



2010 NSW Rural Women's Gathering

*Wentworth, NSW
"The Town on Two Rivers"*

Wander West to Wentworth



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VISION STATEMENT

To host the 2010 NSW Rural Women's Gathering in Wentworth (NSW) to bring women together for networking and support.

MISSION STATEMENT

To maintain the continuity of the spirit and philosophy behind the NSW Rural Women's Gathering by sharing experiences, supporting each other, passing on knowledge and skills, and giving women the opportunity to have a voice in society. To encourage and include women from culturally diverse backgrounds to grow together, holistically, through the shared experience.

THE COMMITTEE

Chair	Dianne Pollard
Vice-Chair	Susan Walla
Secretary	Cathryn Dawes
Vice-Secretary	Marie Patullo
Treasurer	Cheryl Vines (assisted by Breeon Patullo)
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Co-opted Members	Carmel Chapman (Wentworth Visitors' Centre) Karen Arnold (Wentworth Visitors' Centre)



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“WANDER WEST TO WENTWORTH”

The historic port of Wentworth, in the Western Division of the state of New South Wales, is a destination free from the hustle and bustle of the major cities. Uniquely situated on the confluence of the Darling and Murray Rivers, it offers peace, relaxation and beauty.

The feel of the Outback is at the entrance to Wentworth – corrugated iron features, red gum structures, the murmur of the rivers – all creating a real connection.

The highlight of any visit to Wentworth and Wentworth Shire is our natural features – big red desert; wide blue sky, rivers and lagoons, majestic gum trees; birds, flora and fauna – Mungo National Park within the Willandra World Heritage Area. There is a myriad of knowledge that can be provided by the locals on the background history, direction and road conditions and all points of interest for all visitors about this desert oasis.

Events that regularly feature in the yearly Wentworth calendar include:

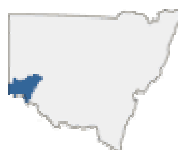
- Wentworth Show – celebrating 123 years of “Showtime”
- Country Music Festival
- Great Fergie Tractor Rally
- Heritage Festival
- Junction Junk
- Lest We Forget Run
- Mildura Wentworth Arts Festival,
- Sweat Box Art & Furniture

For the past few years, the annual Rural Women’s Gatherings have been held in regions that are not as far west as Wentworth. Such as Hay, Coonamble, Grafton – places of higher rainfall, greener pastures and the soft smell of dew on the morning air.

Wentworth offers features that are splendid and magnificent – icons of world class and recognition. Such is Mungo National Park, a part of the Willandra Lakes World Heritage Area. See the sun set over the Walls of China – the changing of the colours of the landscape is more dramatic here in the outback.

Wentworth provides an opportunity for the Wentworth Ladies to welcome new friends and past acquaintances to the region to showcase the spectacular landscapes, eco-tourism opportunities and the splendour of our home, Wentworth.

LOCATION OF WENTWORTH, NSW



Wentworth is situated in the south-west corner of New South Wales, at the confluence of Australia's two greatest rivers, where the Darling joins the Murray.

The town was proclaimed and named after William Charles Wentworth, renowned explorer and politician on 21 June 1859, making Wentworth the oldest settlement in this region.

Wentworth Shire covers an area of 2,616,926 hectares (26,000 sq kms) and has a population of approximately 8,000 people. There are five townships: Wentworth, Dareton, Buronga, Gol Gol and Pooncarie, all with access to either the Murray or Darling rivers, or both at Junction Park in Wentworth.

Wentworth is located 1,000 kms almost due west of Sydney and connected by major highways – Silver City Highway to Broken Hill, Sturt Highway to Balranald, Hay and Narrandera, Olympic Highway to Wagga Wagga, then the Hume Highway to Sydney.

Wentworth Shire is a region of great diversity and it offers you the opportunity to experience an introduction to “Outback Australia” – known as “*The Gateway to Outback NSW*”. It is a land of rivers, creeks and lagoons, of windmills, bores and waterholes – one minute you can be in an arid and harsh landscape, or a landscape that is soft and serene in solitude. There are wide flat plains, drifting red desert sands, red roads and cobalt blue skies with “miles and miles” of saltbush, acacias, casuarinas and Mallee rangelands.

Flora and fauna abound – magnificent, ancient eucalyptus trees that are regal, gnarled and twisted; plentiful wildflowers, kangaroos of grey, blue or red, eagles, hawks, parrots, pelicans and the beautiful little azure blue finches – all make up the unique landscape of this exciting region.

