ALBURY - LIFE ON THE BORDER





Year 5 and 6 Challenge Literacy Group

Albury North Public School



Creative Catchment Kids

Creative Catchment Kids is an initiative of Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre. It aims to improve engagement between our funding partners and school students by providing opportunities for positive and authentic ventures that encourage students to develop creative solutions to agriculture and natural resource management issues. www.wirraminna.org/creative-catchment-kids/

Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre

The Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre is located in Burrumbuttock, north of Albury in southern NSW. Since 1995, the centre, which is adjacent to Burrumbuttock Public School, has provided opportunities for discovery and learning about the natural environment, the ecology of the local woodlands and the beauty of native plants.

www.wirraminna.org

Enviro-Stories

Enviro-Stories is an innovative literacy education program that inspires learning about natural resource and catchment management issues. Developed by PeeKdesigns, this program provides students with an opportunity to publish their own stories that have been written for other kids to support learning about their local area.

www.envirostories.com.au

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Our Community

In 2016, students involved in the Creative Catchment Kids program researched and wrote stories about their local community and how local individuals, couples, businesses or industries have made a difference. The program was generously funded by Murray Local Land Services, the Australian government's National Landcare Programme and Hume Bank.

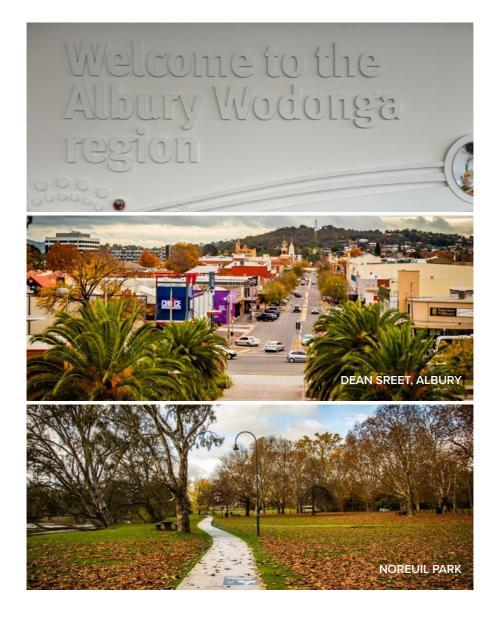
Creative Catchment Kids - Our Community is part of Enviro-Stories, a PeeKdesigns education program.



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Living on the border couldn't get much better. Albury is a large, regional city on the border of New South Wales and Victoria, with so much to offer.



You will discover a vibrant, historical city with so many things to see and do. Come and see for yourself what a great place it is to live in.

European Explorers

The explorers Hamilton Hume and William Hovell first discovered the future site for Albury in 1824. They were the first white men to see the Murray River, which they originally named the Hume River. They planted trees by the river crossing and one of the trees is still there today. Albury is on the Hume and Hovell walking track. It was named after a town in England and was officially proclaimed a city in 1946.



Aboriginal Culture

The Wiradjuri Nation has been the traditional custodian of the land for more than 40,000 years. The Murray River is the southern border of Wiradjuri land. The tribes lived in harmony

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with the environment taking only what was needed. Their society was built around religion and spirituality. They would meet for ceremonies, corroborees and trading at Mungabareena Reserve, on the Murray River, east of Albury.

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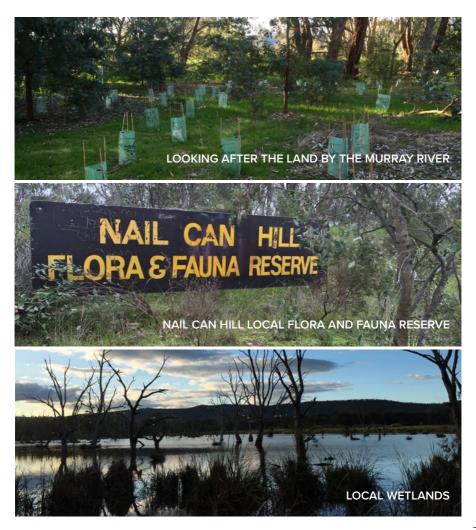


The Wagirra Trail is a beautiful 6 kilometre path that follows the Murray River from South Albury to the Wonga Wetlands. A recent addition to the trail is the Yindyamarra sculpture walk. Its many sculptures were created by local Aboriginal artists. They tell the story of Aboriginal history in the region and explain the cultural significance of the Murray River through interactive, interpretative panels.

