



# Welcome to Echuca

A guide to your  
new home &  
workplace



*Aged Care*

# Echuca, Vic

## Be at the heart of it in Echuca.

Living in Echuca offers a unique blend of charm and tranquillity against the backdrop of Australia's iconic Murray River. Life here revolves around the river, whether it's cruising on a historic paddle steamer, fishing along the banks, or simply enjoying riverside walks. Echuca's community is tight-knit and welcoming, with a laid-back atmosphere that encourages a slower pace of life. The town boasts a thriving food scene, with local eateries offering fresh produce and regional specialties. For those seeking outdoor adventure, the surrounding region provides ample opportunities for bushwalking, camping, and exploring nearby national parks.



Echuca was once the largest inland port in Australia during the late 19th century, serving as a vital hub for the river trade along the Murray River.



# 215

km from  
Melbourne CBD

# 14k

residents

# 31°C to 33°C

Summer  
temps



The traditional custodians of the land around the Echuca region are primarily the Yorta Yorta people.

# Your new workplace in Echuca

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

Welcome to Bupa Echuca, a modern care home located in a rural area on the edge of Echuca near the banks of the Murray River and Campaspe River in Victoria.

The Bupa Echuca team are always actively engaging with the community through events, and we encourage families and friends to join in the activities too. This could be through days out, community visits or our wonderful events that we host at the home.

We are a multi-cultural home, and we celebrate this, and are extremely proud of our diverse, caring team. We love to connect our staff that share a nationality in the home and with their community in Echuca to help ease the transition into living and working here. This has resulted in some wonderful life-long friendships forming through Bupa.

We work hard to make the home full of joy and laughter and we work on a range of programs to help develop our staff and have been fortunate with our trainee carer programs in particular. We are now seeing the fruits of how this program has helped and continues to stabilize the roster and manpower of our home.

**We can't wait to work with you!**



**Living in Echuca offers a wonderful blend of riverfront charm, rich history, and a relaxed lifestyle. Nestled along the picturesque Murray River in northern Victoria, Echuca is known for its historic port precinct, where iconic paddle steamers once plied their trade during the 19th century river trade era.**

**Today, Echuca is a vibrant regional town with a strong sense of community. Residents enjoy a laid-back atmosphere, easy access to outdoor activities like boating, fishing, and bushwalking, and a burgeoning food scene showcasing local produce. With its mild Mediterranean climate, Echuca offers a pleasant environment year-round, making it an inviting place to live for those seeking a balance between small-town charm and modern amenities.**

## **Public Transport**

Public transport in Echuca is primarily served by bus services operated by Public Transport Victoria. The bus network connects Echuca with surrounding towns and areas within the region. However, it's important to note that public transport options in regional areas like Echuca may be more limited compared to larger cities.

The bus services in Echuca typically run on scheduled routes with designated stops, covering key areas within the town and nearby localities. These buses provide essential transport links for residents and visitors, especially for commuting within Echuca and accessing nearby facilities and services.

In addition to bus services, Echuca is well-connected by roadways, making private vehicle travel a common mode of transport for many residents. Due to the town's relatively compact size, walking and cycling can also be convenient options for getting around locally.



For longer-distance travel, residents often rely on private vehicles or regional coach services for journeys to larger cities like Melbourne, which is approximately a 2.5 to 3-hour drive away.

Overall, while Echuca's public transport network may not be as extensive as in major urban centres, it provides essential connectivity within the town and to nearby areas, complementing other modes of transport available to residents.

## **Airport**

The nearest airport to Echuca is the Bendigo Airport (also known as Bendigo Regional Airport),



located approximately 110 kilometres (about 68 miles) south of Echuca. Bendigo Airport serves as the closest regional airport offering domestic flights within Victoria.

From Echuca, travellers can reach Bendigo Airport by car in around 1.5 to 2 hours, depending on traffic and road conditions. Bendigo Airport provides flights to Melbourne, which is the main gateway for domestic and international travel in the region.

For international travellers or those seeking more extensive flight options, Melbourne Airport (also known as Tullamarine Airport) is the nearest major airport, situated approximately 200 kilometres (about 124 miles) south of Echuca. Melbourne Airport is a major hub for both domestic and international flights, offering connections to destinations across Australia and worldwide.

## Schools

Echuca offers a range of educational options for students, including primary schools, secondary schools, and educational institutions catering to various needs and preferences.

### Primary Schools

- Echuca East Primary School
- Echuca South Primary School
- Echuca Primary School
- St Mary's Primary School (Catholic school)

### Secondary Schools

- Echuca College (comprising Echuca Campus and Echuca Moama Campus)
- St Joseph's College (Catholic secondary school)
- Moama Anglican Grammar School

### Specialist and Alternative Education

- River City Christian College
- Echuca Specialist School (catering to students with disabilities)

These schools offer a variety of educational programs, extracurricular activities, and support services to cater to the diverse needs and interests of students in Echuca and the surrounding areas. Families moving to Echuca or considering schooling options can explore these institutions to find the best fit for their children based on factors such as curriculum, facilities, and educational philosophy.

