

Welcome to Silverton

Original Outback.



Welcome Sign

Our Welcome sign is on your left as you cross the grid and enter the Silverton Common. Please read the sign carefully, it contains information which ensure the safety and comfort of all visitors to Silverton. Please note camping is not permitted on the Silverton Common or in the Village. Penrose Park has excellent facilities for all camping needs.



Courthouse/Memorial Youth Camp

Silverton's first district Court was held June 1, 1887. The Courthouse and attached Warden's Residence were built in 1889. On April 10, 1948, the building was officially reopened as the Silverton War Memorial youth Camp and is still used today. Dormitory accommodation is available for 52 people with all amenities. For bookings ph: 08 8088 5313



Silverton Gaol

Originally constructed of timber and iron and consisting of four cells, it was replaced in 1888 due to appalling conditions. The new building, completed in 1889, is now a museum with comprehensive displays of Silverton and Broken Hill memorabilia. Open daily 9.30am - 4pm. Phone 08 8088 5317



Umberumberka Reservoir

Work on the reservoir commenced in 1911, to supply water to the Broken Hill mines and townspeople, and was completed in 1914. Visitors can enjoy the picnic areas and inspect the pumping station and gardens.



Silverton Hotel

This iconic outback hotel has featured in many movies, photographed by visitors from all over the world. Call in and have a cold beer with Peter and Patsy and experience the film memorabilia on display. Good pub grub, cold beers and wines, great beer garden. Open 9am till late 7 days. Phone 08 8088 5313. Fax 08 8088 6030. Email Silvertonhotel@bigpond.com



Accommodation available

Municipal Chambers & Cottage

After Silverton Municipal Council was formed in October 1886, aldermen were divided on the need for a Municipal Hall. Ratepayers voted in favour on June 3 1889. Building completed in Oct 1889, costing 489 pounds. The cottage was built in the 1880's and used by a mining company as a survey office until the 1980's. Public toilets & picnic area located at rear of buildings.



Old Butchers Shop

Has been used in a film set lately as a post office for cable TV in America. Currently being leased by AGL.



John Dynon Gallery

Visit John Dynon Australia's best known outback larrikin artist in his little shed studio across from Pub. Ph 08 80886654 www.johndynon.com.au



Silverton School Museum

The Silverton School operated from 1884 to 1970. Mary Jane Cameron (Dame Mary Gilmore) was assistant teacher from 1887 to 1889. The school is now a museum housing school memorabilia from Silverton and surrounding settlements. Manned by Broken Hill Historical Society volunteers. Ph: 08 8088 7481.



Beyond 39 Dips

Glass studio and gallery producing fine art glassware and jewellery. Award winning artist in residence. Display of local art, photography and pottery. We also carry handcrafted leather belts and accessories, outback maps, books and woolen goods. Located at Silverton Heights. Open 7 days Tel: 08 80887566 Accredited Visitor Information Centre



Silverton Visitors Area

The Silverton Municipal Chambers building is an important part of our history. At the rear of the building is a visitor's rest area which you are invited to use. The area is sheltered and includes picnic tables, story boards depicting some of Silverton's fascinating history and interesting people, community notice board and public toilets.



Welcome to historical SILVERTON



Outback NSW

SILVERTON

Historical Mining Town

As Western NSW was opened up by early pioneers, the stage was set for prospectors to scour the Barrier Ranges looking for mineral wealth. Persistent searching brought the discovery of silver and lead deposits and the township of Silverton was born. The township, surveyed in 1883 (and proclaimed on March 20th, 1885), provided all the commercial necessities the district required. In September 1883, the town's population was 250 and had peaked at 3000 by the end of 1885.

The Silverton Municipal Council was formed in October 1886, holding its inaugural meeting in January 1887 in the Silverton Municipal Chambers, which still exist today. On January 12 1888, the Silverton Tramway Company opened for operation, linking the SA rail line to the newly found Broken Hill field via Silverton. Repeated requests to the NSW government to lay the line were denied, so Australia's first privately owned rail company was formed.

As Broken Hill's larger mines were established, Silverton fell into decline. The Municipal Council ceased operation in 1899, leaving Silverton under the control of the NSW government. With building materials in short supply, many of Silverton's buildings were transported to Broken Hill on jinkers, pulled by teams of camels, bullocks or donkeys. This is the reason for so few buildings remaining here today. Silverton's Gaol Museum has a photographic display of this astounding achievement.

Although today Silverton has a population of less than 60 people, it is far from being a "ghost town." The village is now managed by the Silverton Village Committee, which includes members of the local population and two government departments. The town is enjoying a new lease of life, breathed into it by visitors interested in its mining history, art galleries and its popularity as a television and movie location (A Town Like Alice, Mad Max 2 and countless TV commercials). Do you recognise the Hotel? The same harsh environment which provided such wealth (and hardship) to our early mining settlers is again attracting people looking for their own fortunes in life.



Front Cover: Completed in 1886, the stonework and architecture of St Carthage Catholic Church have made it popular with film makers. It has featured in a number of films and television productions.

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Penrose Park

Established in 1937 as a recreation area for the region's miners and their families. Picnic areas with wood & gas BBQs, powered caravan and camping sites with amenities, large hall for hire with power and kitchen, plus 2 bunkhouses with kitchens (sleep 8 & 6) and a self-contained cottage which sleeps 10 (byo linen). Ph: 08 8088 5307. Mobile Homes welcome.



