





Yass Valley

Best of the Canberra Region

Your guide to living,
working & investing
in Yass Valley

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Yass Valley Information Centre

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Sat, Sun and Public Holidays 10am to 3pm

(Weekends until 4pm during daylight saving)

Yass Valley

Best of the Canberra Region

Located on the doorstep of the Nation's Capital, Yass Valley boasts a modern and well renowned food and wine scene, numerous education options, employment

opportunities, medical and general services including a hospital, three large supermarkets, sporting facilities, and housing opportunities well below the median house price of nearby Canberra. This combined with friendly, helpful locals, stunning landscapes and natural wonderlands contribute to why Yass Valley is capturing the interest of people wanting to live, work or invest in our beautiful region.

Whether you're looking to relocate, setup a business or just want to know more about the lifestyle and opportunities in Yass Valley then this overview is a great place to start. For more information contact the Yass Valley Information Centre on 1300 886 014 and speak to one of our friendly team members, or better still drop in and say hello!

Yass Valley, geographically located on the Southern Tablelands of NSW, is on the doorstep of the Nation's Capital, with the town of Yass approximately 60kms north of the centre of Canberra and 270kms southwest of Sydney.

Comprising the town of Yass and villages of Murrumbateman, Gundaroo, Bowning, Binalong, Bookham, Sutton and Wee Jasper, Yass Valley includes Wallaroo known locally as the "Hills of Hall", the waterways of Lake Burrinjuck a popular tourism destination with several lakeside tourist parks and the wineries alongside Lake George.

The area was settled by pastoralists in the 1820's following the expeditions of Hume and Hovell which eventually led to the construction of the present day Hume Highway which connects Sydney and Melbourne. Yass itself has long been a stopover for travellers and tourists while the region is renowned for producing fine wool and lamb.

YASS VALLEY PROFILE

Our country lifestyle is popular with Canberra workers seeking space and a rural lifestyle. These factors ensure Yass Valley enjoys strong and consistent population

growth of around 2% per year and one of the lowest unemployment rates in Australia. Our population of just over 16,500 people is largely composed of young families with higher than average education and income levels. Yass Valley's location, services, culture and lifestyle make it an attractive place to live, work and invest.

Yass Valley is a modern community growing at about 2% a year, where people delight in stopping in the main streets to chat and appreciate the extra space and the beautiful clean air country living has to offer.

Being so close to Canberra, Yass Valley residents have easy access to additional work and education opportunities whilst living in a rural environment.

Yass Valley has a variety of services and facilities to meet the social, recreational, educational, cultural and

child care needs of residents and visitors to Yass Valley. Such facilities and services combined with the welcoming and friendly locals, wide open spaces and wonderful experiences on offer, make Yass Valley a sought after location for people wanting to live the good life.

Whether you are a first home buyer, looking to build or rent, or wanting to purchase your very own parcel of land or rural retreat, Yass Valley offers a range of options guaranteed to suit all needs and budgets. For assistance in finding your dream property, please refer to the real estate directory on the next page.

Our Population and Land Area

Population	16,870 (ABS ERP 2016)
Land area	3,999km2

Who We Are

Median Age	40
Couples With Children	36%
Older Couples Without Children	10%
Non-English Speaking Background	4%

How We Live

Households with a Mortgage	41%
Households Renting	19%
Median Household Weekly Income	\$1,621
Median House Value	\$599,535
Median Weekly Rental	\$243 per week

Our Education and Employment

University attendance	3%
Bachelor or Higher Degree	21%
Vocational	19%
Unemployment	1.78% Dec Qtr 2016

Yass long term temperature and rainfall averages

Statistic	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Mean Max (°C)	29.6	28.9	25.8	21.1	16.5	12.7	11.7	13.5	16.5	20.4	23.9	27.4	20.7
Mean Min (°C)	14.1	14.1	11.3	7.0	4.0	2.0	0.9	1.9	4.0	6.4	9.1	11.7	7.2
Mean Rain (mm)	49.1	44.6	46.3	47.0	48.7	55.2	57.5	57.5	54.6	63.1	54.6	54.0	632.5
Mean Rain Days	5.9	4.9	5.5	6.1	7.4	10.2	11.4	10.8	9.3	8.7	7.1	6.3	91.3

LIVE IN YASS VALLEY

Yass Valley enjoys colourful autumns, lovely spring temperatures, crisp clear winters and dry hot summers, providing four distinct seasons for residents and visitors alike to enjoy.

