

A guide to your new home & workplace



## **Woodend, Vic**

#### Be at the heart of it in Wodonga.

Living in Wodonga offers a unique blend of tranquillity, community, and opportunity in the heart of regional Victoria. Nestled along the picturesque Murray River and surrounded by rolling hills and verdant landscapes, Wodonga boasts a peaceful ambience that resonates throughout its neighbourhoods and streets. With a strong sense of community and a rich cultural heritage, residents of Wodonga enjoy a vibrant social scene, diverse recreational activities, and a range of amenities catering to all ages and interests. Whether you're drawn to the town's natural beauty, seeking a close-knit community, or pursuing career opportunities in a thriving regional hub, living in Wodonga offers a fulfilling lifestyle enriched by its idyllic surroundings and welcoming atmosphere.



Wodonga sits on the border of the Australian states of Victoria and New South Wales, with the Murray River separating it from the city of Albury in New South Wales.





300 km from Melbourne CBD

44k residents

28°C to 32°C

Summer temps



The traditional custodians of Wodonga are the Wiradjuri people.
The Wiradjuri Nation is one of the largest Indigenous nations in Australia

Your new workplace in

Wodonga

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

Welcome to Bupa Wodonga a modern care home situated in a quiet residential street in the historical town of Wodonga.

Bupa Wodonga is closely linked to the local community, keeping regularly connected with things like our Open days, fundraising activities for local charities, bus trips within the community and surrounding areas, picnics by the glorious Murray River, to name a few.

We regularly have a coffee van on site to show appreciation to our dedicated team and hold monthly staff and resident BBQs to bring the team together regularly. The team here is great, we all support each other and help when needed. We have quite a varied cultural mix within the staff base and regularly have cultural days to celebrate our diverse backgrounds and we love to learn all about each other.

We embrace new staff and love hearing from our new starters about their previous experiences. All new staff are supported to commence in their new roles with a robust induction program held over 2 days, cementing this learning and ensuring our new starters have all of the knowledge and tools they need to succeed in their new roles.

We can't wait to work with you!



Nestled on the border of Victoria and New South Wales, Wodonga provides a picturesque setting with access to both bustling urban centres and tranquil countryside. Its vibrant community spirit fosters a welcoming atmosphere, where residents can engage in a range of cultural events and outdoor activities. From exploring scenic hiking trails to enjoying local markets, living in Wodonga offers a balanced and fulfilling lifestyle.

#### **Public Transport**

#### Bus

In Wodonga, the local bus network, operated by Public Transport Victoria (PTV), offers several routes connecting key areas within the city, including residential neighbourhoods, shopping centres, and educational institutions. These buses are typically operated by Dysons, a local transport provider.

#### **Trains**

For longer-distance travel and connections to neighbouring towns and cities, residents can access NSW TrainLink services from Albury Railway Station, which is just across the Murray River. Albury Station provides rail connections to major cities like Melbourne and Sydney, as well as regional destinations within New South Wales.

While public transport options are available, it's important to note that the frequency of services and coverage may not be as extensive as in larger urban centres.

As a result, many residents in Wodonga and surrounding areas still rely on private vehicles for their daily transportation needs. However, efforts are continuously made to improve and expand public transport services to better serve the community.



#### **Airport**

Wodonga itself does not have a commercial airport. However, the nearby Albury Airport serves as the primary airport for the region.

Albury Airport is located approximately 7kms northeast of Wodonga's city centre, making it easily accessible by road.

Albury Airport offers domestic flights to major Australian cities such as Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane through airlines like QantasLink and Regional Express (Rex).

These flights provide convenient options for residents of Wodonga and surrounding areas to travel domestically and connect to international flights from larger airports.

#### **Schools**

In Wodonga, you'll find a mix of government-run (public) and private schools, offering education from kindergarten to year 12. The public schools are operated by the Victorian Department of Education and Training, while private schools may have religious affiliations or independent governance structures.

Wodonga has a reputation for quality education, with schools that prioritise not only academic achievement but also holistic development. Many schools offer diverse extracurricular activities such as sports, music, drama, and community service programs, providing students with opportunities to explore their interests and talents outside the classroom.

Primary schools in Wodonga often focus on foundational skills development, fostering a nurturing environment to help young learners thrive. Secondary schools typically offer a broad range of subjects and pathways, including VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education), VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning), and vocational education options.

Additionally, Wodonga is home to campuses of TAFE (Technical and Further Education) institutes, which offer vocational training and education

programs for both school leavers and adult learners. These institutions provide pathways to employment or further tertiary education.

In addition to Wodonga itself, the surrounding areas offer a variety of schooling options, providing families with diverse choices for their children's education.





