



WELCOME

New Residents' Kit

To the
Bland Shire

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Dear new residents of the Bland Shire

As the Mayor of Bland Shire Council, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to our community.

At Council we believe that our Shire's greatest strength is our people. It is the people who build a community and we are pleased and proud to welcome and embrace new residents.

Congratulations on choosing the Bland Shire as your new home. To make the transition easier, Council has developed the following New Residents Package. The booklet is a valuable resource of information on services and facilities available to you in the Shire from health, medical and education to sports, leisure and culture.

Please do not hesitate to contact Council or call in to our offices if you require any further information or simply would like to know more about the Bland Shire community.



Yours sincerely,

Mayor Brian Monaghan





**6 Shire Street
West Wyalong NSW 2671
Phone: 02 6972 2266
Web: blandshire.nsw.gov.au**

Our Vision:

“A place where people are valued, an environment that is respected, a future that is bright, a community that is proud.”

Our Mission:

“Working together to improve our quality of life.”

Acknowledgement of Country

The Riverina recognises the Wiradjuri people, who are the traditional custodians of these lands. We pay respect to the Wiradjuri people both past and present, and recognise the culture, strength, resilience and capacity of the Wiradjuri people. We also acknowledge the contributions of Aboriginal Australians to this country we all live in and share together.





Shire Profile

The Bland Shire is located on the northern fringes of the Riverina region of New South Wales. The Shire is a vibrant and progressive community that offers a safe and family friendly country lifestyle.

The Shire's major centre of West Wyalong is located on the junction of the Newell and Mid-Western Highways and within a 160 kilometre radius of Wagga Wagga, Griffith, Forbes, Parkes and Cowra, while Canberra is within 300 km – providing an authentic rural lifestyle with the conveniences of bigger centres well within reach.

The Shire offers outstanding parks and gardens, sporting and community facilities, fantastic schools, key medical and business facilities and boasts a terrific community spirit.

Communities located within the Bland Shire include **Barmedman, Tallimba, Ungarie, Weethalle, Wyalong, Kikoira, Naradhan and Mirrool.**

The community is proud of its facilities and services, but our greatest asset is our people and new residents are embraced and valued.

Snapshot

Population: 5917 Shire population (ABS, estimated resident population 2017).

Area: The Bland LGA covers 8557.7 square kilometres

Median age: 41

Families: 813

Average children per family: 2.1

Median weekly household income: \$924

Median monthly mortgage repayments: \$1196 distribution

Median weekly rent: \$130 (\$150 in West Wyalong)

West Wyalong is 483 km to Sydney, 593 km to Melbourne, 256 km to Canberra, 938 km to Adelaide, 258 km to Dubbo, 163 km to Wagga Wagga and 155 km to Griffith.

Climate

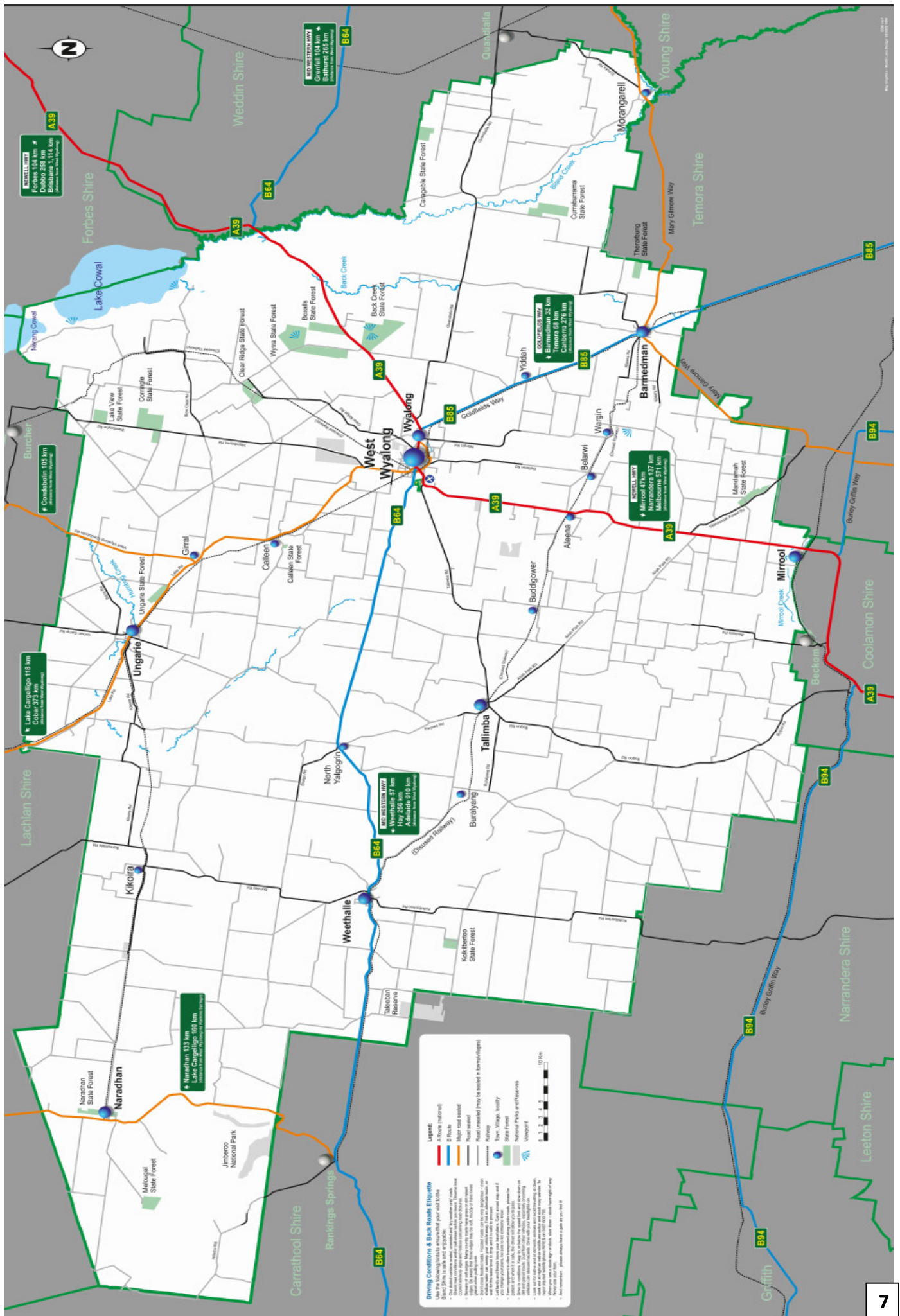
Distinct seasons with hot, dry summers and cold winters.

