

FORBES | NSW

SOMEWHERE DOWN THE LACHLAN





our town delivers the unexpected and the **amazing**

Our picturesque lake and stunning sunsets will catch your breath and our warm and welcoming community will capture your heart.

Walk in the footsteps of our pioneers, discover unique and interesting works of art or enjoy a morning of foraging at a local market.

A destination in itself, Lake Forbes lures locals and visitors alike so be sure to pack the bike, canoe and fishing rods and, of course, that novel you never get a chance to read!

Leave your willpower at home because you simply won't be able to resist treating yourself to something special - a barista-prepared latte and freshly baked pastry, a new spring racing frock or that mouth-watering steak.

*Gawaymbanha-dhu nginyalgir
Wiradyurigu ngurambanggu
Wiradyuri mayiny gadhaang nganha
Ngindhugir nginhi yanhayi
Mandaang guwu.*

Wiradjuri people are happy (that) I am welcoming you all to Wiradjuri Country. You all to here have come. Thank you.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, we pay respects to Elders past, present and future.

We also acknowledge peoples from other Nations and Language groups who now have made Forbes their home.

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For information about visiting Forbes, contact one of our Visitor Information Centres:

Forbes Visitor Information Centre
Union Street, Forbes
(02) 6852 4155

McFeeters Motor Museum
Newell Highway, Forbes
(02) 6852 3001

Or visit amazingforbesnsw.com



incredible history

Meticulously restored vintage vehicles, lovingly renovated buildings and an historic streetscape combine to offer a glimpse into a bygone era and rural Australia two centuries ago.

Kick-start your stay with a visit to McFeeters Motor Museum. Over 60 exquisite vehicles, ranging from veteran and vintage through to classic and street rod machines are on display. The museum attracts motor vehicle enthusiasts from all corners of the state and beyond. Like fine art, the vehicles are lovingly preserved and showcased. Be sure to allow plenty of time to meander and browse and enjoy the warm hospitality of the McFeeters' family.

Forbes' history notes our Wiradjuri heritage, the arrival of John Oxley in 1817, the heady-heights of the gold rush era and brushes with bushrangers.

Our proud pioneering heritage has been preserved largely by the restoration of 19th Century buildings dotting our streetscape. Our handsome, elegant buildings help shape our town and share stories of our past.



Take a self-guided tour of our stunning heritage buildings and discover a rare mix of 19th Century colonial architecture. The Forbes Town Hall, which has been substantially restored, stands majestically in the heart of Forbes. A must see! [#amazingforbes](#)

The Town Hall

Opened in 1891, Dame Nellie Melba performed in the Hall in 1909. The Town Hall in its present form was officially re-opened in 1991. Bo Diddley and Billy Thorpe have been among its performing artists alumni. The Town Hall also made a guest appearance in the movie, 'The Dish'.

The Post Office

Designed by distinguished colonial architect James Barnett, the building was completed in 1881. Keep an eye out for the faithful kelpie 'Rosa' waiting patiently for her owner to return.

St John's Anglican Church

Construction of the nave was completed in 1877, the chancel, vestries and belltower in 1909. Its beautiful memorial stained glass windows look back to early district families.

Vandenberg Hotel

Fronting Victoria Park and the Court House, the original part of this hotel was built in the 1860's. The Premier Sir Henry Parkes addressed 2000 people from its expansive balcony in 1887.

Lands Office

Completed in 1898, this building is a sophisticated example of late 19th Century timber architecture.

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Local master stonemasons assisted in building this unspoilt, rusticated stone church that was completed in 1877.

Victoria Park

Faced by the Town Hall, Court House, Anglican and Presbyterian churches, this picturesque meeting place is one of Forbes' showpieces. H.R.H Prince Charles planted an elm tree in the park during his visit to Forbes in 1994.

Forbes Court House

Designed by James Barnett and built on the site of the previous courthouse in 1879-80, Forbes Court House originally served a vast western district which included Parkes and Condobolin.

Forbes Library

The current Forbes Library also fronting Victoria Park began life as The School of Arts then became a Literary Institute, with construction starting in 1898 and completed in 1929. The original building was an important meeting place for the movers and the shakers of the town. At the back of the current building is the base of the Forbes Family History Group.

St Laurence O'Toole Catholic Church and Presbytery

The cut stone chapel with Gothic windows, porch and tower opened in 1880, and the sanctuary and sacristy in 1902. The Presbytery was blessed and opened in 1913.

