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The Central West and Orana Regional Plan 2036 outlines growth for the region comprising the Local Government Areas (LGA's) of Bathurst Regional, Blayney, Bogan, Cabonne, Coonamble, Cowra, Dubbo Regional, Forbes, Gilgandra, Lachlan, Lithgow, Mid-Western Regional, Narromine, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, Warren, Warrumbungle and Weddin as shown in **Figure 1**.

The plan will help shape LGA's, with NSW Government working with local councils to achieve the overall goal of the plan. The priorities for Lachlan, Lithgow, Mid-Western Regional, Narromine, Oberon, Orange, Parkes, Warren, Warrumbungle and Weddin LGA's are summarised.



Figure 1: Two parts of Central West and Orana Region by LGA

Source: NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment, Central West and Orana Regional Plan 2036



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Lachlan

Lachlan LGA has almost 6,200 residents (as at 2016 Census), with most living in Condobolin. The economy is supported predominately by agricultural and emerging mining sectors.

Priorities

The government have identified priorities for Lachlan (pg. 72) stated as:

- Support existing settlements as the focus for new development.
- Support the primacy of the main streets of Condobolin and Lake Cargelligo.
- Support the agribusiness, transport and logistics sectors and associated businesses.
- Develop the Lachlan Valley Way and local road links to support regional transport from Griffith and Hillston to Tottenham and Narromine, to link with the Newell Highway at Gilgandra.
- Develop a regional road transport support node at Condobolin.
- Identify and develop the Shire's mining potential and protect resources while planning for long-term social and utility growth.
- Protect and enhance the natural environment.
- Support the provision and continued development of major regional sports, recreation and cultural facilities.
- Protect important agricultural land from encroachment from residential development.

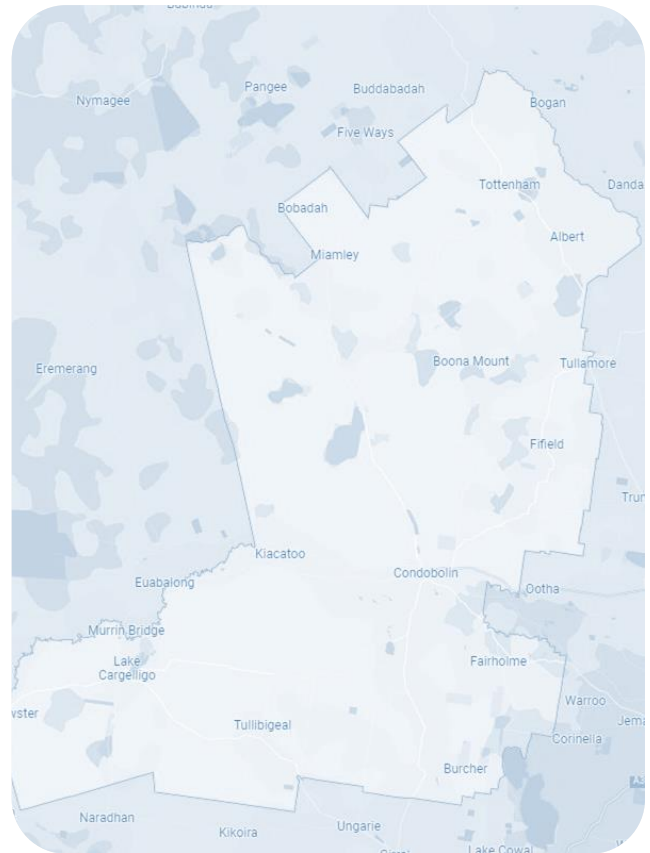


Figure 2: Lachlan

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Lithgow

Lithgow LGA includes the Strategic Centre of Lithgow and accommodates over 21,000 residents as at 2016 Census.

The local economy is mainly supported by mining and secondary industries including health care and social assistance, manufacturing, public administration and safety, and retail.

The Plan highlights the region has the most potential for renewable energy.

Priorities

The government have identified priorities for Lithgow (pg. 72) stated as:

- Maintain the primacy of Lithgow's main street and central business district.
- Develop transport and freight connections that capitalise on Lithgow's proximity to Sydney.
- Leverage opportunities from the Local Government Area's location and rural character to support diverse industries such as tourism.



Figure 3: Lithgow

Source: ABS



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Mid-Western Regional

The Strategic Centre of Mudgee is located within Mid-Western Regional LGA which is underpinned by mining and supports surrounding towns including Rylstone, Kandos, Ilford, Bylong and Gulgong.

