

Finley

The Jewel on the Newell

At the junction of the Newell and Riverina Highways and about a three hour drive from Melbourne, Finley is ideally situated for an overnight stop over. A series of canals linked to Mulwala Canal carries water from the Murray River to the town and surrounding farms.

Finley's lake, surrounded by a sealed walking track, is a great place to stretch one's legs. Black swans and other water birds share the lake with water skiers and sailors. BBQs, picnic tables and toilets are provided. A landscaped park featuring a tribute to the importance of irrigation to Finley, the Wheels of Prosperity forms part of the parklands surrounding the lake. Several other parks scattered throughout the town provide welcome rest points.

Finley was once a bustling railway town with the original station building being built in 1898. Although not used for rail movements since 1987, the railway precinct can be visited by appointment.

An historic walk through the town takes in eleven well known Finley landmarks with directions available at the railway precinct.

For Melbourne residents, Finley is a great place for a short break. Those who like to roll a bowl can do so free of charge, while golfers are welcome to take advantage of the excellent course for a very reasonable fee. The town also boasts a wide range of tasty eating experiences.

For those heading south, Finley's proximity to Melbourne makes the final leg into the city an easy drive. Modern motels and the caravan park on the lake provide excellent accommodation. For a town of its size, Finley's shopping centre provides some very pleasant retail therapy opportunities!

Accommodation

Albion Hotel

Murray St, Finley ph: (03) 5883 1004

Providing a warm, friendly atmosphere.

Comfortable, budget motel accommodation with queen beds, toasters, tea & coffee making facilities. Restaurant open 6 days. Pizzas Thurs – Sun nights

Century Motor Inn & Service Station ★★

Newell Highway, Finley

ph: (03) 5883 1466 fax: (03) 5883 2166

18 spacious rooms. Family room available.

Off street parking. Pool. Licensed Restaurant.

Takeaway food & fuel available. Close to golf course & showgrounds. 15 minutes from Murray River playground. Extended trading hours.

Finley Palm Motor Inn ★★

Cnr Murray St & Berrigan Rd, Finley

Newell Highway & Berrigan Rd

ph: (03) 5883 2077

email: finleypalm@bigpond.com

17 spacious ground floor units including family

rooms. All with queen size beds, wireless

broadband, free Auster, & new inverter air cons, Pool & BBQ & trailer parking. Darren & Jody John.

Lakeside Caravan Park

Murray St (Newell Highway), Finley

ph/fax: (03) 5883 1170

Peaceful lakeside setting. Drive-thru sites. Dogs allowed at Manager's discretion. Located behind Council Pool, walking distance to town.

Attractions

Southern Riverina Art Gallery

Shop 2, Central Arcade, Murray St, Finley

Open Mon 10-4, Thurs & Fri 1-4, Sat 11-3

Specialising in fine art, Exhibits change every 4-6 weeks.

Finley Historical Museum & Log Cabin

Newell Highway, Finley

Open every week-end. Will open anytime.

Phone number on gate.

Memorabilia. House/ garden/ farming/ draglines.

Finley Pioneer Railway Station Precinct

Finley St, Finley ph: (03) 5883 1188.

Open by appointment. Station opened 16 Sept.

1898, closed 1987. Original building still stands.

Finley Livestock Exchange

Hamilton St, Finley

Visitors welcome. Sales fortnightly Friday from 9am.

Services & Clubs

Finley Bowling Club

Newell Highway, Finley

ph: (03) 5883 1511 Secretary: (03) 5883 1324

(Club)North end of town. Open 2pm week days,

10am week-ends. Two excellent greens. Visitors most welcome to enjoy true Finley hospitality.

Finley Golf Club

Tongs St, Finley

ph: (03) 5883 1360 club: 0429 83 9185 Bookings

18 holes, Par 72 course. Grass greens, watered fairways, Green fees \$20 for 18 holes, \$15 for 9 holes. Two motorised carts available. Easy walking course. Enjoy 18 holes at your own pace. Licensed Clubhouse, meals by arrangement.

Finley Returned Soldiers Club

63-67 Tocumwal St, Finley

ph: (03) 5883 1366 fax: (03) 5883 3038

email: admin@finleyrsc.com.au

web: www.finleyrsc.com.au

Open from 10.30am daily. Bistro open for lunch and dinner. Features include an attractive outdoor area, function rooms, TAB, KENO. 2 bowling greens, squash courts, ample parking. Visitors and families welcome. Courtesy bus available (town limits). Is gambling a problem for you? Call G Line NSW, a confidential anonymous & free consulting service.

Food & Shopping

Finley Hot Bread

Murray St (Newell Highway), Finley

ph: (03) 5883 3277

Award winning pies, pasties and sausage rolls.

Extensive salad bar, fresh cakes every day. Sit and enjoy a cappuccino in air conditioned comfort.

Finley Supa IGA

190 Murray St, Finley

ph: (03) 5883 1034

Open: Mon – Wed 8.30am – 6pm.

Thurs/Fri 8.30 am – 7pm

Sat & Sunday 8.30 am to 5pm. For all your grocery, fruit, Veg, Deli, meat and liquor supplies.

Hong Loch Chinese Restaurant

112 Murray St, Finley

ph: (03) 5883 3090

Sun to Thurs 11.30am – 3pm, 5pm – 9.30 pm

Fri & Sat 11.30 am – 3pm, 5pm – 10pm

Fully licensed, extensive Chinese menu – eat in or take away. Thai, Malaysian, Australian dishes also available.

Daisy Mae's Giftware

139 Murray St, Finley ph/fax: (03) 5883 4400

Call in and browse. Delightful gifts for all occasions.

Something to suit all tastes and age groups.

Outdoor & More

Murray St, Finley ph: (03) 5883 2855

Come in and enjoy a browse amongst our delightful & unusual range of gifts and décor, manchester, home wares and camping equipment. We'd love to see you and if you mention this add, you'll receive a 10% discount on most items.

Beaurepaires Tyre Centre

236-246 Murray St, Finley

ph: (03) 5883 1455 fax: (03) 5883 1736

after hours service: 132 381

Competitive prices for all major brands, wheel

alignment & balancing. 24 hour on call.

Open 8-5 Mon – Fri, 9-12 Sat.

Finley Information Centre

p: 03 5874 2517 f: 03 5874 3300

Tollfree: 1800 677 271

email: tocinfo@bigpond.com

Events:

JANUARY - Finley Rodeo

FEBRUARY - Finley Tractor Pull

MARCH - Easter Bowling Tournament

MAY - Finley Rice Growers B & S Ball

JUNE - Finley RSC Bowls Tournament

JULY - Pony Club Horse Trials

AUGUST - Line Dancing Championships

SEPTEMBER - Finley Agricultural Show

OCTOBER - Outback Golf Challenge

(Finley, Berrigan & Jerilderie Golf Clubs)

NOVEMBER - Finley Open Gardens