

<p>Overview</p>	<p>Narmbool is a magnificent 2,000 hectare property operated by the Sovereign Hill Museums Association, it is a model of sustainable land management in a farm environment.</p> <p>Just 30 minutes drive from Ballarat and 90 minutes from Melbourne, off the Midland Highway, Narmbool carries a mixture of fine wool sheep and fat lambs, and incorporates large areas of bush land that are habitat for kangaroos, koalas, platypus, native birds, and a rich insect diversity.</p> <p>There are also a series of trails that can be explored showcasing the rolling green hills, manicured gardens, craggy volcanic escarpments and commanding views of the nearby Mount Buninyong.</p> <p>Narmbool's facilities are designed specially for group visits.</p> <p>For bookings and further information:</p> <p>Bookings for conferences go to Delaware; Education bookings are ONLY for schools. That is dealt with later.</p>
<p>Features</p>	<p>The Narmbool Lodge</p> <p>Narmbool's facilities are designed specifically for group visits with modern environmentally friendly motel accommodation in the Narmbool Lodge.</p> <p>Narmbool Lodge has been designed to blend with the rugged volcanic landscape. Its design includes iconic Austrian materials and many water, waste and energy efficiency features</p> <p>The Garden Room</p> <p>The Garden Room is an elegant restaurant catering for 60-130 guests. Lined with French doors that open out onto the lawn and positioned alongside the Narmbool Homestead, it provides a variety of garden settings - an ideal venue for weddings, special functions or conferences. The surrounding gardens also provide a stunning retreat for pre-event cocktails or al fresco dining.</p> <p>Sovereign Hill's caterers, Delaware North Companies Australia specialise in hosting conferences and meetings for small to medium size and guests can</p>

	<p>move from the Garden Room to Narmbool Lodge with ease.</p> <p>The Narmbool Homestead</p> <p>The historic bluestone homestead that dates back to the 1830s is a beautiful feature of the property housing a significant collection of early Australian formal furniture and Australian art. The house is surrounded by delightful gardens.</p> <p>For Bookings at Narmbool Lodge, or for information regarding Weddings, contact:</p> <p>Angela Corcoran, Delaware North Australia Phone 03 5329 2393 Email acorcoran@sovereignhill.com.au</p>
<p>Activities</p>	<p>Upcoming public activities at Narmbool include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Jazz lunch series • Narmbool Open Day and Mini Bug Blitz • Astronomy at Narmbool • Walking Tour of Historic Narmbool <p>For more information, contact Narmbool on 03 5337 1188</p>
<p>School Camps at Narmbool</p>	<p>Narmbool's multi-disciplinary environmental education program develops students' understanding of biodiversity in a unique Australian environment, and the skills to articulate what a sustainable environment means.</p> <p>By visiting and examining some biodiversity hot spots, students learn about healthy habitats, how all things are connected in ecosystems, and the impact of human decisions in maintaining a healthy balance. Indigenous perspectives on the land and its significance enrich the experience.</p> <p>Education programs are designed by Sovereign Hill's education officers to cater for middle years students. The education officers conduct the programs, working with visiting teachers to ensure the best curriculum and personal outcomes for every student.</p> <p>Teachers can choose from a number of modules to make a program at Narmbool to suit their class's needs and interests. Students can learn or</p>

	<p>enhance a variety of skills, including bushwalking, orienteering, navigation, animal and plant identification, tracking and water quality testing. Outcomes are wide-ranging, and are linked to VELs.</p> <p>Camp Accommodation</p> <p>Narmbool provides two types of accommodation and experiences.</p> <p><u>Narmbool Lodge</u></p> <p>The lodge incorporates environmentally sustainable features, including efficient energy systems, water recycling and worm farms. Teachers and students are accommodated in new 3.5 star motel-style accommodation at Narmbool Lodge, with plentiful wholesome food taking care of appetites sharpened by fresh air and lots of activity. The comfortable accommodation has en-suite bathrooms, and the dining room takes in superb views across the property's hills and valleys.</p> <p>Narmbool Lodge caters for 66 people (60 students and 6 adults). Full catering service is provided allowing meow time to explore the property.</p> <p><u>Tea Tree Gully Bush Camp (Yrs 5-6)</u></p> <p>The Tea Tree Gully Bush Camp combines pioneer-style huts and slab buildings with investigations of bush habitats. It provides a great bush ambience for social activities with the school group.</p> <p>Students learn bush skills, orientation, animal tracking and plant identification. They learn responsibility for camp safety, cleanliness and cooking. Tea Tree Gully Bush Camp caters for 40 people (35 students and 5 adults).</p>
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