

Living in
Far West
NSW





We would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands across the region in Far West NSW. We pay respect to the Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge the cultural and spiritual connection that Aboriginal people have to their land and water ways and recognise them as caretakers, knowledge holders and teachers ensuring that the world's oldest continuous culture continues to thrive.

*In the Far West we don't waste our lives in traffic,
getting to and from work, school and sport.*



If spending an hour a day getting to work and another hour getting home from work sounds familiar, you could gain more than 24,000 minutes a year moving to the Far West, that's almost 400 hours or 16.6 days back every year.

What will you do with the extra time back in your life EVERYDAY?



A diversity of landscapes to fuel any adventure.





Welcome to the Far West

Welcome to Far West NSW, home to some of the most diverse and striking landscapes Australia has to offer. From spectacular outback settings and wide open spaces to modern infrastructure and facilities, the Far West offers something for everyone.

The Far West region dwarfs the big smoke in affordability, liveability, friendliness, safety and opportunity and you will immediately feel like a local in the vast Outback of NSW, where you can live *your* dream.

Our region offers a complete range of affordable homes, from a traditional miner's cottage, full of history and character to the most contemporary homes with every conceivable comfort.

An impressive range of health and education services, little to no commute time and a strong sense of community combine to ensure your quality of life in the Far West is second to none. Your city based friends will very quickly be envious of the lifestyle and opportunities your family enjoys.

Have you been looking for "that" opportunity? You will love the vibrant and dynamic atmosphere Broken Hill offers. Living in Broken Hill enables our residents to "have it all".

Our region has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the State, meaning there are exciting opportunities for you, your partner and your children. You can forge the career of your choice, study that degree you've always wanted to attain or build your skills with strong vocational pathways all whilst living the laidback lifestyle of regional Australia and spending more time with your family than you ever thought possible.

If your tree change dream is to really sit back, relax and never consider the hustle and bustle of city life then perhaps village life in one of our dynamic villages is perfect for you. The Far West offers a choice with our charming, close-knit village communities. From the iconic Tibooburra in the far north to a carefree life on the Darling River in Menindee or become part of the art community of historic Silverton. Our Villages all have a unique and captivating story and contribute to the multicultural and vibrant region of Far West NSW.

Your perfect home awaits



Are you a bit over the tiny apartment, huge mortgage, a courtyard, and long commute times?

The Broken Hill real estate market offers the opportunity to trade up to a larger home with room for the kids to have their own bedrooms, a large backyard for the dog, a veggie garden and a shed to immerse yourself in your hobbies.

Or, are you looking to downsize to a comfortable character filled home?

Our real estate market has a variety of choice to cater for all ages, taste, styles and budgets. You won't really need to worry about the budget, our real estate is seriously affordable.

Maybe you have dreamed of the day your family moves into their brand-new home, designed, and built to exactly your specifications. Join the growing number of people living that dream in Broken Hill with our growing new home market. We don't need to tell you about the best suburbs and most idealistic settings, everything in our community is accessible and close to a range of schools, shopping centres, sporting facilities and your new job.

A home for the whole family

If you're longing for a better lifestyle in a beautiful outback setting, the Far West offers large lifestyle blocks offering plenty of space for your leisure pursuit, backyard cricket or a pool and spa.

Hobbies are part of our life in the Far West, whether your hobby is restoring cars, pottery, painting and the arts, music or lots of pets and gardening our market offers the opportunity to live it. You'll have all the space you need to start a new hobby or immerse yourself in the one you've been trying to get to for years, and because commute times are minutes, not hours, you'll have the time to actually enjoy it.



*Living in the Outback is
not a compromise*



Facilities to rival anywhere

We know the big smoke offers community engagement and the opportunity to participate in a variety of sport. In the Far West we offer the same opportunity, but we also offer access. Sporting facilities aren't hours away, they're minutes so you and your family can easily access it and engage with your favorite sports.

Our facilities are open and welcoming and the sheer variety of sport will engage the keenest enthusiasts. There's something for everyone: golf, AFL, league, basketball, netball, archery, mountain biking, motocross, bush walking, swimming, gymnastics, camp draft, dance, shooting, water skiing, kayaking, lawn bowls and cricket, just to name a few.

The Far West offer the facilities, a welcoming attitude and easy access so you can enjoy them all or try something new.

Whether you play professionally or socially there is a sport in the Far West for you. The region has a long and strong history of nurturing sporting talent with established pathways to elite sport.

Visit [the Far West Sporting Hall of Fame](#)



Simply stunning





Building your future

Your decision to move to the Far West will be supported by quality education from early childhood through to tertiary education.

