

GREATER HUME



Live, work and play in the friendly communities, great businesses and excellent facilities that reflect the lifestyle and growing opportunities provided by the Greater Hume Shire.

Situated between the cities of Albury and Wagga Wagga, and crossed by both the Hume and Olympic Highways as well as the Melbourne-Sydney railway line, Greater Hume Shire provides a range of options that allows a great choice of non-urban lifestyles.

Our five major communities of Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook, Jindera and Walla Walla provide a family orientated and well serviced choice of lifestyles, while tapping into the benefits of the wider region. The Shire has abundant local shopping, a wide range of sporting and recreational facilities, and excellent education and health services.

Greater Hume has a richly diverse rural economy, and is complemented by light manufacturing, retail and professional services, along with a growing tourism industry supported by full banking facilities. Our care for the environment is reflected in a number of award winning environmental projects across the Shire.

The many experiences offered for residents and visitors alike in our shire include an award winning environmental centre, a rich pioneering heritage and a growing calendar of festivals and events.

Key Industries

The Shire has a richly diverse rural economy, with an emphasis on beef cattle, wool and lamb production, cropping, timber plantations, tree nurseries, and a growing wine industry of its own.

There is also a strong light manufacturing sector, together with timber processing particularly in Holbrook which benefits from the nearby pine plantations in the east of the Shire and the Tumbarumba and Tumut region.

There is a vibrant retail and services sector across the shire, supported by full banking services. The shire is home to large, award winning regional motor dealerships, that attract customers from outside the shire as well as internally. Tourism is growing in importance as the Shire becomes better known as a destination with a wide variety of experiences on offer.

AT A GLANCE

Population	10,510 approx.
DISTANCE:	
To Sydney	497 km
To Melbourne	372 km
To Canberra	275 km



Employment Opportunities

While there are employment opportunities based on the strong rural economy, the diversity of positions on offer reflects the spread of industry within the Shire.

Health

The towns of Culcairn, Henty and Holbrook have public hospitals; each hospital provides accident and emergency, acute in-patient, geriatric, community and allied health services. The towns of Culcairn, Henty and Holbrook have resident Doctors; Jindera is serviced by a Doctor Monday to Friday.

The Greater Hume Shire provides rental accommodation units for low income aged citizens within the Shire. Self-funded housing for the aged is also available in Holbrook. Aged Hostel accommodation is available in Culcairn, Henty, Holbrook and Jindera for those who meet the criteria.

Housing

Housing and land prices within the Shire are considerably lower than Sydney, and regional centres such as Albury and Wagga Wagga. There is a diversity of housing styles ranging from heritage properties and large scale farms, to small acreages, new homes and town blocks in new estates.

Sport & Leisure

The Shire has a wide range of sporting facilities in both large and small communities, including 5 public swimming pools, golf courses, football and cricket ovals, netball courts, bowling clubs, Equestrian facilities and an indoor sporting complex.

Annual country shows are held in Holbrook, Culcairn, Henty and Walbundrie along with the Henty Machinery Field Days, one of the largest agricultural displays of its kind in Australia. Care for the environment is a high priority with locations such as Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre at Burrumbuttock, Walla Walla Gum Swamp and the Ian Geddes Bush Walk in Holbrook.

The many villages and communities across the Shire provide a host of opportunities to explore the strong pioneering heritage through a range of displays and excellent museums.

The growing range of community events and festivals provides an opportunity to enjoy the unique character of each community, meet the locals, and indulge in favourite pursuits for residents and visitors alike.

Transport

Holbrook is serviced by interstate buses on a daily basis, and Culcairn and Henty by the main Sydney-Melbourne train line. The Hume Highway passes through Holbrook, and the Olympic Highway through Culcairn and Henty. There is an Airfield at Holbrook for light aircraft, whereas Albury and Wagga Wagga provide multiple daily flights to Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra.

Education

There are a wide range of educational opportunities available at all levels ranging from pre-school locally to tertiary due to the proximity to Albury and Wagga Wagga.

There are 16 public and private primary schools in communities across the Shire, with two high schools being Billabong High School in Culcairn and St. Paul's College in Walla Walla catering to both day students and boarders. Bus transport is available to the schools, and also to High Schools in Albury and Wagga Wagga.

Tertiary education is within reach with Charles Sturt and La Trobe Universities in Albury Wodonga, and Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga. Campuses of the Riverina Institute of TAFE are less than one hour's drive from within the Shire.

Communications

Greater Hume Shire receives three commercial television networks in addition to the ABC national services and SBS. The Shire also receives a range of local, commercial and national AM and FM radio services.

The Shire receives comprehensive GSM and CDMA mobile telephone coverage and internet access varies from broadband in the larger communities to local call access across the Shire. Austar provides pay television via satellite.

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