

WHY LIVE AND WORK IN REGIONAL VICTORIA?

The population of Melbourne is now approaching 5 million. As the cost of living in Melbourne is driven up by the need to find more money to pay for existing and new infrastructure and services, what steps can young families or fixed income earners take to keep their living costs down?.

An obvious one is to live elsewhere. Here are four good reasons to live in regional Victoria.

LOW MEDIAN HOUSE PRICES.

Median house prices in all regional centres other than Geelong are up to 70% less than in Melbourne.

Comparison of Approx. Median House Prices in Selected Urban Areas

Melbourne: \$900,000
Geelong: \$740,000
Warragul: \$430,000
Bendigo: \$375,000
Wodonga: \$340,000
Ballarat: \$330,000
Warrnambool: \$325,000
Sale: \$300,000
Traralgon: \$285,000
Wangaratta: \$280,000
Bairnsdale: \$265,000
Camperdown: \$240,000

AVAILABLE JOBS AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

There is no shortage of jobs in regional Victoria. Champions of the Bush is aware of over 10,000 jobs currently advertised in regional Victoria. Skilled, unskilled and professional employees are needed in the following areas: manufacturing, construction, retail, accommodation and food, education, hospitality, aged care, administration, finance, health and agriculture.

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

Significant government financial assistance is available for first home buyers and businesses in regional Victoria. A \$20,000 grant is available to first home buyers of new homes. Stamp duty has been abolished for all first home buyers. Businesses in regional Victoria receive a 25% reduction in payroll tax. Business relocation and set up expenses are also assisted.

ENHANCED LIFESTYLE AT LOWER COSTS

Regional living provides easy access to high quality educational, health and recreational opportunities in most regional centres. This will ensure that you and your family will enjoy the life you always wanted at a lower cost than in Melbourne. You are invited to consider this?

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