

Welcome

to Central West NSW

Information booklet for skilled migrants



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Central West NSW



Located in the heart of NSW, the Central West region is proving to be an attractive alternative to Sydney for families and businesses. Good transport links, a high standard of health and education coupled with the relaxed rural lifestyle are strong incentives for families to relocate to the region. The area is renowned for its food and wine and excellent agricultural produce. Home to the Wiradjuri people, Aboriginal communities retain strong links with the land and the region features diverse landscapes including the iconic Great Dividing Range.

Orange and Bathurst are the largest cities within the region and are supported by the growing centres of Lithgow, Parkes and Forbes.

The region covers an area of 63,000 square kilometres starting at the temperate, elevated Central Tablelands on the western side of the Blue Mountains and extends almost 500 km to the semi-arid Central West plains. The area is home to more than 179,000 people within the 11 local government areas (LGAs) of Bathurst, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Lachlan, Lithgow, Oberon, Orange, Parkes and Weddin.

The Central West is rich in natural resources and business opportunities, and one of the fastest growing areas in regional NSW. The main businesses by industry are:

- agriculture, forestry and fishing
- construction
- rental, hiring and real estate services
- professional, scientific and technical services
- retail trade.

Living in Orange

Known for its food and wine, and excellent local produce Orange sits at the foot of an extinct volcano, four hours' drive west of Sydney. Characterised by beautiful tree lined streets, elegant houses and outstanding public parks the city has a rich history and culture to soak up. It is also known for its impressive autumn colours and cold winters. Just beyond Orange lies one of Australia's first gold-mines, the limestone caves of Borenore Karst Conservation Reserve and charming historic villages.

Fast Facts

41,468 POPULATION	863.2 m ELEVATION
27°C 11°C Summer Winter AVERAGE TEMPERATURE	2800 POSTCODE
254 km 280 km 765 km Sydney Canberra Melbourne DRIVING DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES	Health Care & Social Assistance MAIN EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRY



How to get there

- **By car:** From Sydney Orange is easily accessible via the scenic Blue Mountains using the Great Western Highway (A32), the Mitchell Highway (A32) or Bells Line of Road (B59). Driving time is approximately 3½ hours.
- **By rail:** The Western XPT runs daily between Dubbo and Sydney and stops at Orange. NSW TrainLink also runs daily services from Sydney to Lithgow with connecting coaches to Orange.
- **By air:** Regional Express Airlines (REX) have flights daily between Sydney and Orange. There are also direct flights from Melbourne and Brisbane to Orange.
- A comprehensive bus service operates throughout Orange and buses are available to outlying villages, extending to Mt Canobolas, Spring Hill, Millthorpe, Lucknow and Molong. Taxis and hire cars are also readily available.

Visitor Information Centre

The Orange Visitors Centre is located inside the Orange Regional Museum at 151 Byng Street. The centre is open daily (except Christmas Day) from 9 am to 5 pm. Information brochures and maps on Orange and surrounding areas can be found at the centre.

P: 1800 069 466 / 02 6393 8225

E: tourism@orange.nsw.gov.au

Or visit www.visitorange.com.au for more information.

Medical Services

The Triple Zero (000) telephone service should be used to contact Police, Fire or Ambulance services in life threatening or emergency situations.

Emergency and Hospital Services

The Orange Health Service is a large regional hospital with an emergency department and many specialist services.

Orange Health Service
1530 Forest Road, Orange NSW 2800
P: 02 6369 3000

The area is serviced by numerous health and medical services:

- Two private hospitals.
- General practitioner clinics and medical centres.
- Dental clinics.
- Pharmacies.

Employment

The largest employing industry in the Orange area is health care and social assistance. Other large employment industries are retail trade, education and training and construction.

As well as job search websites such as www.seek.com.au there are a number of local recruitment agencies that can assist in finding work.

Real Estate

Orange offers an affordable real estate and rental market compared to major cities such as Sydney and Melbourne. The city has a current median house price of \$405,000 and a current rental median of \$360 per week (www.realestate.com.au January 2019).

