

Upper Hunter Valley NSW Australia

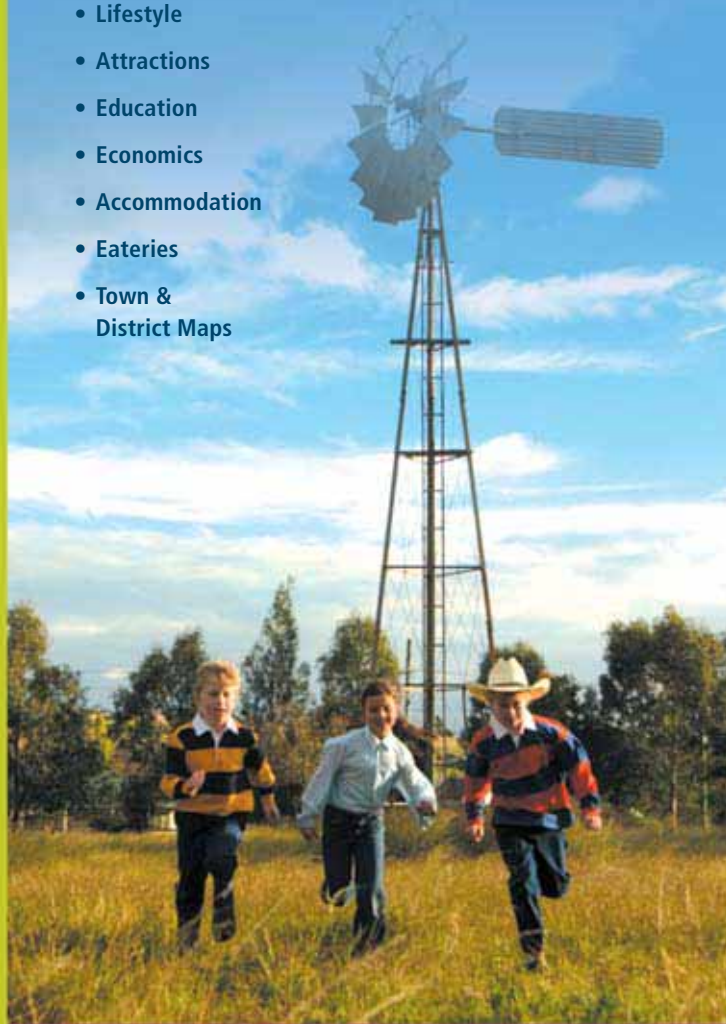
Welcome to

Merriwa

and district

A Breath of Fresh Air

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Stay for an hour, a week or the rest of your life.

GOLDEN HIGHWAY MAP

Where is Merriwa?

Merriwa – hub of the NSW Golden Highway – is centrally located.

In around two hours you can reach Dubbo (194 km), Newcastle (189km), and Tamworth (203km).

Merriwa is situated between the Hunter and Mudgee wine districts. and only 297km from Sydney (take the F3 freeway)



Merriwa
Festival of the Fleeces

Come to Merriwa and see the Sheep running with Red Socks.

June Long Weekend

- Parade • Fireworks Display • Dog Trials & Jumps
- Bush Poetry • Arts • Crafts • Family Fun

Contact: Merriwa Visitor Information Centre
(02) 6548 2607

 Tourist Information

Merriwa Visitor Information Centre

Corner of Bettington and Bow Streets, Merriwa 2329

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Website: www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au



GOLDEN HIGHWAY MAP

Merriva Town Map



Annual Events

FEBRUARY

- Cassilis Rodeo
- Merriva Campdraft

MARCH

- Ride for Cancer

APRIL

- Pony Club President's Day
- ANZAC Day March
- Merriva Races

MAY

- Polocrosse Carnival

JUNE

- Merriva Festival of the Fleeces
- Art and Photography Exhibition

SEPTEMBER

- Merriva Springtime Show

OCTOBER

- Merriva Motorcycle River Rally

DECEMBER

- Combined Christmas Carols
- Community Christmas Party

EMERGENCY NUMBERS POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE – Dial 000

- HOSPITAL – (02) 6532 5000
- DOCTOR – (02) 6548 2305

You're always welcome in Merriwa



Merriwa is a unique and friendly rural town nestled in the Upper Hunter Valley.

You will enjoy the traditional, welcoming, friendly atmosphere of a country town, whilst being astonished by the pride and progressiveness of the community. Situated on the Golden Highway, Merriwa district is the ideal place for a stopover, as it is centrally positioned, in around two hours you can reach Dubbo, Newcastle and Tamworth.

Long ago the Koori people called this bountiful district "Merriwa" (plentiful with grass seeds

and flour). Today, Merriwa's clean, fresh air, plentiful water and fertile soil produce some of the tastiest, best-quality foods in Australia.

