



WELCOME TO ORBOST

Your Relocation & Settlement Guide

**EMPLOYER:
ORBOST REGIONAL HEALTH**

Welcome to Orbost Regional Health

Orbost Regional Health provides acute and urgent care, medical services, and a wide range of community health, welfare and aged care services, both residential and home-based.

We strive to meet the needs of the local area through a flexible funding model. Our service delivery is enhanced through partnerships that enable us to support a region covering approximately one million hectares across Far East Gippsland.

At Orbost Regional Health, we are proud to offer an innovative multipurpose service that takes a holistic approach to health and wellbeing. Through regular consultation, we work with the local community to understand and provide the services that are most important to them.

Your Relocation Handbook

The aim of this handbook is to help you settle quickly into your new role and understand the services and resources available to you within the region.

For those relocating internationally, this handbook also provides useful information to support your move to Australia and help you and your family settle into your new home.

Why Choose Orbost?

Orbost is a charming town in the heart of East Gippsland, Victoria, known for its natural beauty, relaxed lifestyle and abundance of outdoor recreational activities.

Situated along the Snowy River, Orbost is a popular destination for nature lovers and adventure seekers. Nearby attractions include the lush rainforests of Snowy River National Park and the stunning coastline of East Gippsland.

The town itself offers a relaxed atmosphere, with local cafés, shops and historic buildings to explore. Orbost is also an ideal base for fishing, hiking and discovering the diverse landscapes of the region.

Whether you're looking for a peaceful lifestyle or an outdoor adventure, Orbost has something for everyone.

Discover Marlo

Located at the mouth of the Snowy River, Marlo is a relaxed coastal township with a strong connection to the surrounding waterways and natural environment.

Many Orbost Regional Health staff call Marlo home. Located just 14 kilometres from Orbost, Marlo has a population of approximately 600 residents and offers a primary school, two cafés and a post office.

With wild ocean beaches and the sheltered waters of the Snowy River estuary, Marlo is ideal for fishing, boating and enjoying the outdoors.



Preparing for your move to Australia



Superannuation

Superannuation is Australia's retirement savings system. Your employer will make contributions to your nominated superannuation fund in accordance with Australian legislation. You may choose your own fund or use your existing Australian superannuation account if applicable.

[Choose your Superfund](#)

Applying for an International Driver Permit

Most Australian states and territories allow visiting drivers to drive indefinitely on their overseas licence as long as it is current. It is only when there is a change in visa/citizenship status or the overseas licence expires that an overseas driver is required to take out an Australian issued driver licence. It is a requirement to you to comply with the regulations based where you live.

[New to Victoria : VicRoads](#)

Establishing essential services early will make settling into Australia much easier.

Banking

Australia has several major banking providers including:

- Commonwealth Bank
- NAB
- ANZ
- Westpac

Most banks offer digital banking services and can assist new arrivals with account setup.

List of Australian Banks

Medicare

Medicare is Australia's universal health insurance scheme, providing eligible Australians and some overseas visitors with access to a range of health and hospital services at low or no cost. Before relocating, check your eligibility and visit Services Australia for information on enrolling in Medicare and accessing healthcare services.

Enrolling in Medicare - Medicare - Services Australia



Finding a home

Securing suitable accommodation is often one of the first priorities when relocating.

Options available in East Gippsland include:

Short-Term Accommodation

- [AirBnB](#)
- [Booking.com](#)

Rental Properties

- [Realestate.com.au](#)
- [Domain](#)

Shared Accommodation

- [Flat Mate Finder](#)

Local Real Estate Agents

- [Wyndham & Co - Orbost](#)
- [East Gippsland Real Estate](#)
- [King & Heath First National Real Estate](#)



Rental demand can be high. Consider booking temporary accommodation before arrival while searching for a long-term rental.

Employment support for your partner

If your partner is seeking employment, there are a number of resources available to support their job search in East Gippsland and across Australia.

Seek is Australia's largest online employment marketplace and is widely used. Job seekers can search opportunities by location, industry, occupation, employment type and salary range.