As well as real estate search websites such as www.realestate.com.au and www.domain.com.au there are many real estate agencies that can help find properties to rent or buy.

Education

Orange has a comprehensive education network comprising all stages of education and a mix of public, private and tertiary facilities:

- Preschools/childcare centres.
- Primary schools.
- High schools.
- Special needs school.
- TAFE NSW.
- University.
- Community college.
- University of the Third Age (U3A).

The following websites are useful to find particular schools and institutions in the area:

- www.childcarefinder.gov.au
- <https://education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder>
- www.privateschoolsdirectory.com.au/
- <https://about.csu.edu.au/locations/campuses>
- www.tafensw.edu.au/locations/western-nsw
- www.orange.nsw.gov.au/childrens-services

Financial Institutions

Orange is home to a large number of banks and credit unions with most located within the main shopping and Central Business area. ATMS are easily accessible.

Supermarkets and Shopping

Orange is also well supplied with supermarkets, department stores and specialty stores. Among them can be found:

- Coles
- Woolworths
- IGA
- Aldi
- Big W
- Kmart

More Information

Visit these websites for more information on what's happening in the area:

Orange City Council

www.orange.nsw.gov.au

Visit NSW

www.visitnsw.com/destinations/country-nsw/orange-area/orange

Orange 360

www.orange360.com.au

Orange Migrant Support Service

www.orange.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Migrant-Support-Services.pdf

Living in Bathurst

Located on the banks of the Macquarie River just three hours' drive west of Sydney, Bathurst is the site of Australia's oldest inland European settlement. Now a vibrant country city with a rich cultural heritage, Bathurst manages to combine rural, manufacturing and education industries with a lifestyle rich in sport, art and tourism facilities. Home to one of the great motor racing circuits in the world, Mount Panorama, Bathurst is synonymous with motorsport.

Fast Facts

42,779 POPULATION	650 m ELEVATION
28°C Summer 12°C Winter AVERAGE TEMPERATURE	2795 POSTCODE
200 km 253 km 779 km Sydney Canberra Melbourne DRIVING DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES	Health Care & Social Assistance MAIN EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRY



How to get there

- **By car:** From Sydney Bathurst is easily accessible via the scenic Blue Mountains using the Great Western Highway (A32) or Bells Line of Road (B59). Driving time is approximately 3 hours.
- **By rail:** The Western XPT runs daily between Dubbo and Sydney and stops at Bathurst. NSW TrainLink also runs daily services from Sydney to Lithgow with connecting coaches to Bathurst. The 'Bathurst Bullet' train service links Sydney with Bathurst every day.
- **By air:** Regional Express operates daily direct flights to and from Sydney. For other major Australian cities, connect via Sydney to travel onto Bathurst.
- Bathurst has a local bus network, and taxis and hire cars are also readily available.

Visitor Information Centre

The Bathurst Visitor Information Centre is located at 1 Kendall Avenue. The centre is open daily (except Christmas Day and Boxing Day) from 9 am to 5 pm. Information brochures and maps on Bathurst and surrounding areas can be found at the centre.

P: 02 6332 1444

E: visitors@bathurst.nsw.gov.au

Or visit www.bathurstregion.com.au for more information.

Medical Services

The Triple Zero (000) telephone service should be used to contact Police, Fire or Ambulance services in life threatening or emergency situations.

Emergency and Hospital Services

The Bathurst Health Service is a large regional hospital with an emergency department and many specialist services.

Bathurst Health Service

361-365 Howick Street, Bathurst NSW 2795

P: 02 6330 5311

The area is serviced by numerous health and medical services:

- Private hospital.
- General practitioner clinics and medical centres.
- Dental clinics.
- Pharmacies.

Employment

The largest employing industry in the Bathurst area is health care and social assistance. Other large employment industries are education and training, retail trade and public administration and safety.

As well as job search websites such as www.seek.com.au there are a number of local recruitment agencies that can assist in finding work.

Real Estate

Bathurst offers an affordable real estate and rental market compared to major cities such as Sydney and Melbourne. The city has a current median house price of \$397,500 and a current rental median of \$330 per week (www.realestate.com.au January 2019).

