

About our Region

Mudgee | Gulgong | Rylstone | Kandos

McGrath

Mudgee Region. Small Region. Big Fun.

Nestled among the rolling hills of the western slopes of the Great Dividing Range, the Mudgee region is one of the sparkling gems of the NSW Central Tablelands — where country charm meets a seriously good lifestyle.

As the second oldest settlement west of the Blue Mountains (right behind Bathurst), Mudgee wears its history beautifully. Grand heritage buildings, character-filled homes and a timeless streetscape give the town an irresistible old-world feel — the kind of place made for slow strolls, long lunches and discovering hidden corners along the way.

The region has built a reputation as a thriving hub for local businesses, local produce, award-winning wines, cosy pubs, buzzing cafés, arts and boutique shopping. Whether you're a foodie, adventurer, sports fan or weekend wanderer, there's something here for everyone. Spend your days wine tasting, cheering on events at Glen Willow, exploring nearby national parks, or soaking up crowd favourites like Flavours of Mudgee each September and the much-loved local weekend markets.

The Mid-Western Region now welcomes more than 730,000 visitors each year, drawn by its vibrant mix of wine, food, sporting and cultural experiences. Adding to its growing list of accolades, the region was proudly crowned Australia's Best Country Escape for 2025 in the Australian Traveller Readers' Choice Awards.

Beyond the postcard scenery, Mudgee is home to a dynamic, welcoming community and a strong, diverse economy with exciting opportunities across agriculture, viticulture, tourism and mining. More and more families are making the move, swapping traffic jams for tree changes and discovering the joy of country living — where the commute is shorter, the stars are brighter, and the sense of community is second to none.

Useful Resources

Mudgee Visitor Information Centre
(02) 6372 1020
90 Market Street, Mudgee NSW 2850
www.visitmudgeeregion.com.au

Mid Western Regional Council
(02) 6378 2850
www.midwestern.nsw.gov.au

Population

26,214

(As at 2025)

Square Kilometer Area Approx.

8,752.3



Major Towns & Centres



Mudgee

Mudgee is the quintessential country town — nearly a pub or church on every corner and not a traffic light in sight. Framed by big skies, rolling hills and a crop-load of vineyards, this celebrated regional destination in NSW is defined by its relaxed pace and small town feel.

A leading food and wine region, Mudgee is a hub for art, culture and local experiences — where indulgence comes naturally and the good life is simply how things are done.



Gulgong

Gulgong wears its past with pride. Many know it as the Ten Dollar Town, immortalised on Australia's former $10 note.

Step into one of Australia's most distinctive heritage towns, where history isn't tucked away in museums but written into every crooked street and character-filled building. Born of the Gold Rush, the town has not changed much since the late 1800s, You'll find a passionate community eager to welcome visitors and share their stories.



Rylstone

Embrace the charm of this riverside village, where tree-lined streets, heritage cottages, and sandstone walls tell stories at every turn.

Rylstone slows you down in the best way — a haven for artists, creatives, and anyone in need of a soulful café or a browse through boutique shops and galleries. Discover handcrafted treasures, stylish décor, and quirky vintage finds tucked into every corner. Food lovers are spoiled too — from hearty pub meals and incredible yum cha to fine regional wines.



Kandos

Set against the bold backdrop of "Rocky" and "Baldy" in the Coomber Melon Mountain Range, Kandos is a small town with a big story.

Home to the largest cement works in the southern hemisphere, Kandos Cement Works provided the cement that built the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Since its closing in 2011, Kandos has embraced change and the town is now an eclectic array of unique business and creative artisans.

Rylstone and Kandos are best experienced together. Two towns, closely linked, offering a richer picture of regional NSW than either could alone.

