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Welcome to Narrabri

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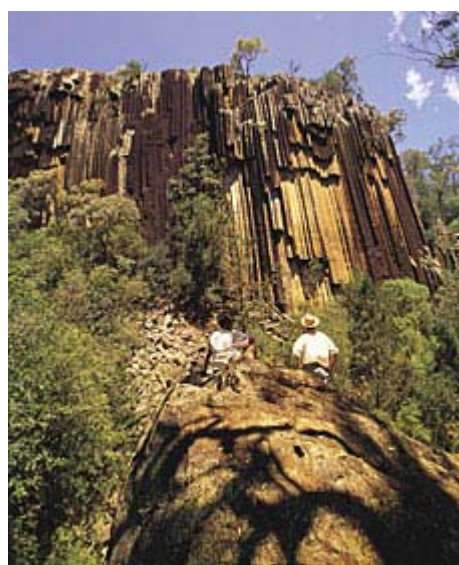
Narrabri is a scenic seven hour drive from Sydney or Brisbane and is also accessible by train and plane. The Narrabri Shire covers an area of some 13,065 square kilometres and is the heart of the rich Namoi Valley in North West New South Wales.



Narrabri is set against the backdrop of the Great Dividing Range on the very fringe of the western plains and is a vibrant rural centre with the distinction of being recently voted the most sporting town in Australia. Narrabri offers a host of recreational facilities, including an Olympic pool, 18-hole golf course, bowling club, tennis courts, camping and aquatic retreats. There are three primary schools & one high school and numerous child care centres.

The town itself offers riverside parks, great shopping and plenty of accommodation, but the real attractions are a short drive into the countryside. The Australia Telescope is located 25 kilometres from Narrabri. There are 6 gleaming white 22 metre dishes that are the most powerful radio telescopes in the Southern Hemisphere. Ten minutes further will on have you at Yarrie Lake that provides all facilities for the camper or day tripper. Water skiers are most welcome here but a permit is required.

The majestic skyline of Mount Kaputar National Park peeps through the trees just south of Narrabri. The park features grass and trees clinging to rocky outcrops, vibrant rosellas and parrots flitting through the shimmering emerald haze and wedgetailed eagles gracefully soaring against the backdrop of rocky outcrops and deep gorges. From the mountains highest point of 1511 metres there are 360-degree views encompassing one tenth of NSW.



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Getting To Narrabri From Sydney And Brisbane

Narrabri is on the Newell Highway located 580kms North West of Sydney and 580 kilometres South West of Brisbane, both of which are about a 7 hour drive.

By Car

www.travelmate.com.au/MapMaker/Mapmaker.asp will allow you to obtain printable driving instructions and approximate times between legs of the journey.

Transport Links

By Air Narrabri Airport has a daily air service to Sydney and Brisbane.

By Rail Daily rail service to and from Sydney.

<http://www.countrylink.info/>

By Coach Visit the Greyhound website for a comprehensive timetable of coach services.

<http://www.greyhound.com.au/>

Health

Narrabri District Health Service is a 38-bed community acute facility with district level services in obstetrics and surgery. The health service cares for patients in the western area of the state with a referral population as far west as Brewarrina and Lightning Ridge.



Work has commenced on building a new hospital on the same site as the existing hospital while the staff continue to deliver high quality health care. The new facility will include:

- State-of-the-art accommodation for patients, including new wards, emergency department, birthing suite and operating room
- Co-located and integrated Primary and Community Health Services
- Co-located Ambulance station
- Consultation rooms for General Practitioners and visiting specialists.

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Rental Or Permanent Accommodation

For a comprehensive listing of Australian rental properties, properties for sale and information relating to home loans and lending authorities, visit the Realestate.com website at: <http://www.realestate.com.au/> or contact the following local agents:

Elders Real Estate,	Cnr Barwon & Dewhurst Streets Narrabri (02) 6792 2122
Reg Gilbert Real Estate Pty Ltd	109 Maitland Street Narrabri (02) 6792 2289
Jenny Shepherdson Real Estate	3 Doyle Street Narrabri (02) 6792 5800
Cramsie McRae Thomas, Real Estate Agents	111 Maitland Street Narrabri (02) 6799 6060
Len Sevil Pty Ltd	146 Maitland Street Narrabri (02) 6792 2655
Ray White Real Estate	39 Sellina Street Narrabri (02) 6792 3988
Kelly Doris Real Estate	Stafford Drive Narrabri (02) 6792 6535

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Child Care

Narrabri has several childcare facilities available to cater for the needs of parents requiring care for their children. These are listed below:

- **Gumnut Cottage Child Care Pre-School,**
- 11 Fitzroy Street
- Narrabri NSW 2390
- Ph (02) 6792 5111
- **Narrabri Occasional Care Centre**
- Tibbereena Street
- Narrabri NSW 2390
- Ph (02) 6792 2993
- **Narrabri Pre-School**
- 10 Kogil Street
- Narrabri NSW 2390
- Ph (02) 6792 1465
- **Narrabri & District Family Day Care**
- Shop 6, Tanya Arcade
- Maitland Street
- Narrabri NSW 2390
- Ph (02) 67924022
- **Nurruby Child Care Centre & Pre-School**
- 72 Gibbons Street
- Narrabri NSW 2390
- Ph (02) 6792 2728

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Education

Narrabri has one Government high school and two Government primary schools. For a full listing of Government Schools in the Narrabri area please visit the website:

Narrabri High School, Gibbons Street, Narrabri – Ph (02) 67921633 - Narrabri High School is a co-educational comprehensive secondary school.