As well as real estate search websites such as www.realestate.com.au and www.domain.com.au there are many real estate agencies that can help find properties to rent or buy.

Education

Bathurst has a comprehensive education network comprising all stages of education and a mix of public, private and tertiary facilities. The Charles Sturt University is a leading educational institution in regional Australia, with the Bathurst Campus being the headquarters of the university:

- Preschools/childcare centres.
- Primary schools.
- High schools.
- Special needs school.
- TAFE NSW.
- University.
- Community college.
- University of the Third Age (U3A).

The following website has a comprehensive list of schools and institutions in the area:

<http://visitbathu.l2.ascet.co/study-in-bathurst>

Financial Institutions

Bathurst is home to a large number of banks and credit unions with most located within the main shopping and Central Business area. ATMS are easily accessible.

Supermarkets and Shopping

Bathurst is also well supplied with supermarkets, department stores and specialty stores. Among them can be found:

- Coles
- Woolworths
- IGA
- Aldi
- Big W
- Kmart

<http://visitbathu.l2.ascet.co/live-in-bathurst/shopping> has a comprehensive list of stores available in the area.

More Information

Visit these websites for more information on what's happening in the area:

Bathurst City Council

www.bathurst.nsw.gov.au/

Visit Bathurst

<http://visitbathu.l2.ascet.co>

Visit NSW

www.visitnsw.com/destinations/country-nsw/bathurst-area

Bathurst Regional Tourism

www.bathurstregion.com.au/

Living in Lithgow

Nestled on the western slopes of the Blue Mountains and just an easy two hour drive from Sydney, Lithgow is the gateway to the Central West. Best known for its industrial heritage, Lithgow is also a very scenic area boasting seven national parks and rare flora and fauna nearby.

Fast Facts

21,565 POPULATION	950 m ELEVATION
24°C 11°C Summer Winter AVERAGE TEMPERATURE	2790 POSTCODE
142 km 283 km 841 km Sydney Canberra Melbourne DRIVING DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES	Health Care & Social Assistance MAIN EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRY



Spring at the Silos: Kaylin Caddis, Portland

How to get there

- **By car:** From Sydney Lithgow is easily accessible via the scenic Blue Mountains using the Great Western Highway (A32) or Bells Line of Road (B59). Driving time is approximately 2 hours.
- **By rail:** The Western XPT runs daily between Dubbo and Sydney and stops at Lithgow. NSW TrainLink also runs daily services from Sydney to Lithgow.
- **By air:** The closest airport to Lithgow is Bathurst.
- Lithgow has a local bus network, and taxis and hire cars are also readily available.

Visitor Information Centre

The Lithgow Visitor Information Centre is located at 1137 Great Western Highway. The centre is open daily (except Christmas Day) from 9 am to 5 pm. Information brochures and maps on Lithgow and surrounding areas can be found at the centre.

P: 1300 760 276

E: tourism@lithgow.com

Or visit <http://tourism.lithgow.com> for more information.

Medical Services

The Triple Zero (000) telephone service should be used to contact Police, Fire or Ambulance services in life threatening or emergency situations.

Emergency and Hospital Services

The Lithgow Health Service is a public hospital with an emergency department.

Lithgow Hospital

2 Col Drewe Drive, Lithgow NSW 2790

P: 02 6350 2300

The area is serviced by numerous health and medical services:

- Private day surgery and specialist centre.
- General practitioner clinics and medical centres.
- Dental clinics.
- Pharmacies.

Employment

The largest employing industry in the Lithgow area is health care and social assistance. Other large employment industries are retail trade, public administration and safety and mining.

As well as job search websites such as www.seek.com.au there are also local recruitment agencies that can assist in finding work.

Real Estate

Lithgow offers an affordable real estate and rental market compared to major cities such as Sydney and Melbourne. The city has a current median house price of \$361,250 and a current rental median of \$310 per week (www.realestate.com.au January 2019).

As well as real estate search websites such as www.realestate.com.au and www.domain.com.au there are many real estate agencies that can help find properties to rent or buy.

