#### OFFICIAL TOURING MAP

# Prom Country

Korumburra • Leongatha • Mirboo North • Foster Wilsons Promontory National Park





# WELCOME

Prom Country is located a leisurely one and a half hour drive from Melbourne. A key destination on the Sydney to Melbourne touring route, the region is renowned for spectacular scenery, unspoilt beaches, lush rainforests and farm fresh produce. Be Inspired by Gippsland and discover Prom Country, simply beautiful... naturally!

#### HOW TO GET HERE - by car

From Melbourne, the journey begins on the M1 which can be easily accessed via CityLink, a tollway that connects three of Victoria's freeways, including the Tullamarine Freeway that runs from the airport to the city. The quickest way to get to Prom Country by car is south-east along the Monash Freeway (M1), which turns into the South Gippsland Highway (M420).

- Once on the M1, take the Cranbourne & Phillip Island exit (M420). This will get you on to the South Gippsland Highway.
- Continue on the M420 for approximately 34 km then take the Korumburra and Leongatha exit, Route A440.

By the time you reach the township of Loch you have begun to experience the beauty of the rolling green hills of the Prom Country Region.

#### HOW TO GET HERE - public transport

V/Line bus services operate between Melbourne and South Gippsland and run several times daily. For a bus timetable and associated information, please phone 1800 800 007 or go to www.vline.com.au

#### ACCOMMODATION

Prom Country offers a wide variety of accommodation to suit all tastes and budgets. Bed & Breakfasts, guesthouses, self contained cottages, farm stays and cabins can be found nestled amongst rolling hills or close to the pristine coastline. For assistance finding accommodation contact the Prom Country Visitor Information Centres on 1800 630 704 or www.visitpromcountry.com.au



The "Prom", as it is fondly called, is one of Victoria's best-known attractions, located at the southernmost point of mainland Australia.

Comprising 50,000 hectares of National Park, the Prom boasts fantastic beaches, spectacular rock formations, panoramic views and cool fern gullies. Emus, kangaroos and wombats roam the park and can often be seen.

Accommodation at Wilsons Promontory is in the form of cabins, lodges, units, wilderness retreats or camping. Cabin accommodation is extremely popular and can be booked up to 12 months in advance. Campsites are mostly unpowered although there are a small number of powered sites that are in high demand. Campsites can be booked in advance and such bookings are recommended. Advance bookings are essential for peak periods such as long weekends and minimum stays apply. A ballot system is used to allocate cabins and camping over the Christmas/January period.

The Tidal River store stocks fresh food and a range of other consumables. Take-away meals are also available. For more information phone: 13 19 63





# VISIT WILSONS PROMONTORY

Wilsons Prom features more than 30 walks covering 130 km of tracks which vary in length and difficulty. Many tracks interlink and hikers can camp at sites along the way.

A few sample short/day walks are outlined below:

#### SQUEAKY BEACH TRACK 300 METRES FROM CAR PARK (ONE WAY) - EASY

An iconic Wilsons Promontory location, Squeaky Beach has rounded quartz sand that 'squeaks' when you walk on it.

### LILLY PILLY GULLY NATURE WALK

2.6 KM, 1 HOUR (ONE WAY) - EASY

Starting at the Lilly Pilly Gully car park, this walk provides a glimpse into the Prom's forested interior. Walk through dense eucalypt trees and warm temperate rainforest. This walk is suitable for prams.

#### MOUNT BISHOP TRACK

3.7 KM, 1 HOUR (ONE WAY) - MODERATE

The rocky summit of Mount Bishop offers magnificent views of the Prom's west coast and offshore islands. The walk starts at the Lilly Pilly Gully car park.

#### MILLERS LANDING NATURE WALK 2 KM , 40 MINUTES (ONE WAY) - EASY

Starting at the Five Mile car park, this walk meanders gently downhill through open banksia and stringy woodbark to Millers Landing.

# VISIT WALKING AND CYCLING TRACKS



The variety of walks in Prom Country is endless. Whatever your level of fitness or area of interest there is a walk that is right for you...

#### BASS COAST RAIL TRAIL

The Bass Coast Rail Trail stretches 16 km from Wonthaggi to Anderson and is Victoria's only coastal rail trail. Suitable for walkers and cyclists, it highlights the area's rich coal mining history and offers spectacular views.

#### GRAND RIDGE RAIL TRAIL

The Grand Ridge Rail Trail, winds its way between the picturesque townships of Mirboo North and Boolarra in the Strzelecki Ranges. The Rail Trail is rich in historical significance, natural beauty and native wildlife. Approximately 13 km long, the trail is suitable for walking, cycling or horse riding.

