

# C O W R A

## NEW RESIDENTS KIT





## Emergency Numbers

**For an ambulance, police or fire emergency please call 000**

### **Cowra Police Station**

(02) 6341 5099  
86-88 Brisbane Street, Cowra

### **Cowra Hospital**

(02) 6340 9000  
64 Liverpool Street, Cowra

### **Cowra Fire & Rescue**

(02) 6341 1624  
124 Kendal Street, Cowra

### **NSW SES Emergency Service**

132 500

### **Electricity Emergency**

13 20 80

### **NSW Poisons Information Centre**

13 11 26

### **Kids Helpline**

1800 551 800

### **Lifeline**

13 11 14

## Welcome to Cowra

Cowra is located within beautiful Central NSW on the banks of the Lachlan River. It is approximately one hour from the regional hubs of Bathurst and Orange, two hours from Canberra and four hours from Sydney. The town is situated at the intersection of three state highways; the Mid-Western Highway, the Olympic Highway and the Lachlan Valley Way, making it a central hub for travel, freight and logistics.

Covering 2810 square kilometres, the shire includes a number of small villages which feed into the Cowra township and contribute to the shires' agricultural and cultural growth. These villages include Billimari, Darbys Falls, Gooloogong, Morongla, Noonbinna, Wattamondara, Woodstock and Wyangala.

Cowra is a town with deep historical ties to Japan and is regarded as a centre for peace. Its public identity became a part of World War II history with the Cowra Breakout of 1944. This tragic event in the town's history led Cowra to focus on promoting the values of friendship and reconciliation, something which the town still projects today.

Not only is Cowra a historical town, it is a town with a love for food and wine. It is surrounded by vineyards and grazing-rich farmlands with quality restaurants and cafes, and also includes endless water and camping opportunities with Wyangala Dam only a short drive away.

Cowra is a growing community with a number of primary and high school education options, health centres, sporting clubs, community groups and limitless weekend activities. It is the perfect place to raise a family, study, work or retire.

Experience Cowra and see for yourself why we are a town with history, values and fun.

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## About Cowra Shire Council

Cowra Council's vision is to be a leading, innovative and creative community, proud of our place in history and offering opportunity with the best of country living. The region enjoys a range of economic, social, educational and health services with a welcoming community that embraces new members from all backgrounds.

We strive to provide, maintain and extend Council services to improve the quality of life for residents throughout the Shire. We aim to actively lead, facilitate and foster sustainable development and wealth generating opportunities through agricultural, industrial, commercial and tourism growth.

Open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm, Cowra Council is here to assist with your council or Cowra related queries. Our Council meetings are held at 5.00pm on the fourth Monday of each month in the Council Chambers.



Business Hours	Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm
Street Address	116 Kendal Street, Cowra
Postal Address	Private Bag 342 Cowra NSW 2794
Email	<a href="mailto:council@cowra.nsw.gov.au">council@cowra.nsw.gov.au</a>
Council main switch	(02) 6340 2000
After Hours Emergency (This includes water/sewer breaks, trees/spillages on roads)	(02) 6340 2120 or 0419 219 231
After Hours Ranger Service (This includes dog attacks and stock on main roads)	(02) 6240 2052
Infrastructure & Operations	(02) 6340 2070
• Roads	
• Water	
• Sewer	
• Assets	
• Parks & Gardens	
• Airport	
• Aquatic Centre	
Ranger Services	(02) 6340 2052
Environmental Services	(02) 6340 2040
• Planning & Development	
• Environmental Health	
• Building & Regulatory Services	
Corporate Services	(02) 6340 2006
General Manager/Mayor	(02) 6340 2013



The Council civic crest portrays local rock outcrops with an eagle atop to represent 'Cowra Rocks'. This is the site of the river crossing that became known as Cowra or Mulyan – the Aboriginal name for eagle.

## Council structure

Cowra elects nine Councillors for a four-year term to direct Council's affairs in line with the Local Government Act 1993. Their decisions direct local policy and the distribution of Council funds. Their responsibility to the shire is to ensure Council's policies and objectives are consistent with its broader vision and obligations to the community.

Councillors are available to listen to resident's concerns and represent those concerns to Council. Each Councillor has areas of particular expertise and interest and they all participate in a number of Council committees and meetings. Individual Councillors can be contacted on any matter through the Council by phoning (02) 6340 2000. Find Cowra's current Councillors on our website under ['Your Council'](#).

## Rates

Council's rating system provides the net funding requirements of Council's programs. Any increase in the rates is reviewed annually after considering the maximum provided under the State Government's rate pegging legislation.

Rates are payable annually and can be paid in full or by quarterly instalments. If paying in full, payment must be made on or before 31 August each year, and quarterly instalment dates are 31st August, 30th November, 28th February and 31st May each year.

More information on Council's rates can be found **via the quick [link on Council's homepage](#)**.

## **Council Waste and Recycling Services**

Cowra Council aims to safely collect, transport, and treat, all household waste in an efficient, cost-effective manner and to return all treated products back into the ecosystem sustainably. Urban residents within the Cowra Shire are eligible to be provided with Council's waste and recycling service.

Calendars with information regarding Cowra and Village/Rural Recycling Collection schedules and the relevant recycling pick-up days for your area are available from Council's Customer Service Centre and the Material Recycling Service Centre.

Cowra [Township recycling calendar can be found here](#).