Lachlan Arcade

The three storey Lachlan Arcade was opened in 1892 by Jewish merchant Daniel Berger. A brick and stone arcade with mezzanine level with some original features remaining, a large glass fanlight is featured on the first floor front wall. In its early years to 1904, the shop was a veritable heaven for Forbes shoppers, stocking everything from dress materials, men's suits in silk or serge, boots, cards, groceries, wine and beer to novelties of all kinds. Since this time it has been a garage, paintshop, second hand shop, café and restaurant.

Anglesey House

Built in 1884, this beautifully restored, decorative two storey Victorian town house in Templar Street reflects the success of its first owner, local merchant William Thomas.



The story of Forbes is sprinkled with boom days of the gold rush, legendary bushrangers and a rich agricultural history.

Ben Hall

One of Australia's most notorious bushrangers, Ben Hall's three year bushranging career began in 1862 when he started associating with career bushranger, Frank Gardiner. Ben Hall was linked with hundreds of robberies including the heist of an escort coach at Eugowra Rocks, east of Forbes, reportedly carrying £14,000 worth of gold and money. The site is now known as Escort Rock. Hall's career came to an end at Billabong Creek near Forbes in 1865 when he was shot down by a police party. Ben Hall was buried at Forbes Cemetery, two days before his 28th birthday.

Kate Kelly

The sister of Ned Kelly arrived in the Forbes district in 1885. She was described as 'a nice looking girl, with long dark hair' and 'a good servant'. It is claimed that Kate went under the name of Kate Hennessy or Ada because she did not want it known that she was a sister of

the Kelly boys. In 1888 Kate Kelly married William Henry "Bricky" Foster and they had four children. Kate Kelly drowned in the Forbes lagoon in 1898 and is buried at the Forbes Cemetery.

The Gem In Our Crown

Generations of farmers and graziers tilled the soil and tended the stock to help establish Forbes' reputation as a rich centre for agriculture. The story of Forbes' agricultural success started in the 1830's when pioneering squatters pushed into the frontier district, then boomed in the 1890's when rail arrived in the river township. Forbes now boasts one of the nation's most successful livestock selling facilities turning over some \$330 million annually. Visitors can watch buyers and sellers in flight at the Central West Livestock Exchange each Monday and Tuesday, as well as every second Friday.

Collect information on Ben Hall, Kate Kelly and the award-winning Heritage Trail from the Forbes Visitor Information Centre located in the historic Railway Station in Union Street, Forbes.



'Take a photo with Ben Hall at the Forbes Visitor Information Centre.'

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MCFEETERS MOTOR MUSEUM

This stunning purpose built facility is home to a private collection of meticulously restored motor vehicles and motorcycles. Showcasing veteran, vintage, classic and modern cars.

The complex also houses a souvenir gift shop and a café.

Family owned and operated, the Museum is a must see when in town.

Open 7 Days 9 am to 5 pm daily (closed Christmas Day).

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MITCHELL CONSERVATORIUM

Mitchell Conservatorium in Forbes offers a broad program of tuition offerings, ranging from school-based programs through to quality individual and group tuition for all ages, and our array of inclusive community music ensembles.

Our focus is on guaranteeing continuity for students in their music education journey from beginner through to the advanced.

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fabulous sculpture

“Great things are done by a series of small things brought together” - Vincent Van Gogh.

Somewhere Down the Lachlan Sculpture Trail is an exciting new addition to Forbes. Curated by the Forbes Arts Society, the Trail encapsulates the imagination and passion of its creative volunteer members. Based on a concept similar to Sculptures by the Sea (but permanent) the Trail stretches from Forbes to the Lachlan Valley Way, south of Forbes off the Newell Highway.

Peppering the streets of Forbes are horses, rabbits and kelpies as well as a range of abstract art creating a fusion of heritage and contemporary installation.

Begin your journey at the mural crafted from wool depicting our region's farming heroes and from there travel to the sculpture of Ben Hall before stopping at the Platypus Gallery to meet a local artist or view local works of art. Keep an eye out for the cheeky kelpie!

Moving on from the Gallery head towards Albion Park and Gillie and Marc's "Pyramid". The 1.9m high dog/human hybrid installation was donated to Forbes in 2016 and continues to evoke robust conversation among locals and visitors alike.

Make sure you take a stroll along the foreshore of Lake Forbes and discover other intriguing pieces.

