



Work Live and Love Gundy Life

Hello!

Looking for work life balance, a friendly community, and a social life? You won't beat Goondiwindi.



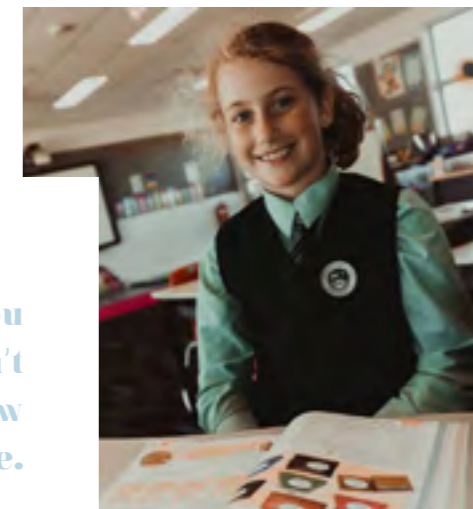
Welcome to Goondiwindi! Here you will find farmers that are on the cutting edge with technological advances driving efficiencies and higher returns, and numerous multi-million dollar farming properties.

You'll find locals that are warm and welcoming, who are also heading up major industry bodies, influencing policy and decisions across this country, and award winning businesses. This is a town that continues to grow and prosper and the future is looking bright.

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Like many before you, once you live in Goondiwindi, you won't ever want to leave your new home.





We Love Our Region

Goondiwindi offers a modern country lifestyle in a family-friendly and incredibly safe environment. Although Goondiwindi is a substantially sized country town, it has the intimate feel of a small, rural settlement.

The community is close and most welcoming. At any number of the restaurants, cafes, shops or hotels in town, the staff will provide you with a level of service usually reserved for more urban locations. Guests are regularly surprised by the breadth of retail options, and our clothing shops are well known for their quality and style.

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Goondiwindi is a thriving country town situated on the Macintyre River near the Queensland – New South Wales border, and is home to around 6000 locals. With 5 major highways intersecting at Goondiwindi, we are a gateway to the outback and natural access point to Queensland for most interstate travellers, making it easy for everyone to get here. It is the commercial centre of a vast agricultural and pastoral region, producing cotton, grain, wool, beef, lamb and pork. Goondiwindi also has plenty of options for shopping, dining and entertainment and is a pretty and welcoming town, with tree-lined streets, well-kept gardens and abundant wildlife

You'll find it's a vibrant, contemporary place with excellent facilities and amenities, we are always hosting events from equestrian extravaganzas, concerts, car rally's to major sporting events. We love our adventure sports with Offroad Motorsport Racing and Water Ski Championships to name a couple. August showcases our passion for all things equestrian with Giddy-Up-Gundy offering everything from Race Days, Cutting competitions, Rodeos, to Polo and Polocrosse.

Our sporting facilities reflect our active lifestyle with an 18 hole golf course, international standard water ski park, 4 cricket fields, 3 rugby fields, 2 indoor netball, and 10 outdoor netball courts, an AFL field, 3 soccer fields, 2 lawns bowls greens, 5 tennis courts, a public swimming pool and a local gym. Our community participation and volunteer base is second to none. For example the Hell of the West triathlon held in the summer months, an event on the national triathlon calendar, caters for over 700 participants, none of which is possible without the 300 plus volunteers pitching in to help out.

If you live in town the likelihood is that you are within 3km of your workplace! Popping home for lunch or attending school parades all becomes an achievable part of your new work-life balance. With everything so close you can also get proactive on the walking front, or make the most of parking right at the front entry to the supermarket, or your workplace. You can say goodbye to driving around looking for a car park once you move to Goondiwindi!



Our Economy

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Goondiwindi is a thriving country town! Our unemployment rate is 2.7%, and all data trends predicted by local, state and federal governments indicate growth (in some cases the modelling predicts significant growth) across our region in the coming decade. Couples and families that choose to move to Goondiwindi can easily find suitable employment for partners and family.