Spring: 9° – 26°C **Summer:** 17° – 33°C **Autumn:** 10° – 24°C **Winter:** 3° – 15°C

Average rainfall: 432mm

Elevation: 262M







Our Towns and Villages



Barmedman

Barmedman is a village of the Bland Shire and is situated 35 kilometres south east of West Wyalong.

Barmedman is located at the half-way point en-route to Temora.

With a population of 230 people Barmedman is famous for the mineral pool, which originated from the flooding of the Barmedman goldmines by an underground stream in the 1880's. The pool is situated on a four-hectare reserve, is run by locals and is said to have some healing properties due to its high mineral content.



Mirrool

Mirrool is located 46km South of West Wyalong on the Newell Highway. Mirrool is the home of the Mirrool Silo Kick, a hotly contested football kicking competition held on the 2nd Saturday in October each year.

The area has a colourful history of settlement consisting of squatters and bushrangers. Community members wishing to save their local watering hole purchased the charming old-style Mirrool Hotel, which remains the social hub of the village.

There is a small park with a well-equipped child play area and a local camp site.

Naradhan

Naradhan is a small township with strong agricultural origins.

The fully restored Naradhan Historic Woolshed built in 1888 can be seen from the main road and is one of the last great woolsheds in the region.

Visits to the woolshed can be made by appointment on 02 6896 9802.



Tallimba

Tallimba is a village of the Bland Shire and is situated 35 kilometres south west of West Wyalong. The town has approximately 30 residents with the local farming communities surrounding the township increasing this number to 149 people.

Tallimba Public School caters for students in kindergarten to year 6 and a visiting playgroup operates in the community. A bus service to West Wyalong operates to transport secondary students to schools. There are also a variety of different sporting facilities, including tennis and cricket.

Although it is a small village, Tallimba has much to offer which makes it a great place to live and visit.



Ungarie

Ungarie is a village of the Bland Shire and is situated 42 kilometres North West of West Wyalong on the way to Lake Cargelligo. The village has a population of 335 residents and a farming community also supporting the village.

The town has the Humbug Creek running through it, which when full, provides a luscious surrounding. There are many things to do and see in Ungarie, which makes it a great environment to live in and visit. There are several businesses in Ungarie, offering accommodation, dining, pub and club facilities as well as essential services.

The town boasts a range of community organisations and also has a strong sporting presence with great facilities such as a bowling club, tennis courts, swimming pool and a football oval. Ungarie is also home to "The Big Footy", an attraction dedicated to the Danihers and their sporting achievements.



Weethalle

Weethalle is a small farming community in the Bland Shire and is situated 58 kilometres West of West Wyalong on the Mid Western Highway.

Weethalle has a population of 284, which is increased by surrounding farm populations. Weethalle boasts several attractions including the first completed silo art project in NSW which was officially opened on 1 July 2017.

The town is also famous for the Weethalle Whistlestop, which is an historic train station, first opened on the 8 January 1923. The station has been restored and now runs as a tea-room and craft shop.



West Wyalong

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 and buildings. 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.

As mining declined, West Wyalong became the main service centre for agriculture in the surrounding district, although for many years there was rivalry between the towns. Both towns wanted the Temora railway line but settled on a compromise of a station midway between the two towns, called Wyalong Central.

Wyalong

Wyalong is located 4.4 kilometres from West Wyalong and is a historic town from the late gold rush years of the 1890's. In 1894 the government agreed to survey a town that would support the increasing growth resulting from the gold rush to this area. The location of the town was subject to disagreement between the government officials and the miners, who favoured a site on the western side of the diggings.

Wyalong was initially planned to be the business and residential headquarters of the region and was established in grand style with the construction of government buildings, such as a courthouse, police station, the local council hall and six hotels.

Many of the miners refused to relocate their establishments to Wyalong and as a result forced a survey of the occupied areas and the establishment of West Wyalong.



Development since the 1970s has expanded Wyalong in the direction of West Wyalong with several motels built at Central Wyalong.

A shared bicycle and pedestrian track were constructed in 1994 to link Wyalong with West Wyalong.

In 2013, the community of Bland joined Dull, Perthshire, Scotland and Boring, Oregon, USA as part of the "League of Extraordinary Communities" now known as Bland, Dull and Boring.



Setting Up Home

Essential Service Providers

Essential Energy

Phone: 13 23 91 (General Enquiries) or 13 20 80 (faults)

Website: www.essentialenergy.com.au

Gas

AGL

Phone: 13 12 45

Water

Goldenfields Water County Council

Phone: 69773200 or in the event of an emergency 1800 800 917

Telephone and Internet

There are a range of telephone and internet providers which service the Bland Shire.

Contact your preferred provider to have your home or business connected.

Licensing and Registration

Service NSW

70 Ungarie Road, WEST WYALONG

New South Wales 2671

02 6979 0000

Real Estate Agents

Elders Rural Services

305 Neeld Street

West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 6979 3411

Website: www.elders.com.au

Miller & James Real Estate

148 Main Street West Wyalong

phone: 02 6972 2224

Email: adminww@millerandjames.com.au

website:

<https://www.millerandjames.com.au/>

Quade Moncrieff Livestock & Property

166 Main Street

West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 6972 2277

Website: www.quademoncrieff.com.au

Facebook: Quade Moncrieff Livestock & Property Pty Ltd

RRAM Real Estate

Queen Street

Barmedman NSW 2668

0467 465 645

info@rrram.com.au

Website: www.rrram.com.au





Our Council

General Enquiries

Bland Shire Council
6 Shire Street
PO Box 21
West Wyalong NSW 2671
Ph: 6972 2266 Fax: 6972 2145
Email: council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au
Website: www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au

Bland Shire welcomes complaints and compliments and will ensure that every complaint is received courteously, investigated and acted on quickly and appropriately.

How Council Works

Council is a local statutory authority with delegates and responsibilities conferred from State and Federal Parliament. All local Councils operate under legislation of the Local Government Act 1993.

Council provides a range of day-to-day services for our community and is responsible for issues that affect our daily lives. Bland Shire Council is committed to ensuring that the Council and the community work in partnership to achieve the best outcome for the Shire.