Travel south from Forbes on the Newell Highway turning right onto the Lachlan Valley Way, continue for six kilometres and discover, positioned amongst the river gums, towering two metre-high red letters. Amazing!

Collect a Somewhere Down the Lachlan Sculpture Trail brochure from the Visitor Information Centre or go to somedowndownthelachlan.com for more information.



Be at the amazing sculpture in the morning for that Insta-worthy pic! #amazingforbes.



glorious waterways

Lake Forbes spans the heart of Forbes and is brimming with activity and energy. Locals love 'the Lake' and it shows.

Studded with majestic fountains, interesting sculptures and quaint pedestrian bridges, Lake Forbes is a magnet for visitors, a popular place for families to gather and for friends to meet.

Walk or cycle the entire 10km journey, work out at one of the sets of outdoor fitness equipment or grab a friend and paddle an hour or two on the water.

Head to the 'ski-dam'! The Forbes Aquatic and Recreation Area provides a dynamic space and ideal conditions for water skiing, wakeboarding and inflatables. The banks of the "ski-dam" are easily accessible and sandbased creating the perfect mix for the professional skier through to beginner.

Slow the pace a little and stroll along the walking paths to discover bronze, steel and timber installations or discover our Aboriginal culture with a visit to the Wiradjuri Dreaming Centre.

Enjoy a family day out under the shade of an all-abilities playground featuring a liberty swing and flying fox. Or keep the kids cool and have loads of fun at the Water Park featuring water sprays and delights for all ages.

As the sun lowers, hang a hammock and swing in the breeze of the afternoon when only the sound of native birdlife competes for your attention.



Relax by the river and pour your favourite bubbles making sure to post the obligatory holiday brag pic. [#amazingforbes](#).



marvellous nature

The Lachlan River is picturesque and accessible, offering a choice of secluded locations to immerse yourself in Mother Nature and enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the Aussie bush.

Bird watching

Located only 4kms south of Forbes off the Newell Highway, Forbes Kalari Wetlands provides a protected habitat for rich and diverse birdlife. Drawing ornithologists and twitchers from across the globe, the wetlands have been known to attract more than 60 varieties of birds including rare and endangered species. The bird hide provides the ideal place to sit and observe the beauty of this wildlife sanctuary where species such as whistling kites, black swans, herons, egrets, cormorants and sea eagles perch amongst the timber.

Fishing

Nestled between the Bedgerabong Road and Lachlan Valley Way is the scenic Lachlan River abundant with native animals, plants, birds and fish. The river's slow, winding waters provide the perfect conditions to snag a murray cod, catfish or yellow belly.

Find out what the locals know and collect a copy of the 'Escape to the Lachlan' brochure from the Forbes Visitor Information Centre. The brochure outlines five key fishing spots including the popular Jemalong Weir located 24km west of Forbes along Lachlan Valley Way.

Swimming

There is nothing like sinking your feet into the cool sand of a river bed. Paddle in the shallows of the Lachlan River and take in the sights and sounds of this picturesque riverine environment.

If doing a few laps is a daily routine, Forbes offers two swimming pools. One is heated and perfect for those cool winter mornings. Forbes Olympic Pool is 50m and boasts six lanes so there's no excuse for not keeping to that daily exercise regime.



A visit to the wetlands at sunrise or sunset will produce stunning photographs to show family and friends.
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cool events

Home-grown festivals, sporting championships and community celebrations combine to offer an annual calendar of exciting events in Forbes.

JANUARY

Elvis Breakfast
Australia Day events

FEBRUARY

Bedgerabong Picnic Races
NSW Barefoot Water Ski
Tournament

MARCH

Forbes Rugby Club
President's Lunch
Seniors Week events

APRIL

Anzac Day events
Forbes Rodeo
Good Friday Camel Races
Easter Bowls Carnival
Youth Week events

MAY

Kalari-Lachlan River Arts Festival
Forbes Country Music Club
Talent Quest
Forbes Flatland Cyclo Sportif
Heritage Week
Forbes Legends ProAm

JUNE

Forbes Eisteddfod

JULY

NAIDOC Week events

AUGUST

Forbes Cup
Bedgerabong Show
NSW Small Winemakers Wine Show

SEPTEMBER

Forbes Show
Grazing Down the Lachlan

OCTOBER

Forbes Motor Show
Bedgerabong Country Music
Campout
Forbes Spring Races
Forbes Running Festival
Gone Fishing Day
Forbes Baby Boomers Festival
Sculpture Forbes
Children's Week events

DECEMBER

Rotary Ipomoea Christmas
Tree Festival
Forbes Ultimate Triathlon
Carols by Candlelight
Forbes Flatlands Hang Gliding
Competition
Christmas Carnival

MONTHLY MARKETS

Forbes Rotary Ipomoea Markets
2nd Saturday
Forbes Handicraft Centre Market Day
Every 3rd Saturday
Forbes Farmers Markets
4th Saturday

NB: Markets are subject to change based on seasons. Event dates may vary.

