



Grenfell

Re-live the nostalgia

What do notorious bushrangers, guinea pigs, great Australian poets and cricketers all have in common? Grenfell of course!

Grenfell is the birthplace of poet Henry Lawson and cricketer Stan McCabe, haunt of notorious bushranger, Ben Hall, and home to some of the finest examples of heritage architecture in rural Australia.

Grenfell is a must see destination for those wanting to escape the hustle and bustle of city living. Turning off the Newell at West Wyalong or Forbes, Grenfell and its villages offers visitors the chance to soak up the atmosphere of days gone by.

Attractions

Grenfell's Main & George Streets have been deemed urban conservation areas and a walk around town gives you an idea of life in the gold rush era.

The Weddin Mountains National Park is a great place to go bushwalking, bird watching, camping or just to have a picnic.

The Weddins were a hangout for Ben Hall, Frank Gardiner and Johnnie Gilbert and their gangs. Local legends maintain that the gold is still there for the finding.

Visit Seaton's Farm and Ben Hall's Cave or just take in the spectacular views from the Eualdrie Lookout.



One of Australia's most famous poets, Henry Lawson, was born in Grenfell. Since 1958 on the June long weekend, the town has celebrated the Henry Lawson Festival of Arts. Highlights include art & photography exhibitions, poetry readings, street carnival and historical tours. Past special guests include Slim Dusty, Alan Jones, Gary McDonald and Sigrid Thornton. 2007 marked the 50th anniversary of the Henry Lawson Festival of Arts; around 10,000 people attended this landmark and the Festival is set for many more to come.

Grenfell was once a part of the wild gold rush of the 1800's. O'Brien's Reef and lookout is a disused gold mining site with much of the machinery and infrastructure still in place. It is now home to Grenfell's Endemic Garden.

This fascinating town is also the home of the internationally renowned Guinea Pig Races – faster than Bathurst cars and more exciting than the Melbourne Cup. Held biannually on the June Long weekend and Easter Sunday, these races have to be seen to be believed.

The Jockey Club's Loaded Dog Race Day marks the beginning of the spring racing carnival for Grenfell. The Open Gardens weekend is held in October, when the town also throws open its doors for the Grenfell Open Days.

Guided Town Tours

These can be arranged by an experienced local guide. Hear tales of history and decide for yourself what is fact and what is Grenfell legend. Tours can be arranged to the Weddin Mountains, Iandra Castle or the surrounding villages of Greenethorpe, Carragabal, Quandialla and Bimbi. Bookings or enquiries can be made through the tourist officer on 02 6343 2855.

Glenoma Alpacas

ph: 02 6343 2449

Tours by appointment, pat and hand feed the alpacas. Supersoft, garments and wool are available and will ward off any winter chill.

Events:

JANUARY - Australia Day Celebrations

APRIL

- Guinea Pig Races
- Anzac Day Ceremony

JUNE

- Henry Lawson Festival of Arts
- Guinea Pig Races
- Car Show

JULY

- Pony Club Black and White Ball

SEPTEMBER

- Grenfell Agricultural Show
- Amateur Country Music Festival
- Loaded Dog Race Day

OCTOBER

- Weddin Mountain Muster
- Grenfell Open Days
- Open Gardens

Grenfell Museum

ph: 02 6343 2314 or 02 6343 2855

Much of the interesting past of Grenfell is exhibited.

Jaybees China

ph: 02 6343 1616

Visit award winning Joan Bolton's Studio to see the exquisitely delicate handpainted porcelain pieces. Painting tuition available.

Services

Grenfell Bowling Club

Fully licensed, bowls, squash, snooker, croquet.

Grenfell Country Club

Fully licensed, golf, tennis.

Grenfell CWA/Visitors Centre & Crafts

ph: 02 6343 1612

Located in the Main St. Open 7 days 10am to 4pm. Phone for accommodation details or a brochure.