Council Meetings

Ordinary Council meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month commencing at 6.30pm. Correspondence for the meeting should be at Council by the second Tuesday of the month. Copies of the business paper are available at



Council reception from the Friday prior to the meeting or from Council's website.

Rates

Rates for the Bland Shire are levied annually in July. They can be paid in full or by quarterly instalments on the 31 August, 30 November, 28 February and 31 May.

Options to make payments of instalments are located at the bottom of the rates notice and can be paid at the Bland Shire Council Office, Bpay and at all Australian Post Offices.

Want to learn more?

For more information about the Bland Shire visit Council's website at <https://www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au/Home>



Social Media

For up to the minute updates on Council and community events, emergency information and much more 'LIKE' us on Facebook – "Bland Shire Council" and/or "Bland Shire Youth".



Our Councillors



Mayor and Councillor
Brian Monaghan



Deputy Mayor and Councillor
Rodney Crowe



Councillor
Tony Lord



Councillor
Kerry Keatley



Councillor
Bruce Baker



Councillor
Murray Thomas



Councillor
Penny English



Councillor
Jan Wyse



Councillor
Liz McGlynn

Council Facilities

Garbage Collection



The designated collection days are -

- **South side of Newell Highway in West Wyalong and Wyalong** - Bin out Tuesday night to be collected on Wednesday.
- **North side of Newell Highway in West Wyalong and Wyalong** - Bin out Monday night to be collected Tuesday.
- **Barmedman**- Bin out Tuesday night to be collected on Wednesday.
- **Ungarie**- Bin out Wednesday night to be collected on Thursday.
- **Weethalle**- Bin out Wednesday night to be collected on Thursday.

West Wyalong

The Waste Depot (rubbish tip) is located off Racecourse Road in West Wyalong. At present the opening hours are:

Monday to Friday: 8 am - 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm - 4 pm

Saturday and Sunday: 10 am - 3 pm

Brett's Treasure Shop can be found at West Wyalong Rubbish Tip.



Ungarie

Open Monday and Wednesday: 1.30 pm - 4 pm
Sunday: 8.30 am - 11.30 am

Barmedman

Open Tuesday and Thursday: 1.30pm - 4 pm
Sunday: 12.30 pm - 3.30 pm

Tallimba

Open Tuesday 9 am closing Thursday 9 am

Mirrool

Open Saturday 10 am - 4 pm

Naradhan

Currently open seven (7) days a week.

Kikoirra

Access requires a key. Please contact Council on 6972 2266 (local residents only)

Weethalle

Open Monday to Wednesday until 12.30 pm

For further information please contact Bland Shire Council on 6972 2266.

Rubbish Tips

Please refer to Council's website for the most up to date opening hours, fees and charges.

Seven waste landfills are currently provided for rural residents of Bland Shire. The waste landfills are located at:

Transport

Airlines including Qantas and REX have regular services from Wagga Wagga, Griffith and Parkes to Sydney every week while a regular service is available from Wagga Wagga to Melbourne and Brisbane. NSW Trainlink operates a combined coach and train service departing from the bus shelter in Church Street, West Wyalong (near Bendigo Bank). Bookings can be made online at: http://www.nswtrainlink.info/book/ways_to_book/online or by phoning: 132231

Within the town there are two taxi services and an active Community Transport service.

Murrays Maxi Taxi
44 Golden Street
West Wyalong NSW 2671
Phone: 1300 829 468

West Wyalong Community Transport
255 Neeld Street
Wyalong NSW 2671
Phone: 02 6972 3106

CountryLink Bus Service
Visit <https://transportnsw.info/regional> for information on bus service and bookings to Wagga Wagga.

An aerodrome is located in West Wyalong. Currently there is no regular passenger transport to this facility.

Animals

Veterinarian

The West Wyalong Veterinarian Clinic is open Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5.30 pm and on Saturday morning from 9.30 am to 12 noon. The clinic also offers an after-hours service for emergencies.

West Wyalong Veterinarian Clinic
74 Main Street
West Wyalong NSW 2671
Phone: 6972 2863

Animal Pound and Ranger

Bland Shire Council operates an animal pound off Neeld Street in Wyalong. Appointments for the purchase or release of an impounded animal or information on Council's fees and charges can be obtained by contacting Council's Ranger

West Wyalong Animal Pound
Neeld Street
Wyalong NSW 2671
Phone: 6972 2266.

Council Ranger
6 Shire Street
West Wyalong NSW 26721
Phone: 6972 2266

Responsible Pet Ownership

Owners of dogs and cats within the Bland Shire are required to comply with the Companion Animals Act 1998. Under this Act, pet owners are required to:

- Microchip cats and dogs
- Ensure lifetime registration
- Change address details to new location
- Keep animals under effective control by way of lead when in public areas
- Clean up after animals

Pets can be registered or have their address changed at the Bland Shire Council Office, 6 Shire Street, West Wyalong.

Youth Services



Bland Shire offers various services to young people with the intention to entertain, educate and inspire them. The Shire offers a safe, friendly and laid-back lifestyle with all the key educational facilities you require at your fingertips. We strive to develop the skills of our young people to benefit their future and the future of our community. Council's Community Development Officer works with other youth services, community volunteers and other passionate young people to deliver a vast array of events and programs to our young people.

Recreational and sporting facilities play a major role within the communities of the Shire. On offer are an array of beautifully maintained parks both within West Wyalong and the surrounding villages of the Shire. They are safe places in which community members can gather, relax and enjoy the picturesque scenery. Fitness, exercise facilities and walking tracks are also provided including a portable pump track that rotates throughout the village communities. Our parks and gardens are incredibly popular all year round and the community takes great pride in them.

West Wyalong also boasts a fully equipped library and an outstanding and highly popular aquatic centre. The Holland Park Swimming Pool features a Hydro Play area for children, waterslide, diving board, cafe and an Olympic sized swimming pool. Several youth-focused events are held at the pool each year. Ungarie has a new 25 metre swimming pool for the enjoyment of the community while the village of Barmedman is also home to the iconic mineral pool.

The Bland Shire is a proud and enthusiastic sporting community that prides itself on its social well-being and community spirit. Everybody can engage in a wide range of sporting and social activities with over 50 sporting and social clubs to choose from and several state-of-the-art sporting facilities.

Bland Shire Council offers a range of programs and services for young people of all ages throughout the year. For details about upcoming events and programs visit <https://www.facebook.com/Bland-Shire-Youth-372068452999126/>

Bland Shire Library

Bland Shire Library provides lending and information services and an expansive range of resources, activities and events for all ages. A member of Riverina Regional Library, the library offers a range of free members services including access to eBooks, Audiobooks and Zinio eMagazines.