Cowra Shire [Village recycling calendar can be found here](#).

Please put your bins out the night before and facing the kerb approximately one-metre apart. Do not place near parked cars or low-hanging trees.

**Residents should take note that Cowra shopping centres are now plastic bag free and shoppers need to bring their own reusable bags.**

### **Cowra Council's Material Recycling Facility is located on Glen Logan Road.**

Opening Hours:  
Tuesday through to Friday:  
7.30am – 4.00pm  
Saturday and Sunday:  
10.00am to 4.00pm

### **Village Recycling Stations**

Recycling stations for depositing recyclable material only are also located at:

-  Gooloogong
-  Woodstock
-  Wyangala Park
-  Wyangala village
-  Wattamondara
-  Morongla
-  Noonbinna

### **Woodstock Waste Site**

This site is open the first and third Sunday of each month between 9.00am and 11.00am

### **Gooloogong Waste Site**

This site is open the first and third Sunday of each month between 1.30pm and 3.30pm.

For more information on Council's waste and recycling [please visit our Council website](#) under Council Services or drop into Council.

## Council Facilities

### Cowra Airport

Open all hours

Airport Road, Cowra.

**(02) 6341 1616**

After hours (02) 6342 9256

[www.cowraairport.com.au](http://www.cowraairport.com.au)

The Cowra Airport is a Certified Aerodrome under Federal Regulations.

The Airport also offers fuels Avgas and Jet a1 for aircraft.

### Cowra Aquatic Centre

**Morning swimming (everyday except Sunday and public holidays):** 5.30am-8.00pm

**Daytime swimming:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 10.00am-8.00pm.  
Tuesday: 10am-6:00pm (early close for swimming club)  
Saturday & Sunday: 10.00am-8.00pm

The pool is closed during late autumn and winter. It reopens around the October long weekend.

Taragala Street, Cowra  
**(02) 6340 2150**

This complex includes a seven lane heated pool and undercover toddlers' wading pool. A surrounding shady grassed area is equipped with barbeques available for get-togethers and birthday parties.

### Cowra Civic Centre

12 Darling Street

**(02) 6341 1400**

The Cowra Civic Centre is available for hire for weddings, private functions, stage productions, touring artists and concerts. It regularly hosts civic functions and events on Australia Day, Cowra's Festival of International Understanding and special Mayoral Functions, balls and seminars.

The centre includes full disabled access, change rooms behind the stage, temperature control and a professional 84 seat theatre.

### Cowra Library

Monday to Wednesday: 10.00am-5.30pm  
Thursday: 10.00am-6.00pm  
Friday: 10.00am-5.30pm  
Saturday: 10.00am-12.30pm  
Closed Public Holidays

77 Darling Street  
**(02) 6340 2180**

[www.cwl.nsw.gov.au/about-cwl/cwl-branches/cowra-library](http://www.cwl.nsw.gov.au/about-cwl/cwl-branches/cowra-library)

The Cowra Library is a service of Cowra Council.

### Cowra Regional Art Gallery

Tuesday to Saturday: 10.00am-4.00pm  
Sunday: 2.00pm-4.00pm

77 Darling Street  
**(03) 6340 2190**

[www.cowraartgallery.com.au](http://www.cowraartgallery.com.au)

The Cowra Regional Art Gallery is a cultural facility of Cowra Council and is financially assisted by the NSW Government through Arts NSW.

### Cowra Saleyards

Young Road, Cowra  
**(02) 6342 2654**

Cowra Saleyards is owned and operated by Cowra Council. Sheep and prime lambs are sold every Friday.

### Cowra Skate Park

Open during daylight hours.

Located at Col Stinson Park, this sporting complex also includes asphalt and grass netball courts, a modified-size soccer field, amenities and car parking.



## Sportsgrounds

Sportsground	Location	Sports played	Amenities
River Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twigg Oval</li> <li>• Holman Oval</li> </ul>	Adjacent to the Cowra Aquatic Centre on Taragala Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🏆 Athletics</li> <li>🏆 Junior rugby league</li> <li>🏆 Cricket</li> <li>🏆 Basketball</li> </ul>	✓
Edgell Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oliver Oval</li> <li>• McPherson Oval</li> <li>• Raudonikis Oval</li> <li>• Bryant Park</li> </ul>	Lachlan Valley Way (Boorowa Road)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🏆 Cricket</li> <li>🏆 Hockey</li> <li>🏆 Touch football</li> <li>🏆 Soccer</li> </ul>	✓
Mulyan Oval	Corner of Bourke & Cooyal Streets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🏆 Junior and senior AFL</li> <li>🏆 Cricket</li> </ul>	✓
Rodwell Oval	Corner of Hood & Bourke Streets	🏆 Cricket	✓
Col Stinson Park	Corner of Macassar Street & Binni Creek Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🏆 Netball</li> <li>🏆 Skate park</li> </ul>	✓
Sid Kallas Oval	Corner of Young Road & Haigh Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🏆 Ruby League</li> <li>🏆 Greyhound Track</li> </ul>	✓

Applications to book a sports field can be found on the Council website, under '[Council Services - Parks & Reserves](#)'.