Real Estate	Agent	Telephone	Website / Email
Butt Livestock and Property	Sally Butt	0400 817 794	www.buttlp.com.au
CBRE Agribusiness	Trish Brewer	0409 524 901	Trish.brewer@cbre.com.au
Elders Real Estate	Graham Lovell	0438 580 310	www.elders.com.au
First National Real Estate	Deb Johnson	0427 394 481	www.yassfirstnational.com.au
Landmark Harcourt's Yass	David Benson	(02) 6226 1777	www.landmark.com.au
Murrumbateman Properties	Anne Williams	0418 207 291	
One Agency	Greg Henderson	0404 880 834	www.fairleylife.com.au
Ray White Rural Canberra & Yass	George Southwell	0429 838 345	George.southwell@raywhite.com
Yass Real Estate	Trish Thistleton	(02) 6226 1922	www.yassrealestate.com.au
Yass Valley Property	Andrew Curlewis	0429 669 635	www.yassvalleyproperty.com.au

DISABILITY, AGED CARE AND RETIREMENT LIVING

People living with a disability are well catered for in Yass Valley with assistance provided through many avenues such as Yass Valley Home Living and Support Service, Andalini Services, LEAD employment NSW and Valmar Support Services.

Seniors looking to downsize and remain independent, or those in need of additional assistance can seek further information and assistance through Horton House, Gwen Warmington Lodge, Linton Village and Thomas Eccles Gardens in Yass.

Yass Valley Council support and assist in a range of services and facilities to meet the needs of aging residents including home living support, community transport and Meals on Wheels.

YASS VALLEY HOME LIVING SUPPORT SERVICE

Yass Valley Home Living Support Service (YVHLSS) is part of Council's Community Service's Unit. The service is funded via a number of Commonwealth/State Programs and covers the whole of the Yass Valley LGA.

The primary focus of this service is to prevent the premature or inappropriate admission of frail, the elderly or people with a moderate to severe disability, into residential care.

Office hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am to 1pm and 2pm to 4.30pm.

Emergency Services (Same Day Transport) are not provided.

Service	Address	Telephone	Website
APEX Homes	Meehan St, Church St and Rossi St, Yass	0428 581 480	
Yass Valley Home Living & Support Service	67 Rossi St, Yass	(02) 6226 4555	www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au
LEAD Employment NSW	Soldiers Memorial Hall, Comur Street, Yass	(02) 6257 7088	www.lead.asn.au
Linton Village	26 Mount St, Yass	(02) 6226 1899	www.rsllifecare.org.au/locations/yass-linton-village
Salvation Army Employment	51 Church Street, Yass (TAFE)	(02) 6118 6600	
Thomas Eccles Gardens	26 Mount St, Yass	(02) 6226 1899	www.rsllifecare.org.au/locations/yass-linton-village
Valmar Support Service	30 Comur St, Yass	(02) 6226 5000	www.valmar.com.au
Yass Valley Aged Care	41 Castor St, Yass	(02) 6226 3090	www.hortonhouse.com.au

EDUCATION

Yass Valley provides a wide range of education options to welcome and nurture your children's learning and development.

In addition to several options that are available in Yass, most of the villages have a childcare, early learning centre or primary school, with some having more than one facility.

There is a high school and TAFE in Yass and with daily bus services into Canberra, the education options are extensive, all while your family enjoys a rural lifestyle.

Education	Telephone	Town	Website
Illawarra TAFE	(02) 6226 1556	YASS	www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au/campuses-and-flexible-learning/campuses/yass-campus/
Yass High	(02) 6226 1711	YASS	www.yass-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Mount Carmel Primary School	(02) 6226 3357	YASS	www.mtcarmel.nsw.edu.au
Yass Public School (Primary)	(02) 6226 1017	YASS	www.yass-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Berinba (Primary)	(02) 6226 2110	YASS	www.berinba-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Country Bumpkins NSW	(02) 6230 3280	SUTTON	www.countrybumpkins.com.au
Sutton Primary School	(02) 6230 3215	SUTTON	www.suttonps.com.au
Wee Jasper Public School	(02) 6227 9652	WEE JASPER	www.weejasper-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Binalong Public School	(02) 6227 4381	BINALONG	www.binalong-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Bowning Public School	(02) 6227 6093	BOWNING	www.bowning-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Gundaroo Public School	(02) 6236 8115	GUNDAROO	www.gundaroo-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Country Children's Early Learning	(02) 6236 8305	GUNDAROO	www.ccel.com.au/page1000.aspx
Yass Little Learners	(02) 6226 2982	YASS	www.yasslittlelearners.com.au
Yass Montessori Preschool	(02) 6226 1596	YASS	www.yassmontessori.com.au
Yass Pre-Kindergarten	(02) 6226 6598	YASS	www.yassprekindergarten.com.au
Goodstart Early Learning	(02) 6226 5922	YASS	www.goodstart.org.au
Yass Early Childhood Centre Association	(02) 6226 1560	YASS	www.yecca.org
Murrumbateman Early Childhood Centre Associationl	(02) 6227 5807	MURRUMBATEMAN	www.murrumbateman.org.au/schools.htm
Fairley Early Childhood Service	(02) 6175 9900	MURRUMBATEMAN	

