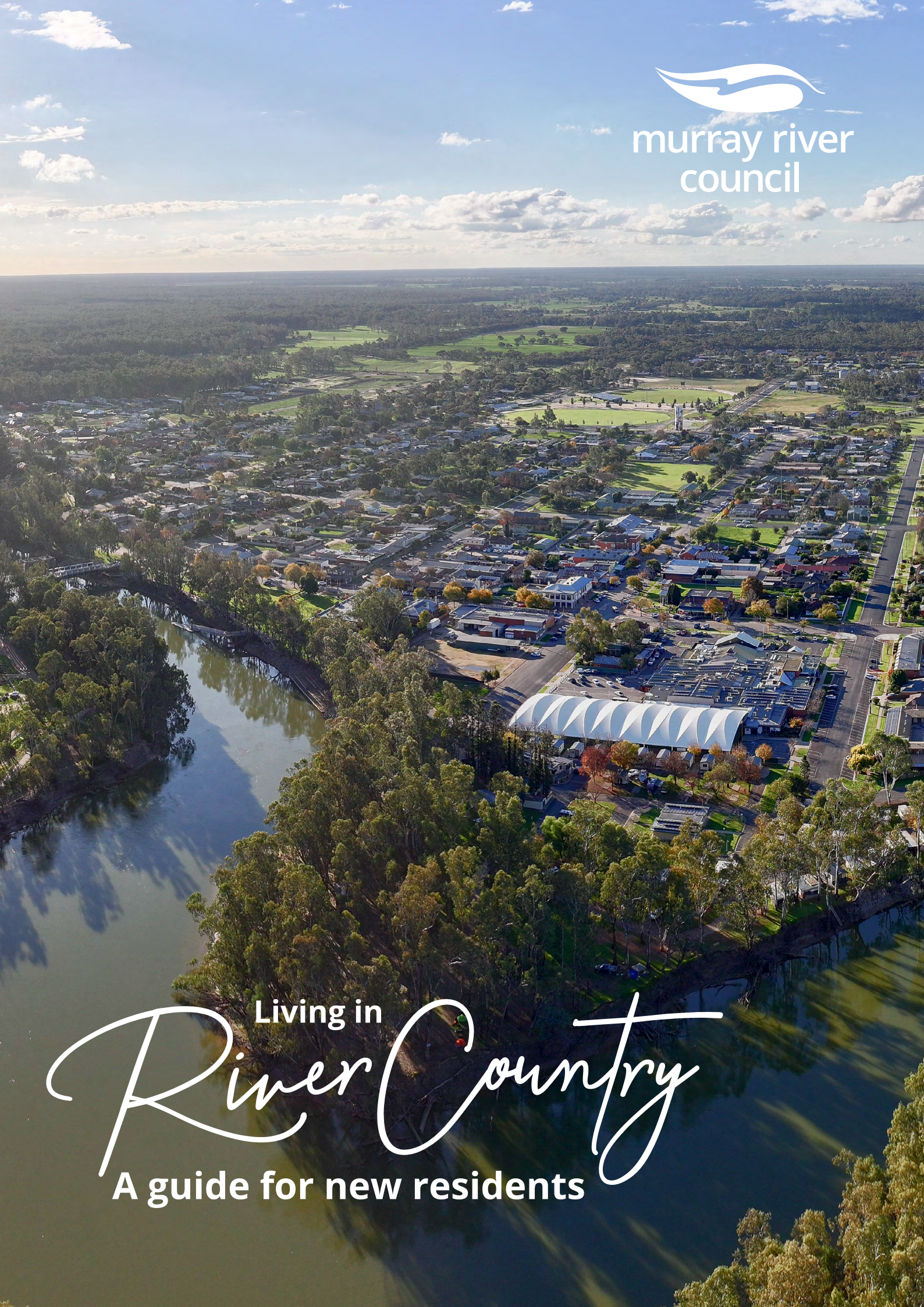
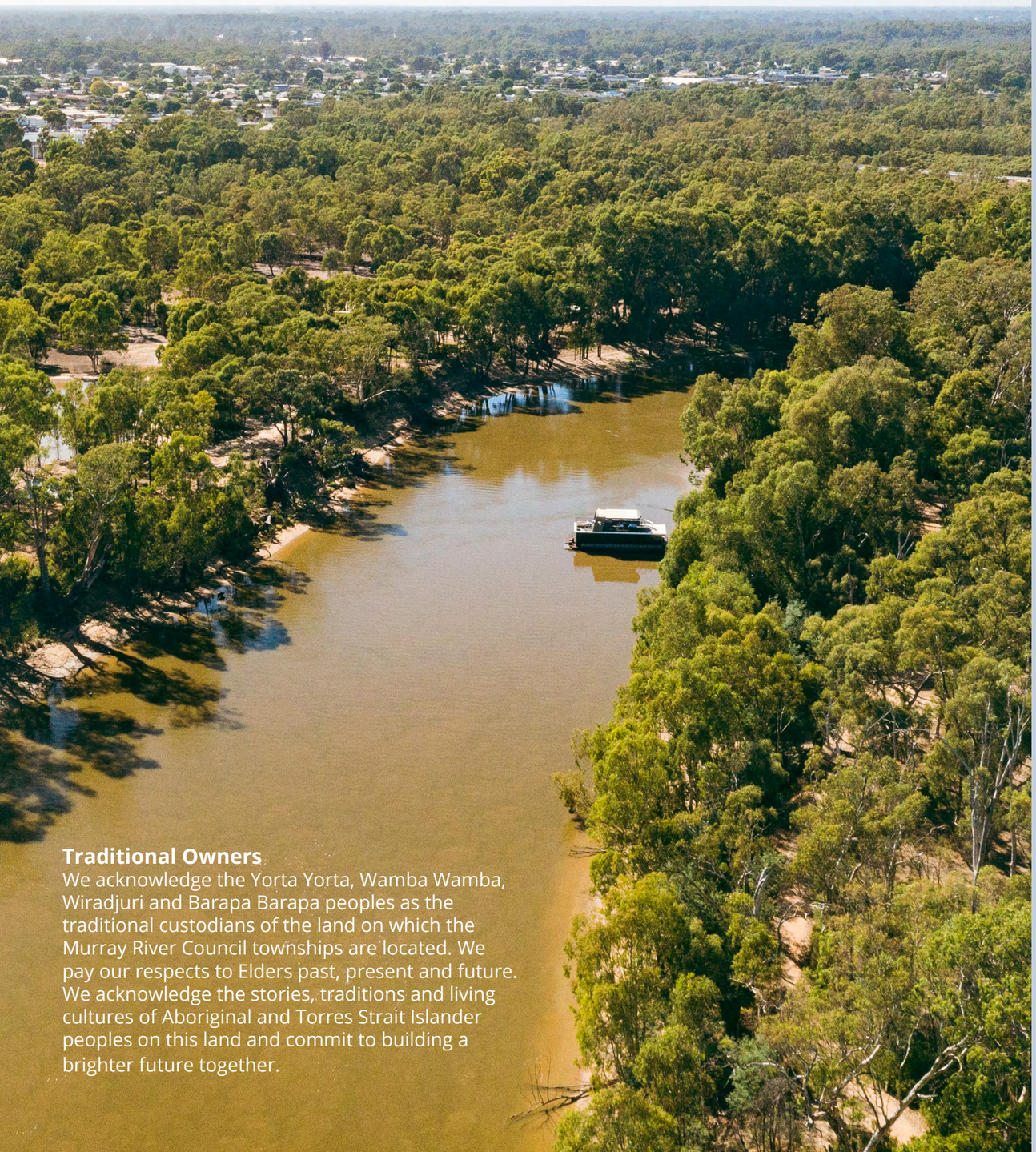

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Living in
River Country
A guide for new residents



Traditional Owners
We acknowledge the Yorta Yorta, Wamba Wamba, Wiradjuri and Barapa Barapa peoples as the traditional custodians of the land on which the Murray River Council townships are located. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and future. We acknowledge the stories, traditions and living cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples on this land and commit to building a brighter future together.

