

Interpretive signs

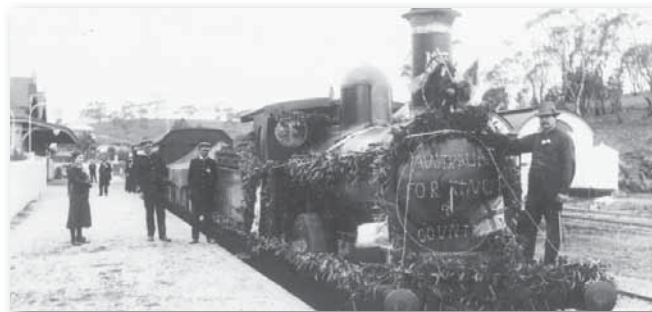
Learn more about the Barossa's rich history en-route with a series of seven interpretive signs



1. Washington Street, Angaston

One of the highest points in the Barossa Valley, Angaston is located 65 kilometres north of Adelaide. Both Ngadjuri and Peramangk groups historically share interests in this area and Europeans settled at the location in 1842.

An important part of Angaston's agricultural history, dried and canned fruit factories became well established and the apple industry flourished.



2. Angaston Railway Station

Gawler to Angaston Line officially opened in 1911 to much fanfare. The Railway Authorities commissioned a special school train for the opening, which carried 1258 children.

"... The railway will very likely make the towns bigger... Already new shops are being built and new houses going up in Angaston, and we hope to see the town very busy and prosperous..."
- Excerpt Barossa News

3. Stockwell Road Intersection

Many local plant species found in the region were traditionally used by the local Aboriginal groups for food, medicine, shelter, work and play. Barossa Bushgardens at the corner of Research Road and Penrice Road, Nuriootpa, is a wonderful source of plants indigenous to the Barossa.

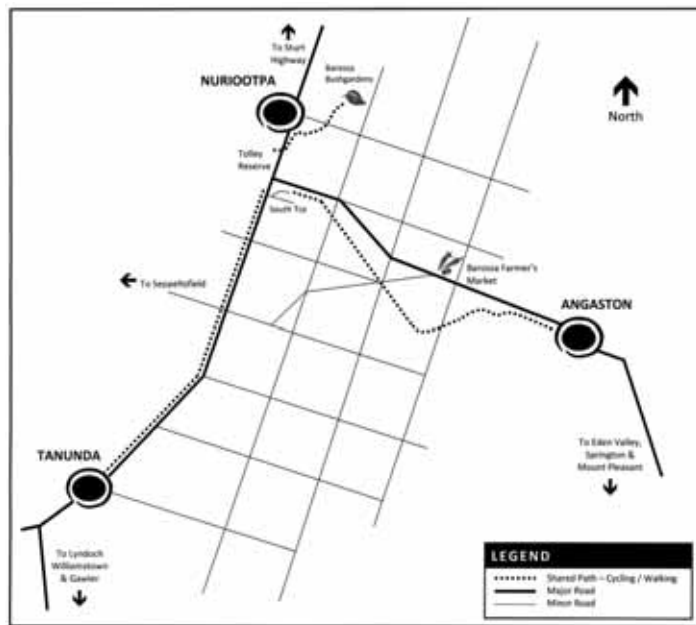


4. Nuraip Cross Roads (Schmidt's Corner)

"When I was growing up here, there was over 1,000 acres of market garden in this area. Market gardening is hard physical work with uncertain income."

"During the 1980s the competition for groundwater and increasing salinity of the water meant that growing vegetables for sale became even more uncertain. Land use changed to woodlots after a vine pull during the early 1980s and then to vines again during the mid 1990s."

- Personal recollection: Ricky Schmidt (b 1963)



Useful information

The scenic shared-use trail (walking and cycling) is located in the heart of the Barossa Valley and links the major towns of Tanunda, Nuriootpa and Angaston via the railway line, taking advantage of panoramic views and the topography of the land.

The Angaston-Nuriootpa Rail Trail is wider than traditional paths so walkers and cyclists travelling in opposite directions can pass safely.

While there are no toilets en-route, public amenities can be found at these locations:

Murray Street, Tanunda; Tanunda Recreation Park
Tolley Reserve, Nuriootpa; Nuriootpa Library
Murray Street, Angaston; Angaston Village Green



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5. Nuriootpa Railway Precinct

The trail is home to a variety of indigenous birds and animals including the Blue-tongued, or Stumpy-tailed Lizard, Short-beaked Echidna, Australian Magpie and Bronzewing Pigeon.

6. Tanunda Road, Nuriootpa

In its heyday Nuriootpa station created a hub of activity and numerous businesses established along Railway Terrace.

With local support the RX Class locomotive No. 217 (now located at Tolley Reserve in Nuriootpa) was salvaged from a scrap yard in Islington by Barossa-born Elmore Schulz (1920-1996).



7. Barossa Valley Way, Tanunda



Known for its German heritage, Tanunda's development in the nineteenth century was influenced greatly by German culture. The town is surrounded by vineyards with picturesque River Red Gums dotted throughout the township.

Interesting sites en-route include wineries, historic buildings and the iconic Seppelts palm trees (pictured).

Path etiquette

Barossa Rail Trail is a shared use path. Users must keep left, and pedestrians have right of way. Cyclists should wear helmets at all times.

The path intersects with several major road networks and users are asked to show due care and heed signage. Please stay on the path at all times, dispose of litter thoughtfully and keep dogs on leads.

There are many attractions adjacent the Trail, including Barossa Bushgardens, Menglers Hill Sculpture Park, Barossa Farmers Market and the historic Angaston rail precinct (pictured). Visit www.barossa.com to find out more.



Barossa Rail Trail users won't fail to notice the lifesize public art at the Angaston and Nuriootpa rail precincts, but keep an eye out for less obvious echidna markers every kilometre, which let you know just how far you've come.

If you enjoy the Barossa Rail Trail, you might also like to explore Nuriootpa's Linear Path and the neighbouring Heysen, Kidman, Mawson and Lavender trails.



Barossa Trail...

Tanunda - Nuriootpa - Angaston

join us for the ride

