MOUNT CLAY ARCHERS

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Time is flying and before we know it the Safari will be upon us. I hope these newsletters have been of some assistance in planning your trip to beautiful Southwest Victoria. In this edition we have included a map of the Sports Park where we reside, to give you an idea of the facilities available. There is ample flat camping area which will accommodate any size van. There is a toilet block which has showers and toilets and a disability room and we are on mains power. For those of you with a van with a toilet, Heywood is only a 5-minute drive where there is a dump point. Courses are in walking distance from the clubrooms and for the courses on the far-right side of the park, there will be parking area close to the range for those that choose to drive.

We are starting to plan the catering and novelties for entertainment so we can have a fun filled Easter weekend. We will post details of menus and entertainment closer to the Safari. Stay tuned for the next edition.





CASTERTON

Casterton is a small rural town in southwest Victoria, close to the South Australian border. It sits on the Glenelg River, about 360 km west of Melbourne, 63 km west of Hamilton, and around 70 km east of Mount Gambier. The town has a population of approximately 1,700 people and is part of the Glenelg Shire.

Casterton is best known as the birthplace of the Australian Kelpie working dog. Each June, the town hosts the Australian Kelpie Muster, celebrating the breed's history with sheepdog trials, demonstrations, and community events.



- Visit the Australian Kelpie Centre and Casterton Visitor Information Centre to learn about the history of the Australian Kelpie working dog,
- Walk around Ess Lagoon - Casterton.
- Take in the views from Mickle Lookout,
- Follow the Kelpie Walking Trail through town to see public art, historic sites, and the Jack Gleeson statue along the Glenelg River.
- Explore the historic Casterton Railway Station, an attractive heritage building dating from the 1880s.
- Spend some time at Island Park
- Visit nearby Bailey's Rocks, a striking granite rock formation that's popular for short walks and photography.
- If you're interested in wildlife, head to the Wilkin Flora and Fauna Reserve or the Longlead Swamp Track, especially during spring when wildflowers are in bloom.
- Enjoy a wine tasting at Wando Lodge Vineyard, a local boutique vineyard open most days.

Places to Stay

Island Park Caravan Park –
Murray Street, Casterton
0457 414 187

Free Camping –
Carmichael Track - 11 km out Penola Road signposted to left.
Long Lead - 18 km out Penola Road signposted to right.
Bailey's Rocks - 39 km from Casterton on Dergholm Road signposted to right (about 6 km past Dergholm).

Places to eat

Element Cafe & Larder –
Henty St, Casterton VIC 3311, Australia

Casterton Central -
58 Russell St, Casterton VIC 3311, Australia
0476 944 261

Robbo's Bakery -
61 Henty St, Casterton VIC 3311, Australia
(03) 5581 1911



COLERAINE

Coleraine is a charming historic town about 25 km east of Casterton, making it an easy side trip or overnight stop.
Here are some of the highlights:

- Visit Peter Francis Points Arboretum, home to one of Australia's largest collections of eucalypts. There are walking tracks, picnic areas, and excellent views over the surrounding countryside.
- Explore the heritage-listed Coleraine Railway Station, which also houses the visitor information centre.
- Wander the main street to see the historic buildings and colourful murals celebrating the town's history.
- Take the 2 km Bryan Creek walking trail or drive to nearby Wannon Falls and Nigretta Falls, both less than 30 minutes away.
- Visit Glenelg Chocolates, a local favourite for handmade chocolates.