Top 10 Industries

- Mining
- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Agriculture (including Viticulture)
- Real Estate
- Health Care
- Tourism
- Retail
- Public Administration
- Education

Competitive Advantages

- Diverse and growing economic base
- Centrally located to Sydney and Newcastle and major regional centres in NSW
- Strong transport links - regular coach services
- Skilled workforce
- Strong business services sector
- Great lifestyle benefits
- Thriving tourism, arts and cultural sectors
- Adequate water supply



Recreation

- Glen Willow sporting fields with sporting clubs across the region
- Gyms & exercise facilities
- Interest & hobby groups
- Parks, playgrounds and walking tracks
- Council operated swimming centres & libraries

Daycare/ Preschool Centres

- Puggles Child Care Centre
- Mudgee Little Learners
- Gowrie NSW Mudgee Early Education & Care
- Squeakers Long Day Care Centre Mudgee
- Milestones Early Learning Mudgee
- Mudgee Preschool
- Kiddie Academy Mudgee
- Happy Days Gulgong Child Care Centre and Preschool
- Gulgong Preschool
- Rylstone Kandos Preschool

Schools

K-6 Public Primary Schools

- Mudgee Public School
- Cudgegong Valley Public School
- Gulgong Public
- Rylstone public School
- Kandos Public School

Small Community Public Schools

- Lue Public School
- Ulan Public School
- Hargraves Public School
- Ilford Public School

Public High Schools

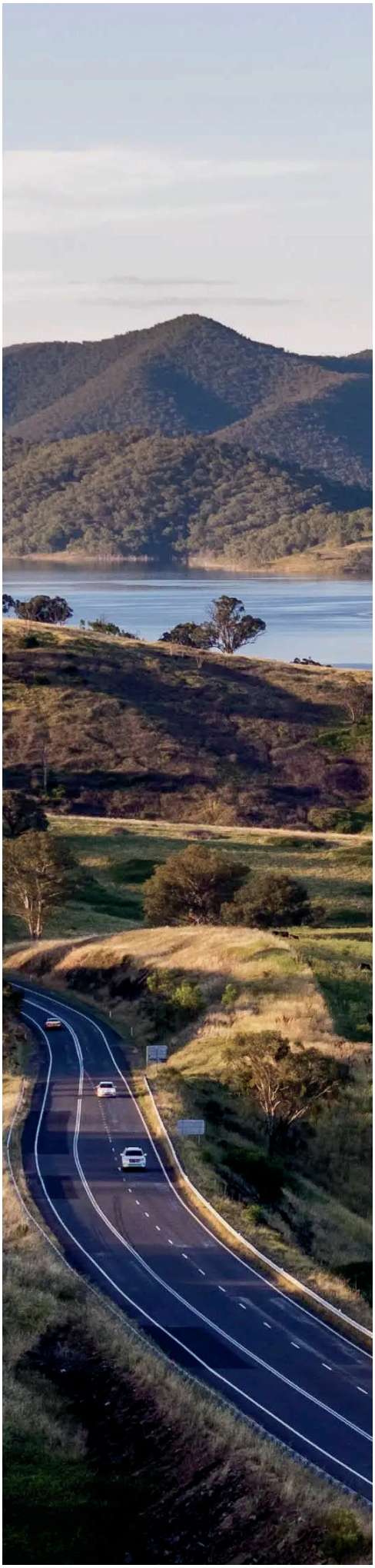
- Mudgee High School
- Gulgong High School
- Kandos High School

K-6 Catholic School

- St Matthews Catholic School Primary Campus

7-12 Catholic School

- St Matthews School Secondary Campus



Getting Here

How far is Mudgee from Sydney?
Located just 268km driving distance north-west of Sydney, no matter how you choose to get yourself to the Mudgee Region, it's all part of the adventure. You'll feel your senses tingle as the city-scape blurs out of view and the vast country landscape opens in front of you. Once you arrive you'll be set to enjoy the local produce, food and wine and the friendly country hospitality.

From Sydney
Around 3.5 hours along the Great Western Highway through the Blue Mountains, or follow the Bells Line of Road to Lithgow.