Connectivity to Sydney, Dubbo and Newcastle are important for the agricultural and mining sectors.

Priorities

The government have identified priorities for Mid-Western Regional (pg. 73) stated as:

- Support appropriately located and serviced land for residential development.

- Support the mining and resources sector and associated businesses.
- Leverage opportunities from the Local Government Area's location and rural character to support the established food and tourism market.
- Protect agricultural land from encroachment from residential development.
- Support the provision and continued development of major regional sports, recreation and cultural facilities.



Figure 4: Mid-Western Regional

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Narromine

In 2016, the total population of Narromine LGA was 6,444 people (ABS Census) with a median age of 42 years old. There are 1,640 families living in the region and the average median weekly household income is \$1,078 per week.

Major employment industries include agriculture, health care, education, mining, aviation and retail.

Priorities

The government have identified priorities for Narromine (pg. 73) stated as:

- Promote Narromine as a recreational aviation and gliding hub, encouraging aviation-related development around Narromine Aerodrome.
- Continue to invest in health care and education to support a steady urban and rural population.
- Identify and protect regionally significant agricultural land, including commercial irrigated crops and horticulture.
- Provide for strategically located employment lands and support the development of value-added agricultural industries.

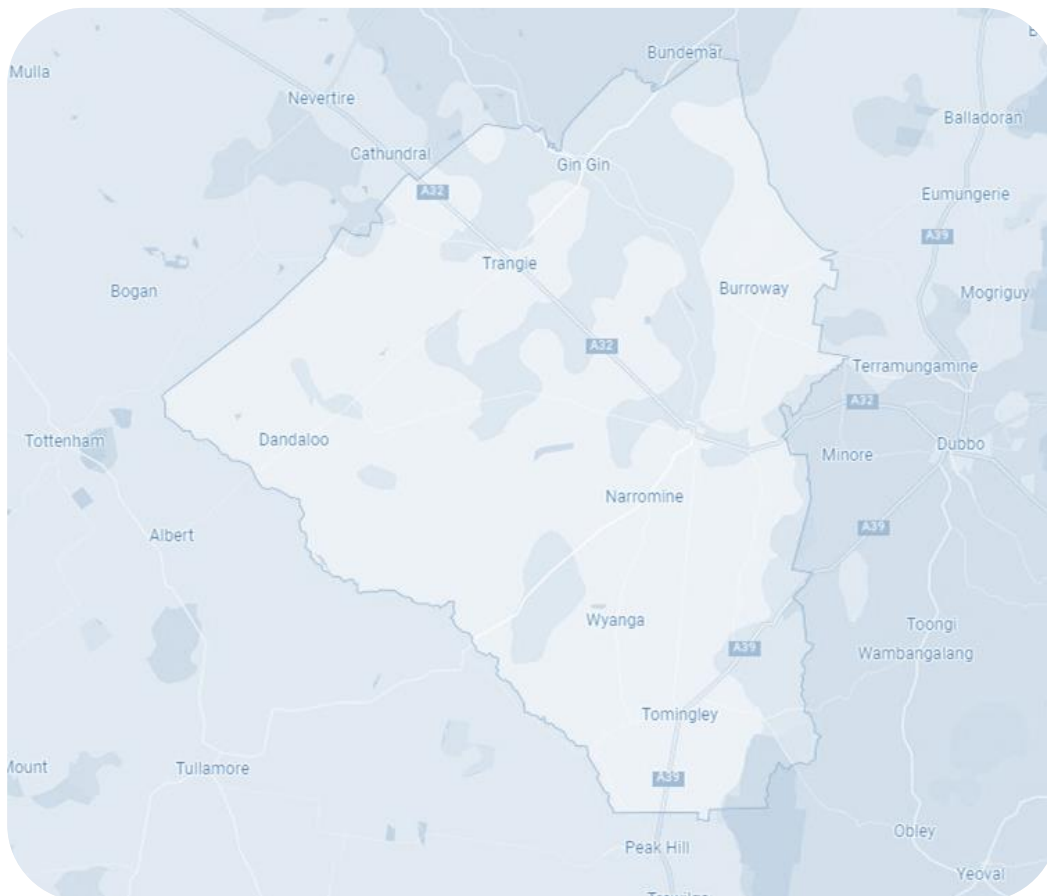


Figure 5: Narromine

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Oberon

Oberon LGA is supported by manufacturing, agriculture, fishing and forestry and tourism sectors. According to the Plan one in four residents are employed in manufacturing related industries.

The Plan recognises the regions proximity to Sydney will continue to drive growth in agriculture and associated manufacturing industries.

