NORTH<sub>of</sub> THE MURRAY

## Operator Toolkit

(YOUR HANDY GUIDE TO USING OUR TOURISM BRAND)





## Contents

- 1. Our brand ----- HOW WE TELL OUR STORY
- 2. Visual identity ..... WHAT WE LOOK LIKE
- 3. Merchandise 

  Souvenir Goodies
- 4. Marketing etc ..... OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Operator Toolkit North of the Murray

This is your guide to using the North of the Murray brand.

It's been put together by Federation Council to help strengthen your offering as one of our many fantastic tourism operators.

#### Why is it important?

We want to do everything we can to help you bring more visitors to our region. If you use the elements of this guide – the words, the logos, the merchandise – you'll be helping us, and your fellow operators, to maintain a consistent brand.

#### What's the result?

When the North of the Murray brand is better known, we can build an even stronger tourism market.

#### Any questions?

We're here to help. You'll find contact details towards the end of the guide.

## Our brand

The North of the Murray offers an experience as diverse as its geography.

We offer more to do, see and experience and importantly more time to enjoy the simple pleasures.

This is where there's more to discover. This is where there's more to life.

#### WHAT'S THIS?

THIS IS HOW WE DESCRIBE OUR REGION TO VISITORS. AS YOU CAN SEE, IT'S ALL ABOUT OFFERING MORE.

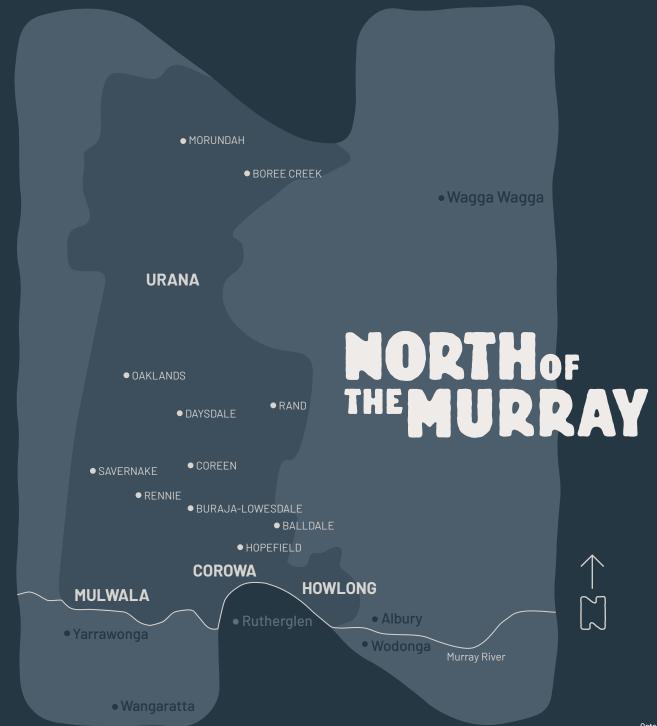
#### **OUR REGION**

"North of the Murray" is the tourism brand for the Federation Council Local Government Area.

It provides a story and a look and feel for towns and experiences across our region.

#### Our regon includes —

BALLDALE
BOREE CREEK
BURAJA LOWESDALE
COREEN
COROWA
DAYSDALE
HOWLONG
MORUNDAH
MULWALA
OAKLANDS
RAND
RENNIE
SAVERNAKE
URANA



#### **BRAND ATTRIBUTES**

Our brand attributes are the building blocks of the North of the Murray brand.

This is what we're all about!



#### **Easy**

This is an easy-going place in every way. Easy to get to and easy to navigate. Easy to find a good deal. Less distraction, and fewer decisions. Here, nothing is too hard. It's why so many people return. Life is easy, pure and simple.



#### **Open**

Open waters. Open plains. Open roads. Open skies. Our region combines a physical openness – from the river to expansive plains – to an open-hearted personality. This part of the Murray region is accessible, affordable and open to possibility.