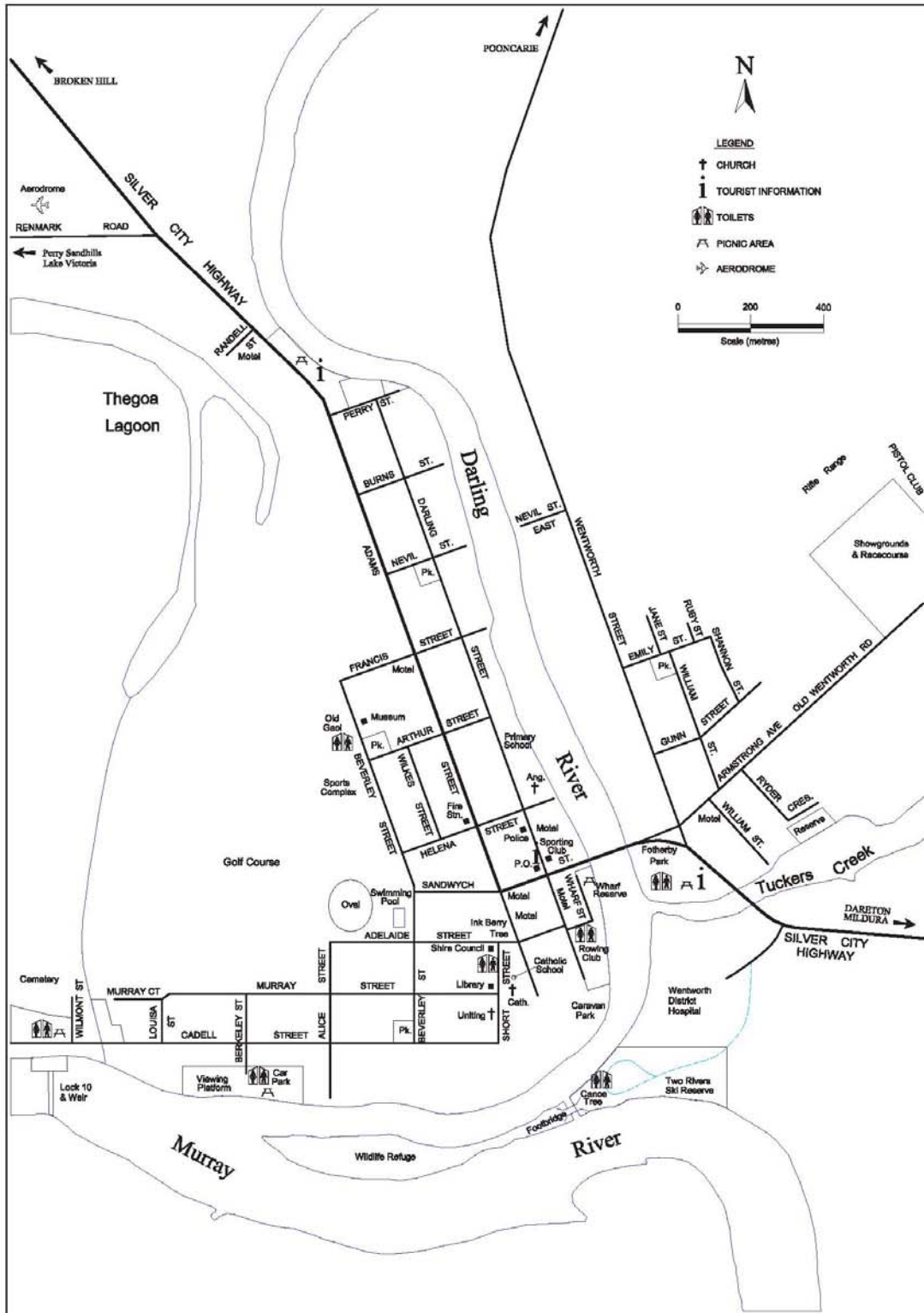
Wentworth is situated 1,075 km from Sydney, 585 kms from Melbourne and 420 kms from Adelaide, at the heart of the Murray-Darling Basin. The nearest large commercial centre is the city of Mildura in Victoria, 34 kms away.

Wentworth's climate is semi-temperate. Highest maximum temperature officially recorded as 48°C on 10 January 1939. Lowest minimum was -5°C in June 1907. Summer average is 31°C and winter average is 16.7°C.

A high standard of varied accommodation is available, including the use of houseboats, which can be moored on the Darling River for easy access to function sites.

