

LEETON

Leeton enjoys a diverse cultural background and is a thriving town that offers visitors and residences a wide variety of experiences and activities in the heart of the Riverina. It is a showcase of contemporary rural Australia with its Art Deco history, diverse agriculture and renowned country hospitality.

Leeton was designed by the renowned American architect, Walter Burley Griffin who also designed Griffith and later, the national capital, Canberra. Leeton is described as an oasis in the desert with its mild mediterranean climate and from never suffering from water restrictions which has created a wonderful evergreen environment of gardens, footpaths and sporting ovals.

Leeton's cosmopolitan heritage, coupled with its diversity of food production, gives rise to a variety and excellence in the town's eateries. The town has many restaurants, bistros and coffee shops that offer great quality, service and country hospitality. Leeton Shire is renowned for this community support and many projects can be seen as examples of the wonderful community spirit.



AT A GLANCE

Population	12,054 (2004)
DISTANCE:	
To Sydney	560 km
To Melbourne	450 km
To Canberra	350 km

Leeton is easily accessible by road, air and rail to the regional centres and capital cities with daily flights to Sydney and Mildura and daily coach services to Sydney and Adelaide.



Education Facilities

Murrumbidgee College of Ag is now called Murrumbidgee Rural Studies Centre

Leeton TAFE College offering varied courses for young and mature aged students.

Three High Schools, including 2 boarding schools up to Year 12 (St Francis De Sales Regional College & Yanco Agricultural High School)

Leisure And Lifestyle

Leeton Shire boasts an impressive range of recreation facilities including an indoor stadium, 3 pools, a skate park, sporting fields, tennis and squash courts, lawn bowls, bird watching, excellent bicycle and walking tracks, ski beach, trotting track and jockey Club. Leeton also supports all four codes of football (rugby union, Australian rules, rugby league and soccer) in all divisions including junior, an excellent 18 hole golf course with grass greens and irrigated fairways with a modern club house, bistro and Pro shop and excellent fishing in the Murrumbidgee River.

Attractions

Leeton has many varied and excellent attractions including the Fivebough and Tuckerbil Wetlands (A Wetlands of International Importance – www.fivebough.org.au), Murrumbidgee River (excellent for fishing, camping and watersports), innovative agriculture and irrigation techniques, SunRice Centre, Historic Hydro Motor Inn and many outstanding Art Deco and heritage buildings.

Events And Festivals

Leeton hosts a wonderful calendar of events for visitors and residents. Events include:

Fivebough Birding and Nature Fair – annually in November

Picnic Races – annually in May

SunRice Festival – biennial at Easter

Bidgee Classic Fishing Competition – annually in March

Light Up Leeton Christmas Festival – annually end of November

Harness Racing – throughout the year

Leeton Eisteddfod – one of the most outstanding cultural events held in southern NSW annually

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