For more information about these amazing events and more go to amazingforbesnsw.com



Capture the full explosion of wild riding action at the Forbes Rodeo. [#amazingforbes](https://www.instagram.com/amazingforbes).



brilliant experiences

Devour a shot of your favourite coffee, sink your teeth into a juicy steak and scratch that 'retail itch'. Forbes won't disappoint.

Start your day with a shot of perfectly ground espresso. Forbes offers up numerous cafes serving full, rich flavoured blends accompanied by menu options such as the popular "smashed avo" through to hearty country breakfasts packed with farm-fresh eggs, crispy bacon and fresh locally baked bread.

With breakfast 'done and dusted', it's time to hit the shops!

In addition to the big names, such as Bunnings and Spotlight, a number of home-grown boutiques offer a fantastic range of ladies wear, jewellery and homewares. Brands such as Morrison, Maison Scotch, Mollini, Rolli, Django & Juliette, Eb & Ive, Rip Curl, Sunseeker, Bendon and RM Williams adorn the shop fronts and shelves in Rankin and Templar streets.

On offer are a wide variety of funky cushions, aromatic candles, soft leather handbags, luxurious throws and gifts for yourself and those you love.

Of course, the fellas are well looked after too with plenty of country-style shirts and leather boots to choose from. Nothing speaks country more than Merino! Collect a garment beautifully crafted from hand-picked Merino fleece – an essential take-away from Forbes.

After a full day of solid retail therapy it's time to relax. Grab a picnic rug and some fresh regional produce and join the locals at "the Lake" or complete a perfect day with a delicious meal at one of our pubs, clubs or cafes. Mouth-watering burgers, wood-fired pizza, succulent steaks and a range of Asian cuisine will tempt your taste buds and satisfy the heartiest of appetites.



Boomerang your favourite find and tag a friend. #amazingforbes.

NEWS ON RANKIN

News on Rankin is more than your average newsagency and a 'go to' when visiting Forbes – showcasing a wide range of products for the home and business.

It's all about the WOW!

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VANDENBERG HOTEL

Enjoy lunch, dinner or an icy cold beer and find out for yourself why 'The Van' is a favourite with travellers and locals alike.

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FORBES SERVICES MEMORIAL CLUB

The Forbes Services Memorial Club is the hub of the community, hosting small family gatherings through to the larger formal dinners, weddings, corporate events and training seminars.

The Event Centre is a modern space with private entrance and extensive facilities. The Club possesses a brigade of fully qualified Chefs and a range of delicious menus to choose from. Call us today for an inspection.

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fantastic freedom

Sleep beneath fresh white linen or under a blanket of stars – in Forbes you have freedom of choice.

It's time to hitch the van, pack the motorhome or throw in the swags and hit the road on that long awaited, great Australian journey.

Forbes is certified RV Friendly which means you have freedom of choice. Choose the convenience of a van site, cabin or camping space at one of our four caravan parks offering free BBQ facilities, dump points, popular fishing spots, refreshing swimming pools, laundry facilities and pet friendly options too. Or stretch your legs and rejuvenate at our RV only overnight short stay rest area on the banks of Lake Forbes. In Forbes you have freedom to choose.

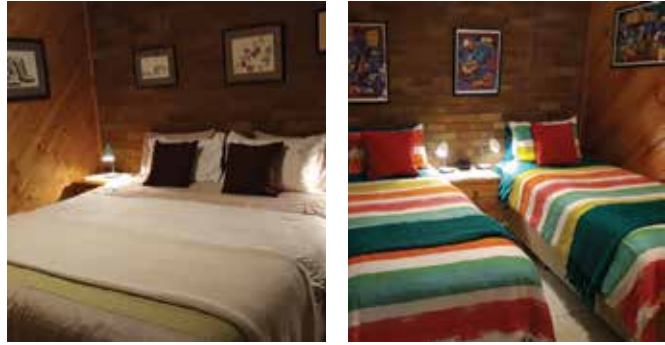
No need to bring your house with you. Make yourself at home at one of our nine motels or hotels or choose a bed and breakfast option, many of which offer picturesque vistas and views of the unending, splendid horizon.