The main industry in this region is agriculture, and the Goondiwindi Local Government Area is recognised as the third most productive region in the country. We are also neighbours to the richest local government area in Australia, Moree, and many of their residents spend time in Goondiwindi accessing our exceptional services, great shopping, and quality professionals. Whilst our population at census states approximately 11,000 in reality our town is estimated to service over 25,000, which results in an increase of services (e.g. health) being available, and also a boost to our economy. Large scale cereal and broad acre crops and cotton, along with cattle, sheep, and many other enterprises are spread across the region. This is reflected in the local employment structure where the top employing industries are diversified agriculture and services to the agriculture sectors including road freight transport as well as retail, accommodation and food services, which cater for the locals and the stop-over visitors. Government sectors are also major employers in the region, whilst aged care residential services are of growing importance to the local economy.

A recent community forum identified that the Goondiwindi region is not the typical farmer image, with a piece of straw hanging out the side of the mouth. Our region is home to many entrepreneurs and innovators, from drone technology to leading manufacturing solutions and leadership in sustainable and regenerative farming solutions. One of our local pharmacists happily shares how she moved to Goondiwindi for love, and never expected to grow her business to be recognised as Australian pharmacy of the year (2017).

We have all the tradies that you would find in a major metropolitan area! With our growing population you will find that this sector is often looking for additional employees or opportunities for new providers in the market. The National Disability Insurance Scheme is available in our area for children and adults.

Professional services are also found locally. From accountants, to lawyers, to financial planners, small business experts, insurance brokers and engineers, music teachers, and veterinarians

Opportunities

We believe that the windows of opportunity for small business and industry in the region are extensive.

The strength of this belief is based in at least five key factors:

- The region's diversity of natural resources and rural production.
- The scope for value-added production and even export potential.
- The excellent scope for identification of eco-tourism and other tourism opportunities.
- The regions central positioning as hub of strong rural growth.
- The increasing pressure, restrictions and costs on business and industry in the greater metropolitan areas will force many businesses to explore the economic and lifestyle advantages of relocation.

For more information about the growth and strength in agriculture, and opportunities for investment or start-up in agriculture, visit the report completed by Regional Development Australia highlighting current economic factors and future growth opportunities.

www.rda-ddsw.org.au/fileadmin/user_upload/Southern_Qld_-Opportunities_in_Agriculture_MEDIUM.pdf

We emphasise that the Goondiwindi region is a location full of "ground floor" opportunities. It offers great potential rewards to those who have the vision to see where South East Queensland is heading, and where growth opportunities will emerge over the next five to fifteen years.

From this perspective, the greatest long-term opportunities exist in establishing now, while establishment and/or relocation costs are so comparatively attractive for those with vision and a true modern day pioneering spirit.

Further, there are numerous businesses long established in the area whose owners have enjoyed a lifetime of involvement and who are looking to sell or retire. These may offer excellent opportunity for younger professionals or business minded families wanting to grow with the region and have access to excellent rural lifestyle.



Housing and Real Estate

According to the Queensland Valuation and Sales database the median house value in Goondiwindi at December 2016 was \$288,000. Compared to the State median price of \$440,000, this makes housing affordability really attainable for many.

The median rent (RTA – Mar 17) for a 2 bedroom flat/ unit is \$200, and the median rent for a 3 bedroom house is \$280 per week.

