

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: 7,120

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

River: The Edward

Did you know?

Deniliquin holds two Guinness book of records: the most, legally registered, utes assembled in one spot and most people wearing blue singlets anywhere on the planet.

Events

- January -** Deni Rodeo & Sun Festival in Waring Gardens
- February -** Deni RSL Fishing Club Classic
- March -** Deni Matchmakers Festival
- April -** Deniliquin Race Club ANZAC Day races
- July -** Collectors Club Spring Rally
- October -** Deni Play on the Plains Festival (World Record Ute Muster) - NSW October long weekend
Deni Races - Caulfield Cup Day

Must See and Dos

- ✓ Explore the history of Deniliquin with a visit to the Peppin Heritage Centre and the Historical Society
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Check out the Ute on the Pole and the Mosaic Ute which celebrate Deniliquin's status as the Ute Capital of the World.
- ✓ Go waterskiing, canoeing, swimming or fishing in and around the Edward River's sandy beaches and lagoons.
- ✓ Stroll through the Island Sanctuary into the Murray Valley Regional Park with a rest stop on the sands of Willoughby's Beach.
- ✓ Discover the giant bullock's shoe sculpture 'Shod' at the Peppin Heritage Centre and visit 'Cut' on Davidson Street.



Deniliquin Visitor Information Centre

George Street, Deniliquin NSW 2710

Freecall: 1800 650 712

Website: www.denitourism.com.au

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 Perrepa Perrepa 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 Poitiers 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.

Located opposite Deniliquin's main shopping strip in Cressy Street, the Waring Gardens offer a tranquil area to relax, enjoy a picnic, with BBQ facilities available, view the bird aviary or just wander through the magnificent gardens. Learn about the rich

history of the famous stock route along The Long Paddock River Walk starting at the Peppin Heritage Centre. 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.



Cafes / Restaurants



The Crossing Café

Located in the heart of Deniliquin and close to the Edward River. The Crossing Café offers a relaxed atmosphere mixed with great food and fantastic service. The Crossing is fast becoming a favourite for wedding receptions, we also cater for weddings at your chosen venue.

295 George Street, Deniliquin. NSW 2710

Phone: 03 5881 7827

Website: www.thecrossingcafe.com.au

Cafes / Restaurants



Long Table Cafe

Our on farm restaurant just out from Deniliquin boast delicious meals made from local produce. Enjoy relaxed atmosphere, while here take in a farm tour or spend some time in our herb garden. Bus groups welcome, Reservation essential.

Address: "Joy Pine" McLaurins Rd, Warragoon. NSW 2710 **Host:** Kathy & Lawry Smits

Phone: 03 5882 5886

Mobile: 04 27238191

Email: longtablecafe@bigpond.com

Website: www.longtablecafe.com.au

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

Accommodation



Settlement Motor Inn

1.5 acres of open lawn and gardens with 13 spacious ground level units, the Settlement Motor Inn suits corporate and travelling guests.

Dining room open Monday - Thursday with bar and lounge. Large Queen size rooms, Family rooms for 4, Queen Spa Suite and 2 room Family Suites for 6.

Large saltwater pool with under cover alfresco dining and BBQ area. Guest laundry, Austar, large LCD TV's, free WiFi internet, microwave, kitchenette, parking for large vehicles and trailers. Pet friendly, conditions apply.

Address: 327 - 331 Victoria Street, Deniliquin NSW

Phone: 03 5881 3999 **Fax:** 0428 962 788

Email: admin@settlementmotorinn.com.au

Website: www.settlementmotorinn.com.au

Accommodation



Deniliquin Riverside Caravan Park

300m to CBD, riverfront ensuite and 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 **Fax:** 03 5881 7494

Email: info@deniliquinriversidecaravanpark.com.au

Website: www.deniliquinriversidecaravanpark.com.au

Accommodation



BIG4 Deniliquin Holiday Park

Deniliquin's finest tourist accommodation. Experience unique accommodation overlooking our exclusive river frontage. Shady grassed powered, ensuite and drive through sites, spectacular riverfront camping a feature not to miss.

For the kids a pool, water splash park, giant jumping pillow, mini-golf, basketball, tennis, pedal Go-Karts and playground enough to keep them busy all day.



Address: Ochertyre Street Deniliquin NSW 2710

Phone: 1800 227 217

Email: info@big4deniliquin.com.au

Website: www.big4deniliquin.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

Discover a whole lot more when you stay in Deni.

**Come and visit Deniliquin
whilst touring The Long Paddock.**

The Long Paddock is a wonderful journey, and so is staying in Deniliquin as part of your trip. There's adventure and relaxation in equal measure. On the Edward River in sheep station country and on the fringe of the world's largest red gum forest, you'll find an oasis of green with the outback on your doorstep. So come along, and discover a whole lot more.



**For more information on
your visit to Deniliquin**

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**Stay in Deni
as part of your
Long Paddock
experience!**

**DENILQUIN
& DISTRICT**

REAL AUSSIE COUNTRY

What's on...



February: RSL Fishing Classic

Relax and fish on the banks of the Edwards. Our fishing classic is not to be missed. February every year. www.denifishingclassic.com



March: Matchmakers Festival

Single and looking for love? Join us at the Matchmakers Festival, every year at the end of March. www.denimatchmakers.com.au

TWO RACE MEETS EVERY YEAR

*Anzac Day:
April*

*Caulfield Cup:
October*

Denilquin Races

Experience country racing at its best. Anzac Day and Caulfield Cup day. Ph 0428 308 528 or email: jadoug1@bigpond.net.au



October: Deni Ute Muster

On the NSW Labour Day long weekend head for Deni's Play on the Plains Festival and Ute Muster. www.deniutemuster.com.au

Something for Everyone



Breakfast available until 10.30am. Regular menu available after 10.30am. McCafé not available through drive thru. Serving suggestion.


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MURRAY VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

Discover the magnificent River Red Gums and enter a world of nature that boasts a range of activities including canoeing, boating, fishing, bush walking, forest drives and birdwatching. Meander along the beautiful Murray River and take in the quiet surrounds.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.NSWNATIONALPARKS.COM.AU
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