There is a range of public and independent schools for children from Kindergarten through to Year 12 with vocational and tertiary institutions supporting further education.

The region offers 17 government and non-government primary and secondary schools, including the famous School of the Air. We take education and opportunity seriously, regardless of your address in the Far West, quality education is on your doorstep.

Opportunities abound, regardless of your education needs, with quality support to achieve your goals or find new ambitions.

There is a range of preschool, long and occasional day care, after school and vacation care services to ensure your kids receive the best start in life.



Nine preschool service providers will ensure you have choice, and your little ones have opportunity.

The Far West has long enjoyed a reputation for high quality vocational training, resulting in our tradies being in high demand worldwide. The establishment of the Country Universities Centre Far West in 2018 created the opportunity for supported tertiary pathways with any Australian University. Whether you are looking at moving to Broken Hill or one of the many smaller towns in our region, there will be education options available to you.

Your tree change to the Far West might just be the opportunity you have always wanted to further your career through education and skills support.



A sense of belonging

Broken Hill is well known as the “friendly city” which is attributed to the way the community embraces multiculturalism and diversity. Our rich history as a gathering point for workers from throughout the globe has contributed to our strong art, culture and industrial history. Sharing history and culture builds our lifestyle and contributes to the wide range of activities, events and education.

Our welcoming communities embrace new residents, and they’ll soon connect you with locals who share your passion, hobby or pursuit. Our sense of community and belonging is what makes it so special.

You will have so many opportunities to connect with a variety of community groups, sporting organisations and places of worship to suit your needs. You can build your skills, enhance your health and fitness or support the community that is now your home. You will soon understand why we say “we love where we live”.

The Far West caters for all needs with groups for all stages of life, from our tiniest residents to senior citizens and all interests in between. If it’s the arts that interests you, the Far West is your dream location. We have produced world famous artists including Pro Hart, Jack Absalom and Howard Steer to name just a few. The Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery is the oldest regional gallery in New South Wales and this multi award winning gallery offers a truly magnificent collection.

If you’re at that stage of life where you’re looking to give back to the community, we offer many opportunities to join likeminded people through community, cultural and charitable organisations.

Your health and fitness



Your health

With its base in Broken Hill the Far West Local Health District covers almost 200,000 square kilometres, a dedicated and professional health service offering emergency and acute medical, surgical, obstetrics and paediatric care.

Supporting the health outcomes of our communities are a large range of allied health professionals, general practitioners, dentists and rehabilitation services.

Alternate health options are well catered for with a range of massage therapists, reiki practitioners and naturopaths.

Our retirees are very well served with a range of support services, activities, retirement villages and aged care facilities. A range of options for community style living ensure your needs and those of your family are met.

Your fitness

If maintaining your fitness is a priority for you, the Far West has you covered with a range of gyms, fitness classes, exercise groups and organised sport. Or, if you prefer a slower pace, you'll love the opportunity to enjoy the breath-taking natural views of Outback Australia on one of the many bush walking or mountain biking tracks. Because you will have more time in your life, walking the family dog in our beautiful landscape offers an experience that's hard to forget.

We've created the opportunities – take your fitness seriously or take it at your own pace.