The library offers exciting programs for children and teens, an annual author in residence program and a unique collection of material on Bland Shire's history and heritage. Bland Shire Library prides itself on offering a variety of services for its members. These services include:

Photocopying - Colour and Black White, up to A3, Printing, Faxing, Scanning, Laminating, Binding, Public Computers with Microsoft

Office, FREE Internet Access, FREE WIFI,
Seniors Internet Kiosks

Membership is free to all persons living or working within the Shire. Proof of identity and address must be provided. Children who are under 18 years of age require the signature of a parent or guardian to join.



Bland Shire Library
6 Shire Street
West Wyalong NSW 2671
Phone: 6979 0272

Library opening hours:
Monday to Friday: 10 am – 5 pm
Saturday: 9:30 am – 12 pm
Sunday and public holidays: Closed

Bland Shire Library Services:

Story Time
Baby Bounce
School Holiday Program
:Housebound Service
Knit and Natter
Book Clubs
Writing Group

Book Deposit Stations

Barmedman: Barmedman Post Office, 60
Queen Street, Barmedman

Weethalle: Weethalle Whistle Stop, Railway
Street, Weethalle

Children's Services Unit

130 Pine Street
West Wyalong NSW 2671
Phone: 6972 2795

Bland Shire Children Services Unit is a central hub for early and middle childhood community-based services offered throughout the Bland Shire. Our team of caring and dedicated early education professionals work collaboratively to offer a variety of child and family-oriented programs with a focus on learning through play to support children's development and to foster a love of learning.

Bland Shire Children Services Unit is home to the services listed below.

Bland Pre School

Bland Shire Playschool is a community based not for profit service, providing a safe, fun, and educational environment for children.

Bland/Temora Family Day Care

The Bland/Temora Family Day Care scheme is an accredited childcare service which places an emphasis on learning, development and fun.

Mobile Resource Unit

Bland Shire Council Mobile Resource Unit currently offers family play sessions and Long Day Care / Preschool sessions of care.

Vacation Care

The Mobile Resource Unit service provides Vacation Care holiday programs for children, 5-12years of age that attend school.

It Takes A Village (ITAV)

ITAV aims to reach out to members of local communities and help facilitate learning and development workshops/events and information sessions.

Toy Library

Toy Library is a community service managed by Bland Shire Children's Services Unit. The

service provides an easy to borrow resource for families and carers within the Bland district.

Bland Shire Playgroup

Mobile Resource Unit provides a Playgroup service within West Wyalong and several small villages within the Bland Shire.

Aged Care

Home and Community Care (HACC)

Bland Home and Community Care Service provides support to older people, people with a disability and people who care for them, as they live at home.

Our mission is to empower, build on strengths and promote self-sufficiency of clients to assist to enhance independence, health and wellbeing by tailoring services to meet the individual's needs and goals.

Bland Community Care Service provides services to areas within the Bland Shire.

If you are looking to receive services from the Commonwealth Home Support Programme or you need a Home Care Package, you will need to contact My Aged Care.

My Aged Care phone: 1800 200 422 Website: www.myagedcare.gov.au

For younger person with a disability you can contact the NDIS for information on eligibility on 1800 800 110 or you can visit www.ndis.gov.au. If you would like to send an email you can email enquiries@ndis.gov.au.

If you would like any other information on eligibility on the services we provide, please contact Bland Home and Community Care Service on 6979 0287.

Services provided by Bland Home and Community Care Centre

Domestic Assistance

Domestic assistance can support you with practical tasks such as general housework or shopping form a list. Services like these may help you the remain independent in your own home. Staff will provide assistance with the tasks you are unable to complete while promoting independence by allowing you to do the tasks you can.

Social Support & Activities

Social support services can help you to maintain an active social life by having someone visit you in your home, or by arranging visits and outings in the community. This may include attending medical appointments or shopping assistance if you are unable to attend alone.

Gentle Exercise Group

Gentle exercise program focusing on balance and falls prevention in a social environment.

Tech Talk

Tech talk session to assist seniors with technology use and better understanding of mobile phones and look at teaching you about technology.

Bland Blokes

Bland Blokes is a group of men who come together to have a cuppa, chat and an opportunity to make new friends. Bland Blokes meet from 9.30am – 11.30am Tuesday mornings at the Community Care Centre.

Ladies Coffee Morning

Ladies coffee morning gives ladies a chance to meet in a safe, friendly environment for a cuppa, chat and an opportunity to make new friends. Ladies coffee morning is held Thursday mornings from 9.30am – 11.30am at the Community Care Centre.

Goods & Equipment

Goods and equipment services can help you maintain you independence if you have a

functional limitation (any health problem that prevents you from completing a range of tasks), or if you just find it difficult to carry out day-to-day living activities.

Home Maintenance

Home maintenance can provide assistance with mowing your lawns. The service is primarily for function and safety and not for aesthetic effect.

Respite Care

Respite care (also known as short-term care) is a form of support for carers. It gives Carers the opportunity to attend to everyday activities and have a break from their caring role. Respite care may be given informally by friends, family or neighbours, or by formal respite services. Respite services may be available in your home or at the centre.

Centre Based Activity Day

Centre based activity day refer to the provision of structured group activities designed to assist people develop, maintain or support the capacity for independent living and social interaction and enables people to pursue interests and hobbies. The aim of the day is to have fun through stimulating the mind and body with activities and by mixing with other community members.

Home Care Packages

If you want to stay in your own home as you get older but need some help with things like cleaning and preparing meals, or with transport so that you can go shopping or to attend appointments, a Home Care Package may help you.

RFBI West Wyalong Masonic Village



The Royal Freemasons' Benevolent Institution (RFBI) operates the West Wyalong Masonic Village, a fully accredited residential aged care facility. Contact the Village for additional information.

64 Ungarie Road
West Wyalong NSW 2671
Phone: 6972 4888

Volunteering

West Wyalong and the Bland Shire are renowned for our terrific community spirit.

Our spirit is driven by our volunteers and community groups. Bland Shire has many community groups and organisations which cater for all interest groups and talents.

Contact details for community groups and organisations in the Bland Shire can be found in Council's Business and Community Guide which is available online at <https://www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au/files/sharedassets/public/bland-shire-business-and-community-guide-2019-2020.pdf> or by visiting Council's offices at 6 Shire Street, West Wyalong or phoning Council on 6972 2266 and arranging for a copy to be sent to you.