For information on leash free areas, pet friendly accommodation and dump points contact the Forbes Visitor Information Centre on (02) 6852 4155 or call in and see the team in Union Street.

Tuck in for the night or better still stay a few days and explore amazing Forbes.



Grab your tripod and adjust your shutter speed and capture the brilliant stars of the night sky.
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Nestled on the banks of the picturesque Lachlan River, Apex Riverside Tourist Park offers the ideal location to rest for a night or bunk down for a week.

Apex is a haven for caravanners, campers and RV travellers. There is a choice of powered and non-powered sites and the conveniences of our on-site amenities are welcomed by thousands of visitors each year.

Our Park's expansive, grassed areas shaded by the canopies of red river gums are perfect spaces to rest and rejuvenate before continuing on that great Australian journey.

Enjoy the views and tranquillity of the river when you stay in one of our well-appointed, air-conditioned cabins. Watch the sun rise over the river vista or grab a picnic chair, that novel on the go and enjoy a few hours of fishing.

After a full day of discovering amazing Forbes, head to our camp kitchen to connect with fellow travellers, share a tale or two and throw a snag on the 'barbie'.

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warmest welcomes

We have an amazing town and we are delighted to share it with you.

When you decide to move to Forbes you will be awestruck by the warmth and friendliness of the locals. There will always be a warm hello - from the local butcher to the stranger on the street. When you move to Forbes you soon become a local.

We are a proud town. Proud of our Wiradjuri elders past and present, proud of the pioneers that turned the soil, and extremely grateful to the generations of families who helped build Forbes into the glorious community it is today.

Forbes is a mix of cherished heritage buildings and contemporary public art creating an eclectic streetscape and attracting visitors from all corners of the world.

Our Lake is the centrepiece of Forbes and the envy of communities across regional New South Wales. A haven for families and a meeting place for friends, Lake Forbes is a picturesque, tranquil space to relax.

The lifestyle in Forbes is balance at its best. When you live in Forbes you can own your own home, raise a family and forge a career.

Our rural charm, our welcoming community and our striking waterways and landscapes make moving to Forbes an easy choice.



we have water views

Our water playgrounds set the scene for modern, sprawling 5-bedders, tastefully and lovingly renovated heritage homes and easy care townhouses.

Positioned in the heart of town is picturesque Lake Forbes featuring fountains and teeming with wildlife. The appeal of Lake Forbes is its expansive, lush green surrounds dotted with parks and playgrounds. The Lake is a magnet for walkers, joggers and cyclists taking advantage of the brilliant sunrises and sunsets. Almost 10km of walking track weaves its way around the Lake.

The Lachlan River is also a popular choice to establish a home with its beautiful riverine vistas and accessible banks highly sought after by families wanting expansive backyards for the kids to enjoy.

Live only minutes away from the centre of Forbes in your dream home. Magnificent homes with sparkling inground pools and manicured gardens offer modern living without the crippling price tag.

Enjoy the stunning rise and fall of the day's sun from the deck of your farmhouse on 25 acres or purchase a heritage-style bungalow that's just waiting for your special touch.

For those looking to downsize, Forbes offers an extensive range of newly built townhouses and stunning cottages.

\$266,000*
Median house prices

\$250*
Median rental

*realestate.com – May 2018

we work we forge our careers

Our Shire offers a diverse range of options to help you secure employment, kick-start your career or establish your own business.

Our unemployment rate is below the state and national average and our strong agricultural sector provides attractive prospects to support jobs and career progression.

The greatest percentage of businesses in Forbes operate in the agricultural sector (17.45%) followed by the construction industry (13.58%) and finance and insurance services (11.15%).

17.41% of the Forbes workforce is engaged in agriculture, while 11.90% is in retail and 11.40% Education and Training.

Over 40% of Forbes' workforce is employed in a professional or managerial capacity.

Forbes is centrally located between Lake Cowal Mine, Cadia Mine and Northparkes Mine and only a short 20 minute drive to Parkes. Living in Forbes gives you the freedom to choose a place of work with the lifestyle you deserve.

