# MURRURUNDI - TIMOR - GUNDY – SCONE - TOWARRI N.P – WINGEN – BURNING MOUNTAIN – MURRURUNDI

### **SELF DRIVE TOUR - ROUTE 4**

#### 135 km

#### Driving time: 2 hrs 20 mins

Historic Rural Towns, Villages & Homesteads
 Horse Studs
 Pastoral scenery
 Picturesque River Valleys
 National Parks,
 Burning Mountain

Wildlife (sightings possible along much of the drive)

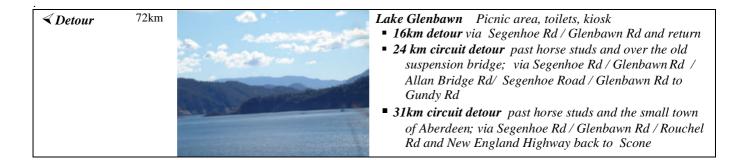
(some 30km of gravel roads but suitable for all vehicles)

**Murrurundi** Okm Historic railway town. The end of the rail line until the tunnel through the Great Dividing Range was opened in 1887, taking rail access to all the towns and the vast grain and wool growing areas of the Liverpool Plains and the north west slopes and plains of New South Wales, as well as rail access to Brisbane. Murrurundi VIC has information about local history.



> Travel south on the New England Highway, past Emirates Park Stud to

≪Blandford	6km	<ul> <li>tiny village.</li> <li>➤ Timor Rd (turnoff opposite school) passes through horse studs and grazing properties to</li> </ul>
<b>≪Timor</b> / Waverly Roads T-intersection	27km	<ul> <li>Turn right (for short detour to Timor Caves turn left)</li> <li>There are 4 km tar, 23km gravel and then back onto the tar.</li> <li>Waverly Road follows the Isis Valley past historic Waverley Station, horse studs and Waverly Polo Fields to</li> </ul>
≪Hunter Rd T-intersection	57km	<ul> <li>Turn right. (note 0.5km on right across river is the historic homestead of Elmswood)</li> <li>Continue to</li> </ul>
≪Gundy	61km	Small rural village with toilet faculties, Gundy General Store and a pub.
		Continue on along Pages River past more horse studs and the rich lucerne flats of Segenhoe



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**≺**Scone

Prosperous country town with all amenities

Turn right at intersection with New England Highway.

(Turn left to travel on down the Hunter Valley to Aberdeen / Muswellbrook / Singleton)

- > At the roundabout turn left towards Merriwa.
- $\succ$  At next roundabout turn right onto



**≪Middlebrook** 81.3km Road

80km



Which follows Middlebrook upstream, passing grazing properties and horse studs to the sandstone escarpments of



**≺Towarri Nat.** 99km **Park** camping area

**≺ Washpools** 100.5km picnic area



BBQ's, picnic area, toilets, space.

➢ Further along Middlebrook Road are

The Washpools - long narrow rock pools where sheep used to be washed before shearing



Retrace back along Middlebrook Rd and turn left onto

≺ Cressfield Road	105km	Turn left again at the New England Highway Tintersection for
≪Wingen	112km	<ul><li>Rural village with hotel, antique shop, and café and the backdrop of the Wingen Maid rock formation.</li><li>Continue along the New England Highway to</li></ul>
≪ Burning Mountain Nature Reserve	116km	<ul> <li>Picnic area, toilets, short walk to viewing platform, explanatory notes</li> <li>➤ Continue along the New England Highway to return to</li> </ul>
<b>Murrurundi</b>	135km	