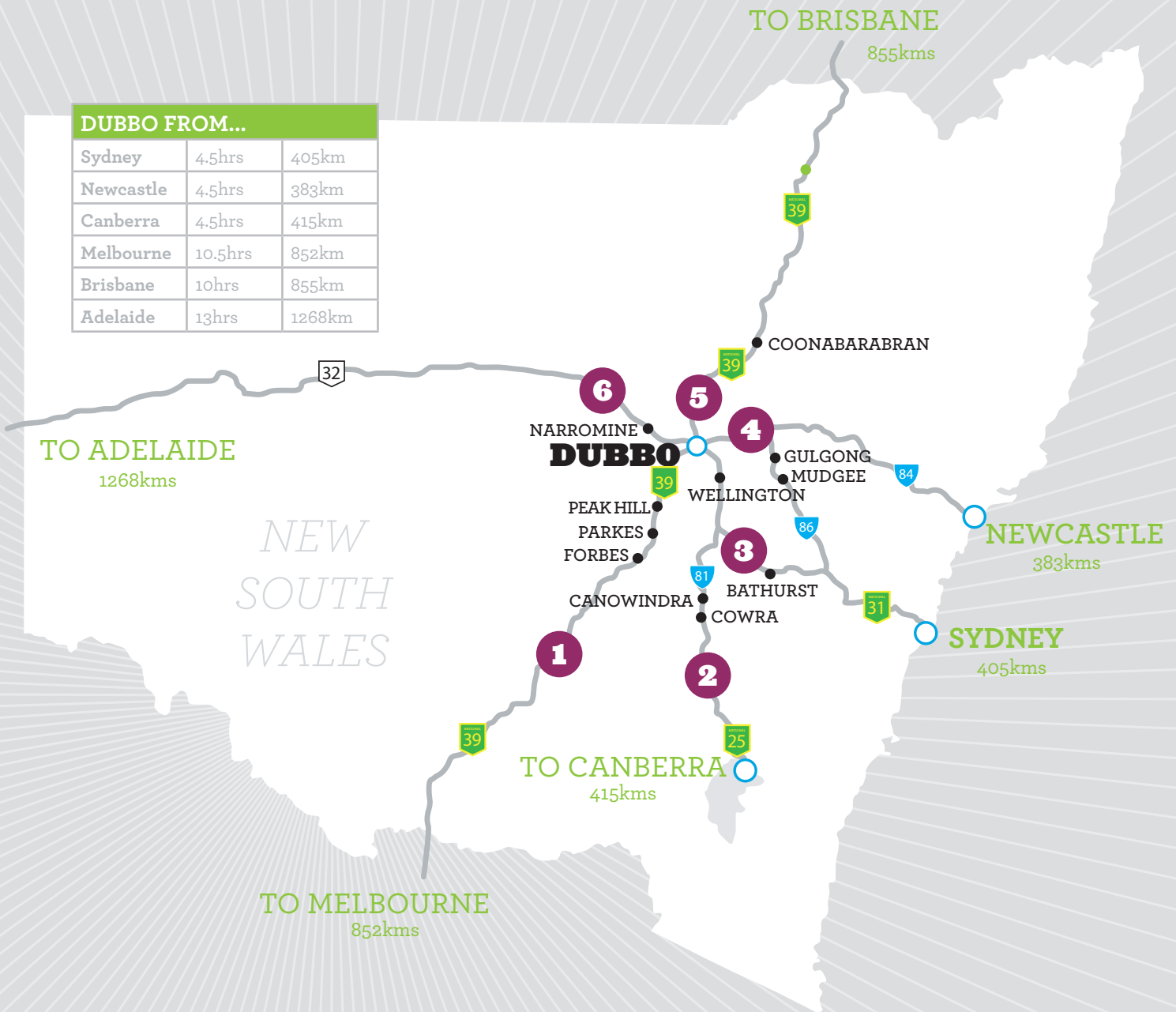


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Extensive private collection of war, rail and rural memorabilia, including the largest collection of artefacts from the Cowra POW Campsite.

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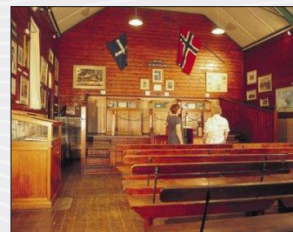
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**73 Herbert St, Gulgong**  
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A museum which illustrates Henry Lawson's life and works with articles, artefacts, paintings, books, photos and manuscripts.

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## **BRISBANE** VIA COONABARABRAN

### **THE HITCHEN HOUSE MUSEUM**

The Hitchen House, home of the Hitchen brothers who initiated the Coo-ee March, is now set up as a museum. Displays memorabilia from WWI & WWII, Vietnam, plus the recruiting Marches of WWI and the re-enactments.

### **RURAL MUSEUM**

The Rural Museum offers you a peep into yesteryear with its fascinating collection of agricultural machinery. Learn about great grandfather's carts & drays, old harvesters and an impressive range of early model tractors.



### **COO-EE HERITAGE CENTRE AND VISITOR CENTRE**

The museum is a living demonstration of non-Aboriginal and Aboriginal cultures living and working together in today's world. Exhibitions include Coo-ee March, local pioneer history, Aboriginal displays and traveling and local exhibitions.

For more information contact the Gilgandra Visitors Centre

**p** 6817 8700

**w** [www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au)

### **AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM DIPROTODON & MEGAFUNA DISPLAY**

On display at the Coonabarabran Visitor information Centre are the remains of Diprotodon optatum, the largest known marsupial, commonly known as Diprotodon.

### **CRYSTAL KINGDOM**

Here you will find out all about our two extinct volcanoes, see the world's rarest and most colourful Zeolite crystals and learn about some of the area's fossil past.

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For more information contact the Coonabarabran Visitors Centre

**p** (02) 6842 2920

**w** [www.coonabarabran.com](http://www.coonabarabran.com)

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## **ADELAIDE** VIA NARROMINE



### **NARROMINE AVIATION MUSEUM**

The Narromine Aviation Museum highlights the history of aviation in the Narromine area. Beginning more than ninety years ago with a small locally built aircraft, the story expands through the 'barnstorming' years of the 1920's and 1930's

**Narromine Airport**

**t** (02) 6889 7131

**w** [www.narromineaviationmuseum.org.au](http://www.narromineaviationmuseum.org.au)