

LEARNING, LIVING AND WORKING IN CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE

This booklet has been prepared by Central Goldfields Shire Council to provide new and prospective residents with an overview of the services and facilities available within the region.

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CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE
Rich in history and opportunity



ABOUT THE SHIRE

Located at the geographical centre of Victoria, the shire is within one hour's drive from the regional cities of Ballarat and Bendigo and just two hours from Melbourne.

Central Goldfields Shire covers 1,532 square kilometres and has an estimated residential population of just over 12,500 people.

Maryborough is the shire's major business centre, and has gained recognition in recent years as having some of the finest sporting facilities in regional Victoria, together with significant historical buildings dating back to the goldmining era of the 1850s.

Other towns in the shire include Bealiba, Carisbrook, Dunolly, Majorca, Talbot, Bowenvale-Timor, Daisy Hill and rural districts surrounding these centres. All are famous for their heritage architecture and significant agricultural industries.

Central Goldfields Shire townships

Town	Population
Bealiba	300
Carisbrook	1,143
Dunolly	908
Maryborough	7,630
Talbot	715

CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS AT A GLANCE

Median age	48
Median weekly household income	\$685
Median weekly rent	\$150
Households renting	21%
Median house price	\$180,000
Households with mortgage	27 %

CLIMATE

Central Goldfields Shire experiences warm weather conditions with low humidity and high sunlight hours. This allows you to enjoy a healthy lifestyle outdoors, participating in the many social and sporting activities the region has to offer. The climate also makes the area ideal for grape growing and wine production.

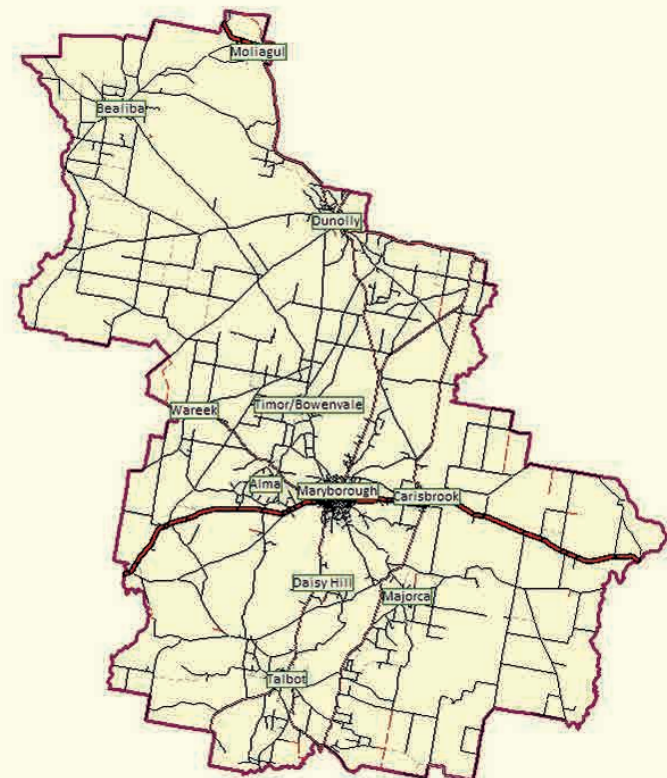
Statistics

Mean temperature (oC) for 2016

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Low	13.3	13.6	11.6	8.5	6.1	4.2
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Low	3.3	3.9	5.4	7.2	9.6	11.4
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
High	28.8	28.9	25.4	20.8	16.3	13.1
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High	12.3	13.9	16.5	19.9	23.4	26.3

Mean rainfall (mm) for 2016

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
30.5	31.5	30.6	38.9	48.3	55.0
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
52.8	55.4	51.2	48.5	39.0	36.6





ATTRACTIONS & ACTIVITIES

Central Goldfields Shire boasts a large number of facilities, attractions, events and activities to accommodate your needs.

SPORT AND RECREATION

Maryborough is nestled amongst a very scenic state forest, which offers bush walking and cycling opportunities, barbeque and picnic areas, and a plethora of flora and fauna to experience.

Our extensive facilities include playgrounds, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, sporting courts and ovals and a reservoir for boating and water activities.



HISTORY, ART AND CULTURE

Visit our galleries, explore our museums, tour heritage villages of the old goldfields, and experience the iconic Maryborough Railway Station – a building that has been recognised by UNESCO for its heritage significance.