As at 2016, over 5,301 people (ABS Census) lived in the region with a median age of 45 years old.

Priorities

The government have identified priorities for Oberon (pg. 73) stated as:

- Support the forestry and agricultural sectors and associated businesses.
- Leverage locational opportunities to support freight and logistics industries.
- Leverage cool climate opportunities to support eco-tourism and food tourism.

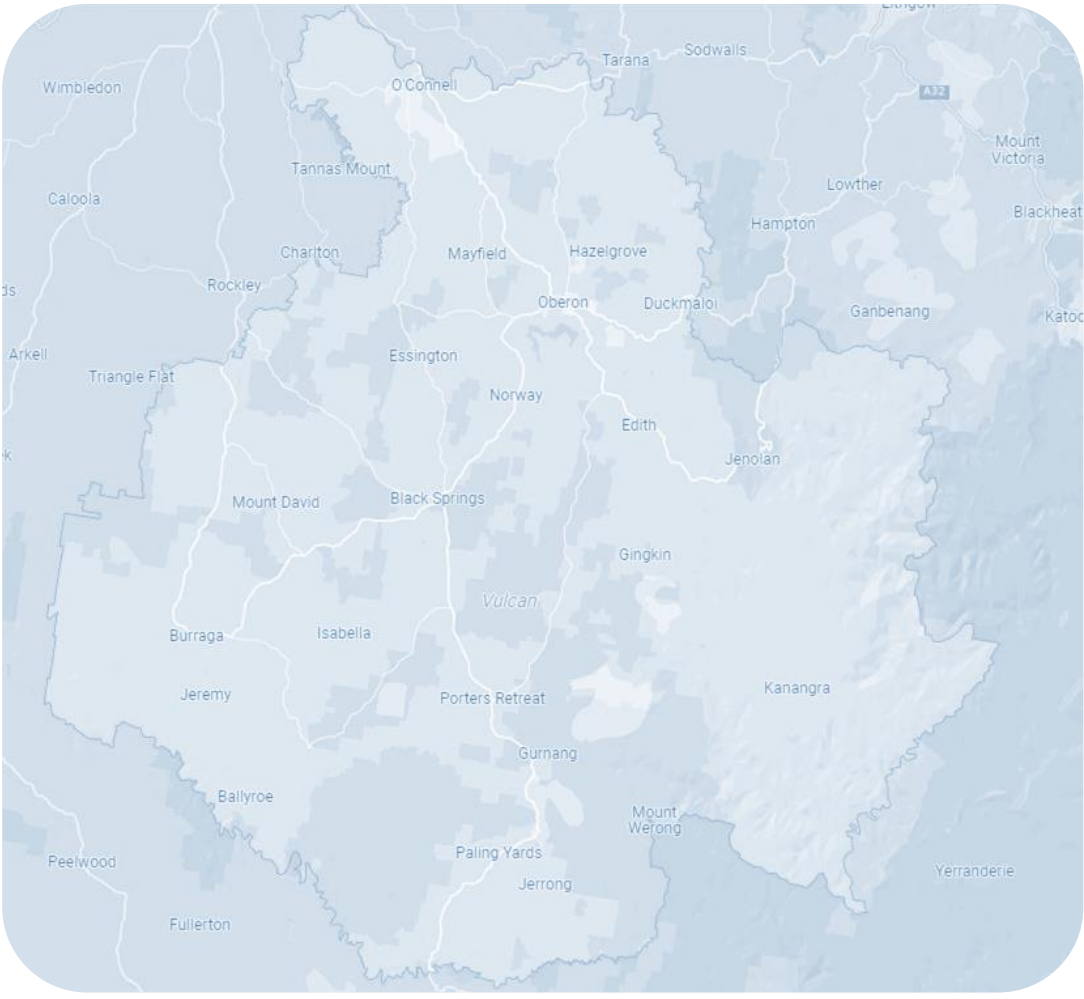


Figure 6: Oberon
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Orange

Orange LGA has a total population of more than 40,000 people in 2016 (ABS Census) and over 10,000 families. The local economy is supported by health care and social assistance, mining and mining support, public administration, tourism, viticulture and horticulture.

Orange is a key regional city for the region and provides services for the greater area including Western NSW Local Health Service Orange Hospital, Charles Sturt University and TAFE, and a regional airport.

