

Orange car Door #11:
11 Dog'n Duck Road - A genuine opal miners retreat, a husband and wife mining team focused on finding gem opal. Call in to have a yarn with a local.

Orange Car Door #12:
You have arrived at the Sheeppark Inn. If it's mid-morning, you may smell the freshly baked bread from the commercial kitchen, housed in the plum-coloured train carriage that once served Sydney's Taronga Zoo. What a shame the original tiger stripes got painted out! A cold-one at the Sheeppark goes down so nicely that you may decide to spend the night in a donga nearby. Yes, this was a sheep paddock before opal mining.

Orange Car Door #13:
Head along Parramatta Road to the War Memorial.

Orange Car Door #14:
The War Memorial that was built by opal miners. Many are Viet Nam veterans but the plaques and mini museum are a tribute to all Vets. Please feel free to wander around the Lone Pine on Lake Beard, have a picnic in this quiet spot. On ANZAC Day and for special events, the place comes alive!

Orange Car Door #15:
Turn sharply left over the grid to head back to Ned's Corner.

Orange Car Door #16:
Now, back to Ned's Corner. Maybe you'll want to do the loop again! If you decide to go back to The Grawin or Lightning Ridge, turn right here.

Orange Car Door #17:
Turn left over the Weewarra grid. The area to your right is a heavy mining area and is off limits to the public.

Orange Car Door #18:
This is where you cross the grid to exit the mining area. Hope you have enjoyed the journey. Tell all your friends and come back and visit again sometime.

SAFE TRAVELS AND COME BACK SOON

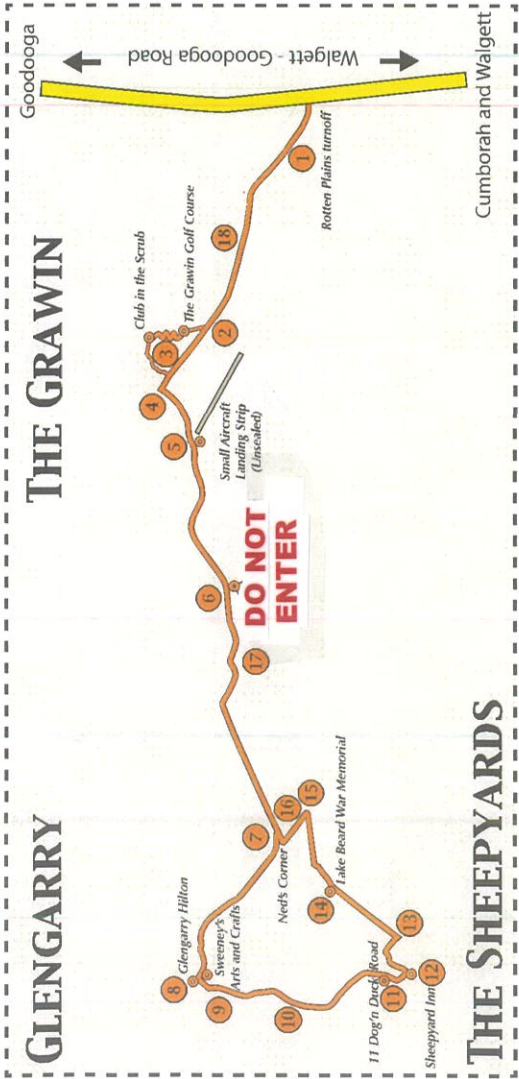
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and Tammy for organising the BBQ.

Everyone that I have not mentioned here, you know who you are. *Thanks for all your help.*

