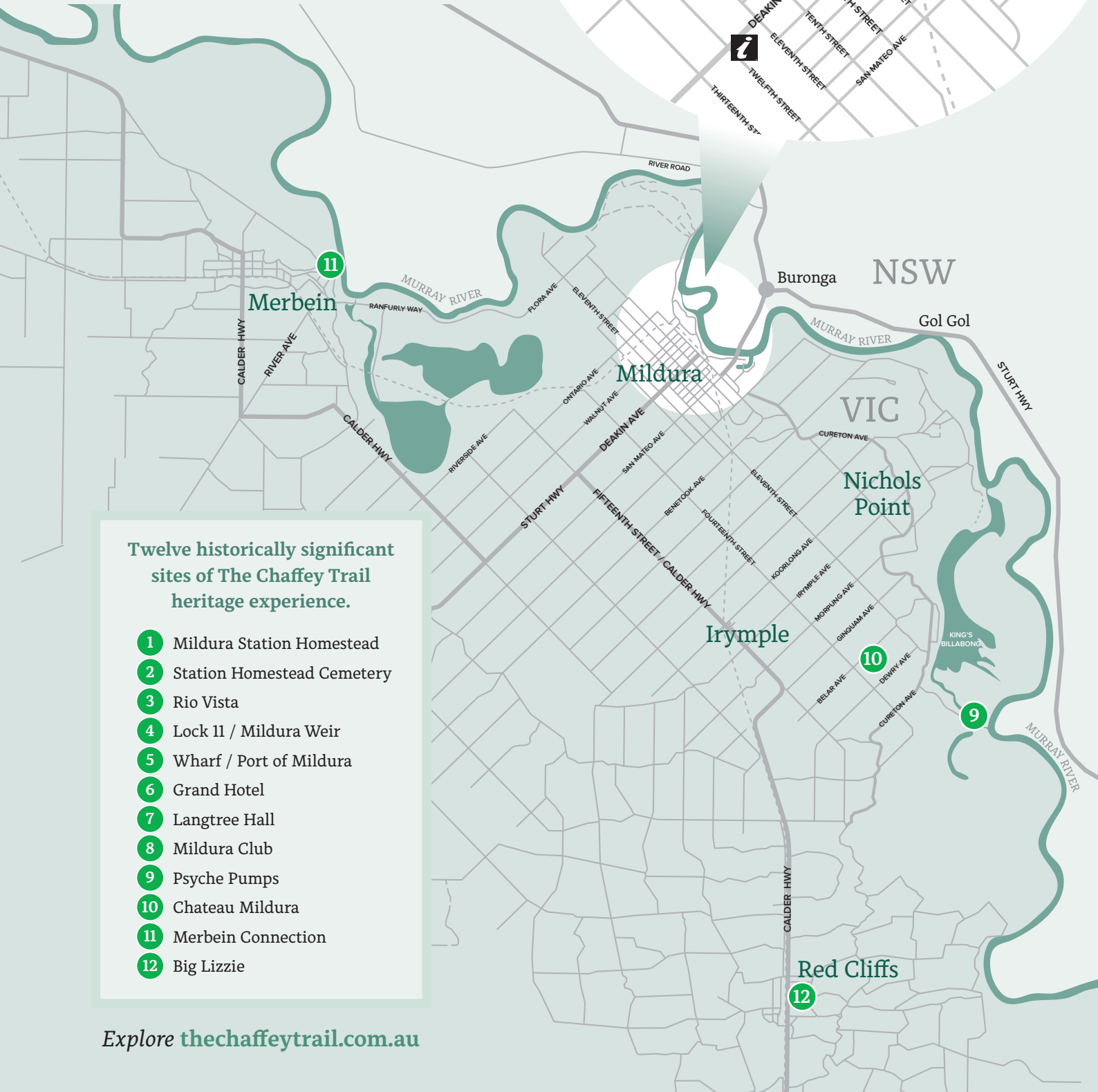




Take a journey and explore the story of how the Mildura region became an irrigated oasis in the midst of an arid land (Australia's first irrigation colony).



Twelve historically significant sites of The Chaffey Trail heritage experience.

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1 Mildura Station Homestead

278 Cureton Avenue, Mildura

Mildura Station Homestead precinct is a reconstruction of the property the first Mildura Station established by the Jamieson brothers in 1847, and later purchased by the Chaffey family.

