

# Forbes

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**The township of Forbes is situated along the Lachlan River in the “heart of the luscious Lachlan Valley” on the Newell Highway. The area is fast becoming a popular area to visit given its magnificent heritage, community spirit and colourful character.**

Settlement dates back to 1817 and discovery by explorer John Oxley. The discovery of gold and the accompanying five year gold frenzy in the early 1860's helped swell the population to more than 40,000. There are many aspects of the town reminiscent of this era.

The rooms beneath the Albion Hotel depict a story of their own. It is believed that these were used extensively during this period to convey gold and money to and from the banks to avoid the threat of robbery at street level. The Albion Hotel has established a Bushranger Hall of Fame featuring the deeds of Ben Hall, Frank Gardiner, John O'Meally and many others that contributed to the “happenings” of that time. Hall and his gang left a marked impression on Forbes' history. They were well known for their daring robberies of stage coaches and banks. Ben Hall is buried in the Forbes Cemetery. The Forbes Visitors Information Centre houses a dedicated Ben Hall Room where you will find

a statue of this famous bush ranger as well as some fascinating information about his escapades. The Forbes Historical Society Museum also has numerous Ben Hall items on display.

The Visitors Centre is located at the Old Railway Station in Union Street (easily found by following the “i” signs). The Centre is open seven days a week from 9am to 5pm. We recommend that this is one of the first places you visit upon arrival in Forbes.

The Forbes Historical Society Museum is located in Cross Street and this attraction is also highly recommended. The Museum is open seven days from 2pm to 4pm and by appointment by contacting 02 6851 6600.

The shire is rich in both agriculture and history. The many unique buildings dating back to the late 1800's along with the tranquility of Lake Forbes and the Lachlan River make the town an appealing stopping place for visitors. The historic value of Forbes is immeasurable and has been enhanced by the fantastic Heritage Trail detailing significant landmarks, buildings and people that contributed to the shire's colourful past.

More recently the establishment of a detailed brochure on Ben Hall has added to the experience of visiting Forbes. Brochures on Ben Hall and the Heritage Trail are available at the Forbes Visitors Centre.

The Shire has several tourist attractions in addition to the Forbes Historical Society Museum including two historic wineries, an alpaca farm, a motor museum and a native wildlife sanctuary. Tours of the new Central West Livestock Exchange, the most modern stock selling centre in the southern hemisphere, are available fully undercover. This was opened in November 2005 and provides a fantastic look at the livestock selling process. Cattle sales are conducted every Monday. Tours can be booked by contacting Forbes Shire Council on 02 6850 1300.

Walking or bus tours of the town are available by contacting Forbes Tour Guides on 02 6851 1929. These tours will allow you an in depth view of what makes Forbes, its people and its colourful attributes

Accommodation is of a high standard with all requirements catered for including motel, hotel, caravan parks and bed & breakfasts. The shire caters for everything up to and including a five star resort at Burrawang West Station.

The business district has an impressive number of boutique shops and businesses that will allow you to enjoy some “retail therapy”.



Each year various shopping promotions entice visitors to journey to Forbes for a great shopping experience.

If you are staying in Forbes, we encourage you to utilise the fantastic walking and cycle track that extends the circumference of Lake Forbes and has proven popular with visitors and locals alike.

The community conducts and hosts many special events one of the more unique being the annual Camel Races held on Good Friday.

For further information on Forbes and the events that we stage please visit our website at [www.forbes.nsw.gov.au](http://www.forbes.nsw.gov.au) or phone the Forbes Visitors Information Centre on 02 6852 4155.

### Accommodation

#### Apex Riverside Tourist Park

Reymond Street, (Cowra Road)

Forbes

ph: 02 6851 1929

fax: 02 6851 1700

email: [jane@touristpark.com.au](mailto:jane@touristpark.com.au)

web: [www.touristpark.com.au](http://www.touristpark.com.au)

The only park on the River in Forbes. We offer a peaceful stay in either a two bedroom deluxe villa, ensuite cabin or basic cabin. All fully equipped for cooking, and split system A/C. One unit fully disabled bathroom. Shady fully grassed sites with sullage & co-ax. Free covered BBQ area, with hot water facility. Discount fuel – conditions apply.

#### Ben Hall Motor Inn ★★★

5 – 7 Cross Street, Forbes

ph: 02 6851 2345

email: [benhall@westserv.net.au](mailto:benhall@westserv.net.au)

Budget motel chain, quiet, off highway. Close to CBD, restaurants. Queen & double beds, air conditioning, breakfast & dinner to units, free Astar. Owner / operators Peter & Christine Hassell.