It's recommended to contact individual schools directly or visit their websites for more detailed information regarding enrolment processes, academic offerings, and school policies. Additionally, local education authorities and community resources can provide valuable insights into the schooling options available in Echuca.



## Dining & Nightlife

Echuca offers a charming array of dining and nightlife options, catering to both locals and visitors seeking a taste of regional cuisine and entertainment.

### Dining

#### Riverfront Restaurants

Enjoy dining with picturesque views of the Murray River at restaurants like The Black Pudding, The Riverdeck, and Radcliffe's Echuca.

#### Local Pubs and Cafes

Explore cozy pubs and cafes offering casual dining experiences, such as The American Hotel, The Shamrock Hotel, and Beechworth Bakery.

#### Wineries and Vineyards

Discover nearby wineries and vineyards like Morrisons of Glenrowan or Cape Horn Vineyard for a delightful wine and food pairing experience.

### Nightlife

#### Bars and Pubs

Experience the local nightlife scene at pubs and bars like The Brewery, Oscar W's Wharfside, and The Mill. These venues often host live music and entertainment on weekends. The Caledonian is one our Bupa team frequent often for staff socials!

#### Echuca Paramount Cinema

Catch a movie or enjoy special events at the Echuca Paramount Cinema, offering evening entertainment options.

### Events and Festivals

Stay tuned for local events and festivals that may include evening activities, such as music festivals, art exhibitions, and community gatherings.

While Echuca's nightlife may be more relaxed compared to larger cities, it offers a welcoming and vibrant atmosphere with opportunities to unwind, socialize, and enjoy the local hospitality.

Whether you're looking for a riverside dinner, a cozy pub experience, or evening entertainment, Echuca has something to offer for every taste and preference.

### Employment Opportunities for your Family

Echuca, like many regional towns, offers a range of employment opportunities across various industries. While the job market in Echuca may not be as diverse as in larger cities, there are several key sectors that drive employment in the area:

#### Tourism and Hospitality

Echuca's thriving tourism industry provides employment opportunities in accommodation, restaurants, cafes, pubs, and tourist attractions. Positions may include hotel staff, chefs, waiters, tour guides, and customer service roles.

#### Retail

Local retail businesses, including shops, boutiques, supermarkets, and specialty stores, offer jobs in sales, customer service, merchandising, and management.

#### Agriculture and Agribusiness

Agriculture is a significant industry in the region surrounding Echuca. Job opportunities can be found in farming, horticulture, viticulture, and related agribusinesses such as agricultural machinery dealerships, irrigation services, and food processing.



### Healthcare and Aged Care

Echuca has healthcare facilities, including hospitals, medical clinics, and aged care facilities, providing employment for doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, and support staff.

### Education

Schools and educational institutions in Echuca employ teachers, administrators, and support staff across primary, secondary, and specialist education sectors.

### Manufacturing and Engineering

Some manufacturing and engineering companies operate in and around Echuca, offering jobs in production, assembly, maintenance, and technical roles.

### Transport and Logistics

Given its location on the Murray River, Echuca has opportunities in transportation, logistics, and warehousing, particularly related to river transport and distribution.

### Construction and Trades

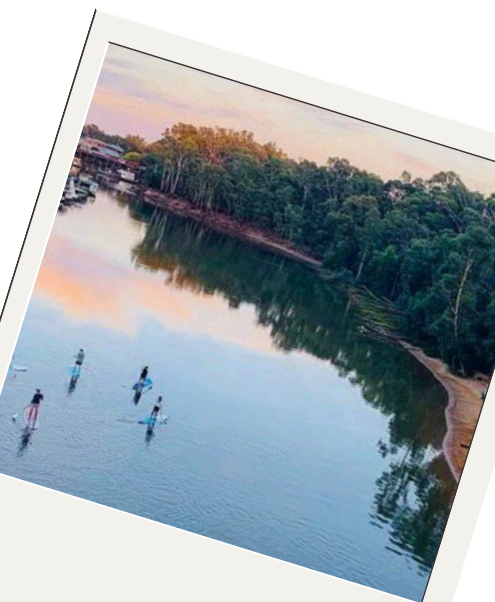
Construction companies and tradespeople (e.g., builders, plumbers, electricians) play a role in residential and commercial development in Echuca.

To explore current job openings and employment opportunities in Echuca, individuals can utilize online job search

platforms, local job boards, recruitment agencies, and networking within the community. Additionally, connecting with local business associations, chambers of commerce, and government employment services can provide valuable insights into the job market and available positions in the area.