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## Ranger Services

Rangers are employed by Council to enforce laws and local policies. They undertake regular patrols around Cowra and are able to assist in the following areas:

- ✓ Pollution, litter and rubbish
- ✓ Feral animals
- ✓ Abandoned/lost pets
- ✓ Noise complaints
- ✓ Vandalism
- ✓ Stock control
- ✓ Abandoned articles such as cars, signs, boats etc
- ✓ Car Parking
- ✓ Roads

**Cowra Ranger Services can be contacted on (02) 6340 2052,** which will be redirected to the Rangers mobile, or by contacting Council on (02) 6340 2041 during normal business hours.

Please keep in mind that Rangers may be in a location that does not receive mobile telephone coverage, and in this instance you should leave a message when prompted and a Ranger will get back to you.

In the event of an emergency you should call Emergency on (000) or in the event of a non-life threatening emergency, you should call Cowra Police on (02) 6341 5099.

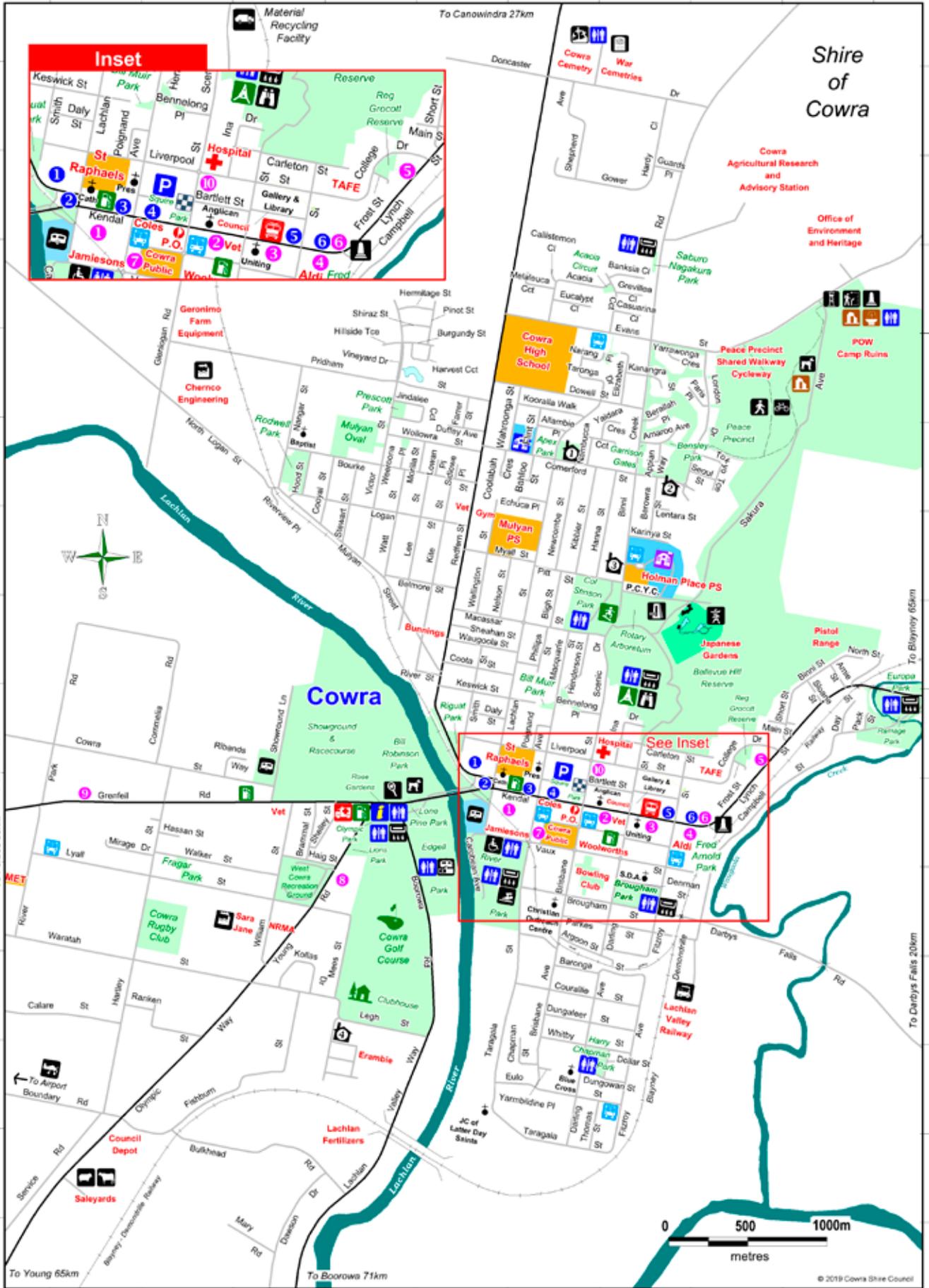
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## Cowra Street Index