SHOPS AND SERVICES

Yass is a large country centre attracting consumers from over a 50 kilometre radius. As a result Yass has a good variety of retail stores and provides services and amenities complimenting those available in nearby Canberra.

Major stores in Yass include Woolworths, Aldi and IGA, Target Country as well as Home Timber and Hardware,

just to name a few. Specialty stores make shopping easy with a great camping and sports store, family butchers, boutique clothing and shoe stores as well as many other interesting shops for you to explore. With three major banks, three pharmacies and a range of professional services businesses there's no reason to leave town for your everyday needs.

Service Provider	Telephone	Address or Website
National Australia Bank	13 22 65	107 Comur Street, Yass
Commonwealth Bank	13 22 21	98a Comur Street, Yass
Westpac	13 20 32	141 Comur Street, Yass
Australia Post	13 13 18	Yass, Binalong, Bowning, Gundaroo, Murrumbateman, Sutton
Essential Energy	13 23 91	www.essentialenergy.com.au
Origin Energy	13 24 61	www.originenergy.com.au
Telstra	1800 725 137	www.telstra.com.au
Roads and Maritime Services (RMS)	12 22 13	1401 Yass Valley Way, Yass
Transgrid	(02) 6226 9666	Perry Street, Yass
Centrelink	13 62 40	Comur Street, Yass

RESTAURANTS AND EATERIES

Yass Valley offers a variety of eating venues to cater for any desire and budget. You can choose from a variety of venues that provide a-la-carte, Asian cuisine, fast food, alfresco, award winning restaurants, bistros, café's and bakeries. For an extensive list of place to eat in Yass Valley please visit www.yassvalley.com.au or call the Information Centre on 1300 886 014

MEDICAL

An excellent hospital with a 24 hour emergency department and government health professionals is complimented by several doctor's surgeries and a variety of health professionals in town. A Wellness Centre, pathology, physiotherapists, podiatrists and mental health professionals are also available.

Yass and Murrumbateman have dentists. For convenience, three chemists operate with services over the weekend in Yass and one in Murrumbateman

Medical/Wellness Provider	Telephone	Address
Atherfield	(02) 6226 1888	65 Lead Street, Yass
My Medical Practice Yass	(02) 6226 6262	1B/63 Laidlaw Street, Yass
My Medical Practice Murrumbateman	(02) 6226 8652	9 Hercules Street, Murrumbateman
Old Linton Medical	(02) 6226 3697	153 Comur Street, Yass
Yass Medical Centre	(02) 6226 6178	116 Meehan Street, Yass
Yass Gentle Dental	(02) 6226 1010	78 – 80 Comur Street, Yass
Yass Valley Dental	(02) 6226 1015	77 Lead Street, Yass
Yass Valley Dental Murrumbateman	(02) 6226 8100	15 Hercules Street, Murrumbateman
Laverty Pathology – Atherfield	(02) 6226 3941	65 Lead Street, Yass
Yass Wellness Centre	(02) 6226 6426	74 Rossi Street, Yass
Yass Valley Physiotherapy	(02) 6226 5730	55 Polding Street, Yass
Yass Chiropractic	(02) 6226 5110	8 Crago Street, Yass
Yass Spine Centre	(02) 6226 2902	73 Lead Street, Yass
Taylor Remedial Massage	0466 180 990	73 Lead Street, Yass
Yass Valley Massage	0400 686 626	2/55 Polding Street, Yass

RELIGIOUS ORGANISATIONS AND CHURCHES

Yass Valley welcomes people from all religious affiliations and is home to various churches and religious organisations, as listed below.

