



From 1870 onwards, land was opened up for selection and sale. The Highlands district was one of the last to be taken up in the 1880's due to its inaccessibility. The elevated position, cooler climate and granite outcrops reminded the predominantly Scottish selectors of their homeland. The Strathbogie Region also experienced the excitement of gold rushes at Gobur, Ghin Ghin and 'Pig and Whistle' (Molesworth) in the 1860's, plus the hazards of bushrangers Harry Power, 'Wild' Wright and the Kelly Gang in the 1870's.

Today, the Strathbogie Region is far less hazardous and much more accessible, with many diverse attractions, both natural and man-made, just waiting to be discovered.

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