

# WEST WYALONG



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West Wyalong and the Bland Shire is located on the northern fringes of the Riverina, NSW. Village communities within the Bland Shire also include Barmedman, Tallimba, Ungarie, Weethalle, Wyalong, Kikoira, Naradhan and Mirrool.

West Wyalong and the Bland Shire is a modern thriving community and economy that combine all the virtues of country living with the outstanding advantages of a highly central location and access to major population centres.

Most of all, West Wyalong offers a true country lifestyle. The Shire boasts a safe, friendly and relaxed environment, with all the key educational, medical and business facilities you require at your finger tips. We are an enthusiastic sporting and culturally rich community that prides itself on its social well-being and community spirit.

## Key Industries

Today Bland Shire is a blossoming rural economy built around sheep, wheat and other crop varieties. In recent times, West Wyalong has also experienced significant developments away from agriculture. Barrick Gold have established the \$220 million Cowal Gold Mine, Pace Farm's development is the largest egg producing facility in the southern hemisphere and the recently completed AWB grain handling facility is improving levels of efficiency for local grain growers.

We are currently in a period of exciting economic growth and development, actively supported by the local Council, with new business investments and employment opportunities announced regularly.



## AT A GLANCE

<b>Population</b>	3,500 West Wyalong township 6,500 Shire population
<b>DISTANCE:</b>	
<b>To Sydney</b>	483 km
<b>To Melbourne</b>	593 km
<b>To Canberra</b>	256 km



## Employment Opportunities

The Cowal Gold, Pace Farm and AWB projects will potentially create in excess of 300 jobs in short term during construction phases and 210 jobs once all developments reach operational phases. It is also estimated that the flow on effects of the extra local economic activity as a result of the increase in wages and salaries could see the creation of an additional 62 indirect full time jobs. The total job creation amounts to 272 new jobs.

The estimated combined increase in economic activity within the Bland Shire economy could be around \$39.6 million in capital expenditure and \$34 million per year from the additional salaries and wages.

Fantastic business and investment opportunities exist to support these major developments and meet the need for housing and other goods and services for our growing population.

## Health and Education

Bland Shire offers modern health services and amenities with a new well-equipped district hospital with surgery, radiology, an emergency unit and regular visiting specialists. A Community Health Centre, aged care facilities and HACC services are also available in the Shire.

West Wyalong has a pre-school and long day care facilities. The Shire contains eight public schools, including two high schools and one private (Catholic) school. Adult education and vocational training programs are available through West Wyalong TAFE and Central West Community College. Universities are within a 2 hour drive.

## Housing

Housing prices are well below those of capital cities and major regional centres and offer a wide range from heritage to modern housing. A range of land is available both within town boundaries or small acreage on the fringes.

## Leisure and Lifestyle

West Wyalong has a multitude of leisure and lifestyle activities and hobbies for local residents to get involved in. Active groups meet regularly in a wide variety of interest areas such as the dramatic arts, sports, art and craft co-operatives, pony club, historical research and farming organisations. Enthusiastic community organisations include the local Aboriginal Land Council, CWA, Rotary, Quota, Lions, Apex, Probus and VIEW Clubs.

There is a wide range of sporting facilities catering to a wide range of ages and interests, including four codes of football, swimming, tennis, bowls, cricket, netball, basketball and many more.

The West Wyalong golf course is a competition standard 18 hole grass green facility within a sports club and motel complex.

## Transport Services

Regional Airlines (Rex) has a regular service between West Wyalong and Sydney four times per week. There is a daily coach service to Canberra, Sydney & Melbourne.

## Communications

Internet services available from Broadband to dial up. There is Digital and CDMA mobile coverage within the Shire.

The West Wyalong Advocate is a locally produced newspaper published twice weekly covering issues of interest to the community.

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