Open: Daily. Information: Mildura Arts Centre - T 03 5018 8330

2 Station Homestead Cemetery

Cureton Avenue, Mildura

Mildura's first cemetery includes graves of early pioneers and members of the Chaffey family.

Accessible any time.

3 Rio Vista

199 Cureton Avenue, Mildura

Rio Vista Historic House is one of Mildura's most important heritage buildings, and maintains a commanding presence as part of Mildura Arts Centre and was the home of WB Chaffey and his family. The Spanish named 'Rio Vista' translates to 'River View'.

Entry: Free. Information: Mildura Arts Centre - T 03 5018 8330 or visit milduraartcentre.com.au for opening hours.

4 Lock 11 / Mildura Weir

Hugh King Drive, Mildura

The Chaffey's shared vision and desire to have water permanently accessible for irrigation and river transport was fulfilled through a series of locks and weirs along the Murray. Lock 11 commenced construction in 1923 and was completed in 1927.

Accessible any time.

5 Wharf / Port of Mildura

Hugh King Drive, Mildura

River transport played a very important part in the opening up of the settlement of Mildura. The Mildura Wharf was completed by 1892 and then extended in 1899 and three additional levels were added to accommodate vessels at various river heights.

Accessible any time. Daily river cruises available: T 03 5023 2200

6 Grand Hotel

Corner 7th Street & Langtree Avenue, Mildura

Mildura was established as a temperance colony and the Grand Hotel was originally the Mildura Coffee Palace. The Chaffey offices next door were later demolished to make way for the expansion of the Grand. The fountain is the only remaining relic of the Chaffey office.

Information: Grand Hotel - T 03 5023 0511

7 Langtree Hall

79 Walnut Avenue, Mildura

A privately owned museum has a stunning collection of district memorabilia. Originally situated in Langtree Avenue, the Langtree Hall was Mildura's first public hall built in 1889. It was a venue for many important events in Mildura's early history.

Open: Wednesday, Friday & Saturday - 2pm to 4pm.

Admission: \$6 Adults / \$5 Concession. Information: T 0427 113 090

8 Mildura Club

Corner Deakin Avenue & Ninth Street, Mildura

WB Chaffey was the longest President of the Mildura Club being President during the time of the Club's three homes, overseeing the erection of the current premises which he opened as Mayor of Mildura in 1920.

Tours available: Monday, Wednesday & Friday - from 10am to 12pm.

Cost: \$10 (includes a beer/wine/soft drink or tea/coffee in the historic bar)

Bookings essential - T 03 5023 1006

9 Psyche Pumps

Psyche Bend Road, Nichols Point

To create an irrigation settlement, pumps were needed to lift water to the height of the land. Visitors to Psyche Bend can experience the original pump house, reconditioned pumps, steam engine and boiler house.

Open: Tuesday & Thursday - 1pm to 4pm / Sunday - 9:30am to 12pm.

Information about operating days and times - T 03 5018 8380

10 Chateau Mildura

Belar Avenue, Irymple

In 1888 The Chaffey's established Chateau Mildura and the local wine industry planting 150 acres of wine grapes on the property. Still operating, the Chateau also houses a Museum dedicated to the local and Australian wine industry.

Open: Monday to Saturday - 10am to 4pm. Information: T 03 5024 5901

11 Merbein Connection

International Drive, Merbein

Starting from the Merbein Rotary Lookout at the top of the white cliffs, which are a unique geological feature, walk to the left through the Pioneer Plantation along Blandowski Walkway. Pass the distillery/winery that was established by WB Chaffey in 1913 and where he sadly collapsed and died in 1926. Descend down the walkway to the internationally recognised scientist's campsite of 1857, locally known as Chaffey Landing.

Accessible any time.

12 Big Lizzie

Barclay Square, Calder Highway, Red Cliffs

Apart from its size, the most amazing feature of Big Lizzie are the 'dreadnaught wheels', designed by Frank Bottrill to allow it to carry heavy loads across sandy terrain. Arriving in 1917, it first worked in the Merbein area carrying wheat and wool. Later, it was used to clear land for the Red Cliffs First World War Soldier Settlement.

Accessible any time.

