

Emergency Numbers

Police, Ambulance, Fire		000
Powercor	Service difficulties	132 412
Southern Grampians Shire Council	After hours emergency contact	0418 528 538
Wannon Water	Customer Service	1300 926 666
	After Hours/Emergency	1300 926 668

Southern Grampians Shire Council Services

Council Business Centre	111 Brown St Hamilton 3300	5573 0444
Home & Community Care Services		5551 8480 or 5551 8481
Family Day Care		5551 8484
Maternal & Child Health Services		5551 8480

School

Tarrington Lutheran School	7901 Hamilton Hwy	5572 3897
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Businesses

Best Environmental Technologies	7955 Hamilton Hwy	5571 9574
Café Catalpa	7921 Hamilton Hwy	5572 1888
Hamilton Kitty Kare Cattery	204 Walkenhorst Rd	5572 4280
Noel's Machinery	8021 Hamilton Hwy	5572 2477
One Day Collective	90 Picnic Rd	0438 803 422
Roth Trucking	7693 Hamilton Hwy	0419 598 007
Terra Firma Diagnostics	8030 Hamilton Hwy	5572 4959
Western District Carpet Overlocking	204 Walkenhorst Rd	5572 3955

Churches

Lutheran Church	Hamilton Hwy	5572 3840
Tabor Lutheran Church	235 Tabor Rd	5572 3840
Warrayure Lutheran Church	Glenelg Hwy	5572 3840

Community Groups

Laternenfest Planning Team	0417 503 265
Tarrington Brass Band	5572 4959
Tarrington Community Park	0417 685 911
Tarrington Fire Brigade	5572 5283
Tarrington Progress Association	0417 503 265
Tarrington Senior Citizens	5572 4924

Sporting Clubs

Southern Grampians Cricket Club	0457 504 158
Tarrington Tennis Club	0417 503 265
Tarrington Women's Cricket Team	0427 750 599

Community Services

Tarrington Rural Fire Brigade		5572 3296
V/Line	Hamilton Hwy Tickets available onboard	

Accommodation

Gate Keeper's Cottage	25 Picnic Rd	0423 126 745
Pierrepoint B&B	271 Pierrepoint Rd	5572 5558

Wineries

Hermann Wines	595 Yatchaw Rd Sales by appointment	5573 5255
Hochkirch Wines & Tarrington Vineyard	Hamilton Hwy Sales by appointment	5573 5200
Mount Napier Wines	452 Picnic Rd Mail and phone orders	5571 9850
Pierrepoint Wines	271 Pierrepoint Road Cellar door sales	5572 5553

Places of Interest

Bike Riding	10km designated cycling track between Hamilton and Tarrington	
Bloomfield Cottage	7920 Hamilton Hwy	5572 2550
German Historical Sites	Tours by appointment	5572 4959
Historical Sights walking trail	Map located at Tarrington Reserve	
Tarrington Lutheran Church Tours	Tours by appointment	5572 3840



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Tarrington

Formerly Hochkirch



Tarrington

Named as Hochkirch by its German founders in 1853, this small town and surrounds has now made a significant mark for two very distinct and different reasons; pinot noir and singing.

Having had its name changed to Tarrington in 1918 due to world events at the time, Tarrington has maintained a strong and proud German heritage.

LUTHERAN HERITAGE

St Michael's Lutheran Church, the current church building was opened in 1928. The very large church is a prominent feature of the main street giving you a sense of how strong the faith was in the early days, a faith that continues today. The name "Hochkirch" means "high Church" and is a fitting description as the floodlit spire can be seen at night from many kilometres away.

The local Lutheran School, St Michaels is the longest continuing school of its kind in the country, having celebrated its 150th Anniversary in 2003.

At nearby Tabor, a bluestone church was built by the early German pioneers and the sounds of the famous Tabor male choir continues today, although most singers do not down tools from the nearby paddocks at the sound of the booming church bells as they did many years ago.

HERRNHUT RUINS

A significant historical German site in the area is the remains of the Herrnhutt religious commune established in 1853 (Days Rd, Penshurst). This was Australia's first utopian commune which lasted 37 years. Established by Johann Freidrich Krumnow, born 1811, he practiced an unusual blend of millenarianism, communism and Moravian Christianity (they believed the second coming was imminent). The inhabitants of Herrnhutt withstood internal friction, bizarre incidents and controversy for more than 25 years. After Krumnow's death in 1880, the commune finally ceased to function in 1889 when the property was sold to repay creditors.

The sheer size of the construction of these places of worship staggers visitors. The fact they exist in relative isolation in their rural settings stands as a great legacy to those who built them and those who continue to worship there.

PROUD COMMUNITY LIFESTYLE

The Tarrington community may be small but is very strong and within cycling distance of Hamilton, it has very much remained a separate entity with a proud population.

An easy walking trail within the community of Tarrington with markers of historic sites is a must when visiting Tarrington.

Many new residents have moved to the town as a lifestyle choice, and with the opportunity to see the renowned pinot grapes growing over the fence, you can't blame them.

CYCLING TRAIL

For those staying in nearby Hamilton, Tarrington offers the opportunity to cycle 10 kilometres on a designated track, enjoying the pastoral and geographic views along the way and stopping for a cappuccino or pinot noir at the café before returning. Nearby you will find Pierrepoint Winery offering cellar door sales with cheese platters. This is a trip that will be healthy, interesting and rewarding.