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Welcome
to River Country

You have chosen a beautiful part of the world to call home, and we are delighted to have you join our community.

The Murray River region is a haven of lively country towns, stunning natural landscapes, and welcoming communities, all infused with the relaxed charm of rural living. As you embark on this new chapter, there's plenty to explore and discover, and we're here to ensure your transition is as smooth as possible.

Inside this New Resident Kit, you'll find a comprehensive guide to your new local community. Whether you're looking to register your pet or locate the nearest school, we've compiled all the essential information to help you navigate and embrace life in this picturesque region. Consider this your go-to guide as you settle in and make yourself at home.



Life on the Murray River

Situated along the banks of the Murray River, our region encompasses seven townships and seven villages, spanning 11,865 square kilometres of rural countryside.

In our region, you'll find the charming village communities of Mathoura, Wakool, Moulamein, Murray Downs, and Tooleybuc alongside the bustling main towns of Moama and Barham. Connected by the majestic Murray River, Moama, Barham, and Murray Downs are closely linked with their Victorian counterparts, Echuca, Koondrook, and Swan Hill, just a stone's throw across the river.

Often referred to as 'Twin Towns,' these communities share essential services and operate as one community. Living in a border town offers you the unique advantage of accessing amenities on both sides of the river. However, please note that while some services are accessible to residents on both sides, others may be exclusive to the state you reside in. We highly recommend checking with each service provider to ensure access as needed.

To facilitate your transition into our vibrant cross-border community, we've compiled a comprehensive list of key services available in Echuca-Moama, Barham-Koondrook, and Murray Downs-Swan Hill within this kit.



Checklist
for New Residents

- [ ] Notify Electoral office of your new address
- [ ] Notify Service NSW, Medicare, MyGov and Centrelink of your new address
- [ ] Register your pet(s) with council
- [ ] Update your Driver's License and Bank Cards
- [ ] Update your vehicle registration, if relocating from interstate
- [ ] If you have a child under school age, register with your local Maternal and Child Health service. Your child is eligible for free, local health check-ups.
- [ ] Check your bin collection days
- [ ] Sign up to our community newsletter or follow us on social media for regular updates.

Your COUNCIL

Customer Service Centres and Agency Services

Council operates four Service Centres across the region, providing residents with direct access to a range of services.

Town	Location	Contact	Visit us for
Moama	52 Perricoota Road, Moama	Phone: 1300 087 004 Email: admin@murrayriver.nsw.gov.au Website: www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au View our opening hours via our website.	• Council services • Service NSW
Barham	15 Murray Street, Barham		• Council services • Service NSW • V/Line
Mathoura	Cobb Highway, Mathoura		• Council services • Services Australia Access Point (e.g. Centrelink, Medicare)
Moulamein	Morago Street, Moulamein		• Council services • Service NSW

Communicating with Council

Have a question? Need support? Or want to submit a request?

Our Customer Service Team is a great resource and here to help you settle into the community. You can contact the team on the details in the table above, or call in and see us at a service centre.

Your Councillors

Murray River Council's nine Councillors are your local elected representatives. They have been selected by residents, and work with council staff to manage our region's assets, provide a wide range of services and facilities and ensure our region's finances are used in the best interests of our community. They are elected for a four-year term of office.

For information about our Councillors and contact details:
www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/council

For information on council elections, visit the NSW Office of Local Government:
www.olg.nsw.gov.au

Council Meetings

Murray River Council meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month. In the spirit of open, accessible, and transparent government, meetings are also live streamed and recorded.

For more information in relation to Council Meetings visit:
www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/council

Community Strategic Plan

Guiding Council's approach to building a thriving community is the Community Strategic Plan (CSP), a 10-year plan that outlines the community's aspirations and long-term vision. Formed from community feedback and suggestions, the CSP is the blueprint for short and long-term projects across our local government area.

To view the Community Strategic Plan as well as the supporting Delivery Plan and Operational Plans, please visit:
www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/council

Your Say

Have 'Your Say' on a range of current and future council projects by sharing your thoughts directly with council via our engagement platform.
yoursay.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au

Stay Up To Date

Sign up to the Council's e-newsletter to receive regular updates on council activities and be alerted to up-and-coming opportunities. You can sign up to the e-newsletter via **our website**.

Social Media

Council's Facebook page is a great source of up-to-date information including emergency notifications related to water interruptions and road works.

@MurrayRiverCouncil

Council also has Tourism and Industry social media pages which regularly provide information on upcoming events or opportunities across the region.

@visitrivercountry
@visitrivercountry
@RiverCountryLiveWorkInvest
@investrivercountry



Your PROPERTY

Seamlessly transition to your new home:
Discover local services and living essentials.

Waste, Recycling and Organics

Kerbside Garbage Collection

Residents in Moama, Mathoura, Wakool, Moulamein, Barham, and Tooleybuc who reside within the designated collection areas, receive a 140L waste bin (red lid), a 240L recycling bin (yellow lid), and a 240L Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) bin (green lid).

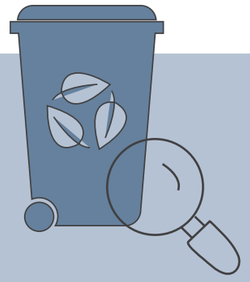
Residents in the smaller villages of Bunnaloo, Koraleigh, Burraboi, Dhuragoon, Goodnight, Noorong, Thyra, and Womboota receive a 140L waste bin and a 240L recycling bin.

- The waste bin with the red lid is collected weekly.
- The recycling bin with the yellow lid is collected fortnightly.
- If you have a FOGO bin with the green lid, it is collected fortnightly on the opposite week to your recycling bin.



Bin Collection Tips

- Bins must be placed at the kerb the evening prior to your collection day.
- Bins must not weigh more than 70kg
- All bins must be approximately 30cm apart from each other and clear of cars, trees and other obstacles.
- Bin lids must be closed.
- Bins are to be removed from the kerb as soon as possible after emptying.



Find my Bin Day

To find out your bin collection day, and recycling and FOGO collection schedule, simply enter your address into our 'Find my bin day' tool on our website.

