

COOTAMUNDRA

The Cootamundra Shire offers a combination of town and country, of tradition and development. Cootamundra is a very appealing town situated on the gentle and fertile south west slopes of NSW one of the richest and most diversified agricultural regions in NSW and Australia.

It is centrally located between Melbourne and Sydney on the main rail route between these capital cities and is only two hours from Canberra by road.

Cootamundra is a transportation hub for bus, rail and truck services, providing links and easy access to the Riverina and South West Slopes Regions, as well as Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra.

Grain, beef, wool and prime lambs are the major enterprises but “boutique” farming is expanding throughout the district. Often these agricultural products are further processed into light manufactured food products ready for both the local and export markets.

Cootamundra is famous for being the birthplace of Sir Donald Bradman with cricket and cricketing history an important part of the sporting and cultural heritage of the town. Cootamundra is an engaging, friendly and socially inclusive town and residents are never far from their work, shops and schools.

Key Industries

The rural industry is the most important industry in the district being based on one of the richest and most diverse agricultural areas in NSW.

Grain, beef, wool and prime lambs are the major enterprises but “boutique” agriculture is also expanding through the district in products such as wine, nuts and almonds.

The breeding of thorough bred horses is also an important activity.

Cootamundra is known to have exceptional opportunities in value added and more intensive agricultural crop production.

There are a number of value added agricultural industries operating in the shire and include: fellmongering, tanning, abattoir and the making of speciality products such as jerky, wool skin products and gourmet oils.

There is also considerable potential for the development of primary produce processing, small farm enterprises, waste management, recycling, manufacturing, agricultural research and tourism.

The main industries in Cootamundra are Sheep skin manufacture, Oilseeds, Mustard Seed Oil, Green Tree condiments, Cold pressed Canola Oil, Almonds, Abattoirs, Gas turbine engine aircraft maintenance, Airline operations, Furniture, Joinery, Transport and Cold storage and Distribution.



AT A GLANCE

Population	7,132
DISTANCE:	
To Sydney	373 km
To Melbourne	532 km
To Canberra	163 km



Employment Opportunities

A strong rural economy and a growing array of retail, commercial, manufacturing and service sector businesses drive employment opportunities in Cootamundra.

In particular, there are increasing opportunities in the service areas of health, aged care, education and local government.

Health And Education

Cootamundra Hospital is an acute care facility. It provides a 24 hour emergency department, surgical, medical, maternity and paediatric services. In addition, palliative and respite care are available as well as physiotherapy and occupational therapy services. Radiology services and Aged Care assessment is also offered.

Cootamundra Community Health Centre, offers a wide range of services to the District including nursing, mental health, women's health, diabetic and asthma education, palliative care, audiometry, child and family services. A dietician, speech therapist and counsellor are also available.

Cootamundra is well catered for educationally. There are two TAFE campuses, an Aboriginal College, an Adult and Community Education College, two high schools (one private, one public), three primary schools, a special school, a pre school and two child care centres. There are also primary schools located in the villages of the LGA.

Leisure And Lifestyle

There are a wide range of sporting facilities in the LGA.

Fisher Park is a multi-purpose complex with an oval, cycle track, sports stadium and grandstand. It is the headquarters for Rugby League in the LGA. Australian Rules, Soccer and Rugby Union are also played at Cootamundra.

Activities run at the Stadium include basketball, volleyball and badminton.

There are facilities that cater for cricket and athletics as well as the Olympic Swimming Pool and Tennis Courts. Cootamundra's golf club is one of the oldest in NSW and stages an annual Pro-Am and a Wattle Time tournament as two feature events.

Lawn bowlers are catered for at the Country Club and the ex-Servicemen's Club. There is a rifle range and a pistol club located on the edge of town.

Thoroughbred racing and harness racing are conducted in the town at a Trotting Club and a Turf Club and the popular Picnic Races are held in April.

Whatever your cultural pursuits and preferences, there's much to excite the artist, the poet or the thespian in Cootamundra. There's a wide choice of entertainment and a diversity of creative interests represented in the Cootamundra district from a permanent theatrical company to dance, music and country crafts.

Industrial And Residential Land

There are two distinct residential development areas in Cootamundra. Each is fully serviced with lots priced competitively at between \$60,000 and \$70,000.

There are currently over 100 established dwellings available for rental or purchase.

The average price of a 2 to 3 bedroom house is approximately \$180,000 to \$200,000 with two bedroom units selling for between \$150,000 and \$170,000 with rental between \$180 and \$200 per week for houses and \$150 to \$170 per week for units.

Cootamundra has one operative and designated industrial estate. It is currently 90% occupied. There is a second estate being developed with 8 lots outstanding selling for \$16 per square metre. There are other sites both privately owned and owned by Council which are capable of development. The lease and ownership price for all sites is very competitive.

Transport Services

Cootamundra is well serviced by road, rail and air charter services to capital cities and regional centres.

It is a major road and rail interchange point between Sydney and Melbourne on the Main Southern Railway Line and is on the major road link to Adelaide.

Cootamundra is centrally located, almost half way between Sydney and Melbourne, less than 2 hours from Canberra and about 1 hour to Wagga.

Cootamundra is ideally located on the Olympic Highway between Wagga and Cowra.

Communications

Cootamundra receives three commercial television networks in addition to ABC national service and SBS.

The Shire also receives a range of local, commercial and national AM and FM radio stations. GSM, G3 and CDMA mobile telephone coverage and local call access to the Internet is also available. Austar provides pay television via satellite.

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