

# Welcome to Gundagai

## **New Resident Pack**

A safe and friendly thriving rural community  
where all residents are part of the strong  
community spirit!



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# Why Gundagai?

Gundagai is a classic Australian country town situated in the Murrumbidgee River Valley between Sydney and Melbourne, in one of the most picturesque rural areas of the Riverina, in southern New South Wales.

Gundagai is centrally located to all eastern capital cities and on the Hume Highway making it easy to get to. We are a 1.5 hour drive from Canberra, 4 hours from Sydney and 5 hours from Melbourne.

Gundagai enjoys all four seasons with warm summer days, fresh autumn mornings, cold winter days and beautiful spring mornings. The climate in Gundagai is warm and temperate. There is significant rainfall throughout the year in Gundagai. Even the driest month still has a lot of rainfall. In Gundagai, the average annual temperature is 15.4 °C.

Gundagai residents enjoy the town's strong community spirit and relaxed lifestyle, we enjoy distinct seasons and have the benefit of large amounts of public space. We also have excellent parks, sporting facilities and an Olympic Pool.

The town also has two supermarkets and a good variety of specialty shops and service businesses providing everything you need in day to day life.

The Gundagai Neighbourhood Centre and Gundagai Library offer supported activities for both children and the elderly.

We also have an aged care home and a recently built state of the art hospital, and a number of excellent schools.

Why not join us and share in the quality of life that the country lifestyle can bring, for you and your family!





# Real Estate

Gundagai offers residents a range of very reasonably priced land and housing close to community services, retail outlets and schools. For around \$350,000 - \$500,000 newcomers often find they can purchase a three or four bedroom new build or renovated period residence.

Those willing to do some of the work in renovation, or looking for a smaller residence may find they need to spend considerably less.

For those in the rental market there is a range of rental properties from which to choose including both houses and units, large and small. Ensure you allow sufficient time to locate a rental property that suits as they are relatively tightly held.

Median prices are \$320.00 per week for rental, and \$400.000 to purchase.

## **Agents:**

### Elders Real Estate - Gundagai

Phone: 02 6944 1155

Website:

<https://gundagai.eldersrealestate.com.au/>

### PRD - Gundagai

Phone: 02 6944 1155

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Website: <https://www.prd.com.au/tumut/>

### Ray White Real Estate - Gundagai

Phone: 02 6944 3443

Email: [gundagai.nsw@raywhite.com](mailto:gundagai.nsw@raywhite.com)

Website: <https://raywhitetumut.com.au/>

### MasterSell

Phone: 1300 862 385

Website: <https://www.mastersell.com.au/>

# Employment & Business Opportunities

Major employers in Gundagai include Gundagai Meat Processors, Lynch Engineering, Woolworths and the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council. Opportunities also exist for employment in farming, retail and trade industries.

Gundagai is also an excellent place to start your own business, with low set up costs making this option accessible to many within the community. With Gundagai conveniently located just minutes off the Hume Highway there is always a flow of visitors through the main street. The local community is also extremely supportive to all its local providers and make an effort to support locals when they can!

If you are interested in setting up a business and would like support please contact Council.



# Education

Gundagai has three primary schools, including a Catholic School. There are also multiple small public schools located in many of our surrounding villages. There is also a community preschool and public high school.

## Primary Education:

- Gundagai Public School
- Gundagai South Public School
- Saint Patricks Primary School
- Bongongo Public School
- Nangus Public School

## Secondary Education:

- Gundagai High School

Childcare is available through Gumnut Childcare Centre.

Charles Sturt University (CSU) is located in nearby Wagga Wagga (78 km) as are the TAFE NSW Riverina Institute campuses, as well as Rural Clinical Schools of both the University of New South Wales and the University of Notre Dame.





# Sport, Parks & Recreation

Gundagai presents a variety of sport and leisure opportunities including water sports such as canoeing, kayaking and freshwater fishing. Rugby League, soccer, hockey, cricket, netball and touch football competitions are run locally, with little athletics, OzTag and Rugby Union being played in Tumut (34km).

In all the extra time that you will have in your day without the daily commute cycle the “bikeways” or take a nature walk along the banks of the Murrumbidgee. Gundagai also hosts some awesome parks with great playgrounds such as Carberry Park's Adventure Playground. Both Carberry Park and Yarri Park offer free BBQ's and shaded sitting areas. We also have an amazing pump track and skate park located at Yarri Park. Go fishing in the Murrumbidgee River or at nearby Blowering Dam or in the trout streams of the Kosciusko National Park. Or visit the snowfields.

Locals have the opportunity to brush up on their game on the town's excellent 18-hole golf course, or play a game of lawn bowls or squash on the excellent facilities provided by the Gundagai Services Club. A range of exercise class options are available at the Gundagai Neighbourhood Centre including yoga and exercise classes.

Gundagai Olympic Swimming Pool is open daily through the warmer months, and is an excellent facility for both laps and as a family activity, incorporating a swimming club. Also located at the pool complex is a Gymnasium.



There is also a Scouts/Cubs, Pony Club and regular race meetings at the Gundagai Racecourse.