The Central Goldfields Art Gallery is located in the historic old fire station building in Maryborough and has a fantastic program of exhibitions every year. One exhibition tailored to children is held annually and incorporates the Maryborough Library and school holiday art workshops.

As our name suggests, the area is steeped in goldmining, and panning history and this recreation pursuit still continues today, in the form of metal detecting and panning.

EVENTS

There are a number of events that draw many thousands of people to Central Goldfields Shire. These include:

- Talbot Farmers Market, held on the third Sunday of every month, and recognised as one of Victoria's best.
- RACV Energy Breakthrough, held on the last weekend in November and winner of the Victorian Tourism Award for Events and Festivals.
- Maryborough Highland Gathering, held on New Years Day.

SHOPS & SERVICES

Maryborough is the shire's major business centre and also a regional centre for retail and services, attracting people from an approximate 100 kilometre radius.

Some national chain stores and services in Maryborough

Aldi	Reece
Bi-Rite Electrical	Shell
Caltex	Simpson's Bargain Basement
Coles	Sportspower
Domino's	Subway
Holden	Target
IGA	Telstra
KFC	Toyota
KMart	United
McDonald's	Woolworths
Mitre 10	
Priceline	



RESTAURANTS

Central Goldfields Shire has a variety of eating venues to cater to any budget, taste or time of day. Dining options include fine dining, a la carte, cafes, bistros, hotels, bakeries, provedores and take away outlets. International cuisine options include, Chinese, Indian, South East Asian and Italian. For detailed information contact the Central Goldfields Visitor Information Centre (details on back page).

Left: Talbot Provedore and Eatery



FINDING YOUR NEW HOME

Central Goldfields Shire is fortunate to have an extensive range of housing styles and situations, all at very attractive prices.

Heritage homes can be found in all of the shire's townships. Some have been beautifully renovated and restored, and are now available to buy. Alternatively, take the opportunity to restore your own piece of history.

Modern homes and house and land packages are popular with young families. In Central Goldfields Shire you can still have a large home and back yard for the kids, all for a very reasonable price.

Retirement living is well catered for, with a large selection of new one and two bedroom units right near Maryborough's main shopping district.

Farmlets and acreage give you the opportunity to build your dream home, grow your own vegies and maybe even raise a few animals. The smaller townships in Central Goldfields Shire are brimming with these opportunities.

REAL ESTATE AGENTS

First National Real Estate

127 High Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 2222
www.maryboroughrealestate.com.au

Maryborough Ballarat Real Estate

94 High Street, Maryborough
(03) 5460 5100
www.maryboroughballaratrealestate.com.au

Professionals

95 High Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 1166
www.professionals.com.au/maryborough

Ron Wallin Real Estate

MKM Shopping Centre
92/96 Burke Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 2246
www.ronwallinrealestate.com.au





FINDING A JOB

Traditionally a manufacturing town, the shire is home to major industry including: McPherson's Printing; True Foods; Edlyn Foods; Sutton Tools; Capilano Honey; and Barker Trailers. The expansive retail sector provides numerous opportunities in fields such as customer service and merchandising.

Those with qualifications in medicine, nursing and other medical disciplines will find a warm welcome in this community. The selection of schools, kindergartens and day care centres in the shire offer educators a range of career options.

EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

The shire is fortunate to have a selection of service providers able to assist you in finding your ideal job.

Asteria Business Services

20 Christian Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 4111
asteria.net.au

Centacare Employment Services

87A Napier Street, Maryborough
1300 JOBS 4 YOU (1300 562 749)
www.centacareemployment.org.au

People Plus

126-130 High Street, Maryborough
(03) 5460 5951
www.peopleplusaustralia.com.au

WDEA Employment

87A Napier Street, Maryborough
(03) 4410 7060
www.wdea.org.au



Above: Talbot Provedore and Eatery

STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Whether you're starting a new business or relocating a business to the region, Council's aim is to promote economic activity in the shire by assisting business development and investment. Employment agencies will help you with your staffing needs.

Another important point of contact is the Central Goldfields Business Group, which aims to support and strengthen the business community. The group encourages and facilitates networking with the broader business region, and offers members training and education opportunities.

The Central Goldfields Business Group strives to identify and address challenges impacting the region and host regular events to bring members together to celebrate all that the Central Goldfields region has to offer.

