



Event Information Form

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Event Title	McCartney's Ride		
Event Date	16 th August 15	Event Time	Arrive at memorial 12:30pm
Event Summary Short	<p>A small group of horse riders are Trialling a re-enactment of the overnight ride Peter McCartney to get King Richard. The ride will be shortened to 11kms within West Wimmera Shire as a trial in 2015, arriving at the Memorial for lunch at approximately 12:30pm.</p> <p>The general public are welcome to meet and greet the horse riders as they come out of the scrub at the Jane Duff Memorial. You are welcome to dress up in costume of the day and stay on for a Sepia Picnic lunch of Stew and Damper cooked over the camp fire.</p> <p>The Natimuk Landcare group and Barengi Gadjin Land Council will be organising cultural and environmental activities for people of all ages after lunch.</p>		
Event Summary Long	<p>After searching for seven days, the search party nearly gave up hope of finding the children alive. Peter McCartney knew of a man who might be able to track the children. King Richard (Djungadjinganook), a Wotjobaluk man and skilful tracker. King Richard worked at Mount Elgin station some 30 miles away through thick scrub. An overnight ride to bring King Richard, Red Cap and Tony to help find the children was no mean feat after already having spent days in the saddle and by foot searching for the children. The trackers successfully tracked the children and amazingly they were found alive after nine days lost in the bush.</p> <p>The journey through the now Little Desert National Park was through thick scrubland to Mount Elgin station that was situated near the current township of Nhill. Whilst the exact path that McCartney took will never be known, the most likely route was to head straight towards Nhill from the search area. Peter McCartney was born in Wigtown, Galloway, Scotland in about 1828. Peter was convicted of house-breaking and theft of £7 in 1846. He had three previous convictions one which was for stealing apples when he was aged 11. He was transported to Australia in 1848 aboard the "Anna Maria", landed at Geelong and was assigned to a landowner, William Roadknight and worked as a general Labourer and Shepherd on a property at Stony Rises which is between Colac and Camperdown. Peter was pardoned, received a land licence in 1879, then land lease 1885 in Goroke. He married Ellen Burnett in 1854, had 15 children and they are buried at Nhill. Descendants of the family still live in the extended area.</p> <p>IN 2015, a small group of possibly 6-10 horse riders are trialling a re-enactment of the overnight ride Peter McCartney to get King Richard. The ride will be shortened to only be within West Wimmera Shire as a trial in 2015, with the view of expanding the ride in future and develop it as a weekend event. Clydesdales and buggies will be part of the group, although these were not used in the original ride by Peter McCartney to collect the Black trackers from Elgin station, they depict the modes of transport and form of power in the 1800's. The riders will start from Nurcough Hall and follow dirt roads and tracks, through Nurcough Flora Reserve, farmland, to arrive at the memorial park from the North, similar to the arrival of the original riders. A distance of 11kilometres, an expected duration of 3 hours.</p>		

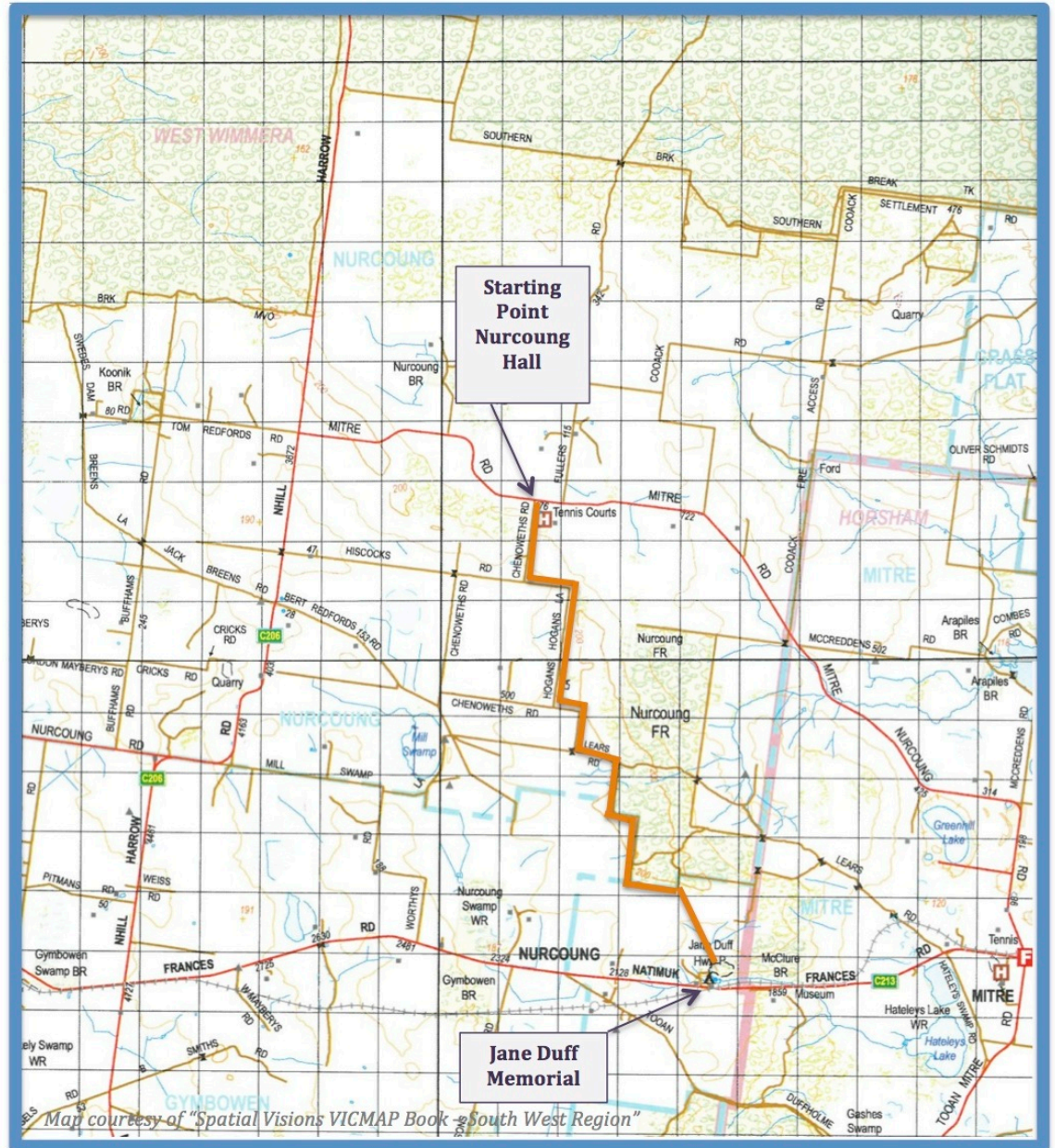
Cost Per Person	Nil		
Booking Information	NA		
Minimum Number Required	NA	Maximum Capacity	NA
Accessible/Disability Access	NA		
Parking	An area will cordoned off with bunting supplied by West Wimmera Shire to provide a physical barrier between the horses and patrons upon arrival.		
Google Maps Reference	<p>Starting point https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-36.6630545,141.6887905,15z?hl=en</p> <p>The route: distance 11kms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurcoung Hall • Chenoweths Road • Hogans Lane • Lears Road • Nurcoung For a Reserve boundary track • Private farming land • Jane Duff Highway Park 		



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Lost In The Bush

McCartney's Ride route - 2015 - Trial



Image

Peter McCartney Returns



King Richard arrives



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Excerpt from the Movie: Send for Him

