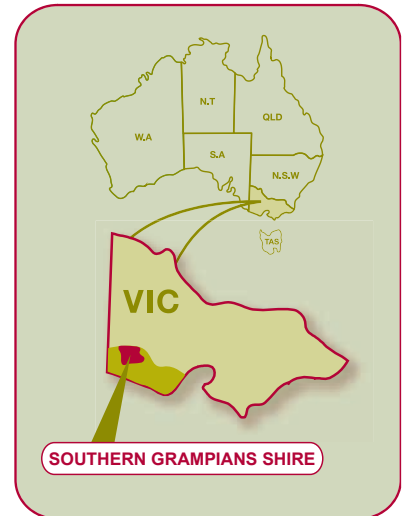




**Southern  
Grampians  
Shire**

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## QUICK FACTS

### POPULATION

17,000

### LOCATION

The centre of Victoria's Western District, 290 kilometres west of Melbourne and 500 kilometres south-east of Adelaide.

### TOWNS

Hamilton is the retail and service centre, supported by the smaller towns of Balmoral, Braxholme, Byaduk, Cavendish, Coleraine, Dunkeld, Glenthompson, Penshurst and Tarrington.

### INDUSTRY BASE

Agriculture, manufacturing, retail, education, health and tourism.

### TRANSPORTATION

**Road** – Hamilton is situated on the intersection of three major highways; Hamilton, Henty and Glenelg

**Rail** – Freight to Port of Portland

**Coach** – Daily services to Melbourne, Warrnambool and Mt Gambier

**Air** – Daily services from Hamilton to Melbourne

### MEDICAL FACILITIES

Western District Health Service is a fully accredited multi-campus Health Service, which includes Hamilton Base Hospital, Penshurst District Health Service, Coleraine District Health Services and the Frances Hewitt Community Centre.

### EDUCATION

17 primary schools, five secondary schools (two with boarding facilities), South West Institute of TAFE, RMIT University, Southern Grampians Adult Education and Rural Industries Skill Training Centre

### EVENTS

Sheepvention, Beef Expo, Hamilton and Dunkeld Cups, Antiques and Collectibles Fair, agricultural shows, open gardens and the Promenade of Sacred Music.





# be delighted...

## The Southern Grampians Shire offers the perfect lifestyle and opportunities to make it the place to live.

Southern Grampians Shire is located in the centre of Victoria's famed Western District. It is home to 17,000 people, with more than half of these living in Hamilton. The remainder enjoy the more relaxed lifestyle offered by a range of smaller townships and farming communities.

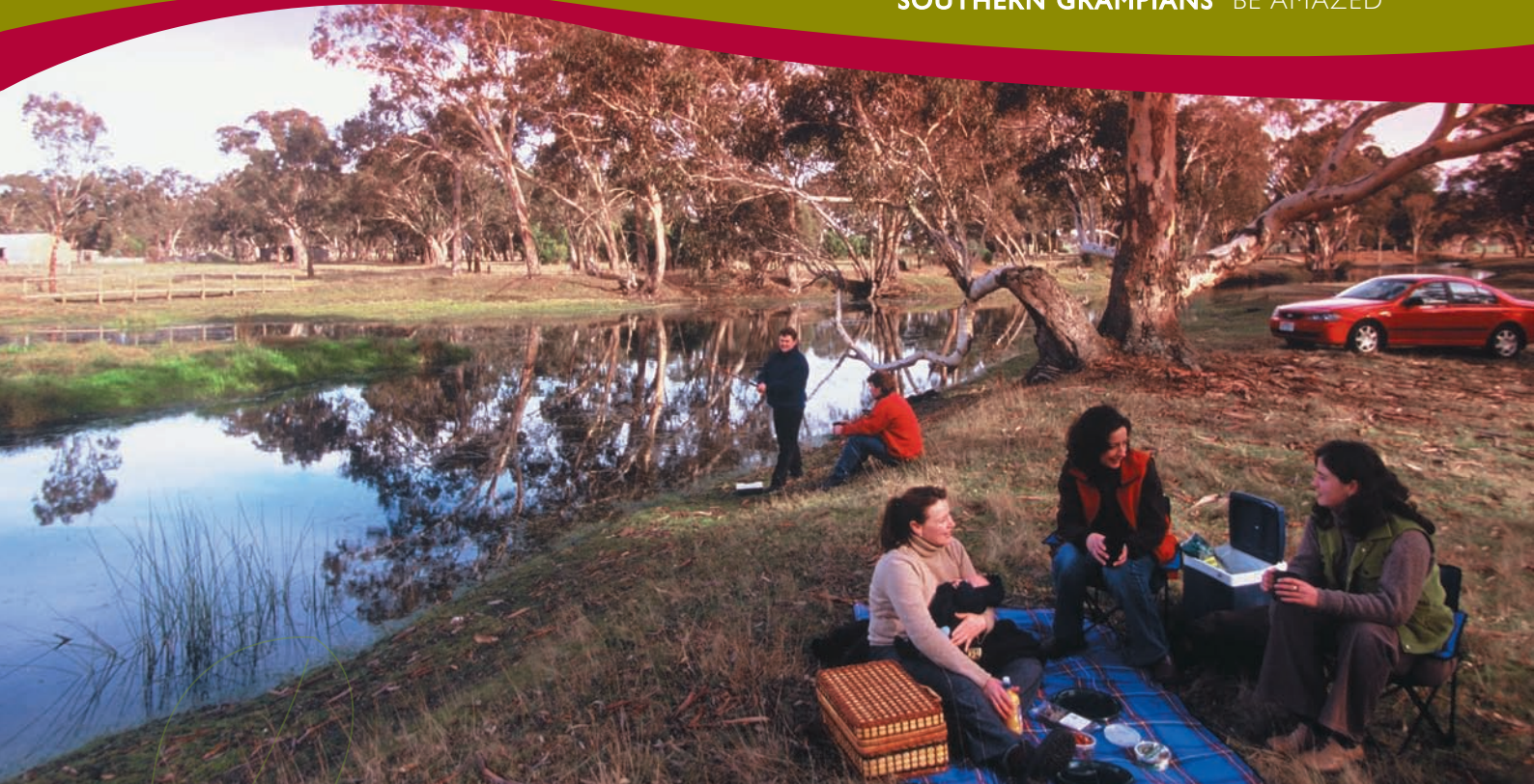
The shire incorporates a comfortable lifestyle and quality amenities. An outstanding range of hospital and medical services are complemented by prestigious educational facilities and opportunities, while national and specialty shops are supported by a variety of eateries, cultural and entertainment experiences.