Church / Organisation	Telephone	Address
Anglican Parish of Murrumbateman	(02) 6226 1089	All Saints Church, Murrumbateman
Anglican Parish of Yass	(02) 6226 1089	17 Church Street, Yass
Catholic Church Murrumbateman	(02) 6226 1086	Uniting Church Hall, Murrumbateman
Eagles Nest Christian Centre	(02) 6226 2151	33 Comur Street, Yass
Seventh Day Adventist Church	(02) 6226 5293	CWA Room's, Banjo Paterson Park, Yass
St Augustine Catholic Church	(02) 6226 1086	103 Meehan Street, Yass
St James, Bowning Anglican Church	(02) 6226 1089	St James Church, Bowning
St Patrick's Parish	0438 753 030	Monteagle Street, Binalong
The Vine Christian Fellowship	(02) 6226 4848	Wee Jasper Road, Yass
Uniting Church of Australia	(02) 6226 1132	2 Cliff Street, Yass
Uniting Church of Australia	(02) 6226 1132	30 East St, Murrumbateman
Wee Jasper Catholic Church	(02) 6226 1086	Nottingham Rd, Wee Jasper
Yass Community Baptist Church	(02) 6226 2265	50 Laidlaw Street, Yass

LOCAL NEWS, EVENTS AND WHAT'S ON

Stay up to date with local news, events and what's going on in Yass Valley

Yass Tribune – Two editions weekly; Wednesday and Friday

Yass FM – Community Radio; Tune into 100.3FM

Yass Valley Information Centre – Visit the team at 259 Comur Street, Yass or browse the website yassvalley.com.au and subscribe to the quarterly newsletter for up to date information or connect via Social Media – search VisitYassValley on Facebook|Instagram|Twitter|Youtube

COMMUNITY SERVICES, SPORTING AND SPECIAL INTEREST CLUBS

Whatever your passions Yass has a wide variety of clubs or groups that you can join and instantly become a part of the community.

It might be Rotary or Lions, cricket or the runners club, volunteering at a school or the patchwork group. There are Men's Sheds located in Yass and Murrumbateman, a large arts community and one of the oldest music clubs in Australia.

Yass and Binalong have public swimming pools, and there are several playgrounds and parks throughout Yass Valley. Groups or individuals also have access to numerous playing fields and community halls available for hire.

Call in and see the friendly staff at the Information Centre at 259 Comur Street in Yass, or call on 1300 886 014 and they can point you in the right direction

Club	Telephone	Website
Rotary Club of Yass	0431 676 959	www.yassrotary.org
Rostrum Club	(02) 6226 1505	www.rostrum.com.au
Lions Club of Yass	0411 414 678	www.yass.nsw.lions.org.au
Lions Club of Murrumbateman	(02) 6227 5691	www.murrumbateman.nsw.lions.org.au
Lions Club of Bowning	(02) 6227 3267	www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au
Evening & Day View	(02) 6226 1538	www.view.org.au
Country Women's Association	(02) 6226 1016	www.cwaofnsw.org.au
Yass Community Garden	0419 015 695	www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au
Yass Football Club -Redbacks		www.yassfc.com.au
NSW Farmer Association	(02) 6226 3594	www.nswfarmers.org.au
Probus Club of Yass Inc	0411 363 644	www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au
Yass RSL Sub-Branch	(02) 6226 6046	www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au
Yass Music Club	(02) 6226 3514	www.yassmusicclub.com
Yass Senior Citizen Club Inc.	(02) 6226 1937	www.nican.com.au
Indigenous Consultative Committee	(02) 6226 9285	www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au
Yass Gymnastics	0416 082 365	www.yassgymnastics.com.au
YASSarts	(02) 6227 9214	www.yassarts.org
Yass Repertory Society	(02) 6227 9214	www.facebook.com/yass.repertory
Yass Runners Club		www.yassrunners.teamapp.com

Yass Valley with its central geographic location gives easy access to the metropolitan cities of Sydney and Canberra. A high quality extensive road and rail infrastructure services the region. Yass Junction has daily rail services to Sydney and Melbourne.

There are daily coach links to Sydney and Melbourne as well as Canberra. There are also well established road transport companies that deliver throughout Australia for your freight needs. International and domestic

TRANSPORT

flights are available from Canberra Airport, less than an hour away.

A bus service to Canberra operates through the week with services for school timetables and workers. A support bus operated by the council assists people on a regular basis between the villages and around Yass township.

To pick up your copy of the bus and rail timetables, please contact the Information Centre on 1300 886 014 or drop in and see the team at 259 Comur St Yass.

PETS

MICROCHIPPING - In NSW, all cats and dogs, other than exempt cats and dogs, must be microchipped by 12 weeks of age or before being sold or given away, whichever happens first.