Central Goldfields Business Group

www.goldfieldsbusiness.com.au

Dunolly and District Inc

Marion Da Costa (Secretary)
0438 168 634
mdac@iinet.net.au



TRANSPORT

The shire's central geographic location gives it easy access to the regional centres of Ballarat, Bendigo and Geelong; as well as the major metropolitan city of Melbourne. High quality road and rail infrastructure services the region. Maryborough has daily return passenger rail services to Melbourne via Ballarat. There are daily coach links to major regional cities, and well established road transport companies that deliver throughout Victoria and Australia.

PERSONAL TRANSPORT SERVICES

Within the shire, a bus service operates throughout the week connecting to all major services in Maryborough, as well as to surrounding townships.

Like all major towns, a taxi service is available to take you door to door, anywhere in the shire.

Cycling is a popular pastime for the region, and infrastructure has been established to accommodate people that use a bike as their main form of transport. Cycling tracks and paths connect Maryborough to all major shire towns.



PARKS & GARDENS

PADDY'S RANGES

Paddy's Ranges State Park (1,954 ha) and Maryborough Regional Park (270 ha) are great places to see spring flowers such as the Golden Wattle, which blossoms amid the Box Ironbark forest. There are over 230 species of wildflowers and about 30 orchid varieties.

The natural features of the parks provide plenty of low impact recreational opportunities for walking, bird watching or spotting wildflowers. The park has numerous walking tracks, a picnic area and camping facilities with toilets, a water tank and fireplaces for winter.

PHILLIPS BOTANICAL GARDEN

Located in the Maryborough CBD, the garden features beautiful trees, shrubs and grassed picnic areas. The lake has recently been redesigned to include a new wetlands area and it is a favourite picnic spot.

PRINCES PARK

Incorporating sporting fields, an outdoor swimming pool and Lake Victoria, Princes Park in Maryborough hosts a range of warm weather activities. Lake Victoria's boardwalk and fishing platforms make it a popular weekend destination.





CHILDCARE, EDUCATION & AGED CARE SERVICES

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICE

Goldfields Family Centre

100 Napier Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 1154

CHILDCARE

Back Creek Kindergarten

Fyffe Street, Talbot
(03) 5463 2598

Dunolly Pre School Centre

Maude Street, Dunolly
(03) 5468 1334

AG Leech Kindergarten

Alma Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 2279

TL Stone Kindergarten

6 Lake Road, Maryborough
(03) 5461 1346

Cal Gully Kindergarten

Wills Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 1010

Goldfields Family Centre

100 Napier Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 1154

Paisley Park Early Learning Centre

123 Inkerman Street, Maryborough
1800 724 753

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Bealiba Primary School

Grant Street, Bealiba
(03) 5469 1256

Carisbrook Primary School

Camp Street, Carisbrook
(03) 5464 2444

Dunolly Primary School

Tarnagulla Road, Dunolly
(03) 5468 1111

Talbot Primary School

Rowe Street, Talbot
(03) 5463 2373

Timor Primary School

Bet Bet Creek Road, Timor
(03) 5461 2595

Maryborough Education Centre

Balaclava Road, Maryborough
(03) 5461 7900
www.maryborougheducationcentre.vic.edu.au

St Augustine's Primary School

Burke Street, Maryborough
(03) 5460 4440
www3.samaryborough.catholic.edu.au

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Highview College

21 Kars Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 1833
www.highview.vic.edu.au

Maryborough Education Centre

Balaclava Road, Maryborough
(03) 5461 7900
www.maryborougheducationcentre.vic.edu.au

Goldfields LLEN

(03) 5441 1444
www.gllen.org.au

RETIREMENT LIVING

Havilah

11 Harkness Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 7387
www.havilah.org.au

Maryborough School House Village

60-62 Gillies Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 1443
mshrv.com.au

Aged care residential facilities

Havilah Hostel
11 Harkness Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 7387
www.havilah.org.au

Maryborough District Health Service Nursing Homes

Maryborough, Dunolly and Avoca
(03) 5461 0341
www.mdhs.vic.gov.au

SUPPORT SERVICES

Asteria Services

20 Christian Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 4111
asteria.net.au

Central Goldfields Shire Council

Home and Community Care
(03) 5461 0610



MEDICAL SERVICES

DOCTORS/HOSPITALS

Clarendon Medical Centre
4 Neill Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 0100