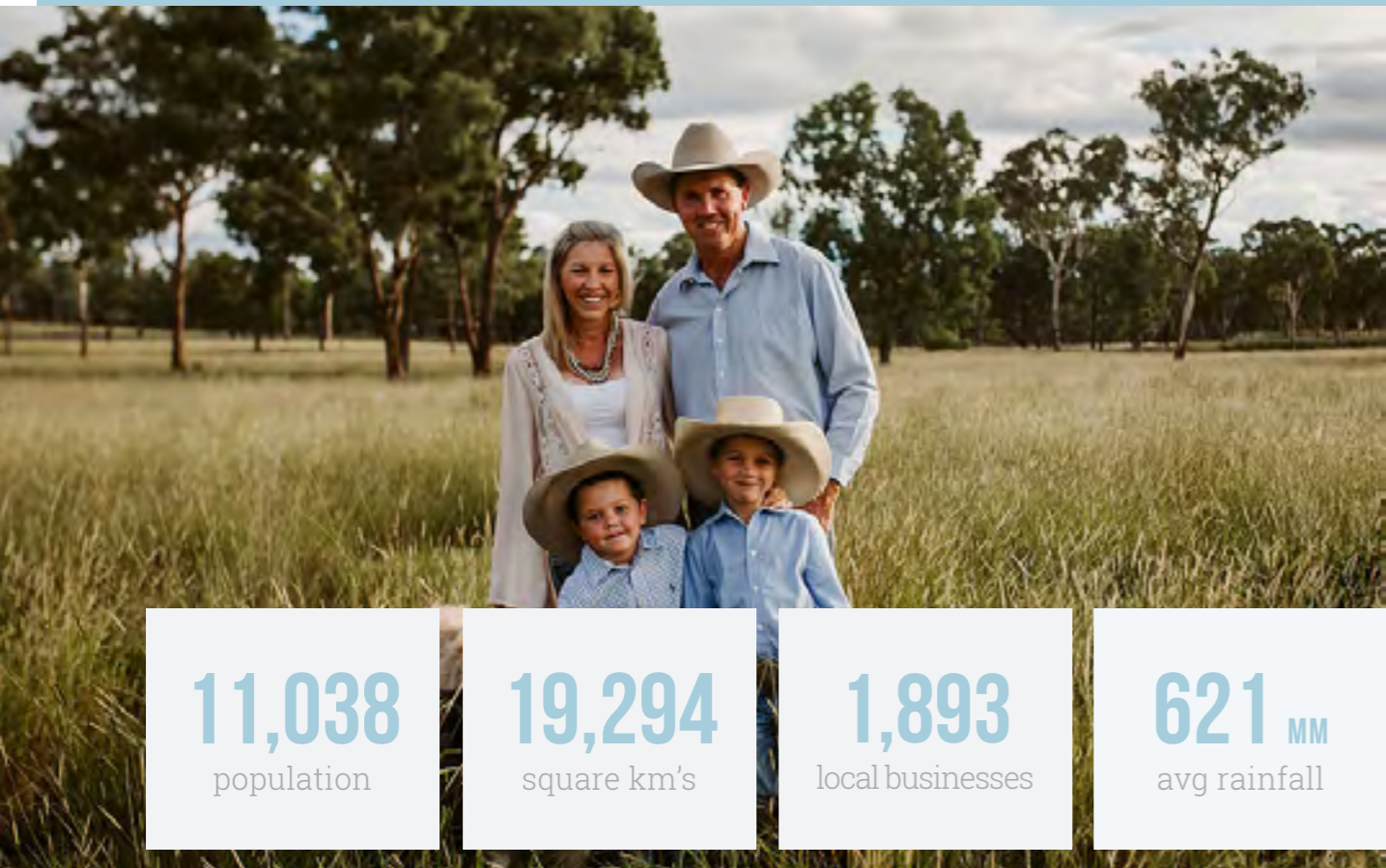
We have a waterpark estate, where it's all about lifestyle, a new prestigious development with stunning water views, with the majority of lots featuring absolute water frontage for residents to make the most of walkways, water sports, and adjoining parkland with play equipment, bbq facilities, and swimming. Or you can consider river frontage property right on the Macintyre River. There are older and established homes, or new blocks

available and with the levee covering approximately 14km of the river, you will find experience the peace of limited neighbours and the wildlife of the River at your doorstep. Alternatively you might be looking for semi-rural blocks with a few acres for your hobby farm, and plenty of space for the kids to be kids!

Of course you will also find a selection of scalable farming properties in this rich agriculture area, with our region in the top three most productive agriculture regions in Australia.

