

Deniliquin Region

Deniliquin is an oasis of green on the edge of the Riverine plain, which stretches northwards in what is claimed to be the flattest land on earth - the beginning of the outback.



Deniliquin Region at a glance

Towns and Villages: Deniliquin

Population: 8,000

Main Industries : Rice, Wool, Sheep Drilling, Manufacturing, Cereal Crops and Cattle

River: The Edward

Did you know?

Deniliquin holds the world record for the greatest number of utes assembled in one location at one time (7,424 utes set in 2008).

Events

- January -** Deni Races - New Years day and ANZAC Day
Deni RSL Fishing Club Classic
Deni Rodeo & Sun Festival in Waring Gardens
- April -** Seniors Muster
Rotary Easter Art Show
- July -** Bald Archy Prize Art Exhibition
- October -** Deni Play on the Plains Festival (World Record Ute Muster) - NSW October long weekend
Wamba Wamba Perrepa Perrepa Cultural week – 3rd week in October

Must See and Dos

- ✓ Explore the history of wool through the Peppin Heritage Centre.
- ✓ Take the Beach to Beach cycle and walking path from McLeans Beach to the Island Sanctuary, home to a large array of birdlife and wildlife, and finishing at the Yarkuwa Indigenous Knowledge Centre.
- ✓ Check out the Ute on the Pole and the Mosaic Ute which both commemorate Deniliquin's status as the ute capital of the world.
- ✓ Go waterskiing, canoeing or line fishing in and around the Edward River's sandy beaches and lagoons, not forgetting the wonderful State forest in the centre of town with endless winding tracks.
- ✓ Discover the giant bullock's shoe sculpture 'Shod' at the Peppin Heritage Centre.



Deniliquin Visitor Information Centre
George Street, Deniliquin NSW 2710

Deniliquin

Deniliquin is situated on the Edward River, in the centre of Riverina sheep station country and on the fringe of the world's largest redgum forest, where bird and wildlife abound.

The natural attractions of the region and the well developed network of forest trails offer you the chance to free your adventurous spirit. Try camping, kayaking, biking, bird watching, swimming, fishing or water-skiing.

History

Deniliquin is in every sense a crossing place. The township sprung up at a favoured spot on the Edward River where drovers forded or swam their stock across on their journey along 'The Long Paddock' - the travelling stock route. Up to three stock routes converged there and it was soon an important stock market.

The area was originally inhabited by the Wamba Wamba nation of indigenous people. Their traditional boundaries included the Barapa Barapa tribe from the Barham area and adjoined the lands of the Yorta Yorta nation.

Seeking to extend his pastoral holdings inland, Scottish banking entrepreneur Benjamin Boyd commissioned a young Victorian station owner, Augustus Morris, to look for land north of the Murray River. Around 1843 Morris took up 700,00 acres, the Deniliquin Run, for Boyd. Commencing just north of the Murray it extended to half way between the Billabong Creek and the Murrumbidgee River, following the Edward river westward towards Balranald.

The first inn, named the "Wanderer" after Boyd's yacht, was erected in 1847 on the ground now occupied by the North Deniliquin School. That same year James Maiden moved his old punt from Moama on the Murray and set it up at Deniliquin, at the end of what is now Edwardes Street. A Dr Coward, the first resident on the south side of the river, settled on what is now the Island

Sanctuary, just upstream of the punt. The town site was surveyed in 1848 and gazetted in 1850. Deniliquin became the district's police administrative centre. Its first gaol, built in 1856, was replaced by a large brick building in 1864. At times the gaol housed as many as 75 prisoners; three hangings took place within its walls. It was demolished in 1966.

The Deniliquin Court House was built in 1883 and is located in Poicters Street not far from the wonderful Waring Gardens. A splendid building, its handsome lines are probably better suited to a provincial city. It is an impressive reminder of the faith our forefathers had in the future of Deniliquin.

In 1859 the town had two hospitals, which amalgamated in 1861. An interesting relic, a stained glass window depicting Hygeia, the goddess of health, survives in the present hospital foyer.

In 1859 local squatters embraced new technology. After unsuccessfully lobbying the government for a telegraph line to give them immediate market prices for stock in Melbourne, they formed a company and built their own line to Moama from where telegrams were taken across the river to Echuca, already connected to Melbourne.

In 1876 the town built its own railway to Echuca after again being denied government assistance. It remained profitable until taken over by the Victorian Railways in 1923.



The Robertson Land Laws of 1861 allowed the vast areas of land held under lease by the “squatters” to be split up into small holdings under a “Conditional Purchase” scheme which brought many settlers to the district.

The land underwent further subdivision following both the First and Second World Wars, when small blocks were made available to returned servicemen under Closer Settlement schemes. Availability of water from the Mulwala Canal system allowed for subdivision into quite small blocks and the development of a range of new enterprises.

Today, while the Deniliquin district still supports a thriving wool industry there is now greater emphasis on production from beef cattle, fat lambs, oil seeds, dairying, and cereal crops. Deniliquin is now the centre of an extensive rice growing region and is home to one of the largest rice mills in the world.



Attractions

The Deniliquin Peppin Heritage Centre and Visitor Information Centre are housed in the first Public School, the building dating from 1879. The Centre is a regional museum concentrating on the Peppin Merino and the influence the pioneering men and women had in building a successful Merino industry. It also has an authentic 1930's style classroom and a main gallery where local and travelling exhibitions are held regularly.