Call in and stay for an hour, a week, or the rest of your life. Choose from motel, hotel, bed and breakfast or tourist park accommodation, and eateries ranging from takeaways to restaurants.



Take a step through Merriwa's history

The Merriwa and Cassilis districts were first settled by Europeans in 1824 and the town of Merriwa was established in 1839.

This part of the Hunter Valley is steeped in history being settled by such well-known pioneers as Blaxland, Wentworth, Oxley, Bettington and Hall. The many early sandstone buildings, homesteads, courthouses, police stations, hotels, churches and timber woolsheds remain to delight the eye. Merriwa also pioneered Pony Clubs and Landcare.



Merriwa and the village of Cassilis have many historic, colourful buildings.

Of particular note in Cassilis are the Royal Hotel, the restored Court House and Police Station and the awe-inspiring Ballantyne woolshed.



Discover a relaxed lifestyle in Merriwa



Merriwa, where the air is always fresh, boasts a relaxed lifestyle, coupled with excellent recreational facilities.

The district has an overall population of 2500 with the largest town — Merriwa having a population of 1000. A high degree of social cohesion, good communications and low crime rate are just a few of the many benefits of living in the Merriwa community.

The climate is predominantly mild to warm (-2 to 30°C) experiencing some winter frosts. Rainfall ranges from 750mm in the north to 550mm in the south. This rainfall is dominant in late spring/summer with 40% usually falling in autumn and winter. April is traditionally the driest month.

Merriwa provides many sporting facilities, along with a wide variety of active sport and recreational clubs. Visitors and newcomers are welcomed to participate in social and recreational activities.



Merriwa's public access community technology centre offers computer and internet facilities with training classes, photocopying and printing services and video, camera and projector hire.

Merriwa health care facilities include a medical centre with practising general practitioner, a community hospital with accommodation for long-stay patients and a Multi Purpose Service to come online in 2007, district health nurse, regular podiatry, physiotherapy, massage, counselling, speech pathology and other services, a pharmacy, a day care centre and aged hostel, and an award-winning volunteer non-emergency medical transport service to take patients to specialist appointments.



Enjoy the attractions of Merriwa and its surrounds

Merriwa is proud of its attractive and well-kept parks where visitors can enjoy a picnic or just relax. Take pleasure in the relaxed tempo of country living at its best.

There are many attractions in the area including: Hands on Rock, an ancient Koori site; The Drip picnic area which is adjacent to the Goulburn River National Park; and The Battery – where visitors will find a picnic area with toilet facilities next to spectacular basalt rock formations estimated to be around 35 million years old.

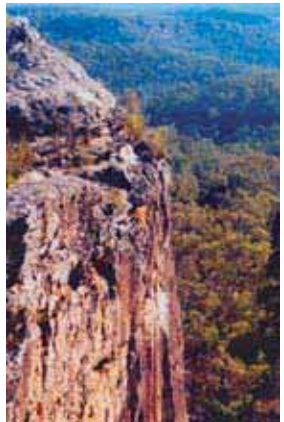
South of Merriwa, Goulburn River National Park spans 70,000 hectares of mostly sandstone country along 90km of the Goulburn River. From Merriwa access is via Ringwood Road, which is located 9km west of Merriwa.

The park, which is rich in wildlife, is ideal for bushwalking, canoeing, swimming, photography or wildlife observation. Bush camping is available at Spring Gully, to the north

of Wollar village along Mogo Road. Basic facilities including toilets, BBQ's and tables are provided.

Lees Pinch lookout off Ringwood Road provides spectacular views over the Park. A short looped walking track and picnic area offer a great opportunity to stretch the legs and take in the view.

For further information please contact the NPWS Mudgee Office on (02) 6372 7199 or visit the website www.npws.nsw.gov.au



Experience progressive Merriwa



Merriwa is the centre of a rich and diversified pastoral and agricultural area.

Major industries include wool, fat lambs, beef cattle and grain. Olive production, vineyards, herb production and native plant nurseries have been established in the area. These industries are supported by an array of professional and specialist services.

Merriwa offers all levels of school education, from pre-school to TAFE courses for adults. The district also offers exceptional youth services.

Merriwa Central School caters for children from Kindergarten through to Year 12. St Joseph's Primary School caters for children from Kindergarten through to Year 6. Both schools have excellent facilities and surrounds. There is



access to further denominational schools.

Pre-school and an after school activities centre are also available.

Two further primary schools operate within the villages of Cassilis and Ulan. There are numerous adult TAFE courses conducted at Merriwa through the TAFE Outreach program.

Cafe/Bakery

Merriwa Cakes & Pastries

Ph. (02) 6548 2851

147 Bettington Street, Merriwa

Open from 4am, 6 days



As well as our award winning breads, try the famous Merriwa Pie, renowned for generations. Sample delicious country cakes and slices made on the premises, or choose from our extensive sandwich and wrap menu. You're welcome to take away or eat at table, indoors or al fresco. We specialise in espresso, cappuccino, latte and other coffee favourites.

