

Eat at some of our great Restaurants.

Drouin has a good range of restaurants including **Middels**, (www.middels.com.au/), **Luciano's** Italian Restaurant and **Hong Kong Chinese Inn**. There are several others offering cuisines of different cultures and eating out is a delight.

Walk on the Path of achievement, Drouin is a sporting town and they have created a path of achievement to honour top sportsmen and women. This path goes through Civic Park up to the football oval.

Check out the Art through the town. As well as the path of achievement there is a lane decorated by local artists including **Gary Miles, Travis Hendrick** and **Helen Timbury**. Check out the open studio days which involve many local artists 3 times a year. www.openstudioswestgippsland.com/
www.helentimburydesign.com
www.garymilesart.com.au

Old Drouin Butter factory At 1 main South Rd Drouin this unassuming building façade hides a treasure trove of performance spaces and a small unique café- restaurant. Performances are most Friday nights

Check out Drouin Library has a range of programs for all sorts of people and is happy to provide free internet
www.wgrlc.vic.gov.au/client/wgrl/

Join a team or view a game: Bellbird park sporting complex: this is a community developed set of sports spaces including Volleyball Netball and fitness classes Hockey and soccer grounds are nearby www.bellbirdpark.ymca.org.au/

Be part of the Ficifolia festival. In early February Drouin celebrates the wonderful Flowering gums that come out along the Princes Way. The festival is a weekend of street parade, poetry night, art show and all manner of diverse activities.
<http://dev.ficifoliafestival.org.au/>

Get a bargain at Drouin Farmers market on the third Saturday of every month the edge of Civic Park comes alive with a variety of locally grown produce and crafts.

Play a round at Drouin golf and Country club which is on the northern edge of town (just off princes way) and is 27 holes of a beautiful course, Always open to visitors
www.drouingolf.com.au/home/

Watch a game at Drouin Recreation reserve is a good place to view a game of country Football and Cricket. Many famous footballers started in Drouin (Gary Ablett for one) .See if you can spot the next rising star. Just Google Drouin Hawks.

