

Shire of Dalwallinu

Western Australia



In addition to being one of the largest wheat producing shire's in the state, the Dalwallinu town site has a thriving industrial section and excellent facilities providing services to many of the surrounding districts.

Situated in 'Wildflower Country', the area has a number of historic and natural locations and is ideally placed to use as a base camp to explore neighbouring shires or as a convenient stopover to break your journey. If you are looking for a scenic, relaxed and friendly place to visit, then you've come to the right shire.



One of the features of this building is the eye catching steel columns in the form of salmon gum trees. There are numerous services available at the centre for locals and visitors to Dalwallinu. The Discovery Centre display section showcases the Dalwallinu area and the tourist information centre includes a large range of brochures from around the state.



This architecturally striking building was officially opened by Western Australian Premier Mr Colin Barnett on Saturday 25th September 2010 as part of the Dalwallinu Centenary celebrations.

Dalwallinu Discovery Centre

Location

The town of Dalwallinu is the administrative centre for the shire and lies 254 kilometres north east of Perth on the Great Northern Highway. Other townships in the shire are Pithara, Kalannie, Wubin and Buntine.

Accommodation

The shire has a great variety of accommodation options;

Dalwallinu Caravan Park.....	08 9661 1253
Dalwallinu Hotel/Motel.....	08 9661 1102
Kalannie Bed & Breakfast.....	0400 722 790
Kalannie Caravan Park.....	Shire 08 9661 0500
Petworth Farmstay (Dalwallinu).....	08 9661 1111 / 0428 611 111
Pithara Tavern.....	08 9662 1032
The Old Convent Dalwallinu.....	08 9661 1551 / 0428 663 015
The Rest B & B (Dalwallinu).....	0429 020 285 / 08 9661 1162
Wheatlands Motel (Dalwallinu).....	08 9661 1600
Wubin Hotel.....	08 9664 1040

Food Outlets

Dalwallinu	
Dally Cafe.....	08 9661 1133
Dalwallinu Hotel.....	08 9661 1102
Dally Whistlestop.....	08 9661 2441
Gull Roadhouse.....	08 9661 1104
Jenny's Bakehouse.....	08 9661 1180
Wheatlands Motel (Restaurant).....	08 9661 1600
Wubin	
BP Roadhouse.....	08 9664 1013
Liberty Roadhouse.....	08 9664 1022