Visit **www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/find-my-bin-day** or scan the QR code above.

If your property doesn't have a bin collection and you would like one, please call council on 1300 087 004.

Transfer Stations and Landfill Sites

Got excess waste? You can dispose of waste and recyclables at our transfer stations, landfill sites and Community Recycling Centres (CRC).

Find out when and where you can visit our sites below. All landfill and transfer stations will be closed on the following public holidays: Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Anzac Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Year's Day.

PLEASE NOTE: Last entry is strictly 15 minutes prior to closing time.

Moama Waste Management Facility
91 Centre Road, Moama
Mon-Fri: 7am - 3pm
Sat-Sun: 9am - 3pm
Pub Hol: 9am - 3pm

Barham Waste Transfer Station
732 East Barham Road, Barham
Wed and Sun: 9am-5pm

Mathoura Waste Transfer Station
27 Clifton Street West, Mathoura
Thurs and Sun: 8am - 4pm

Koraleigh Waste Transfer Station
505 Koraleigh Rd, Koraleigh
Wed: 9.30am - 12.30pm
Sun: 1pm - 5pm

Moulamein Landfill
126 Tchelery Road, Moulamein
Weds: 1pm - 5pm
Sun: 9am-1pm

Community Recycling Centres

Community Recycling Centres (CRC) are permanent drop-off centres for common household problem wastes that can't be collected via council kerbside waste and recycling collection services. NSW householders can drop off problem wastes at these centres year-round, free of charge!

Council's CRC is located at the Moama Waste Management Facility.

There are also drop-off boxes at:

- Barham Transfer Station
- Koraleigh Landfill
- Mathoura Transfer Station
- Moulamein Landfill

Return and Earn Depot

The Return and Earn Depot at Moama's Waste Management site offers improved options to process bulk containers under the NSW Container Deposit Scheme.

The Return and Earn Depot allows you to process larger amounts of containers, catering to users who can just tip their bags, bins, or boxes full of containers into the machine. It's fast, friendly and efficient.

We're located right next door to the Moama Waste Management Facility, at 91 Centre Rd, Moama so keep an eye out for the Return and Earn signs!

drumMUSTER

drumMUSTER is a national product stewardship program that focuses on the collection and recycling of eligible, empty, and clean agricultural and veterinary (AgVet) chemical containers. Our Waste facilities offer this reliable recycling pathway, helping reduce waste and supporting the responsible management of agricultural and veterinary chemicals across the country.

Note: Before bringing your chemical containers to a drumMUSTER collection point, make sure to triple rinse them to remove any chemical residue. After rinsing, remove the lids and allow the containers to dry completely. Find out more at **www.agsafe.org.au**

Animals

Microchipping

Getting your pet microchipped and registered is part of being a responsible pet owner and can help reunite you with your furry friends if they go missing.

The first step in registering your pet is microchipping. All cats and dogs are required to be microchipped prior to being registered. Animals are to be microchipped by 12 weeks of age, at a point of sale or change of ownership (whichever occurs first).

Pets can be microchipped by your local vet or animal welfare organisation. Please note that this service is offered at a fee.

Registering Your Pet

Once your pet has been microchipped, you must register them with council by 12-weeks of age otherwise penalties can apply. In NSW, the registration fee is a once-only payment, which covers your cat or dog for its lifetime, regardless of ownership.

Additional fees apply for animals not desexed by 6-months.

To register your pet, please visit **www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au** or attend one of our local service centres.

If registering your pet at Council, you will be required to complete a lifetime registration form. Registration fees apply.

If you have questions about the costs or process, please contact council on 1300 087 004, or admin@murrayriver.nsw.gov.au.

Changing Registration Details

It is important you keep the registration details up-to-date should you move house, change contact details, sell, or give away your pet.

It is recommended you create an owner profile with the NSW Pet Registry. The register allows you to:

- update your contact details
- report your pet missing
- change the ownership of pets online.

You can do this online via the NSW Pet Registry:
www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au

If you need to verify an existing microchip, you'll find the relevant form via the NSW Pet Registry.

Pet Owner Responsibilities

If you own a dog or cat, you must:

- Register and microchip each dog or cat you own
- Make sure that each dog or cat wears a collar with contact details on it.
- Exercise dogs on leash unless in a designated off-leash area, and always maintain effective control
- Make sure your dog doesn't bark persistently
- Obey any council orders about having your dog on a leash or disposing of your dog's droppings
- Prevent your dog chasing or attacking people or other animals.

Off-leash Areas

Let your four-legged friends explore their new home too! There are a number of off-leash areas in our region that are safe and active spaces for the whole family. Why not explore them all?!

- Moama Dog Park: Moama Recreation Reserve, Perricoota Road, Moama
- Kiely Road Walking Track: Kiely Road, Moama
- Old Trotting Track: Moama Recreation Reserve, Perricoota Road, Moama
- River Park Drive Reserve: Moama
- Swan Hill Dog Park: Barry Steggall Park, Swan Hill.

Lost Pets

If you lose your pet and can't locate them, please call council Rangers on 1300 087 004.

Please keep your registration contact details up-to-date so that our Rangers can return your pet safely home if they are ever lost.

If you find a lost or stray animal, please check for any identification, and contact the owner directly. If the animal has no identification, please call our Customer Service Centre to be transferred to council Rangers on 1300 087 004. Please note that this service is only available during business hours.

Snakes and Wildlife

If you need help with snakes, wildlife or locating a snake catcher please contact NSW Department of Environment and Heritage on 1300 361 967, or visit:
www.environment.nsw.gov.au

For injured wildlife, you can also contact WIRES:
1300 094 737

Building Planning and Development

If you are planning to build, renovate or do any works on your property, you are likely to need a permit from Council.

These include:

- Constructing, altering, or demolishing a building
- Subdividing land
- Removing native vegetation (dead or alive)
- Building a shed, garage, or carport
- Building a deck, balcony, veranda, or pergola
- Installing a swimming pool or spa
- Building certain types of fences
- Building a retaining wall
- Displaying certain types of signs.

There are also planning restrictions on the types of activities that can be undertaken on your land, so please contact us to find out if approval is required.

Our website has a range of helpful information and resources to help plan your building or development including guidelines on what approvals are needed.

Visit: **www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/Plan-Build**

Rates

If you are a property owner, your rates instalments are due at the end of each quarter.

You may opt to pay your rates in full by 31 August each year, or in four equal instalments due:

- 31 August
- 30 November
- 28 February
- 31 May

Rates notices are posted to you prior to each instalment date.

You can pay your rates via BPAY view, online with Visa or Mastercard, by mail or in person at a council service centre.

Sign-up for eNotices

To help us reduce our carbon footprint, you can register to receive your rates notices by email.

To register and sign up for eNotices please visit **www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/Council**

Please contact council if you require assistance.