#### Comfort Inn (The Plainsman) ★★★

Sheriff Street, Newell Highway,

(opposite Services Club)

ph: 02 6852 2466

email: [comforbes@primus.com.au](mailto:comforbes@primus.com.au)

41 quiet rooms all on ground floor including family & spa rooms, licensed restaurant, FREE Astar, wireless broadband and swimming pool.

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## Special Events:

<b>JANUARY</b> .....	Jazz Festival
.....	Hang Gliding Championships
.....	Australia Day Celebrations
<b>FEBRUARY</b> .....	Bedgerebong Picnic Races
<b>MARCH</b> .....	Camel Races (Good Friday)
<b>APRIL</b> .....	14th National 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally
<b>MAY</b> .....	Forbes Heritage Festival
<b>JUNE</b> .....	Forbes Eisteddfod
<b>JULY</b> .....	Jaguar Car Club Rally
<b>AUGUST</b> .....	Bedgerebong Show
<b>SEPTEMBER</b> .....	Forbes Show
<b>DECEMBER</b> .....	Carols by Candlelight



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## **Country Mile Motor Inn ★★☆☆**

14 Cross Street, Forbes

ph: 02 6852 4099

email: [countrymilemotorinn@exemail.com.au](mailto:countrymilemotorinn@exemail.com.au)

Golden Chain, quiet off highway location. Close to town centre, modern amenities, queen beds, air conditioning, pool, FREE Austar, easy walk to Clubs and restaurants.

## **Big4 Forbes Lachlan View**

**Holiday Park ★★☆☆ (Cabins up to ★★☆☆)**

141-145 Flint Street,

(Cowral/Grenfell Rd),

500 metres south of hospital

ph: 02 6852 1055

or: 1800 641 207

web: [big4forbeslachlanview.com.au](http://big4forbeslachlanview.com.au)

email: [book@lachlanview.com.au](mailto:book@lachlanview.com.au)

BIG4 Forbes Lachlan View Holiday Park is the perfect setting. We cater for those in transit through to the extended family holiday. Our accommodation range includes shady, grassed un-powered, powered and en-suite caravan sites, basic cabins to luxury villa style accommodation (all have kitchens and air-conditioning). Facilities are children's playground, kiosk, swimming pool and camp kitchen. If a quiet, friendly and well maintained park is what you are after then we have the ideal location.

## **River Meadows Caravan Park ★★☆☆**

Newell Highway,

Forbes

ph: 02 6852 2694

fax: 02 6852 2692

email: [dvanbergen@ozemail.com.au](mailto:dvanbergen@ozemail.com.au)

1.5 km south of Post Office.

Drive through shady powered & unpowered sites.

Cabins, villa, ensuites basic very clean.

Pool, covered BBQ, kiosk, LPG, playground, disabled and baby facilities. Pets welcome.

## **Vandenberg Hotel**

Court Street, Forbes

ph: 02 6852 2015

Historical hotel overlooking Victoria Park

(Opp Town Hall), 12 refurbished rooms, verandah access.

Char grill restaurant & counter meals, reasonable rates.



## Attractions

### Aussie Biscuits

#### – House With No Steps

Rankin Street,  
Forbes

ph: 02 6852 2399

Quality homemade style biscuits, distributed widely in motels and clubs. Call in and enjoy a tour of biscuit making operation.

Tours at 9.00am and 12.00pm Monday to Friday.

Entry by gold coin donation.

### Banderra Estate Winery

Cnr Newell Hwy & Oxford Street, Forbes

ph: 02 6852 1437

Our cellar door is moving to McFeeters Motor

Museum. Regional wines for sale & tasting.

Open 7 days.

### Forbes Handicraft Centre & Art Gallery

83 Lachlan Street, Forbes

ph: 02 6851 4591

Handicraft, cooking, art, souvenirs, (mothers room).

Public toilets with disabled access.

Open 7 days from 9am to 5pm (Mon to Sat),

10.30am to 4pm (Sun).

### Mcfeeters Motor Museum

Cnr Newell Hwy & Oxford Street, Forbes

ph: 0408 607 021

or: 0402 044 590

Forbes Newest Attraction. Scheduled to open June

2008. Located on the Newell Hwy at Forbes is

a vast collection of Veterans, vintage, classic and

Street Machines. All meticulously restored and

displayed in a stunning new facility purpose built for

public viewing. Open 7 days. Café.

