

WELCOME TO WALBUNDRIE



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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

Hume Bank

At Hume Bank, community is something we know a lot about, we're a bank for locals and believe money should be kept locally. That's why we are proud to support Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre. By working together, we are able to give back to the community and help build a stronger future for generations to come.

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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 PeekKdesigns education program.



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Welcome to our small country town of Walbundrie!

Walbundrie is located 52 kilometres from Albury. It is called the crossroads of Riverina because many country roads cross over in Walbundrie. In the late 1850s, it was known as the gold mining village of Piney Range. It is home to the Walbundrie Show, the Hume League football and a community of friendly country people.





Wiradjuri People

Wiradjuri Country is one of the biggest Aboriginal nations in New South Wales. It is believed Wiradjuri people lived in the region of Piney Range (Walbundrie) because of the Billabong Creek. Piney Range was the perfect hunting area because animals used the creek as a watering hole. The creek provided plenty of fresh water and fish for the Wiradjuri people.



Walbundrie School

The original Walbundrie School was located at the corner of the Walbundrie football ground. It opened in May 1879. Sadly, after a year the school shut down. On the 4th of October 1881, the school was reopened and in 1920, the Department of Education suggested to move the school due to poor drainage. A new school was built on the current school site.



Gold in the Piney Range

Walbundrie was originally known as Piney Range. On the 15th of June 1855, gold was found eight miles away at Bulgandra. A second field was also found in 1898. The gold grew Walbundrie's population in the gold rush time. Following that, the population continued to decrease to what it is today. Gold played an important part in the history of Walbundrie.



Agriculture

Walbundrie's community is based on farming, with crops such as wheat, barley, oats, canola and many more. The farmers send the crops to Grain Corps, when they are harvested at the start of summer. Many farmers also grow crops for hay. The other main industries in the area are sheep and cattle.



The Walbundrie area is home to thousands of sheep and cattle. Shearers in the Walbundrie region get paid on the number of sheep they shear. Most of the sheep and cattle go to the Barnawartha and Corowa sale yards on a truck. From the sale yards they go off to the abattoirs and are then sent to the butcher.



Billabong Creek

The Billabong creek is home to a variety of fish such as Golden Perch (Yellowbelly), Murray Cod and even some Silver Perch. It is 596 kilometres long and is the largest creek in the southern hemisphere. The Billabong has eighteen creeks and rivers that flow into it. The creek is used for lots of activities, such as swimming, fishing and kayaking.



Walbundrie Hill

Walbundrie Hill is a great place for hiking, four-wheel driving and bird watching. It is also home to the Grey-crowned Babbler, Superb Parrot and Bush Stone-curlew, which are all endangered species. It is also home to kangaroos and wallabies. There is a native pine tree, called the Murray pine that grows on Walbundrie Hill. It is a great place for hiking with many tracks to complete and explore.

Walbundrie Show

Walbundrie show is one of the most successful and biggest shows in the Riverina. It is held on the first Monday in October every year. It is known for its wonderful horse events, wool championships, crop competitions, exhibitions and fun amusement rides.

The Walbundrie Show is a great day out, with something to interest every member of the family.



The Walbundrie show has many sheep exhibits and cropping competitions. The biggest crowd catcher is the shearing competition, which is a timed event. There are also cooking and art competitions in the pavilions. Show girl and boy competition is also a very popular event. There are also lots of amusements for the kids and plenty of food for everyone.



Walbundrie Football and Netball Club

The Walbundrie Football and Netball Club all began in 1910. They have won 8 senior football premierships. In 2005, they merged with the Rand Pigeons. They kept the Walbundrie Tigers colours with only some slight changes. Eleven years later (2016), due to the lack of junior footballers, the Rand-Walbundrie Tigers merged with Walla Hoppers and became the Rand-Walbundrie-Walla Giants.





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Congratulations!

Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre and
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