

Emergency Numbers

Police, Ambulance, Fire		000
Powercor	Service difficulties	132 412
Southern Grampians Shire Council	After hours emergency contact	0418 528 313
Wannon Water	Customer Service	1300 926 666
	After Hours/Emergency	1300 926 668

Southern Grampians Shire Services

Council Business Centre	111 Brown St, Hamilton 3300	5573 0444
Home & Community Care Services		5551 8484 or 5551 8486
Family Day Care		5551 8484
Maternal & Child Health Services		5551 8488

School

Tarrington Lutheran School	Hamilton Hwy	5572 3897
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Businesses

Café Catalpa	Hamilton Hwy	5572 1888
Hochkirch Wines	Hamilton Hwy	5573 5200
Mount Pierrepoint Estate	Pierrepoint Rd	5572 5558
Noel's Machinery	Hamilton Hwy	5572 2477
Tarrington Vineyard	Hamilton Hwy	5572 4509
Terra Firma Diagnostics	Hamilton Hwy	5572 4959

Churches

Lutheran Church	Hamilton Hwy	5572 3840
Tabor Lutheran Church	Tabor Rd	5573 5209

Community Groups

Tarrington Brass Band		5572 4959
Tarrington-Hochkirch Development Inc		5572 4959
Tarrington Senior Citizens		5572 3889

Sporting Clubs

Tarrington Tennis Club		5573 5215
Tarrington Recreation Reserve		5572 3881

Community Services

Community Bus	Monday - Friday. Not a general community bus, for HACC eligible clients only 5577 4293 or 0408 774 293	
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V/Line	Hamilton Hwy	Tickets available onboard
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Accommodation

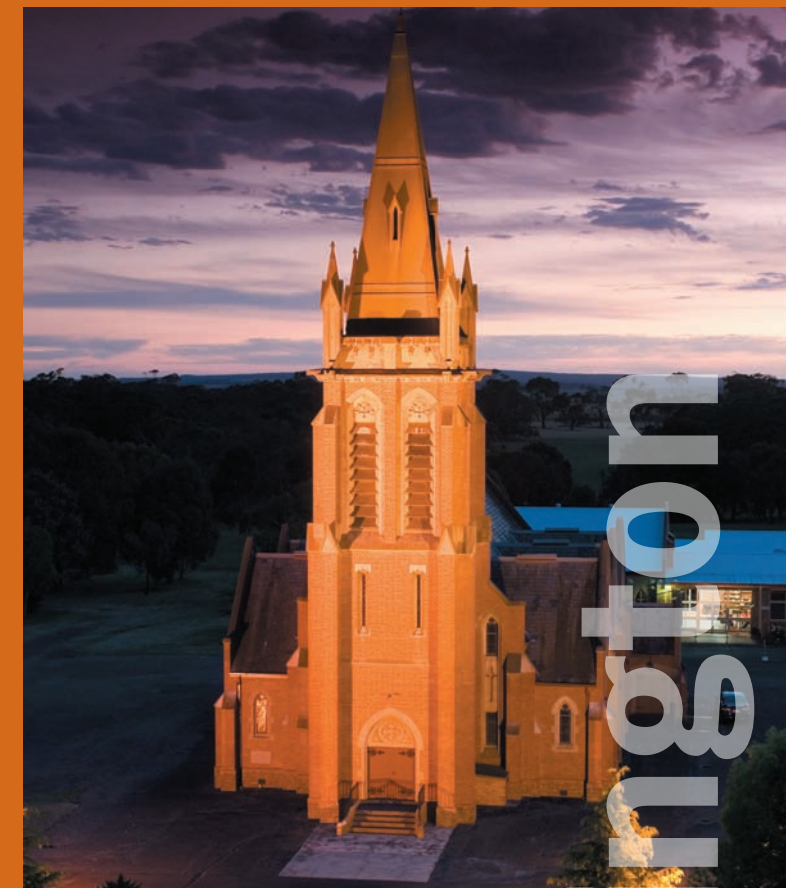
"Das Kutschen Haus"	43 Picnic Rd	5572 5757
Dunmore Cottage	688 Stratkellar Rd	5572 2506
Mt Pierrepoint B&B	271 Pierrepoint Rd	5572 5553
The Coach Inn	43 Picnic Rd	5572 5757

Places Of Interest

Bike Riding	10km Designated cycling track between Hamilton and Tarrington	
German Historical Sites	Tours by appointment	5572 4959
Hochkirch Wines	Hamilton Hwy	5573 5200
	Sales by appointment	
Mount Napier Wines	PO Box 62	5571 9850
	Mail and phone orders	
Mount Pierrepoint Estate	Pierrepoint Rd	5572 5558
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Tarrington Vineyard	Hamilton Hwy	5572 4509
	Sales by appointment	

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For more information contact the Hamilton and Grampians Visitor Information Centre
Lonsdale Street Hamilton 3300



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Promenade of Sacred Music



Hochkirch Winery



Café Catalpa

Cover: St Michael's Lutheran Church



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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

A significant historical German site in the area is the remains of the Herrnhut religious commune established in 1853 (Days Rd, Penshurst), which was Australia's first utopian commune which lasted 37 years. Established by Johann Friedrich Krumnow, born 1811, he practiced a weird blend of millenarianism, communism and Moravian Christianity (they believed the second coming was imminent), the inhabitants of Herrnhut withstood internal friction, bizarre incidents and controversy for more than 25 years.

Krumnow died in 1880, leaving Herrnhut without a leader; embroiled in legal technicalities over the ownership of the Herrnhut property, which in spite of intentions to incorporate it, was in fact owned by Krumnow, who died intestate. The commune finally ceased to function in 1889 when the property was sold to pay creditors.

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. This is a trip that will be healthy, interesting and rewarding.