Education

Lithgow has a diverse range of services comprising all stages of education and a mix of public, private and tertiary facilities:

- Preschools/childcare centres.
- Primary schools.
- High schools.
- TAFE NSW.
- University campus.
- Community services.

The following website has a comprehensive list of schools and institutions in the area:

<http://business.lithgow.com/learn-in-lithgow/>

Financial Institutions

Lithgow is home to a large number of banks and credit unions with most located within the main shopping and central business area. ATMS are easily accessible.

Supermarkets and Shopping

Lithgow is also well supplied with supermarkets, department stores and specialty stores. Among them can be found:

- Coles
- Woolworths
- Target
- Aldi

More Information

Visit these websites for more information on what's happening in the area:

Lithgow City Council

<http://council.lithgow.com>

Lithgow – Open for Business

<http://business.lithgow.com>

Visit NSW

www.visitnsw.com/destinations/blue-mountains/lithgow-area

Lithgow Community & Lifestyle

www.community.lithgow.com

Lithgow Tourism

<http://tourism.lithgow.com>

<http://archive.lithgow.nsw.gov.au/tourism/LithgowVisitorGuide2014.pdf>

Living in Parkes

From a gold rush town of last century, Parkes has progressed to become a thriving commercial centre servicing a rich agricultural district famous for its Elvis Festival and the Parkes Radio Telescope. Centrally located within NSW Parkes is ideally situated along the Newell Highway, Australia's major inland touring route, where it intersects with essential rail corridors, Parkes is an accessible and appealing destination for tourism, lifestyle and business.

The Parkes Shire is made up of the township of Parkes, as well as the smaller villages of Alectown, Bogan Gate, Peak Hill, Trundle and Tullamore.

Fast Facts

14,906 POPULATION	324 m ELEVATION
31°C Summer 14°C Winter AVERAGE TEMPERATURE	2870 POSTCODE
358 km 288 km 705 km Sydney Canberra Melbourne DRIVING DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES	Health Care & Social Assistance MAIN EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRY

How to get there

- **By car:** The Newell Highway (A39) is the major arterial road linking Melbourne and Brisbane and runs through Parkes near the midway point. Parkes is also easily accessible from Sydney via the Great Western Highway (A32), Bells Line of Road (B59) or the Hume Highway (M31). Driving time is approximately 4 ½ hours from Sydney, 7 ½ hours from Melbourne and 10 ½ hours from Brisbane.
- **By rail:** The Western XPT runs daily between Sydney and Dubbo and stops at Orange with a connecting coach to Parkes. On Mondays, the Broken Hill Outback Explorer runs between Sydney and Broken Hill and stops at Parkes. NSW TrainLink also runs services from Sydney to Lithgow with a connecting coach to Parkes.
- **By air:** Regional Express operates flights to and from Sydney daily.
- Parkes has a local bus network, and taxis and hire cars are also readily available.

Visitor Information Centre

The Parkes Visitor Information Centre is located at the Henry Parkes Centre, 66-78 Peak Hill Road Newell Highway. The centre is open daily. Information brochures and maps on Parkes and surrounding areas can be found at the centre.

P: 02 6862 6000

E: tourism@parkes.nsw.gov.au

Or visit <https://visitparkes.com.au> for more information.

Medical Services

The Triple Zero (000) telephone service should be used to contact Police, Fire or Ambulance services in life threatening or emergency situations.

Emergency and Hospital Services

The Lachlan Health Service – Parkes is a public hospital with an emergency department.

Lachlan Health Service – Parkes
2 Morrissey Way, Parkes NSW 2870
P: 02 6861 2400

The area is serviced by numerous health and medical services:

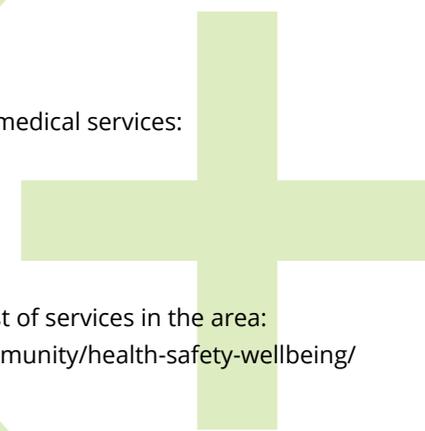
- General practitioner clinics.
- Dental clinics.
- Pharmacies.

