

# Wentworth Shire Hidden Secrets





*Wellness for the  
Mind and Body*



*Cultural Bonds*



*Unexpected Destinations*

*Built on water*



*Changing landscapes*



*Big rivers, wide skies, and a lifestyle shaped by the outdoors*





*Just outside  
Wentworth, two of  
Australia's great  
rivers meet, the  
Murray and the  
Darling.*

This meeting point, known locally as the Junction, has shaped the land, the town, and the stories of this region for generations.

It's a place of quiet significance. The water moves differently here, the landscape opens up, and time seems to slow. Locals visit to think, to breathe, or simply to take in the view. You don't need to stay long to feel it. Early mornings bring stillness and soft light. Late afternoons offer wide skies and gentle colour across the riverbanks. It's a reminder of how connected this region is to water. A perfect place to pause and settle into your new surroundings.

## *Everyday Life on the Riverbanks - Junction Island*

Junction Island sits at the meeting point of the Murray and Darling Rivers, just outside Wentworth. This unique intersection of Australia's two largest river systems has shaped the town's history, landscape, and way of life for generations. Surrounded by river red gums and open floodplains, the island is an easy, everyday way to connect with the natural environment that supports the region. Birdlife, cooler breezes, and wide-open views make it a place locals come to value as part of daily life. A walking path and recently restored footbridge provide safe, accessible access for all ages.



## *Mungo National Park: Enhancing Everyday Life*

Wentworth Shire stretches across the meeting point of the Murray and Darling Rivers, blending open floodplains, rugged red-gum landscapes, and the calm flow of inland waterways. It's a place where life moves with the seasons, nature is never far away, and the wide skies and river horizons define both the land and the way of life



## *Mungo National Park: Enhancing Everyday Life*

Mungo National Park enhances the livability of Wentworth Shire by providing residents with easy access to an area of remarkable natural beauty, cultural importance, and serene contemplation. Its expansive landscapes offer opportunities for relaxation, physical activity, and the mental health benefits associated with spending time in nature.

The park also plays a vital role in strengthening the region's identity. As a World Heritage-listed site with significant Aboriginal heritage, Mungo promotes learning, respect for culture, and a deep connection to the land's history, experiences that locals can engage with directly.



# *Outback Golf, Unmatched Beauty.....*

## *Golfing in the Wentworth Shire? A Wealth of Choices*

Scattered across the wide-open landscapes of Wentworth Shire, the region's golf courses are more than places to play, they're social hubs, local landmarks, and a unique way to experience the Far West. Set against river flats, red dirt horizons, and endless skies, each course reflects the character of its community. Many of these courses have been shaped by volunteers over generations, built with ingenuity, resilience, and a shared love of the game. From riverside fairways to classic outback greens, they tell stories of towns that value connection as much as competition. Today, Wentworth Shire's golf courses offer a relaxed, welcoming escape. Whether you're teeing off at sunrise, enjoying a casual round with locals, or watching kangaroos drift across the fairway, it's golf at its most authentic. Come for the game, stay for the atmosphere — where the landscape is as memorable as the scorecard.



*Discover the  
Lagoons in  
Everyday Life*

Across the Far West, lagoons and wetlands form where rivers flow and the land responds. These ecosystems support birdlife, native animals, and the seasonal changes that shape everyday life for locals. For residents, the lagoons offer a simple, accessible way to connect with nature. Walking, birdwatching, photography, or simply sitting quietly are part of the rhythms of life here, reflecting the enduring relationship between people and the inland landscape.