Whether you are looking to farm the rich Western District soil, work in the secure, established manufacturing sector or be involved in the professional services sector, the Southern Grampians Shire offers outstanding opportunities.

It contains some of Victoria's most spectacular natural scenery, including the Grampians National Park. Combine its picturesque natural attributes and outstanding services and it is easy to see why the Southern Grampians Shire plays such a pivotal role in the vibrant and exciting Great South Coast region, which has the enviable combination of spacious, clean living and diverse lifestyle opportunities.







# LIVE

The Southern Grampians Shire offers its residents a relaxed but sophisticated lifestyle with a diverse mixture of attractions, events and cultural experiences.

Hamilton is the bustling centre of the shire and offers a classic Australian country lifestyle in a very liveable city. There are countless eating choices to be made, from fine dining to classy bistros, a wide range of pub cooking to specialty food and wine experiences. National fast food outlets are also on hand.

Hamilton Art Gallery is one of the finest galleries in Australia and is famous for its outstanding collection of fine and decorative arts. The Hamilton Sandby Collection is unrivalled with the other major collection displayed at Windsor Castle.

The Performing Arts Centre features a range of programs, from classical shows presented by Arts Victoria to a variety of professional performers and plays. The Hamilton Cinema features the latest movies.

Property is a boom area in Southern Grampians, with strong growth in house and land values. This trend is expected to continue, supported by the exciting new development of the mineral sands industry. A wide range of housing opportunities are available within the shire, from affordable units to rambling homesteads. Council has recently engaged VicUrban to develop a new 300 lot residential estate bordering Lake Hamilton. A range of rural properties are on offer throughout the shire, from small acreages to large rural allotments.





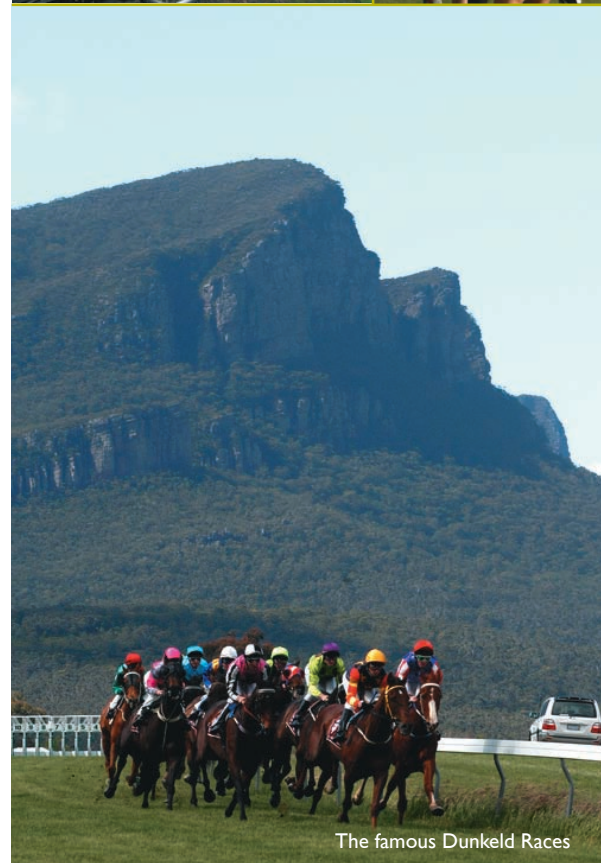


The new multi-million dollar Hamilton Indoor Leisure and Aquatic Centre is equal to any in regional Victoria. The facility incorporates a 25 metre, eight-lane pool, fully-equipped gymnasium and multi-purpose stadium, which includes four basketball courts of international standard and an eight-bay table tennis area. There are also café and social facilities.