Historic Day Dream Mine

Discovered in 1882, the mine is 14 miles from Silverton and offers underground and surface tours (walk in). Visitors can see the remains of the old smelter and township, or enjoy a Devonshire Tea. Fully guided 1 hour tours. Open daily 10am & 11.30am. School Holidays - tours run hourly (approx.) 10am to 2pm. Summer School Holidays - 10am & 11.30am only.



Mad Max Museum

This is the ultimate Mad Max experience! See original and replica cars, bikes, buggies, life-size characters in full costume, original and replica memorabilia in a fantastic Mad Max setting. If you're into Mad Max (and even if you're not), get into this! Souvenirs on sale. Open 10am - 4pm 7 days. Phone 08 8088 6128.



Silverton Photography Gallery

Browse through Helen Murray's Gallery, viewing photos of all things Silverton. Located in a rustic farm setting, the garden oasis with its water features and rustic old implements is also a must-see. A little off the beaten track, follow the signs from Penrose Park Road (towards the pioneer cemetery). Open most days. Ph: 08 8087 3962



Horizon Gallery since 1987

The old general store and post office now houses original works by resident Silverton artist Albert Woodroffe. Works by selected artists are also exhibited. Open daily. Phone/fax: 08 8088 5331. email: artspace2@bigpond.com www.horizongalleries.com.au



Warrigal Country Cottage

Self-contained accommodation with one queen, one double, two single and one sofa bed. Peaceful bush setting in walking distance of Silverton Attractions. Ideal for a stopover or a longer getaway. Booking enquires Phone Petah 08/80878704 m 0428602664 or Duncan m 0400799209



Cowz Art Gallery

Come and view Australia's most unique gallery and studio situated at Silverton heights. We have a wide selection of paintings, prints and artistic souvenirs. Open 7 days 9am to 5pm. 08 8087 2002



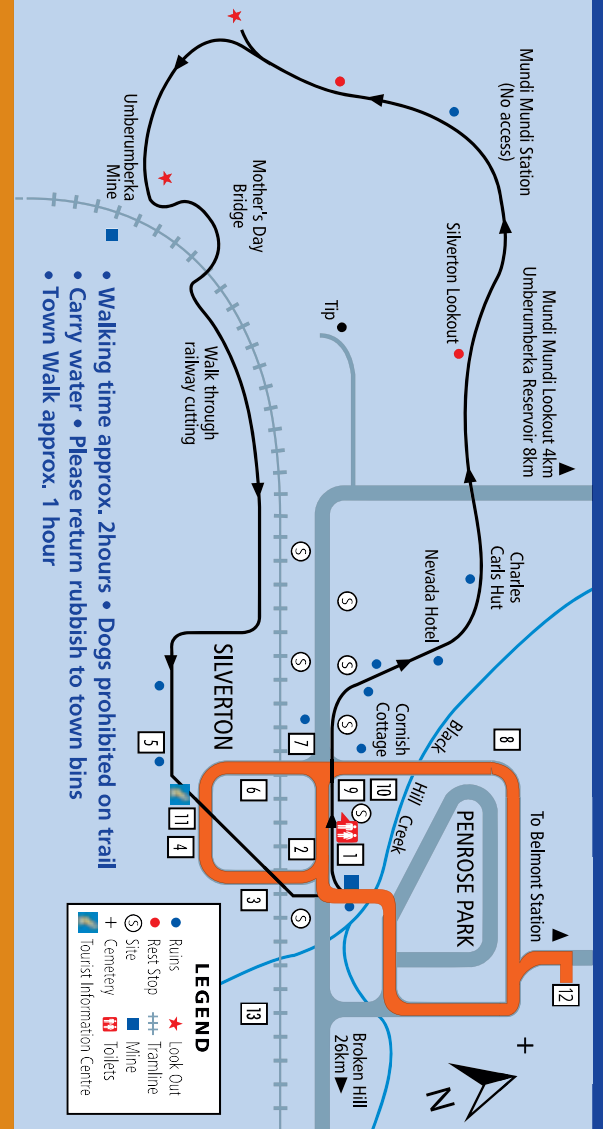
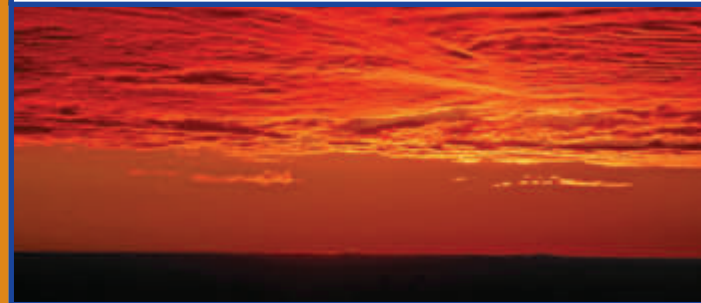
Silverton Historic Cemetery

Crude conditions in Silverton's early years took a heavy toll. Typhoid was rampant, with no fresh water, fruit, vegetables or sanitation, coupled with mining accidents and mining related diseases. Fenced in 1888, the 42-acre cemetery is the burial place of a number of Silverton pioneers.



Silverton Sunsets

Complete your journey to Historic Silverton with a short drive to Mundi Mundi lookout. Marvel at the beautiful sunsets which create impressive colours in the sky over the Red Plains of Mundi Mundi station. This place gives you the unique opportunity to admire the curvature of the earth, so make sure you bring your camera.



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SILVERTON HERITAGE WALKING TRAILS