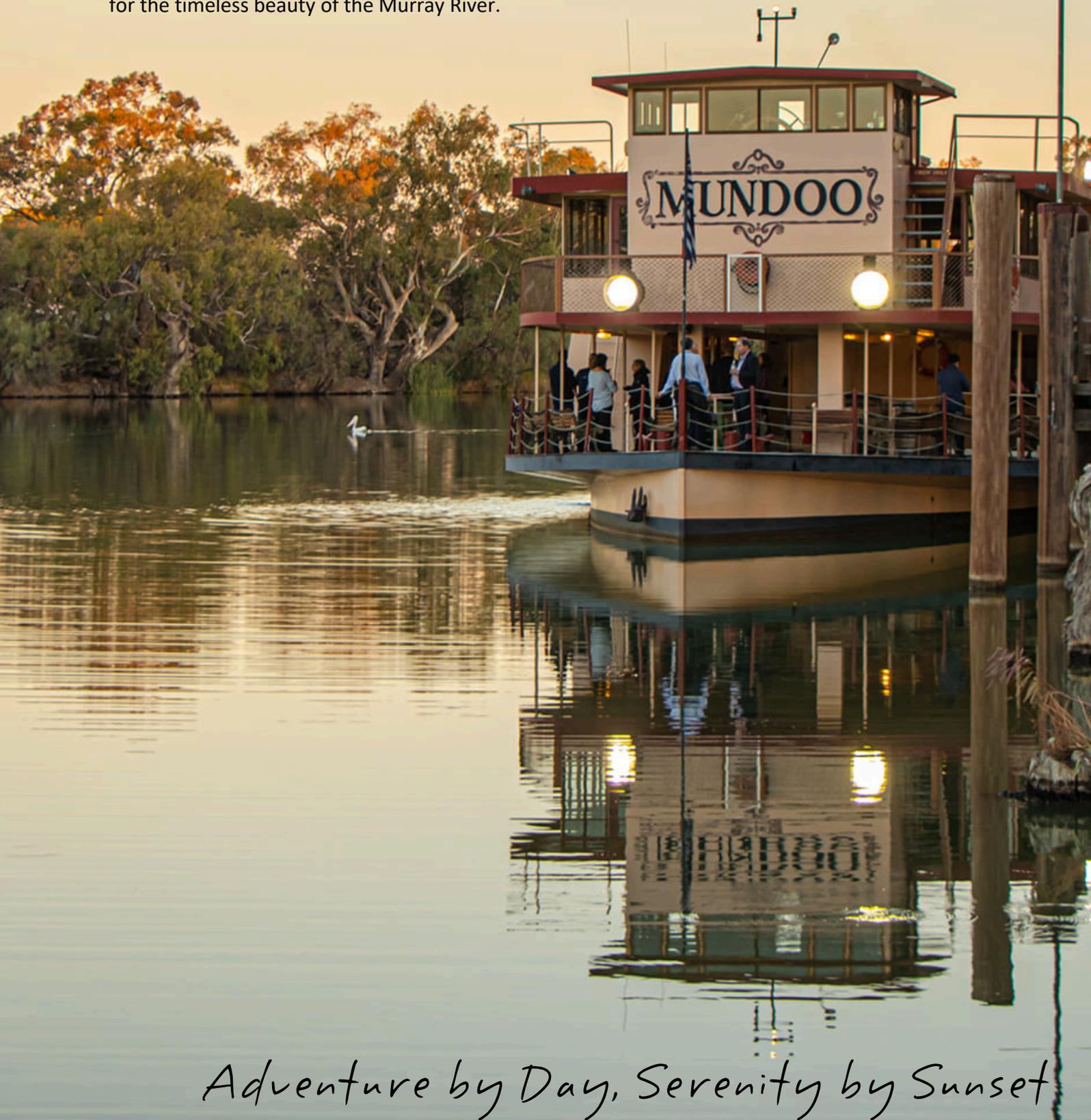
## *Space to Breathe, Time to Explore*

Wentworth Shire offers a slower pace and a deep sense of space that's hard to find anywhere else, without giving up convenience. Mornings begin with light spilling across the water, pelicans drifting past, and the town gently coming to life. With short commute times, everything you need is close by, leaving more time for what actually matters. Spend your days wandering riverbanks, kayaking calm stretches, fishing from the shore, or exploring historic streets shaped by paddle steamers and pioneers. Wide skies, quiet roads, and nature at your doorstep make Wentworth Shire a place where city stress fades fast and life feels easier, calmer, and more balanced.



