

Cowal



Working and Living in the Cowal region.



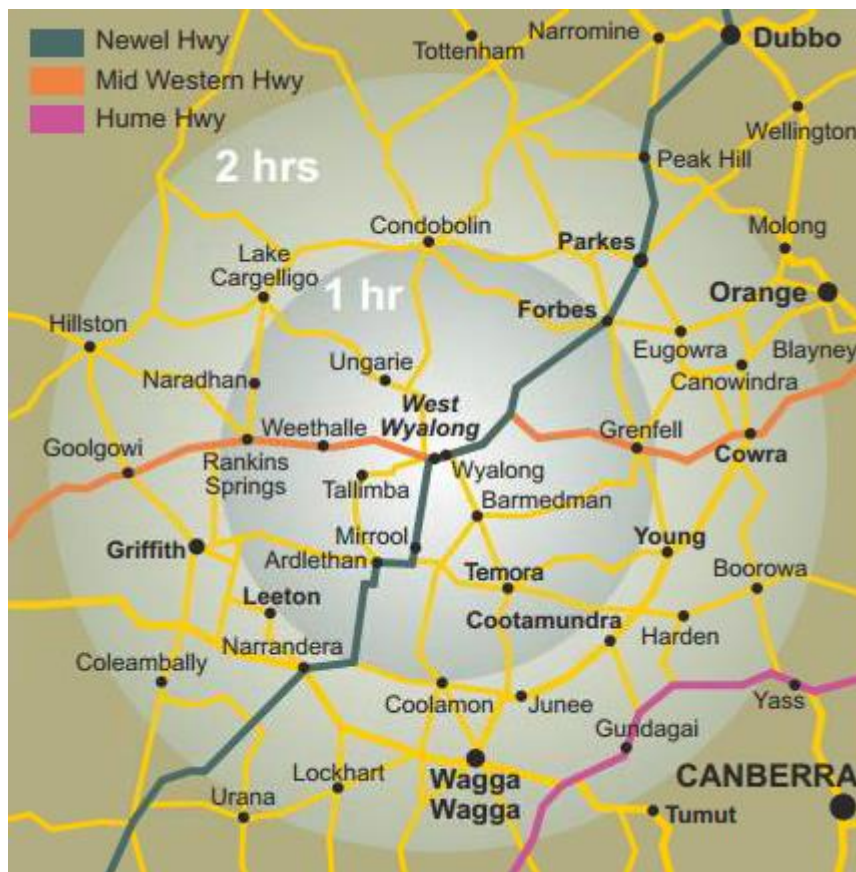
Background

Cowal Gold Operation in regional NSW. Cowal is a first class open cut mining operation, approximately 45kms from the town of West Wyalong. It is centrally located to a number of large regional towns and facilities.

General Information

Located in the heart lands of New South Wales country living , 491 kilometres west of Sydney, 465 kilometres via Bathurst and Cowra and the central hub of the Bland Shire renowned for its blossoming rural economy that is built around sheep, cattle, wheat and other crop varieties.

The shire population consists of approximately 6012 people spread across an area of 8560 square kilometres and includes the towns of Wyalong, Barmedman, Tallimba, Ungarie, Weethalle, Mirrool. One of the Bland shire's key industries is egg production boasting the biggest producing facility in the southern hemisphere.



History

The original occupants of the district were the Wiradjuri people. Explorer John Oxley was the first European to investigate the area in 1817, prophesying that “from want of timber, grass and water; it would never be inhabited by civilised man”.

Despite this statement squatters began to settle the district in 1822 recognising the area’s agricultural potential. Vast sheep and cattle runs were introduced and the area became known as “The Blands” after a Sydney doctor.

Gold was discovered at Wyalong in September 1893 by Joseph Neeld. In 1895 West Wyalong was developed 5 kilometres from Wyalong around the bullock track, without the benefit of town planning, resulting in curious kinks in the road where it avoided trees. As well as the mines, the White Tank water supply was located here. This is now the location of McCann Park. The goldfield was declared the most productive in the colony in 1899.

The population has stabilised recently. This is due, in part, to Cowal Gold Mine and Pace Farm's egg production facility.