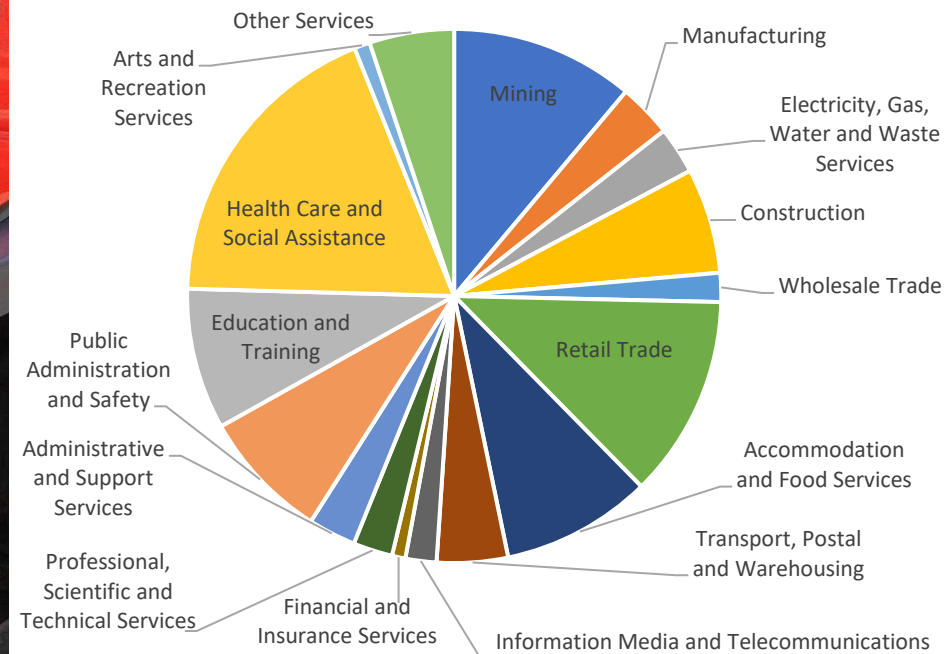
Jobs, jobs and opportunity

The Far West is a region of possibility, regardless of whether you are advancing your career, starting your own business, just starting out or making that big change – you will find the opportunity and the support required to be successful in the Far West.

Life is short, why spend it not doing a job you love? In Far West NSW we have a broad and strong economy. In a recent survey, over 80% of our employers are planning for growth and seeking a variety of new employees.

As we continue to grow our region it creates further employment opportunities. If you are a tradie the planned infrastructure projects could provide the perfect opportunity to really be part of something special, but of course there are opportunities in every industry.

Our Employment Industries



You'll love it, but don't just take our word for it

We only planned on coming out for a short period, I had the chance for a promotion, but my partner really wasn't keen. We thought moving to the country would be a compromise on the things we loved in the city. We were wrong.

The restaurants here would rival our old city restaurants any day, and they remember our names. The coffee culture is quite amazing and the art, oh my god the art.

Its artists paradise

Amelia and Theodore

We moved out for work, it was a pretty big commitment with 3 kids, we made a 2-year commitment. After the 2 years we sold our old house on the coast, we knew straight away this was home.

Jodie, wife, professional and mother of 3

People are just so friendly, we love the idea of saying hello to people in the street and stopping for a quick chat with complete strangers, Oh, and the Coffee is just amazing.

Angela

When we first moved out to Broken Hill my in-laws thought we were mad. 12 months later and they have just moved out too, we should have done this years ago.

Mai and Lucas

The nicest surprise that we weren't expecting is how cheap it is to live here. The money we save every week on fuel alone will pay for an amazing holiday at the end of the year.

Jolene and Chris

The kids were our greatest fear. Leaving behind their friends and starting at a new school is pretty tough. We've been here 2 years but honestly it feels like 10. We really feel like part of the community, the kids play lots of sports and we do heaps of family stuff that we never really had time for previously. There are just so many weekend destinations that we really didn't even know existed.

The boys are now motorbike mad, they ride after school and on weekends, we could never have given them that opportunity in the city.

We've made great friends and really were surprised at how friendly and welcoming the community is. Our advice! don't keep thinking about it, we thought about it for a couple of years before making the decision and now wonder why we wasted a couple of years of freedom.

Kate and James

We moved about a year ago now. My boyfriend has just got a promotion that would have taken half a lifetime in the city.

About 8 months ago I started my own little home business, I've now moved into a shop front and looking for staff. It was so exciting starting my own business. It's really affordable and the community are so supportive.

The country approach to life is so much less stressful – has it always been like this? Sophie gets walked every day now, it used to be most weekends.

Emma, Christopher and Sophie the black lab

I Love the outdoors and all of the outdoor activities. I originally came out for my university placement. After the 3 months I went home and completed Uni and applied for the first available job back in Broken Hill.

I run, ride my mountain bike, camp, fish, the gym is much better than I had back in Sydney. I'm in the process of buying my first house! I'm 25, back in Sydney it would have taken me 20 years to save the deposit and I didn't have the time to enjoy my outdoor passions.

Liam



Our backyard



Living in the Far West offers a variety of activities that will engage every member of the family. Enjoying the outdoors will never be easier than in the Far West with a stunning natural environment, wide open spaces, crystal clear night skies and an abundance of native flora and fauna on your doorstep.

Immerse yourself in one of the surrounding National Parks, pack up the kids and head to the mighty Darling River, drop the boat in and spend the day skiing and fishing or enjoy a picnic lunch in one of the stunning natural creeks.

If it's wide-open spaces you yearn for, then it's the Far West you're seeking.

Weekends will never be dull, with endless sporting opportunities, stunning natural settings, National Parks galore, skate parks and so much more, you'll find it difficult to choose between activities.