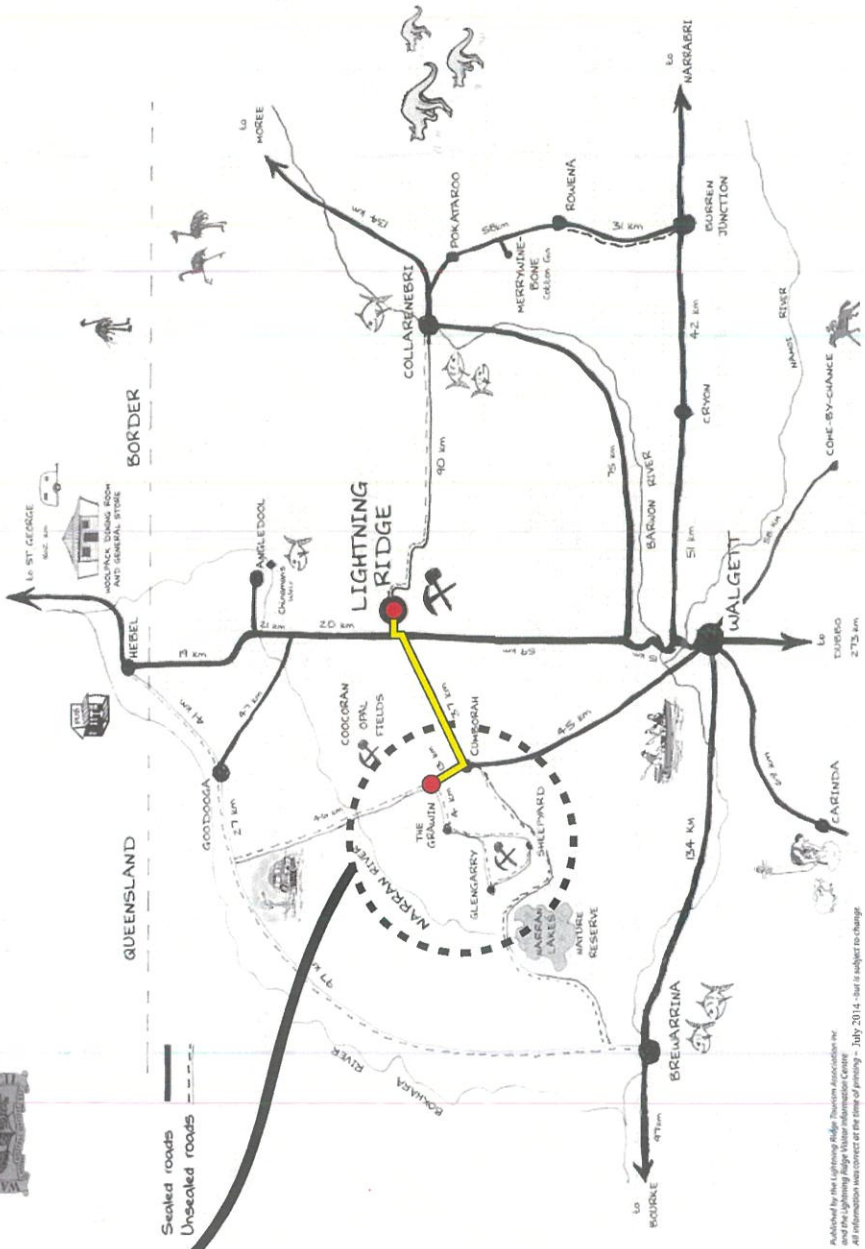
ORANGE CAR DOOR TOUR®

Please Take Note that this is a mining area and most roads are unsealed roads. Road conditions should be checked with the Lightning Ridge Visitors Information Centre before travelling. These roads are subjected to weather conditions and sometimes can be impassable. This tour is at your own risk and the LRTA will not be responsible for vehicle damage or injury to persons as this is an active mining area and roads are subjected to use of heavy mining machinery. 4 WD is recommended. As a mining area you can encounter mining vehicles and equipment in transit and caution must be observed. We do our best to maintain and provide access to these areas.

The map below is available in a larger format at our Visitors Information Centre, in case your glasses are not powerful enough to read the text, however it is an indicator only. The detailed map on the left will guide you through this area. It is recommended whilst visiting the area that you adhere to any signage and stay on the Orange Car Door Tour roads, as many miners object to having tourists in their mining areas. It has been known that tourists and visitors who stray off the recommended track have remained in the area for years of their own will to become opal miners themselves.



THE WALGETT & LIGHTNING RIDGE DISTRICT



1. Rotten Plains turn off.
2. Golf Course Track and The Club in the Scrub.
3. The Grawin Store and The Club in the Scrub.
4. The Grid.
5. Air Strip and Mulga Rush.
6. **DO NOT ENTER - Private Property**
7. Ned's Corner.
8. The Glengarry Hilton and Sweeney's Arts and Crafts.
9. Millionaire's Gully.
10. Mullock Dump (No Noodling).
11. 11 Dog'n Duck Road.
12. The Sheeppark Inn.
13. Parramatta Road.
14. Lake Beard War Memorial.
15. Sharp Left Grid.
16. Ned's Corner.
17. Weewarra Speedhump.
18. Thank you for visiting.

Mud map
From Lightning Ridge turn left at Castlereagh Highway, turn first right (7km) to Cumborah on the highway, turn right at Cumborah (37km), and turn left at the Rotten Plains (13km).
You are there.