#### GREAT SOUTHERN RAIL TRAIL

The Great Southern Rail Trail is suitable for the energetic and not so energetic outdoor enthusiast. Stretching 72 km, the trail features many access points and is suitable for walking, riding or cycling.

#### LYREBIRD FOREST WALK

The Lyrebird Forest Walk is a 4.8 km bushwalk through tall eucalypts and lush fern gullies. A shorter alternative is also available. Located only minutes from Mirboo North township, the walk is suitable for a range of fitness levels. Watch for the elusive lyrebird, which is sometimes seen hiding in the forest scrub.

#### POINT SMYTHE NATURE TRAIL

The Point Smythe Nature Trail is 6 km in length and remains sheltered even on windy days. Taking approximately 2 hours to complete (return journey) the Point Smythe Walk takes you through masses of coastal vegetation and onto the beach at Point Smythe.

# VISIT PROM COUNTRY ATTRACTIONS

- I Explore the sweeping beaches of Sandy Point and Waratah Bay
- 2 Download the FREE Prom Country Road Rally app
- 3 Ride the Great Southern Rail Trail or the Grand Ridge Rail Trail
- 4 Visit our local markets
- 5 View native wetland birdlife at the Toora Bird Hide
- 6 Visit our State & National Parks - Wilsons Prom, Tarra Bulga National Park, Mount Worth State Park
- 7 Picnic at Korumburra Botanic Park and discover Olsen's Walk
- 8 Take a scenic flight and experience a bird's eye view of Prom Country
- 9 View the works of talented artists at one of many local galleries or step back in time at a historical or maritime museum
- 10 Visit Agnes Falls, the highest single span waterfall in Victoria
  – located near Toora
- 11 Discover our scenic drives.15 have been mapped out on the Prom Country app
- 12 Visit the remnants of the Walkerville Lime Kilns
- 13 Explore the picturesque grounds of Coal Creek in Korumburra
- 14 Visit Bald Hills Wetlands Reserve and walk along the scenic boardwalks
- 15 Discover the historic Cape Liptrap Lighthouse near Walkerville

Find out more at www.visitpromcountry.com.a



# VISIT PROM COUNTRY EVENTS

- JANUARY Stony Pony Fun Day Stony Creek
  - Swap Meet Korumburra
  - Port Welshpool Sea Days
- FEBRUARY South Gippsland Golf Classic Various
  - Mirboo North Italian Festa
  - Meeniyan Garlic Festival
  - Korumburra Agricultural Show
  - Foster & District Agricultural Show
- MARCH Inverloch Jazz Festival

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

- Stony Creek Cup
- Welshpool Autumn Flower Show
- Pear Party Toora
- Easter Egg Hunt (Coal Creek) Korumburra
  - Sandy Point Art Show
- Mirboo North Arty Gras & Art Show
- Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival
- Creative Gippsland Various
- Loch Village Food & Wine Festival
  - Southern Lights Festival Korumburra
- Gamers Day
- AUGUST Heritage Craft Day
- SEPTEMBER · Leongatha Daffodil Festival
  - Loch Village Antiques Fair
- OCTOBER Prom Country Art Show Leongatha
  - Literary Festival (Coal Creek) Korumburra
  - Halloween (Coal Creek) Korumburra
  - Welshpool Spring Flower Show
- NOVEMBER · Loch Village Garden Festival
  - Leongatha Rose Spectacular
- DECEMBER · Christmas Racing at Stony Creek
  - Carols at the Creek (Coal Creek)
  - Christmas in the Boo

Stony Creek Racing Club holds regular horse racing meets from December to April. Note: Markets occur regularly throughout the year.

For further information on events go to www.visitpromcountry.com.au or call the Prom Country Visitor Information Centres on 1800 630 704.

# TOURING ROUTE 1: PENGUINS TO THE PROM



From Phillip Island take the B460 to Wonthaggi. Here the route takes a scenic detour along the C435 towards Cape Paterson and the start of the majestic Bunurong Coastal Drive. This unique stretch of coastal road provides views of Bass Strait and allows access to secluded beaches exuding character.