Narrabri Public School, Barwan Street, Narrabri – Ph (02) 6792 2246 - **Narrabri West Public School**, 6 Cooma Rd, Narrabri NSW 2390 – Ph (02) 6792 2377

St. Francis Xavier's Primary School, 32 Nandewar St, Narrabri NSW 2390 – Ph (02) 6792 1796 - St. Francis Xavier's is a systemic Catholic school in the Armidale Diocese

TAFE Narrabri, 97 Barwan Street, Narrabri NSW 2390 – Ph (02) 6731 8800 -The TAFE provides programs supporting local industries. Concentrating on quality delivery, the main areas include Agricultural trainees, Business Services programs, Accounting and Information Technology. The Welding & Fabrication section has expanded to incorporate Computer-aided Design as a feature. The Access section has been very successful in the preparation of students for University entrance.

Northern Inland Community College Narrabri, 41 Dale Street, Narrabri NSW 2390 – Ph (02) 6792 6196 - The College employs local Program Coordinators to develop education programs to meet the needs of their community. The programs include

- General ACE, hobby and leisure
- Accredited vocational training
- Literacy and numeracy
- Staff professional development for small business and government departments

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Interesting Things To Do And See

Australia Telescope

The Australia Telescope Compact Array (ATCA), at the Narrabri Observatory, is an array of six 22-m antennas used for radio astronomy. It is located about 25 km west of Narrabri and is operated by the Australia Telescope National Facility, a division of CSIRO.



The "Compact Array" is the premier instrument of its kind in the southern hemisphere. It operates 365-days per year, 24-hours per day. Its business is pure science. It is not used for any military activities. These antennas work together using a technique called "interferometry" which allows the antennas to mimic a much larger antenna. This gives the telescope the ability to see very fine detail. Effectively "radio interferometry" works by replacing the lens of a conventional imaging system with sophisticated electronics, supercomputer-like hardware and complex software. Using this technique, an image of a small section of the sky can be formed in a 12-hour period. Whereas the Array uses six antennas spread over 6km, the same interferometry principles can be applied to antennas spread over a continent. For example, several times a year, the Array is used together with other radio telescopes spread across Australia (such as the Parkes antenna) to make images with extremely fine detail.

Associated with the Telescope is a Visitors Centre where you can view the telescope. Admission is free and there is a barbeque area available for public use. The visitors centre is at the edge of a dry woodland environment where kangaroos and galahs are plentiful. Occasionally emus, echidnas and (very occasionally) koalas can be seen.

Narrabri Old Gaol Museum

Narrabri's old gaol is part of an impressive complex of colonial government buildings which also includes the office of the court of petty sessions and the court house. The architect for this complex, James Barnet, also designed the Sydney General Post Office. The gaol opened in September 1882 and operated as such for exactly 100 years. It now provides an interesting insight to how things were in the past.

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Members of the Narrabri Historical Society who run the Old Gaol Heritage Centre, have indexed over 30,000 entries in its family history section. The centre also contains artefacts of historical, archival and cultural significance to the area.

There are numerous other fishing spots at Narrabri and further information can be obtained from Narrabri Shire Tourism at tourism@narrabri.nsw.gov.au .

Mount Kaputar National Park

Mount Kaputar National Park is located 56Kms east of Narrabri and is part of a volcanic skeleton of a once active volcano, which rises to the Nandewar Ranges. The Nandewar Volcano is only one in a diminishing chain of volcanic centres formed as the Australian plate moved over a hot spot in the earth's mantle. The others, forming afterwards, have left an intriguing arc-like trail extending from the Nandewars through the Warrumbungles and Mt Canabolas.



There are many spectacular bushwalks, look outs and camping areas and from the summit of Mt Kaputar, an impressive one tenth of New South Wales is visible.

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Sawn Rocks

Sawn Rocks is without doubt one of the most spectacular remnants of our nation's volcanic history. An all weather walking track through giant Moreton Bay figs, tall eucalypts and dainty maiden hair ferns, gives way to an elevated walkway leading to a platform that leads to the rocks. The pillars jut starkly from the bed of Bobbiwaa Creek below.

The forty (40) metre high cliff face is the sheered off remains of a basalt lava flow from the Nandewar Volcano which dominated the area 21 million years ago. When the molten rock within the basalt lava flow cooled slowly and, importantly, evenly, this enabled the individual crystals within the molten rock to align perfectly with each other.

While this type of five-sided (pentagonal) "organ piping" is not rare to lava flows it is exceptionally rare to find them so perfectly formed and preserved and is recognised as being one of the best examples of columnar jointing in Australia.