The local real estate agencies we recommend you research or contact are:

- Border Property and Livestock
- Elders Ltd
- First National Real Estate George Sloss
- Goondiwindi Property Rentals
- Goondiwindi Rural and Residential
- Raine & Horne Goondiwindi
- Ray White Rural Goondiwindi



11,038
population

19,294
square km's

1,893
local businesses

621 MM
avg rainfall

Quick Facts

| | Summer | Autumn | Winter | Spring |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Mean Max Temp | 33.6 | 26.7 | 18.9 | 27.8 |
| Mean Min Temp | 19.4 | 13.2 | 5.6 | 13 |
| Mean Monthly Rainfall (mm) | 72.4 | 47 | 38.4 | 49.2 |
| Monthly Mean of Days with Rain(>1mm) | 5.5 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 4.6 |

72.7% of the local population has access to the internet, with farm occupants living away from the major hubs facing the most challenges. The NBN rollout is scheduled within this region in 2018 with residents generally expecting FTTC or FTTN to be available within the town area.

Ease of Access

With 5 major highways intersecting at Goondiwindi, we are easily accessible via road and air.

Goondiwindi is a regional area with taxi services, car hire (Hertz and Avis), and a range of buses for hire. Most activities are within walking distance and guests can leave the car and enjoy the facilities and local food, shops and activities without the cost of parking or public transport.

GOONDIWINDI AIRPORT
Available for private air charters

MOREE AIRPORT
Sydney to Moree (Qantas)
Brisbane to Moree (Fly Corporate)

TOOWOOMBA AIRPORT
Sydney to Toowoomba (Qantas)
Melbourne to Toowoomba (Airnorth)
Townsville to Toowoomba (Airnorth)
Cairns to Toowoomba (Airnorth)

Airports

Brisbane to Goondiwindi (4 hours)
Gold Coast to Goondiwindi (4 hours and 30 minutes)
Moree to Goondiwindi (1 hour and 20 minutes)
Sunshine Coast to Goondiwindi (5 hours)
Sydney to Goondiwindi (8 hours and 45 minutes)
Toowoomba to Goondiwindi (2 hours 30 minutes)
Warwick to Goondiwindi (2 hours)

Self-Drive

BUS
There is a daily bus service from Brisbane to Goondiwindi and return with Crisps coaches. Local buses can be booked for shuttle services.

TAXI
Goondiwindi has a local taxi service available 24hrs a day, seven days a week, with a fleet to accommodate all requirements including maxi and wheelchair accessible.

Bus & Taxi



Medical Services

A broad range of medical and allied health services available.

Being a town passionate about participation in sports, we are comforted that, in the case of an emergency, we have a broad range of medical and allied health services available.

The Goondiwindi hospital provides the community with general medicine, general surgery, obstetrics, long stay care, paediatrics emergency, high dependency care, outpatients, palliative care and acute care services.

Other allied health: ambulance, chiropractor, dentists, massage, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, radiography, social work, dietetics, tele health, speech and pathology.

Our local medical centre currently operates with 12 local doctors, many of whom are long term Goondiwindi folk. They are open 6 days a week and also have a unique relationship with the local hospital ensuring continuity of care and medical advice for any local in need of medical support.

Events

| Event Name | Month |
|--|-----------|
| Goondiwindi Golf Competitions | various |
| Goondiwindi Race Days | various |
| E & E Hell of the West Triathlon | February |
| Goondiwindi Picnic Races | April |
| Goondiwindi Easter on the Macintyre | April |
| Goondiwindi Show | May |
| Goondiwindi RiverJam | June |
| Goondiwindi Rugby League - Ladies day | June |
| Goondiwindi Rugby Union - Ladies day | July |
| Albins ARB Offroad 400 Offroad | August |
| Goondiwindi Polo Tournament | August |
| Goondiwindi Cotton Cutting Futurity | August |
| Weengallon Pink Ladies Day | August |
| Gourmet in Gundy | September |
| Gundy Plucked Duck B & S Ball | September |
| Goondiwindi & District Community Gardens Markets | September |
| Gundy Medical Muster | September |
| Goondiwindi CampDraft | October |
| Care Goondiwindi Colour Run | October |
| Melbourne Cup Luncheons | November |
| Goondiwindi Christmas Markets | December |

Big or small, community or tourist focused, not for profit or commercial business, any and all events are welcome on the Goondiwindi Council Events Calendar.