Water Saving Rules

All council areas operate under permanent water saving rules. These rules mean that council generally doesn't recommend watering during the hottest part of the day at any time. To find out more about Council's water saving rules, please visit:
www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/Our-Services

MiWater Customer Portal

The MiWater platform is a FREE customer portal that helps you monitor your water usage. Accessible anytime, on any device, the MiWater portal makes managing your water easy. Sign up for email or SMS alerts and be notified of water leaks or high consumption rates as they occur.

Any property that has a smart water meter installed can access the portal.

To get access today, sign up online via **www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/miwater** or contact our Customer Service Team for more information.

Council also sends letters to customers who have high water meter reads encouraging them to check for leaks.

Your NEIGHBOURHOOD

Feel at home in your neighbourhood: Explore essential services and neighbourhood support.

Roads and Footpaths

Council maintains 2,988kms of sealed and unsealed roads in addition to public footpaths and kerbs. This does not include State roads, which are maintained by Transport NSW.

Roads and footpaths in the area are regularly inspected and maintained for clear and safe use. If you would like to report any maintenance issues, please contact our Customer Service team on 1300 087 004 (number available 24/7) or report online via our website. Council often adds roadworks and road closures to the NSW Live Traffic website.

For up-to-date traffic advice visit:
www.livetraffic.com

Parks, Gardens and Trees

Council manages and maintains over a thousand trees in urban areas as well as parks and gardens across the region.

If you need to report a fallen tree, or request tree maintenance, planting, pruning or stump removal, please get in touch with our Parks and Gardens Team on 1300 087 004 (number available 24/7) or report online via our website.

Council's Parks and Open Space Strategy and Service Delivery Plan provide in-depth detail on how Council's parks, open spaces, recreation reserves, cemeteries, urban road reserves and drainage basins are monitored and managed.

To view the strategy visit:
www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/Council

Report it to Council

If you encounter any of the following urgent issues, report it to council immediately.

- Lost or wandering animals
- Dangerous dogs
- Fire hazards on private property or council land
- Fallen trees, debris or dead animals on council roads.

You can also report other non-urgent issues in your neighbourhood, to council at any time by visiting your local service centre, calling 1300 087 004, (number available 24/7) or lodging a request at our website:
www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au

Native Vegetation

Native vegetation is protected under the planning scheme. Removal of native vegetation (including trees, shrubs, and grasses) on your property or roadsides will generally require a permit.

Please call council on 1300 087 004 or visit:
www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/Our-Services



Emergencies

Emergency Contacts

- Emergency (Ambulance, Police, Fire) – 000
- Police Assistance Line (non-urgent crime reporting and enquiries) – 13 14 44
- Crime Stoppers (to provide crime information confidentially) – 1800 333 000
- State Emergency Service (SES – assistance due to flood and natural disasters) – 132 500
- NSW Rural Fire Service (Bushfire Information) – 1800 679 737
- Lifeline (Crisis support, suicide prevention and mental health support) - 13 11 14
- Kids Helpline (24/7 support and counselling for young people) – 1800 551 800
- NSW Mental Health Line (Mental health crisis support) – 1800 011 511
- Healthdirect (for non-urgent health questions) - 1800 020 080
- Poisons Hotline (for 24/7 poison support) – 13 11 26
- Nurse on Call – (for immediate health advice from a registered nurse) – 1300 60 60 24
- Echuca Regional Health (Hospital) – 03 5485 5000
- Barham-Koondrook Soldiers Memorial Hospital - 03 5451 1000
- Swan Hill District Health Hospital - 03 5033 9300

For all medical facilities and health services in your local area, please refer to the medical facilities section located in this document.

Fire

We live in a bushfire and grassfire prone region, which means you should have a plan in case these or other emergencies threaten your safety, home, or livelihood. Make sure to include your animals in your plan.

Be aware of the Fire Danger Period and Ratings, as well as the burning-off restrictions that apply during and outside this period.

Murray River townships are part of the Southern Riverina Fire District.

Fire restrictions apply across all council areas on a seasonal basis and are designed to keep our communities safe.

For current information, please visit the NSW Rural Fire Service website: **www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information**

Flood

Towns and rural areas across the Murray River Council region are located near the Murray, Edward and Wakool river systems and may be affected by flooding. Flooding can occur from rivers, creeks and waterways (riverine flooding), as well as from heavy rainfall causing water to flow across land and through drainage systems (overland flooding). You and your property may be at risk, particularly if you live near waterways, drains or low-lying land. Be prepared by monitoring flood watches and warnings and understanding your local flood risk.

For emergency warnings and advice, visit the State Emergency Services (SES) **www.ses.nsw.gov.au** and follow the Murray SES Facebook Page for regular updates.

To find out if you are in a flood affected area, please refer to the following Flood Maps available on our website: **www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/Our-Services**

- Echuca-Moama Flood Map
- Murray Downs Flood Map – Pg 48
- Tooleybuc Flood Map – Pg 50
- Barham Flood Study – Pg 54
- Moulamein Flood Study

Emergency Relief and Recovery

Council works in collaboration with emergency service organisations to prepare and respond to emergencies. Council has an appointed Local Emergency Management Officer (LEMO) to act as a coordinator and liaise with other agencies such as NSW Police, Fire and Rescue and State Emergency Services.

During a large-scale emergency, council will coordinate with these agencies to arrange access to relief services such as food, water, shelter, clothing and sleeping arrangements at a designated Emergency Relief Centre if required. The location of these relief centres will be advertised widely during an emergency.

Drought Information

Murray River Council recognises the importance of ensuring our community is supported to prepare for, respond to and recover from drought conditions. Whether you are seeking financial assistance, mental health support, business advice, water and feed information, or wellbeing resources, help is available.

Please visit **www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/Community/Community-support/Drought-Information**



Your COMMUNITY

Your home away from home:
Explore free and affordable community services, schools and groups.

The Welcome Experience

The Welcome Experience provides free personalised concierge support to help essential workers and their families relocate, settle, and thrive in regional NSW. The program is now available across the Edward River, Murray River and Berrigan Local Government Areas.

The Service is available to:

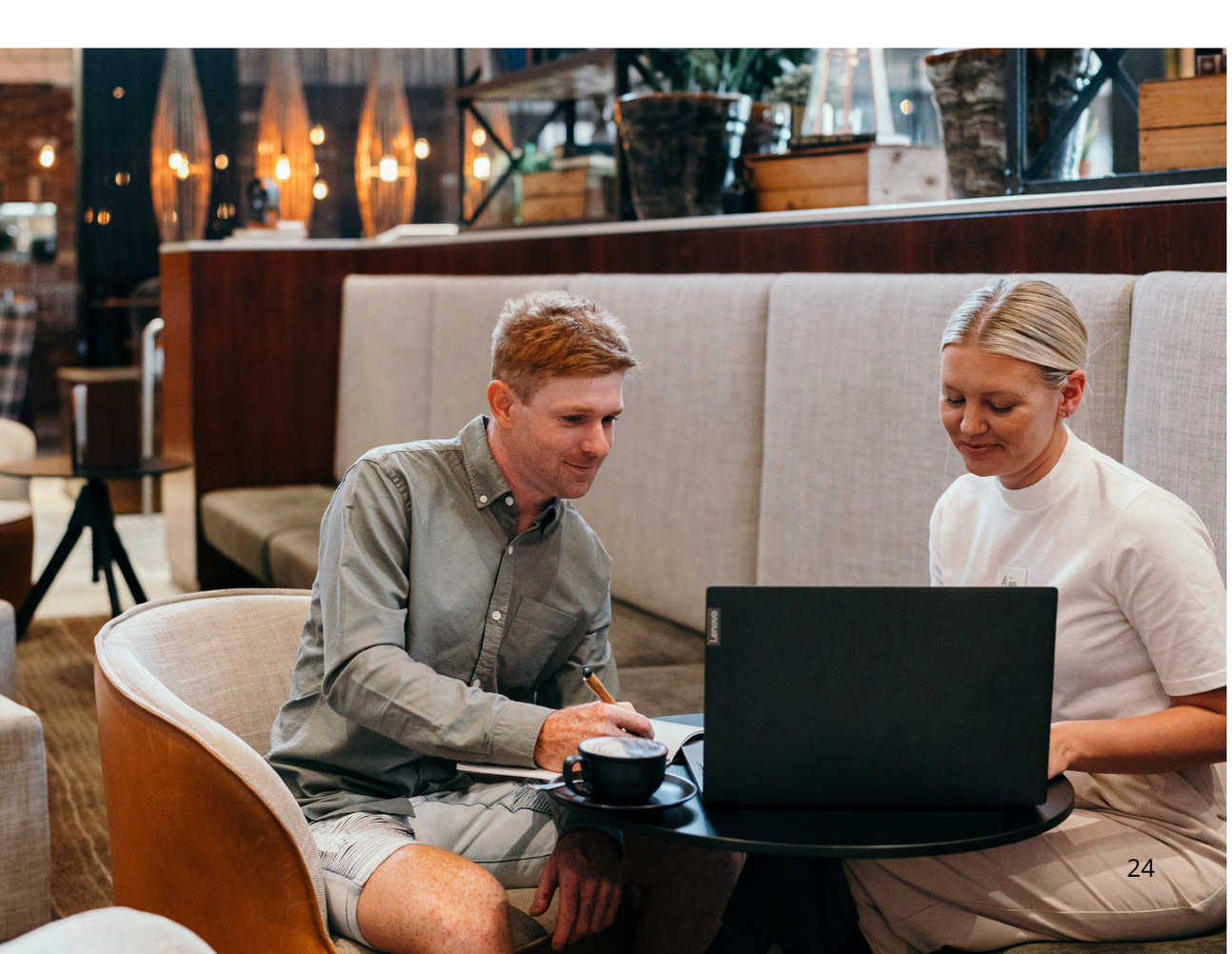
- All health workers
- All education workers
- NSW Government Agency employees

For assistance with:

- Relocation support and housing information
- Partner employment opportunities
- Education and childcare options
- Accessibility and healthcare services
- Cultural and social connections
- Leisure and recreation opportunities
- Local knowledge and community introductions

For support or more information, please contact your local connector or register your interest here:

www.nsw.gov.au/regional-and-primary-industries/makethemove/welcome-experience/welcome-experience-get-started



Medical Facilities

If you are in a life-threatening emergency, always call 000.

The Murray River community has multiple medical facilities available for our residents and visitors ranging from local doctors and health clinics, to hospitals. Below is a list of available medical facilities in each town.

Echuca-Moama		
Moama Family Medical Practice	1 Martin Street, Moama	03 5480 2933
Moama Health Clinic	2 Perricoota Road, Moama	03 5482 5555
Meninya Medical Clinic	33 Meninya Street, Moama	03 5730 2244
Echuca Family Medical Practice	179/183 Annesley Street, Echuca	03 5480 6001
Echuca Regional Hospital	226 Service Street, Echuca	03 5480 5000
Rich River Health Group	214 Ogilvie Avenue, Echuca	03 5480 6700
Dove Medical Centre	309 High Street, Echuca	03 4411 7855
AMCAL Echuca	129 Hare Street, Echuca	03 5482 6666
Mathoura		
Mathoura Community Health Centre	19 Lawrence Street, Mathoura	03 5884 3301
Moulamein		
Moulamein Community Health Centre	54 Baratta Street, Moulamein	03 5887 5012
Tooleybuc		
Tooleybuc Community Health Centre	76 Cadell Street, Tooleybuc	03 5030 5189
Barham - Koondrook		
Quantum Medical Centre Barham	Barham Plaza, Mellool Street, Barham	03 5453 1722
Barham-Koondrook Soldiers Memorial Hospital	88 Punt Road, Barham	03 5451 1000
Murray Downs – Swan Hill		
Swan Hill Health Primary Medical Centre	31 High Street, Swan Hill	03 5033 9900
Swan Hill Medical Group	Cnr Splatt & McCrae Streets, Swan Hill	03 5033 1711
Malle District Aboriginal Health Services	70 Nyah Road, Swan Hill	03 5032 8600
Swan Hill District Health Hospital	48 Splatt Street, Swan Hill	03 5033 9300

Business and Community Directory

The Murray River Council's Business and Community Directory is your go-to resource for discovering the vibrant array of local businesses, community organisations and groups in our region.

Whether you're looking to join a club, volunteer your time, or simply explore what's on offer, our directory is here to help you connect and engage with your community.

You can also sign your business or group up for a listing too!

investrivercountry.com.au/join-the-directory

Maternal and Child Health

This free service provides support to all families with young children aged from birth to pre-kindergarten at key stages of their growth and development.

The service is delivered through the following community health centres.

Echuca-Moama		
Moama Community Health Centre	1/7 Echuca Street, Moama	03 5482 4354
Campaspe Community Children's Centre	398 High Street, Echuca	03 5480 2547
Njernda Medical Centre	84 Hare Street, Echuca	03 5480 6252
Koondrook-Barham		
Barham Community Health Centre	Gonn Street, Barham	03 5451 1004
Moulamein		
Moulamein Community Health Centre	54 Barratta Street, Moulamein	03 5887 5012
Tooleybuc		
Tooleybuc Community Health Centre	76 Cadell Street, Tooleybuc	03 5030 5189
Murray Downs – Swan Hill		
Maternal and Child Health Centre Swan Hill	154 Curlewis St, Swan Hill	03 5032 0300

For more information on the available child, family and parenting services please visit NSW Health:
www.health.nsw.gov.au/kidsfamilies

Family Day Care

Family day care is approved child care that focuses on each individual child's development, while providing high-quality early learning in an educator's own home.

To find Family Day Care in your area please visit:

www.familydaycare.com.au/find-child-care

www.intereach.com.au/service/family-day-care/

Kindergartens and Preschools

Give your child the best start to their learning journey with our local kindergartens, preschools and childcare centres.