#### **Authentic**

This is where the tourist route winds around working farms, through real country towns and among genuinely proud people.



#### **Diverse**

Our part of the world offers a world of choice. We draw regular visitors for different reasons, while for first-timers and those passing through, we deliver unexpected delights around every corner. We offer traditional hospitality and authentic charm, not always on trend perhaps but always from the heart.

Images: Destination NSW

#### **HOW WE SOUND**

How a brand sounds is just as important as how it looks. This is called a "tone of voice".

It's just three simple qualities to think about when you're writing a social media post or an email to a customer.

#### Genuine

Just write as yourself! Not formal, and not over the top.

#### Active

Keep it short, and full of enthusiasm.

#### Welcoming

We're inclusive and positive, so talk in a friendly way.

#### **OUR BRAND STORY**

This is a part of Australia that offers more.

A landscape that's framed by an iconic river and lake to the south, broad open plains and a lake to the north, big skies above and rich red earth below.

With our diverse geography, we offer a diversity of experience – from great food to the great outdoors, from world-class golf to watersport adventures – and all bound together with a proud heritage. It was in the town of Corowa that federation was born – of great things coming together – and that sums us up today. A place of diversity and choice.

Here, there's more to see, more to taste, more to do, more to experience. This is where you can drive right up to the water's edge, set up camp or cast a line without a care. Everything is open, and everything is easy.

Away from the pace of modern life, this is where you can spend more quality time. Back to nature. Back to what matters. Back to simple pleasures.

Because at the end of the day, sometimes less is more, and we're about that too.

This is where there's more to discover.

This is where there's more to life.

#### WHAT'S THIS?

THIS IS HOW WE TELL OUR STORY. FEEL FREE TO USE THIS TO SET THE SCENE FOR YOUR PART OF THE WORLD.

IT'S HOW WE EXPLAIN
WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT A PLACE THAT OFFERS MORE,
WHERE LIFE IS EASY.

# Visual identity

A visual identity is a way to make sure we're consistent with our brand.

This section of the guide shows you how to use the North of the Murray logo and other visual elements.

Follow these instructions, and show your logo with pride!

Our logo reflects the personality of the region — easy-going, relaxed and open.

This is a place full of character that's friendly and fun.

#### File formats

The Master logo brandmark is available in various file types. For professional design or external printing, use the vector-based versions (.eps) as required. For internal use in Microsoft Office use the pixel-based versions (.jpg or .png) as appropriate.

Master logo

## HORTHOF THE MURRAY

#### **LOGO VARIATIONS**

As you can see, there are many ways to use our logo.

You can use the full name (in two different shapes) or you can just use the 'N' for short.

#### Logo colour

The logo is available in two single colour formats — reversed (white) and dark blue-grey. Only these formats should be used.

Left aligned

# NORTH OF THE MURRAY

Horizontal

NORTH OF MURRAY

N – Brandmark



Contained



#### **USEAGE**

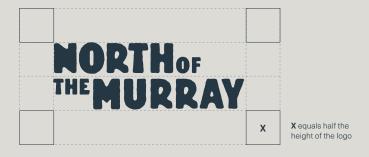
The North of the Murray logo needs to be reproduced consistently and correctly. Here's how:

#### Clear space

Make sure there is enough space around the logo at all times. This ensures it stands out and is kept clear of other elements. This rule applies to all versions of the logo on all mediums.

#### Minimum size

Whether in print or on screen, always make sure the logo is larger than the specified minimum sizes. This will ensure it is easily read. This rule applies to all versions of the logo. Clear space + minimum size





**X** equals half the height of the logo



18 mm



15 mm



X equals 1 x the

NORTH THE MURRAY

#### **CO-BRANDING**

When you want to use your business name alongside the North of the Murray logo, your business logo should always appear first.

The North of the Murray logo 'endorses' your brand.



