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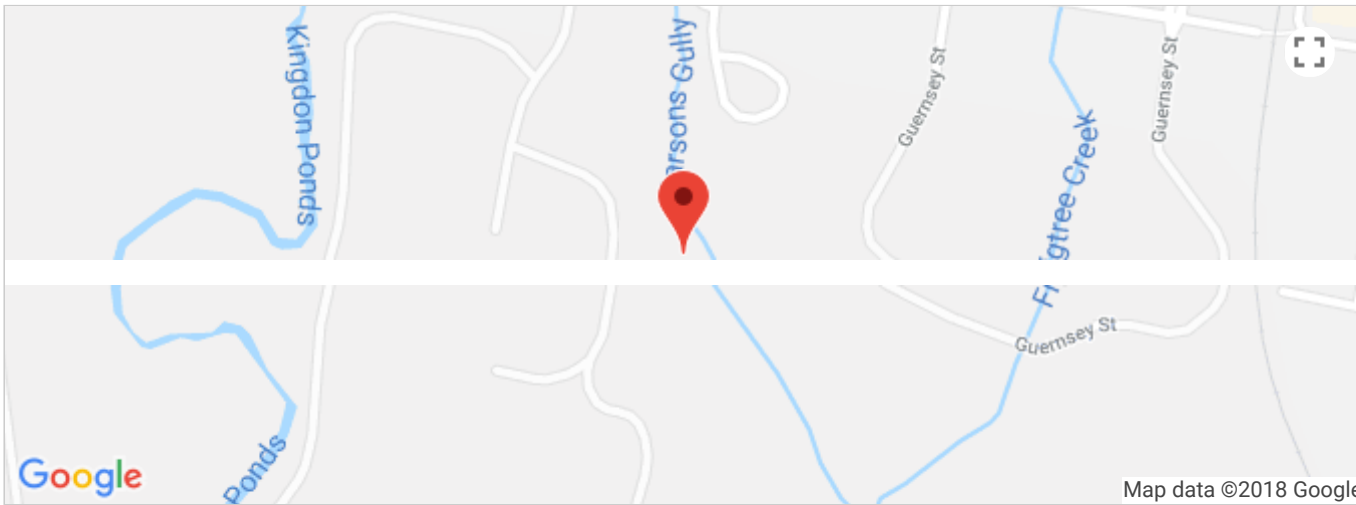
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Scone

A thoroughbred racehorse breeding and farming town in the Upper Hunter Region of NSW, Scone is known as the 'horse capital of Australia'.



Quick facts

Training region

North Eastern NSW

Subregion

Hunter, Manning and Central Coast

GP Synergy grouping	A
RA/MMM classification	RA2/MMM5
Population	<p>Scone has a population of nearly 6,000 people, the median age of residents is 37 years. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make up 4% of the population.</p> <p>Scone is located within the Hunter New England and Central Coast Primary Health Network, this Health Planning Compass provides an overview of community health for the region.</p>
Location	<p>Scone is a town in the Upper Hunter Shire in the Hunter Region of NSW, located on the New England Highway north of Muswellbrook about 270 kms north of Sydney and 153k ms north west of Newcastle.</p> <p>Scone is in a farming area and is also well known for breeding thoroughbred racehorses, it is the world's second largest thoroughbred and horse-breeding centre.</p>
Transport links	<p>The closest airport to Scone is Newcastle Airport which is just under a 2 hour drive. Newcastle Airport is serviced by Regional Express Airlines (REX) providing daily return flights to Sydney, Virgin Australia and Jetstar providing return flights to Brisbane and Melbourne and Air Pelican providing flights to Ballina and Canberra.</p> <p>Scone lies on the Main North railway line, and is served by a passenger train service made up of a daily NSW TrainLink train to Sydney and local regular NSW TrainLink services to Newcastle.</p>
Industry	<p>The major sources of employment in Scone are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">MiningRetail tradeHealth care and social assistanceEducation and trainingManufacturing

Accommodation and food services

Healthcare facilities

The [Scott Memorial Hospital](#) is a 48 bed facility with the following services, 24 hour emergency department, acute care, aged care, antenatal care, gastroenterology, obstetric care, orthopaedic clinic, outpatients clinics, medical clinic, medical imaging including X-ray and ultrasound, paediatric clinic, palliative care clinic, respiratory clinic, surgical clinic and rural rehabilitation services. Scone also has its own [Community Health Services](#), which is situated at the rear of the hospital.

Scone is supported by NSW ambulance service.

Accredited GP training practices in town

Scone Medical Practice

Doctor accommodation

A two bedroom fully furnished unit may be available for rent for registrars, please contact your Rural Support Officer for details.

Education

Scone has four schools and one tertiary college.

[Scone Public School](#)
[St Mary's Primary School](#)
[Scone High School](#)
[Scone Grammar School \(K-12\)](#)
[Hunter TAFE – Scone Campus](#)

Childcare

Scone offers young families [a number of options](#) suitable for children from 6 weeks to school aged, for family day care, occasional care, long day care and preschool.

Shopping

Scone has a village shopping centre, Coles and Woolworths and numerous boutique retail stores.

More extensive shopping opportunities are available in nearby Muswellbrook which is just 20 minutes away. Muswellbrook

Marketplace and Muswellbrook Fair include most of the well-known national chains including Woolworths, ALDI and Coles supermarkets, Big W, Harvey Norman, Repco, Best and Less and Furniture Warehouse as well as boasting a wide variety of retail men's, women's and children's stylish clothing boutiques.

Places of worship

There are a number of places of worship located in Scone including Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Uniting and Presbyterian churches.

In Muswellbrook, which is a 20 minute drive from Scone there are additional options.

Things to do

Scone is home to a rich horse racing history, dozens of studs and world-class thoroughbred breeders that have made the area the second biggest horse-breeding town in the world. The Scone & Upper Hunter Horse Festival is a unique event that takes place in beautiful Scone and surrounding areas each year in May. The festival includes remarkable events that showcase the versatility of the horse and the important role they play in the local area.

Scone is also home to a range of things to see and do, both throughout the town and its surrounding parts of the Upper Hunter. Enjoy a vineyard tour or perfect your game at the Scone Golf Club, visit an ancient Aboriginal site or settle in for a relaxed barbecue lunch with the family at Washpools picnic area and viewing platform. When the weather warms up, swim at the Washpools waterhole or spend time discovering a portion of the town's social and architectural.

For more information

[Scone Tourism](#)
[Scone Wikipedia page](#)
[Upper Hunter Shire Council](#)

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