The Calendar was set up to help the region plan for future events, as well as become a marketing tool for tourists and locals to know what is going on in their community.

To find more information about a specific event, or date please visit - All you need to do is go to the Council website - www.grc.qld.gov.au/events



Education Providers

Goondiwindi prides itself on being a family town, therefore there is no surprise that quality education is important to us.

Goondiwindi State Primary School

Our school currently has an enrolment of approximately 540 students from Prep to Year 6. Goondiwindi State School has been part of our community since 1864 and has a very proud tradition of community based education with a vision for supporting the development of future citizens who have the skills and knowledge to contribute and thrive in the wider community. We are very proud of our school, students and community and welcome new families to our school. It really is Just Great at Gundy State.

Goondiwindi State High School

Goondiwindi State High School is a rural school of approximately 500 students and 85 teaching and ancillary staff. Our year 7 to 12 curriculum is designed to provide diverse pathways through productive community/industry partnerships, innovative challenges to create lifelong learners and active citizens and pride in success by encouraging and rewarding achievement, initiative and enterprise. Goondiwindi State High School is committed to high quality learning programs that cater for the needs and interests of all students.

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Border Rivers Christian College

Border Rivers Christian College opened its doors in 2015 and transitioned to its brand new purpose built facility in mid 2017. The school is fast expanding its enrolment capacity and additional years of schooling. Border Rivers Christian College provides a Christian education, encouraging faith in Jesus Christ, and fostering an attitude of service to others and the community we live in, and instil a desire to learn for life.

St Marys Parish School

St Mary's Parish School, has been operating in Goondiwindi since 1911. It is a co-educational Catholic School with a current enrolment of 395 students in the Primary (P-6) and Middle School (7-8), with year 9 commencing in 2018. St Mary's Parish School is committed to all students being given every opportunity to reach their full potential. This is done in a caring, secure and Catholic/Christian environment that promotes learning, resilience, self-discovery and development of the whole child.

Early Childhood

There are several early childhood education options in the Goondiwindi region, please contact one of the following providers to find out more.

- Coolabah Early Childhood Development Centre
- Goondiwindi & District Family Day Care
- Goondiwindi and District Child Care Centre
- Goondiwindi Kindergarten
- Lead Childcare



Dining Out and Entertainment



The Larder Cafe

There are currently 35 eating establishments across Goondiwindi!

Whether you love Thai, Malaysian, Indian, Chinese, are a sucker for a great steak, are a vege lover or traditional fish and chips, or you like the finer dining options, there is no reason to miss out on your favourites just because you live in the country.

We have four major pubs, so you can mix it up, depending on what you feel like. Options on a Friday or Saturday

night often include DJ's, dance floors, concerts, the traditional meat raffle, all the major sporting games on the big screen and karaoke!

Quality and value for money remain a high priority in Goondiwindi, and of course our pubs, cafes and restaurants survive by delivering on both!

Whether you are wanting to eat in or take away, Gundy has a massive range of choices to fill your appetite whether you feel a breakfast

feast, a vegetarian delight, old school chicken parmy or simply a burger and chips you will always feel satisfied with your choice.

And we can't forget that coffee lovers can be found in the bush too!! All your favourite coffee beans are dotted around town, and you'll quickly discover which places have a morning line up for their long black or flat white!