The Great Western Highway is closed at Victoria Pass (Mount Victoria) until at least mid-2026 for urgent repairs. Traffic is detoured via Darling Causeway and Chifley Road to Lithgow, adding roughly 15-25 minutes. From Lithgow, follow the Castlereagh Highway to Mudgee.

The turn off for Mudgee is just past Lithgow (the last traffic lights you'll see for a while). On your journey, be sure to plan enough time for a detour to explore the gorgeous heritage towns of Gulgong, Rylstone and Kandos.

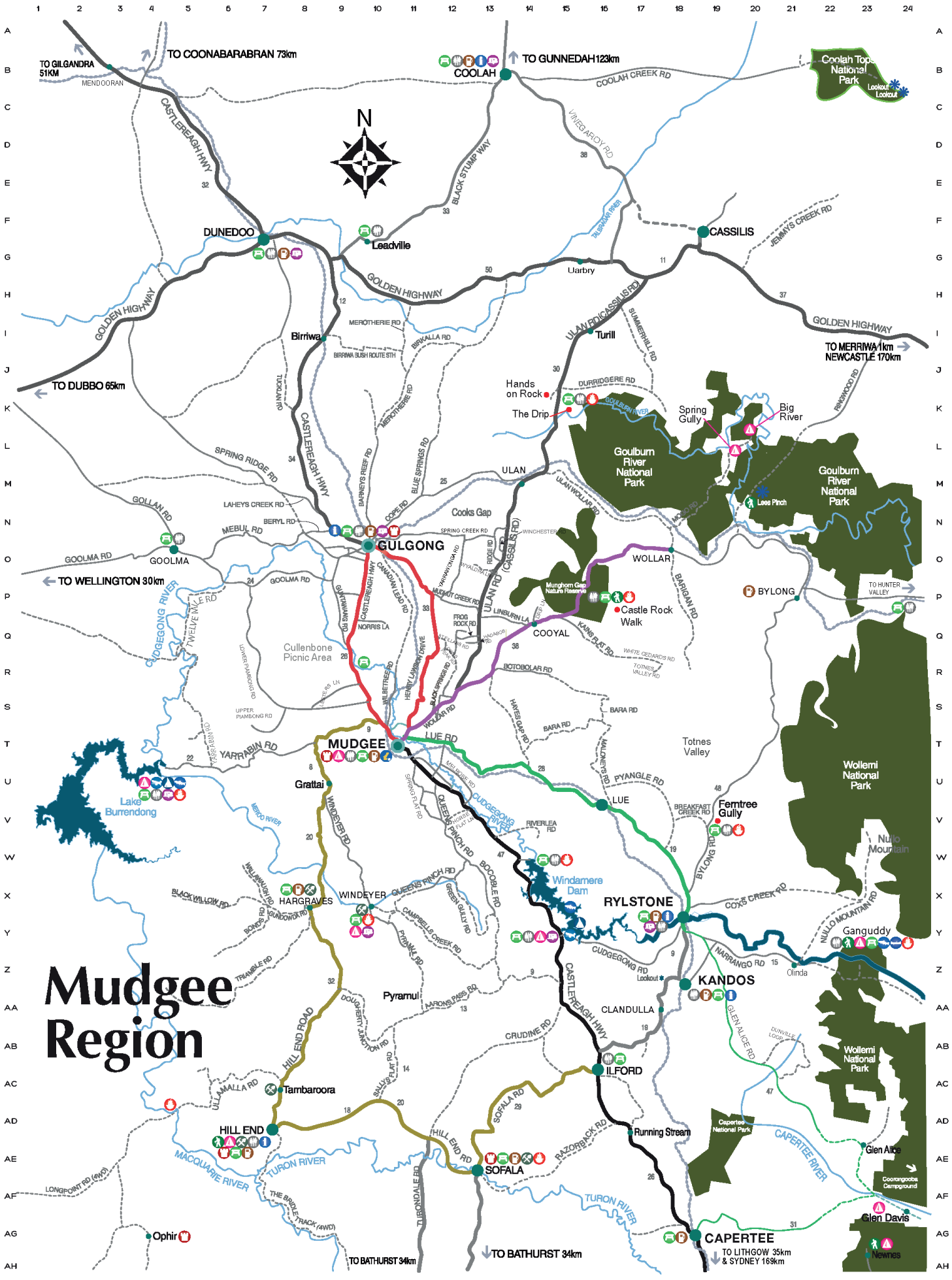
From Newcastle
Take the famous Bylong Valley Way for a 4 hour drive via Denman and Sandy Hollow. Turn at Sandy Hollow and explore the towns of Rylstone or Kandos before arriving in Mudgee. Alternatively, take the road via Merriwa and Ulan to Gulgong or Mudgee.