A stroll along the Heritage River Walk will take you past some of the old buildings, the red gum trees that line the river and you may be able to spot some of the birds that can be found in the area. The walk takes you past the ute on the pole, the mosaic ute and The Long Paddock sculpture called 'Shod' which depicts a giant half of a bullock's shoe.

Visit the Deniliquin Historical Society located in the old 1880's Police Inspector's residence. Each room is filled with wonders of a bygone era.

Wander through the Island Sanctuary, where there are kangaroos, possums, bats, and birds aplenty amidst river red gum. Book in at the Yarkuwa Knowledge Centre for a guided tour.

Wander through the Waring Gardens opposite Deniliquin's main shopping strip in Cressy Street and discover the Bird Sanctuary and plenty of picnic spots with BBQ facilities. Learn about the rich history of the famous stock route along The Long Paddock River Walk starting at the Peppin Heritage Centre. Visit the Pioneer Garden Centre and Steam Pump Display, where restored steam engines and pumps are displayed, or take photos of the ute on a pole, erected in celebration of the annual World Record Ute Muster.

The Visitor Information Centre with its friendly and knowledgeable staff and volunteers will make sure you do not miss any of the attractions Deniliquin has to offer.

Shops / Services



The Country Store

A commission based social business located in Deniliquin. All goods purchased from the store will benefit local individuals, families and community groups.

Open Tuesday to Friday, 9:30am - 4:30pm

Address: Corner Trickett & Napier Streets (PO Box 501), Deniliquin NSW 2710

Phone: 03 5881 1855

Email: nhc@intereach.com.au

Fax: 03 5881 5440

Website: www.intereach.com.au

Accommodation

Deniliquin Riverside Caravan Park

300m to CBD, riverfront drive-thru sites, TV aerials, free BBQ's, camp kitchen, recreational room, wireless internet, pool, boat ramp, fires okay, pet friendly. Cabins motel style to deluxe 2 bedroom, linen provided. 10% discount for Family Parks members.

Address: 20 - 24 Davidson Street (Cobb Hwy), Deniliquin NSW 2710
Phone: 03 5881 1284 **Email:** info@deniliquinriversidecaravanpark.com.au
Fax: 03 5881 7494 **Website:** www.deniliquinriversidecaravanpark.com.au



Accommodation

BIG4 Deniliquin Paringa Holiday Park

Experience our unique accommodation overlooking the beautiful Edward River, large grassed sites, riverfront camping, activities for the kids all provide for your next relaxing getaway.

Address: Ochertyre Street, Deniliquin NSW 2710
Phone: 03 5881 1131 **Email:** info@paringa.com
Fax: 03 5881 1999 **Website:** www.big4deniliquin.com



Accommodation

Pioneer Tourist Park

Pioneer is a small, quite, friendly park which offers - Deluxe Cabins, Drive Thru ensuite sites with TV connection, Tennis court, Pool, Bushwalking Trails and Steam Museum.

Address: 167 Hay Road (Cobb Highway), Deniliquin NSW 2710
Phone: 03 5881 5066 **Email:** pioneert@bigpond.net.au
Fax: 03 5881 5022 **Website:** www.pioneertouristpark.com.au



Attractions

**Deniliquin RSL Club - Your Favourite Club!****Beer Garden**

Welcome to our wonderful Beer Garden where you can stay warm in winter and cool in summer, simply sit back and relax and enjoy our hospitality with a refreshing drink and watching your favourite sport on the big screen.

Why not organise a social BBQ in our Beer Garden.

Menu's available

Address: 72 End St, (PO Box 525) Deniliquin NSW 2710
Phone: 03 5881 1455 **Fax:** 03 5881 4147
Email: denirsl@deniliquirsl.com

Attractions

Coffee Shop
 Open From 11am 7 Days

**Deniliquin RSL Club - Your Favourite Club!****Coffee Shop**

Our Coffee shop is open everyday till late. Scrumptious Cakes, slices, tea, coffee, milkshakes, spiders and a large assortment of sandwiches, Foccacias and also available, Hot food.

Stay an hour or stay all day and enjoy!

Address: 72 End St, (PO Box 525) Deniliquin NSW 2710
Phone: 03 5881 1455 **Fax:** 03 5881 4147
Email: denirsl@deniliquirsl.com

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**Deniliquin Visitor Information Centre**

The Peppin Heritage Centre incorporates a Visitor Information Centre, Exhibition Space and Museum that is open and available to the public daily from 9am - 4pm - entry by gold coin donation.

Situated right next door to The Crossing Cafe, visitors can relax and enjoy the river views, surrounding lawns, great coffees - open breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Peppin Heritage Centre

Address: George Street, Deniliquin NSW 2710

Freecall: 1800 650 712

Email: info@deniliquin.nsw.gov.au

Website: www.denitourism.com.au

The Crossing Cafe

Phone: 03 5881 7827

Website: www.thecrossingcafe.com.au

Shops / Services



Central IGA - In the heart of the town Central IGA is an award winning store that can cater for all your needs. Open 7 days a week, 8am-8pm weekdays, 8am-6pm Saturdays & 9am-6pm Sundays.

Deni's Fresh Food Specialist.

Address: Corner George & Napier Streets,
Deniliquin NSW 2710

Phone: 03 5881 2344 **Fax:** 03 5881 4570

Josh's Bakehouse - A place to sit and relax over a cappuccino and slice or enjoy a toasted focaccia or pie with a milkshake for lunch.

Monday - Friday 6am-5:30pm & Saturday 6am-12:30pm

Address: Corner George & Napier Streets,
Deniliquin NSW 2710

Phone: 03 5881 3499 **Fax:** 03 5881 1169

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