Services & Facilities

NBN

The National Broadband Network is now available in most parts of the Bland Shire. Residents can check the availability of the NBN at their address by visiting <http://www.nbnco.com.au/>

Television Stations

The Bland Shire receives all free to air television channels as well as Foxtel.

Newspaper

The West Wyalong Advocate newspaper publishes on Tuesday and Friday of each week and features local community news and sport.

Address: 140 Main Street
West Wyalong NSW 2671
Phone: 6972 2033

Radio Stations

FM

Community Radio Gold FM - 94.5

hit93.1 or hit99.7

Rock FM - 95.5

Triple J - 101.9

Radio National - 104.3

AM

Triple M Griffith - 963

Triple M Wagga Wagga - 1152

2LF Young - 1350

ABC Local - 549



Sports and Leisure

West Wyalong is a proud and passionate sporting community with a rich history. Council has recently made a significant investment in the Shire's sporting facilities and ovals.

The \$1.5 million Perseverance Street sporting complex upgrade includes the iconic Ron Crowe Oval, the home of the West Wyalong Mallee Men and Chicks who compete in the Group 20 Rugby League competition.

Ron Crowe Oval hosts the annual West Wyalong knockout in the last weekend in February. The ground is also host to junior rugby league, touch football, community events and has the capacity to host both local and major soccer and rugby union matches.



Adjoining Ron Crowe Oval is a modern and refurbished multipurpose indoor basketball stadium, which includes two full sized basketball courts, new flooring, roofing, amenities and commercial kitchen facilities, opened in 2017. Local junior and senior basketball are held in the stadium throughout the year along with a range of other indoor sport and community activities.

Holland Park swimming pool hosts a number of major carnivals and is the base for the annual West Wyalong Gold Triathlon which is usually held in April.

A major upgrade to McAlister Oval was recently completed. The facility has previously hosted a state Little Athletics carnival and representative cricket match where a number

of New South Wales cricket stars took to the pitch.

McAlister Oval is the home ground for the West Wyalong-Girral Australian Rules Football and Netball teams which compete in the Northern Riverina Football League competition.

Adjoining McAlister Oval is the West Wyalong Tennis Club, which features a number of newly refurbished synthetic grass courts that regularly host competitions throughout the year.

The **West Wyalong Skate Park** has recently been upgraded and is a popular venue for local youth.

West Wyalong field's teams in the Central West Southern Graincorp Cup and Women's Rugby Union competition and the Lachlan Amateur Soccer Competition, has a rifle range, two lawn bowling clubs, a harness racing track, camp draft, rodeo and horse facilities, a dirt speedway and 18 hole championship grass green golf course within a sports club and motel complex.



The New South Wales Free Flight Society recently constructed a new field at 1390 Clear Ridge Road and holds frequent events.

Contact details for community groups and organisations in the Bland Shire can be found in Council's Business and Community Guide at www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au.

Health and Medical

West Wyalong offers modern health services and amenities with a well-equipped district hospital that includes radiology, an emergency unit and the capacity to host additional services. The Shire has three (3) GP practices, a Community Health Centre, two (2) dental surgeries, a residential aged care facility and a range of Home and Community Care (HACC) services and other support services.

In recent years medical services in the Bland Shire have expanded to include a full-time physiotherapist and dietician as well as other visiting specialists including a podiatrist, gynaecologist and obstetrician and urologist as well as an ultrasound service while a radiographer is employed at the West Wyalong and District Hospital.

For more information about what services are available phone Council on 6972 2266 or visit Council's Website at www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au

West Wyalong Pharmacy
115 Main Street West Wyalong
Phone: 6972 2500

Healthsave Pharmacy
29 Ungarie Road, Building 2
02 6972 0101

West Wyalong Dental Surgery
80 Main Street West Wyalong
Phone: 6972 2018

West Wyalong Community Health Centre
70 Ungarie Road West Wyalong
Phone: 6979 0000

Ungarie Community Health Centre
Condamine Street Ungarie
Phone: 6975 9102

Health and Medical Agencies

West Wyalong and District Hospital
70 Ungarie Road West Wyalong
Phone: 6979 0000

West Wyalong Medical Centre
113 Main Street West Wyalong
Phone: 6972 2866

Bland Medical Centre
33 Maitland Street West Wyalong
Phone: 6972 1189

Tristar Medical Centre
29 Ungarie Road West Wyalong
Phone: 6972 4811

Lord and Wells Optometrists
164 Main Street West Wyalong
Phone: 6972 2955

Culture



The Bland Shire has a blooming cultural community providing both residents and visitors the opportunity to become immersed in the rich local history and culture.

The Bland Shire showcases a vast array of local artistic talent, including the Exclusive Hot Glass Gallery in Neeld Street Wyalong and the local Splatter Art Gallery in West Wyalong's Main Street which hosts classes, workshops and art exhibitions.

Bland Shire is rich in history, culture and art.

From the stunning Weethalle Silo art to Mirrool's Horsing Around mural not forgetting the biggest football in Australia and the many murals and sculptures in West Wyalong, there is art to be admired for every age group.

Local artists' work is also on display with glass making, painting, drawing, photography, sculpture and much more, at different outlets within the Bland Shire.

The West Wyalong Town Band and Town Choir perform at various community events and always welcome new members while Council conducts a series of cultural events and

activities throughout the year which in the past have included live music and theatre performances, exhibitions and guest presenters.

The annual West Wyalong show is held in September and is a popular event with both children and adults. Ungarie, Barmedman and Weethalle also hold annual shows.

Contact details of cultural and community organisations within the Bland Shire are available in Council's Business and Community Guide.

There are numerous heritage listed buildings in the Shire, as well as several museums showcasing the Shire's rich cultural heritage. The Wyalong Museum is housed in the historic old Wyalong Court House and exhibits a collection of early objects which portray our local history. The purpose-built shed displays machinery that was used for early industries. The Museum is managed by the Bland District Historical Society Inc and is open from 2pm-5pm daily.

A monumental poppet head and a replica miner's hut - an ode to the gold mining heritage of the area - have been erected in Coinda Reserve, which is a popular spot with locals and travellers. Park the car and take a leisurely stroll down the West Wyalong Heritage Walk to view the historic buildings and picturesque surrounds that the Bland Shire has to offer. The Visitor Information Centre in the Council building will be able to give you all the information you need to explore the cultural offering the Shire has to offer.