LinkedIn is another valuable platform for professional networking, career development and job searching. It enables users to connect with employers, industry professionals and recruitment agencies while accessing advertised vacancies.

Local employment agencies may also assist with finding work opportunities, including:

- AtWork Australia – Orbost
- APM Employment Services
- Campbell Page – Orbost Outreach Service



Community networks can also be a valuable source of employment opportunities. Local Facebook community pages regularly advertise vacancies across a range of industries and can be particularly useful for those seeking casual, part-time or immediate employment opportunities.

Getting to Orbost by Public Transport

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SkyBus operates services between Melbourne Airport and Southern Cross Station.

1. Melbourne Airport to Southern Cross Station

Service: SkyBus Melbourne City Express

- Departs directly from Melbourne Airport
- Services operate regularly throughout the day
- Travel time: approximately 30–45 minutes

2. Southern Cross Station to Bairnsdale

Service: V/Line Bairnsdale Line

- Regional train service from Southern Cross Station
- Travel time: approximately 3 hours and 45 minutes

3. Bairnsdale to Orbost

Service: V/Line coach

The connecting coach is timed to meet arriving trains at Bairnsdale and travels to the Orbost Bus Interchange on Wolseley Street.

Travel time: approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Getting to Orbost by car

There are currently no major commercial car rental agencies operating directly within Orbost.

Option 1: Rent from Bairnsdale

If you are travelling from Melbourne by train, a convenient option is to collect a rental vehicle in Bairnsdale before continuing your journey to Orbost.

Rental providers in Bairnsdale include:

- Hertz Bairnsdale – 629–631 Main Street
- Europcar Bairnsdale – 449 Princes Highway
- Avis / Budget Bairnsdale – 628 Princes Highway

Please note that you may need to arrange a taxi or other transport from Bairnsdale Railway Station to your chosen rental provider.

Option 2: Rent from Melbourne Airport

Alternatively, you can hire a vehicle directly from Melbourne Airport and drive to Orbost. The journey takes approximately 4.5 to 5 hours, depending on traffic and road conditions.

Short-Term Vehicle Hire

If you are arriving from overseas, you may wish to hire a vehicle for your first few weeks while you settle into the region and arrange longer-term transport.

Some useful car rental comparison and booking websites include:

- [Rentalcars.com](https://www.rentalcars.com)
- [Airport Rentals](https://www.airportrentals.com)

We recommend discussing your transport requirements with your travel agent or rental provider prior to travelling to ensure you have the most suitable vehicle for your needs.

Travelling with Children

If you are travelling with children, it is important to be aware of Australian child restraint laws. Children must travel in an approved restraint that is appropriate for their age and size. When booking a hire vehicle, be sure to request child seats in advance if required. Child restraints are not always included as standard and may need to be reserved before your arrival.

Childcare and schooling for your children

We encourage you to contact these schools and centres prior to your arrival, so that you can understand availability, enrolment requirements and potential waiting lists, as well as ensuring they are the right fit for you and your children.

Childcare and Kindergarten

- [Orbost Early Learning](#)
- [Orbost Preschool](#)

Primary School

- [St Joseph's Primary School](#)
- [Marlo Primary School](#)
- [Newmerella Primary School](#)

Secondary School

- [Orbost Community College](#)



Several of these schools also have social media pages which would also be of interest to any parent who is making the choice of schooling in the area.

Transport in Orbost

For someone new to Orbost, Victoria, transport is fairly limited compared with larger towns.

Public Transport

V/Line coach services connect Orbost with other East Gippsland towns, including Bairnsdale, where you can connect to V/Line train services to Melbourne. Journey planning and ticketing are available through [V/Line](#) and [Transport Victoria](#).

There are also a small number of local and regional bus stops within Orbost serving nearby communities.

Taxi Services

Orbost Taxi Service operates locally and provides transport within Orbost and surrounding areas. Booking services are available and the service operates seven days a week.

Private Vehicle

Most Orbost residents rely on a car for everyday travel due to the town's rural location and limited public transport frequency. Access to supermarkets, services, and neighbouring towns is much easier with a private vehicle.