The following website has a comprehensive list of services in the area:
www.parkes.nsw.gov.au/living-here/your-community/health-safety-wellbeing/

Employment

The largest employing industry in the Parkes area is health care and social assistance. Other large employment industries are retail trade, education and training and mining.

As well as job search websites such as www.seek.com.au there are also local recruitment agencies that can assist in finding work.



Real Estate

Parkes offers an affordable real estate and rental market compared to major cities such as Sydney and Melbourne. The city has a current median house price of \$255,000 and a current rental median of \$290 per week (www.realestate.com.au January 2019).

As well as real estate search websites such as www.realestate.com.au and www.domain.com.au there are many real estate agencies that can help find properties to rent or buy.

Education

Parkes and the surrounding areas have a range of education services comprising a mix of public, private and tertiary facilities:

- Preschools/childcare centres.
- Primary schools.
- High schools.
- TAFE NSW.

The following website has a comprehensive list of schools and institutions in the area:

<https://www.parkes.nsw.gov.au/living-here/your-community/education/>

Financial Institutions

Several banks are located in Parkes and the surrounding region. ATMS are easily accessible in Parkes.

Supermarkets and Shopping

Parkes is also well supplied with supermarkets, department stores and specialty stores. Among them can be found:

- Coles
- Woolworths
- Target
- Big W

More Information

Visit these websites for more information on what's happening in the area:

Parkes Shire Council

<https://www.parkes.nsw.gov.au/>

Visit Parkes

<https://visitparkes.com.au/>

Visit NSW

<https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/country-nsw/parkes-area>

Living in Forbes

Situated along the Lachlan River, Forbes is an elegant and substantial inland town. Famous for its connections with the bushranger, Ben Hall, today it is an important rural service centre noted for its fine parks and gardens and its large and gracious public buildings. Easily accessible along the Newell Highway, Australia's major inland touring route, Forbes is an appealing destination for tourism, lifestyle and business.

Fast Facts

9,859 POPULATION	245 m ELEVATION
32°C Summer 15°C Winter AVERAGE TEMPERATURE	2871 POSTCODE
375 km 275 km 672 km Sydney Canberra Melbourne DRIVING DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing MAIN EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRY



How to get there

- **By car:** The Newell Highway (A39) is the major arterial road linking Melbourne and Brisbane and runs through Forbes. Forbes is also easily accessible from Sydney via the Great Western Highway (A32), Bells Line of Road (B59) or the Hume Highway (M31). Driving time is approximately 5 hours from Sydney and 7 hours from Melbourne.
- **By rail:** Country Link provide rail services from Sydney to Lithgow and Orange with a connecting coach to Forbes. Country Link also offers coach services to and from Canberra, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
- **By air:** The nearest passenger services are available at The Parkes Regional Airport, located 30km north of Forbes on the Newell Highway.
- Forbes has a local bus network and taxis are available.

Visitor Information Centre

The Forbes Visitor Information Centre is located in the historic Railway Building, Union Street. The centre is open daily (except Christmas Day and Good Friday). Information brochures and maps on Forbes and surrounding areas can be found at the centre.

P: 02 6852 4155

E: forbes@forbes.nsw.gov.au

Or visit www.forbes.nsw.gov.au for more information.

Medical Services

The Triple Zero (000) telephone service should be used to contact Police, Fire or Ambulance services in life threatening or emergency situations.

Emergency and Hospital Services

The Lachlan Health Service – Forbes is a public hospital with an emergency department.

Lachlan Health Service – Forbes

Lot 1 Elgin Street, Forbes NSW 2871

P: 02 6850 7100

The area is serviced by numerous health and medical services:

- General practitioner clinics .
- Dental clinics.
- Pharmacies.

Employment

The largest employing industry in the Forbes area is agriculture, forestry and fishing. Other large employment industries are health care and social assistance, retail trade and education and training.

