

2 Murrurundi to Burning Mountain

135 km • 2.3 hrs driving time

Murrurundi – Timor – Waverley – Scone
– Towarri NP – Wingen – Burning
Mountain – Murrurundi

• About 30km of gravel roads but suitable for all vehicles

- ✓ Historic rural towns, villages & homesteads
- ✓ Horse studs
- ✓ Pastoral scenery
- ✓ Picturesque river valleys
- ✓ National parks
- ✓ Burning Mountain
- ✓ Wildlife (sightings possible along much of the drive)



Burning Mountain



Camping area Towarri NP



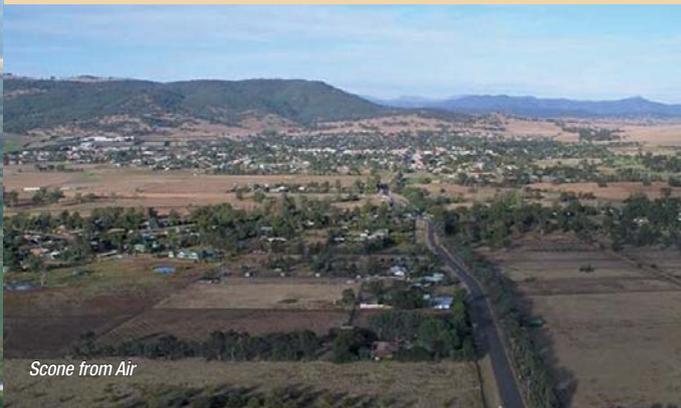
Glenbawn



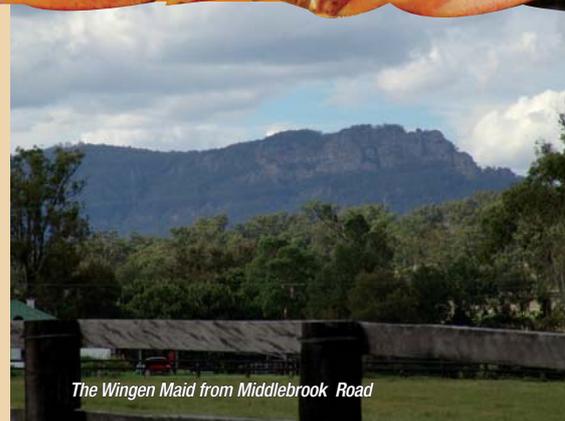
Middlebrook Rd



Segenhoe Valley



Scone from Air



The Wingen Maid from Middlebrook Road

km **Murrurundi** Historic railway town. The end of the rail line until the tunnel through the Great Dividing Range was opened in 1887, taking rail access to all the towns and the vast grain and wool growing areas of the Liverpool Plains and the north west slopes and plains of New South Wales, as well as rail access to Brisbane. Murrurundi VIC has information about local history. Its art galleries are certainly worth a visit. Haydon Hall (p10) has paintings, glass, sculptures, hand made paper and cards. Travel south on the New England Highway, past Emirates Park Stud to

6 **Blandford** Tiny village. Timor Rd (turnoff opposite school) passes through horse studs and grazing properties to

27 **Timor / Waverly Roads** T-intersection Turn RIGHT (*for short DETOUR to Timor Caves turn left*). There are 4 km tar, 23km gravel, and then back onto the tar.

Waverly Road follows the Isis Valley past historic Waverley Station, horse studs and Waverly Polo Fields to

57 **Hunter Road** T-intersection. Turn RIGHT. (Note 0.5km on right across river is the historic homestead of Elmswood). Continue to

61 **Gundy** Small rural village with toilet facilities, Gundy General Store and the Linga Longa Inn (p17). Continue on along Pages River past more horse studs and the rich lucerne flats of Segenhoe.

76 **DETOUR – Lake Glenbawn** Picnic area, toilets, kiosk.

16km detour via Segenhoe Rd / Glenbawn Rd and return. 24 km circuit detour past horse studs and over the old suspension bridge; via Segenhoe Rd / Glenbawn Rd / Allan Bridge Rd / Segenhoe Road / Glenbawn Rd to Gundy Rd. 31km circuit detour past horse studs and the small town of Aberdeen; via Segenhoe Rd / Glenbawn Rd / Rouchel Rd and New England Highway back to Scone.

80 **Scone** Prosperous country town with all amenities Melanie's (p16) has beautiful items well worth a look.

Turn right at intersection with New England Highway. (Turn left to travel on down the Hunter Valley to Aberdeen / Muswellbrook / Singleton)

At the roundabout turn LEFT towards Merriwa.

At next roundabout turn RIGHT onto

81.3 **Middlebrook Road** which follows Middlebrook upstream, passing grazing properties and horse studs to the sandstone escarpments of

99 **Towarri National Park** Camping area. BBQ's, picnic area, toilets, space. Further along Middlebrook Road is the

100 **Washpools** Picnic area. The Washpools are long narrow rock pools where sheep used to be washed before shearing. Retrace back along Middlebrook Rd and turn LEFT onto

105 **Cressfield Road** Turn LEFT again at the New England Highway T-intersection for

112 **Wingen** Rural village with the backdrop of the Wingen Maid rock formation. Have a cool drink or a meal at the Durham Hotel (p18).

Continue along the New England Highway to

Burning Mountain Nature Reserve Picnic area, toilets, 1 hour return walk to viewing platform, explanatory notes.

Continue along the New England Highway to return to

135 **Murrurundi**

Round the day off at the Railway Hotel Bistro (p18)



Washpools Towarri NP