11F Acacia Cct	11E Farrer St	4F Neila St
9F Allambie Pl	2C Fishburn St	8E Nelson St
9G Amaroo Ave	2G Fitzroy Ave	9F Newcombe St
7I Amie St	5G Fitzroy St	10B North Logan Rd
9G Appian Way	9F Flint St	3C Olympic Way
3F Argoon St	6H Frost St	6I Pack St
9F Bahloo St	5C Grenfell Rd	10H Paris Pl
11G Banksia Cl	11G Grevillea Cl	4F Parkes St
3F Baronga St	12G Guards Pl	7F Phillips St
5F Bartlett St	15D Haig St	11E Pinot St
8E Belmore St	8F Hanna St	8F Pitt St
6F Bennelong Pl	4B Hartley St	6E Poignand Ave
10G Berallah Pl	10E Harvest Cct	10D Pridham St
8G Berowra St	5B Hassan St	5F Railway Ln
10G Binni Creek Rd	6F Henderson St	3B Ranken St
7I Binni St	11D Hermitage St	8E Redfern St
3D Boorowa Rd	10D Hillside Tce	6E Ribands Way
2A Boundary Rd	8G Holman Pl	5A River Park Rd
9D Bourke St	9C Hood St	6E River St
5C Brammal St	6F Ina Dr	8C Riverview Pl
3F Brisbane Ave	9E Jindalee Cct	5F Rowston Ln
6F Brisbane St	10G Kanangra St	1A Saleyards Rd
3F Brougham St	8G Karinya St	7G Scenic Dr
1B Bulkhead Rd	7G Ken Nakajima Pl	9G Seoul St
10D Burgundy St	5F Kendal St	1A Service Rd
5F Busby Pl	6E Keswick St	7E Sheahan St
3A Calare St	8F Kibbler St	5C Shelley St
11F Callistemon Cl	8E Kite St	13F Shepherd Ave
5H Campbell St	3C Kollas Dr	11D Shiraz St
8E Canowindra Rd	10F Kooralla Walk	6H Short St
6G Carleton St	15L Lachlan Ave	6C Showground Ln
5E Carobean Ave	6E Lachlan St	9E Sidlowe Pl
10G Casuarina Cl	3D Lachlan Valley Way	7H Sloane St
2F Chapman St	9E Lee St	6E Smith St
6H College Dr	3D Legh St	5H Somerset St
9F Comerford St	7F Len Whiteley Dr	8D Stewart St
6B Commelia Rd	8G Lentara St	3F Taragala St
9E Coolabah Cres	6F Liverpool St	10F Taronga Dr
7E Coota St	9D Logan St	2F Thomas St
9C Cooyal St	10H London Dr	9G Tokyo Tce
3F Courallie St	5E Low Level Bridge Rd	5F Vaux St
6A Cowra Rd	9E Lowan Pl	9D Victor St
6E Daly St	4B Lyall St	10D Vineyard Dr
3F Darling Ave	6H Lynch St	9E Wahroonga St
5F Darling St	7E Macassar St	4B Walker St
1C Dawson Dr	6F Macquarie St	3B Waratah St
6I Day St	6H Main St	8D Watt St
4G Denman St	1C Mary Rd	7E Waugoola St
2F Dollar St	3D Mees St	9D Weeroona Pl
13F Doncaster Dr	11F Melaleuca Cct	7E Wellington St
10F Dowell St	5A Mirage Dr	2F Whitby St
9E Duffey Ave	9E Morilla St	4C William St
F2 Dungaleer St	8D Mulyan St	9E Wollowra St
F9 Echuca Pl	8E Myall St	9F Yaldara Cres
10G Elizabeth Ave	9F Nambucca Cct	2F Yarmbildine Pl
11F Eucalypt Cl	9C Nangar St	7G Yarrabilly Dr
2F Eulo St	10F Narang Pl	10G Yarrowonga Cres
10G Evans St	4F Neila St	3C Young Rd

## Key

	BBQ	<b>Childcare Centres</b>
	Toilet	 Cowra Early Childhood - "Carinya"
	Lookout	 Nurture One Childcare
	Factory	 Goodstart Early Learning Centre
	Monument	 Yalbillanga Boori
	Skate Park	<b>Retirement/Nursing Homes</b>
	Police	 Cowra Retirement Village - "Bilyara"
	Fire Station	 Weeroona Nursing Home
	Ambulance	<b>Motels</b>
	Aquatic Centre	 Townhouse Motel
	Caravan Park	 Cowra Crest Motel
	Caravan Dump Point	 Aalana Motor Inn
	Bus Shelter	 Breakout Motor Inn
	Fuel Station	 Alabaster Motel
	Guard Tower	 Countryman Motor Inn
	Interpretive Panels	 Cowra Motor Inn
	Historical Ruin	 Civic Motor Inn
	Historical Fountain	 Country Gardens Motor Inn
	Material Recycling Facility	 Cowra Services Club Motel
	Leash Free Area	<b>Hotels</b>
	Adventure Playground	 Australian Hotel
	Parking	 Cowra Hotel
	Tennis Court	 Imperial Hotel
	Cemetery	 Lachlan Hotel
	War Graves	 Railway Hotel
	Japanese Gardens	 Lachlan Valley Hotel
	Sculpture Park	

### Playgrounds

11G Acacia Circuit  
7G Bellevue Hill Reserve  
4G Brougham Park  
4B Fragar Park  
2F Harry Chapman Park  
4D Olympic Park  
4E River Park  
11G Saburo Nagakura Park