Visitor Information Centre

West Wyalong Visitors Information Centre
6 Shire Street

West Wyalong, NSW

Phone: (02) 6979 0272

Our Indigenous Culture

Wiradjuri people of NSW

The Wiradjuri were the largest language Group in NSW. But is made up of smaller language groups that have different dialects to the groups they boarder with, such as

Wiradjuri means “**People of the three rivers**” these being the Lachlan, Macquarie and Murrumbidgee rivers.

The Wiradjuri people generally moved around in small groups, using the river flats, open lands and waterways with some regularity through the seasons as indicated by debris that has accumulated in these areas

Research shows that there was one basic language used by the Wiradjuri people, however, different smaller sub groups among Wiradjuri speakers had some words that belonged exclusively to their own clan.

Occupation of the land by the Wiradjuri can be seen by modified trees and campsite remainders. Carved trees are more commonly found around the Macquarie and Lachlan rivers. Campsites, which indicate seasonal occupation by small groups, have been found on river flats, open land and by the rivers.

Wiradjuri people moved around the country according to seasonal conditions

The Wiradjuri people cover one of the largest tribal areas in NSW from Nyngan to Albury and from Hay to Bathurst

Local Aboriginal Land Council



West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council is committed to caring and working for the wellbeing of all people of Aboriginal descent and affiliation to the West Wyalong Land Council Area, whatever their circumstances might be. We envisage a future where the whole community will have an improved awareness and understanding of, and respect for, Aboriginal Culture and Heritage. We are committed to working towards a sustainable future for our Community. We will achieve this through using our knowledge, resources and skills in traditional ways for the long-term benefit of our individual members, families and groups.

76-78 Main Street,
West Wyalong New South Wales
2671

02 6972 3493

Education

Early Childhood Education

Bland Preschool

130 Pine Street
PO Box 21
West Wyalong NSW 2671
Phone: 6972 2795
Fax: 6972 1580
Email: council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au
Website: www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au

Little Wattle Preschool & Child Care Centre

50 Park Street
West Wyalong NSW 2671
Phone: 6972 1044
Email: littlewattlepspcc@akachildcare.com.au
Facebook: West Wyalong Little Wattle
Pre-school & Child Care Centre

Ungarie Preschool

PO Box 21
West Wyalong NSW 2671
Phone: 6972 2795
Fax: 6972 1580
Email: council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au
Website: www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au

Public Primary Schools

Barmedman Public School

Robertson Street
Barmedman NSW 2668
Phone: 6976 2128
Fax: 6976 2006
Email: barmedmanp.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: www.barmedman-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Naradhan Public School

Kooba Street
Naradhan NSW 2669
Phone: 6896 9808
Fax: 6896 9852
Email: naradhanp.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Website: www.naradhan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Tallimba Public School

Kikoirra Street
Tallimba NSW 2669
Phone: 6975 7251
Fax: 6975 7258
Email: tallimba-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: www.tallimbap.schools.nsw.edu.au

Ungarie Central School (Kindy to year 12)

Condobolin Road
PO Box 37
Ungarie NSW 2669
Phone: 6975 9030
Fax: 6975 9157
Email: ungarie-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: www.ungariec.schools.nsw.edu.au

Weethalle Public School

Wattle Street
Weethalle NSW 2669
Phone: 6975 6154
Fax: 6975 6202
Email: weethallep.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: www.weethalle-p.schools.nsw.edu.au



West Wyalong Public School

71 Park Street
PO Box 82
West Wyalong NSW 2671
Phone: 6972 2157
Fax: 6972 2818
Email: westwyalonp.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: www.westwyalon-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Facebook: West Wyalong Public School



Wyalong (Topsy) Public School

P0 Box 28 Wyalong NSW 2671

George Bland Avenue

Phone: 6972 2140

Fax: 6972 2834

Email: wyalong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Website: www.wyalongp.schools.nsw.edu.au

Private Primary School

St Mary's War Memorial School

England Street

P0 Box 335

West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 6972 3003

Fax: 6972 0125

Email: principal@smwms.cg.catholic.edu.au

Website: www.smwms.cg.catholic.edu.au

Public High School

West Wyalong High School

Dumaresq Street

P0 Box 167

West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 6972 2700

Fax: 6972 2236

Email: westwyalonh.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Website: www.westwyalonh.schools.nsw.edu.au

Adult Education/Vocational Training

TAFE NSW Riverina Institute West

Wyalong Campus

86 Wootten Street

West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 6979 0800

Fax: 6972 3489

Website: <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/>

Verto Community College

23 Templar Street, Forbes, NSW,

Phone: 6852 4455

Fax: 6851 6961

Email: info@verto.org.au

Website: <https://www.verto.org.au/>

Our Business

Council has strategies in place to attract more new industries to the area and ensure a prosperous and sustainable future.

Employment Opportunities

The Bland Shire has a low unemployment rate with a constant demand for skilled labour.

Cowal Gold Operation is the Bland Shire's major employer with a workforce of up to 435 staff (employees and contractors).



Bland Shire Council is the Shire's other major employer. Bland Shire has fantastic business and investment opportunities to support these major developments and meet the need for housing and other goods and services.

West Wyalong also offers unique and exciting opportunities for professional people in various areas as well as a vibrant retail sector.

Key Industries

The Bland Shire is a blossoming rural economy built around sheep, cattle, wheat and other crop varieties. In recent times, West Wyalong has also experienced significant developments away from agriculture.



Evolution Mining operates a successful gold mine at Lake Cowal, 32 km from West Wyalong. The mine currently has State Government approval to operate until at least 2032.

Pace Farm operate the largest egg producing facility in the southern hemisphere in West Wyalong while the AWB have invested heavily in the region through its modern grain handling facility in West Wyalong.

