind pieces inspired by the surrounding countryside.

AFTERNOON

Recharge with lunch at **Gus & Ollie's**, a welcoming spot known for its creative, flavour-packed dishes. And yes, their coffee is divine.

After lunch, take a short drive to the **Whroo Historic Area**, once a thriving gold mining town. Gaze down on the **Balaclava Mine**, an open-cut site that ran from 1854 until the 1920s. The ruins of this ghost town give a fascinating glimpse into Victoria's gold rush past.

On your way back into town, stop at the **Growlers Hill Fire Observation Tower** for sweeping views of rolling hills and farmland. The perfect place to pause, take a deep breath, and capture a photo of the countryside.

READY TO MOVE?

Walk or cycle the **Waranga Rail Trail**, a 19km path winding through quiet bushland, open farmland and around Waranga Basin.

STAY NEARBY

Extend your visit with an overnight stay to fully enjoy Rushworth's historic charm. Choose lakeside camping and cabins at **Lake Waranga Caravan Park** or enjoy the comfort and convenience of the **Rushworth Motel** in town.





Rushworth Bakery
13 High Street, Rushworth
03 4831 8634
Open Mon-Fri, 6am – 5pm
Sat, 7am – 3pm
Sun, 7am – 3.30pm

Rushworth Self-Guided Heritage Walk
Main Street, Rushworth
rushworthit.com.au/Maps_To_Apps

Rushworth General Store
29 High Street, Rushworth
0448 842 881
rushworthgeneralstore.com.au
Open Wed – Sun, 10am – 4pm

Glasgow House Gallery, Antiques and Collectables
41 High Street, Rushworth
0418 112 511
Open Fri – Sun, 10am – 2.30pm

Angie Russi Handcrafted Ceramics
41-47 High Street, Rushworth
angierussi.com.au
Open Fri – Sun, 10am – 3pm

Gus & Ollie's
25 High Street, Rushworth
Open Thu – Mon, 8am – 2pm

Whroo Historic Area & Balaclava Mine
Reedy Lake Road, Whroo

Growlers Hill Fire Observation Tower
Reed Street, Rushworth

Waranga Rail Trail
19km Rushworth to Murchison

Lake Waranga Caravan Park
98 Waranga Basin Road, Waranga Shores
03 5856 1243
lakewaranga.com

Rushworth Motel
4 School Street, Rushworth
0427 463 584