If immersing yourself in history and culture sounds like the perfect weekend, the Far West offers it all. Take a trip to Mutawintji and take in some of Australia's oldest Aboriginal rock art or enjoy a stroll on one of the many bush walking tracks with a real Australian backdrop, having had more than 300 major film and television productions in the region, chances are you'll recognise the landscape from your favourite movie.

Cultivate your creative talents and join one of the many cultural organisations. There is a diverse range of groups to suit all tastes including art and craft societies, dance, music bands, book clubs and more.

10 minutes from home



Pamper yourself

We've mentioned that moving to the Far West isn't a compromise, we take the little things in life seriously.

Your wellbeing will be well catered for with facilities and access to the finer things in life quicker and with less travel than you're possibly used to in the city.

The Far West offers a vast array of alternate therapies, beauty and day spas to meet your needs and they will exceed your expectations.

You'll be able to access all the things you loved in the city.

Almost no travel time, affordable housing, great education facilities, jobs to ignite your ambitions and hours of your life back every day.

You will never feel less stressed.





Free yourself and be your own boss

If you have ever dreamed of being your own boss, then the Far West offers opportunity and support. The Far West business community have a strong, supportive and accepting culture.

Supporting local businesses to thrive is an accepted and expected culture of the Far West. We know our local businesses support our communities, our sporting and cultural pursuits and we demonstrate our appreciation by shopping locally and supporting our local businesses to grow, create further employment and really be part of the community.

With a huge array of potential growth across a number of key industries planned over the coming years, the opportunities to establish and grow your own business have never been better.

Whether your passion, skills and experience are with tourism, adventure tourism, retail, fashion, homewares or the service industries the opportunities to establish and grow a successful business in the Far West are second to none.

Whether it's starting your own business, setting up your side hustle or relocating your existing business, the Far West has the connectivity, experience, skilled people and links to help you succeed.



Shopping made easy

Whether you're buying the weekly groceries, looking for that perfect item for your home or planning a session of retail therapy you'll be spoilt for choice with a collection of large national outlets and small boutique specialists.

Looking for something a little different or the freshest home grown produce? The Broken Hill markets operate monthly and offer an exciting range of the freshest produce and unique products to keep you browsing for hours.

Of course, for many of us, retail therapy, great coffee and a long lazy lunch go hand in hand.

The range of options in Broken Hill will definitely surprise you. Whether it's a traditional milk shake at Australia's oldest and most famous milk bar or coffee your way at one of the many cafés and specialty coffee shops, you really will be spoilt for choice.

And, of course we love shopping locally. Our local Far West Gift Cards are accepted by over 200 local businesses, so you know your money is staying local and supporting the local economy. Did we mention we don't have a single parking meter in the Far West, so you won't be wasting money on parking.

*I am not a shopaholic,
I am helping the economy.*



Unleash your creative self

If the Arts are your passion, career, hobby or an outlet then the Far West is the place for you.

As Australia's first heritage listed city Broken Hill is home to more than 20 Art Galleries and a plethora of installations, sculptures and street murals.

With more than 300 major productions in both films and commercials for a worldwide audience, the Far West is a preferred location for many.

Bring your creative self or discover it whilst you're here. Whether yours is photography, dance, film, painting, creative writing or a book club to chat about your latest read you will find likeminded people at all stages of their life and immersion.



Life is a blank canvas, be creative.



*Relax, slow down and take some time to enjoy the simple things.
It's our way of life.*



A seriously central location

Living your tree change doesn't mean you'll be isolated.