Priorities

The government have identified priorities for Orange (pg. 74) stated as:

- Capitalise on Orange's character, lifestyle and heritage to enhance tourism and attract new residents.
- Leverage Orange's rural character to support diverse industries such as value-added manufacturing and food tourism.
- Support the growing healthcare sector and related industries in the health precinct at Bloomfield around Orange Health Service.
- Plan for industrial land and protect industrial areas from incompatible land uses.
- Support the delivery of new homes in residential release areas, including North Orange and Shiralee, and increase the range of housing options in existing urban areas.

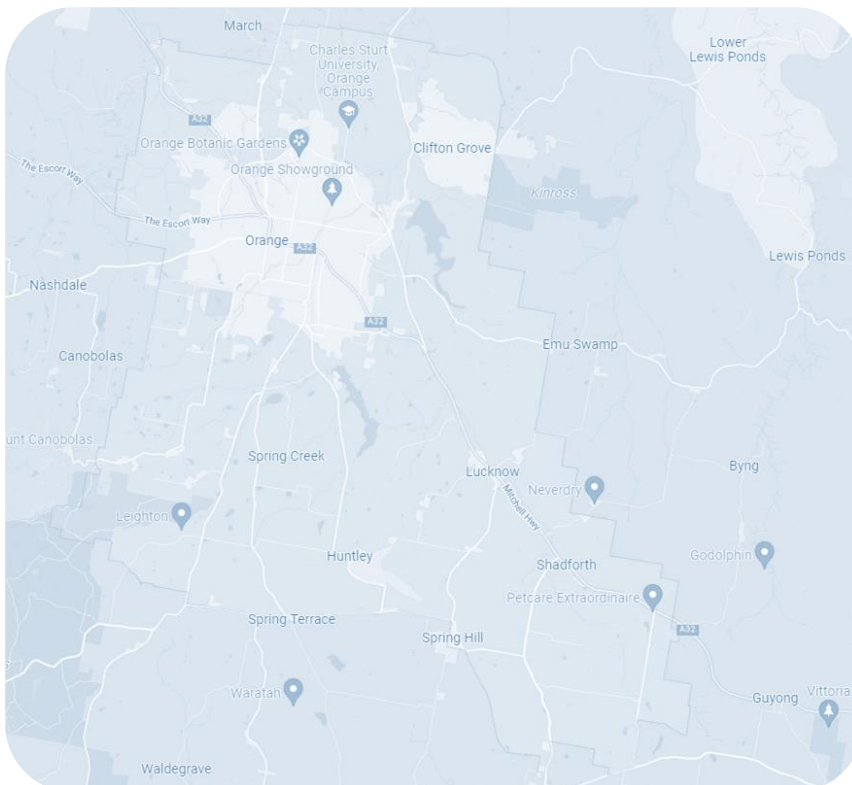


Figure 7: Orange

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Parkes

Parkes LGA includes the Strategic Centre of Parkes and over 14,500 people reside in this area. The local economy is driven by agriculture and mining, transport and logistics industry, and retail and public sectors.

Across the region one in three workers are employed in retail, health care or agriculture. Parkes also has strong connectivity through road networks and rail to other major cities across Australia.

Priorities

The government have identified priorities for Parkes (pg. 75) stated as:

- Develop Parkes as a National Logistics Hub, with supporting infrastructure including roads, rail and air linking Parkes to capital cities and ports.
- Develop Parkes Regional Airport as an air freight hub.
- Work with the Australian Government and local councils as the Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail progresses.
- Ensure adequate supply of residential, industrial and commercial land.
- Diversify the local economy by supporting new industry development and opportunities in agriculture, value-added manufacturing and the mining and resources sector.
- Improve telecommunications infrastructure, including high-speed internet connectivity.
- Facilitate the growth of local communities through cultural and socially supportive infrastructure.
- Develop and support the visitor economy and implement the objectives of the Destination Management Plan.

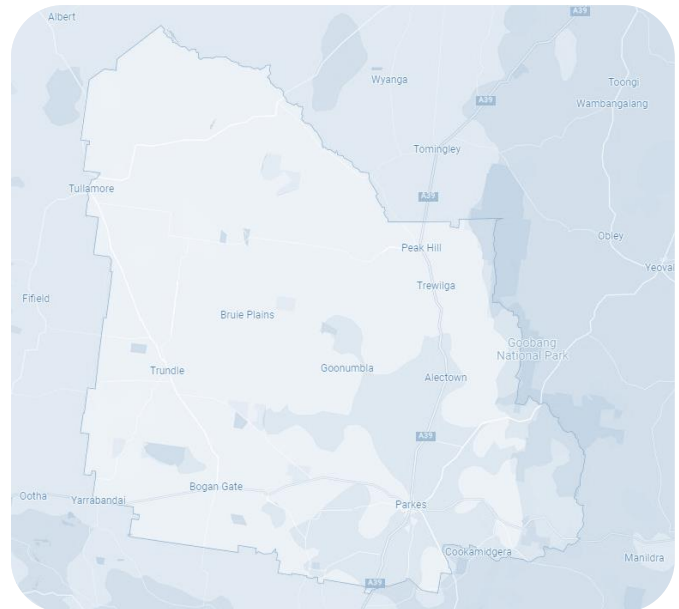


Figure 8: Parkes

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Warrumbungle

Within Warrumbungle LGA is Coonabarabran which is identified as a local service centre and provides essential health, retail and education services to surrounding areas.