As well as job search websites such as www.seek.com.au there are also local recruitment agencies that can assist in finding work.

Real Estate

Forbes offers an affordable real estate and rental market compared to major cities such as Sydney and Melbourne. The city has a current median house price of \$260,000 and a current rental median of \$260 per week (www.realestate.com.au January 2019).

As well as real estate search websites such as www.realestate.com.au and www.domain.com.au there are many real estate agencies that can help find properties to rent or buy.

Education

Forbes and the surrounding areas have a range of education services comprising a mix of public, private and tertiary facilities:

- Preschools/childcare centres
- Primary schools
- High schools
- TAFE NSW

Financial Institutions

Several banks are located in Forbes and the surrounding region. ATMS are easily accessible in Forbes.

Supermarkets and Shopping

Forbes is also well supplied with supermarkets, department stores and specialty stores. Among them can be found:

- Woolworths
- Bernardi's IGA
- Target

More Information

Visit these websites for more information on what's happening in the area:

Forbes Shire Council

<http://www.forbes.nsw.gov.au>

Visit NSW

<https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/country-nsw/parkes-area/forbes>

<http://www.forbes-nsw.com>

Living in Cowra

Situated in the beautiful Lachlan Valley, Cowra is a substantial country town full of cultural heritage and historical buildings. The town is surrounded by vineyards, waterways and pretty countryside. Located on the Lachlan River it has become the commercial and administrative centre of the shire.

Approximately one hour from the regional hubs of Bathurst and Orange and at the intersection of three state highways, Cowra is a hub of the central west, providing a perfect base for manufacturing and retail providers and further transportation and distribution.

Fast Facts

12,694 POPULATION	310 m ELEVATION
30°C Summer 13°C Winter AVERAGE TEMPERATURE	2794 POSTCODE
308 km 189 km 673 km Sydney Canberra Melbourne DRIVING DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing MAIN EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRY

How to get there

- **By car:** Cowra is accessible from Sydney via the Great Western Highway (A32) or Bells Line of Road (B59). Driving time is approximately 4 ¼ hrs from Sydney.
- **By rail:** Country Link provide rail services from Sydney to Lithgow and Bathurst with a connecting coach to Cowra.
- **By air:** Cowra's nearest airports offering commercial flights are Orange, Bathurst and Parkes which have daily services to Sydney. Canberra is approximately two hours south of Cowra and has a fuller range of Australian interstate services and a wider range of international connections.
- Cowra has a local bus network and taxis are available.

Visitor Information Centre

The Cowra Visitor Information Centre is located at the corner of the Mid Western Highway and Lachlan Valley Way. The centre is open daily (except Christmas Day). Information brochures and maps on Cowra and surrounding areas can be found at the centre.

P: 02 6342 4333

E: info@cowratourism.com.au

Or visit www.visitcowra.com.au for more information.



Medical Services

The Triple Zero (000) telephone service should be used to contact Police, Fire or Ambulance services in life threatening or emergency situations.

Emergency and Hospital Services

The Cowra Health Service is a public hospital with an emergency department.

Cowra Health Service

64 Liverpool Street, Cowra NSW 2794

P: 02 6340 9000

The area is serviced by numerous health and medical services:

- General practitioner clinics.
- Dental clinics.
- Pharmacies.

Employment

The largest employing industry in the Cowra area is agriculture, forestry and fishing. Other large employment industries are health care and social assistance, retail trade, and education and training.

As well as job search websites such as www.seek.com.au there are also local employment agencies that can assist in finding work.

Real Estate

Cowra offers an affordable real estate and rental market compared to major cities such as Sydney and Melbourne. The city has a current median house price of \$260,000 and a current rental median of \$260 per week (www.realestate.com.au January 2019).

As well as real estate search websites such as www.realestate.com.au and www.domain.com.au there are local real estate agencies that can help find properties to rent or buy.