## *All Aboard the Murray's Paddle Steamers*

Step back in time as paddle steamers glide along the Murray River, echoing Wentworth Shire's rich riverboat history. Once the lifeblood of trade, these iconic vessels now offer relaxed cruises, scenic views, and a true taste of river life. It's a classic Murray River experience. Slow, scenic, and unforgettable. Whether you're sipping a warm cup of tea or simply enjoying the view, the experience is nothing short of magical, leaving you with cherished memories and a deep appreciation for the timeless beauty of the Murray River.



*Adventure by Day, Serenity by Sunset*



## *Inland Botanic Gardens: A Living Showcase of Resilience*

Established in 1989 and opening to the public in 1992, the Inland Botanic Gardens were designed to demonstrate how plants can thrive in the region's semi-arid inland climate. Home to a mix of native species and hardy exotics, the gardens show resilience in action, with seasonal blooms and carefully curated plantings that adapt to sun, wind, and drought. Winding paths and shaded spots make it a space locals can enjoy every day, whether for a walk, a quiet pause, or observing the seasons change. The gardens are more than greenery; they reflect the strength and character of the inland landscape and the community that values it.



*Nature thriving at every turn*



## *Wildlife on Your Doorstep....*

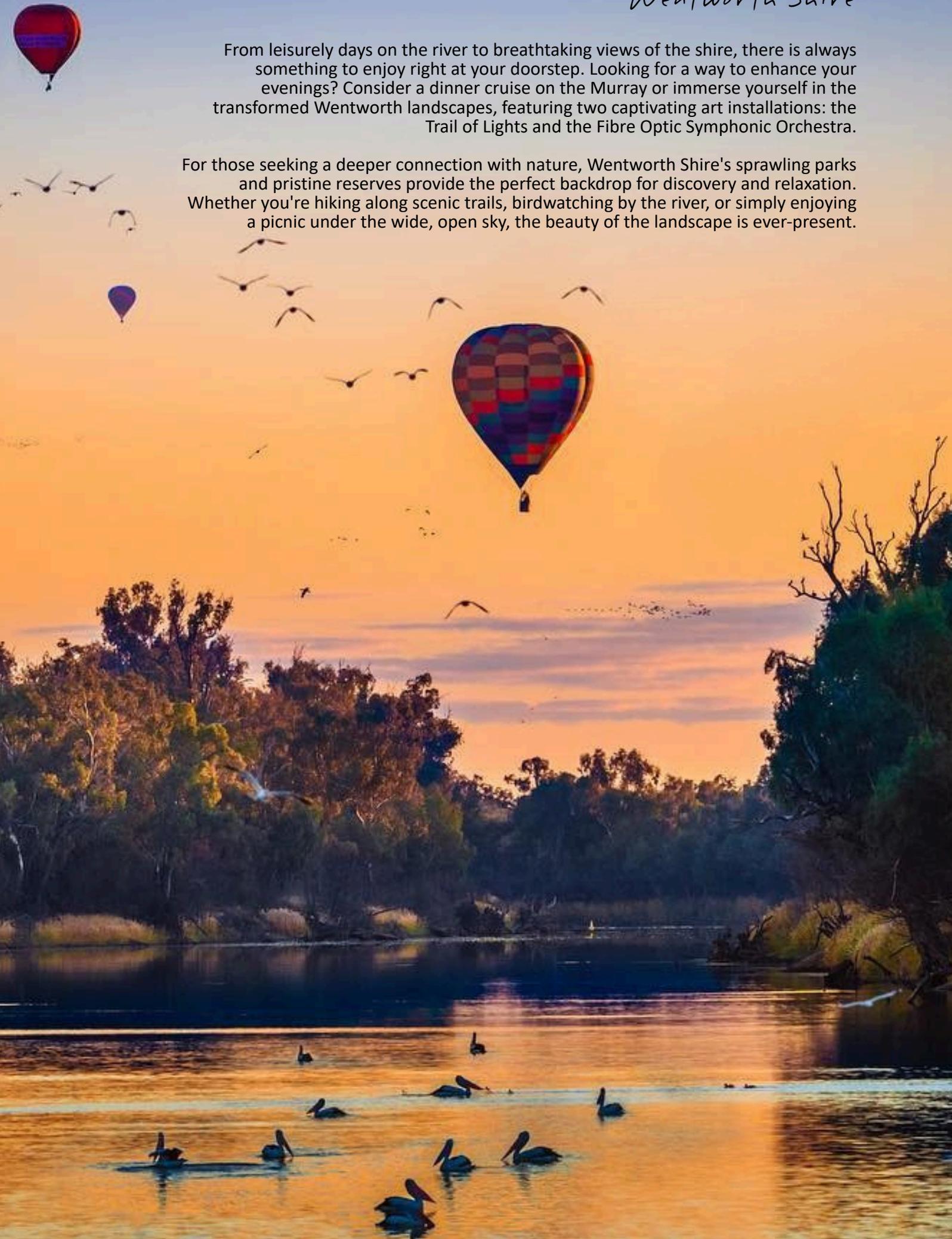
Living in the Far West means daily access to one of Australia's most vibrant natural environments. With abundant birdlife, native animals, and stunning seasonal changes, it's a unique lifestyle benefit for nature lovers and families alike. Enjoy peaceful surroundings and weekend wildlife spotting, all just outside your door.



