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Welcome to Glen Innes

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Glen Innes Information

Glen Innes is situated amidst rolling countryside on the Northern Tablelands of NSW, and sits 1075 metres above sea level. Tamworth is a 2.5-hour drive south and the coastal towns of Yamba or Coffs Harbour are 2.5 to 3 hours drive to the east.



Glen Innes boasts World Heritage National Parks such as Gibraltar and Washpool as well as the national Celtic monument, the Australian Standing Stones. Sapphires are mined within the local area, which when faceted produce some of the most attractive gemstones in the world. The area is a fossicker's paradise with several popular sites available.

Sheep and cattle production provide the stimulus for a sound rural economy. Glen Innes enjoys a distinctive, cool climate because of its elevation and sub-tropical latitude. Summer is pleasant with warm days and mild nights. Autumn brings a wide variety of deciduous trees to their full glory. Winter is bracing, with log fires and occasional snowfalls. Spring brings the area to life with blossoms, wildflowers and baby animals. Rainfall is generally between 700 and 1,000 mm per annum.



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Getting To Glen Innes From Sydney

Glen Innes is strategically located on the junction of the New England and Gwydir Highways, 624 km northeast of Sydney.

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: Armidale is the closest airport (how far) and has a daily air service to Sydney with early morning departure and evening return.

By Coach: Daily coach to Sydney and Brisbane.

By Rail: Daily rail services to Sydney and Brisbane.

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Health

The Glen Innes Health Service is a District Group 2 Hospital and serves the community of Glen Innes and Severn by providing a 32-bed hospital. These beds are made up of medical / acute care services, maternity and paediatric facilities and a 24-hour Emergency department.



Glen Innes Health Service employs a total of 85 full-time staff, including nursing, administration and domestic staff. Visiting specialists to the hospital include a physician, paediatrician and aged care specialist.

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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:

Diana Corcoran Real Estate

239 Grey St
Glen Innes
(02) 6732 5139

www.realestate.com.au

Frank Parry Real Estate

207 Grey St
Glen Innes
(02) 6732 3635

www.frankparry.com.au

Century 21 Say & Co

306 Grey St
Glen Innes
(02) 6732 5775

www.century21.com.au

L J Hooker

237 Grey St
Glen Innes
(02) 6732 4433

www.gleninnes@ljh.com.au

Robyn Willis First National

270 Grey St
Glen Innes
(02) 6732 1855

www.robynwillis.com.au

Colin Say & Co Pty Ltd

306 Grey St
Glen Innes
(02) 6732 2283

www.colinsay.com.au

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Child Care

Child care is available in Glen Innes at:

- Glen Innes Pre-School, 37 Coronation Avenue, Glen Innes NSW 2370 - Ph: (02) 6732 1036;and
- Gum Tree Glen Children's Centre, 134-136 Church Street, Glen Innes NSW 2370 - Ph: (02) 6732 2380.

Education

Education facilities include a TAFE college, one high school, three infant/ primary schools and a number of pre-schools within the town area. Glen Innes' schools have always been highly involved in sporting activities in both regional and district competitions.

Glen Innes High School, Edwards St, Glen Innes - Established in 1927, Glen Innes High School is a public, comprehensive, coeducational high school.

<http://www.gleninnes-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Glen Innes Public School, Church St, Glen Innes - The school caters for approximately 600 students from Kindergarten to Year Six.

Glen Innes West Infants School, Coronation Avenue, Glen Innes - is a K-2 public school.
02) 6732 2459

Wyaliba Public School, Old Grafton Rd, Glen Innes – The school was recently established to serve the established alternative community on the isolated property known as "Wyaliba". It has continued to serve that community almost exclusively.

St Joseph's Primary School, Church St, Glen Innes – was founded by the Sisters of St Joseph to provide Catholic Primary and Secondary Education for boys and girls.

The Glen Innes Learning Centre provides 24-hour access for young and mature students to Armidale's University of New England. A far-sighted initiative of Glen Severn Council, TAFE and the community, the Learning Centre has under one roof facilities of TAFE, University of New England, spacious Public Library and an Art Gallery.

The centre's primary aims include halting the drift of young people from the community, creating educational opportunities for indigenous youth and enhancing business development. The centre has workshop and seminar facilities.

TAFE www.tafensw.edu.au/ – Grey Street, Glen Innes - Provides courses in arts, ceramics, general education, nursing (aged care), welding, office administration, information technology (computing), real estate, retail, workplace assessor training, traineeships, computer accounting, woolclassing, chainsaws, explosives, chemical application, and rural production studies.

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Interesting Things To Do And See

Australian Celtic Festival

The Australian Celtic Festival, held annually in Glen Innes, is unique for its colour, spectacle and range of entertainment and history. Each year record crowds pour into Glen Innes for the Celtic Festival attracted by the Celtic experience, Australian Standing Stones, the opportunity to meet with friends and the country hospitality.



The festival's main venue is the Australian Standing Stones, an array of granite monoliths like those around which the ancient Celts danced. The four day festival provides non stop entertainment including the street parade, spectacular ceremonial roles performed by re-enactment groups, the Spanish 9th Roman Legion and 42nd Royal Highland Regiment, Celtic Strongman events, kirking of the Tartan, massed bands, children's entertainment, dancing, flag raising ceremonies, poets' breakfasts, yard dog trials, market stalls, fun run and Celtic foods.