3.01%
Unemployment rate

our top 5

WHAT WE DO

WORKFORCE BREAKDOWN Forbes December 2017	
Managers	Professionals
22.06%	20.44%
Sales Workers	Community & Personal Service Workers
12.48%	
Labourers	12.22%
11.67%	

WHERE WE WORK

WORKFORCE BREAKDOWN Forbes December 2017	
Sheep, Grains, Beef & Dairy Cattle	Retail Trade
17.41%	11.90%
Education & Training	Residential Care & Social Assistance Services
11.40%	7.24%
Health Care Services	
5.59%	

BUSINESSES IN FORBES BUSINESS COUNT

Agricultural, Forestry & Fishing	Construction
17.45%	13.58%
Financial & Insurance Services	Rental Hiring & Real Estate Services
11.15%	7.09%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	
6.18%	

*data – REMPLAN June 2018



we have freedom of choice

From tots to tertiary, Forbes offers a choice of education for you and your family.

Put your mind to rest when you decide to start a family or you choose to return to work with a choice of five childcare and preschool centres. The centres offer skilled, dedicated and welcoming staff to care for the emotional and educational needs of children from throughout the Shire.

There are four public and independent primary schools offering Kindergarten to Year 6. Three are located in Forbes and the other in the village of Bedgerabong.

There are two high schools in Forbes offering Years 7 to 12. Forbes High School is set on 25 acres, with a commanding view of the town. It has a football and a second oval, an agricultural plot, Assembly Hall/indoor recreation

facility and a new Learning Resource Centre for Special Education. There are more than 389 students studying a broad academic curriculum and extensive range of vocational courses. Red Bend Catholic College is a co-educational day and boarding school and boasts a swimming pool, Multi-Purpose Hall, Performing Arts Centre, and Design & Technology Centre. The College educates 740 students and offers 150 boarding places.

All schools within the Shire are serviced daily by Forbes Buslines offering transfers from the town centre, throughout Forbes and along rural roads.

Our tertiary and adult education sectors are well catered for with a TAFE campus offering a wide variety of practical courses from carpentry and joinery, to primary industry and natural resource management options, as well as aged care, business, computing, hairdressing, retail and welding programs.

The Forbes College for Seniors has a full calendar of activities each year and offers a wide range of interesting courses and experiences to their members from Tai Chi to garden tours, musical concerts and educational lectures.



we have health services at our fingertips

Forbes offers a great range of life-long medical and allied health care services ranging from paediatric services through to care for the aged.

Residents enjoy high quality health care with a hospital and a full range of general practice services, together with disability services, aged care and visiting specialists.

The new \$41 million hospital was opened in 2016 and consists of a state-of-the-art emergency department, Inpatient units, birthing suites, operating theatre, Pathology, Dental and Renal facilities as well as first class medical imaging services.

The Forbes Medical Centre is an amalgam of two surgeries. The modern centre, developed and funded by Forbes Shire Council, houses 18 consultation rooms, two treatment rooms, pathology services, general practitioners, nurse practitioners and other professionals. The Centre is housed within the Forbes Medical Precinct, containing the hospital, Community Health Centre,

Ambulance Station and a permanent helipad with night landing capabilities.

Upgraded ambulatory care includes Speech Pathology, Psychology, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Dietetic services. Child and family services range from social workers and women's health services, through to drug, alcohol and mental health services.

Visiting specialists include Paediatricians, Urologists, Cardiologists, Ophthalmologists, Gynaecologists, Radiologists and General Surgeons.

Forbes has an additional medical centre, two dental practices, a visiting Orthodontic service, Chiropractic services and Optometrists as well as great options for natural medicine and remedial therapies.

Yoorana Gunya is an Aboriginal Medical Service which delivers a range of health and welfare programs to both the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community.

Forbes has health services, including pharmacies available 7 days a week.

Home and aged care services in Forbes are provided through the local Home and Community Care Program and the local Jemalong Residential Village. The Village is a 91-place individual room facility incorporating 30 dementia beds. Plans are underway to expand this facility with an additional 36 aged care accommodation places and a refurbishment of activity spaces, dining areas, courtyard and chapel. Planning is also underway for the construction of an independent living village.



we play we connect

Be spoilt for choice with more than 50 sporting, special interest and service clubs keen to welcome new members.

Forbes is blessed with a strong and cohesive community ready to reach out and welcome you.