### Adventure Playground

7G Bellevue Hill Reserve



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### Parks

11G Acacia Circuit Park  
9F Apex Park  
7G Bellevue Hill Reserve  
4G Brougham Park  
9G Bensley Park  
6F Bill Muir Park  
5D Bill Robinson Park  
8F Col Stinson Park  
- Netball Courts  
- Skate Park  
4B Cowra Rugby Club  
4E Edgell Park  
- MacPherson Oval  
- Oliver Oval  
- Raudonikis Oval  
6I Europa Park  
4B Fragar Park  
5G Fred Arnold Park  
9G Garrison Gates  
2F Harry Chapman Park  
D5 Lions Park  
5E Lone Pine Park  
9D Mulyan Oval  
4D Olympic Park  
9D Pauline Coe Park  
9H Peace Precinct - Reserve  
9D Prescott Park  
6I Ramage Park  
6H Reg Grocott Reserve  
6E Riguat Park  
4E River Park  
- Holman Oval  
- Twigg Oval  
9C Rodwell Park  
7G Rotary Arboretum  
11G Saburo Nagakura Park  
5F Squire Park  
5E Surveyor Evans Park  
4C West Cowra Recreational Ground  
- Sid Kallas Oval

### Attractions

2A Airport (off map)  
5G Art Gallery  
4E Aquatic Centre  
5E Caravan Park  
5G Civic Centre  
5G Council Administration  
4F Cowra Bowling Club  
3D Cowra Golf Course  
11I Italian POW Monument  
5H Italian Friendship Monument  
7F Japanese Gardens  
3G Lachlan Valley Railway  
5E Leash Free Area  
5G Library  
2C Material Recycling Facility  
11I Memorial Cairn  
5G Peace Bell  
11I P.O.W. Camp Ruins  
5D Rose Gardens  
1A Saleyards  
7F Sculpture Park  
6D Showground & Racecourse  
5D Visitors Centre & P.O.W. Theatre

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Total population



Median age



Total employed (F/T): 56%  
Unemployment rate: 6.5%



Median house price: \$266,500  
Median rental price: \$260/week



Average summer high: 31°C  
Average summer low: 16.5°C



Average winter high: 15°C  
Average winter low: 5°C



Average rainfall



Number of businesses



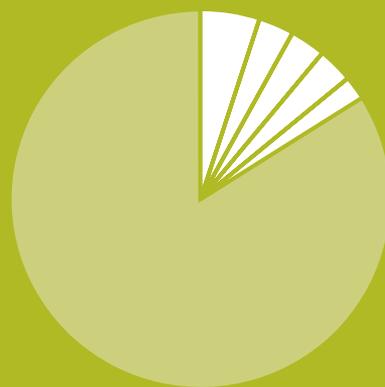
Land area (hectares): 2,810 km<sup>2</sup>

Our top 5



**What we do:**

1. Managers: 17.9%
2. Labourers: 15.5%
3. Professionals: 13.5%
4. Technicians and trade workers: 13.4%
5. Community and personal service workers: 10.8%



**Where we work:**

1. Aged care residential services: 4.5%
2. Sheep Farming: 3.3%
3. Local Government Administration: 3.1%
4. Primary Education: 2.9%
5. Supermarket / grocery stores: 2.9%



**Our industries:**

1. Agriculture, forestry and fishing: 17.3%
2. Health care and social assistance: 13.5%
3. Retail trade: 10.7%
4. Manufacturing: 8.8%
5. Education / training: 8.5%



Kendal Street, circa 1920. Image courtesy of The Cowra & District Historical Society

## The History of Cowra

Cowra is located on Wiradjuri Country. The Cowra region is part of the Wiradjuri language group, the largest in NSW which covers most of the state.

The first Europeans to reach the area were led by surveyor and explorer George William Evans who passed near the town site in May 1815 and named the area the Oxley Plains after the surveyor-general and explorer John Oxley. Led by members of the Wiradjuri, Oxley himself then explored the Lachlan River in 1817, which he named after the Governor Lachlan Macquarie.

Early pioneer pastoralists depended on Aboriginal knowledge of the land along the Lachlan when they took up grants in the 1830s, when the likes of Arthur Rankin and James Sloan drove cattle across from Bathurst and became the first European settlers on the Lachlan River. It would take another nineteen years when, in 1849, Cowra was proclaimed a village. The 1861 Cowra Census recorded 117 males, 76 females and a police force of seven officers residing in the village of Cowra.

In 1857, the first school was built. In 1886, the railway reached Cowra from Young. In 1888 the line was extended to Blayney, completing the first cross-country line linking the state's southern and western trunk routes. Cowra was then officially recognised as a shire in 1888.

A large army training camp was established just outside Cowra in 1940 which trained some 70,000 personnel throughout World War II. The following year, a prisoner-of-war (POW) camp was built at the north-eastern outskirts of town. On 5 August, 1944, this camp became the site of the largest mass POW escape in modern military history.

## What's Good

You may be new residents to our beautiful town, but that won't stop you from exploring the wonderful attractions and historical sites our shire has on offer!



## Cowra Visitor Information Centre

Located on the western side of the Lachlan River Bridge in Olympic Park, the centre is your go-to stop for information on Cowra and the surrounding villages. Out the front of the centre is a rose garden consisting of 107 varieties of roses.

The centre is also home to 'Claire' the local Cowra girl who tells her personal account of the Cowra Breakout through a very informative hologram presentation.

Corner of Mid-Western Highway, Young and Boorowa Road, Cowra  
**(02) 6342 4333**  
[info@cowratourism.com.au](mailto:info@cowratourism.com.au)  
[www.visitcowra.com.au](http://www.visitcowra.com.au)

## The Lachlan Valley Railway Heritage Centre

Opened in 1923, the Cowra Locomotive Depot and roundhouse is located at a central point on the Blayney to Demondrille rail line, the first cross-country line built in NSW. Cowra also served the needs of two branch lines, Eugowra and Grenfell. All operational rail lines in the Cowra area closed between 1991 and 2009.