Facilities and Amenities

For a relatively small town, West Wyalong has an exciting social life. You can choose from a variety of pubs, clubs and restaurants for your source of entertainment for the evening. The community hold different social events, including the annual West Wyalong Show, In the West Festivals, and Markets. West Wyalong also has a growing Cultural and Arts sector with many community groups and arts galleries. Local artists have something for everyone with glass making, painting, drawing, photography, sculpture and many crafts available. All the facilities you would expect to find from a country town, including shopping centres, fast food outlets and restaurants.

Accommodation

Conveniently located on the junction of the Newell and Mid-Western Highways, West Wyalong boasts a large selection of accommodation options. The Bland Shire Council produces the [Bland Accommodation Guide](#) detailing the accommodation options in West Wyalong and surrounding villages.

Medical Services

Bland Shire offers modern health services and amenities with a district hospital that offers radiology services, an emergency unit and regular visiting specialists. The West Wyalong Medical Centre is the first to benefit from Bland Shire Council’s recently created Economic Development Fund. Combined with the outstanding medical services also offered at the Bland Medical Centre and the Tristar Medical Centre, West Wyalong patients can now access a wide range of medical care and services without the huge cost and inconvenience of leaving town.

Details of medical services available in West Wyalong and surrounding villages can be found in the Bland Shire Council’s [New Residents Package](#)

Education

Barmedman Public School, West Wyalong	02 6976 2128
Piano, Music & Art Tuition, Lucy Buttenshaw, West Wyalong	02 6972 1858
St Marys War Memorial School, West Wyalong	02 6972 3003
TAFE, Riverina Institute, West Wyalong	02 6979 0800
Tallimba Public School, Tallimba	02 6975 7251
Little Wattle Childcare & Pre-school, West Wyalong	02 6972 1044
Ungarie Central School, Ungarie	02 6975 9030
Weethalle Public School, West Wyalong	02 6975 6154
West Wyalong High School, West Wyalong	02 6972 2700
West Wyalong Primary School, West Wyalong	02 6972 2157
Wyalong Public School, Wyalong	02 6972 2140

Banks and Post Office

Two of the four largest banking / financial institutions (Australia) are situated in West Wyalong. There are also two credit union agencies, and a conveniently located Australia Post.

Bendigo Bank

144-146 Main Street, West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 6972 0490

Commonwealth Bank of Australia

107 Main Street, West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 6972 2099 or 13 22 21

Provision of an ATM

National Bank of Australia

141 Main Street, West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 6979 0100 or 13 22 65

South West Slopes Credit Union

147 Main Street, West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 6972 4400

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Details of other business and services offered in West Wyalong and the surrounding district can be found in the Bland Shire Council's [Business and Community Guide](#)

Climate data for West Wyalong (2015 / 2016)													
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Average high	32.7	33.7	31.5	26.9	18.7	13.8	14.4	15.7	19.2	29.2	29.3	32.4	24.79
Average low	18.4	17.6	16.9	10.5	7.9	6.00	5.9	3.7	4.2	12.3	14.1	16.00	11.12
Precipitation	63.00	8.00	13.4	17.2	77.6	162.4	70.6	53.6	10.00	10.2	74.8	23.6	584.40

Places to Visit

Wetlands Boardwalk & Green Corridor

Wooden boardwalks give easy access to the beautiful 'Wetlands' with informative panels and shaded seating. The nearby 'Green Corridor' shared walking/cycling path, runs between Wyalong and West Wyalong, via the 'RSL Memorial Arch Walkway'. There is also a shared path to the golf course.

Garden Club 2000 Rose Garden

With over 220 roses, the garden, designed and tended by volunteers, provides a pleasant picnic setting. Corner of Newell and Mid Western Highways, West Wyalong.

McCann, Barnado & Herridge Parks

These three superb parks are equipped with picnic facilities and safe play equipment and are linked by the Green Corridor walkway. McCann Park has a stylish café, beautiful lake and water features.

Barmedman Mineral Pool

This large mineral swimming pool is run by locals and situated on a four hectare reserve looking out over the bush, with barbeque and changing facilities. The water is said to have health giving properties. (32kms 25 minutes' drive from West Wyalong).

Details of other attractions in West Wyalong and the surrounding district can be found in the Bland Shire Council's [West Wyalong Visitors Guide](#).

West Wyalong site Map

