

QUEANBEYAN

Pocket guide



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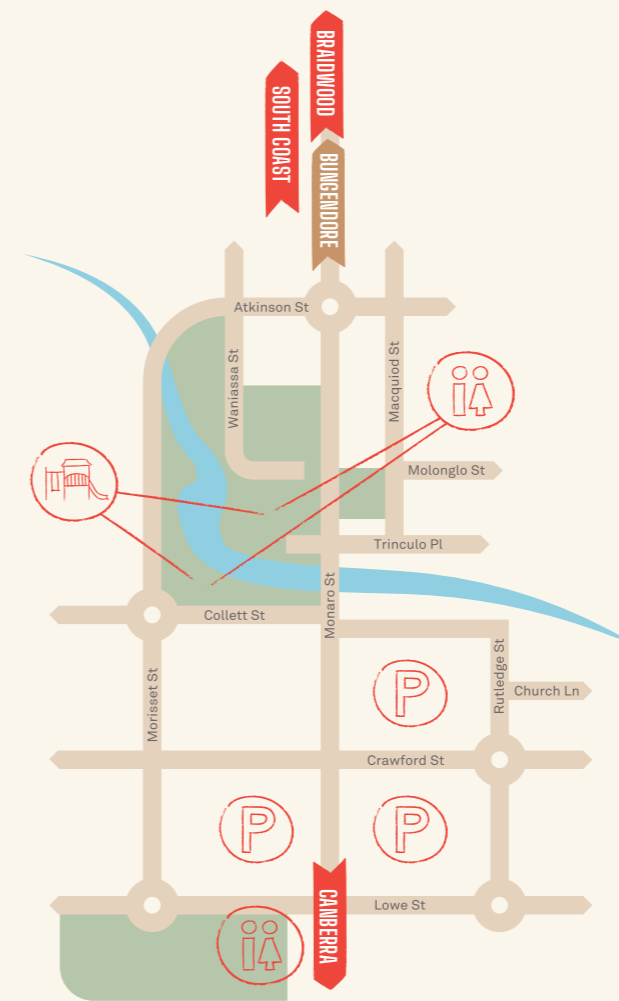
A MODERN CITY WITH COUNTRY CHARACTER.

Queanbeyan offers a captivating blend of tradition and progress, whether you're drawn to its historical landmarks or its bustling calendar of events.

The land has been home to some of the world's oldest known cultures for tens of thousands of years, before it was discovered by Europeans in 1820. However, it wasn't until 1828 that the first European settlers arrived in the area, establishing a settlement named 'Quinbean' on the banks of the Molonglo River, deriving its name from the Aboriginal term for 'clear water'.

Fast forward to 1838, and Queanbeyan was officially declared a township, boasting a modest population of around 50 residents. The 1850s saw the town flourish with the discovery of gold traces, and the brief operation of lead and silver mines. This period also witnessed the establishment of banks, schools, and the town's inaugural newspaper.

In 1887, a pivotal moment arrived with the opening of a railway station, connecting Queanbeyan to Canberra and Bungendore. Nearly a century later, in 1972, Queanbeyan was granted city status, and since then has emerged as one of the most rapidly burgeoning cities in NSW.



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Getting here

NESTLED BETWEEN CANBERRA AND THE UNSPOILED SOUTHERN NSW COASTLINE.

The Queanbeyan-Palerang region offers effortless access by car, plane, bus, or train. Get on the road along the Kings Highway and discover the hidden gems of the region at every turn.

The region also serves as the ideal base for exploring the wonders of Canberra, the NSW South Coast, the Snowy Mountains, and Sydney.



CANBERRA	20 MINS
GOULBURN	1 HR
BATEMANS BAY	2 HRS
SYDNEY	3 HRS
MELBOURNE	7 HRS



Ray Morton
Sensory Park



ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Queanbeyan-Palerang area and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge the stories, traditions and living cultures of our First Nations Peoples on this land and commit to building a brighter future together.