Minerama

As the largest annual gem show in NSW, Minerama has been drawing regular visitors to Glen Innes for almost 20 years. Held every year on the 2nd weekend in March, Minerama is perfect for all gem lovers, rock-hounds and outdoor adventurers. Search for buried treasure in Celtic Country with a 5 day program (Thursday to Monday) of guided fossicking field trips to suit both beginner and experienced gem hunters. Great fun for the whole family with a wealth of gems just waiting to be unearthed!

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National Parks

Washpool National Park is situated 78km east of Glen Innes on the Gwydir Highway's World Heritage Way. It is best known for its lush, beautiful rainforest, the largest remaining wilderness rainforest in NSW, the world's tallest stand of coachwood rainforest - and crystal streams.

Washpool wilderness challenges self-reliant bushwalkers with wild mountain terrain; walking tracks give all the chance to experience rainforest and has excellent facilities for day users and campers.

Gibraltar Range is also east of Glen Innes on the World Heritage Way and is best known for its spectacular granite areas weathered into fantastic outcrops, huge granite tors with names like The Needles, Anvil Rock, Old Man's Hat – and dazzling spring wildflower displays.

Walking tracks lead to Tree Fern Forest and Dandahra Crag and skirt swamps with spring displays of Christmas bells.

Mulligans picnic/camping area is the base for more than 80km of marked walking tracks; day users and campers.

Fossicking

Glen Innes is part of the most prolific sapphire region in New South Wales and has the world's richest mineral diversity belt. It's internationally famous for the deep rich, royal blue sapphires.

And there are other reasons for fossicking, it is easy, cheap, no licence is needed in NSW and it's a fun activity for the whole family – with the prospect of glittering rewards.

Fishing

The local area has an outstanding reputation for Murray cod, drawing families, celebrities and fishing writers, but other species also abound like rainbow and brown trout, yellowbelly, silver perch, redfin and catfish. There are a variety of fishing spots but remember to obtain permission if accessing streams via private properties.

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The Land of the Beardies History House

The Land of the Beardies History House contains a museum and a research centre and is located in a building which is in itself a museum piece. The building was the former Glen Innes District Hospital with the first section being built in 1877 and ceased operating as a hospital in 1956.

The museum is essentially a Folk Museum and contains some very unusual items that are well worth a look. The Research Centre had more than 10,000 photographs and over 300,000 records cross-linked and referenced to newspaper articles and is a valuable resource for those people compiling family histories.



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Arts & Culture

The arts - ranging across the spectrum from visual to music and crafts - are vigorously alive and well in Glen Innes because of the work of dedicated voluntary organisations.

The *Glen Innes Arts Council*, formed in 1944 is the oldest continuously operating arts council in Australia. As well as staging local and travelling exhibitions in the Chapel Theatre Glen Innes the council arranges movies every weekend and monthly arthouse films in the former, 122-year-old Methodist Church.

Arts Northwest, based in Glen Innes for the past 11 years and supporting regional capacity building for the arts and cultural sector, has used the volunteer-run cinema as a model - which has been adopted nationally. Backed by regional local governments and the state government through Arts NSW, Arts Northwest gives advice on funding and supports communities developing arts projects and infrastructure.

The Glen Innes Art Gallery is backed by an enterprising group of volunteers and features works of local and regional artists and travelling exhibitions. Exhibitions in 2007 included Jewels of the Earth, comprising painting, photography, ceramics, jewellery, gemstones and curios; Scape, reflecting land, sea and sky; Waste Into Art – and the Glen Archies for portraiture. The gallery is also an important outlet for TAFE students.

The *Mimosa Art Gallery* has exhibitions and displays local artworks, paintings, photography, screen printing, pottery and sculpture.

The Big Book, Ferguson Street, specialises in classical and antiquarian books, has more than 100,000 titles, clients nation-wide and overseas and the Book Market, Grey Street, has a wide range of books displayed in categories, collectables, sheet music and records. Kanga Langa in Grey Street, specialises in new books and has sections for children and resources for school students.

Restaurants

Crystal Room Restaurant is at the Glen Innes Services Club, Grey Street

Ramona's Restaurant, at the New England Motor Lodge

Hereford Steakhouse, at Rest Point Motor Inn

Card Bar Restaurant, at the Glen Masterson Motel

Trax Bistro at the Railway Tavern

Crofter's Cottage, at the Australian Standing Stones, specialises in Celtic foods:

Places Of Worship

Church services:

Anglican

Cnr Meade St and West Ave
Sunday 7.30am and 9.30am Holy
Communion;

Roman Catholic

Cnr Meade and Church Sts
Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday Mass 8.30am;

Christian Life Centre

Glen Innes Community Centre
268 Grey St
Sunday service 10am;

Uniting Church

70 Macquarie St
Sunday 10am family worship
first Sunday 10am Communion service;

Presbyterian

Heron St
Sunday 11am praise and worship
5pm youth fellowship
7pm video service

Salvation Army

Cnr Bourke St and East Ave
Sunday 9.30am family worship (summer
months)
10.30am after Easter.

Seventh Day Adventist

60 Oliver St
Sabbath services Bible study 10am
Adult Bible school 10am
Worship service 11.15am.

Baptist

131 Church St
Sunday 9.30am morning worship
6pm evening worship;

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