REGISTRATION - All cats and dogs, other than exempt cats and dogs, must be registered by six months of age. The registration fee is a once-only payment, which covers the cat or dog for its lifetime in NSW, regardless of any changes in ownership. You are encouraged to have your cat or dog de-sexed before registering it.

Registration fees are used by councils for providing animal management related services to the community. These may include ranger services, pound facilities; dog refuse bins, educational and other companion animal-related activities.

WASTE

Transfer Stations are located at Yass, Murrumbateman, Bookham, Bowning, Wee Jasper and Binalong. Tips also operate at Gundaroo.

Please refer to www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au for operating hours.

DOG PARK

There is an off lead supervised dog park on Laidlaw Street, opposite the swimming pool.

YASS VETERINARY HOSPITAL

Yass Veterinary Hospital
72-76 Laidlaw St, Yass.
Telephone (02) 6226 4444 www.yassvet.com.au

Murrumbateman Veterinary Clinic
3 Rose St, Murrumbateman.
Telephone (02) 6227 5955 www.yassvet.com.au

LIBRARY

Membership to the Yass Valley Library Service is free to residents of the Yass Valley Local Government Area - you just need to provide some ID. Children will need to have their parent/guardian with them to join the Yass Valley Library Service. Via the Yass Valley Library Service you have access to thousands of books, magazines, music CDs, DVDs and audio books, plus use of the Internet; all for free!

The Yass Valley Library Service is situated at the back of the Memorial Hall, off Comur Street. The Opening Hours are:

Mon- Wed & Fri: 9:30am - 5:30pm,

Thurs: 9:30am - 7:00pm, Sat: 10:00am - 1:00pm

COUNCIL SERVICES

Yass Valley Council supports and facilitates a range of services and facilities to meet the social, recreational, educational, and cultural needs of residents and visitors to Yass Valley. More information on such facilities and services is provided throughout this brochure.

Council undertakes a variety of communication channels to keep the community abreast of current and emerging issues;

- Website - www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au
- Facebook - www.facebook.com/YassValleyCouncil/
- Twitter - twitter.com/YVC_Mayor
- Valley Views - produced quarterly and delivered to residents

The Yass Valley Mobile Library visits villages within the Yass Valley Local Government Area on a fortnightly timetable. With over 1000 items on board, we're sure there is something for everyone. Look for the van with the big dog on the side!

There are various weekly activities on offer at the Library such as Baby Rhyme Time for ages 0-2yr olds, Mini Music for 2-5yr olds and Preschool Story Time. Local family history searches can be conducted as well as photocopying, Wi-Fi and computer access for your convenience.

- E-newsletter - sign up at www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au
- For more information on the council structure and responsibilities, reporting issues, meetings and forums, rates, services and more, please contact the Council's Customer Services team directly via the details below.

Yass Valley Council
209 Comur Street Yass
Hours: Mon-Fri 8.30am - 5pm.
Telephone: (02) 6226 1477
Email: council@yass.nsw.gov.au
www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au

INFORMATION CENTRE

The Yass Valley Information Centre is centrally located in beautiful Coronation Park at 259 Comur Street in Yass, NSW. The friendly team pride themselves on being able to provide a wide range of information for visitors, residents and people looking to move to Yass Valley.

The Information Centre is open seven days a week to welcome you to Yass Valley and provide you with all the information you will need. As well as maps and guides, the centre stocks a wide range of local cool climate wines, gourmet produce and goods, merchandise and hosts a YASSarts display, showcasing the works of our talented local artists. The focus of the centre is to provide you the

perfect overview of the region in one location - "A Taste of Yass Valley".

Drop in and pick up a copy of the Yass Valley Visitor Guide and meet our knowledgeable staff, who just can't wait to ensure your welcome to Yass Valley is one you will remember forever.

Our opening hours are Monday to Friday 9:30am to 4:30pm, Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays 10am to 3pm (10am to 4pm during day light savings) Closed Good Friday and Christmas Day.

ECONOMIC PROFILE

The Yass Valley economy is one of the strongest in regional NSW, driven primarily by agriculture, tourism and the incomes earned by residents working in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT).

As a result of the availability of high paying jobs within commuting distance Yass enjoys a very low rate of unemployment of 1.74%, well below the average for regional New South Wales of 3.8% (ABS 2011). Residents in Yass Valley are more highly educated than the average Australian and also have higher average incomes compared to both NSW and Australia.

