



APPROXIMATE DISTANCE TO DEFENCE LOCATIONS

Wodonga CBD to Latchford Barracks	12kms
Wodonga CBD to Gaza Ridge Barracks	4kms
Wodonga CBD to Wadsworth Barracks	5kms
Albury CBD to Latchford Barracks	18kms
Albury CBD to Gaza Ridge Barracks	9kms
Thurgoona to Latchford Barracks	17kms
Thurgoona to Gaza Ridge Barracks	17kms
Baranduda to Latchford Barracks	14kms
Baranduda to Gaza Ridge Barracks	8kms



MAP

A map of Albury-Wodonga can be found on the [Defence Housing Australia \(DHA\) website](#) and [Google Maps](#)

Albury-Wodonga is often said in one breath as if it is the name of a town. In fact Albury and Wodonga are two separate cities, divided by the Murray River which is on the NSW-Victorian border. As they are only 7kms apart, the two cities have formed a close relationship.

Albury, on the NSW side, is 567kms southwest of Sydney and has a population of nearly 45,000.

Wodonga, on the Victorian side, has a smaller population of approximately 35,000 and is located approximately 300kms north of Melbourne.

Despite having their own city councils, Albury and Wodonga share many social and educational services, infrastructure and business opportunities.

Finding a property

Albury and Thurgoona in NSW and Bandiana, Baranduda and Wodonga in Victoria are all suitable locations for housing. Some members find it difficult to secure a property due to the availability of properties, lack of rental properties accepting pets, and the requirement to inspect the property before a tenancy application is accepted. Real estate agents commonly advertise properties only a few weeks before vacancy, with many only advertising after the property becomes vacant.

NOTE - Ceiling increases to cover any rent above the ceiling entitlement is not guaranteed, and must meet the requirements as set out in the Defence Pay and Conditions Manual (**PACMAN**).

You should check your eligibility before submitting a request.

You may find the [realestate.com.au](#) website useful for locating a property.

Townhouses and units

Townhouses and units are subject to Body Corporate rules. Please ask your landlord or real estate agent for details. The ability to keep pets in townhouses is limited and you should check with the landlord or real estate agent in regards to this. Dogs must also be registered with local councils.

House hunting trips

House hunting trips are subject to approval. If you wish to apply for a house hunting trip please refer to **PACMAN** for your entitlements or alternatively, contact the DHA on **139 DHA (139 342)**.

Utilities

You will need to arrange your own utilities such as electricity, gas, pay TV, internet services or telephone. You should contact your local service providers, or you may like to take advantage of the free **Fast Connect** service, where they will arrange for the disconnection and reconnection of utilities on your behalf – you can contact them on **1300 661 464** (local call cost) or access the service via the **DHA** website.



Public transport

› **Dysons Bus Lines** (02) 6056 3100

Schools

The following are good sources of information on schools in these areas:

› **Victorian Department of Education**

› **NSW Department of Education**

Child care

Albury-Wodonga has both long and short day care as well as family day care. Some useful contacts are:

› **Family Day Care Australia** 1800 621 218

› **ABC Learning Centres** 1800 222 543

› Child Care Access Hotline 1800 670 305

› **Department of Defence Child Care Centres**

› **Australian Child Care Index**

Check the **Yellow Pages** under “child care services”.

Hospitals

› **Wodonga Regional Health Services** (Public) (02) 6051 7111

› Albury Base Hospital (Public) (02) 6058 4444

› **Albury-Wodonga Private Hospital** (Private) (02) 6041 1411

› **Murray Valley Private Hospital** (Private) (02) 6055 3100

Sport

The Albury-Wodonga region offers many sporting and recreational activities. Popular activities include rugby league, AFL, soccer, tennis, cycling, netball and hockey. For more information, visit the **Albury-Wodonga Services Directory**.

Water restrictions

Water restrictions apply in Albury and Wodonga, affecting the watering of lawns and gardens and the washing of vehicles. The following websites have information on current restrictions:

› **Albury restrictions**

› **Wodonga restrictions**

Where can I find more information?

› **Albury-Wodonga Services Directory**

› **Destination Albury-Wodonga**

Contact DHA

› DHA (139 DHA) 139 342

› Wodonga Office Fax (02) 6222 2215

› **www.dha.gov.au**



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