NORTH THE MURRAY

Primary — Business or event name.

Secondary — North of the Murray logo.

Operator Toolkit North of the Murray 12

#### **CO-BRANDING**

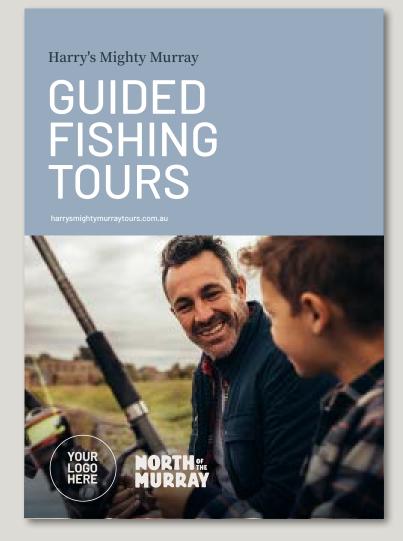
If you're a tourism operator, we encourage you to include the North of the Murray logo as an endorsement on all of your marketing collateral, such as brochures, websites and posters.

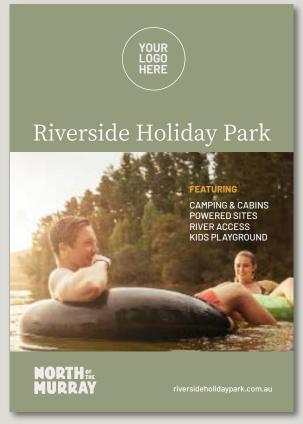
North of the Murray logo files are available to tourism operators.

Email us to request use of the logos.

#### tourism@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Remember to refer to these guidelines if you're unsure about placement and useage of the logo or contact the Federation Council tourism team.





#### **COLOUR**

For its colours, the brand has drawn inspiration from our region.

You may wish to consider using these colours when creating your own marketing collateral.

#### Which colour do I use?

**PMS:** For offset printing only. Ideal for stationery or one or two-colour print jobs.

**CMYK:** Use in offset and digital printing. Ideal for full-colour brochures, flyers etc.

**RGB:** The most commonly used colour profile for computers, screens and mobile devices.

**HEX:** Designers and developers use HEX colours in web design.

#### Brand colour palette

<b>PMS</b> 2965 U	PMS 286 U	PMS 7713U	PMS 5753 U	PMS 2007 U	WHITE	PMS 7527	PMS 7580 U
<b>C/M/Y/K</b> 34/7/0/88	<b>C/M/Y/K</b> 93/79/13/2	C/M/Y/K 72/7/26/34	<b>C/M/Y/K</b> 60/49/71/14	<b>C/M/Y/K</b> 15/40/90/0		C/M/Y/K 3/3/4/2	C/M/Y/K 15/74/76/23
<b>R/G/B</b> 38/55/68	R/G/B 47/78/144	R/G/B 23/129/139	<b>R/G/B</b> 109/111/87	<b>R/G/B</b> 218/158/60		R/G/B 238/235/233	<b>R/G/B</b> 170/80/59
HEX #263744	<b>HEX</b> #2f5199	<b>HEX</b> #17818b	HEX #6d6f57	HEX #da9d3c		HEX #eeebe9	HEX #aa503b

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Photography should capture the essence of our landscape, how people interact with the region and a general sense of ease and enjoyment.

When creating your own imagery consider the following:

- Showcase the landscape
- Feature people as subjects
- Use interesting composition
- Show activities that will appeal to potential visitors
- Consider the brand colour palette and aesthetic.

Please note: Imagery featured in this document is indicative only and not licensed for reproduction or use. Images courtesy of Destination NSW.



# Merchandise

We have a range of North of the Murray merchandise for tourism operators to purchase wholesale from the Corowa Visitor Information Centre.

These are a great way to spread awareness of our region, and perfect for events, functions, peak periods and giving to customers.