Restaurant/Club

Merriwa RSL Club Ltd

Club Ph. (02) 6548 2157

Restaurant Ph: (02) 6548 2295

Bettington Street, Merriwa

Open 7 Days

Welcomes Members & Guests, Dining Room, Snack Bar open 7 days, Classic Country Meals, Fully Airconditioned - ATM, Coaches Welcome, Ramps, Toilets, Mothers Room

(For the information of members and their guests)



Amenities/Art & Craft

Merriwa Tourist Welcoming Centre

Ph. (02) 6548 7201

Mob. 0429 188 128

Bettington Street, Merriwa, in the centre of town

Clean Public Toilets

Plenty of off street Parking, Local Gifts for Sale, Antique Farm Machinery and Shearing



Board Display, Grey & Black water Dump, Fresh Rain Water Tank, Fully Restored Slab Hut, Tourist Information, Local History, Pony Club etc.

Cafe/Information

The Ironbark Coffee Shop

Ph. (02) 6548 2487

112 Bettington Street, Merriwa

Open 7 days.

Recharge your batteries at the Ironbark Coffee Shop in the heart of Merriwa, where good food and good people meet.

Our menus have a wide selection of dishes for you to enjoy. Join your hosts Kevin and Bev Trigg, for a delicious meal with friendly service. Eat in or take away.



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Bed & Breakfast

Shearers' Quarters

Ph. (02) 6548 2509

Flags Road, 2km south of Merriwa Post Office.



12ha property adjacent to Merriwa township. Accommodation consists of self contained restored shearers' quarters – lounge (sofa bed), 1 bedroom (queen bed), kitchen, bathroom and tiny study (child's bed). Breakfast provisions included in tariff. Can sleep two couples comfortably. Inspection invited. HOST: Jenny Johnson

Motel

El Dorando Motel ☆☆☆

Ph. (02) 6548 2273

Fax (02) 6548 2208

50 Bettington Street (Main Street), 500m East of Post Office.

12 units accommodating up to 6 (k/bed 1), electric blankets, reverse air-conditioning (remote control), hairdryer, fridge, tea/coffee facilities, SBS, AUSTAR, television, clock radio, barbeque. 2 minute walk to golf course and Sports Club. EFTPOS, Bankcard, Mastercard and Visa welcome.



Caravan Park

Merriwa Caravan Park ☆☆

Ph. 0418 668 402

Golden Highway west of town near Rotary Park & Merriwa River



14 powered & 3 unpowered sites, cabin for hire. Town water, showers, toilets, washing machine and dryer available. Good quality, friendly atmosphere. Public telephone, 2 minute walk to shops and RSL Club, animals allowed on leash, BBQ access Rotary Park. Cabin sleeps 6 (1 double, 4 singles), heater, fans, TV, toaster, jug, refrigerator, stovette, crockery & cutlery. Linen is available for hire at \$5 per bed. Accommodation rates very low. Caretaker on site from 4.30pm daily.

Hotels

Fitzroy Hotel

Ph. (02) 6548 2258

Fax (02) 6548 2939

128 Bettington Street (Main Street), corner of Bow Street.

Overnight accommodation including twin rooms, 1 family room. Payphone, woodfire, air conditioning and EFTPOS available. Communal showers & toilets. Continental breakfast included. Counter lunch & dinner available. Beer garden.



Clothing/Accessories

Di's Clothing Patch

Ph/Fax. (02) 6548 3023

128 Bettington Street, Merriwa

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 44 Market Street, Muswellbrook

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Dianne Kennedy JP ATMS 14250

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 491 Westwood Road, Merriwa

Accountants & Business Advisors

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Telephone for Appointment
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 or 1800 252 972

Local Progress Association

Merriwa District Progress Association Inc

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 C/- Post Office, Merriwa

Post, Banking, p/p Mobiles, Gifts

Merriwa Licensed Post Office

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 82 Bettington Street, Merriwa

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Merriwa Petroleum & Ag

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 19 Vennacher Street, Merriwa

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 106 Bettington Street, Merriwa

Septic Tank Cleaning

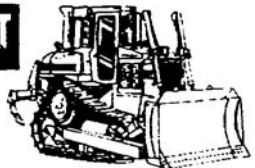
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The Old Colonial Cottage was originally built in 1857 and now houses the Merriwa Visitor Information Centre, the Merriwa Historical Society and the Museum. While in Merriwa take the Merriwa Town Walk – it gives you a living insight into days gone by. Explore the Museum and enjoy the outstanding collection of local memorabilia. The Bottle Museum contains over 5,000 bottles from the early 1800s and is well worth a visit.

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