



Welcome to Barrabool

A guide to your
new home &
workplace



Aged Care

Barrabool, Vic

Be at the heart of it in Barrabool.

Living in Barrabool, Victoria, offers a tranquil rural lifestyle with the convenience of being just a short drive from Geelong. Nestled amidst rolling hills and vineyards, Barrabool residents enjoy a peaceful escape while still having easy access to Geelong's amenities, including shopping centers, dining options, cultural attractions, and healthcare facilities. This proximity allows for a perfect balance between serene country living and urban convenience, making Barrabool an ideal location for those seeking a relaxed lifestyle with city amenities nearby.



Barrabool residents enjoy proximity to Geelong, a major regional city offering shopping, dining, cultural attractions, and access to services and facilities.



90

km from
Melbourne CBD

5.7k

residents

25°C to 28°C

Summer
temps



The traditional custodians of the land encompassing Barrabool and the surrounding areas are the Wathaurong people, who are part of the Kulin nation.

Your new workplace in Barrabool

Welcome to Barrabool! And thanks for your interest in our home and team.

Welcome to Barrabool, a home set in a quiet location on the banks of the Barwon River in Southern Victoria, and featuring four residential communities within one of Geelong's most popular suburbs.

We are proud members of the Barrabool community, and we participate in events and engage with local schools to visit the Aged Care facility to promote intergeneration interaction. We also have a strong roster of volunteers who come to spend time with our residents.

We are delighted to have a thriving team that comes to work and leaves with a smile, working closely with each other, rolling up their sleeves to help out - especially with events which they love to get involved with!

We love to welcome new staff with introductions to residents, coffee meetups, support, and encouragement to pursue career growth opportunities throughout the Bupa network. Bupa Barrabool is a wonderful place to work and call home.

We can't wait to work with you!



Living in Barrabool, Victoria, provides a tranquil rural lifestyle surrounded by picturesque landscapes and vineyards, while still offering convenient access to the amenities and attractions of nearby Geelong. Residents enjoy the best of both worlds with a peaceful countryside setting and the convenience of a major regional city just a short drive away.

Public Transport

Barrabool, being a rural locality in Victoria, Australia, does not have extensive public transport options like those found in urban areas. However, there are some limited transportation services available:

Bus Services

There are regional bus services that connect Barrabool and surrounding areas to nearby towns and cities like Geelong. These services operate on specific schedules and routes, and it is best to check them [here](#).

School Buses

Barrabool has school bus services that cater to students commuting to nearby schools.

Private Transport

Given the rural nature of Barrabool, private transport such as cars or bicycles is often relied upon for daily commuting and getting around.

Taxis and Ride-Sharing

Taxis and ride-sharing services like Uber may be available for transportation within and around Barrabool, though availability could be limited compared to urban areas.

Geelong is only a 15 minute drive from Barrabool, and is much more connected.



Buses

Geelong has an extensive bus network operated by the Public Transport Victoria (PTV). Buses cover most parts of the city and connect to surrounding suburbs and towns.

Victoria Line Train Services

Geelong is served by Victoria Line regional train services, connecting it to Melbourne and other regional destinations. The Geelong railway station is centrally located in the city and provides regular services to Melbourne's Southern Cross Station.

Geelong Free City Buses

Geelong offers a free shuttle bus service known as the Geelong Free City Buses (Route 50 and Route 60). These buses operate in loops around the city centre, providing easy access to key attractions, shopping areas, and the waterfront.



Airport

The nearest major airport to Barrabool, Victoria, Australia, is Avalon Airport, which is located approximately 27 kilometres northeast of Barrabool. Avalon Airport serves as a regional airport for the Greater Geelong and Melbourne areas. It offers domestic flights to various destinations within Australia, including Sydney, Gold Coast, Adelaide, and Perth.

For international flights and a wider range of domestic connections, Melbourne Airport (MEL) is the primary airport serving Melbourne and is located approximately 80 kilometres northeast of Barrabool. While Melbourne Airport is farther away, it offers a more extensive selection of flights to domestic and international destinations.

Schools

Barrabool and its surrounding areas, being rural localities near Geelong, have several schools that cater to the educational needs of local families.

Primary Schools

- **Barrabool Hills Primary School:** Located in Ceres, this primary school serves students from prep to grade 6 in the Barrabool Hills area.
- **Bannockburn Primary School:** While not in Barrabool itself, Bannockburn Primary School is nearby and provides primary education for students in grades prep to 6.

Secondary Schools

- **Bellarine Secondary College:** This college has campuses in Drysdale and Ocean Grove, offering secondary education for students in years 7 to 12. It serves the wider Bellarine Peninsula region, including areas near Barrabool.
- **Bannockburn P-12 College:** Also serving the Bannockburn area, this college provides education from prep to year 12, offering both primary and secondary schooling.