## *More to Discover, More to Experience: Explore the Wentworth Shire*

From leisurely days on the river to breathtaking views of the shire, there is always something to enjoy right at your doorstep. Looking for a way to enhance your evenings? Consider a dinner cruise on the Murray or immerse yourself in the transformed Wentworth landscapes, featuring two captivating art installations: the Trail of Lights and the Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra.

For those seeking a deeper connection with nature, Wentworth Shire's sprawling parks and pristine reserves provide the perfect backdrop for discovery and relaxation. Whether you're hiking along scenic trails, birdwatching by the river, or simply enjoying a picnic under the wide, open sky, the beauty of the landscape is ever-present.



## Surfing in the Outback: The Perry Sandhills

A short drive from Wentworth leads you to the stunning Perry Sandhills, an extraordinary natural landmark. Visitors are drawn not only by their impressive scale but also by the warm experience they provide. Climb to the summit to soak in the breathtaking views, feel the soft sand beneath your feet, and then launch yourself down the slopes. Whether you enjoy a gentle glide or an exhilarating ride on a sandboard, this place transforms the Outback into a thrilling playground.



*Fitness isn't confined to a gym. It's built into everyday life, from riverside strolls to weekend paddle adventures.*



## *Fitness in the Shire*

When considering fitness in Wentworth Shire, think of the variety available. Whether you enjoy a picturesque walk along the serene riverbanks, want to utilise the outdoor gym equipment, test your skills on the Coomealla mountain bike track, or have discovered Simply Fit, Wentworth Shire offers options to suit everyone.





## *Creative Spaces at Every Turn*

Life in the Wentworth Shire is enriched by its vibrant sense of history, culture, and community. Local museums, galleries, and creative groups provide ample opportunities to connect, learn, and engage. Regular events and communal spaces foster connections among residents throughout the year. This is a place where creativity seamlessly intertwines with daily life, and newcomers receive a warm welcome, making it easy to forge relationships and feel at home. Whether you're establishing yourself for work or raising a family, Wentworth Shire offers a lifestyle rooted in community, culture, and belonging.

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Steamer Captain, Businessman  
Shanghai, China, c.1830  
Wentworth 1859-1901  
September 1901

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*Creativity  
Around  
Every  
Corner, in  
Every Form*

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