#### **Dining & Nightlife**

Wodonga and its surrounding areas offer a variety of dining and nightlife options, catering to diverse tastes and preferences.

#### **Dining in Wodonga**

Wodonga boasts a diverse culinary scene with a variety of dining options ranging from cosy cafes to elegant restaurants.

Local cafes offer delicious breakfast and brunch options, often serving up freshly brewed coffee and homemade pastries.

Restaurants in Wodonga cater to various tastes, including Italian, Asian, Mexican, and modern Australian cuisines. Many establishments focus on using fresh, locally sourced ingredients to create flavorful dishes.

Casual dining options such as burger joints, pizza parlours, and family-friendly restaurants are also plentiful, providing relaxed atmospheres for dining with friends and family.

#### Nightlife in Wodonga

Wodonga offers a laid-back nightlife scene with several bars, pubs, and clubs where you can unwind and socialise.

Pubs and bars in the area serve a selection of craft beers, wines, and cocktails, often accompanied by live music or entertainment on weekends.

Some venues host trivia nights, karaoke sessions, or themed events, adding to the lively atmosphere and providing opportunities for fun and laughter.

For those who enjoy a quieter evening, wine bars and lounges offer a more relaxed setting, perfect for enjoying a glass of wine or a cocktail with friends.

### **Dining and Nightlife in Surrounding Areas**

Nearby towns like Albury, just across the Murray River, offer a wider range of dining and nightlife options.

Albury's dining scene includes awardwinning restaurants, trendy cafes, and speciality eateries serving international cuisines.

The nightlife in Albury is vibrant, with cocktail bars, wine bars, and live music venues dotting the city's streets. Visitors can enjoy everything from rooftop bars with panoramic views to cosy whiskey lounges.

Other neighbouring towns and villages also have their own unique dining establishments and nightlife hotspots, ensuring that there's always something new to explore beyond Wodonga's borders.

Overall, whether you're craving a gourmet meal, a casual drink with friends, or a night of dancing and live music, Wodonga and its surrounding areas offer a diverse array of dining and nightlife experiences to suit every taste and mood.



## **Employment Opportunities for your family**

Employment opportunities in Wodonga and its surrounding areas span various sectors, reflecting the region's diverse economy and growing population.

#### **Manufacturing and Industry**

Wodonga has a strong manufacturing base, offering opportunities in sectors such as automotive, engineering, food processing, and advanced manufacturing. Jobs range from production roles to skilled trades and engineering positions.

#### **Healthcare and Social Assistance**

The healthcare sector is a significant employer in Wodonga, with opportunities in hospitals, medical clinics, aged care facilities, and community health organisations. Roles include doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, and administrative staff.

#### **Retail and Hospitality**

Wodonga's retail and hospitality sectors provide employment opportunities in shopping centres, restaurants, cafes, and hotels. Positions range from customer service roles to management positions in retail outlets, food establishments, and accommodation facilities.

#### **Education and Training**

Wodonga's education sector offers employment opportunities in primary and secondary schools, TAFE institutes, and vocational training organisations. Roles include teachers, education support staff, administrative staff, and trainers.

#### **Construction and Trades**

With ongoing infrastructure development and urban expansion, the construction industry provides employment opportunities for tradespeople, construction workers, project managers, and engineers.

#### **Transport and Logistics**

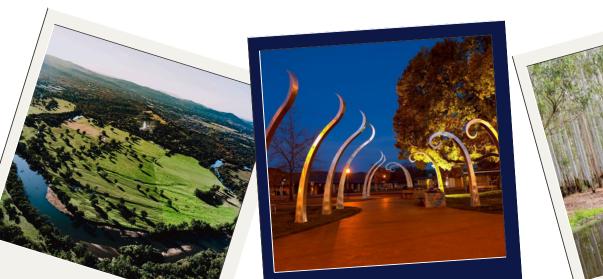
Wodonga's strategic location on major transport routes makes it a hub for transport and logistics companies. Employment opportunities include truck drivers, logistics coordinators, warehouse staff, and supply chain managers.

#### **Professional Services**

Professional services such as accounting, legal, consulting, and IT also offer employment opportunities in Wodonga. Positions include accountants, solicitors, consultants, and IT professionals.

#### **Agriculture and Agribusiness**

The surrounding areas of Wodonga have a strong agricultural presence, providing employment opportunities in farming, agribusiness, and related industries. Roles include farm workers, agricultural technicians, agronomists, and rural business managers.