The Gundagai Library facilitates local and family history groups and book clubs as well as a number of other adult and child learning opportunities.

A Men's Shed and Craft Group are in operation in town providing further opportunities to socialise and be creative. There are also many opportunities to get involved in the community through voluntary groups such as Gundagai Museum, Gundagai Lions Club, Gundagai Rural Fire Service, and Gundagai Bushcare Group.

Gundagai is a town that holds a number of annual events including race days including Snake Gully Cup, rodeos, flower shows, markets and of course the Gundagai Show, to keep your social calendar full!





# Health & Community Services

The Gundagai Multi-purpose Centre is a newly developed hospital having been completed in 2021. It is a 30 bed facility with 12 hospital care beds and 18 residential aged care beds. Gundagai MPS provides a 24 hour Accident and Emergency Department which is equipped with telehealth cameras to connect the team in Gundagai with specialists through the Critical Care Advisory Service, ensuring you get the care you need.

Community health services include community nursing, a range of visiting services including child and family immunisation, dietetics, mental health/ drug and alcohol, speech pathology, women's health and a Geriatrician who visits 2 or 3 times a year.

Uralba Hostel is a local aged care facility that sits in a beautiful area of land behind the Gundagai Multi-purpose Centre. The location provides residents with a relaxing and inspirational environment that complements our outstanding care services. The facility itself is a purpose-built, low-care hostel which can accommodate 18 permanent residents, plus a respite room which can be booked for temporary stays.

Gundagai Medical Centre offers a privately billed GP service and visiting specialist and allied health services. Patients not able to receive a specialist service locally or requiring surgery are generally referred to Wagga Wagga, Canberra or Sydney. There are also a number of natural therapy options available locally.

# Transport Services

Firefly Express provides coach services to Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. V-line also provides an economical combined coach and rail service to Canberra and Melbourne. A coach service to Cootamundra or Wagga Wagga enables residents to connect with the Trainlink Rail Services to Sydney or Melbourne. On the Trainlink service seniors and pensioners are entitled to reduced fares and in some cases free travel. These services are able to be booked at the Visitor Information Centre. Many of these transport providers also link in with other destinations.

Wagga Wagga Airport is a 45 minute drive away and offers excellent long term parking facilities for use during extended trips away.

Within the town, community buses are available, and an excursion service to nearby towns is available either by bus for social outings or a community car service can be booked for attending out of town medical appointments.



# Accommodation

Looking for a taste of your possible new home town? Gundagai has many different styles of accommodation and you are sure to find somewhere to rest your head during your visit.

We have all your accommodation options covered including:

- A large variety of motels at various prices
- Two caravan parks with on-site cabins
- 1 RV friendly camping site which allows a 48 hour stay & 1 RV friendly camping site that allows a 72 hour stay
- Pub accommodation
- Bed and Breakfasts and Self-Contained Cottages
- Farm stay and retreat options
- Boutique hotel



# Community Information

## Community Updates:

The Gundagai Local Facebook Page and Gundagai Local Instagram Page are also a great place to find relevant information about community events, main street specials or business updates quick and easy!

## Church Services:

St Patrick's Parish Catholic Church

Every Saturday 6pm & 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 7.30am

107 Sheridan Street, Gundagai

St John's Anglican Church

Sunday Service at 9am

Otway Street, Gundagai

Baptist Church

Sunday Service at 9.30am

Corner of Otway and Punch Street, Gundagai



### Gundagai Olympic Swimming Pool:

Council operates an Olympic Pool complex seasonally from October- March. The Kiosk sells hot food and snacks, and Eftpos is available. There are green lawns and shady trees to relax under plus BBQ Facilities and small playground. Opening hours are 11am till 6pm, 7 days a week, although may be varied depending on weather conditions. Early morning swimming is available Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 6.30am – 8.00am.

### Gymnasium:

An unattended gymnasium is also available at the pool complex daily year round. For access and further information contact Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council on 1300 459 689 to arrange access.

### Gundagai Producers Markets:

The Gundagai Producers markets are held seasonally throughout the year. The markets are situated in Carberry Park. The intention is to add to local business by providing an attraction to draw people from the surrounding area, the markets aim is to allow small businesses from within the region to sell their offerings! Come along & enjoy the fun atmosphere throughout the town. All enquiries phone: 02 6944 0250

### Gundagai Visitor Information Centre:

The staff at the Gundagai Visitor Information Centre are a world full of know for all things Gundagai and surrounds. They stock local produce, Gundagai region wines and a range of souvenirs. The Gundagai Visitor Information Centre is located on the left hand side of the main street (Sheridan Street) as you come into town. The Centre is also an agent for Trainlink, V-Line or Firefly coach bookings 7 days a week. The staff are more than happy to help you with any enquiries you may have by simply popping in, emailing [info@visitgundagai.com.au](mailto:info@visitgundagai.com.au) or calling 02 6944 0250.





# Gundagai Library

The Gundagai Library is a member of the Riverina Regional Library, providing information services to Gundagai and surrounding villages. The library is located at Mirrabooka the big red brick building at the back of Carberry Park in Sheridan Street.

