

# Narrandera Shire - a river runs through it

Narrandera is one of those special places - big enough to meet you and your family's needs, and small enough to immerse yourself in a country lifestyle. Often heralded as the heart of the Riverina for its abundant waterways and central location, Narrandera - along with its surrounding villages of Barellan and Grong Grong - is home to impressive communities that provide great opportunity and a very affordable home-base. And of course, its position close to the mighty Murrumbidgee makes it a tranquil and idyllic place to live.

**Narrandera**  
surround yourself



## The choice is easy

While there is much to love about Narrandera, here are three things that top the list:

- 1** Nothing is more than 5 minutes away. Wherever you want to go - from home to work, or the lake, river, shops or the golf course - it's that easy.
- 2** Nature will ground you. The Murrumbidgee and its waterways and surrounding bushland have a calming effect - some say it's a spiritual experience.
- 3** You are welcome here. There is no doubt our locals know how to make you feel at home.

*Everything is easier here.  
Our business is fulfilling its potential  
and Narrandera's a very friendly place.*

*Karen and Toby Henske  
Gateway Motel*

## Working opportunities

Finding work can be simple in Narrandera. We have a number of local industries that are always looking to hire the right skilled and non-skilled workers. And while our jobs are not always advertised, our businesses are always open to a conversation.

The best way to find the place for you is the old-fashioned way - contact businesses in the Shire directly to find a match for your skill-set. While agriculture is a major economic driver here, there is also opportunity in agri-business, steel manufacturing, timber and flour milling, aquaculture, and the service industry.

## Strong connections

With the NBN, three daily flights to Sydney, a daily coach-rail coach service and weekly rail service to Sydney and national highways on our doorstep, it's easy to stay connected with the rest of the world. Locals regularly travel to Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney for cultural and sporting events and our town hosts many global travellers throughout the year.

## Affordable housing

You can literally make yourself at home here. The average house price is considerably lower than those of major centres (with median house price at \$198,500 and median house rental at \$230pw) and the average size is considerably larger, with urban and semi-rural lifestyle blocks and established homes available. For those that want to slash living costs further, there's also the option to reside in one of the Shire's villages where our active and caring communities can meet all your needs.

*Our city-based adult  
children were amazed  
by the Lake Talbot  
swimming pools.  
They'd seen nothing as  
good anywhere. The cafes  
and restaurants are as  
good as any in Sydney.*

*Robyn Gillies Tabrett  
Andalusian horse breeder  
and writer ex Blue Mountains*



## Options to learn

The Shire offers solid education options with opportunities to learn for all ages and levels. We have a preschool, four K-6 schools and two high schools. Narrandera has a NSW TAFE Learning Centre and Western Riverina Community College offers a plethora of short courses. Kurrajong operates several businesses that train and employ people with a disability. And many locals choose to make the short commute to pursue tertiary studies at Charles Sturt University campuses in surrounding districts.

## A caring community

Narrandera has five providers of child care and early learning, along with two aged care providers. We also have a range of community care services operating across the Shire, ensuring good access to quality support for all.

*One of my stipulations for a place to live was that I had to be able to volunteer my skills. I'm now an announcer at Narrandera's community radio station and I produce all the adverts. I love the town... you should come here.*

*Kathy Taylor  
Retired ex Sydney and Port Stephens*

## Socially spoilt for choice

Get your boots, runners or wet-suit on; unchain your bike. So many sports are represented here, with something for all ages and interests. Choose from three football codes; play tennis or lawn bowls, try clay target shooting, or tee off on a fine country golf course. Children can join a pony club, an air league, swim club, or Little Athletics and more. Then there's the walking and cycling tracks that run by the water – something the whole family can enjoy.

Of course, if playing means painting, singing, sculpting or yarn-bombing – there's a growing arts community here that also caters for a wide-range of interests and ambitions. You can be a field naturalist, a gardener, a photographer – the choice is yours.

In the villages, sporting, social and creative groups also abound. For instance, Grong Grong has a wild nature playground, and at Barellan adults can partake in the Master's Games.

## Making it yours

There really is so much to be enjoyed here – we stopped counting at 100 community groups delivering sporting, service, social, recreational and special interest activities for all ages. The quickest way to get to know the area and become part of the community is to make it yours. Join a club or volunteer to make new friends and contribute to our friendly and supportive communities in the Shire. And we love to meet new faces.

## Narrandera Shire Council is here to help.

If you want to get to know the Shire better, contact our Economic Development Unit to talk to us about all your areas of interest.

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