Minimum orders apply, along with a recommended retail price for consistency across the region. Large orders require four weeks' notice and are subject to availability. We are always adding to our line of merchandise and you're encouraged to provide recommendations.

Take a look at the full range and order your merchandise here

Tote Bags —

Quality keepsakes for visitors to our region.



Bumper stickers —

Spread the word.



Magnets -

A little reminder.



Operator Toolkit North of the Murray

Tea towels —

Souvenirs worth sharing.



# Marketing Collateral

# Federation Council has put together marketing collateral to inspire visitors to holiday North of the Murray – and to see more of the region while they're here.

We can provide local businesses and operators with free printed collateral:

- North of the Murray visitor guide
- Town maps
- Experience guides

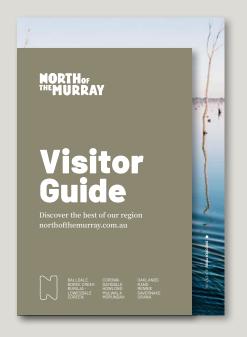
We have also developed a North of the Murray destination website, where visitors can find details for operators such as yourself.

Order your North of the Murray marketing collateral here

#### COLLATERAL

#### Visitor Guide —

A handy overview of our region designed for visitors – ready for you to display and distribute.









Operator Toolkit North of the Murray 2020 24

On the Water

Rivers, lakes, creeks and wetlands —

we've got plenty of water to share for

fun and relaxation.

Our waterways are the veins that keep

coming back for more.

our communities thriving and our visitors

We're about more than the Murray here, with

many ways to enjoy the water all year round.

Enjoy popular activities including boating.

for beginners and competitions for experts.

Bring your angling gear and tussle with the famed Murray Cod, either from a boat or a secluded riverbank.

Relax and paddle at one of our public swimming pools or lovely river beaches perfect for a picnic and a play - and enjoy

a sunny day out on one of our lakes with family and friends.

waterskiing, kayaking, windsurfing and stand-up paddleboarding. We offer lessons

#### **COLLATERAL**

#### Region maps —

Maps promoting key experiences and activities to help guide visitors.



# Business Champions

At Federation Council, we're committed to growing our tourism industry.

If you're one of the many tourism operators doing great things in the North of the Murray region – we want to work with you.

We want to ensure that visitors have a memorable experience while in our region – one worth repeating, and one worth sharing with friends and family.

As we put together future tourism programs, projects and opportunities, we use a range of criteria to determine which operators to include.

We call them Business Champions.

#### **BUSINESS CHAMPIONS**

There are six simple ways you can be a North of the Murray Business Champion.

We check each potential business against the following criteria;



### 1. Get connected

Ensure you have a current ATDW listing



## 2. Stay in touch

Keep the tourism team up to date



#### 3. Subscribe

To receive our industry newsletter



### 4. Get social

Create quality social media content on your channels



### 5. Get online

Ensure that your content is displayed online



## 6. Know your region

Participate in familiarisation tours



## Get connected

## Ensure you have a current Australian Tourism Data Warehouse listing.

The Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW) is a central content and distribution platform for the Australian tourism industry. Also known as *Get Connected*, this is a free website membership program where you can reach more than two million potential visitors each month. Simple and easy to use, *Get Connected* membership is open to all tourism businesses and events within NSW.

An ATDW listing is required to have your content displayed on the North the Murray website (northofthemurray.com.au). To create your listing visit atdw.com.au.

Contact the Corowa Visitor Information Centre or Yarrawonga Mulwala Visitor Information Centre for assitance or find out more here



### Stay in touch

Keep the Corowa Visitor Information Centre up to date.

The staff and volunteers at our visitor centre are often the first of contact for people visiting the region – so they need to know all about you!

Make sure you keep in touch with our Tourism Coordinator, Visitor Services staff and volunteers.

Please send us regular information on updates, upgrades, specials, changes in operating hours, new menus or special events.

