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Welcome to Inverell

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Inverell Information

Inverell is scenically situated on the Macintyre River with a population of 11,000 in the town and 17,500 within the Shire Area. Inverell is located on the Gwydir Highway on the western edge of the New England Tablelands. Inverell enjoys a pleasant climate, with warm summers and mild winters.



Inverell is a mixed farming district, where the main crops are wheat, oats, barley, grain, sorghum and oilseed crops. Sheep & cattle graze mostly on natural pastures, supplemented with lucerne and forage crops.

Internationally it is known for its fine sapphires and much of the town's tourism centres on the sapphire industry. People may fossick for gems at a number of sites throughout the district.

The town is steeped in early Australian history and a tour of Inverell will reveal many of its buildings, particularly those of the late 19th Century era. For those interested in the history of the town, visit the Bicentennial Monument for a pictorial history of the district on the wall tablets.

Part of the Fossicker's Way, this thriving rural city offers much for the traveller and local residents.

For information on Inverell and locale, you can visit the Inverell Council website at:

www.inverell-online.com.au/

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Getting To Inverell From Sydney

Inverell is on the Gwydir Highway, 670Km north-west 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 Aeropelican offer flights from Inverell to Sydney and Newcastle. To book flights and check availability visit the Aeropelican website: www.aeropelican.com.au/

By Coach Travellers can arrive in Inverell by one of the many coach services travelling to Inverell, including [CountryLink](#), Greyhound Australia <http://www.greyhound.com.au/> and the [Black & White Bus Service](#).

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Health

Hunter New England Health service provides a District Health Service in Inverell. The Inverell Hospital is a 49-bed acute-care facility providing care to the community of the North-Western New England area of NSW. The facility provides services including: acute medical & surgical, day-surgery, high dependency, palliative care, maternity, paediatric, a renal dialysis unit, a 24 hour emergency department and outpatient clinics.



A comprehensive range of medical services is available to the Inverell community. There are a number of GPs supported by a range of specialist medical services including visiting specialists, pathology services and a radiography practice capable of CT Scans, Ultrasound and General X-rays.

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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:

Lehman & Frame Pty Ltd

9-11 Byron St

Inverell

Ph: (02) 6722 2283

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

Century 21 Sapphire Region

86 Byron St

Inverell

Ph (02) 6721 1501

C.L. Squires & Co

25 Byron St

Inverell

Ph (02) 6722 2588

Daley Noel Real Estate

23a Otho St

Inverell

Ph (02) 6722 3088

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

Elders Real Estate

1 Wood St

Inverell

Ph: (02) 6722 2688

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

Professionals Inverell

88 Bryon St

Inverell

Ph (02) 6722 1452

<http://www.professionalsinverell.com.au/> -

Raine & Horne

51 Otho St

Inverell

Ph (02) 6722 1495

<http://nsw.rh.com.au/> -

Ray White Rural

19 Byron St

Inverell

Ph: (02) 6722 3000

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Child Care

Inverell has extensive child care facilities available including the following:

Catherine Campbell Centre Inc

71-77 Campbell St
Inverell
Ph (02) 6722 2177

Northern Road Activity Van

30-34 Campbell St
Inverell
Ph (02) 6722 4038

Jack & Jill Pre-School

21 River St
Inverell
Ph (02) 6722 3651

The Platypus Club

8-10 Wade St
Inverell
Ph (02) 6721 0333

Kindamindi Pre-School

30-34 Campbell St
Inverell
Ph (02) 6722 4038

ABC Developmental Learning Centre

75 George Street
Inverell
Ph (02) 6722 5169

Education

The Inverell District offers a full range of educational facilities including: long day care centres, family day care service, two pre school, two Government primary schools, a private Catholic school, two Government high schools and TAFE campus.

Inverell High School

Brae St
Inverell - Inverell High School is a comprehensive public high school.
Visit www.inverell-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Inverell Public School

Henderson St
Inverell -
www.inverell-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

MacIntyre High School

Swanbrook Rd
Inverell -
www.macintyre-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Ross Hill Public School

Andrew St
Inverell - Ross Hill School is one of two government primary schools in Inverell.

Holy Trinity Central - Kindergarten to Year 10

Moore Street
Inverell - HolyTrinity is a Catholic systemic school in the Armidale Diocese.
<http://www.holytrinity.nsw.edu.au/>

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TAFE

The Campus offers courses reflecting both local and state-wide needs in building and construction, business services, information technology, welding, welfare, child care, rural studies, hospitality, automotive, aboriginal art and culture and general education. Inverell is the only TAFE NSW campus offering Gemstone Faceting Techniques.