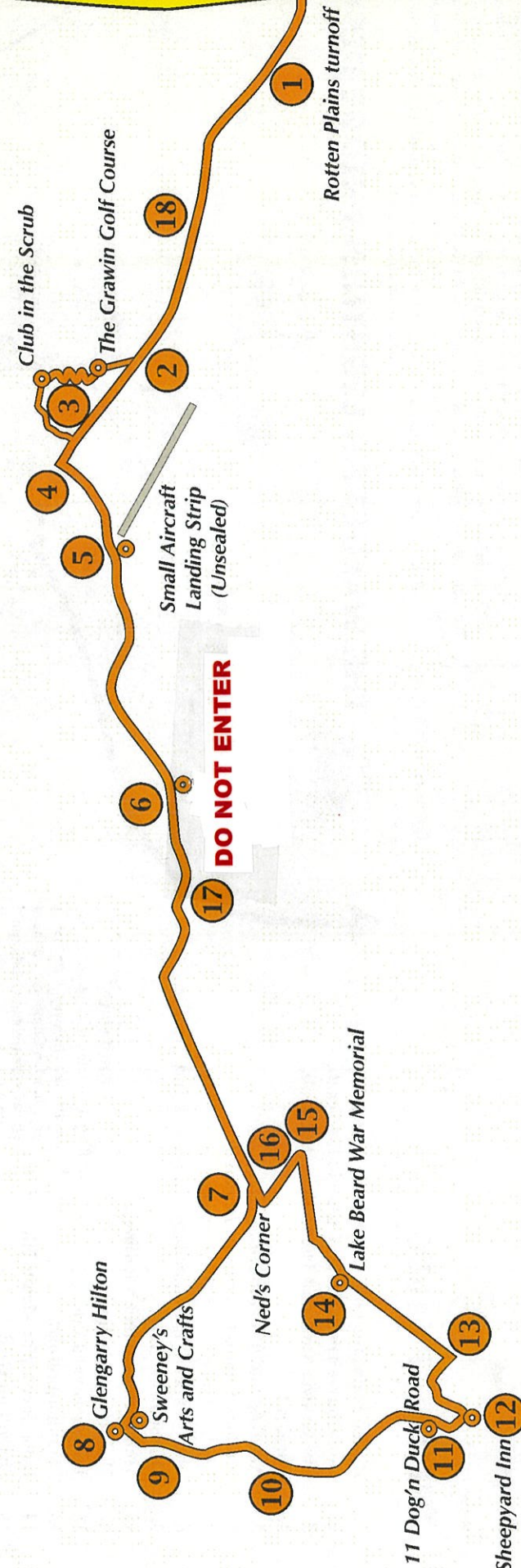
WARNING!
Beware of the risks of becoming an opal miner yourself. If this urge occurs, please contact the Primary Industries/ Mining office in Lightning Ridge for information on courses and regulations regarding Opal Mining...

Current as of October 2015. Always check with the Visitors Information Centre of the road conditions and any up-to-date information regarding this tour.
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- 1 - Turn Left onto dirt road, entering mining area.
- 2 - Turn Right to Golf Course and Club in the Scrub.
- 3 - Turn Right to General Store and Club in the Scrub.
- 4 - Turn Left over grid before the castle.
- 5 - Straight Ahead and the air strip is on the left.
- 6 - Straight Ahead and the dumps are on the left.
- 7 - Turn Right to Glengarry.
- 8 - Turn Left over grid.
- 9 - Straight Ahead to The Sheepyards.

GLENGARRY

THE GRAWIN



THE SHEEPYARDS

Cumborah and Walgett

- 10 - Straight Ahead on Dog'n Duck Road.
- 11 - Straight Ahead to The Sheepyards.
- 12 - Turn Left to Parramatta Road.
- 13 - Turn Left on Parramatta Road to War Memorial.
- 14 - Straight Ahead and War Memorial is on the left.
- 15 - Turn Sharp Left over grid.
- 16 - Turn Right to head back to The Grawin.
- 17 - Turn Left over speedhump.
- 18 - Straight Ahead to Lightning Ridge.

ORANGE CAR DOOR EXPLORER TOUR® - THE GRAWIN, GLENGARRY, SHEEPYARD

WELCOME TO THE GRAWIN, GLENGARRY, SHEEPYARD OPAL FIELDS

Orange Car Door #1:

Turn off to the left from the "Rotten Plains", which in flood times is impassable due to water over the road, so please check with the Lightning Ridge Visitors centre for an alternative route and road conditions in general.

Orange Car Door #2:

Drop your caravan here to make the rounds.

Orange Car Door #3:

Turn right into the Grawin Store – services include a fuel bowser, snacks and basic stores. The Club in the Scrub is a registered sports club so you 'sign-in'. The complex has been built by opal miners over several years. Please come in for a cool drink and a perusal of historical photos, have a chat with a miner, register for a game of golf if it's a weekend, maybe buy a raffle ticket and have lunch.

Orange Car Door #4:

As you cross the grid to Mulga's famous opal rush, glance to the right and you will see the Stone House or Castle, started in 1965, and built by Alex & Rosa Czinner. Alex came from eastern Europe in the mid 1950s. He first mined opal at Andamooka, had a big find, so travelled for 2 years before arriving at the Ridge. He settled at the Grawin and mined for 45 years.

Orange Car Door #5:

Glance to the left up the air strip. However rocky, it serves well.

Orange Car Door #6:

As you travel, you'll pass two giant dumps of opal dirt on the left – taller than the trees

DO NOT ENTER – Private Property

Orange Car Door #7:

Swing to the right towards the Hilton Hotel. As you proceed, you'll see Ned's used car lot off through the scrub to the left. He holds the historical Mundaroo property grazing lease in 2015.

Orange Car Door #8:

You have arrived at the Hilton, a Sheepyard franchise. Enjoy a cold one and the camaraderie, maybe have a meal. Sweeney's Cooperative of Crafts is on the left and open certain days. If you arrive on an off-day, just ask at the Hilton and the doors will be opened for you.

Orange Car Door #9:

Cross the grid and head down the Dog & Duck Road towards the Sheepyard Inn. David "Ducky" Bath once lived on this road. Everywhere you look, there are remnants of opal miner's lifestyle.

Orange Car Door #10:

Continue going slightly left along Dog'n Duck Road. You will see a Mullock Dump on the left. Unfortunately this dump is off limits to the public.