From traditional seasonal sports such as football, netball, hockey and athletics through to archery, croquet, pistol shooting and water sports, Forbes offers a great range of options.

Forbes Shire Council's Youth and Community Centre offers a large gym area and sporting equipment available for hire and is a regular space for dance, martial arts, play groups and school holiday programs.

Skate-boarders and BMX riders can carve, skid and whip at our local skatepark or BMX track.

Forbes offers a great range of service club and volunteer organisations including Rotary,

Lions, Probus, and the Country Women's Association just to name a few. The Forbes Men's Shed has recently developed a new facility and the local Can Assist group is very active in the community.

For the creative and musically talented, or those just willing to "give it a go", Forbes hosts the Conservatorium of Music and the Forbes Country Music Club holds regular gigs. There is an Old Time and New Vogue dance group and garden clubs, arts groups and bridge clubs help create similar interest connections.

For a full list of volunteer organisations, sporting and service groups collect a copy of the Forbes Business and Community Guide available from the Forbes Advocate in Lachlan Street.

SUMMER

32°c
Average summer high temperature for Forbes.

16°c
Average summer low temperature for Forbes.

WINTER
15°c
Average winter high temperature for Forbes.

3°c
Average winter low temperature for Forbes.

- Dedicated ski lake

2

Race courses & showgrounds
- Championship golf course & bowling club

6

Lane olympic pool
- Conservatorium of Music

1

Indoor heated pool
- 6

Sporting ovals
- 5

Parks



we are open for business

Forbes is the prime location to build and grow your business.

Strategically positioned on the Newell Highway, halfway between Brisbane and Melbourne, Forbes Shire is located within the central western slopes of New South Wales and is known as one of the richest agricultural areas in the state.

Our strategic location makes Forbes accessible to a catchment population of 65,000 people within a 100km radius.

Forbes has a diverse economy built on irrigated agriculture, dairying operations, dryland and broadacre farming, livestock production, manufacturing industries, strong retail, education, government and trade sectors and a lively, expanding tourism market.

Our Shire is blessed with an abundance of water. The Lachlan River flows through its heart supplying water to Forbes and irrigation to the district.

Forbes Shire Council's state-of-the-art livestock selling facility has an annual turnover of \$330M. The Central West Livestock Exchange boasts an annual throughput of 1.5M sheep and lambs; 59,102 cattle and calves; and 17,286 pigs. The Exchange is the third largest for sheep in New South Wales and ninth largest for cattle. An upgrade to the cattle selling facilities are underway which will increase cattle throughput by approximately 40,000 annually and lift Forbes into the top 5 cattle selling centres in the state.



9,844
Total Population



65.5%
Home ownership

1,681

Development applications submitted over the last 10 years. Worth in excess of \$342 million



471,012.8
Land area (ha)

51.31%
Working age population (15-59)

717
Number of businesses

\$61.992
Per Capita Gross Regional Product (\$'000)

\$594.446
Gross Regional Product (\$M)

3,991
Total employed

3.01%
Unemployment rate

\$148.947
Per Worker Gross Regional Product (\$'000):

\$1.262
Per Hectare Gross Regional Product (\$'000)

0.020
Census Population Density (persons / ha)

54.6%
Labour force participation rate

FORBES TOP 5 OUTPUT BY INDUSTRY



\$243.3M
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing



\$173.1M
Manufacturing



\$143.3M
Construction



\$108.6M
Rental, Hiring & Real Estate



\$63.0M
Health Care & Social Assistance

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An enviable location

Forbes is located in central New South Wales on the rich fertile soils of the Lachlan Valley.

Strong transport links

The Newell Highway, a major inland road link from Victoria to Queensland, intersects Forbes and runs parallel to the east coast about 400km inland. There are some 330,000 vehicular movements through the Shire each year; 35% being heavy vehicle traffic.

Daily flights to and from Sydney are available within a short 20-minute drive.

Rail passenger services are accessed via coach from Forbes to Orange or Cootamundra, connecting to NSW Trainlink's XPT.

Quickly approaching is the development of a national logistics hub only 20 minutes from Forbes. Inland Rail's project will be of significance to importers, exporters and manufacturers eager to tap into the connectivity between the east/west rail line and the north/south Newell Highway.

The Forbes Airport is available for private use and includes a refuelling station, non-directional beacons, windsocks and a pilot assisted landing system (airstrip lighting).