Private Schools

- **The Geelong College:** Located in Newtown, The Geelong College is a leading independent school offering education from early learning to year 12. It's a prestigious option for families seeking private education near Barrabool.
- **St. Joseph's College, Geelong:** This Catholic secondary school in Geelong caters to students from year 7 to year 12.



Specialist and Alternative Schools

- **Montessori Schools:** There are Montessori schools in Geelong that offer alternative educational approaches for primary and secondary students.
- **Specialist Schools:** Geelong also has specialist schools catering to specific needs, such as autism spectrum disorder (ASD) or disability support.

Tertiary Education

- **Deakin University:** Located in Waurn Ponds, Deakin University is a major tertiary institution offering a range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

These schools provide a diverse range of educational options for families living in Barrabool and nearby areas. Families in Barrabool often have access to both public and private schooling, with additional choices available in nearby Geelong and surrounding suburbs. When considering schools, it's recommended to research specific institutions based on individual needs and preferences.

Dining & Nightlife

Barrabool and its surrounding areas, while offering a peaceful rural lifestyle, are relatively quiet when it comes to dining and nightlife compared to larger cities like Geelong. However, there are still enjoyable options for dining and socializing within reach.

Local Cafes and Restaurants

Barrabool and nearby towns like Bannockburn have quaint cafes and family-owned restaurants offering delicious meals using fresh local produce. These places provide a cozy atmosphere and friendly service.

Wineries and Vineyard Restaurants

The Barrabool Hills region is known for its vineyards and wineries. Many wineries have onsite restaurants or offer food pairings with their wines, making it a delightful experience for food and wine enthusiasts.

Pubs and Country Hotels

Nearby towns like Bannockburn may have traditional country pubs or hotels that serve classic pub meals in a relaxed setting.

Local Pubs and Bars

While the nightlife scene in rural areas is quieter, you can find local pubs or bars in towns like Bannockburn where you can enjoy a casual drink and socialize with locals.

Events and Festivals

Keep an eye out for community events, markets, or festivals that may include evening entertainment or live music. These events can provide a lively atmosphere and opportunities to mingle with locals.

For those seeking a more vibrant dining and nightlife experience, Geelong is the closest major city and offers a wider range of options. Geelong boasts waterfront restaurants, cafes, bars, and pubs along its vibrant foreshore and throughout the city centre.

Waterfront Dining

Enjoy waterfront dining with picturesque views of Corio Bay at restaurants along Eastern Beach or Cunningham Pier.



Geelong CBD

Explore the city centre's laneways and streets filled with diverse dining options, from casual eateries to fine dining restaurants.

Bars and Nightclubs

Geelong has bars, pubs, and nightclubs offering live music, DJ sets, and entertainment, especially on weekends.

Overall, while Barrabool and its surrounding areas offer a quieter dining and nightlife experience, residents have the option to enjoy local cafes, wineries, and pubs within the community. For a more lively scene, a short drive to Geelong provides access to a wider array of dining and entertainment choices.

Employment Opportunities for your family

Barrabool and its surrounding areas, being rural localities near Geelong, offer a range of employment opportunities that reflect the region's economy and industries. While employment options may not be as diverse as those in larger cities, there are several sectors where residents can find work.

Agriculture and Farming

The Barrabool area is known for its agriculture and farming activities. Employment opportunities can include working on farms that produce crops such as grapes (for winemaking), livestock farming, or horticulture.

Viticulture and Winemaking

The Barrabool Hills region has a growing wine industry, with several vineyards and wineries. Jobs in this sector can include vineyard management, cellar door sales, hospitality, and wine production.



Education

There are primary and secondary schools in nearby towns like Bannockburn and Geelong, providing employment opportunities for teachers, administrative staff, and support personnel. For teachers, administrative staff, and support personnel.

Healthcare

Geelong is a major regional hub with hospitals, medical centres, and aged care facilities. Healthcare professionals including doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, and aged care workers can find employment opportunities in this sector.

Retail and Hospitality

Local cafes, restaurants, winery cellar doors, and small businesses in nearby towns provide retail and hospitality jobs such as baristas, chefs, waitstaff, and retail assistants.

Construction and Trades

With ongoing development and growth in the region, there may be opportunities in construction, building trades, and related industries.

Manufacturing

Geelong has a history of manufacturing, and while the sector has evolved, there may still be job opportunities in areas such as advanced manufacturing, engineering, and logistics.

Tourism and Hospitality

The proximity to Geelong and the Bellarine Peninsula means there are opportunities in tourism-related businesses, including accommodation, tour operators, and visitor attractions.



Professional Services

Geelong supports various professional services including finance, legal, IT, and consulting firms, offering employment opportunities for professionals in these fields.

Overall, employment opportunities in Barrabool and surrounding areas are influenced by the region's agricultural heritage, proximity to Geelong, and evolving economic landscape. While some residents may commute to Geelong or other nearby centres for work, others may find fulfilling employment within the local community or in sectors aligned with the region's strengths and resources.