Eat & Drink



DIVERSE CUISINES WITH THE ATMOSPHERE TO MATCH.

Take in the city's lively atmosphere in the early mornings by dropping into one of Queanbeyan's centrally located cafés for a hearty start to the day.

As you explore the bustling streets, you'll stumble upon hidden gems - delightful new eateries of diverse cuisines and picturesque dining spots just waiting to be savoured and explored.

And to top it all off, why not enjoy a drink with the locals at one of the city's many pubs, clubs, or restaurants? Interestingly, some of these pubs were popular watering holes for Canberrans during the prohibition period from 1911 to 1928.



Lively pubs & clubs

Where to stay



UNBEATABLE COMBINATION OF COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE.

Queanbeyan offers a variety of accommodation options, including caravan parks, hotels, motels, and villas, catering to different preferences and budgets while ensuring a comfortable stay within easy reach of the city, Canberra and the surrounding region.

See & Do



A BLEND OF CULTURE AND NATURE.

Whether you're seeking to immerse yourself in the heart of the action or yearning for a connection with nature, Queanbeyan has got you covered.

If you're interested in history and culture, a visit to the Queanbeyan Museum is a must. Learn about the town's rich heritage and discover artefacts from the past. For art exhibitions and cultural activities, head to Rusten House Arts Centre, a unique space housed in a heritage-listed building.

The city also has a vibrant public art scene that offers a range of attractions and activities for residents and visitors to enjoy - be it in hidden laneways, parks or even on street signs.

Among the most renowned public art pieces are the Ricky Stuart mural gracing the side of the Bicentennial Hall, visible from Blacksmith's Lane, and the open-air gallery on No Name Lane.



The Q

For a captivating night at the theatre, make sure to stop by The Q - Queanbeyan Performing Arts Centre. The warm and welcoming theatre promises a compelling, contemporary program of live performances whether you're a seasoned patron or a first-time visitor. Visit theq.net.au to learn more.

Nature enthusiasts will be delighted by the beautiful nearby parks and reserves. Take a stroll along the Queanbeyan River, where you can relax and enjoy the peaceful surroundings, or head out bush at Molonglo Gorge or Mt Jerrabomberra. For a more adventurous experience, pay a visit to the Googong Foreshores, where you can hike, bike, or even go fishing.



Queanbeyan Museum



Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival

What's On



A PACKED CALENDAR OF EVENTS BIG AND SMALL.

The city boasts numerous great events of all shapes and sizes throughout the year. From the annual Queanbeyan Show hosted at the Queanbeyan Showgrounds to the toe-tapping magic of Music by The River, the vibrant Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival and more, there's plenty to discover across the year.



Rusten House Arts Centre

Explore the Treasure Trail

BRAIDWOOD

Nestled in the Southern Tablelands just an hour's drive from Queanbeyan lies Braidwood, a heritage listed town surrounded by picturesque landscapes.

Explore the town's colonial buildings, visit the Braidwood Museum to uncover its gold rush past, and indulge in the town's creative scene at quirky boutiques and galleries. Don't miss the opportunity to savour rare truffles and enjoy the diverse culinary offerings before exploring the nearby national parks.

BUNGENDORE

Set against a backdrop of rolling countryside, Bungendore is a quaint town exuding old-world charm. Delight in the town's thriving arts and crafts scene, browse through antique shops and boutiques.

and indulge in the region's gourmet delights, including local wines and artisanal produce, making Bungendore a haven for food and wine enthusiasts.

VILLAGES

Tucked away amid stunning national parks and bushland, the historical villages of Captains Flat, Araluen, Majors Creek, and Nerriga offer a glimpse into the region's rich history and picture-perfect landscapes. From exploring old mining sites to immersing yourself in the area's old-fashioned charm, these villages promise an enchanting rural experience.



Queanbeyan River Walk