

# MURRAY SHIRE

Murray Shire covers over 4,300km<sup>2</sup> and is home to over 6,700 residents. Its location on the closest point of the Murray River to Melbourne, provides for an area booming with tourism, industry, development and new residents.

The Shire is almost totally surrounded by the mighty Murray River and its tributaries and boasts the World's largest red gum forest, as well as wetlands of international significance.

The Shire's main settlement, Moama together with her Victorian neighbour Echuca, services a community of approximately 20,000 people and also the 1.6 million visitors who travel to the area each year.

Special events in the area include the World's largest water ski race - The Southern 80, the Riverboat's Jazz, Food and Wine Festival and the Steam, Horse and Vintage Rally.

Murray Shire is regarded as an innovative Local Government Authority. This is illustrated by initiatives such as the successful Great Mathoura Land Give Away project, the strong support provided to tourism and special events, the new Moama Business Park and the active assistance in the establishment of a major feedlot near Mathoura as well as a relatively new wine industry in the district.

The relaxed lifestyle on the river, coupled with plentiful job opportunities, good services, a variety of affordable housing, excellent sporting facilities and an abundance of recreation options has resulted in Murray Shire experiencing a significant growth rate over the past number of years. And the success of this wonderful region is certainly set to continue!



## AT A GLANCE

Population	6,729
DISTANCE:	
To Sydney	790 km
To Melbourne	205 km
To Canberra	585 km



## Key Industries

Building and Construction, Retail, Hospitality & Tourism, Manufacturing, Agriculture/Viticulture.

## Employment Opportunities

Murray Shire enjoys a low unemployment rate of below 5%. Areas with significant job opportunities include, Chefs, Carpentry, Plumbing, Bricklaying, Engineering, Professional Services.

## Health & Education

Murray Shire residents benefit from a range of services within the area. A fully serviced hospital, medical centres, meals on wheels and community nurse, day care centres and accommodation for the aged are all available within the area.

Quality Catholic, Anglican and State primary and secondary schools, adult education colleges and TAFE are all located within the Echuca/Moama district.

## Leisure and Lifestyle

Everyday is a holiday in the Murray Shire, with an abundance of recreational and sporting opportunities on offer. The Murray River and its bushland, red gum forests and wetlands provide for countless interests and activities. From passive recreation in the peaceful forests to waterskiing on the Murray, or participating in one of the many strong sporting organisations, there is definitely something for everyone!

The area has sporting facilities to cater for almost everyone, including the local sporting icons of the Moama Bowling Club, Rich River Golf Club Resort, Moama Sports Club and too many recreational areas to mention.

## Housing

There is a wide variety of housing options in the area and housing prices are exceptionally affordable in comparison to metropolitan prices. The area offers some magnificent lifestyle properties, as well as many new residential estates and rural residential properties.

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