More Information

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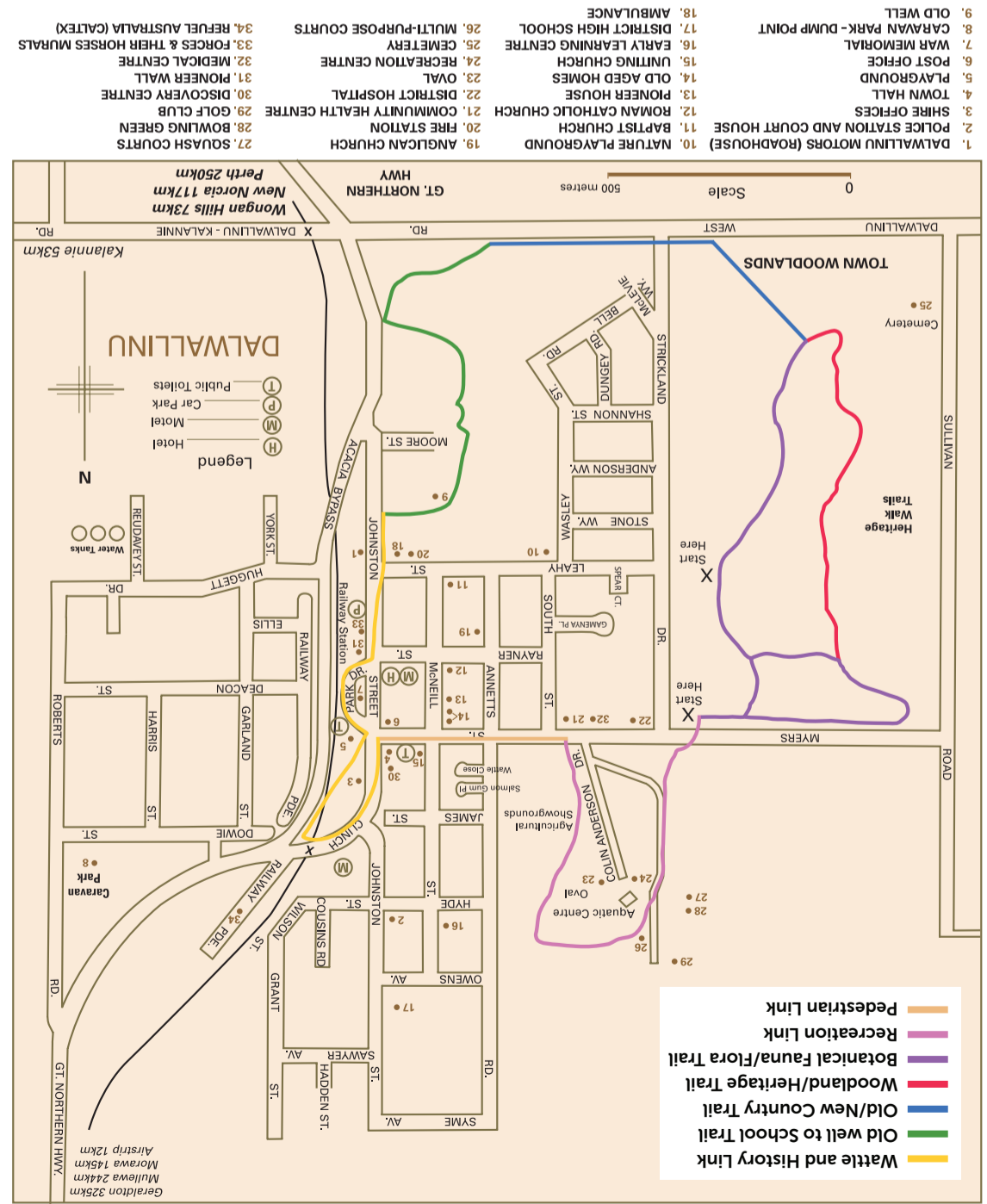
