



# WEDDIN



Weddin Shire is a well-connected region within the Central West of New South Wales. With excellent connections to regional centres such as Forbes and Cowra, and within 2 hours of Orange, Canberra, Wagga Wagga and Dubbo, Weddin Shire combines the benefits of a rural location with proximity to a wide variety of regional centres.

The service centre of Grenfell, at the heart of the region, has experienced significant growth over the last few years, attracting professionals seeking a high quality, low stress lifestyle. There is a strong sense of community in Weddin Shire.

If you are searching for a low cost, well-serviced location with a reliable workforce to establish your business, Weddin Shire could be the place for you!

## WEDDIN REGIONAL OVERVIEW

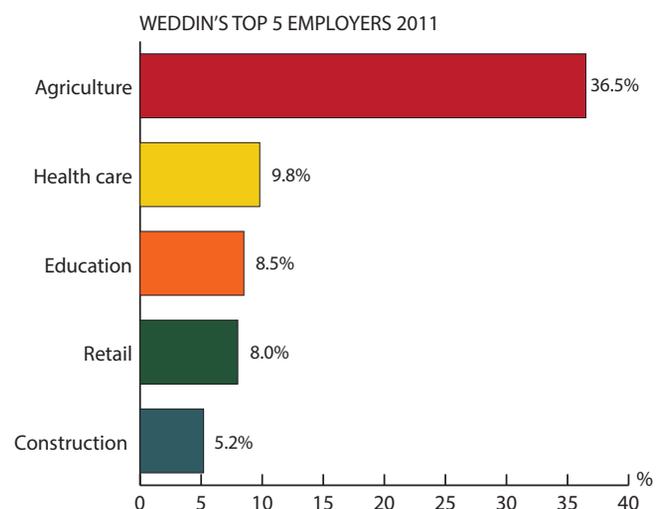
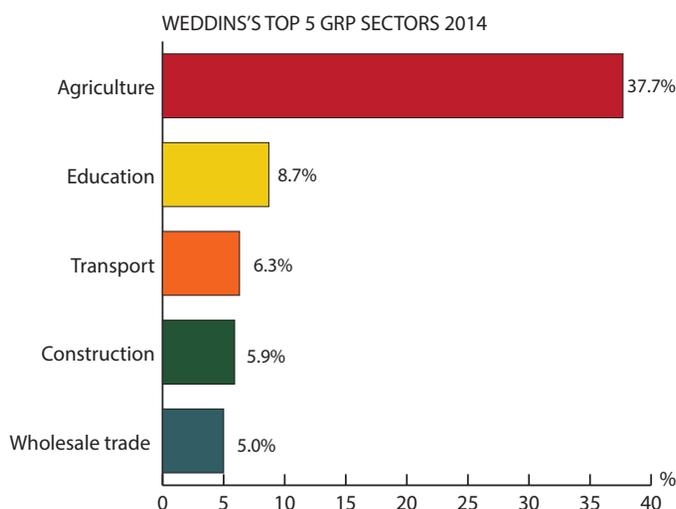
STATISTIC	INDICATOR
<b>Population/Demographics</b>	
Estimated Resident Population (2013)	3,711
Employment (2011)	1,454
Unemployment (Sept 2014)	5.7%
Average Wage (weekly) (2011)	\$756
<b>Economy (2014)</b>	
Gross Regional Product	\$126 million
<b>Key Sectors (2014)</b>	
Agriculture	\$47.6 million
Education and training	\$11.0 million
Transport and warehousing	\$7.9 million
Construction	\$7.4 million
Wholesale trade	\$6.3 million
<b>Investment (2014)</b>	
Non-residential Investment	\$1.2 million
Residential Investment	\$4.2 million
Median House Price	\$170,000



While Weddin Shire's economy is focused around agriculture, which makes up 38% of the economy, other important sectors include:

- ▶ Education and training
- ▶ Transport and warehousing
- ▶ Construction
- ▶ Wholesale trade

Sources: ABS Census (2011) ERP (2013), Cat 8731, DEEWR (2014), NIEIR (2014), Housing NSW (2014)



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Weddin Shire's agriculturally-based economy is comprised of many family-owned farms specialising in grain and lamb production. While agricultural activity underpins the region's economy, there has been recent growth in the heritage tourism and the professional business sectors.

Opportunities for economic development are outlined below:

- ▶ **Health care** – particularly the aged care sector to accommodate an aging population.
- ▶ **Tourism** – Weddin Shire's heritage is well-preserved, with its old-fashioned charm attracting visitors looking to take a break from a fast-paced lifestyle.
- ▶ **Agricultural Value Adding** – given the strength of the local agricultural sector, there are opportunities to value-add to products locally, primarily through further processing and manufacturing.



Photo courtesy of Weddin Shire Council - By D.A Yates

## Henry Lawson Festival



Grenfell is the birthplace of Henry Lawson and hosts an annual festival on the June long weekend. A celebration of poetry, artwork and dramatic arts is combined with less mainstream pursuits, such as guinea pig racing and a wood chopping competition. The event draws large crowds.

## Grenfell Show

Run by Grenfell's Pastoral, Agricultural, Horticultural and Industrial Association Inc., Grenfell's annual show is in its 138th year. This agricultural, entertainment, arts and crafts show has something for everyone (including a tractor pull!) and demonstrates the strong sense of community in Weddin Shire.

## Weddin Shire Council's Assistance to Business

Industrial land is available for sale in Grenfell's Industrial Estate. Up to 8 hectares of land is available starting from just \$11 per square metre. Land can be purchased under a five-year interest free mortgage from Council. Weddin Shire Council will consider other incentives for businesses looking to locate in the area, as well as providing additional incentives to skilled trades people.

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