Environment

Our area is home to a diverse range of native flora and fauna, including a number of vulnerable and endangered species like the Murray cod and the Squirrel glider. It has a temperate climate that experiences cold, wet winters and hot, dry summers.

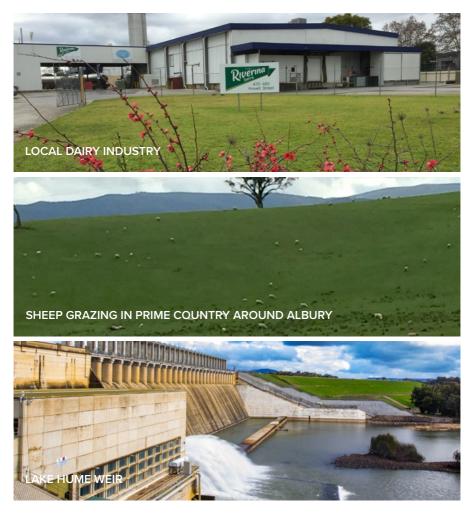
Local groups such as 'Splitters Creek Landcare', 'Bungambrawatha Creek Care' and 'Parklands Albury Wodonga', care for the local environment.



Agriculture and Industry

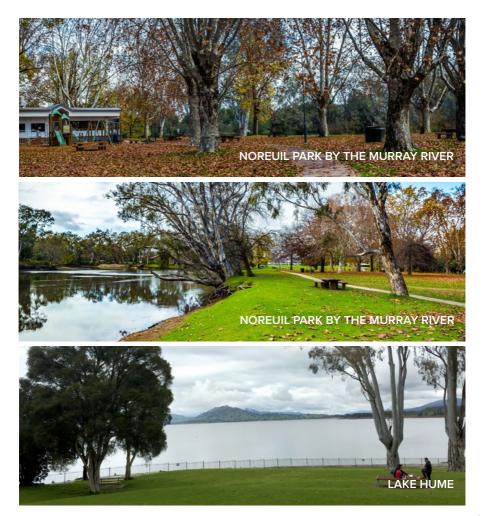
Our community is surrounded by rural farms that mainly produce wheat, beef and sheep. The area is famous for its many wineries; and local fruit and vegetable producers supply fresh produce to markets. Dairy farms supply milk to local processing plants to produce milk products, cheese and cream.

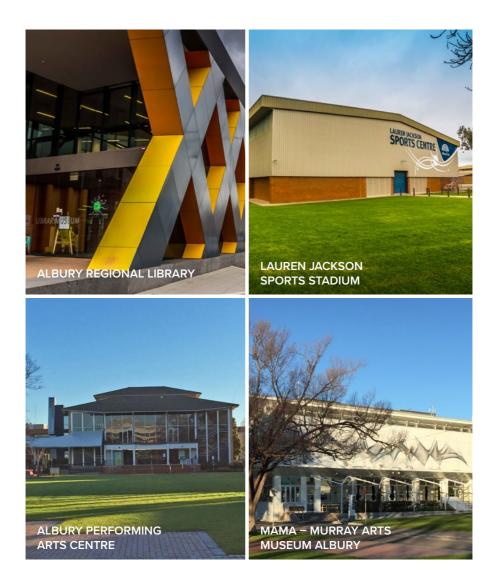
The Hume Dam is a source of water for towns and farms along the Murray River. It is used for irrigation, hydro-electricity and to control flooding downstream.



Recreation

Albury is a beautiful place where you can relax and have fun. The Hume Weir is used for fishing, swimming, water skiing and boating. Noreuil Park is a pretty, riverside area where people of all ages enjoy picnics, barbecues and swimming in the Murray River. Albury is also lucky to be near snowfields and the 'high country' mountains.





Our community provides a lot of opportunities to take part in sporting activities. AFL, soccer, rugby, basketball, tennis, golf and cricket are all played.

We have lots of places to visit to be entertained. The 'Murray Art Museum Albury' (MAMA) opened in 2015 and the 'Performing Arts Centre' hosts many musical performers, plays and shows.

Economy

Albury is a leading regional centre. Its economy is driven by retail businesses, construction, manufacturing and wholesale businesses, health services and agriculture. Tourism and special events such as sporting competitions and conferences boost the economy. Living in Albury has all the benefits of living in a city whilst enjoying life in the country.





At Albury North we love our school and we love living in Albury.

Come and discover life on the border.



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Congratulations!

Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre and the Creative Catchment Kids Program won the National 2016 Yates Junior Landcare Team Award.















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