From Wollongong
Around 4 hours along the Great Western Highway and Castlereagh Highway. Goodbye surf and sea, hello rolling hills and trees.

From Canberra
5 hours via Yass, Cowra and Wellington or via Cowra and Bathurst or via The Tablelands Way through Goulburn, Crookwell and Oberon to Bathurst, then Wattle Flat, Sofala and Mudgee. The road is fully sealed, it's an easy trip to Mudgee.

Train & Coach
Hop on a train and a coach. Coach services link with the Sydney Rail Network at Lithgow, daily.
Call Trainlink 13 22 32 or visit
https://transportnsw.info/regional-travel

Trainlink tickets available to purchase at the Mudgee Visitor Information Centre (booking fees apply). Concessions available with stops in surrounding villages.



Source: visitmudgeeregion.com.au/mudgee-region-map

ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS PROFILE
for the Mid-Western Region

2025 UPDATE

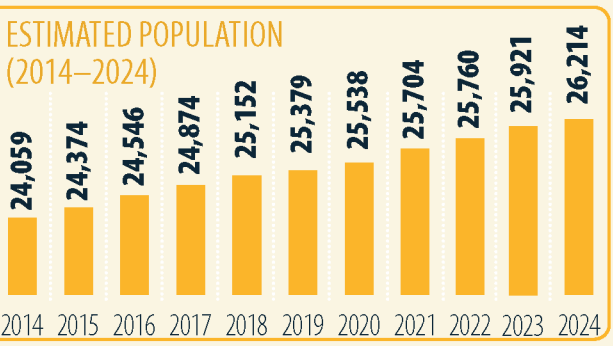


OUR Population

TOTAL ESTIMATED POPULATION MID-WESTERN REGION [1]

26,214

ESTIMATED POPULATION (2014–2024)



GROSS Regional PRODUCT

GROSS REGIONAL PRODUCT MID-WESTERN REGION [2]

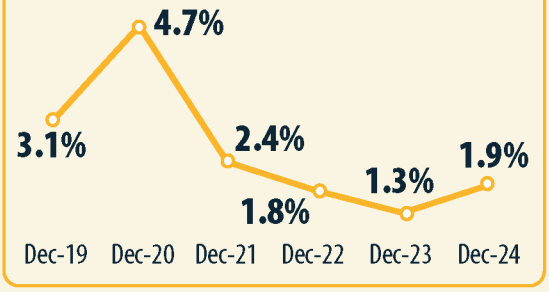
$6.363
BILLION

Workforce

SIZE OF RESIDENT WORKFORCE [3]

14,059
PEOPLE

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE [3]

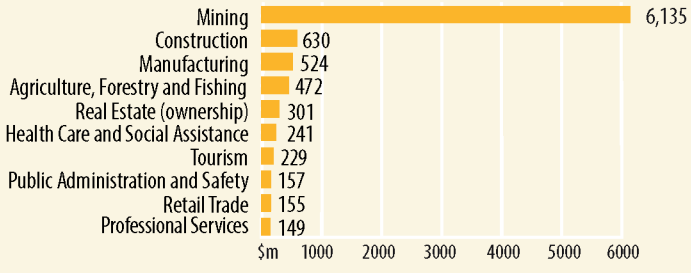


Economic OUTPUT

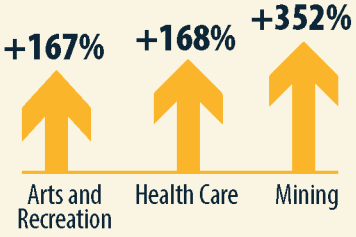
ECONOMIC OUTPUT (ALL INDUSTRIES PER ANNUM)