Tourism is strong within our region. Wentworth Regional Tourism Inc won the right in 2007 to hold the Inland NSW Tourism Awards Presentation Dinner, hosted by Ray Martin. The event was an outstanding success with a magnificent feast of local produce, taking home with them “*The Taste of Sunraysia*”. There were 278 people, including NSW Tourism and Tourism Australia representatives and they are still talking about it. We could not have achieved this without the wonderful generosity of our community. They came to the fore and volunteered in many ways to help out.

WENTWORTH



TRANSPORT

WENTWORTH AIRPORT

- Enquiries to Wentworth Shire Council 03 5027 5027
- Has a gravel tarmac
- Has the capacity to land up to a medium plane (12 seater)
- Has re-fuelling facilities
- No commercial flights available, private aircraft only

MILDURA AIRPORT

QANTASLink	13 13 13	www.qantas.com.au
Regional Express (REX)	13 17 13	www.rex.com.au
Sharp Airlines	08 5574 8216	www.sharpairlines.com.au
Virgin Blue#	13 67 89	www.virginblue.com.au

- flights from Sydney via Melbourne to Mildura
- if required, a bus can be organised to pick up from Broken Hill airport to Wentworth

RFDS

The Royal Flying Doctor Service uses Mildura Airport an average of 4-6 flights per day as a centre for its air ambulance service which supports Mildura Base Hospital and health services in surrounding areas in Victoria and NSW.

Car Hire @ Mildura Airport

Mildura Airport is serviced by all of the major hire car companies, who provide a wide range of vehicles. Vehicles available for hire include small and large sedans, 4 wheel drives, mini buses, and light trucks.

- Avis 03 5022 1818
- Budget Car Rentals 13 27 27
- Euopcar 13 13 90
- Hertz 03 5022 1411
- Thrifty 03 5023 2989

TAXIS

- Mildura Taxis 131 008 or 03 5023 0033
 - City Taxis 03 5022 2000 (operates out of Mildura, Vic)
 - Murray Darling Taxi 03 5023 2239 (operates out of Buronga/Dareton/Wentworth NSW)
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LOCAL BUS LINES

- Sunraysia Bus Lines operates a service between Mildura and Wentworth 4 times per day, Monday to Friday only.

COACH LINES

- Greyhound Daily from Sydney to Mildura

TRAIN

- A train service operates from Sydney to Broken Hill and then a bus departs Broken Hill at 7am to reach Wentworth about 12noon. The bus returns to Broken Hill at 3.10pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
 - CountryLink Rail services – connects to Cootamundra and then train service to Sydney
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ACCOMMODATION

* = star rating

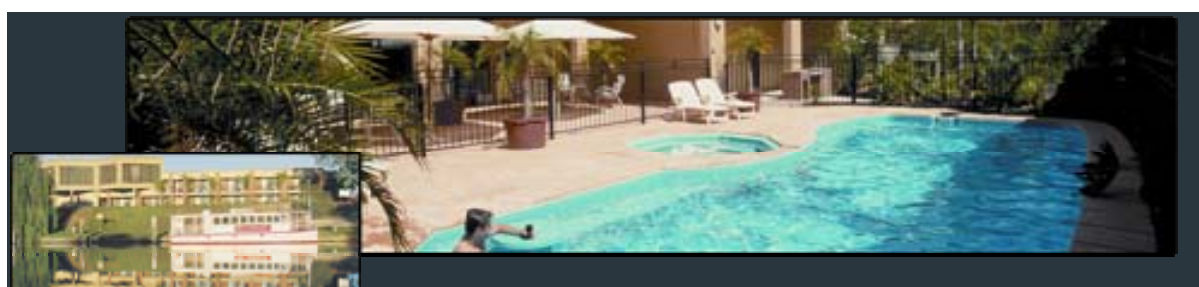
WENTWORTH

Motels :

				Number of Rooms
Central Motor Inn (1800 337 030)	***	03 5027 3777		25 (77 beds)
Darling Junction Motor Inn	***1/2	03 5027 3636		24 (46 beds)
Two Rivers Motel (1800 034 272)	****	03 5027 3268		25 (58 beds)



Royal Hotel Motel		03 5027 3005		7 (21 beds)
Sportsman Inn Motel		03 5027 3584		14 (40 beds)
Wentworth Club Motel	***	03 5027 3535		19 (40 beds)
Wentworth Grande Resort	****1/2	03 5027 2225		50 (130 beds)



Caravan Parks :

Wentworth Willow Bend Caravan Park	03 5027 3213	14 Ensuite Cabins
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Holiday Units / Farm stays :