Education

Cowra and the surrounding areas have a range of education services comprising a mix of public, private and tertiary facilities:

- Preschools/childcare centres
- Primary schools
- High school
- TAFE NSW

Financial Institutions

Several banks are located in Cowra and the surrounding region. ATMS are easily accessible in Cowra.

Supermarkets and Shopping

Cowra is also well supplied with supermarkets, department stores and specialty stores. Among them can be found:

- Woolworths
- Coles
- Target
- Aldi.

More Information

Visit these websites for more information on what's happening in the area:

Cowra Council

www.cowracouncil.com.au

Visit NSW

www.visitnsw.com/destinations/country-nsw/cowra-area/cowra

<https://visitcowra.com.au>

Living in Condobolin

Originally established as a river crossing stopover for drovers in the 19th century, Condobolin is a charming country town. Affectionately known as 'Condo', the town is located on the banks of the Lachlan River and close to the geographic centre of NSW. Easily accessible via road, home to small industrial and agricultural businesses, and surrounded by natural beauty and wildlife, Condobolin is an appealing destination for lifestyle and business.

Fast Facts

6,225 POPULATION	220 m ELEVATION
31°C Summer 14°C Winter AVERAGE TEMPERATURE	2877 POSTCODE
459 km 373 km 671 km Sydney Canberra Melbourne DRIVING DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing MAIN EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRY

How to get there

- **By car:** Condobolin is accessible from Sydney via the Great Western Highway (A32) /Bells Line of Road (B59) and Mitchell Highway (A32) or the Newell Highway (A39) from Melbourne. Driving time is approximately 6 hours from Sydney and 7 ½ hours from Melbourne.
- **By rail:** The Broken Hill Explorer operates weekly and stops in Condobolin. Countrylink also provides coach services from Orange or Cootamundra to Condobolin.
- **By air:** The nearest passenger services are available at The Parkes Regional Airport, located 110km from Condobolin on the Henry Parkes Way.
- Condobolin has a local bus network and taxis are available.

Visitor Information Centre

The Condobolin Visitor Information Centre is located in the Western Plains Regional Development building at 18 William Street. The centre is open daily (except Christmas Day). Information brochures and maps on Condobolin and surrounding areas can be found at the centre.

P: 02 6895 3301

Or visit <https://www.wprd.org.au/visitor-information-centre> for more information.

Medical Services

The Triple Zero (000) telephone service should be used to contact Police, Fire or Ambulance services in life threatening or emergency situations.

Emergency and Hospital Services

The Condobolin Health Service is a public hospital with an emergency department.

Condobolin Health Service
Madline Street, Condobolin NSW 2877
P: 02 6890 1500

The area is serviced by numerous health and medical services:

- General practitioner clinics.
- Dental clinics.
- Pharmacies.

Employment

The largest employing industry in the Condobolin area is agriculture, forestry and fishing. Other large employment industries in the local government area are health care and social assistance, education and training and retail trade.

As well as job search websites such as www.seek.com.au there are also local employment agencies in nearby towns that may be able to assist in finding work.

Real Estate

Condobolin offers an affordable real estate and rental market compared to major cities such as Sydney and Melbourne. The town has a current median house price of \$150,000 and a current rental median of \$225 per week (www.realestate.com.au January 2019).

As well as real estate search websites such as www.realestate.com.au and www.domain.com.au there are local real estate agencies that can help find properties to rent or buy.

Education

Condobolin and the surrounding areas have a range of education services comprising a mix of public, private and tertiary facilities:

- Preschools/childcare centres.
- Primary schools.
- High school.
- TAFE NSW.

Financial Institutions

Several banks are located in Condobolin and the surrounding region and ATMS are easily accessible.

Supermarkets and Shopping

Condobolin is serviced by several supermarkets and specialty stores. Among them can be found:

- IGA
- Foodworks.

More Information

Visit these websites for more information on what's happening in the area:

Lachlan Shire Council

www.lachlan.nsw.gov.au

Visit NSW

www.visitnsw.com/destinations/country-nsw/parkes-area/condobolin

www.condobolin.nsw.au

www.lachlan.nsw.gov.au/f.ashx/%24346736%24The-Heart-of-NSW-Magazine-final.pdf





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