Southern Grampians residents are able to participate in a number of activities, with all the traditional service clubs operating across the shire, as well as a range of music groups, bands and drama clubs. A walking trail from the lake to the newly established Wetlands offers a majestic view of the city and the opportunity to view the abundant local bird life. Regular Farmers Markets provide a new and exciting shopping experience.

Two senior football and netball clubs play in the Western Border League and there are excellent junior competitions. All mainstream sports are available, from gym to gymkhana, badminton to bridge, basketball, soccer and baseball as well as the traditional country activities such as equine sports and shooting. There are 5 golf clubs throughout the shire, a summer lawn tennis competition in Hamilton as well as a turf cricket competition and strong hockey competition. Hamilton has a racetrack and harness racing track and each have training facilities. Strong Cup meetings are held at Coleraine, Penshurst and Dunkeld, with Dunkeld attracting more than 6000 to the popular November meeting.

The shire's natural attractions are simply breathtaking, from Grampians National Park, to Rocklands Reservoir, the Wannon and Glenelg rivers, Lake Linlithgow and Mount Napier.



The famous Dunkeld Races





# WORK

**The Southern Grampians Shire boasts a strong economy that provides many and diverse opportunities for employment.**

The \$300 million mineral sands project, which will produce rutile and zircon for the world market, has created 150 new jobs at the mine site and separation plant.

The shire has a large secondary and tertiary school system and hospital. A range of highly-qualified professionals work in each sector, but there is room for each profession to grow, with employment opportunities available throughout both industries. There are also opportunities for qualified tradesmen in addition to a variety of agricultural, retail, tourism and hospitality positions.

The growth in economic activity has opened up a range of opportunities in the professional ranks. A regular, daily air service to Melbourne has been a boom for business people who can now make the return trip in a day. Coupled with affordable housing, strong infrastructure and outstanding educational facilities, the Southern Grampians Shire is waiting for you.

The shire boasts a tool-cutting industry that competes on the world stage. There are joinery firms that sell nationally and a range of light industry serving a variety of markets.

The shire is heavily involved with the burgeoning plantation forestry industry and new opportunities will present themselves as the plantations reach maturity and are harvested.

Hamilton and the shire have all the extras to make your lifestyle great; a local newspaper, AM and FM radio stations, highly developed communication and internet access, all commercial television stations as well as regular events and entertainment.







# INVEST

Hamilton and the shire's townships provide a sustainable environment, strong employment, quality infrastructure and services as well as secure and strong opportunities for investment.

Hamilton boasts excellent electricity and natural gas services, and a high-quality, reliable water supply which is the envy of many regional centres. This includes both domestic and industrial standard water. The shire is ideally situated for transport with three major highways, the Hamilton, Henty and Glenelg, intersecting in Hamilton and the deep sea Port of Portland less than an hour away. Rail, coach and air services transport people and freight to their desired location.

The shire is committed to actively supporting and facilitating the development of businesses and industry within the shire and identifying business and tourism opportunities. It also endeavours to position the shire as a "Key Municipality" in the Victorian Government's strategic plan, therefore providing a strong foundation for continued economic and social growth. Council is currently developing a new Industrial Estate to meet current and future demands.

Agricultural pursuits continue to provide a foundation for the economic prosperity of the shire. Southern Grampians is world renowned for its wool production, the Livestock Exchange has Victoria's third largest turnover and the farming community continues to embrace world best practice. Reliable rainfall and fertile soils have enabled strong diversification in recent times with beef cattle, a variety of crops, including canola, wheat and barley, and timber.

Iluka Resources Limited has commenced mining mineral sands in the region and has constructed a separation plant on Hamilton's outskirts. This \$300 million project consolidates the local economic growth and will create a variety of further investment opportunities.

There are many opportunities for those looking to invest in a vibrant, growing economic base in either new or existing businesses. Competitively-priced industrial and commercial land is available now for those looking to move to the region.





Western District Health Services provides a full range of hospital and medical services.

The main Hamilton Base Hospital campus has 75 acute beds, 90 aged care beds and a range of community based services, with 7000 admissions and 210 deliveries per year. The hospital performs 3000 surgical procedures per year and has ICU and HDU facilities. There are three surgeons and a consultant anaesthetist resident in Hamilton. Visiting services include orthopaedics, ophthalmology, urology, dermatology, endocrinology and neurology.

The shire is renowned for its education facilities. With 17 primary schools, five secondary schools (two with boarding facilities), South West Institute of TAFE, RMIT University, Southern Grampians Adult Education and the Rural Industries Skill Training Centre, the Southern Grampians Shire is an educational leader. All schools have first-rate facilities with large recreation areas a common feature.

As well as the traditional activities covered by the curriculum, Southern Grampians schools offer courses in aviation, equine management and other traditional country pursuits.

A diverse range of child care facilities are available and cater for all.

Southern Grampians' agricultural strengths, health and education facilities, desirable lifestyle and multi-million dollar investment projects have created a shire which is the ideal place for you to live, work, invest and visit.



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