

COOLAMON

Opportunity, Security, Well-Being

Coolamon is the place for fresh ideas and new beginnings. The Coolamon Shire is reputed to be centred in one of the richest agricultural and pastoral districts in the Riverina and enjoys the best of both worlds – the friendly, relaxed atmosphere of rural living, yet boasts the services and facilities normally only found in much larger centres.

A short 30 minute drive from the major regional centre of Wagga Wagga, Coolamon offers visitors and locals lazy afternoon lunches and coffees, antique & gift stores, crafts & arts outlets and boutique shopping, all in a country village atmosphere.

A healthy and active community, Coolamon LGA offers a wide range of sporting and cultural activities. Coolamon exudes history, character and charm and holds wonderful visitor attractions, the Up-to-Date Store and RSL Museums, nature walks and heritage tours to name a few.

The LGA has a population of 4,050, including the three larger towns of Coolamon (1,361), Ganmain (578) and Ardlethan (427), and the smaller villages of Marrar (162), Matong (103) and Beckom (80).

Competitive real estate costs and advances in communication systems have established positive opportunities for home-based businesses and consultancies. Coolamon boasts excellent medical services and facilities, and the advantages provided through the small-school education. Preschools, Daycare and Home-Based Day Care Facilities are also available. The Wagga Wagga Campus of Charles Sturt University is located only 20 minutes drive from Coolamon, as are Riverina TAFE and Community College.

Employment and Industry

Coolamon LGA is a farming district producing cereal crops, as well as hay. Wool, lamb and beef are also important products of the area with emerging agricultural enterprises including the production of alpacas, ostriches and turkeys, olives and farm forestry.

Employment opportunities are based on the strong rural economy. The service areas of health, aged care and local government are emerging as major employment providers, and advances in information technology, broadband and satellite communication systems have established positive opportunities for home-based businesses and consultancies.

Competitive real estate costs and the rapid development occurring throughout the Shire are creating significant self-employment prospects to be established in the area, particularly in small business and trade-related services.



AT A GLANCE

Coolamon Shire

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| Population | 4,050 |
| DISTANCE: | |
| To Sydney | 465 km |
| To Melbourne | 477 km |
| To Canberra | 255 km |



Health and Education

Coolamon boasts excellent medical services and facilities that include two full-time doctors, a dentist, a hospital with acute care beds, an aged persons hostel including dementia wing, a chemist, and associated ancillary services such as Home Care, Community Transport, Community Nurse, Meals on Wheels, Neighbour Aid, and a Community Centre.

Kindergarten through to Year 6 school education is available in each of the Shire's six towns, with Coolamon and Ardlethan Central Schools offering classes from Kindergarten through to Year 12. Coolamon also has Saint Michael's Catholic Primary School, and Ganmain has Saint Brendan's Primary School. The Shire has three Preschools, and ABC Kids Daycare and Home-Based Day Care Facilities are also available.

The Wagga Wagga Campus of Charles Sturt University is located only 20 minutes drive from Coolamon and a campus of the Riverina Institute of TAFE is also located at Wagga Wagga. The Riverina Community College and other training facilities provide outreach services to the Coolamon community.

Housing

Housing prices are well below those of neighbouring cities and a varied range of established homes are available for purchase. New developments of fully-serviced blocks are offered and larger allotments on urban perimeters provide an alternative to those seeking a rural/residential lifestyle.

Recreation and Leisure

A healthy and active community, Coolamon LGA offers golf, bowls, tennis, swimming, football, netball, clay target shooting, touch football, athletics, polocross and other equine events. Art, music and craft groups welcome newcomers as do the local Rotary, Lions Clubs and many other important community organisations.

The best in country hospitality is available to guests at the number of eateries, hotels and accommodation facilities throughout the Shire, and beautifully presented parks that feature BBQ facilities, public amenities and children's

playgrounds, provide ideal picnic or rest stops.

The Shire's four Nature Walks allow plenty of opportunity to embrace nature and perhaps join in the growing number of birdwatchers who are delighting in the variety of over 150 species of bird life recorded within the region.

Communications

Coolamon LGA receives three commercial television networks in addition to the ABC and SBS. The town also receives a range of local commercial and national AM and FM radio services. Coolamon receives comprehensive GSM and CDMA mobile telephone coverage and local call access and broadband access to the internet is also available. Austar provides pay television via satellite.

Tourism

Coolamon exudes history, character and charm and holds many wonderful visitor attractions. Coolamon's Cowabbie Street is an award-winning heritage precinct and visitors love to take in the historic streetscape as they browse the local boutiques, eateries and art and craft outlets. One of the most notable heritage features of the street is the Up-to-Date Store with its Lamson Ball-Style Cash Railway, the only of its kind in the world still in its original location.

The shire's museums provide insight into the joys and hardships of rural life: The Garth Jones Agricultural Collection; the faithfully restored Railway Station; the RSL Museum and Ganmain's Historical Society and Hay Display Centre never cease to fascinate.

Transport

Wagga airport is located 40 minutes from Coolamon. Rail and coach services are available from Coolamon to both Sydney and Melbourne. Allen's Roadlines operates weekday services to and from Wagga Wagga. Community Transport is available for the frail aged and people with disabilities.

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