The local economy is mainly underpinned by the agriculture sector which provides one in three jobs across the region.

Priorities

The government have identified priorities for Warrumbungle (pg. 76) stated as:

- Encourage economic growth by supporting agriculture and other emerging industries such as value-add manufacturing and freight-related opportunities.
- Support the primacy of the main street and central business district in Coonabarabran and other towns.
- Support the agricultural sector and associated businesses in each locality.
- Continue to support and protect the Siding Spring Observatory from incompatible development.
- Support tourism opportunities, specifically for nature-based tourism, in the Warrumbungle and Coolah Tops national parks.
- Protect agricultural land and rural industries from residential development encroachment.



Figure 10: Warrumbungle

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Weddin

Weddin LGA comprises 3,664 residents as at 2016 (ABS Census), with 951 families and a median age of 51 years old.

The local economy is primarily supported by the agricultural sector which accounts for two in three local businesses. The local service centre is Grenfell.

Priorities

The government have identified priorities for Weddin (pg. 76) stated as:

- Support the primacy of the Grenfell main street and central business district.
- Enhance tourism by developing Weddin's built and social heritage environment.
- Continue to deliver a high standard of health and community services, facilities and infrastructure to residents and visitors.
- Support agriculture, including broadacre cropping and grazing, and agribusiness diversification.
- Leverage opportunities to support freight and logistics industries.
- Leverage opportunities from agricultural production through value-added manufacturing and associated industries.
- Protect important agricultural land from inappropriate development encroachment.

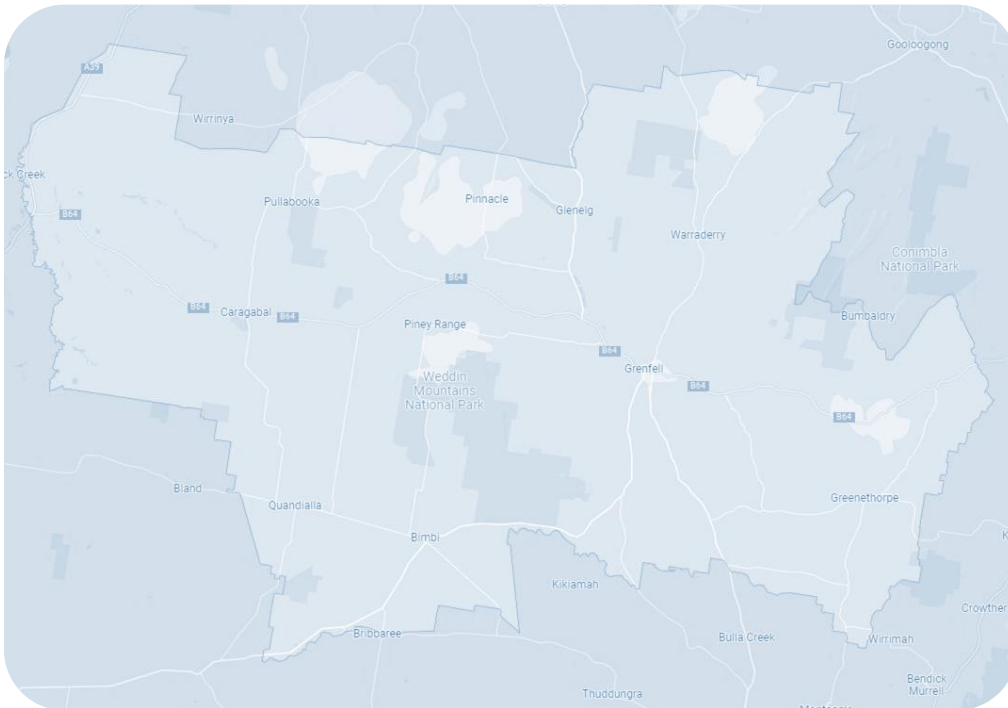


Figure 11: Weddin

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