Almost 50% of Yass Valley workers travel to work outside the region on a daily basis with over 3,400 people commuting to jobs, primarily in the Australian Capital Territory. Those commuting are primarily employed in the public sector and construction industry. Within the LGA the greatest numbers of people are employed in the agriculture, forestry and fishing sector followed by construction then accommodation and food services.

As a result of the strength of the local and regional economy in the 2011 census Yass Valley ranked 18 out of 153 local government areas (LGA) in NSW for the lowest levels of disadvantage and is the second highest for regional LGA's.

	Unit	Yass	NSW	ACT	AUS
Gross Regional Product (GRP) ^a	\$m	692	-	-	-
GRP Growth Rate	%	3.0	1.7	2.8	3.3
Unemployment Rate	%	1.78	5.1	3.7	5.7
Education - Bachelor or higher degree	%	21	27.9	40.8	25.9
Median household weekly income	\$	1,621	1,237	1,702	1,234
Top three industries (% of employed persons)					
Public Administration and Safety	%	19.1	6.1	32.7	6.9
Construction	%	10.2	7.3	6.1	8.2
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	%	8.7	11.6	9.2	11.6
Top three occupations (% of employed persons)					
Professionals	%	20.3	17.4	29.7	21.3
Technicians and Trade Workers	%	13.7	15.2	10.2	14.2
Managers	%	19.4	13.4	15.8	12.9

^a The gross product earned within the LGA ^b Gross product earned by residence, including that earned outside LGA.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

If you are proposing to use land or premises for a particular purpose, build a structure, or alter, extend or demolish an existing structure, you need to check whether the proposal is permissible and whether it is "development" that requires development consent from the Council.

For more information on whether you need to apply for a DA, please contact council's planning division on (02) 6226 1477.

WORK IN YASS VALLEY

With a range of industries and opportunities both within Yass Valley and being within a commutable distance to Canberra, Yass Valley enjoys one of the lowest unemployment rates in Australia at 1.74%.

Yass Valley offers great job opportunities in health care, public administration or one of over 1,000 small businesses in the agriculture, retail and tourism sectors.

Living in Yass Valley also gives residents access to the many varied and highly paid jobs in defence, the public

service, construction and science offered by the nations' capital Canberra.

Bordering the ACT means that a commute from Yass Valley to Canberra can be as little as 20mins and just over an hour from the outer villages and Yass. With Transborder Express offering daily commuter and school transport from Yass to Canberra and return, it's accessible and convenient to live in the country and still work or study in Canberra.

INVEST

Economic Development is a key priority of the Yass Valley Community Strategic Plan. Council employs an Economic Development Manager whose activities are guided by the Economic Development Strategy.

The Economic Development Manager's role is to promote Yass Valley as an attractive place to live, work and invest and to provide support and information to businesses and potential investors.

The Economic Development Manager can provide businesses with a range of services including:

- Market analysis information
- Information on setting up a business in Yass Valley
- Advice on potential business locations
- Access to grants including assistance with applying for state and federal government grants
- Access to small business advisors and training
- Networking and information on training and educational opportunities

For more information on business development opportunities for new and existing businesses please contact the Economic Development & Tourism Manager Sean Haylan on (02) 6226 2557

TESTIMONIALS

We asked a few people who live in Yass Valley what they thought about living here - Real people, with real life reasons about why they value the Yass Valley lifestyle:

"We love living in Yass because people have time for each other and care about each other. The world's best coffee roaster is based in Yass, too!" – Nick

"We love living in Yass because of the great sense of community! It's a great place for our young family." – Daniel

"Beautiful, vibrant country town, rich in history with a gorgeous, main street. My son's favourite places are the train line, bridge into town and the Yass Railway Museum ..." – Beatrice

"Moved to Yass recently and apart from the gorgeous countryside, the friendly people and serene lifestyle – there is no status anxiety here!" – Rita





EMERGENCY SERVICE IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 000 (Police|Fire|Ambulance)

Yass Police	(02) 6226 9399	Yass Valley Council After Hours Emergency	(02) 6226 1477 0408 625 694
Binalong Police	(02) 6227 4204	Gas – AGL	(02) 6226 3975
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Poison Information	131 126	Supply Interruption Electricity	13 20 80
State Emergency Service	132 500	Energy Efficiency Advice	1800 ENERGY
Rural Fire Control	(02) 6226 3100	TransGrid	(02) 6226 9666
Yass Veterinary	(02) 6226 4444	NRMA Breakdown	13 11 11

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