Echuca-Moama		
Goodstart Early Learning Centre, Moama	1 Martin Street, Moama	1800 222 543
Insight Early Learning Moama	Unit 1/46 Meninya Street, Moama	03 4444 2802
Moama and District Preschool	31 Bushlark Drive, Moama	03 5482 1224
Campaspe Community Children's Centre	398 High Steet, Echuca	03 5480 2547
Journey Early Learning Echuca	255 Ogilvie Avenue, Echuca	03 5480 1974
Goodstart Early Learning Centre, Echuca	112 Northern Highway, Echuca	03 5482 1088
Shine Bright Echuca Central Kindergarten	287 Anstruther Street, Echuca	03 5482 2284
Shine Bright Echuca East Kindergarten	115 Stawell Street Echuca	03 5482 2783
Shine Bright Echuca South Kindergarten	232 High Street, Echuca	03 5482 1740
Echuca East Preschool	115 Stawell Street, Echuca	03 5482 2783
Echuca South Community Preschool	232 High Street, Echuca	03 5482 1740
Koondrook- Barham		
River Region Early Education & Preschool	49 Noorong Street, Barham	03 5881 2394
Koondrook Primary & Pre-School	9 Punt Road, Koondrook	03 5453 2428
Bunnaloo		
River Region Early Education	Fitzroy Street, Bunnaloo	03 5881 2394
Mathoura		
Mathoura Preschool	15 Lawrence Street, Mathoura	03 5884 3362
Wakool		
Wakool Preschool	32 Bass St, Wakool	03 5887 1122
Moulamein		
Moulamein Preschool	15 Turora St, Moulamein	0478 031 266
Tooleybuc		
Tooleybuc Preschool	51 Cadell St, Tooleybuc	03 5030 5589

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Kindergartens and Preschools

Murray Downs-Swan Hill		
Shine Bright Swan Hill South Kindergarten	5 Willick Street, Swan Hill	03 5032 4333
Shine Bright Swan Hill North kindergarten	118 Chapman Street, Swan Hill	03 5032 2788
Shine Bright Kunawaa Kindergarten	123-163 Gray Street, Swan Hill	03 5032 3600
Shine Bright Shamrock Park Kindergarten	2 Murlong Street, Swan Hill	03 4016 2008
Goodstart Early Learning Swan Hill	28A Pritchard Street, Swan Hill	1800 222 543
Montessori Beginnings Swan Hill	100 Beveridge Street, Swan Hill	03 4026 0779
Young Adventurers Early Childhood Swan Hill	24 Yana Street, Swan Hill	03 5032 9729
Little Swans Early Learning Swan Hill	53 Butterworth Street, Swan Hill	03 5032 2220
Rugrats Childcare	7 Stewart Street, Swan Hill	03 5033 1682
Swan Hill Childcare Centre	4 Logan Street, Swan Hill	03 5032 1328



Schools

Residents within the region have access to a diverse range of education choices for early learning right through to higher education. To check which schools are in your local enrolment area, please visit the NSW School Finder.

A list of all available schools can be found below.

Town	School	Address	Phone	Primary	Secondary
Echuca-Moama	Moama Public School	Simms St, Moama	03 5482 1564	✓	x
	Moama Anglican Grammar	2 Kirchhofer Street, Moama	03 5480 5900	✓	✓
	Echuca Primary School	413 High Street, Echuca	03 5483 0700	✓	x
	Echuca East Primary School	Eyre Street, Echuca	03 5482 2588	✓	x
	Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School	66 Wilkinson Drive, Echuca	03 5481 7700	✓	x
	St Mary's Primary School	15-33 Bridlington Avenue, Echuca	03 5482 1342	✓	x
	Echuca College	College Drive, Echuca	03 5482 1133	x	✓
	Australian Christian College	29 Rose Street, Echuca	03 4445 5200	x	✓
	St Joseph's College	21 Dickson Street, Echuca	03 5482 2577	x	✓
	St Carlo's Catholic School	Lignum Rd, Moama	02 6853 9393	✓	x
Mathoura	Mathoura Public School	20 Frome Street, Mathoura	03 5884 3314	✓	x
Bunnaloo	Bunnaloo Public School	Fitzroy St, Bunnaloo	03 5489 7275	✓	x
Koondrook-Barham	Barham Public School	Wakool St, Barham	03 5453 2133	✓	x
	Barham High School	38 Gonn Street, Barham	03 5453 2322	x	✓
	Koondrook Primary School	9 Punt Road, Koondrook	03 5453 2428	✓	x
Wakool	Wakool Barraboi Public School	49 Flinders St, Wakool	03 5887 1126	✓	x
Moulamein	Moulamein Public School	14 Brougham St, Moulamein	03 5887 5208	✓	x
Tooleybuc	Tooleybuc Central School	87 Murray St, Tooleybuc	03 5030 5422	✓	✓

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Town	School	Address	Phone	Primary	Secondary
Murray Downs-Swan Hill	St Mary's Primary School	2 Murlong St, Swan Hill	03 5033 2541	✓	x
	Swan Hill College	10-32 Pye St, Swan Hill	03 5036 4900	x	✓
	Swan Hill North Primary	118 Chapman St, Swan Hill	03 5032 4577	✓	x
	St Mary MacKillop College	53 McCrae St, Swan Hill	03 5032 9771	x	✓
	Swan Hill Primary School	123 Gray St, Swan Hill	03 5032 1336	✓	x
	Swan Hill Christian School	Aerodrome Rd, Swan Hill	03 5032 4199	✓	x

Higher Education & Colleges

There are a number of tertiary education options in neighbouring towns including Echuca, Swan Hill and Deniliquin. Echuca Tafe and NSW Tafe offer easy access to a range of courses and career pathways for further education and training.

For more information on available training and courses, please visit:

- TAFE NSW **www.tafensw.edu.au**
- Bendigo TAFE **www.bendigotafe.edu.au/campus**

Community Centres and Neighbourhood Houses

Echuca-Moama		
Crossenvale Community Hub	28 Boothman Street, Echuca	03 5480 3583
Echuca Neighbourhood House	261 High Street, Echuca	03 5854 6482
Murray Downs – Swan Hill		
Swan Hill Neighbourhood House	98-100 Gray Street, Swan Hill	03 5032 1549
Visitor and Community Comfort Centre	106 Beveridge Street, Swan Hill	0400 057 022

Youth

Council offers a dedicated Youth Hub in Moulamein that supports the development of young people from 11+ years of age.

We also oversee local activities each year to celebrate National Youth Week.

For more information, visit:
www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/Community

Be sure to follow our 'Youth Engagement Program' Facebook page for information on events and programs: **www.facebook.com/mrcyep**

Youth Support

Headspace Echuca & Swan Hill

Headspace is a free and confidential service where young people aged 12+ can access a range of services. They offer a mixture of in-person catch ups and phone and video call services so that young people can access the support they need.

Echuca
451 High Street, Echuca, Victoria 3564
Phone: (03) 5485 5048
Email: headspace@erh.org.au

Swan Hill
11 Pritchard Street, Swan Hill, Victoria 3585
Phone: (03) 4010 7100
Email: headspace@shdh.org.au

Find your closest centre: **headspace.org.au**

Seniors Clubs and Activities

If you're a senior citizen looking to stay active and engaged by participating in regular social activities and events, we encourage you to reach out to any of the local clubs listed below for more information. They offer a variety of opportunities for you to connect with others and enjoy a vibrant community life.