Places to Stay and Eat

National Smokehouse Hotel –
70 Whyte St, Coleraine VIC 3315, Australia
(03) 5504 3123

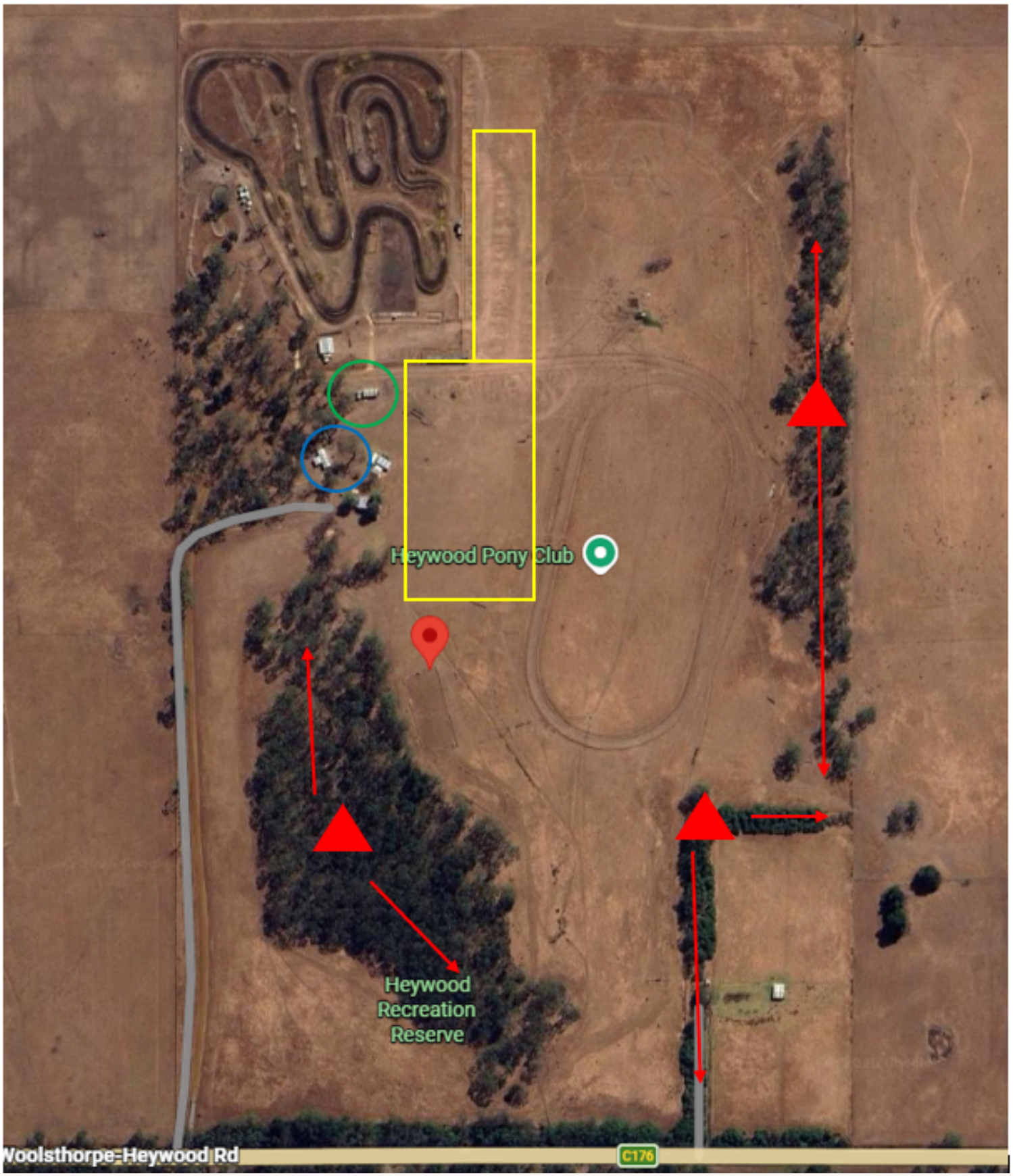
Coleraine Hotel -
87 Whyte St, Coleraine VIC 3315, Australia

The Black Horse Inn -
66 Whyte St, Coleraine VIC 3315, Australia
(03) 5575 2904

Cafe's
The Catching Pen –
89 Whyte St, Coleraine VIC 3315, Australia
0429 687 402

Free Camping -
Coleraine Railway Reserve
Bailey's Rocks Campground
Wannon Falls Recreation Area
Annya Campground

Mount Clay Archers Map



Yellow - Camping area Blue - Club rooms

Red - Course Green - Toilets and Showers