Ample parking (caravans/motorhomes).

Cellar Door – tastings available. Bus & group

bookings welcome. Souvenirs & gift shop.

### Forbes Railway Arts & Visitor Information Centre

Union Street (Old Railway Station)

ph: 02 6852 4155

Come, browse through the historic railway station.

View the fine displays of local paintings, pottery,

quality handcrafted gifts, home style cooking and

preserves. Tourist information on Forbes available

at this centre. Open 7 days 9am to 5pm.

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# BIG4 Forbes

## Lachlan View Holiday Park - A friendly place to be!



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Facilities are children's playgrounds, kiosk, swimming pool and camp kitchen. The bushland setting gives you room to move and enjoy the evening BBQ's in a quiet environment. If a quiet, friendly and well maintained park is what your after then we have the ideal solution. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have or to make a reservation.

**BIG4 Forbes Lachlan View Holiday Park**

141-145 Flint Street (Cowra/Grenfell Rd)

[big4lachlanviewholidaypark.com](http://big4lachlanviewholidaypark.com)

[big4.com.au](http://big4.com.au)

Reservations **1800 641 207**

**BIG4**  
HOLIDAY PARKS



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## Services

### Westoil Petroleum

BP Forbes Service Station  
Newell Highway (Dowling Street),  
Forbes  
ph: 02 6852 2245  
Midnight trading, fishing gear, bait,  
EFTPOS / ATM, car wash, large range of  
convenience items.

### Esmes Coffee Shop

8 Templar Street, Forbes  
ph: 02 6852 2239  
Delicious home made cooking, assorted  
toasted treats, freshly made sandwiches  
Light meals and sweets, magnificent coffee,  
fresh juices. Air conditioned. BYO  
Open Mon/Fri 9am - 5pm  
Sat 9am - 1.30pm.

### Truffles On Rankin

58 Rankin Street, Forbes  
ph: 02 6852 3887  
Great coffee, cakes slices,  
sandwiches, light meals  
and great service.

## News On Rankin

70 Rankin Street, Forbes  
ph: 02 6852 1008  
For the most complete range of business  
and school stationery, magazines, lotto, best  
selling books, cards, Darrell Lea chocolates,  
toys, giftware and more... Call in and see  
Rebecca, Sarah-Jane and Gabrielle Miller.

## Country Bakehouse

15 Templar Street, Forbes  
ph: 02 6852 3388  
Bake fresh daily - Bread, Cakes, Pies &  
pasties. Espresso coffee & quality tea, freshly  
made sandwiches, special order cakes, eat in  
or take away, phone orders welcome.

## Forbes Visitor Information Centre

Railway Station, Union St  
p: 02 6852 4155  
f: 02 6852 4133



## The Traveller's Friend

*When travelling through an unfamiliar area, it's often difficult to discover good places to eat, great places to stay and interesting things to see and do. The Aussie FM Tourist Radio Network helps take the guesswork out of these decisions. We tell you about these things and more. We tell you about the local area, its history, and about tourist attractions and businesses here to serve you.*

Aussie FM Tourist Radio is a radio information service for all travellers. You could say we're like a Tourist Brochure of the Air.

We broadcast 24 hours a day every day telling travellers about good places to stay, great places to eat, where to find help if you strike trouble and where to access services like free barbecues, public toilets, park and picnic areas etc.

As well, we tell you about the history of each town including a little local trivia and some interesting facts about the area.

Our company, Western Visitor Radio operates over thirty Aussie FM Tourist Information Stations on FM88 throughout New South Wales, ten along the busy Newell Highway.

*Make Aussie FM part of your overall holiday experience*

You'll find the format on all our stations entertaining, informative and interesting, all aimed at making your time behind the wheel an enjoyable part of your overall holiday or travel experience.



*The familiar blue and white road sign telling travellers Aussie FM Tourist Radio is available. Tune your radio to FM88 when you see these signs.*

Our motto is "Travelling's Great with FM88." That's why more and more travellers are gaining benefits from listening to our stations.

Tune in each time you see the blue and white road signs as you approach each town. Preset your car radio onto FM88 for easy access to our stations.

If you would like Aussie FM Tourist Radio in your town, call the Award Winners - Western Visitor Radio on (02) 6884 2468 or

[www.touristfm.com](http://www.touristfm.com)