Echuca-Moama		
Echuca Senior Citizens Club	39 Landsborough Street, Echuca	03 5482 3216
Murray Downs-Swan Hill		
Swan Hill Senior Citizens Centre	125 Curlewis Street, Swan Hill	03 5036 2333

There are also various community activities that run on a regular basis, dedicated to older people, such as the Moama Bakery Senior Days, Senior's Gym, and a range of classes and volunteering opportunities.

Please contact council or visit our Community Directory to find out more.

Senior Citizens and Older People

Council supports older people to stay active, independent, and living at home for as long as possible with a range of flexible support services.

These include:

Social Support
Giving eligible members of our community access to social activities such as home visits, social outings, shopping, chair-based exercises and cuppa-and-chat.

Transport
A range of transport options are available including transport for social events, shopping, health and medical appointments, both locally and further afield.

Home Maintenance and Modifications
Minor home modifications and maintenance can be provided to improve the safety of your home.

Delivered Meals
Council operates a meal delivery service to elderly people within the community.

Want to access one of these services? Speak to a member of our community services team by calling 1300 087 004.

Access and Eligibility

If you are over 65, you may be eligible for these services including those provided through My Aged Care. To access these services, you will need to contact My Aged Care on 1800 200 422 to register.

Once registered and accepted as eligible, Council will work with you to develop a Care Support Plan, tailored to your needs.

If you are under 65 and looking to access our services, please contact the team to discuss your circumstances and requirements.

Justice of the Peace

Looking for a JP in your local area?

You can find them via the NSW online register provided under the Justices of the Peace Act 2002. It includes only current JPs in New South Wales.

You'll find a link on our website: **www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/Community/Justice-of-the-Peace**

Libraries

Local residents can access library services in Barham, Moulamein, Mathoura and Echuca-Moama.
Council also operates a mobile library service which visits schools and communities in Murray Downs, Tooleybuc and Wakool on a fortnightly basis.

To find out more visit **www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/Community** or give council a call on 1300 087 004.

Barham Library

15 Murray St, Barham
Phone: 1300 087 004
Opening hours:
Tuesday: 11:00am - 4:00pm
Thursday: 10:00am - 2:00pm
Friday: 11:00am - 4:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Moulamein Library

Morago St, Moulamein
Phone:1300 087 004
Opening hours:
Tuesday: 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Wednesday: 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Friday: 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Mobile Library

To stay up to date on the mobile library service and schedule, visit Council's website for locations and information.

Mathoura (Visitor & Business Centre)

Cobb Highway, Mathoura
Phone: 1300 087 004
Opening hours:
Monday - Thursday: 10:00am - 4.00pm

Moama/Echuca Library

310 Hare Street, Echuca
Phone: 03 5481 2400
Opening hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday:
10:00am - 5.30 pm
Wednesday: 12noon - 8.00pm
Saturday: 10:00am - 1:00pm
Sunday: 2:00pm - 4.30pm



Disability Access and Inclusion

Accessible Parking Permits (Disabled Parking Permits)

If you have a temporary or permanent condition that affects your mobility, you may be eligible for the NSW Mobility Parking Scheme. To apply for a permit or check your eligibility, please visit one of our NSW Service Centres in Moama, Barham or Moulamein or Service NSW via **www.service.nsw.gov.au/services**

Disability Support

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) provides disability support to members of the Murray River community. If you require disability support, please contact the NDIS on 1800 800 110 or visit **www.ndis.gov.au**.

Disability Inclusion Action Plan

The Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) has been developed by Murray River Council to guide inclusion and equity for people with a disability, so that they can fully participate in, and contribute to, social, business and community life.
To view the DIAP, please visit

www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/Council

Toilet Map - **toiletmap.gov.au**

Volunteer

Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and get involved in the local community. There are many volunteering opportunities for all ages and skill sets giving residents the opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills and gain invaluable experience. Volunteers help us (and many other organisations) to deliver a range of services across the region.

Volunteer at Council

Council volunteers support and enhance the delivery of a range of important programs and community groups including:

Community Services - Driving clients to various services, supporting clients with Social Support including shopping or delivering Meals on Wheels.

Community Transport Program – Volunteer Drivers

Community Events - MRC host events within the community throughout the year. These often require members of the community to assist in various way.

Community Groups, including Section 355 Committees who help manage and look after facilities such as cemeteries, gardens, halls, historical sites, and recreational reserves.

To find out more information and apply, please contact council on 1300 087 004.

Business

Murray River is home to a vibrant and thriving business community. From larger commercial companies to home-based businesses, we can assist you with support advice, whether you're just starting up or you're an established operation.

Providing everything from grants and funding support to connecting you with local businesses and networking events, council is here to help you thrive.

Visit **www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/Business** for more information or call us on 1300 087 004 to discuss our business support services.

Employment and Training

If you've recently joined our community and are seeking employment, the following employment services may be of assistance:

Sureway Employment and Training Barham Rest Centre, 25 Noorong St, Barham NSW 2732 Phone: 1300 787 392
CVGT Australia 216 Darling St, Echuca VIC 3564 Phone: 132848
The Personnel Group 258 Anstruther St, Echuca VIC 3564 Phone: 1300874000
Sureway Employment and Training Tooleybuc Bridge Keepers Cottage, Tooleybuc NSW 2736 Phone: 1300 787 392

Live, Work, Invest

Designed for those looking to relocate, start a business, or simply enjoy a fresh lifestyle in our beautiful region, our Live Work Invest website is your one-stop resource for everything our vibrant community has to offer. Find information on employment, housing, investment opportunities, and local amenities. **www.investrivercountry.com.au**

Your REGION

Embrace Murray living: Dive into local events, activities and community groups.

Events, Markets and Festivals

Known for its breathtaking river panoramas, rich cultural history, delicious food and wine, and annual events and festivals, Murray River is a fabulous place to visit, live and work.

Our region hosts a huge range of events throughout the year, including community-run festivals, exhibitions, sporting events and markets.

To find out what's on across the region, head to:
visitrivercountry.com.au

Or why not attend one of our local markets that happen multiple times a month?

Echuca Moama Farmers Market
Aquatic Reserve, Echuca
1st and 3rd Saturday of the month
8am – 1pm

Moama Market
Kerrabee Soundshell, Moama
Every other Sunday
8am – 1pm

Tooleybuc Food & Fibre Market
Mensforth Park, Tooleybuc
3rd Sunday of the month
9am – 11am

For inspiration on places to go and things to see, head to:
visitrivercountry.com.au

Arts

With a vibrant arts community there are opportunities to visit artist studios and exhibitions, participate in workshops or create your own.