$9.89
BILLION

TOP 10 INDUSTRIES



INCREASE IN ECONOMIC OUTPUT 2014–2024



Source: ABS 2021 Census, 1ABS Regional Population (Estimated Residential Population 2023-24), 2 REMPLAN Economic Profile (May 2025), 3Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (December 2024), Australian Business Register (ABR: 27 March 2025), ABS Counts of Australian Businesses (June 2024), realestate.com.au (May 2025), Localis (May 2025).



Industry sectors, growth and value

ACTIVE INDUSTRY SECTORS

85

ANNUAL VALUE OF GOODS & SERVICES PRODUCTION

Mining	$4,490 million
Real Estate	$316 million
Agriculture	$214 million

ECONOMIC VALUE: TOP 5 CONTRIBUTORS

($400m+ per annum)

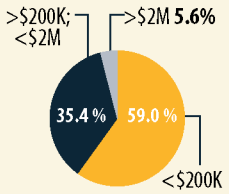
1. Mining
2. Construction
3. Manufacturing
4. Agriculture
5. Real Estate

Businesses

2,991 (NUMBER OF REGISTERED BUSINESSES)

7,662 (LISTED ABNs)

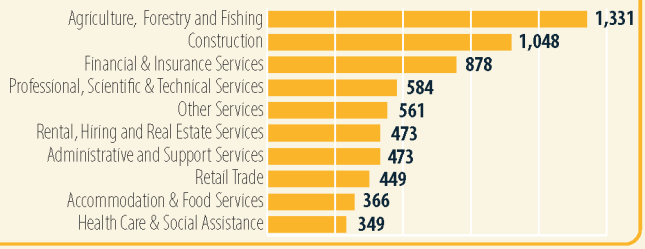
ANNUAL TURNOVER



BUSINESSES WITH <20 EMPLOYEES

2,923

BUSINESS COUNTS – TOP 10 BASED ON LISTED ABNS



Housing

291 AVERAGE NO. OF MUDGEE HOUSE SALES PA (2018-24)

MEDIAN MORTGAGE MONTHLY REPAYMENT

$1,733 Mudgee

MEDIAN HOUSE PRICE

Mudgee	$715,000
Gulgong	$616,000
Kandos	$385,000
Rylstone	$565,000

MEDIAN WEEKLY RENT (HOUSE)

Mudgee	$590
Gulgong	$550
Kandos	$350
Rylstone	$400

AVE. ANNUAL RENTAL YIELD (HOUSE)

Mudgee	4.4%
Gulgong	5.4%
Kandos	4.9%
Rylstone	4.6%

Tourism Capacity

4,834 VISITORS AVERAGE CAPACITY PER NIGHT

939 Unique accommodation listings

555 Unique accommodation addresses

$359.54 Average listing price (per night)

4.71 Average review score

Source: ABS 2021 Census, 1ABS Regional Population (Estimated Residential Population 2023-24), 2 REMPLAN Economic Profile (May 2025), 3Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (December 2024), Australian Business Register (ABR: 27 March 2025), ABS Counts of Australian Businesses (June 2024), realestate.com.au (May 2025), Localis (May 2025).

Mudgee

79 Church Street
Mudgee NSW 2850
(02) 6372 2584

Lithgow

71 Main Street
Lithgow NSW 2790
(02) 6352 5125

Rylstone

90 Louee Street
Rylstone NSW 2849
(02) 6379 1955

mcgrathct.com.au

McGrath