<http://www.newengland.tafensw.edu.au/location/inverell/>

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Interesting Things To Do And See

The standard and number of rivers in the Inverell district are ideal for camping and canoeing. There are also two National Parks - Kings **Plains National Park** in the north east and **Kwiambal National Park** to the north.

Lake Inverell Reserve is a unique aquatic sanctuary which has now become a 100 hectare home for birds and wildlife, where provision has also been made for picnicking, bushwalking, bird-watching and fishing.

Copeton Dam

Copeton Waters is the holiday centre of the north. It holds almost three times the water of Sydney Harbour when full and is surrounded by recreation areas. It is an ideal location for campers and water sport enthusiasts with fishing, power boating, sailing, windsurfing and water slides. The area boasts a function centre and bunkhouse to cater for schools and large groups; free BBQ facilities; a six hole golf course, tennis courts and adventure playgrounds.

The Gwydir River below Copeton Dam provides one of the most exciting wild water rafting experiences during the season which extends from October to March. This incredible stretch of whitewater is unequalled in Australia for its size and consistency during the release from the mighty Copeton Dam.

Water Sports

Yachting, pleasure boating and water skiing are catered for on Copeton Dam. Fishing is actively pursued on the large lakes and many rivers in the area. A plentiful supply of golden perch, red fin and trout keep local fishermen fully occupied. Clubs and authorities stock most dams and rivers on an annual basis to ensure that fishing remains a continuing pastime.

Fossicking

Within the district there are many fossicking areas with a variety of stones which visitors may fossick for at their leisure from tin to sapphires, quartz or maybe a diamond. There are areas available both for the beginners and the avid fossicker.

Pioneer Village

The Village, situated on Thunderbolt's Way (Tingha Rd.), just south of Inverell, is a collection of authentic homes and buildings, relocated from their original sites throughout the area.

You can wander at your own leisure through buildings set in picturesque surroundings, landscaped as a village of yesteryear. Included in the village is the Goonowigall School, which houses the 'Inverell Tiles Of Time' donated by the students of Inverell TAFE College. Places of interest in the village include The Grove Homestead, Paddy's Pub, a Blacksmith's Hut, Miner's Hut, Oakwood Hall, the Times Office and the Gooda Cottage, which houses an excellent display of minerals and gemstones.

New England Estate Wine

Thomas' New England Estate Wines located approximately 18 km west of Inverell has 100 acres of irrigated vines with 65,000 vines. They produce Chardonnay, Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon & Merlot.

Kings Plains Castle

In 1832 William Vivers, an immigrant from Dumfries in Scotland, first settled the property "Kings Plains", 61,440 acres of promising pastoral land between Glen Innes and Inverell on the rich New England tablelands of Northern New South Wales, Australia.

In 1908 his great-nephew George Vivers began construction of what would become one of the most stunning family homes in the country. He created a 28-room, 3-level castle complete with a tower and battlements and filled it with priceless antiques from around the World. It is known as King Plains Castle. It is said that George built it as a reminder of his Scottish heritage to make him feel at home.

Dejon Sapphire Centre

Sapphire mining is important to the New England region, and operations can range in size from small family enterprises to large private companies operating plants on a daily basis. Any questions on the mining industry can be answered at Dejon.

Because of the many colours in sapphires, the cutter is faced with a real challenge to achieve the best depth of colour, brilliance and line of gems cut. At Dejon, cutters work to create quality gems; and visitors have the opportunity to view the process behind glass, and also to see how the rough stones are sorted before they are cut.

Inverell Transport Museum

With over 200 exhibits, the collection at the Inverell Transport Museum includes cars, trucks, fire engines, motorcycles, tractors, bicycles, pedal cars, scooters, aircraft, numerous models and transport related items. It also boasts some of the world's rarest motor vehicles, such as the Reliable Dayton, Moon, Diana, Turcat Mery, Bristol, Chenard Walcker, and unique special purpose vehicles. In addition to this there are many fine examples of popular automobiles with which most visitors will identify.

Goonoowigall Reserve

Goonoowigall Reserve is scenic granite country, with low hills and large boulders marking the skyline, and covers 1057 hectares. The name Goonoowigall is a Jukumbal Aboriginal word meaning 'wallaby rocks' and it features: 120 species of native birds native fauna remains of Chinese settlements earth covered for a large part, and 10 kilometres of marked walking tracks.