Nutmeg Home - Home Living



The Spot - Meeting Space



Audrey's - Ladies Fashion

Local Retail

Goondiwindi has purposefully resisted the establishment of a 'shopping centre', instead wanting to keep the charm of a main street, making our town attractive and interactive! We have a Coles supermarket, and a Foodworks which ensures you have 7 day a week access to your everyday grocery needs. Other retail businesses include Target Country, Supercheap Auto, Mitre 10, Home Timber and Hardware, 2 pharmacies, newsagent, toy store, discount stores, op shops, post office (open on Saturdays), cinema, homewares, organic foods, jeweller, electrical stores, sports stores, furniture stores and much more.

For the ladies that are also accustomed to ensuring they look their best there are numerous fashion boutiques, including designer shoe stores, as well as over 20 hairdressers in town, as well as beauticians, and massage options.

The major banks all have branches in Goondiwindi, as well as a few rural banks.



Roberta Fairbanks
of Stylish Kids Australia

Arts and Culture

Goondiwindi has a strong appreciation for arts and cultural experiences. A town of our size is often large enough to host regional tours such as the Queensland Ballet, Busby Marou or Bush to Bach. We have an active young writer's association, performing arts group, and numerous local bands, and music teachers. Local artists are supported, and are provided with opportunity to showcase their artwork at the local gallery alongside the touring exhibitions, and workshop opportunities are regularly funded to help boost local engagement in the arts. The region has numerous active aboriginal artists and opportunities for the community to learn more about our local aboriginal history and culture.



Goondiwindi Cinema

Library and Cinema

The Goondiwindi Regional Council library provides a wide range of services including books and magazines, audio books, music cd's, videos and reference material. Ask staff about special needs services such as large print/audio books and internet accessibility. The Goondiwindi library is also a member of the Rural Libraries Queensland, this fantastic service gives residents 24/7 access to resources and services. Members can request items be transferred to our library, renew library loans and access online or downloadable content.

Also operated by the Goondiwindi Regional Council is the renovated (2012) and restored Goondiwindi cinema. The original cinema building was built as a Town Hall/ Civic Centre in 1937, and formed a cinema around 1950 until 1978, with intermittent use since then.

In 2010 Council received funding to undertake a full restoration, restoring the art-deco décor. In 2015 the cinema reopened, with its unique décor complimented with state of the art technology to maximise your viewing experience of movies, or the occasional live performance. The Goondiwindi Cinema shows all the best new releases offering locals great value for money.



Sporting Venues

Whether you are a kid or just young at heart, if you are a sports fiend you will be amongst friends in Goondiwindi. It is likely that you will find there are just not enough days in the week for you to make the most of the friendly competition and social options on offer in Goondiwindi.

To give you a little taste the following is a summary of some of our sporting facilities:

- Gilbert Oval & Barry McGregor Oval - Regularly used for fixtures of rugby league, soccer and men's touch football, 3 field and various configurations for junior cricket and soccer
- Goondiwindi Bowls Club
- Goondiwindi Golf & Country Club - 18 Hole grass greens golf course
- Goondiwindi Natural Heritage and Water Park - 3km watercourse provides opportunities for water sports of all kinds including water skiing, waterboarding, canoeing and boating. It is also the perfect place to view the vast bird life, have a picnic on the lawn or swim at the "designated" area
- Goondiwindi Race Club (Turf Track)
- PCYC Goondiwindi - Regularly used for basketball, futsal, indoor netball, badminton, volleyball, boxing, gymnastics, air-conditioned gym and pulse room.
- Pool
- Riddles Oval cricket - Regularly used for fixtures of rugby union, ladies touch football, outdoor netball and
- Schools – Goondiwindi SHS, SS and St Marys - A range of well-kept sporting fields and ovals that complement the other offerings in town.
- Skatepark

Religious and Spiritual Institutions

The town sustains a breadth of formal and informal worship options for residents. Churches with regular services include:

- Anglican Holy Trinity Church
- Assemblies of God
- Catholic St Mary's Church
- Congregational Living Bible Fellowship
- Goondiwindi Uniting Church
- Lutheran Living Waters Church
- Presbyterian St Andrew Church



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