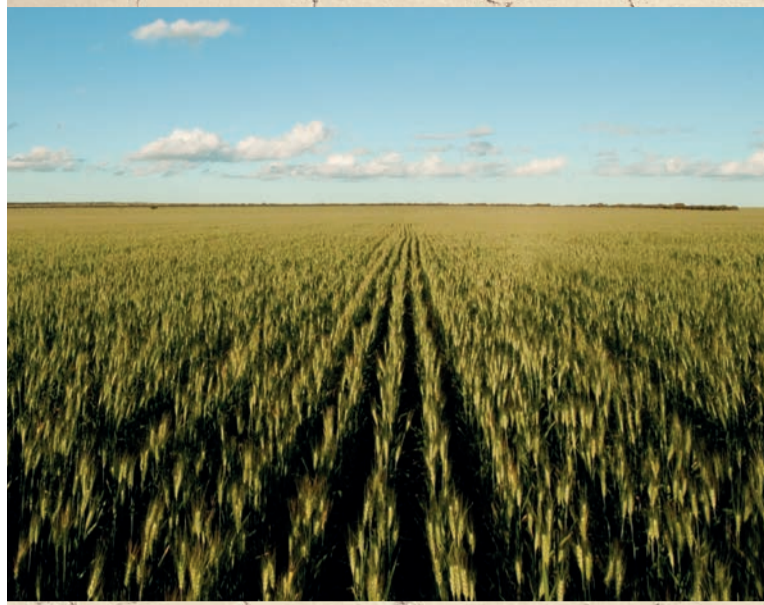
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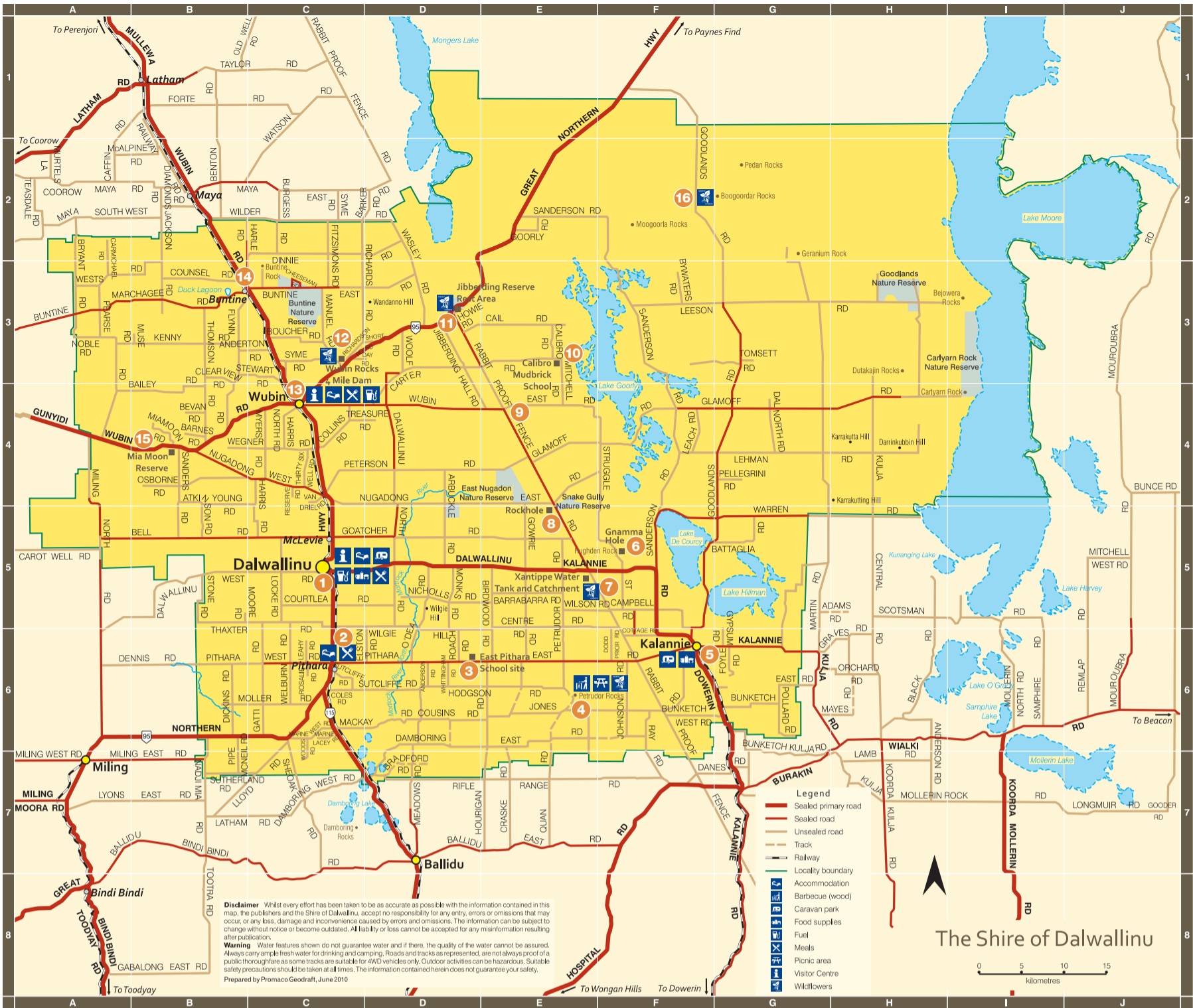


