

Headlie Taylor invented the Header Harvester in 1914



Henty

Home of the Headlie Taylor Header

Henty is geographically situated on the border of the South West Slopes and Riverina regions of New South Wales with an altitude of 240 m. Located midway between two of Australia's greatest river

systems, the Murray and the Murrumbidgee on the Olympic Highway (route of the 1956 Olympic Torch journey to Melbourne).

Around 1835 saw the establishment of agriculture in the district, followed by the arrival by wagon from South Australia of settlers of German descent in the late 1860s and its establishment as the town of Henty in the late 1880s following the construction of the railway.

In 1888 the name Henty was proclaimed, named after Edward Henty (who had leased Round Hill Station to the south of Henty, in the early 1860s) after the original name of 'Dudal Comer' (pronounced Doodle Cooma, aboriginal for 'Sweet Water'), led to confusion with the town of Cooma in the Monaro district. Henty is perched on the shore of an ancient ebb & flow wetland. For periods during the year the wetland is dry and only after heavy rain is the water visible. The wetland habitat covers 2,023.5 ha which now includes Doodle Cooma Swamp Nature Reserve and private land. Many ancient River Red gums (400 years) still stand and these attract a wide range of bird and animal life.

Henty is known as the 'Home of the Header' due to agricultural innovations that revolutionised world agriculture. In 1914, a local farmer, Mr Headlie Taylor invented the header harvester which completely revolutionised the grain industry around the world. In 2009 an authentic header harvester and blacksmith's shop were relocated to Bicentennial Park, Olympic Highway. Open every day with guided tours available by appointment.

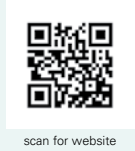
The Whitlock Plough, another local innovation, was superior to Australia's famous 'Stump Jump Plough' though it is rarely recognised in Australia's list of innovations.

The Henty Government Dam Nature Reserve is a delight for bird lovers, where up to 140 different bird species either make their home or migrate for the season. The Reserve is only 750 metres off the Olympic Highway (access along the Pleasant Hills Road). Two walking tracks through the reserve allow visitors to enjoy the native vegetation and regional wildlife. The Doodle Cooma Landcare Group have established a living seed bank from local species of flora. Still in its early stages, this site will



Street Map of Henty

to PLEASANT HILLS



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| Major Road | BBQ | Petrol | Playground |
| Street/Road | Bird Watching | General Store | Railway |
| Laneway/Proposed Road | Bowling Club | Golf | Restaurant/Cafe |
| Railway Line | Camping | Horse Riding | School |
| Green Area/Parkland | Caravan Park | Hospital/Medical Centre | Skate Park |
| Water Course | Cemetery | Hotel | Supermarket |
| Visitor Information Point | Community Hall | Library | Swimming Pool |
| Accommodation | Disabled Access | Museum | Tennis |
| Airport | Dog Off Leash | Picnic Table | Toilets |
| Bank/ATM | Dump Point | Place of Worship | Walking Track |

become a mecca for those interested in Australian Flora & Fauna. Bird life brochures and information can be obtained from the Henty Library or Visitor information Points in Henty and in brochure boxes located at various sites around Henty, including the Government Dam Nature Reserve.

During spring the district is a kaleidoscope of colour with fields of canola in full bloom for the Henty Machinery Field Days when thousands of people come from near and far to see the latest in agricultural displays. The Henty machinery Field Days were first held in 1963, and now, this small town, annually hosts a 3 day Field Day with approximately 50,000 people attending. It is the largest event of its kind in the country.

Located between the towns of Henty and Culcairn on the Olympic Highway, is the Henty Man. This man was originally shaped by an itinerant worker in the early 1930's from a tree burnt out by a

Swagman's fire. It became a district landmark until it was destroyed by natural elements about 20 years later. Prior to Henty's Centenary in 1986, it was decided by local identities to restore "The Man". At the Centenary celebrations it was dedicated by Cr Hugh McKay to the "Men of the road who, through no fault of their own had to walk the length and breadth of Australia during the Great Depression seeking work. Many being forced to beg for food to survive. Many then regained their dignity by defending Australia during World War II, some never to return. Others enjoyed the better days of the 1950's and 1960's."

With Henty's rich heritage the Mini museum, (located beneath Henty's IGA Supermarket), is a must see. Inside, you will find Henty's past including the town's old telephone exchange along with many items which will bring back memories for some, whilst to others, a new understanding of the past. The Observer Printery Museum located

in Lyre Street (behind Sladen Street, Main Street of Henty) will allow you to understand and experience the way newspapers of yesteryear were developed and produced, with many of the old printing presses still in working condition.