At the coastal resort of Inverloch take the C442 towards Tarwin Lower. When you reach Tarwin Lower consider a detour to explore the sweeping beaches of Venus Bay. Follow the Tarwin Lower-Walkerville Road until Walkerville, home of the historic Lime Kilns and nearby Cape Liptrap lighthouse. From Walkerville follow the Fish Creek-Walkerville Rd to Fish Creek. You will know you have arrived when you catch a glimpse of the giant mullet sitting atop the Fishy Pub. From Fish Creek take a detour to Waratah Bay or Sandy Point or just follow the C444 into Wilsons Promontory National Park.

# TOURING ROUTE 2: THE GRAND RIDGE ROAD



The Grand Ridge Road is a 132 km drive along the ridge of the Strzelecki Ranges. Unsealed for 50% of its length, the Grand Ridge Road winds its way through rolling hills, tall mountain ash trees and steep fern gullies. From Mt Worth in the west, through the main street of Mirboo North and onwards to Tarra Bulga National Park, the road covers the whole panorama of the Strzelecki wilderness.



# TOURING ROUTE 3: DROUIN TO INVERLOCH

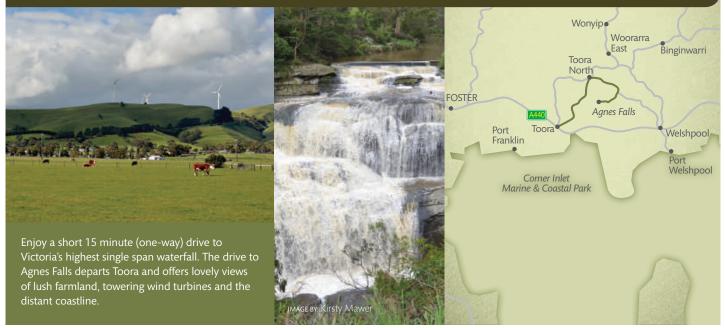


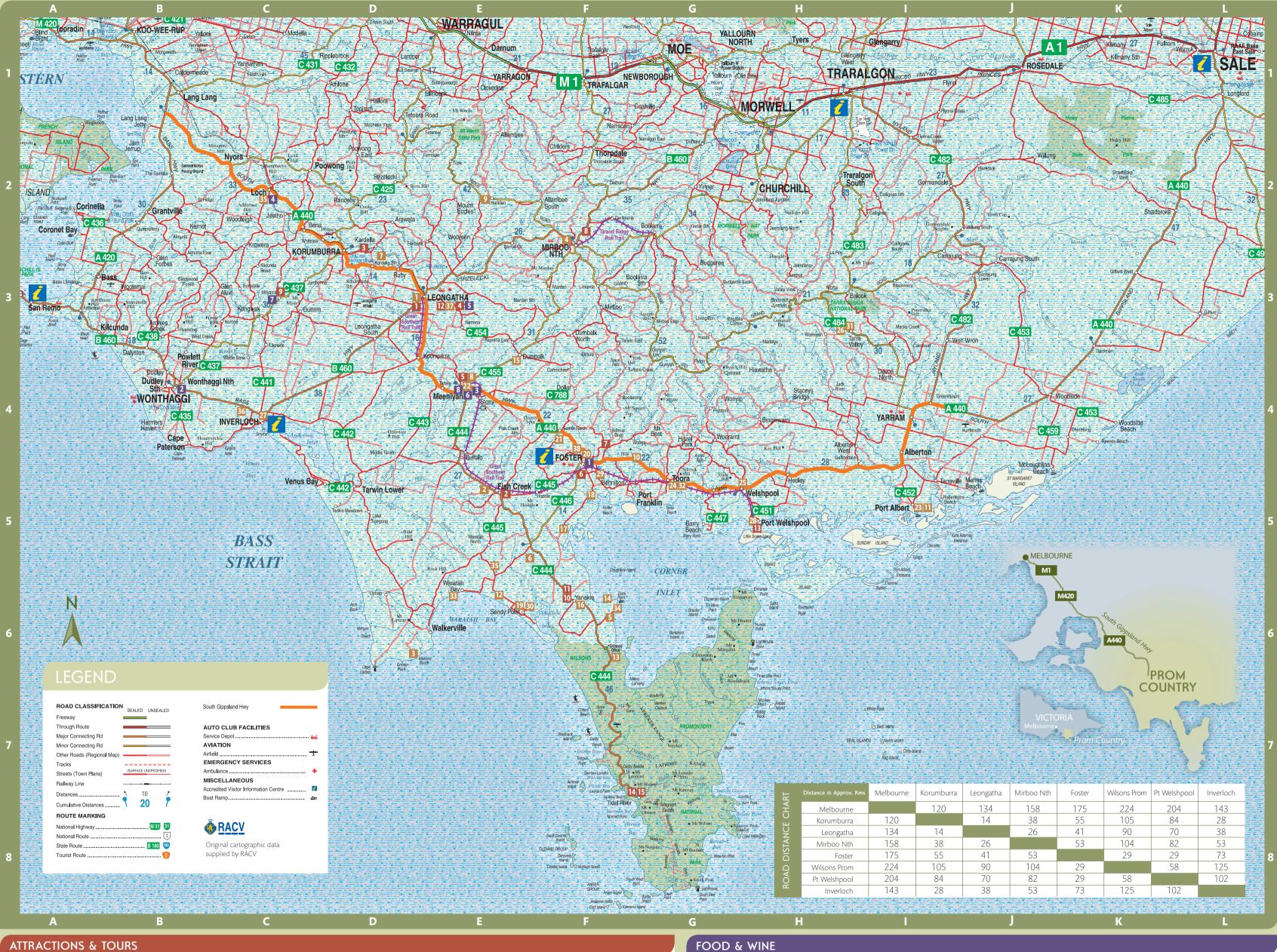
Travel to Prom Country via the Princes Freeway (M1) and discover rural villages nestled in the rolling green hills of South Gippsland. From Warragul take the C425 to Korumburra or explore more of the countryside by following the C432 from Drouin. This route requires a left hand turn past the Drouin South Primary School which then winds its way to Poowong, a small rural township in the heart of dairy country. In Poowong, visit the historic chapel, hewn from the timber of a single tree or take in magnificent views from the Sculpture Park.