The Lachlan Valley Railway Society is a non-profit Australian rail preservation society based in Cowra. It was established in 1974 to preserve NSW Government railways, locomotives and rolling stock.

With the closure of the depot in 1985 and railway freight and transport ceasing quickly afterwards, the responsibility of the preservation of the depot was passed to the Lachlan Valley Railway Society which has maintained an important presence at the site since 1977.

The Lachlan Valley Railway Heritage Centre at Cowra Locomotive Depot, is a functioning rail facility where restoration and the maintenance of locomotives and carriages is carried on and preserved.

Open 9.00am-5.00pm 7 days a week.  
3 Campbell Street, Cowra  
(02) 6342 4999  
[inquiries@lvr.com.au](mailto:inquiries@lvr.com.au)  
[www.lvr.com.au](http://www.lvr.com.au)

## The Japanese Garden and Cultural Centre

Erected on a five hectare site, Cowra's Japanese Garden is the largest in the southern hemisphere and stands as a symbol of the historical ties between Cowra and Japan. Opened in 1979, the garden was designed by Ken Nakajima - a world renowned figure in traditional Japanese landscape gardening.

Ken Nakajima Place  
**(02) 6341 2233**  
Open 7 days a week  
[www.cowragarden.com.au](http://www.cowragarden.com.au)

## Cowra Prisoner of War (POW) Camp

The site of Australia's largest mass POW escape, the site now stands as a memorial to the lives lost during the breakout of 1944. The site also stands as a monument to the many Italian POWs in the camp who willingly, and with good grace, did much labour in the area. The site is one of the best interpreted military heritage parklands in Australia.

A map and further information on the site can also be found at Cowra's Visitor Information Centre.

## Cowra War Cemeteries

The Cowra Japanese War Cemetery was established to house the remains of all Japanese POWs who died in Australia. The 524 graves also include Japanese nationals who died taking part in air raids in Northern Australia, and Japanese civilians who died in internment camps.

In the adjacent Australian War Cemetery are the graves of the four Australian personnel killed during the breakout and the graves of other Australian service personnel who died as a result of accidents or illness at the Cowra POW Camp and the nearby Cowra Military Training Camp.

In the Cowra general cemetery, there is a monument and graves of 13 Indonesian detainees who died of natural causes in the Cowra POW camp.

Doncaster Drive, Cowra



Image: Lawrance Ryan



## The World Peace Bell

The World Peace Bell was bestowed upon Cowra in 1992 by the World Peace Bell Association for Cowra's strong links of friendship and reconciliation with Japan. It was Australia's only world peace bell until 2018, and is fitted with an audio system which tells the significance of the bell and its origins.

Darling Street, Cowra

## The Cowra Italy Friendship Monument

The Cowra Italy Friendship Monument was officially opened on Australia Day 1997 to celebrate the Italian link to Australia. In particular it was erected in recognition of the Italian 'prisoners of war' and internees held in Cowra during World War II.

Fred Arnold Park  
Lynch & Kendal Streets, Cowra



## Conimbla National Park

A nature reserve situated between Cowra, Gooloogong and Grenfell, there are a number of easy to difficult bushwalks. The park is particularly popular with keen birdwatchers, as over 150 species have been recorded here, including some interesting threatened species, such as the little eagle, glossy black-cockatoo, turquoise parrot and several species of honeyeaters and robins.

There are also a number of other National Parks located nearby to Cowra including the Weddin Mountains National Park near Grenfell, Koorawatha Nature Falls and Reserve in Koorawatha, and the Bendick Murrell National Park near Greenethorpe

Access and more information on Conimbla National Park can be found [online at National Parks NSW](#).

## Wyangala Waters State Recreation Area

With a storage capacity of 1,217,000 megalitres, Wyangala Dam holds twice the volume of Sydney Harbour. The dam is situated on the junction of the Lachlan and Abercrombie Rivers about 48 kilometres upstream from Cowra.