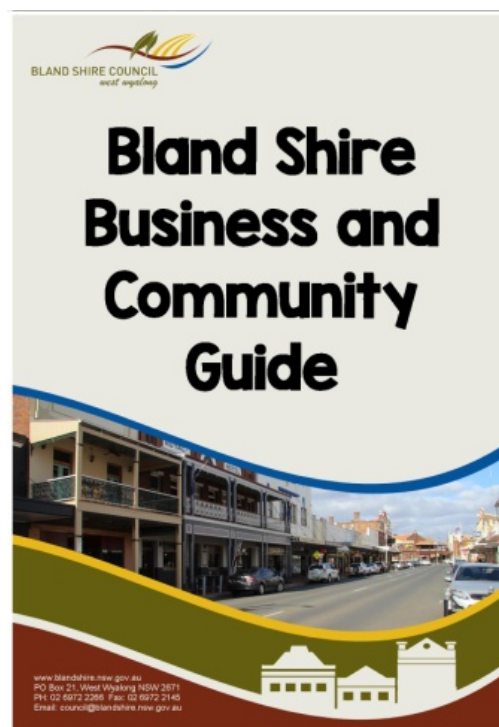


Bland Shire Business & Community Guide

The Business and Community Guide is an excellent reference for any member of the Bland Shire to have easy access to correct contact details of nominated community services, groups and businesses in one handy publication.

The Business and Community Guide is a free publication.

The Bland Shire Business and Community Guide is available online at www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au, or by visiting Council's offices at 6 Shire Street, West Wyalong or phoning Council on 6972 2266 and arranging for a copy to be sent to you.



Housing

The Bland Shire offers affordable housing prices well below those of capital cities and major regional centres.

According to the 2017 Census, the median monthly mortgage repayment in the Bland Shire is \$1196 while the median weekly rental in West Wyalong is just \$150 per week.

The average household size is 2.3 persons and the average person per bedroom is 1.1.

The Bland Shire offers a variety of housing options from heritage to modern executive. A range of land is available both within the town boundaries and on small acreage on the fringes.

Banks and Credit Unions

Bendigo Bank

96 Main Street
West Wyalong NSW 2671
Phone: 6972 3355

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
Provision of an ATM

Australian Post

Post offices located at:

Barmedman

60 Queen Street
Barmedman NSW 2668
Phone: 6976 2008

Tallimba

46 Tallimba Street
Tallimba NSW 2669
Phone: 6975 7228

Ungarie

39 Wollongough Street
Ungarie NSW 2669
Phone: 6975 9055

Weethalle

9 Railway Street
Weethalle NSW 2669
Phone: 6975 6266

West Wyalong

152 Main Street
West Wyalong, NSW 2671
Phone: (02) 6972 21

Wyalong

72 Neeld Street
Wyalong, NSW 2671
Phone: (02) 6972 2696

Electoral Commission

Riverina Division Office

Wade-Ferrell's Building
5 Twynam Street
PO Box 8
Narrandera NSW 2700
Phone: 13 23 26

Forms are available from all Australian Post Offices.



Community Groups and Organisations

Business Service Organisations

Business West Wyalong Inc

PO Box 349

West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: (02) 6972 3273

Email: businesswestwyalong@gmail.com

Facebook: Business West Wyalong Inc

Community Service Organisations

West Wyalong & District Country Education Fund

Mobile: 0402424955

Email: kate_v_barrett@yahoo.com.au

Website: www.cef.org.au

Facebook: wwdcef

West Wyalong Lions Club

PO Box 254

West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 0427 723 539

Website: www.lionsclubs.org.au

West Wyalong Probus Club

West Wyalong Bowling and Recreation Club

Phone: 6972 3410

Mobile: 0427 723 410

Website: www.probus.com.au

West Wyalong Rotary Club

PO Box 182

West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 6972 2133

Website: www.rotary.org.au

Facebook: Rotary W Wyalong

West Wyalong VIEW Club

PO Box 29

West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 02 6972 4976

Country Women's Association

CWA of NSW

PO Box 15

Potts Point NSW 1335

Phone: (02) 8337 0200

Email: info@cwaofnsw.org.au

Website: www.cwaofnsw.org.au

Bellarwi CWA

1 Conway Street

Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 0439 752 548

Email: randbwiddows1@bigpond.com

Website: www.rsl.org.au

Ungarie CWA

48 Muriel Street

Ungarie NSW 2669

Phone: 0427 759 306

Email: peronne7@gmail.com

Gardening

Community Rose Garden Group

Corner Fleece Street & Mid Western Highway

28 Cedar Street

West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 6972 3077

West Wyalong Garden & Floral Art Club Inc

PO Box 346

West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: Jan Black (02)6972 3600

Hobby Groups

Western Wheelers Car Club

20 Operator Street

West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 0418 438 592

Email: westernwheelerscarclub@gmail.com

Facebook: Western Wheelers Car Club

Returned Services League

Ungarie Returned Services League

Ungarie Memorial Hall, Meeting Room

PO Box 58

Ungarie NSW 2669

Phone: 6975 9130

UngarieSB@rslnsw.org.au

West Wyalong Returned Services League

PO Box 353

WEST WYALONG

NSW 2671 Phone: 0400 172 713

Email: West-WyalongSB@rslnsw.org.au

Website: www.rsl.org.au

School Associations

All schools residing in Bland Shire have either a Parent & Citizens Association or Parents & Friends Association.

Information regarding these associations can be obtained by contacting the schools directly on the telephone numbers listed below:

Barmedman Public School - 6976 2128

Naradhan Public School - 6896 9808

St Mary's War Memorial School - 6972 3003

Tallimba Public School - 6975 7251

Ungarie Central School - 6975 9030

Weethalle Public School - 6975 6154

West Wyalong High School - 6972 2700

West Wyalong Public School - 6972 2157

Wyalong Public School - 6972 2140

Self Help & Support Services

Activity Day (Wednesday) - West Wyalong Community Care Centre

72 Ungarie Road

PO Box 21

West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 6979 0287

Mobile: 0400 677 422

Email: council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au

Website: www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au

Barmedman Red Cross

16 De Boos Street

Barmedman NSW 2668

Phone: 6976 2117

Email: me.gorham@bigpond.com

Website: redcross.org.au

Bland Blokes Social Group

C/- Community Care Centre

PO Box 21

West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 6979 0287

Can Assist – Ungarie Branch

C/- Ray Mckenzie

44 Ungarie Street

Ungarie NSW 2669

Phone: 6975 9164 / 0417 488 557

Can Assist – West Wyalong Branch

PO Box 246

West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 0438 471 760

Email: anthoness@yahoo.com.au

Isolated Children's Parents Association

Incorporated West Wyalong Branch

"Coniston"