The Airport is currently being upgraded to include the development of 36 light aircraft hangar sites and several large commercial sites.

An abundance of affordable land

Forbes Shire Council has available fully serviced industrial land, with substantial sized blocks ready for development.

Central West Industrial Park

The Central West Industrial Park adjoins the multi-million dollar Livestock Exchange in a prime position on the Newell Highway north of Forbes. Capable of holding 35 blocks with an average size of more than 2.5 hectares, Stage One is complete and is well serviced with first class telecommunications, high speed fibre optic cabling, 3 phase power and town water.

Stage Two is in the planning stage and has over 70 hectares available for sale.

Landrace Industrial Estate

There are a number of smaller blocks available at the Landrace Industrial Estate which are approximately 4,000m² in size, serviced with power and water. These are located in Angus Street and also have close proximity to the Newell Highway.

An abundance of water

Forbes Shire Council has three underground bores ensuring long-term, secure and sustainable water supply for the town and surrounding rural areas. Forbes does not have a tiered pricing policy, charging a flat rate of \$1.23 per kilolitre regardless of consumption levels.

Connectivity

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FORBES OLYMPIC POOL

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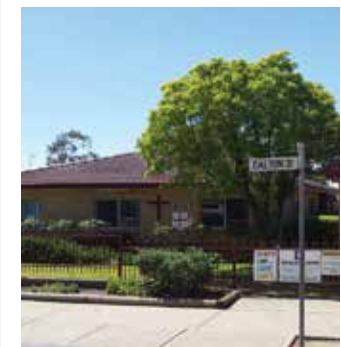
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Vast Solar Craig Wood CEO

In 2014, Vast Solar built a 3,500 heliostat pilot facility, which is Australia's first grid-connected concentrated solar thermal power plant with thermal energy storage, designed to achieve high efficiency at low cost.

"Forbes is a great place to live, work and do business. It is led by a progressive Council with a hands-on, can-do approach to supporting innovation and the development of industries of the future."



Woollerina Warwick Rolfe Owner

Warwick's long held dream of taking beautiful Australian Merino wool from the sheep's back, through to a finished fashion garment, came to fruition when Woollerina was established in 2005.

"We chose Forbes due to its central location in the middle of a highly productive wool growing region. Being able to keep as much of the operation as close to the source as possible is hugely important. We love this community and what it has to offer."



Bernardi Group Tony Bernardi

Since 1969, the Bernardi family has been providing locals with an independent grocery alternative. The Bernardi Group now employs over 400 staff across five locations in central west New South Wales.

"I came to Forbes over 60 years ago, and this rich agricultural region was a great location for me to start my market gardening business. After five years I began life as a retailer, and from small beginnings in 1969 our Forbes supermarket is now the flagship store of our five supermarkets in Central West NSW. We live by our motto 'Pick Local', and source much of our fresh produce from local growers in the Central West, who recognise Forbes as an important and convenient marketplace. Our emphasis on fruit and vegetables fresh from local growers to our shelves gives us a unique edge over our competitors. The Forbes community has supported our business and has been a great place to bring up a growing family, with the third generation continuing to work locally in the business, enjoying all the benefits Forbes has to offer."



Superbee Ross Christiansen Director

Australia's largest packer and distributor of Australian honey, Superbee, relocated from Queensland to Forbes in 2008. The business exports to 15 countries and distributes nationwide.

"Until 2008, Superbee Honey Factory was located on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland. We needed to expand our manufacturing facilities and found to expand in Queensland was not financially viable. Forbes Shire Council offered us a serviced site at a very reasonable cost. In the end we purchased an existing factory. The advantages for us in moving to Forbes were: affordable real estate, availability of employees, close proximity to honey collecting areas and services such as power, natural gas and town water are available."



HE Silos Larry Storm

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"Forbes is the perfect location to operate our business. Its location in the heart of a rich agricultural base as well as its connectivity via the Newell Highway are two key reasons why we have been able to operate successfully in Forbes, competing nationally, for more than 30 years."

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CENTRAL WEST LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE

Established in 2006, the Central West Livestock Exchange continues to go from strength to strength.

The region's \$26M premier livestock facility draws market leaders from across the country and attracts hundreds of buyers and sellers to Forbes each year. The Central West Livestock Exchange boasts an annual throughput of 1.5M sheep and lambs; 59,102 cattle and calves; and 17,286 pigs. Tours welcome by appointment

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