Gundagai Library fosters a love of reading, supporting lifelong learning and providing a community space to the Gundagai region. It provides reading material for all ages as well as DVDs, audiobooks, Book Clubs, family and local history information and programs for people of all ages. The Library also offers a large range of services including Storytime and Music Fun for 0-5 years, school holiday programs for primary aged children and youth activities for high school and young adults,

Membership to Gundagai Library provides you with access to the collections and services of all branch libraries of Riverina Regional Library, including its eLibrary (digital books, audiobooks and magazines) and other online resources. Membership is free to all residents of Gundagai.

# Gundagai Neighbourhood Centre

The Gundagai Neighbourhood Centre opened its doors in 1976, since then it has served the community of Gundagai and the surrounding villages. The emphasis of the centre is on people getting together to help each other. We offer a range of services and activities to meet the needs of our rural community.

The Neighbourhood Centre belongs to the community, is controlled by the community and helps the community to grow. We offer a range of services, activities and programs internally, as well as playing a second home to a number of visiting services.

The Gundagai Neighbourhood Centre is run by a Management Committee, Centre Co-Ordinator, Office Staff and a team of Volunteers.

Weekly gentle exercise group is held on Mondays and Thursdays for the aged and people with disability at the Neighbourhood Centre.

The Neighbourhood Centre is located at 245 Sheridan Street (within the Mirrabooka building), Monday through to Friday from 9am to 5pm. Closed for lunch from 12.30 to 1.30pm.





# Village Life

Nangus - Nangus is a small country village on the Wagga Wagga to Gundagai Road on the north side of the Murrumbidgee River. Nangus is approximately 24 kilometres due west of Gundagai in the Riverina area of Australia and in Gundagai Shire. The nearby Nangus Station and Yabtree Stations are heritage listed and the Historic Nangus Post Office opened on 1 July 1897. Nangus has a Anglican Church, General Store, with an off-site liquor license (Turkey Shed), Public School, Public Hall, Fire Station, Tennis Courts, and Hockey Fields are amongst some of its services.

Tumblong - Tumblong village is located a few minutes drive south of Gundagai on the Hume Highway. The small village is now home to The current Tumblong Tavern which was built in 1905 and was originally named the Adelong Crossing Hotel and a Hall. The Tumblong area is also home to a reasonably large vineyard area, the vineyard known as the Tumblong Hills Vineyard is on the Tumblong to Mundarlo road.

Coolac - Coolac is a small village a shy 18 minute drive from Gundagai. It is a ever evolving town with the local pub, the General Store and a very scenic drive down the main street showcasing some old buildings such as the Old Hospital, The Windmill Cottage, The Coolac Railway Stop. These beautiful buildings can only be seen from the road as they are on private property.





# Your Council

Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council was formed by Proclamation of the NSW Government on 12 May 2016. Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council provides services and support to a community of approximately 11,500 people, including residents of Cootamundra and Gundagai, as well as the villages of Adjungbilly, Coolac, Muttama, Nangus, Stockinbingal, Tumblong and Wallendbeen.

Council is focused on ensuring that the community benefits from this amalgamation, with our highest priority being to continue delivering quality local services that our communities value and rely on. It is the aim of the administration to build a united team and a united community that is inclusive, forward-thinking and lays the foundations for a strong and effective local government.

## Council Meetings:

Council Meetings are held at 6pm on the second last Tuesday of each month, alternating between the Alby Schultz Meeting Centre in Cooper Street, Cootamundra and at the Council Chambers, 255 Sheridan Street, Gundagai. Meeting Agendas and Tabled Documents are made available online prior to the meeting. Members of the general public are invited to attend Council meetings and, with the prior approval of the Chair, may address Council in the Public Forum Session on specific topics. People wishing to address Council are asked to submit a Speaker Registration Form to Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council.

## What does Council do?

Council provides a range of services and support to the community, including:

- Strategic land and town planning
- Waste management and recycling
- Pet registration and control
- Pest and weed management
- Building and development supervision
- Local road and streetscape maintenance
- Emergency and disaster planning
- Food and public health services
- Economic development
- Servicing of libraries, community centres, sporting facilities
- Maintenance of parks, pools and sporting fields
- Tourism services and many more.

### Councillors:

Mayor: Charlie Sheahan  
Deputy Mayor: Leigh Bowden  
Cr David Graham  
Cr Trevor Glover  
Cr Abb McAlister  
Cr Penny Nicholson  
Cr Logan Collins  
Cr Gil Kelly  
Cr Les Boyd

### Senior Management

Interm General Manager: Steve McGrath  
Deputy General Manger - Operations: Matt Stubbs  
Interim Deputy General Manager - CCD: Paul Woods  
Manager of Regional Services - Cootamundra: Wayne Bennett  
Manager of Regional Services - Gundagai: Greg Ewings  
Manager of Engineering - Cootamundra: Mark Ellis  
Manager of Engineering - Gundagai: Stephen Targett  
Manager Finance: Zac Mahon  
Manager Business: Linda Wiles  
Manager Sustainable Development: Michael Mason