### Shopping

Shopping in Echuca offers a mix of convenience and charm, reflecting the town's unique character and community-focused atmosphere. While Echuca may not have large shopping malls or extensive retail complexes like major cities, it provides a range of shopping experiences tailored to local needs and preferences.



### Local Markets

Echuca hosts regular farmers' markets and community markets where residents can buy fresh produce, artisanal products, crafts, and homemade goods. These markets often showcase the region's agricultural bounty and creative talents.

### Main Streets

Echuca's main streets, such as High Street and Hare Street, are lined with a variety of shops, boutiques, cafes, and specialty stores. Here, you'll find everything from fashion and homewares to unique gifts and souvenirs.

### Riverfront Shopping

Some shops and eateries in Echuca offer picturesque views of the Murray River, creating a pleasant ambiance for shopping and dining. The riverfront area adds a scenic backdrop to the shopping experience.

### Local Businesses

Echuca boasts a strong presence of locally owned businesses and family-run stores. This adds a personal touch to the shopping experience, with friendly service and a sense of community connection.

### Essentials and Everyday Items

Major supermarkets like Woolworths, Coles, and ALDI cater to everyday grocery needs, ensuring convenience for residents. These supermarkets are complemented by smaller specialty stores offering niche products.

### Specialty Shops

Echuca has specialty shops catering to specific interests, such as outdoor gear, health and wellness products, artisanal foods, and locally made crafts. These shops contribute to the town's unique shopping scene.



### Historic Setting

Many shops in Echuca are housed in charming heritage buildings, adding to the town's nostalgic appeal. Exploring these historic streets while shopping provides a glimpse into Echuca's rich history.

Overall, shopping in Echuca emphasizes quality over quantity, with a focus on supporting local businesses and offering a relaxed, enjoyable shopping experience. Whether you're strolling through bustling markets, browsing boutique stores, or picking up essentials at supermarkets, Echuca's shopping scene reflects the warmth and character of this riverside town.

### Parks & Recreation

Echuca offers a variety of parks and recreational activities, providing opportunities for outdoor enjoyment and leisure.

### Murray River

The Murray River is central to Echuca's recreational activities. Enjoy boating, kayaking, fishing, or simply relaxing by the riverbanks. Several companies offer paddle steamer cruises for a historic and scenic experience on the river.





## Parks and Reserves

### Apex Park

Located along the riverfront, Apex Park features playgrounds, picnic areas, BBQ facilities, and walking tracks. It's a great spot for family outings and gatherings.

### Rotary Park

Another riverfront park with scenic views, BBQ facilities, picnic shelters, and a playground for children.

### Victoria Park

A large recreational area with sports fields, walking tracks, and playgrounds. It's ideal for sports enthusiasts and outdoor activities.

### Echuca Moama Botanic Gardens

Across the river in Moama, these gardens offer beautifully landscaped grounds, walking trails, and a tranquil setting for nature lovers.

## Sporting Facilities

### Echuca Sports Precinct

Includes facilities for various sports such as soccer, cricket, tennis, netball, and athletics. It hosts local sporting events and provides recreational opportunities for residents.

### Echuca Moama Cycling Club

Explore cycling trails and routes around the town and along the river.

## Golf Courses

### Rich River Golf Club

Features two 18-hole championship golf courses and clubhouse facilities, offering golfing experiences for enthusiasts of all levels.

## Community Events and Festivals

Echuca hosts various community events, festivals, and markets throughout the year, providing entertainment and recreational activities for residents and visitors alike.



## Walking and Cycling Trails

Explore scenic walking and cycling trails along the river and through parks, offering opportunities to appreciate Echuca's natural beauty and wildlife.

## Swimming

Visit the Echuca War Memorial Aquatic Centre for swimming, fitness classes, and aquatic activities during warmer months.

Whether you prefer outdoor adventures, leisurely strolls, or family picnics, Echuca's parks and recreational facilities cater to a range of interests. The town's proximity to the Murray River and surrounding natural landscapes makes it an ideal destination for outdoor enthusiasts and those seeking relaxation amidst nature.

# Things to do in Echuca



Murray River  
Padde Steamer



Port of Echuca  
Discovery Centre



Echuca Historical  
Society Centre



River water sports



Local wineries &  
Breweries



Echuca Farmers  
Market



Festivals



Echuca Adventure  
Park



Barmah National  
Park



# Useful links

## Local Council

[Local council website](#)

## Australian Bureau of Statistics

For census and cost of living data

<http://www.abs.gov.au/>

## Property

[realestate.com.au](http://realestate.com.au)

[domain.com.au](http://domain.com.au)

## Bupa Links

[Bupa Care Services Australia.](#)

Here you will find information about each of our care homes and more about working for Bupa.

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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.