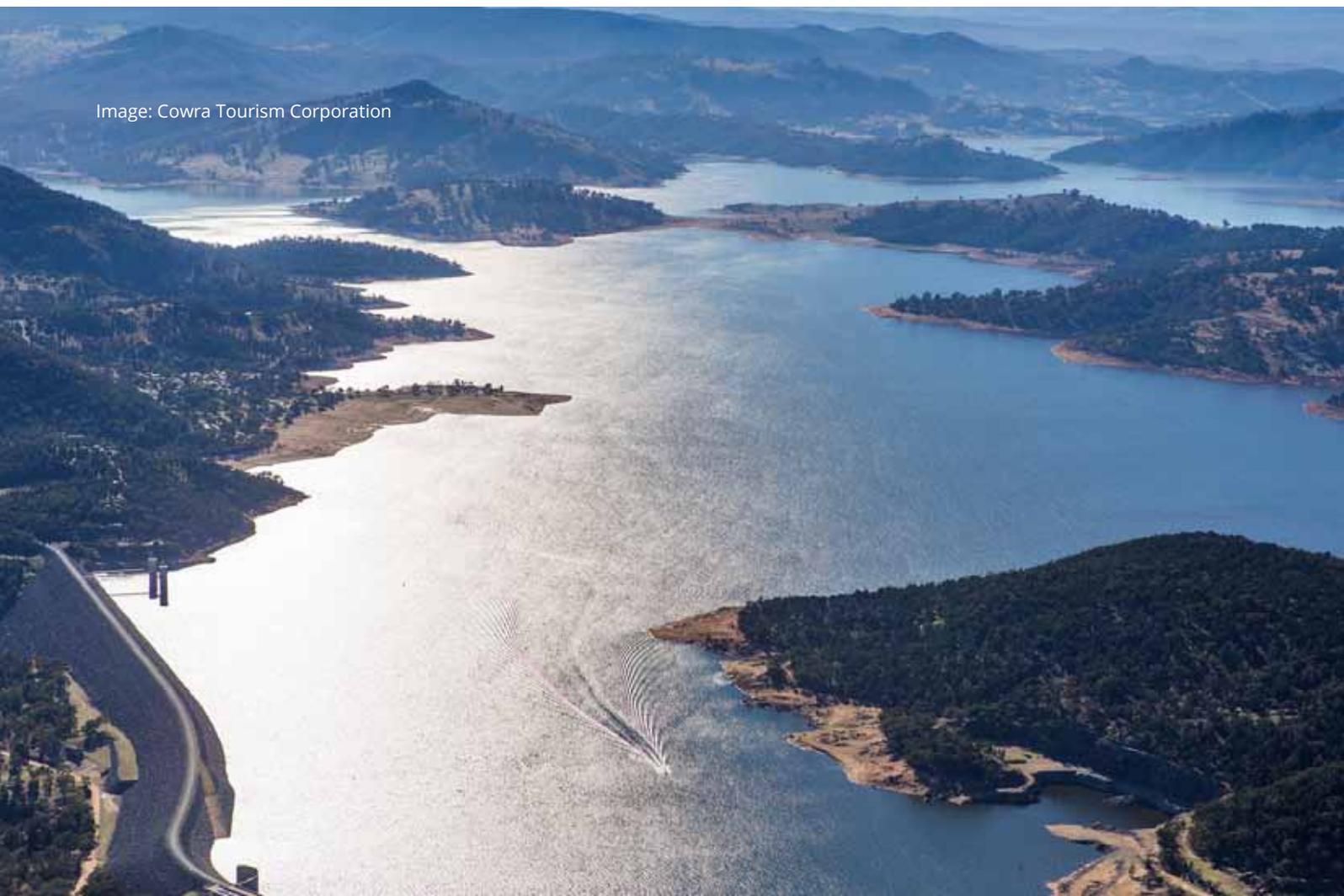
The second major dam built for irrigation in NSW, Wyangala Dam helped drive the economic development of the Lachlan Valley as a major food producing region. Today the dam continues to support irrigated agriculture across the valley around Cowra, Forbes, Condobolin and Hillston.

The dam is open all year round and is a perfect spot to pack the camping gear, pop the boat in the water and go for a ski, fish or even just a swim. The dam boasts beautiful hilly views with camping and picnic hotspots, boat ramps and toilet and shower facilities. There are also some magnificent bushwalking treks. Bungalows, cottages, cabins and house boats are available for hire through the park operators.

2891 Reg Hailstone Way, Wyangala  
**(02) 6345 0877**

[wyangalawaters@reflectionsoliday.com.au](mailto:wyangalawaters@reflectionsoliday.com.au)  
[www.reflectionsolidayparks.com.au](http://www.reflectionsolidayparks.com.au)

Image: Cowra Tourism Corporation



## Education

### Early Learning/Day Care Centres

**Goodstart Early Learning**  
2 Binni Creek Road  
(02) 6341 2133  
[cowra@goodstart.org.au](mailto:cowra@goodstart.org.au)

**Nurture One North Cowra Children's Centre**  
51 Comerford Street  
(02) 6341 3622  
[northcowra@nurtureone.com.au](mailto:northcowra@nurtureone.com.au)

**Cowra Early Childhood Services Co-Operative Ltd /Carinya Early Childhood Centre**  
20 Comerford Street  
(02) 6342 3255

**Yalbilanga Boori Day Care Centre**  
Legh Street  
(02) 6342 1300

### Primary and Secondary Schools

**Cowra Public School**  
Kindergarten to Year 6  
Vaux Street  
(02) 6342 2400  
[cowra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:cowra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Mulyan Public School**  
Kindergarten to Year 6  
92-94 Lachlan Street  
(02) 6342 2531  
[mulyan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mulyan-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Holmwood Public School**  
Kindergarten to Year 6  
Mid Western Highway (Cowra to Bathurst Road)  
(02) 6342 2172  
[holmwood-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:holmwood-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Wyangala Dam Public School**  
Kindergarten to Year 6  
Waugoola Road, Wyangala Dam  
(02) 6345 0804  
[wyangala-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wyangala-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Gooloogong Public School**  
Kindergarten to Year 6  
25 King Street, Gooloogong  
(02) 6344 8307  
[gooloogong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gooloogong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Woodstock Public School**  
Kindergarten to Year 6  
Parkes Street, Woodstock  
(02) 6345 0217  
[woodstock-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:woodstock-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

**St Raphael's Catholic School**  
Kindergarten to Year 12

11-15 Liverpool Street  
(02) 6342 2940  
[straphaels@bth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:straphaels@bth.catholic.edu.au)

