

LANDMARK POSTCODE

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Gawler Ranges - The Organ Pipes  
Image courtesy of South Australia Tourism Commission. Photographer Adam Bruzzone

**LOCATION:** Kimba  
4.5 hours northwest of Adelaide

**POPULATION:** 900

**INDUSTRIES:** Agriculture, rural services, tourism

**CLIMATE:** Temperate  
Summer: 15.6°C – 31.3°C  
Winter: 4.9°C – 15.5°C  
Rainfall: 344.4mm

Kimba, positioned on the Eyre Highway at the geographical half-way point between Australia's east and west coasts, is much more than just a pretty place.

It's a significant rural service centre for a thriving agricultural region stretching across the Eyre Peninsula.

Renowned for its grain production, the Eyre Peninsula produces almost half of South Australia's wheat crop.

Kimba boasts a major inland grain terminal and silo network along with several agricultural engineering and rural service businesses.

"We're known as a wheat-growing region," says Landmark's Phil Arcus. "Around Kimba itself mixed farming is dominant with a combination of grains, legumes, wool and cross-bred lambs."

"We've had a good start to the season as far as rainfall goes – I'm seeing plenty of farmers out there on their tractors."

Kimba is named for an aboriginal word meaning "bushfire" and was first settled by

pioneering pastoralists in the mid 1870s. The extension of the Port Lincoln railway in 1915 helped strengthen Kimba's growth. Today, the township still owes much to its strategic location to transport links in all directions.

To the northwest, the Gawler Ranges National Park lures tourists with its diverse terrain, spectacular landscapes and brilliant carpets of spring wildflowers. Kimba is known as the "Gateway to the Gawler Ranges" and provides related information, tourist and accommodation services.

To the south, the 1600 kilometre-long Eyre Peninsula coastline is just an hour's drive away. The towns of Cleve and Cowell lead on to Port Lincoln, the heart of a prosperous fishing and aquaculture industry which produces world-class, premium seafood.

Whale watching, snorkelling, surfing, exploring, camping, fishing, eco-touring and a vibrant food and wine culture ensure a steady year-round flow of visitors to the region, with many coming via Kimba.

Three hours to the west on the highway is Ceduna, where many Nullarbor adventures begin.

To the east are the bustling regional centres of Port Augusta and Whyalla.

Kimba has plenty to offer locals and visitors alike. "We have great retail shopping, two supermarkets, two banks, an area school, excellent hospital and health services, a modern sporting complex and a golf course," explains Phil. "The Community Hotel provides some of the best accommodation and meals in the area."

The Big Galah is a truly unique Kimba attraction. The 8-metre tall pink and grey cockatoo is constructed of steel, wire and fibreglass and weighs over two tonnes. It pays homage to the diverse and abundant birdlife of the district and is a popular photo opportunity.

Visitors can explore the district's social and natural heritage at the Kimba and Gawler Ranges Museum, or research regional travel treasures at the Tourist Information Centre.

It's no surprise to find such a sense of confidence about this delightful country centre. Its solid foundations are built on an agricultural sector that continues to perform well. According to Phil, "good country is still selling strongly."

With significant exploration underway evaluating potential regional mineral and petroleum resources, there are some exciting opportunities in the wings and every reason for Kimba to maintain its very positive outlook for the future.

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#### PROPERTY GUIDE:

Residential: Brick home \$200,000 – \$280,000

Rural: Broadacre cropping land \$200 – \$450 per acre