If you're a lover of the arts and want to see what's on offer in our wonderful community, visit the things to do tab at **visitrivercountry.com.au**

Visitor Information Centres

Echuca Moama Visitor Information Centre
41 Murray Esplanade, Shop 1, Echuca
1800 316 422

Mathoura Visitor and Business Centre
23 Moama Street (Cobb Hwy), Mathoura
1300 087 004

Barham Newsagency
36 Noorong St, Barham
03 5453 2043

Swan Hill Visitor Information Centre
Cnr McCrae and Curlewis Streets, Swan Hill
1800 625 373

Transport

Public Transport

Public Transport is provided by Transport NSW and Public Transport Victoria throughout our cross-border community.

Public Transport Victoria provides a regular bus service that operates in Echuca, Moama, and Barmah. Buses run between Echuca and Moama numerous times a day with a fortnightly service operating between Moama and Barmah every second Thursday.

Transport NSW provides a weekly bus service between Conargo, Mathoura and Echuca-Moama.

For Public Transport Victoria bus routes and timetables, please visit their website or call the Public Transport Call Centre on 1800 800 007 and select Option 1 for help planning your journey.

For Transport NSW bus routes and timetables, please visit their website or call 13 15 00 to plan or book your tickets,

Remote and Older Persons Transport

Murray River Council offers community transport for older persons and people living remotely.

Transport for frail older persons meeting the My Aged Care eligibility criteria who are 65-years and older or 50-years and over for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders, can access community transport for essential shopping, appointments, and social activities.

People living remotely who otherwise do not have access to other transport means can also access this service. It is not age specific and is there to support our remote communities with access to transport.

To access our Community Transport Services, contact our Community Services department on 1300 087 004.

Events & Casual Hires

Plan an Event

Whether you're planning a small community gathering or a large-scale festival, this page will help you understand what's involved and where to find the right information to get started. Head to **murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/Community/Events-Casual-Hires**

Pools and Leisure Centres

Swimming is a great way to exercise while having fun. Murray River Council owns and operates two outdoor swimming pools, located in Mathoura and Moama. These pools are open to the public throughout the summer months and are managed and maintained by Belgravia Leisure.

There are also community-run pools in Moulamein and Barham's neighbouring town, Koondrook and an Olympic-sized indoor pool in Echuca and Swan Hill which provide learn to swim programs, adult lessons, and leisure activities.

Council Run Pools

Moama Swimming Pool (Outdoor)	Blair St &, Francis St, Moama	03 5032 5222
Mathoura Swimming Pool (Outdoor)	28 Mathoura St, Mathoura	03 5032 5222

Community Run Pools

Moulamein Swimming Pool (Outdoor)	41 Brougham St, Moulamein	0432 541 390
Koondrook Swimming Pool (Outdoor)	Forest St, Koondrook	03 5453 2085

Leisure Centres

Echuca War Memorial Aquatic Centre (Indoor)	Cnr Service & High Streets, Echuca	03 5483 9698
Swan Hill Leisure Centre (Indoor)	Monash Drive, Swan Hill	03 5032 5222



Sporting Clubs

From youth sports to seniors' bowls, the region offers some of the best, grass-roots community sport. There is a vast range of community-led groups and sporting events each year including golf, AFL football, tennis, hockey, athletics, netball, swimming, water sports and so much more.

To find a local sporting group, visit **www.sport.nsw.gov.au/find-a-sport** or contact the relevant state sporting association to find a club near you.

Sporting Centres and Recreational Reserves

With numerous sporting centres and recreational reserves across the region, there are countless opportunities to join a local club or take part in community events.

Below is a list of sports and recreation grounds that host ongoing sporting and recreational activities.

Echuca-Moama	
Moama Recreation Reserve	52 Perricoota Rd, Moama, NSW
Jack Eddy Oval, Moama	Perricoota Road, Moama, NSW
Brick Alley Oval	Kirchhofer St, Moama, NSW
Echuca Moama Athletics Centre	52 Perricoota Road, Moama, NSW
Moama Cycle Club Velodrome	Kirchhofer St, Moama, NSW
Echuca Sporting Complex	Butcher Street, Echuca, VIC
Echuca Stadium	High Street, Echuca, VIC
Echuca East Recreation Reserve	Sutton Street, Echuca, VIC
Victoria Park	Crofton Street, Echuca, VIC
Koondrook – Barham	
Barham Recreation Reserve	Gonn Street, Barham, NSW
Koondrook Recreation Reserve	Grigg Road, Koondrook, VIC
Bunnaloo	
Bunnaloo Recreation Reserve	Fitzroy Street, Bunnaloo, NSW
Goodnight	
Goodnight Recreation Reserve	Koraleigh Road, Koraleigh, NSW
Koraleigh	
Koraleigh Recreation Reserve	Koraleigh Road, Koraleigh, NSW
Mallan	
Mallan Recreation Reserve	Mallan, NSW
Mathoura	
Mathoura Recreation Reserve	Morris Street, Mathoura NSW
Moulamein	
Moulamein South Recreation Reserve	Moulamein Road, Moulamein, NSW
Moulamein Centenary Recreation Reserve	Moulamein Road, Moulamein, NSW
Tooleybuc	
Tooleybuc Recreation Reserve	Lockhart Rd, Tooleybuc, NSW
Wakool	
Wakool Recreation Reserve	Dampier Street, Wakool, NSW
Murray Downs – Swan Hill	
Alan Garden Reserve	High Street, Swan Hill, VIC
Alan Garden Netball Courts	High Street, Swan Hill, VIC
Gurnett Oval	Splatt Street, Swan Hill, VIC
Ken Harrison Reserve	Yana Street, Swan Hill, VIC
Riverside Park	Monash Drive, Swan Hill, VIC
Swan Hill Showground's Reserve	Stradbroke Avenue, Swan Hill, VIC

Community Halls and Buildings

There are 18 community halls and buildings for hire across the Murray River region which offer a host of great facilities for functions, events and group activities.

- Barham Recreation Reserve Pavilion
- Barham Riverside Reception Room
- Barham School of Arts Hall
- Wakool Memorial Hall
- Goodnight Public Hall
- Koraleigh Hall
- Koraleigh Recreation Reserve Pavilion
- Mathoura Visitor & Business Centre
- Murray Shire Hall Mathoura
- Moulamein Centenary Reserve Pavilion
- Moulamein South Recreation Reserve
- Noorong Community Centre
- Mallan Hall
- Caldwell Hall
- Womboota Hall
- Bunnaloo Hall
- Tooleybuc Hall
- Murray Downs Community Centre

For more information about our facilities and how you can book one for your next event, please visit: **www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/Community**

Cemeteries

We have cemeteries in Moama, Mathoura, Barham, Tooleybuc and Moulamein.

Please contact council on 1300 087 004 for all enquiries regarding any of the local cemeteries.

We also have an online cemetery tool where families and friends can now conduct historical enquiries in our live database to access real-time cemetery information.

Visit **www.murrayriver.nsw.gov.au/Our-Services**

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Visit us

Barham: 15 Murray Street, Barham, NSW
Mathoura: 21-25 Conargo Street, Mathoura, NSW
Moama: 52 Perricoota Road Moama, NSW
Moulamein: Morago Street, Moulamein, NSW

Contact us

Phone: 1300 087 004
Email: admin@murrayriver.nsw.gov.au

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