Waa Gorge

Waa Gorge is approximately 73 kms from Narrabri and is extremely impressive with breathtaking scenery, the likes of which can only be seen in some of Australia's most unique and remote areas.

Waa Gorge is a deeply cut gorge that soars up to 70 metres high. Towering above the gorge is Mt Waa, which is a volcanic-plug formed from the core of one of the earliest vents of the Nandewar Volcano. The volcano became inactive 17 million years ago and the area around Mt Waa contained enormous cracks and fault lines in the volcanic rock. Weathering of these cracks and faults over millions of years has left behind deeply etched gullies and gorges. Waa Gorge and its side gorges are the result of the weathering process, formed mainly by water flowing down from Mt Waa itself. The walk is a botanical delight and there are many moist, sheltered areas displaying remnants of the ancient rainforests that stood in the area including Moreton Bay Figs, Lilly Pilly and a variety of ferns and other enchanting species.

Yarrie Lake

Yarrie Lake is a natural phenomenon that has baffled locals and visitors for years. The perfectly circular "dish shaped" body of water is 3 km in diameter and about 2 metres deep in the centre when full. It is believed to have been formed by a meteor falling to earth millions of years ago.



Set on the very edge of the Pilliga Scrub, it is a favourite spot for bird watchers and a watering hole for over 80 species of birds, many of them coming each year to rear their young in the quiet southern reach of the lake.

Of interest is the unusual milky colour of the water. It's thought that the colour comes from the sandy bases of the creeks and the soil from the Pilliga scrub, the water from which the lake fills. The lake is used for swimming and other water activities and there are several powered sites and unlimited camping spots amongst the shady gum trees around the lake.

The Australian Cotton Centre

In the heart of Cotton Country, the Australian Cotton Centre invites visitors to experience one of Australia's leading and most dynamic agricultural industries. The Australian Cotton Centre tells the story of this multi million dollar industry through ten high-tech, interactive and fun displays. The Centrepiece of the exhibits features a 3D theatre in the back of a giant, full size cotton picker. The exhibits are designed to appeal to visitors of all ages - from youngsters who will find the experience useful for their schooling, to grandparents inquisitive about the cotton industry and the issues associated with it.

Namoi Valley Aquafarm

The Namoi Valley Aquafarm is the largest freshwater aquafarm in New South Wales. This is the ideal spot for fishing, relaxation or organising a group tour. There are 31 registered culture ponds of various sizes and all are stocked with Murray Cod, Golden Perch, Silver Perch and Crayfish.

Narrabri Creek Town Walk

The Narrabri Creek Town Walk gives you the opportunity to take a stroll along one of the most important elements of Narrabri Shire's survival – the Narrabri Creek.

The walk meanders through Narrabri's sporting mile, shady park lands and along the main street. The complete walk is 4 kilometres and takes approximately 2 hours to complete.

Arts & Culture

In order to provide the community with cultural and artistic activities the Narrabri Shire Council developed the Crossing Theatre. The Crossing Theatre cost approximately \$6.6 million and was almost entirely locally funded with only \$100,000 of funding obtained from the State Government (NSW Ministry of Arts).

The Centre is one of the biggest of its kind in regional New South Wales. It is a diverse centre that supplies countless benefits to the community. These include:

- * 2 cinemas
- * Auditorium/Function Room
- * Marquee Area & Outdoor Bandstand
- * Gallery – which houses the Narrabri Shire’s Civic Art Collection, containing well renowned painting from artists such as Lloyd Reece, Rupert Richardson, Jean Isherwood, Noel Kilgour and many more and is also used to host other exhibitions.
- * Band Room
- * Corporate/Conference Facilities



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Restaurants

Rumours Restaurant

Narrabri Golf Club
Gibbons Street, Narrabri
(02) 6792 2344

The Outback Shack

Narrabri RSL Club
7 Maitland Street, Narrabri
(02) 6792 1202

The Nandewar Restaurant

Nandewar Motor Inn
Newell Highway
Narrabri (02) 6792 1155

Allegra Restaurant

Country Comfort Motel
174 Maitland Street
Narrabri
(02) 6792 1488

On-Lee Chinese Restaurant

64/266 Maitland Street
Narrabri
(02) 6792 4488

Chans Chinese Restaurant

98 Maitland Street
Narrabri
(02) 6792 2654

All of the local hotels provide counter lunches or have bistro for lunch and dinner. There are also numerous coffee shops, cafes and takeaway food shops.

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Places Of Worship

St Cyprian's Anglican Church

13 Dewhurst Street

Narrabri

(02) 6792 2151

St Francis Xavier Church

11 Bowen Street

Narrabri

(02) 6792 2035

Uniting Church Narrabr

Cnr Dewhurst & Balonne Street

Narrabri

(02) 6792 2398

Narrabri Baptist Church

Hinds Street

Narrabri

(02) 6792 4502

Narrabri Presbyterian Church

Dewhurst Street

Narrabri

(02) 6792 2128

Narrabri Christian Fellowship

32-36 Mooloolaba Street

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(02) 6792 1378

Narrabri Salvation Army

19 Doyle Street

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(02) 6792 5519

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