West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 6975 3420

Website: www.icpa.com.au

Ladies Social Coffee Group

C/- Community Care Centre

72 Ungarie Road

PO Box 21

West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 6979 0287

Fax: 6972 2145

Men's Shed West Wyalong

123 Railway Road

West Wyalong NSW 2671

Mobile: 0429 371 296

Website: www.nswmensshed.org

Royal Far West Children's Health Scheme- West Wyalong Branch

6 Bellarwi Road

West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 6972 2813

St Vincent De Paul Society

77 Main Street

West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 02 6234 7417

Ungarie Activity Day – West Wyalong Community Care Centre

72 Ungarie Road

PO Box 21

West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 02 6979 0287

Mobile: 0400 677 422

Fax: 6972 2145

Email: council@blandshire.nsw.gov.au

Website: www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au

United Hospital Auxiliary West Wyalong Branch

PO Box 155

West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 02 6949 2200

Mobile: 0428 723 198

Email: linda.swales.uha.nsw@hotmail.com

Fax: 02 6972 39

Youth Organisations

Wyalong & District Community Transport

255 Neeld Street

PO Box 32

Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 6972 3106

Email: wyalongtransport@bigpond.com

West Wyalong Cubs & Scouts

Scouts Hall, 101 Operator Street

PO Box 28

West Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 0458 342 263

Website: <https://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/groups/1st-west-wyalong-scout-group/>

Town Advancement Groups

Barmedman Development Association

44 De Boos Street

Barmedman NSW 2668

Phone: 6976 2458

Email: wendy.glover3@bigpond.com

Mirrool Silo Kick Challenge Committee

Edward Street

Mirrool NSW 2665

Phone: 0427 741 244

Email: brycespreading@hotmail.com

Naradhan Reserves Trust

"Longlands"

Naradhan NSW 2669

Naradhan Hall, High Street

Phone: 6966 1335

Fax: 6966 1335

Wyalong Advancement Group

Wyalong Post Office

72 Neeld Street

Wyalong NSW 2671

Phone: 6972 2696

Annual Events

JANUARY	LOCATION	JULY	LOCATION
New Year's Day	NSW	MAAA(Model Aircraft) Championships	West Wyalong
Dean Wood Big Gig 2020	West Wyalong	West Wyalong Show Society Markets	West Wyalong
Barmedman Australia Day Breakfast	Barmedman	West Wyalong Smallbore Prize Shoot	West Wyalong
Weethalle Beach Party (Hotel)	Weethalle	After School Care	West Wyalong
Ungarie Community Brunch	Ungarie	Bland Shire Library School Holiday Program	West Wyalong
Australia Day West Wyalong	West Wyalong	AUGUST	LOCATION
Nathan Griggs Whip Cracker	West Wyalong	West Wyalong Show Society Markets	West Wyalong
FEBRUARY	LOCATION	Jet Flyers NSW Flying Weekend	West Wyalong
West Wyalong Show Society Markets	West Wyalong	Weethalle Show	Weethalle
Jet Flyers	West Wyalong	Bland Shire Library Book Week	West Wyalong
Rugby League Knockout	West Wyalong	West Wyalong Horse Sports Sore Butt Ride	TBC
MARCH	LOCATION	SEPTEMBER	LOCATION
International Women's Day	Wyalong	West Wyalong Show	West Wyalong
Crooked Mile Show and Shine	West Wyalong	Ungarie Show	Ungarie
West Wyalong Rodeo	West Wyalong	West Wyalong Show Society Markets	West Wyalong
Brower's Walk	West Wyalong	Model Jet Flyers NSW	West Wyalong
West Wyalong Evolution Gold Triathlon	West Wyalong	West Wyalong Charity Campdraft	West Wyalong
Wyalong Museum Trivia Night	Wyalong	Ungarie Bowling Bogeye Cup	Ungarie
APRIL	LOCATION	OCTOBER	LOCATION
Jet Flyers	West Wyalong	Labour Day Public Holiday	NSW
Daylight Savings Breakfast	West Wyalong	West Wyalong Show Society Markets	West Wyalong
Evolution Mining Pairs Bowls	West Wyalong	Mirrool Silo Kick	Mirrool
West Wyalong Show Society Markets	West Wyalong	Barmedman Tractor Pull	Barmedman
Eric Miller Memorial Fours	West Wyalong	Bland Shire Library Holiday Program	West Wyalong
Weethalle Country Music Muster	Weethalle	Vacation Care Holiday Program	West Wyalong
MAY	LOCATION	NOVEMBER	LOCATION
Weethalle Country Music Muster	Weethalle	West Wyalong Show Society Markets	West Wyalong
West Wyalong Show Society Markets	West Wyalong	Australian Yard Dog Championships	West Wyalong
Jet Flyers NSW Flying Weekend	West Wyalong	Melbourne Cup Ladies Day for CanAssist	West Wyalong
Library and Information Week	West Wyalong	Barmedman Mineral Pool Opens for season	Barmedman
Free Tip Day	Bland Shire	Wyalong Museum Open Day	Wyalong
JUNE	LOCATION	DECEMBER	LOCATION
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	NSW	West Wyalong Show Society Markets	West Wyalong
West Wyalong Show Society Markets	West Wyalong	Christmas Day	NSW
Jet Flyers NSW Flying Weekend	West Wyalong	Boxing Day Public Holiday	NSW
West Wyalong Horse Sports Fun Day	West Wyalong	West Wyalong Christmas Carnival	West Wyalong
Phillip Judd Jumping Day & Gymkhana	West Wyalong	Holland Park Pool Party	West Wyalong
		Carols by Candlelight	West Wyalong
		Library After School Christmas Activity	West Wyalong
		International Day of People with a Disability	West Wyalong
		Ungarie Pool Party	Ungarie

Emergency Numbers

Service Provider	Phone
Ambulance	000
Fire	
NSW Fire Brigade	000
NSW Rural Fire Service Control Centre - Bland Temora Zone	
• Temora Office	6977 4737
• West Wyalong Office	6972 0036
Police	
Emergency	000
Barmedman Police Station	6976 2044
Crime Stoppers	1800 333 000
Drug Intelligence Reporting Centre	1800 813 784
Police Assistance Line	13 14 44
Tallimba Police Station	6975 7244
Ungarie Police Station	6975 9144
West Wyalong Police Station	6972 2444
State Emergency Service	
SES NSW Hotline	13 25 00
SES Officer	0428 605 129
West Wyalong Headquarters	6972 2532
Medical	
Bland Medical Centre	6972 1189
Poisons Information Centre	13 11 26
Tristar Medical Centre	6972 4811
West Wyalong & District Hospital	6979 0000
West Wyalong Medical Centre	6972 2866
Electrical Supply Interruptions	
Essential Energy	13 20 80