Red Gum Lagoon Cottages (fully self contained)	03 5027 2063	1BR (sleeps 4) 2BR (sleeps 4) 2BR (sleeps 4)
Avoca on Darling Hospitality	03 5027 3020	Homestead (sleeps 6)

Avoca Station via Wentworth

(sleeps 8) (25km from Wentworth, thru Pomona & over 5 grids to entrance)

Cottage (sleeps 5)
Jackeroo's Quarters

Tara Artists Quarters
(budget accommodation – BYO linen)

03 5027 2298

2BR (sleeps 2)
2BR (sleeps 3)

Houseboats :

Drifter Houseboats

03 5027 3325

1 – 8 berth Boat

Lazaway Houseboats (018 056 934)

03 5027 6342

1 – 12 berth Boats
1 – 10 berth
1 – 8 berth
3 – 6 berth

Adelora Houseboats

03 5027 3066

1 - 12 berth Boat



Murray Darling Houseboats

03 50273235

River Gums

03 5027 2502

2 – 12 berth Boats

Sunraysia Houseboats

03 5027 3621

3 – 12 berth Boats

“PS Ruby”

(Captain – Leon Wagner)

03 5025 2585

14 cabins (28 beds)

DARETON

(10kms East Wentworth)

Coomealla Motel

***1/2

03 5027 4737

27 (80 beds)

Coomealla Holiday Villas

***1/2

03 5027 4868

5 – 2BR (sleeps 4 each)

MEDICAL FACILITIES

EMERGENCY:

Ambulance/Police/Fire	000	
Hospital	03 5027 2345	Wentworth District Hospital
Doctor	03 5027 2366	Wentworth Medical Practice

PHARMACY/CHEMIST:

03 5027 3121 O Connell's Pharmacy
15 Sandwich Street, Wentworth

HOSPITAL:

03 5027 2345
Emergency /Out Patients 24 hour Service
2 Doctors (one on call 24 hrs)

RETAIL FACILITIES

Some ladies may like to do some “retail therapy” while in the Wentworth/Sunraysia region. Mildura Rural City is 35 kms from Wentworth and offers a good selection of retail outlets in 2 main areas – Langtree Mall and Centro Plaza.

RESTAURANTS / CAFES / CLUBS

Wentworth

- Captain Sturt Hotel Dining Room
- Crown Hotel Dining Room
- Darlingz Restaurant
- Jackpot Bakery
- Mason’s Café/Restaurant
- Paddleboat Café
- Royal Hotel Dining Room
- Wentworth Club Bistro
- Wentworth Club Coffee Shop
- Wentworth Takeaway

Dareton

- Coomealla Golf Club
 - Coomealla Memorial Sporting Club
 - Dareton Mini Mart
 - Dareton Takeaway
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ATTRACTIONS / SPORT & RECREATION FACILITIES

Wentworth

- “Artback” – Wentworth Arts
- “Fergie” Tractor Monument
- Detailed Wentworth Drive & Walk Trails available from the Visitors’ Information Centre
- Harry Nanya Tours
- Historic Buildings (3 National Trust classified)
- Historic Cemetery and New Lawn Cemetery
- Junction Island Nature Reserve
- Murray & Darling Junction Park
- Old Wentworth Gaol
- Paddlesteamer Ruby (*PS Ruby*)
- Perry Sandhills
- Pioneer Museum
- Public swimming pool
- Ruby’s Cargo Gifts & Crafts
- Thegoa Lagoon Reserve
- Weir & Lock 10
- Wentworth Services Sporting Club (golf, tennis, bowls)
- Wharf Precinct

Dareton

- Coomealla Golf Course
- NSW Agricultural Research Station
- Public swimming pool

Buronga/Gol Gol

- Buronga Hill Winery / Simeons
- Buronga Wetlands
- Farmers’ Market (1st and 3rd Saturday morning each month)
- Gallery of China & Ceramics
- NSW National Parks & Wildlife Services
- Orange World
- Sunraysia Garden Centre & Nursery
- The Australian Inland Botanic Gardens
- Trentham Estate Winery

Tours

- Australian Inland Botanic Gardens @ Buronga
 - Historical Ramblings in Wentworth
 - Mungo National Park – Walls of China
 - River Cruise
 - Thegoa Lagoon and Junction Park @ Wentworth
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SPONSORSHIP / SUPPORTERS



NSW Department of Industry & Investment



Wentworth Shire Council



Lower Murray Darling Catchment Management
Authority

Wentworth & District
Community Bank® Branch



Wentworth & District Community Bank Branch
Bendigo Bank



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