Within the Reserve is the Nhunta Karra Kara (a Jukumbal word for 'quiet and peaceful') Track to commemorate the Aboriginal families who made the Goonoowigall area their home until the 1960's. At the main entrance you will find a grassy picnic area, toilet, barbecue and tables. Bring your own water. Dogs are allowed, provided they remain on a lead.

Memorials - The Scottish Memorial Cairn

The Scottish Memorial Cairn is located at Sinclair Park, Glen Innes Road Inverell and pays tribute to the achievements, commitments and contributions made by the districts pioneers, later generations and families whose endeavors have contributed to Inverell's success since the 1830's.

Arts & Culture

The Inverell Art Gallery – 5 Evans Street, Inverell – (02) 6722 4983

The Inverell Art Gallery displays a wide range of paintings, handmade pottery and craft. Special exhibitions are held on a regular feature fostering local art and craft as well as nationally known artists. All are welcome to come in and browse at their leisure.

The Inverell Theatre Company - If you want to become involved in any aspect of theatre then the Inverell Theatre Company is the place to go.

The Inverell Theatre Company is looking for anyone interested in being involved on either side of the stage. You may be a budding thespian or a stage builder, or just want to help with the suppers; all offers of help will be accepted happily. The Inverell Theatre Company meets the second Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm at Beaulieu Hall, Copeton Dam Road. All are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

'Opera in the Paddock' - this highly successful outdoor music event is now an integral part of the North West New South Wales Art's Calendar, attracting an audience from throughout the State and interstate, regional centres and cities alike. Set in the beautiful bush setting on the property 'Mimosa', Delungra, 25 kms west of Inverell, patrons enjoy a wonderfully social time prior to the commencement of the concert on dusk.

For more information Visit: www.operainthepaddock.com.au

The *Inverell Pipe Band* is a voluntary organisation of local people whose aim is to foster a friendly family based environment and encourage participation and education in piping and drumming, as well as provide a social meeting place where interested people can practice and perform music.

To celebrate the arrival of spring, the **Telstra Country Wide Sapphire City Festival** is held every year during the month of October. A week full of fun and featuring numerous events, culminates in a Festival Parade, Grande Finale and Crowning of Festival Princesses and Queens.

Some Festival highlights include: Floral Art & Garden Competition; Rock and Roll Dancing; Art Society Gala Art Exhibition; The Great Debate & Dinner; Holy Trinity & Jockey Club Race Day; Gala Fireworks Spectacular; Live Bands; Horse & Carriage Tours; Bowling Carnival; Poet's Breakfast; Collectables Show; Dog Show; Inverell Show Society Campdraft and Sapphire City Shears.

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Restaurants

Inverell offers a wide variety of dining options from fine dining to simple coffee shops

Imperial on Byron

Cnr Otho & Byron Street

Inverell Palace Chinese Restaurant

69 Byron Street

Inverell RSM Club

Cnr Evans & Lawrence Street

Anzac Restaurant

(open Friday & Saturday from 6.30pm)

Oasis Seafood

124 Otho Street

Oslos on Otho

120 Otho Street

Pete's Place

110 Byron Street -

Riverside Restaurant

13-31 Campbell Street.

Sapphire Chinese Restaurant

23 Byron Street

Signets Gallery Restaurant

189-199 Glen Innes

Top Of The Town Restaurant

Gwydir Highway.

Australian Café

52 Otho Street

Bridge Coffee Lounge

1 Otho Street

Café Luca

Byron Street

Yim Thai Restaurant

139 Byron.

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Places Of Worship

Anglican Church of Australia

33 Rivers St
Inverell
Ph (02) 6722 2766

Australian Christian Churches

Warialda Rd
Inverell
Ph (02) 6721 0561

Australian Christian Churches

46 Brae St
Inverell
Ph (02) 6722 4761

Baptist Church

4 Swan St
Inverell
Ph (02) 6722 2167

Catholic Church

Vivian St
Inverell
Ph (02) 6722 1103

Christian Centre Church

Lot 5 Fernhill Rd
Inverell
Ph (02) 6722 1965

Christian Life Centre

26 Warialda Rd
Inverell
Ph (02) 6721 0561

Christian Outreach Centre

21 Mansfield St
Inverell
Ph (02) 6721 0213

Presbyterian Church

Parish Office
Inverell
Ph (02) 6721 0511

Seventh Day Adventist Church

6b Old Bundarra Rd
Inverell
Ph (02) 6721 0633

Uniting Church in Australia

Ross St
Inverell
Ph (02) 6721 1020

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