



## Road Access

The Mildura region is serviced by the Sturt Highway, Calder Highway, Sunraysia Highway and Silver City Highway, which carry people and product in and out of the region.

### Access by Road from Mildura Region

Destination	Distance	Driving Time
Melbourne VIC	550 km	6 hrs
Sydney NSW	1,000 km	12 hrs
Adelaide SA	400 km	5.5 hrs
Broken Hill NSW	300 km	3.5 hrs

Source: AECgroup; Google Maps (2009)

## Air Access

The Mildura Airport is Victoria's largest and busiest regional airport. It acts as a major gateway to the region for many business travellers from Australia and abroad. The airport is located on 240 hectares of land, which offers available property for industrial and commercial development in the future.

The airport draws passengers from Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia.

Four airlines, QantasLink, Regional Express (Rex), Sharp and Virgin Blue, provide regular passenger transport services to Melbourne and Adelaide, utilising turbo prop and jet aircraft.

*The Mildura Airport is one of the region's most valuable and specialised assets.*

**Bill Burke**  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Mildura Airport Pty Ltd



### Mildura Airport Pty Ltd

Characteristics	Statistics
Annual Passengers (2008-2009)	188,708
Annual Aircraft Movements (2008)	6,800 Regular Passenger Transport (RPT) 6,200 General Aviation (GA)
Flights per week	70
Primary Destinations	Melbourne, Adelaide
Airlines Servicing Airport	Qantas <a href="http://www.qantas.com.au">www.qantas.com.au</a> Virgin Blue <a href="http://www.virginblue.com.au">www.virginblue.com.au</a> Rex <a href="http://www.rex.com.au">www.rex.com.au</a> Sharp Airlines <a href="http://www.sharpairlines.com">www.sharpairlines.com</a>
Runway East West 09/27 (asphalt grooved)	1,830 m x 45 m
Runway North South 18/36 (sealed)	1,139 m x 30 m
Aircraft Capacity	57,000 kgs (suitable for Boeing 737)

Source: AECgroup; Mildura Airport Pty Ltd (2009)

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Please refer to the airline websites listed above for all information about flight times, arrivals, departures or any other airline enquiry.

## Rail Access

The Mildura region is currently serviced by the Yelta (Mildura) rail line, which connects Mildura to Melbourne and Geelong via Ballarat. The rail line is a broad gauge connection from Ballarat except for a short dual gauge section between Maryborough and Dunolly.

### Victorian Rail Network



Source: AECgroup; VIC Dept. of Infrastructure (2007)

The Mildura line transports export grain (200,000 tonnes) and containerised produce (1.3 million tonnes) every year, equating to between 10,000 and 13,000 Twenty-foot Equivalent Units (TEU). Containerised freight for the domestic market also travels the line with regular intermodal services provided in Mildura.

*Sunraysia is the food bowl for many major export products from Victoria and as we are positioned on the rail with warehousing and road support, Mildura offers our business many growth opportunities from this clean and green export market.*

The Mildura region is serviced by an Intermodal Transport Hub at Merbein for containerised products operated by Wakefield Transport in partnership with Patrick Rail. The facility permits transfer of freight between road and rail, and services exporters in the Mildura region and South Australia's Riverland. With a modern transport fleet, cool rooms, warehousing and documentation services, the facility specialises in cold chain management of perishable cargo by rail to the Port of Melbourne.

The Intermodal Terminal at Merbein (10km west of Mildura) ships in excess of 250,000 tonnes per annum of fresh fruit, dried fruit, concentrates and wine products all grown locally in the district. The rail/road combination allows produce from our area to arrive at its international destination in pristine condition by use of "Cold Chain" technology. The rail services run three times per week scheduled to arrive on days of vessel cut offs, the train arrives direct to the waterfront giving a seamless rail/sea interface. This mode of transport is reliant on consistent large volumes and is able to send between 1,520-2,315 tonnes per day from farm gate to awaiting vessel.

Currently, a \$73 million upgrade to the Mildura line will improve track structure and install new gauge-convertible sleepers in order to create a faster, more reliable rail link. The increased efficiency means that trains can run at speed up to 80 km/h, reducing travel time from 14 hours to 10 hours. The work is currently on schedule and should be completed by late 2009.

**Ken Wakefield**  
Group Manager,  
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Group Pty Ltd

## Ports (for export)

Product is exported from the Mildura region to the following ports by road, rail and in some cases a combination of both (depending on the destination).

- Port of Melbourne
- Port of Adelaide
- Geelong Port, and
- Port of Portland

The majority of the region's grain is sent to the Geelong Port, while mineral sands mined in the area is transported to the Port of Portland (both of which are bulk ports).

## Port of Melbourne

As Australia's largest container and general cargo port, the Port of Melbourne handles around 38% of the nation's container trade. It contributes \$2.2 billion to the State of Victoria's economy every year and \$2.5 billion to the national economy. The port is located at the northern end of Port Phillip Bay and is serviced by more than 100 nautical miles of shipping channels.

Forty-two container shipping lines as well as a number of other general cargo carriers, service the Port shipping goods all around the world.

[www.portofmelbourne.com.au](http://www.portofmelbourne.com.au)

## Port of Adelaide

The Port of Adelaide is the main service point for shipping in the State and is located 14 km northwest of the State's capital at the centre of Australia's southern coast. Export activity focuses on the shipment of grains, minerals, cement, wine, motor vehicles, ores and concentrates. The largest single import is petroleum.

[www.flindersports.com.au](http://www.flindersports.com.au)

### Ports for Export from Mildura

	Port of Melbourne (2007-2008)	Port of Adelaide (2008-2009)
Number of Containers - TEUs	2,256,000	190,267
Tonnes of Cargo	75.7 million	9.72 million
Number of Berths/Wharves	34	19
Ship Calls	3,200	1,019

Source: AECgroup; Port of Melbourne (2009); Flinders Ports SA (2009)

## Geelong Port

Geelong Port is Victoria's second largest port, and the largest regional port in Victoria. The port offers a broad range of port, ship and wharf-side services, with multiple stevedoring businesses operating within Geelong Port.

[www.geelongport.com.au](http://www.geelongport.com.au)

## Port of Portland

The Port of Portland is a deep-water bulk port strategically located between the ports of Melbourne and Adelaide.

The Port specialises in bulk commodities, particularly agricultural, forestry and mining products as well as aluminium and fertiliser. It has approximately four million tonnes in annual throughput, which is expected to grow to seven million tonnes by 2012.

The Port is served by both road and rail systems, which bypass the City of Portland to allow 24-hour access. It delivers \$1.5 billion into the region and the nation each year - a figure that will continue to grow.

[www.portofportland.com.au](http://www.portofportland.com.au)