As with any job search, networking, exploring local job listings, and keeping an eye on industry trends can help identify employment opportunities in the area.



Shopping

Barrabool, being a rural locality in Victoria, Australia, does not have major shopping centres or malls within its immediate vicinity. However, residents of Barrabool typically have convenient access to shopping amenities in nearby towns such as Bannockburn and Geelong.

Local Stores and Shops

Barrabool and nearby towns like Bannockburn may have local convenience stores, small supermarkets, and specialty shops catering to everyday needs such as groceries, basic supplies, and household items.

Weekly Markets

Some towns in the region may host weekly or monthly markets where local producers and artisans sell fresh produce, crafts, and homemade goods. These markets provide a community gathering point and offer a unique shopping experience.

Bannockburn Plaza

Bannockburn Plaza is a small shopping centre located in Bannockburn, approximately 10 minutes from Barrabool. It houses a supermarket, pharmacy, bakery, and a few specialty stores, providing a convenient shopping destination for residents.

Geelong Shopping

Geelong, being the nearest major city, offers a wide range of shopping options. Residents of Barrabool can access large shopping centres like Westfield Geelong, which features major retailers, supermarkets, department stores, fashion boutiques, and specialty stores. The city centre of Geelong also has a mix of high-street shops, local boutiques, and specialty stores.



Specialty Stores and Boutiques
Geelong and surrounding areas have various specialty stores and boutiques offering unique and curated selections of products such as fashion, homeware, gifts, and artisanal goods.

Parks & Recreation

Barrabool and its surrounding areas offer a range of parks and recreational opportunities that highlight the natural beauty of the region.

Barrabool Hills

Explore the scenic Barrabool Hills, characterized by rolling countryside, vineyards, and rural landscapes. The hills offer excellent opportunities for bushwalking, nature walks, and enjoying panoramic views of the surrounding area.

Barrabool Maze and Café

Visit the Barrabool Maze and Café, located in Barrabool itself, for a fun family outing. Navigate through the hedge maze, play mini-golf, and enjoy refreshments at the café surrounded by picturesque gardens.

Ceres

Nearby Ceres is home to the Ceres Community Environment Park, a sustainable community hub offering bushwalking trails, native gardens, and educational programs focused on environmental conservation.

Bannockburn Recreation Centre

Head to Bannockburn to visit the Bannockburn Recreation Centre, which features sports fields, playgrounds, BBQ facilities, and walking tracks. It's a popular spot for picnics, sports activities, and family gatherings.

You Yangs Regional Park

Located a short drive from Barrabool, the You Yangs Regional Park offers extensive hiking and mountain biking trails, rock climbing opportunities, and scenic lookouts. It's a favourite destination for outdoor enthusiasts.

Geelong Waterfront

Take a short drive to Geelong to explore the stunning waterfront precinct. Enjoy walking along the waterfront promenade, visit Eastern Beach for swimming and picnicking, and discover the Geelong Botanic Gardens.

Surf Coast and Great Ocean Road

Barrabool is within reach of the Surf Coast and the iconic Great Ocean Road. Spend a day exploring beautiful beaches, coastal towns like Torquay and Lorne, and natural attractions including the Twelve Apostles.

Local Sports Clubs

Get involved in local sports clubs and community groups based in nearby towns. These clubs often offer sports activities like football, netball, cricket, and tennis, providing opportunities for recreation and socializing.



Fishing and Boating

Explore fishing and boating opportunities along the nearby Barwon River or take a fishing trip to one of the coastal areas within driving distance of Barrabool.

These parks and recreational activities showcase the natural beauty and outdoor lifestyle that Barrabool and its surrounding areas have to offer. Whether you prefer exploring nature trails, enjoying coastal views, or participating in community events, there are plenty of opportunities for recreation and relaxation in this picturesque region of Victoria.



Things to do in Barrabool



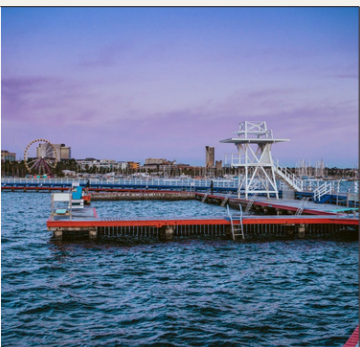
Barrabool Maze



Wine Tasting



Ceres Community Environment Park



Geelong Waterfront



You Yangs National Park



Great Ocean Road



Bellarine Peninsula



Geelong Botanical Garden



Dolphin Cruise



Useful links

Local Council

<https://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Home>

Australian Bureau of Statistics

For census and cost of living data
<http://www.abs.gov.au/>

Property

realestate.com.au
domain.com.au

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Bupa respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live and work. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging – for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and the hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the nation.