**Cowra High School**  
Year 7 to Year 12  
Dowell Street  
(02) 6342 1766  
[cowra-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:cowra-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

**M.E.T School**  
Year 3 to Year 12  
12 River Park Road  
1300 724 024  
[info@metschool.nsw.edu.au](mailto:info@metschool.nsw.edu.au)

**Holman Place School**  
Special Education for ages 5-18 years  
3 Binni Creek Road  
(02) 6342 2301  
[holmanplac-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:holmanplac-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Cowra Special Needs Services**  
Early Childhood Intervention and Life Skills Training  
Ina Drive  
(02) 6341 3575  
[info@cowraspecialneeds.org.au](mailto:info@cowraspecialneeds.org.au)

### Colleges and Vocational Training

**TAFE NSW Cowra**  
27-33 Carleton Street  
1300 823 393

**Sureway Employment & Training**  
1/103 Kendal Street  
1300 787 392

**Verto**  
39 Kendal Street  
(02) 6341 0200

**Cowra Business Hub**  
The Hub provides assistance, training, mentoring, business skills, tips and tricks for the Cowra community.

16/59 Kendal Street  
1800 961 833  
[info@cowrabusinesshub.com](mailto:info@cowrabusinesshub.com)

**U3a**  
Retiree Training  
(02) 6342 2028  
[cowrau3a@yahoo.com.au](mailto:cowrau3a@yahoo.com.au)



## Health

### Cowra Community Health

Cowra Community Health provides support to the Cowra community through the following health areas:

Community nurse, child and family health, dietician, speech pathology, social workers, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, alcohol & other drug help, sexual assault counselling, audiometry, incontinence advice, diabetic counselling, district nurse, podiatry, mental health services, women's health nurse, Aboriginal maternal and infant health service and Aboriginal health workers.

Cowra Hospital  
64 Liverpool Street  
**(02) 6340 2356**

## Aged Care

### Weeroona Nursing Home

10 Comerford Street  
**(02) 6342 3333**

[weeroona@weeroonaagedcare.com.au](mailto:weeroona@weeroonaagedcare.com.au)

### Cowra Retirement Village

1 Holman Place  
**(02) 6341 1666**

[administration@bilyara.org.au](mailto:administration@bilyara.org.au)

## Aged Care Services

### BaptistCare Home Services

3/119 Kendal Street  
**(02) 5317 5000**

### Cowra/Grenfell Meals on Wheels

14 Vaux Street  
**(02) 6342 4165**

### Cowra Information & Neighbourhood Centre

15 Vaux Street  
**(02) 6340 1100**  
[admin@cinc.org.au](mailto:admin@cinc.org.au)

### Live Better

Shop 6, 119 Kendal Street  
**1800 580 580**

### Cowra Community Transport

15 Vaux Street  
**(02) 6341 2040**

## Chiropractors

### Chiropractic Health & Wellness Centre

135 Kendal Street  
**(02) 6342 5005**

### Aligned Health & Wellbeing

44 Macquarie Street  
**(02) 6344 1119**

## Dentists and Orthodontics

### Cowra Dental Practice

94 Brisbane Street  
**(02) 6342 2433**

### Cowra Dental Group

63A Kendal Street  
**(02) 6342 2293**

### Cowra Adult Dental Clinic – Cowra Hospital

64 Liverpool Street  
**1300 552 208**

## Medical Practitioners (GPs), Pathology and Imaging

### Medispring Family Medical Centre

96 Brisbane Street  
**(02) 6342 2555**

### Cowra Medical Associates

165-169 Kendal Street  
**(02) 6341 1400**

### Douglas Hanly Moir Pathology

165-169 Kendal Street  
**(02) 6341 2511**

### Cowra Diagnostic Imaging

167-169 Kendal Street  
**(02) 6342 4125**

## Optometrists

### Webster Optometrists

114 Kendal Street  
**(02) 6342 2502**

### Geoff Day Optometrists

29 Kendal Street  
**(02) 6342 3355**

## Pharmacies

### Zest Pharmacy

111 Kendal Street  
**(02) 6342 2285**

### Optimal Pharmacy Plus

75-77 Kendal Street  
**(04) 6342 3452**

## Physiotherapy

### Cowra Physiotherapy & Health Supplies

113 Brisbane Street  
**(02) 6342 3300**

### Fitzroy Street Physiotherapy

Shop 8/119 Kendal Street  
**(02) 6341 2378**

## Psychologists

### Assist Psychology

Cowra Hospital  
64 Liverpool Street  
**(02) 6340 9000**

### Kathryn Walker Clinical Psychologist

11 Brougham Street  
**0403 287 533**





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## Cowra Clubs & Committees

For a full list of local community clubs, art and history clubs, sporting clubs and other local community groups, the Cowra Guardian distributes a yearly Community and Business Guide. This can be collected from the offices of the Cowra Guardian at 100 Darling Street.

## Religion

**Ignite Church Cowra**  
11 Brougham Street

**St Peter's Presbyterian Church**  
50 Macquarie Street

**St Raphael's Catholic Church**  
15 Lachlan Street

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
Taragala Street

**Cowra Uniting Church**  
75A Darling Street

**Cowra Baptist Church**  
Bourke Street

**St Johns Anglican Church**  
98 Kendal Street

**Seventh Day Adventist Church**  
Denman Street