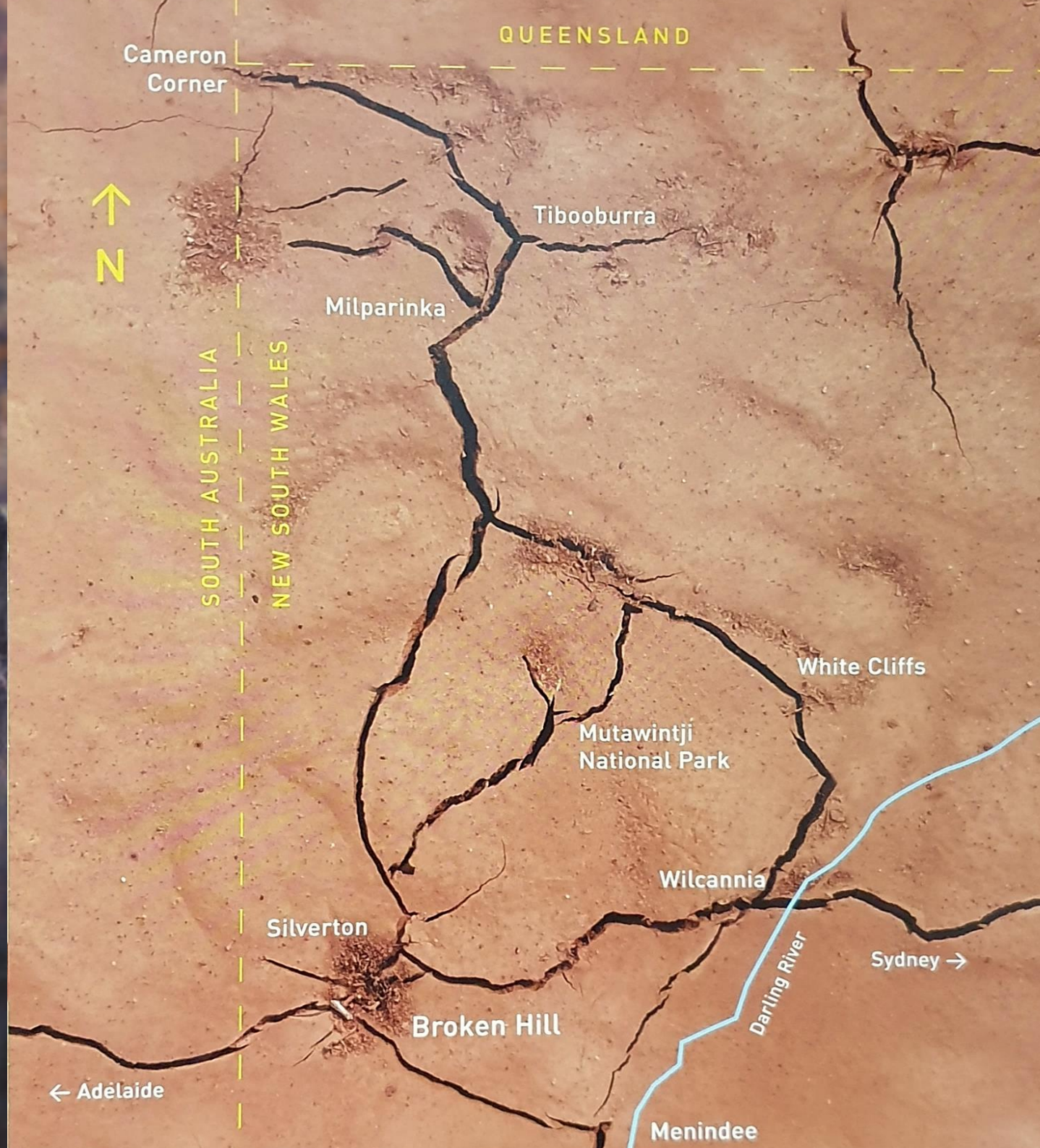
Far West NSW is potentially one of the most central locations in Australia.

Broken Hill offers options to suit your needs, with direct air flights to Sydney, Dubbo, Mildura and Adelaide and connecting flights to Melbourne and everywhere else. If it's the relaxed atmosphere and stunning scenery of train travel that you enjoy, Broken Hill sits on the Transcontinental railway offering direct access to rail travel between Sydney and Perth.

Living in the Far West brings a whole new world to explore for weekends away and family holidays. Surrounded by National Parks and within a few hours easy drive to access Queensland, South Australia and Victoria.

Explore the Darling River a lazy 1 hour drive away, the mighty Murray River, 3 hours away or spend a weekend in the Flinders Ranges.

Everywhere really is accessible from the Far West. We love where we live and we live every minute of it.



Who doesn't love cricket and sandcastles?





Median house price
3 BR - \$135,000
4 BR - \$170,000
(Sep 2020)



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Education institutions



A range of Golf courses including a championship level fully grassed 18 hole course



Over 70
community and volunteer groups



Be surrounded by culture and history - everyday



More than 70
sporting organisations



Median rent
Broken Hill
3 BR - \$260 PW
4 BR - \$330 PW



Unleash your creative self with over 150,000 sq km of stunning scenery



Live life as an adventure



Reclaim your life and have time for the important things



Find the job you love
In the Far West we have more jobs than people




Raise your family in a safe environment and let them enjoy the freedom

Perfect weather to explore your new home

Average	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Max °C	34	33	29	24	19	16	16	17	21	25	29	31
Min °C	20	20	17	13	11	8	7	7	9	13	16	18
Daylight hours	14	13	12.5	11.5	10.5	10	10.5	11	12	13	13.5	14

Living in the far west is not a compromise, it's an opportunity to live your best life



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*Life is not a practice run.
Live the life you want.*