#### **Shopping**

Shopping in Wodonga offers a diverse range of options to cater to residents and visitors alike. Here's an overview of shopping experiences in the city:

#### **Supermarkets and Retail Chains**

Wodonga is home to major supermarkets such as Woolworths, Coles, and Aldi, providing convenient options for grocery shopping. Additionally, there are retail chains and department stores offering a variety of household goods, clothing, and electronics.

#### **Shopping Centres**

The city features several shopping centres, including Wodonga Plaza and White Box Rise Shopping Centre, where shoppers can find a mix of retailers, speciality stores, cafes, and services all under one roof. These centres offer a convenient and comprehensive shopping experience.

#### **Local Boutiques and Shops**

Wodonga's CBD and surrounding areas are dotted with boutique stores, speciality shops, and local businesses offering unique products, gifts, fashion, homewares, and artisanal goods. These establishments provide shoppers with a more personalised and curated shopping experience.

#### **Markets**

Regular markets, such as the Wodonga Junction Square Farmers Market, offer fresh produce, gourmet food, crafts, and handmade items from local vendors. These markets provide an opportunity to support local producers and artisans while enjoying a vibrant shopping atmosphere.



#### **DIY and Home Improvement Stores**

For DIY enthusiasts and homeowners, Wodonga has home improvement stores and hardware shops offering a wide range of tools, building materials, garden supplies, and home renovation products.

Overall, whether you're looking for everyday essentials, unique finds, or speciality items, Wodonga provides a variety of shopping destinations to explore and enjoy.



#### **Parks & Recreation**

Wodonga and its surrounding areas offer abundant opportunities for outdoor recreation and leisure activities. Here's an overview of parks and recreational areas in the region:

#### **Parks and Reserves**

Wodonga is home to several parks and reserves, providing green spaces for relaxation, picnics, and outdoor activities. These include Belvoir Park, Willow Park, and Les Stone Park, which offer playgrounds, BBQ facilities, walking paths, and open grassy areas for recreation.

#### **Lake Hume**

Lake Hume, located just outside Wodonga, is a popular destination for water-based activities such as boating, fishing, swimming, and water skiing. The lake's scenic shoreline also provides opportunities for picnicking, camping, bushwalking, and birdwatching.

#### **Cycling and Walking Trails**

Wodonga boasts a network of cycling and walking trails, including the High Country Rail Trail, which follows the route of the former railway line and offers scenic views of the countryside. Other trails such as the Huon Hill Parklands and the Wonga Wetlands provide opportunities for outdoor exercise and exploration.

#### **Sporting Facilities**

Wodonga has a range of sporting facilities catering to various interests and abilities, including sports ovals, tennis courts, basketball courts, and skate parks. These facilities host local sporting events, competitions, and recreational activities for residents of all ages.



#### **Golf Courses**

Golf enthusiasts can enjoy a round of golf at the Wodonga Golf Club or nearby courses such as the Commercial Golf Resort in Albury. These courses offer picturesque surroundings and challenging layouts for golfers of all skill levels.

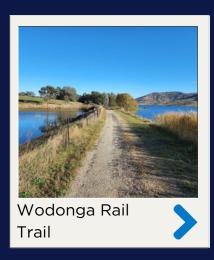
#### **Nature Reserves and Conservation Areas**

Surrounding areas near Wodonga, such as the Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park and the Woomargama National Park, provide opportunities for bushwalking, birdwatching, and nature appreciation. These protected areas are home to diverse flora and fauna and offer scenic landscapes for outdoor enthusiasts to explore.

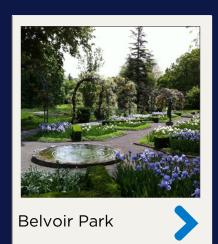
Overall, Wodonga and its surrounding areas offer a wealth of parks, recreational facilities, and natural attractions, providing residents and visitors with ample opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and stay active.

# Things to do in Wodonga

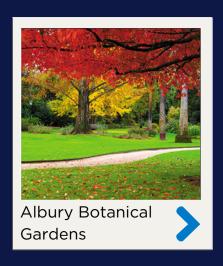




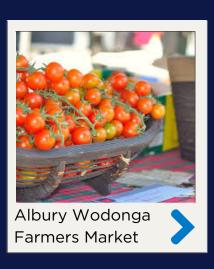


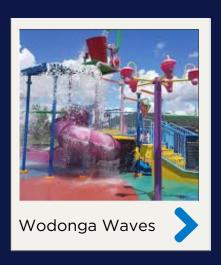












### **Useful links**

#### **Local Council**

Wodonga Council Website

## Australian Bureau of Statistics

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

#### **Property**

realestate.com.au 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 Careers** 

Why Bupa



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.