From Poowong take the Bass Valley Road to Bena or take the Lang Lang-Poowong Road to Nyora. A must see is Loch, a quaint period village dotted with boutique shops and conveniently located between the four townships. Upon arrival at Korumburra take the C437 to Inverloch and watch as the coast appears on the horizon.



# TOURING ROUTE 4: AGNES FALLS DRIVE



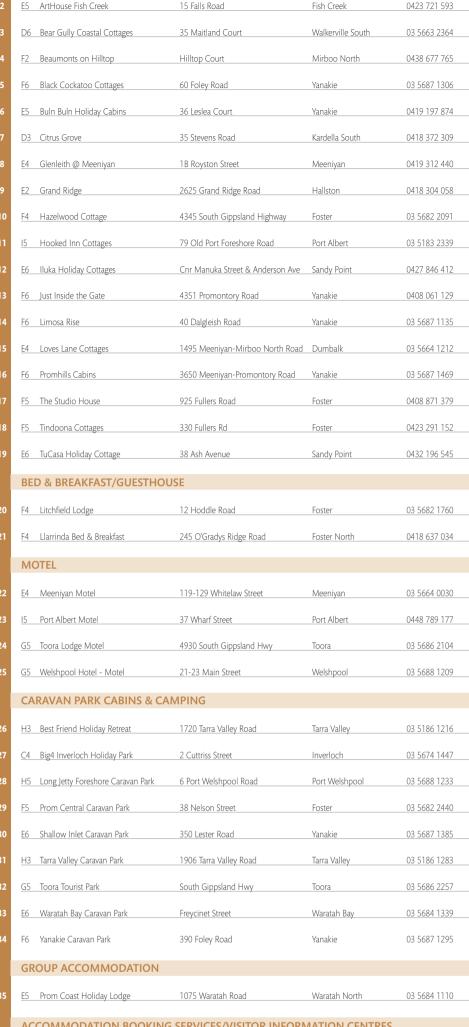


# ATTRACTIONS & TOURS

ART & CRAFT				
1 D3 Australian Cycling Adventures	90 McCartin Street	Leongatha	0468 390 224	Self-guided, fully supported cycling holidays along rail trails or hills & back country. Bike hire, transfer support. All you have to do is pedal
2 E5 Gecko Studio Gallery	15 Falls Road	Fish Creek	03 5683 2481	Open Thur-Mon 10am-4pm, closed Tue & Wed. 7 days from mid-December until the end of January
3 D3 Gooseneck Pottery	60 Kardella - Fairbank Road	Kardella	0403 023 761	Open 10-5 Weekends and public holidays. During the week call to confirm opening times
4 E3 Leongatha Gallery	Corner Michael Pl & McCartin St	Leongatha	03 5662 5370	Open Wed-Sun 10am-4pm. Closed Mon & Tue
5 E4 Meeniyan Art Gallery	84 Whitelaw Street	Meeniyan	03 5664 0101	Open 10am-4pm. Closed Tue
6 F5 Stockyard Gallery	@ The Roundabout Main Street	Foster	03 5682 1125	Open 10am-4pm, 7 days per week. Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day and Good Friday
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7 F4 Be Enchanted	60 Ameys Track	Foster	0417 491 537	Large range of gift ideas, gemstones, minerals, jewellery, craft classes and more. Open 10am-5pm
8 F2 Lyrebird Forest Walk	Strzelecki Highway	Mirboo North		The walk showcases a wide range of native plants. The elusive Lyrebird is a regular inhabitant
9 <u>C3</u> Prom Country Cheese	275 Andersons Inlet Road	Moyarra	03 5657 3338	Distinctive handmade, regional sheep cheese. Visit the cheese cellar door. Open 10am – 4pm weekends and holidays. Closed July & Aug
10 F6 Prom Country Scenic Flights	3680 Meeniyan-Promontory Rd	Yanakie	0488 555 123	Fly with us over the southernmost tip of the Australian mainland or to your charter destination
11 F6 Promhelis	3510 Meeniyan-Promontory Rd	Yanakie	0459 318 888	Helicopter scenic flights around Wilsons Prom and the surrounding coastline. Island transfers and charters available
12 E3 Stadium 4 Cinema, Leongatha	14 - 18 Smith Street	Leongatha	03 5662 5762	The four screen complex boasts the latest release movies, exciting amusement games and all customer comforts