Walking and Cycling

Within the township, many facilities are within walking distance, and cycling is practical for local trips. Orbost also has access to sections of the East Gippsland Rail Trail, which is popular for recreation.



Connect with your community

One of the best ways to settle into Orbest is by becoming involved in the community.

The region offers opportunities to participate in:

- Sporting clubs
- Fitness and recreation groups
- Arts and cultural organisations
- Community and volunteer groups

Joining local networks is a great way to build friendships, establish support systems and make Orbest feel like home.



Sports and Recreation in Orbost

Getting involved in local sporting and recreational groups is a great way to stay active, meet new people and become part of the Orbost community.

Whether you're interested in team sports, individual activities, social competitions or family-friendly recreation, there are a variety of clubs and organisations that welcome new members of all ages and abilities.

- [Orbost Snowy Rovers Football Netball Club](#)
- [Orbost Bowls Club](#)
- [Orbost Basketball](#)
- [Orbost Cricket Club](#)
- [Orbost Croquet Club](#)
- [Orbost Golf Club](#)
- [Orbost Hockey Club](#)
- [Orbost Little Athletics](#)
- [Orbost Pony Club](#)
- [Orbost Tennis Club](#)



What's On

[East Gippsland Rail Trail](#)
[Orbost Arts Centre](#)

Community Services

- [Marlo Angling Club](#)
- [Orbost Outdoor Pool](#)
- [Orbost Garden Club](#)
- [Neighbourhood Houses](#)
- [Orbost Library](#)

Arts, Culture and Events

Food & Entertainment

- [Marlo Hotel](#)
- [Sailors Grave Brewing](#)
- [Orbost Club Hotel](#)
- [Marlo General Store](#)
- [Morrison's Meat Shop](#)
- [Orbost Bakery](#)

Visitor Information

Orbost Visitor Information Centre
35 Nicholson Street, Orbost VIC 3888
Phone: (03) 5154 2424
Email: orbostvic@bigpond.com

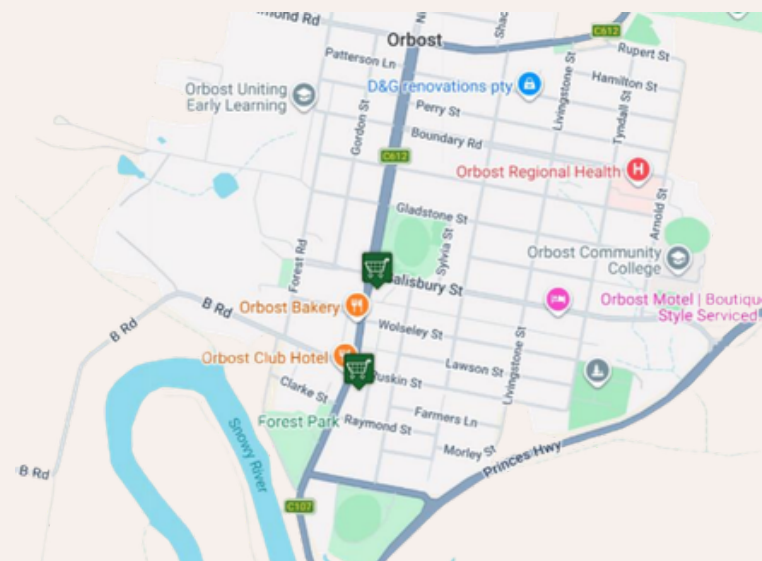
Supermarkets

Foodworks

50-80 Nicholson Street, Orbost

IGA

68 Nicholson Street, Orbost



Orbost is home to several active faith communities that welcome new residents and offer opportunities for worship, fellowship, and community involvement.

River Church (Australian Christian Churches)

- 52 Wilson Street, Orbost VIC 3888
- Phone: (03) 5154 2119

St Andrew's Uniting Church

- 40 Browning Street, Orbost VIC 3888
- Phone: (03) 5154 1052

St Colman's Catholic Church

- 10 Raymond Street, Orbost VIC 3888
- Phone: (03) 5154 1110

St James' Anglican Church

- 28-34 Browning Street, Orbost VIC 3888
- Phone: (03) 5154 2694

**We're here to
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