

HISTORICAL CULTURAL TOURS

Duffholme Museum

Discover and explore the replica Duffholme hut and Museum. Enjoy the legacy of the Isaac, Jane and Frank's story.

Saturday & Sunday 15 – 16 August 10am - 4pm
1859 Natimuk - Frances Rd, Mitre
Contact - 0413 031 281 Email Denise.59@live.com

Johnny Mullagh Interpretive Centre

Learn about Unaarrimin (Johnny Mullagh) and the Australian Aboriginal cricket team in England in 1868. Two of the Trackers who found the children, Red Cap and King Richard were part of this historic tour.

Wednesday & Thursday 11am to 4pm
Friday 11.15am to 4pm
Saturday & Sunday 11am – 4pm
1 Blair St, Harrow
Organiser - Harrow Discovery Centre
Contact - 03 5588 1387 Email discover.harrow@gmail.com

Horsham Then & Now Exhibition

Visual display of photos and museum pieces including a new exhibition Horsham's Then & Now; including Lost in the Bush and other assortments

Saturday 15 August 10am – 1pm
Tuesday 10am – 2pm (subject to group bookings)
33 Pynsent St, Horsham
Organiser – Horsham Historical Society
Contact – 0419 883 939 / 0427 107 745
Email hhs.jacquelyn@gmail.com

ASSOCIATED LITERARY TALK & WORKSHOP

Author Talk – Ilka Tampke will discuss a research approach to writing through her historical novel SKIN set in England AD.43 A workshop will follow for 15 participants at 12.30pm.

Saturday 15 August 9.30am – 11.30am
Hermitage Hotel Harrow
Organiser – Wimmera Wordsmith's
Contact - 0427 030 321 Email burdypie@gmail.com

SATURDAY EVENTS | 15 August

Wudjbalug Survival in the Bush Experience

Join BGLC as they guide a bush tucker, bush medicine experience based on age old traditions. Mt Arapiles (initially meet at the picnic shelter) Cost \$9

Saturday 15 August 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Organiser - Barengi Gadjin Land Council
Contact: 03 5381 0977 Email RonM@bglc.com.au

Lost in the Bush Film

Presentation of the Department of Education 1970's film Lost in the Bush

Saturday 15 August – 4.30pm for 4.45pm screening
Goroke Community Health Centre
Natimuk-Francis Rd, Goroke
Organiser – West Wimmera Shire
Contact 5585 9900
Email volunteersupport@westwimmera.vic.gov.au

Lost in the Bush @ the Goroke Hotel

After the film share a special bush menu at the Goroke Hotel.
Adults \$18 & Kids \$10

Saturday 15 August available from 6pm
Goroke Hotel
36 Main St, Goroke
Contact – 5386 1040

Acoustic & Campfire Evening

Enjoy the warmth of the winter campfire whilst local musicians and poets entertain campers and visitors to the Jane Duff Memorial site. Bring your own meals, beverages & marshmallows.

Saturday 15 August from 6pm
Jane Duff Memorial
Natimuk Frances Road, Mitre.
Organiser – West Wimmera Shire Council
Contact – 5392 7700 / 5585 9900
Email volunteersupport@westwimmera.vic.gov.au

SUNDAY EVENTS | 16 August

Bush Poet's Breakfast & Lost in the Bush Winter Natimuk Market

Something for everyone Market, refreshments, craft, art, fresh produce and treasures. Announcement of the Wimmera Wordsmith's Lost in the Bush Writing Competition (at the Bush Poets Breakfast 9am) Period costume optional.

Sunday 16 August 9am – 1pm
Organiser – Natimuk A&P Society
Main St, Natimuk
Contact - 0429 328 600 Email natimukshow@horsham.vic.au

Nurcough Bush Walk

Commencing in the Flora Reserve and walking 5km to the Jane Duff Memorial in time for the Sepia Picnic. (Limited to 28 walkers).

Sunday August 16 9.30am
Organiser – Wimmera Bushwalkers
Meet at the Jane Duff Memorial
Natimuk Frances Road, Mitre.
Phone – 0427 107 745 Email janetca@bigpond.com

McCartney's Ride

The inaugural re-enactment of McCartney's Ride. Welcome the small group of horse riders who are celebrating the overnight ride by Peter McCartney to fetch legendary Aboriginal Tracker King Richard. Arriving at the Jane Duff Memorial in time for the Sepia Picnic.

Sunday 16 August 12.30pm
Jane Duff Memorial
Natimuk Frances Road, Mitre.
Organiser: West Wimmera Shire Council
Contact – 5392 7700 / 5585 9900
(note: Ride is fully subscribed this year)

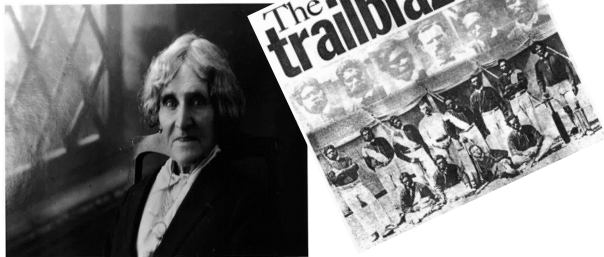
Sepia Picnic & Bush Activities

Join us for billy tea, stew and damper around a campfire whilst immersing yourself in the scrub where the children were lost. Bush and cultural activities for all ages. Period-dress is optional.

Sunday 16 August 12.30pm – 3.30pm
Organiser – Natimuk & Urban Landcare Group & Arapiles Tooan Landcare Group
Jane Duff Memorial
Phone 0448 715 036 Email heather.phillips@hrcc.vic.gov.au

A weekend to truly lose yourself in the beauty and the stories of the Wimmera region!

15-16 August 2015



Loved by many, the iconic Lost In The Bush story is often thought of as the last great bush tale of human survival and resilience. The three children's story of incredible endurance and care for each other, gripped the public imagination and ensured an evolving legacy over decades of retelling. The successful collaboration between Aboriginal trackers and early pioneers in finding them was unique for the time and continues to hold great significance in today's contemporary Australian context.

Many events and attractions take place across two shires. For accommodation options and camping sites please visit www.westwimmera.vic.gov.au or www.visithorsham.com.au



On Friday 12 August 1864, three Cooper Duff Children aged nine, seven and four, ventured into the Wimmera scrub to collect broom brush for their mother and became hopelessly lost.

The Lost in the Bush Weekend in the Wimmera celebrates the unique collaboration between the early settlers and the three Aboriginal trackers who found them.

Join us on a heritage based pilgrimage following the extensions of the story as it draws people into the heart of Wotjobaluk country and the Wimmera Region.



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