You can email us here



## Subscribe

To receive our industry newsletter.

Each month we send out *Talking Tourism* – an industry newsletter with helpful insights and information on North of the Murray marketing campaigns, events, development opportunities, research and general tourism news.

You can subscribe here



### Get social

## Create quality social media content on your channels.

Social media is one of the most powerful tools to promote your tourism business or event. Today, sharing and interacting is vital. When you include the North of the Murray brand, you're helping to build awareness and reach more people.

#### Sharing with us is simple:

- Like or follow us @northofthemurray on both Instagram and Facebook
- Tag us @northofthemurray
- Add the regions' hashtags #northofthemurray #mulwala #corowa #howlong #urana #name of village where necessary

Using the regions' hashtags and tagging us in your posts allows us to easily see what you're up to. It also provides us with content and allows us to feature your posts.

You can ask your visitors to share their North of the Murray experience at your venue with the same hashtags.

## Quality content, ready to use.

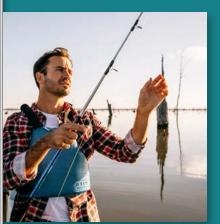
To help you share and strengthen our brand, we have created a series of branded social media tiles for Business Champions.

We encourage you to post these throughout your Instagram or Facebook feed along with your own content.

Download your free North of the Murray <u>social media tiles here</u>









## Get online

## Ensure that your content is displayed online.

The internet is the way most people search for information about a holiday. Online tools and channels are critical for the competitiveness of a tourism business or destination.

Consider using an online booking system – they are quick and convenient for you and your customers.

You should also consider making your own website look its very best. Consider including professional photography, awards and positive feedback.



## Know your region

Join the North of the Murray Tourism Industry Familiarisation Tour Program.

These are tours coordinated by Federation Council and Yarrawonga Mulwala Visitor Information Centre to enable staff, volunteers and industry representatives to visit tourism experiences within the region.

This ensures that we are well informed and up to date with your business, so we can best promote it. The program also includes industry networking opportunities and forums for feedback, strengthening the sense of community among our tourism sector.

Register your interest here

We're here for you.

Your tourism team at Federation Council has the best interests of our visitors, operators and overall region at heart.

We encourage you to get in contact with us regularly to keep us up to date, tell us your ideas, provide feedback or gain support for tourism initiatives.

#### The objectives of the Tourism unit are to:

- 1. Increase visitation to the North of the Murray region, with a particular focus on overnight stays
- 2. Strengthen the regions' identity and identify key markets
- 3. Support a collaborative, regional approach to tourism growth and development
- 4. Provide a high standard of effective and innovative visitor services across the council area
- 5. Identify sustainable product development opportunities with consideration to protecting natural landscapes
- 6. Support tourism stakeholders through advocacy and leadership
- 7. Build pride and capacity within the community to create local ambassadors and strengthen the tourism offering

#### **KEY CONTACTS**

#### For Operators — federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Visit the Corporate Tourism webpage for industry information and updates, useful links and online forms. This is where tourism operators can find everything they need in one simple location.

#### Federation Council

100 Edward Street, Corowa Civic Centre, Corowa, NSW 2646 02 6033 8999 council@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

#### For Visitors — northofthemurray.com.au

Direct visitors to the official North of the Murray destination website. This is where they will find travel inspiration, itineraries, experience, attractions and accommodation.

#### Corowa Visitor Information Centre

100 Edward Street, Corowa Civic Centre, Corowa, NSW 2646 02 6033 3221 tourism@federtaioncouncil.nsw.gov.au

We're excited about the future of our region as a tourism destination.

But North of the Murray isn't our brand – it's yours.

It's been created to grow your business, and help our region thrive.





BALLDALE BOREE CREEK BURAJA -LOWESDALE COREEN COROWA
DAYSDALE
HOWLONG
MORUNDAH
MULWALA

OAKLANDS RAND RENNIE SAVERNAKE URANA