



About The Shire

Blayney is a town with a population of 3,500, located in the Central Tablelands of New South Wales, approximately 3.5 hours by road from the centre of Sydney. It is the centre of a closely settled and populous district, which stretches east to Bathurst, southwest to Cowra and north to Orange. Blayney is a comfortable 25 minutes drive to Bathurst with a population 33,000 and to Orange with a population 34,000. Blayney Shire is fortunate to have a number of historic and picturesque villages.

Blayney Shire is at an altitude of 850 metres above sea level. The passage of the seasons is more marked than on the coast with 4 distinct seasons. The summer climate is ideal, with warm days and cool nights. Autumn and Spring are true seasons of change and winters are cold with frosts and occasional snow.

Blayney Shire's industries generate substantial employment within the Region. Unemployment in the area is significantly below the State average and National averages and the demand for labour in Blayney is heavily supplemented by residents of Orange and Bathurst, who commute to Blayney daily.

History of Blayney Shire

Blayney, the Village Shire, has a rich and fascinating history stretching back more than 170 years. Prior to European settlement, the area had been home to clans of the Wiradjuri tribe of First Nations People for thousands of years. The tension between early settlers and the Wiradjuri eventually led to the After the crossing of the Blue Mountains by Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth in 1813, European settlement began with the proclamation of a town (Bathurst) in 1815. That same year, Surveyor George Evans set out to explore the country to the south of Bathurst, thus bringing him into the lands that eventually became part of the Blayney Shire. The first landmark he named was near the eastern boundary of the shire - a row of three rounded hills which he