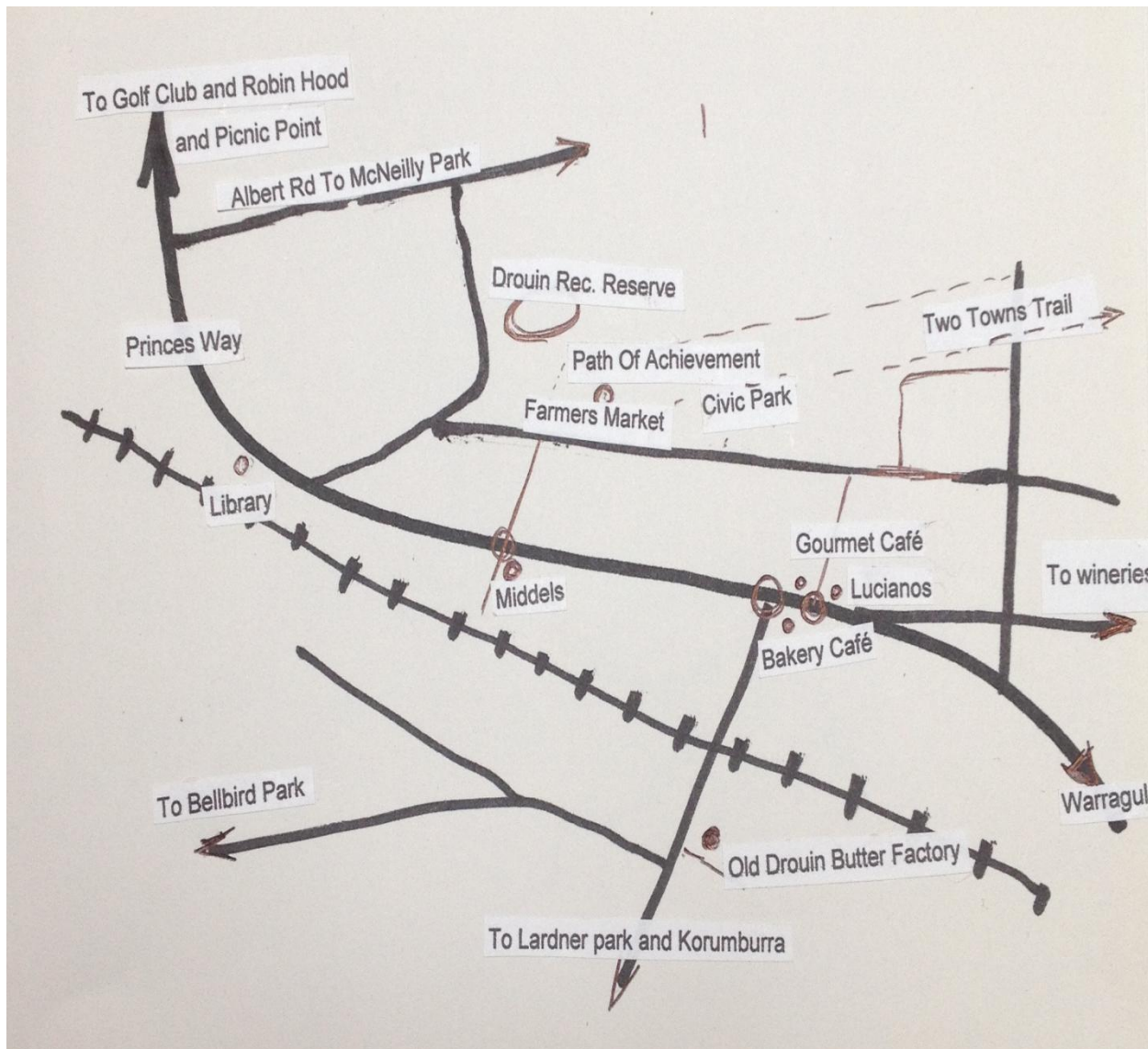
Enjoy the parks: Civic Park in the heart of town also has many delightful features. and

try the new **McNeilly Park and wetland**, In the Jackson's View Estate, is an 'art inspired' sanctuary for creative play. The paths overlooking the wetlands are great for walkers and there is an entertaining and BBQ area as well as a playground.

Take a drive: A short drive north of Drouin are two "hidden" delights. **Picnic point and Robin Hood reserves**. Both are small attractive reserves beside the Tarago River and are picturesque and pleasant. Google Robin Hood reserve and Picnic Point

See what is on at Lardner Park which is a short drive on the south side of town and is the site of Farmworld (May) Trucks in Action, Craft Markets Australia and numerous other "events"
www.lardnerpark.com.au/

Have a fine wine and meal: North and East of the town are two wonderful wineries. **Brandy Creek winery** is known for its Paella and Tapas and **Scene at Parnassus** is a restaurant and guest house. Both have superb views towards Mt Baw Baw and Jindivick.
sceneatparnassus.com.au/
brandycreekwines.com.au/



More than 10 things to do around Drouin

History: The area was part of Gunai-Kurnai land before white settlement. Drouin was named after a French chemist involved in gold refining and was mostly started by the Rail line when it was constructed around 1878. It was a timber town for a while gradually developing into a dairy and also a flax growing area. It was the main town of the old Buln Buln shire and now is a growing town with lots of new estates.

Start on Princes Way(Main st) **Have a Coffee:** Drouin has over **10 café's** serving all the top varieties of Coffee. Try out any of the coffee places including the **French Pear** with its wonderful wall design, the **Bakery and Café** with lots of tourist information and **Drouin Gourmet Cafe,Pulse, Miss Minsters, red fox** etc etc

Walk the Two towns trail. This recently opened trail starts at Civic park in Drouin and is a walking/cycle path to nearby Warragul. Along its 8km are signs, wetlands and art

<http://walkingmaps.com.au/walk/54>