



Coolamon

Heart of Rural Heritage

Coolamon is reputed to be centred in one of the richest agricultural and pastoral districts in the Riverina and enjoys the best of both worlds – the friendly, relaxed atmosphere of rural living, great shopping opportunities, as well as excellent health, cultural, recreational and education facilities.

Hospitality:

Enjoy true country hospitality whilst visiting our excellent eateries, hotels and accommodation facilities – or simply have a picnic in one of the beautiful parks that feature BBQ facilities, public amenities and children's playgrounds.

Tourism:

Billed as the "heart of rural heritage", Coolamon exudes history, character and charm. The architecture reflects the flourishing economic development that took place between the 1880s and the 1920s. Little has changed since that time, with many of the original hotels, stores, churches and schools still standing. Visitors love to browse the shops along Coolamon's Cowabbie Street and take in the beauty of this award-winning heritage precinct.

Coolamon has many wonderful visitor attractions. Explore the local antique, art and crafts stores; museums and heritage listed buildings such as the Up-to-Date Store. The Store has the gravity fed Lamson Cash Railway Machine, the only of its kind in the world still in its original location. The 'Store' also houses the Garth Jones Agricultural Collection.

The Coolamon Heritage Advancement Society welcomes tours of the beautifully restored Railway Station and the Society's Heritage Tours are unique, interesting and loads of fun. The RSL Hall boasts a premium standard war museum and is home to the Fosse Diary. The diary and other items from the RSL exhibition are highlights of the Museums of the Riverina "Significance" Project.

Sport and Leisure:

A healthy and active community, Coolamon offers golf, bowls, tennis, football, netball, touch football, little athletics and swimming. Art, music and craft groups welcome newcomers as do local Rotary, Lions and many other important community services. Relax in the peace and quiet of Kindra State Forest while bush-walking or join the many bird-watchers who seek out the 150 species of native birds of this the region.

Transport:

Wagga airport is located 40 minutes from Coolamon. Rail and coach services are available from Coolamon to both Sydney and Melbourne. Allen's Roadlines operates weekday services to and from Wagga Wagga. Community Transport is available for the frail aged and people with disabilities.

Demography:

Population: 1361.
Geography: Gently undulating terrain.
Rainfall average: 550 mm per annum.
Elevation: 240-260m above sea level.
Temperature : Average 21.9-6.3 C.





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Key Industries:

Coolamon is a farming district producing wheat, canola, barley, oats and other cereal crops, as well as hay. Wool, lamb and beef are also important products of the area with emerging agricultural enterprises including the production of alpacas, ostriches and turkeys, olives and farm forestry.

There are also numerous businesses established in the area that service the farming sector, including agricultural supplies, engineering works and agricultural machinery businesses.

Education & Training:

Coolamon Central School offers classes from kindergarten through to Year 12. Coolamon also has Saint Michael's Catholic Primary School, Coolamon Preschool, Coolamon Early Learning Centre and Home-Based Day Care Facilities.

The Wagga Wagga Campus of Charles Sturt University is located only 20 minutes drive from Coolamon and a campus of the Riverina Institute of TAFE is also located at Wagga Wagga. The Riverina Community College and other training facilities provide outreach services to the Coolamon community.

Employment Opportunities:

Employment opportunities are based on the strong rural economy. There are also increasing opportunities in the service areas of health, aged care and local government.

Advances in information technology, broadband and satellite communication systems are creating a wealth of opportunity for consultancy & other specialist businesses operating from Coolamon.

Health:

Coolamon boasts excellent medical services and facilities. These services include 2 doctors, a dentist, a hospital with acute care beds, an aged care hostel, dementia accommodation, a retirement village, pharmacy and associated ancillary services such as Home Care, Neighbour Aid, Meals on Wheels and a district nursing service.

Housing:

Housing prices are well below those of neighbouring cities. Coolamon has a varied range of established homes available for purchase. Residential land is also available while larger allotments on the outskirts of town provide an alternative to those seeking a rural/residential lifestyle.

Communications:

Coolamon receives three commercial television networks in addition to the ABC and SBS. The town also receives a range of local commercial and national AM and FM radio services. Coolamon receives comprehensive GSM and CDMA mobile telephone coverage and local call access and broadband access to the internet is also available.