Maryborough District Health Service (hospital)
75-87 Clarendon Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 0341
www.mdhs.vic.gov.au

Dr Geoff Hadwen, General Practitioner
Dr Chris Hadwen, Ophthalmologist
244 High Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 4177

The Nightingale Clinic
6 Neill Street, Maryborough
(03) 5460 4466

Dr Rauf Soomro
24 Havelock Street, Dunolly
(03) 5468 1104

CHEMISTS

Millikan's Pharmacy
131 High Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 1005

Priceline Pharmacy
101 High Street, Maryborough
(03) 5460 5999

VETERINARY SERVICES

Maryborough Veterinary Practice
49 Alma Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 4466

DENTISTS

Clarendon Street Dental Practice
53 Clarendon Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 1155 or 5461 1417

Maryborough Dental Practice
72 High Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 1142

Maryborough District Health Service Dental Clinic
75-87 Clarendon Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 0388

Maryborough Family Dental Practice
133 High Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 2388

CHURCHES

Anglican Church of Australia

Nightingale Street, Maryborough
(03) 5460 5964

Catholic – (Presbytery) St Augustine's

21 Burns Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 1084

Church of Christ

41 Palmerston Street, Maryborough
(03) 5460 5902

Genesis Church

(Maryborough Assembly of God)
Cnr Neill and Palmerston Streets, Maryborough
(03) 5461 1188

Maryborough and District Baptist Church

97 Burke Street, Maryborough
(03) 5460 4752

Maryborough Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

20 Newton Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 3020

Presbyterian Church

McLachlan's Street, Carisbrook
(03) 5464 2361 or 5464 2311

Seventh Day Adventist

35 Raglan Street, Maryborough

The Salvation Army

27 Wills Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 2789

Uniting Church

Neill Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 1138

Wattle City Church

44 Gillies Street, Maryborough
(03) 5461 5005





CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS SHIRE COUNCIL

Central Goldfields Shire Council provides the choice you're looking for. Join our community and make your quality of life our highest priority.

Quality of life depends on a combination of social, environmental, economic and cultural attributes. Every day, Council works to deliver improvements on these attributes, to ensure that each community member has a quality lifestyle that is rich with choices. Council welcomes you to join our community, and see for yourself the quality lifestyle you could be living.

Council services a population of approximately 13,000 people across an area of 1,500 square kilometres. These services are divided into three areas of management:

- Corporate and community services
- Technical services
- Go Goldfields.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Administration office

Street address: 22 Nolan Street, Maryborough

Postal address: PO Box 194, Maryborough VIC 3465

Phone: (03) 5461 0610

Fax: (03) 5461 0666

International: 0011 61 3 5461 0610

Email: mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au

www.centralgoldfields.com.au

Office hours: Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm

Cashier hours: Monday to Friday, 8.45am to 4pm

Closed on public holidays

Central Goldfields Art Gallery

Street address: Old Fire Station, Neill Street

Maryborough

Phone: (03) 5460 4588

Email: cgsc.art@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au

Open hours: Thursday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm

Admission is free

Maryborough Resource and Visitor Information Centre

Street address: Cnr Nolan and Alma Streets

Maryborough

Phone: (03) 5460 4511

Email: visitorinfo@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au

Website: www.visitmaryborough.com.au

Open hours: 9am to 5pm daily

Closed Good Friday and Christmas Day

Maryborough Regional Library

Street address: Cnr Nolan and Alma Streets

Maryborough

Also operating in Dunolly. Please check with the Maryborough Library to confirm days and times.

Phone: (03) 5461 1950

Email: cgsc.library@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au

Open hours: Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm

Saturday, 9.30am to 12 noon





Central Goldfields Shire Council Plan 2017 – 2021

Council's vision: *to be a vibrant, thriving and inclusive community.*

In all our dealings, we will:

- Be innovative
- Work together
- Be respectful, inclusive and caring
- Value knowledge
- Be accountable.

These behaviours will support our vision.

Council is extremely optimistic about the future of Central Goldfields and what together with our community, we can achieve.

Council will focus on four broad interrelated areas:

- Our Community
- Our Economy
- Our Built and Natural Environment
- Our Organisation

Sustainability and growth will be key principles for Council in all areas.

The focus on providing high quality, valuable services also continues, as does the focus on enhanced community engagement and maintaining a sustainable financial model.

To view the Council Plan in full, please visit www.centralgoldfields.com.au or contact the office on (03) 5461 0610.