13 H5 Wildlife Coast Cruises	Ferry Terminal	Port Welshpool	1300 763 739	Fully catered Wilsons Promontory day cruises on a comfortable, double-deck catamaran
14 F7 Wilsons Promontory National Park	Tidal River	Wilsons Promor	ntory 13 19 63	Open daily
15 F7 Wilsons Promontory Cruises	Tidal River	Wilsons Prom	0428 400 155	Cruises depart Tidal River daily

1	F4	Cow Cow Foster	4 Station Road	Foster	0448 305 277	Open 8am-4pm (Closed Tuesday). Open 7 days through summer	
2 3	B4 E4	Gusto Gelateria & Pastry	144 Graham Street 93 Whitelaw Street	Wonthaggi Meeniyan	03 5613 9051 03 5664 7397	2 convenient locations – Wonthaggi & Meeniyan	
4	C2	Loch Wine Bar	10 Smith Street	Loch	0409 798 525	Open Thur-Fri, 12pm-late. Sat-Sun, 11am - late	
5	E3	Lucinda Estate	108 Parr Street	Leongatha	0417 337 270	Open for lunch and wine/cider tastings. Check website for opening hours	
6	E4	Moo's at Meeniyan	89 Whitelaw Street	Meeniyan	03 5664 0010	Open Thur-Mon for breakfast & lunch, 8.30am-4.30pm. Closed Tue & Wed. Open 7 days, 27 December to 31 January. Dinner Fri & Sat from 6pm	
7	C3	Prom Country Cheese	275 Andersons Inlet Road	Moyarra	03 5657 3338	Distinctive handmade, regional sheep cheese. Visit the cheese cellar door. Open 10am – 4pm weekends and holidays. Closed July and August	
8	E4	Trulli Woodfire Pizzeria	93 Whitelaw Street	Meeniyan	03 5664 7397	Open Mon-Thurs: 4pm – late. Fri-Sun: 12pm – late. Inside, alfresco and garden dining options	
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D3 Alkira Garden Studio Accommodation 90 McCartin Street

Leongatha

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	AC	ACCOMMODATION BOOKING SERVICES/VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES									
6	<u>C4</u>	Inverloch Visitor Information Centre	16 Abeckett Street	Inverloch	1300 762 433	Open 7 days, 9am-5pr					
7	E3	Leongatha Community & Visitor Information Centre	Cnr McCartin St & Michael Pl	Leongatha	Open 7 days. Mo Sat 10am-2pm, S	on-Fri 10am-4pm, Sun 11am-3pm					
8	F4	Prom Country Visitor Information Centres	Cnr McDonald & Main Streets	Foster	1800 630 704	Open 7 days, 9am-5pm					



# INFORMATION & SERVICES





#### PROM COUNTRY VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

## Toll Free 1800 630 704 www.visitpromcountry.com.au

Email infocentre@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

FOSTER: Cnr McDonald & Main Streets



# LEONGATHA COMMUNITY AND VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Leongatha Memorial Hall Complex, McCartin Street, Leongatha



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