

# Moving to the Riverina, NSW



The NSW GROW pilot program supports you to move from Western Sydney to the Riverina. We want your move to be easy and we are here to help – with finding work, housing, transport and community.

# A great place to live and work



From the Snowy Mountains in the east to the Hay plains in the west, the Riverina is beautiful and diverse. As one of Australia's major agricultural regions and home to 173,000 people, there are many opportunities for you to live a rich and fulfilling life here.

The towns of Leeton and Temora are part of the GROW pilot program. You will find welcoming communities and plenty to do in both towns, as well as lots of space, open air and natural surrounds to enjoy.

“Small is beautiful and I would say that’s 100% applicable to Leeton Shire. I feel safer in this country than I would in my own country.”

Ali, Leeton  
(Originally from Pakistan)



## Plenty of work

Great jobs and careers are waiting for you here.



There are many job opportunities available in both Leeton and Temora, with up to 20 jobs advertised each month in both locations.

Because employers cannot find local workers they are looking for people from outside the Riverina to move to the region and fill jobs in agriculture, food production, manufacturing, healthcare, automotive, and hospitality. And they will help people to make that move.

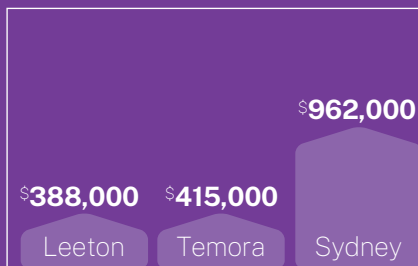
## Lots to do

Moving to the Riverina means moving to the great outdoors, with the beautiful Murrumbidgee River and magnificent countryside right on your doorstep.



Both Leeton and Temora are vibrant, with many parks and sports clubs to keep the whole family fit and healthy and there are lots of social, arts and cultural attractions here including events, galleries, museums and performing arts to keep you entertained.

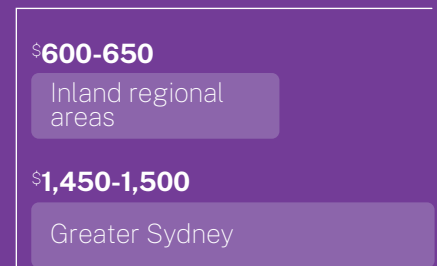
## Median house price



## Rent (per week)



## Median mortgage repayment (per week)\*



\* Data based on median house prices from NSW Government Communities and Justice and the Moneysmart mortgage calculator.

“Temora is such a wonderful, welcoming community. It is the town that I adopted, and it is the town that adopted me. This is my home and I love it here.

Irene, Temora  
(Originally from The Philippines)

## Many educational opportunities



People sometimes think that great education is offered only in cities and not in regional Australia. That's not true.

In the Riverina, there are excellent schooling options. You can choose from a range of good quality schools with dedicated teachers who live in the same community as you and invest in your child's education. There are also three university campuses and 18 TAFE campuses across the region, and many other training options to continue learning after school.

## You'll be welcome here!



It's not always easy to move, but we are here for you and ready to make you feel at home in the Riverina.

Leeton and Temora communities both have a long history of welcoming newcomers to town, and when you move as part of the GROW pilot program, locals will show you around and help you connect with people in the community and the services you need.

## Living here is cheaper than Sydney



After moving to the Riverina, many people say that the lifestyle here is better.

You have less stress and more access to community and to nature. And the cost of living is often much lower than in Sydney.

The houses are cheaper. Everyday living costs like getting to and from work are cheaper, and you never have to pay for parking.

Of course, your salary will depend on your industry, skill level and years of experience and in some cases you may earn less in the regions... but the rewards are greater!

“One thing better about life here in Leeton is the distance to work. We used to travel more than an hour to work every morning and evening in Sydney. Now it's less than 10 minutes and we are there!”

Margaret, Leeton  
(Originally from Kenya)

## We can help you find a place to live



When you move to Leeton or Temora, we can help you find accommodation.

While there aren't the same number of places to rent compared to Sydney, there is housing here and we can help you find a place to live if you wish. If you want to search for a place yourself, real estate agents here are helpful and ready to support your move.

## Help with transport



Regional Australia does not have the same public transport options as Sydney. In Leeton and Temora, public transport will not look the same but things here are closer than in the city and getting around isn't hard – most people drive, cycle or walk.

With the GROW pilot program, we can help you find transport options and your employer or your workmates can help you get to and from work if needed.

And getting back to Sydney is easy with trains, buses and planes to get you there when you need it.

## You'll be connected to community



From planning your move to settling in and connecting with the community, you will be supported here every step of the way. We will also help you find cultural connections in your new town.

The Riverina is home to people of many diverse cultural backgrounds who all celebrate their cultural traditions at different times of the year. You can attend many of these celebrations or you can start something new with your new friends in your new town.

“My family moved to Temora over six years ago and has been very welcomed from before we even arrived. There are lots of activities around town to help you find connections. There's the hustle and bustle of events and things to do when you need it, but also unhurried peace to enjoy the surroundings of a quieter country lifestyle.”

Anna, Temora  
*(Originally from China)*

## You'll have the services you need



People living in the Riverina have access to most of the same services available in the city and anything that is not available here is only ever a phone call or Zoom meeting away.

There are good hospitals and many specialists, doctors and dentists here. There are immigration services and, as more people from diverse backgrounds move here, more immigration services will develop. Things may sometimes take a little longer to access but if you ever need help, just reach out to the GROW team and we'll help you find the support you need.



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