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Dalwallinu Town Map & Walk Trails



- Key**
- 1 Dalwallinu townsite
 - 2 McIntosh Park (Pithara)
 - 3 East Pithara School Site
 - 4 Petrudor Rocks
 - 5 Kalannie townsite
 - 6 Gnamma hole
 - 7 Xantippe water tank/catchment
 - 8 Rockhole
 - 9 Wubin East Rd
 - 10 Cailbro Mudbrick School
 - 11 Jibberding Reserve rest area
 - 12 Wubin Rocks
 - 13 Wubin townsite
 - 14 Buntine Rock
 - 15 Mia Moon Reserve
 - 16 Goodlands Road



History

Aboriginal Heritage

First known inhabitants of the land that now comprises the Shire of Dalwallinu, were nomadic groups of Aborigines whose movements were directed by available water and associated food sources.

Early Europeans

The first Europeans in the area included the Benedictine monks of New Norcia who in the 1860's sank wells in the general vicinity and shepherded their sheep through to properties on the outskirts of what is now the Dalwallinu Shire. In the eastern tracts towards Kalannie it was the sandalwood cutters and men involved in the installation of the No 2 Rabbit Proof Fence who were amongst the first in that area.

Settlers arrived in the area as early as 1907, with a government well sunk in Dalwallinu in 1909 and the first recorded crop harvested in 1910. These original pioneers were very resilient and they endured extremely basic living standards whilst they developed the land into the successful farming area it became.



Attractions

The Shire offers a variety of historic and natural sites to see and visit including the all important picnic locations.

Wubin Wheatbin Museum and Machinery Annexe contains an impressive collection that is well worth a visit. Showcasing the history of bulk grain handling within the shire, information on the Rabbit Proof Fence, shearing display and assorted machinery including a fabulous privately owned display of vintage motor vehicles. Located adjacent to information bay, Gt Northern Hwy, Wubin. Open Jun-Oct, 10am-3pm daily, subject to volunteers.

Xantippe is a water catchment area with a large concrete tank completed in 1927. The top of the granite rock allows an expansive view of the surrounding broadacre farming.

Cailbro School is an opportunity to step back in time and imagine what it would have been like to attend this tiny mud brick school built in 1939 by the local community for their children.

Wubin and Buntine Rocks are both popular picnic sites with extensive views of the surrounding farming land.

Petrudor Rocks is a large granite outcrop with picturesque water pools after rain. A very popular picnic and 'wildflower hunting' spot.

Five Graves in Dalwallinu are five identical marble headstones aligned together in the Dalwallinu Cemetery. One is the final resting place of Gustav Liebe, renowned builder of His Majesty's Theatre amongst others. Together with his partner Wilhelm Klein, Liebe was a progressive, pioneer farmer of the Wubin area.

Mia Moon Reserve is located 17km's west of Wubin and is a common spot for orchids and lovely everlasting displays in season. A large gnamma hole is located at the eastern edge of the flat granite rocks.



Wildflowers

Dalwallinu is part of The Wildflower Way tourist route and has a diverse array of wildflowers throughout, including everlastings, orchids and the unusual wreath lechenaultia. Within a 100km radius of the town site Dalwallinu is known to have one of the largest density of wattle (acacia) species to be found anywhere in the world.

The flowering season of all local flora is highly dependent on rainfall and can vary significantly from year to year. Whilst the wildflower season can span from Jul-Oct we recommend you call the Discovery Centre phone 08 96611805 for current updates, prior to your visit.



Special Events

The annual Wattle Week Festival is generally held in early September with a varying program from year to year – past events have included guided tours of the shire, craft & collection days, treasure hunts, bbq's, cheese & biscuit nights, farm visits, guest speaker events, garden tours & morning teas.

The Dalwallinu Creative Arts Show is held biennially in September attracting a huge number of high quality entries from all over the state.

Held annually on the third Saturday of August the Dalwallinu Agricultural Show is a traditional country show including cooking, produce, craft and photography competitions in addition to agricultural machinery, trade displays and the popular sideshow alley.

See the shire website for information on these and other events www.dalwallinu.wa.gov.au