Refusing to succumb to the fate of many other small rural towns, Henty has an active community committed to the town's development and was the first town in NSW to develop and successfully run its own bank, the Henty Community Bendigo Bank. Other recent developments include a community club, a hospital and nursing home, dedicated library with IT facilities and a Retirement Village, a striking testament to how rural communities can compete with their city and regional cousins for business and industry investment.

Attraction



Ed's Old Farm Machinery Museum

Buses, coaches, schools, families and groups welcome. Guided tours are available by appointment.

Visit Henty's other museums: Headley Taylor's Header and Blacksmith's Shop, the Cellar Museum and the Henty Observer Printing Museum.

For information and tours contact:
Eddie & Kay Dale
Ph: (02) 6929 3958 or 0418 453 046
Railway Parade, Henty NSW



Henty's main street

Explore Henty

- visit the Mini museum or Observer Printery Museum (watch the presses roll from yesteryear). Open 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday, 9 am to 12 noon on Saturdays or by appointment. Contact 02 6929 3302.
- view Headlie Taylor's Header and Blacksmith's Shop at Bicentennial Park, Olympic Highway. Open every day, guided tours are available by appointment, contact 02 6929 3770.
- go bird watching at Henty Government Dam Nature Reserve or Doodle Cooma Swamp Nature Reserve.
- stroll around the Henty Cemetery.
- visit Ed's Old Farm Machinery Museum, hear of hardships and triumphs in agriculture, contact 02 6929 3958.
- take in the Henty Silos, which are the second oldest in country NSW, built in 1919 or the various well preserved heritage buildings.
- pack a picnic hamper and enjoy the flora and fauna at Henty Government Dam Nature Reserve.
- take a stroll along the heritage trail.

Tours leading to Henty

- Cobb & Co Way
- Mountains to the Plains Expedition
- Birdwatchers Trek
- Bowlers Drive
- Golfers Swing
- Eco Adventure
- Cemetery Journey
- Museum Exploration

The largest agricultural event in the Southern Hemisphere - Henty Machinery Fields Days held annually in September

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A Greater Hume Shire
Visitor Information Point, Henty.

Doodle Cooma Craft Shop

Stocked with an endless variety of quality and attractive gifts, seasonal jams and sauces, useful novelties and practical mementos. All created and crafted by many talented and skilful local identities. Give that gift with an individual touch. Something for everyone. Located at the Henty Railway Station.

Ph: 02 6929 3712
Open: 9am to 5pm

Eating Out



Dale's Highway Store and Milkbar

Open 24 hours, 7 days a week. Milk Shakes, Ice Cream, Cordials, Fruit and Vegetables, Films, Gifts, Fresh Floral Arrangements, Confectionery, Sports Goods, Groceries, Papers, Cigarettes and Tobacco, Souvenirs and Henty Postcards.

21 Railway Parade
Henty NSW 2658
Ph: 02 6929 3201

Eating Out



Henty Community Club

Open from 4pm Wed - Sun. Meals available: Fri, Sat and Sun nights. • 2 Bowling Greens • 18 Hole Golf Course • Auditorium and facilities available for hire • Functions cater for • Evening meals available during Henty Machinery Field Days week • Visitor's welcome
South St, Henty
Ph: 02 6029 3250

Accommodation



Henty Bed & Breakfast

Comfortable, early 1900's ex-hotel, Large verandahs, 14 bedrooms, Function room, wood fires, TV room, Toy room, Enclosed pergola. Ideally suited for family gatherings. Washing and ironing facilities. Breakfast included in room rates. Pet friendly.

Warren Heycox
Ph: 02 6929 3021

Attraction



Judy's Bazaar

Specialising in quality giftware and craft supplies. Come in and browse through the range of patchwork fabric, quilts, haberdashery and yarn. You will also find handmade jewellery, dolls, gifts and a large range of wooden toys. Also now offering souvenirs, plants and old wares. Open Wed-Fri 10am to 4pm Sun/Sat 10am to 2pm

43 Railway Pde, Henty NSW
Ph: 0427 293 228

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Henty Machinery Field Days Annually in September.

Regarded as southern Australia's single biggest agricultural event with over 800 exhibitors and 60,000 visitors, Henty Machinery Field Days has something for everyone. 8km East of Henty on the Cookardinia Road.

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