

# Gunnedah

*The koala capital of the world*

**Gunnedah is the hub of one of Australia's richest agricultural regions – the Liverpool Plains in North West New South Wales.**

Gunnedah is proudly home to one of the largest and healthiest Koala populations in the country. Wild koalas are often seen strolling along main streets, lazing in parks and even wandering across the local golf course. Keep your eyes peeled one might just be around the corner.

Gunnedah is a great spot to base yourself to explore the region - with day trips to nearby national parks including Mount Kaputar, the Warrumbungles and Coolah Tops - a must. Beyond the green and furry, Gunnedah also has many other attractions including several important memorials, museums, parks and recreational facilities.

Gunnedah is proud of its rich agricultural vistas and breathtaking Australian landscapes said to be the inspiration behind poet Dorothea Mackellar's iconic poem 'My Country'. It's no wonder Gunnedah radiates an enviable country lifestyle enjoyed by 13,000 residents.

Gunnedah is a place where you will discover true blue country hospitality. Genuine smiles and the natural beauty of the landscape paints a picture of real Australia. A country experience that will stay with you – to be remembered with a smile.

## Attractions

### Waterways Wildlife Park

Oxley Highway, 7km West of Gunnedah  
ph. 02 6742 1826  
fax: 02 6742 6770

A family favourite for visitors and locals alike – the park is set on 10 acres of bush land dedicated to the care and preservation of Australian wildlife. Discover wildlife up close and gain appreciation for the beauty and uniqueness of Australian birds, reptiles and furry inhabitants. Open 7 days 10am – 4pm.

### Gunnedah Rural Museum

Oxley Highway  
ph: 02 6742 4690  
fax: 02 6742 3064

A working museum of farm machinery, equipment and artifacts highlighting the early days of agriculture in Australia, in particular the Gunnedah and Liverpool Plains region. Open 7 days 9am – 3pm.

### Gunnedah Water Tower Museum

Anzac Park, South Street  
ph: 02 6740 2230  
or: 02 6742 2118

Take a journey through 4 floors of displays and exhibits and discover the people, places and events that shaped the Gunnedah community. Showcasing indigenous heritage of the Kamilaroi people, early European settlement, war memorabilia, Dorothea Mackellar, photo collection plus more. Open Saturday and Monday 10am – 2pm (other days by appointment).

### Plains of Plenty

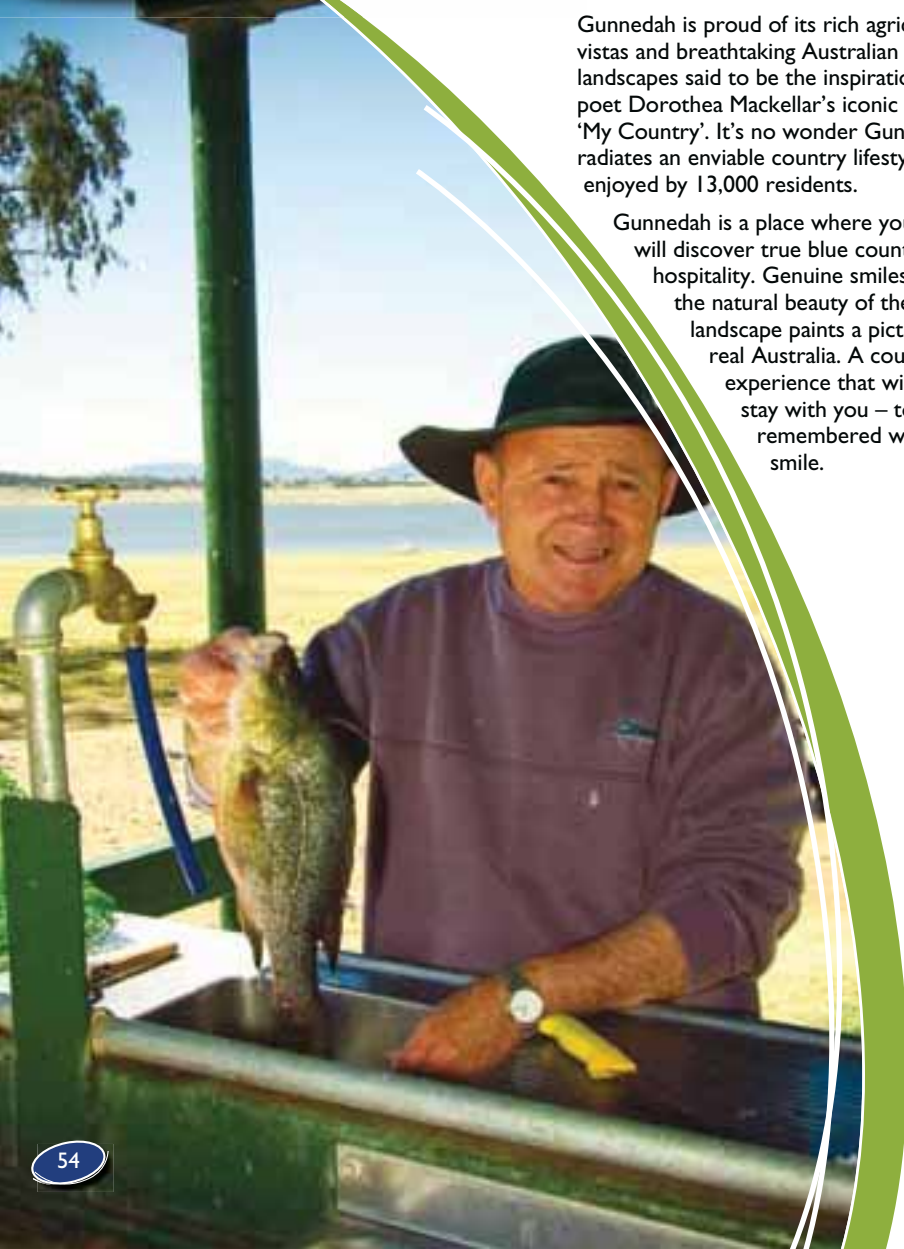
Old Scout Hall, Oxley Highway  
ph/fax: 02 6742 2666  
web: [www.plainsofplenty.com](http://www.plainsofplenty.com)

A vibrant display of local arts, craft and produce. The once scout hall has been transformed into a showcase for local talent. From woodwork and leather work through to pottery and needle work there is something for all to enjoy. Open 7 days, 9.30am – 4.30pm. (Closed Good Friday & Christmas Day).

### Lake Keepit

Keepit Dam Road, (7km off Oxley Highway)  
ph: 02 6769 7605  
fax: 02 6769 7547

web: [www.stateparks.nsw.gov.au/keepit](http://www.stateparks.nsw.gov.au/keepit)  
For water lovers, Lake Keepit State Park is a majestic family and fisherman's paradise, two thirds the size of Sydney Harbour with a bevy of fish including Golden and Silver Perch, Murray Cod and Catfish. Activities and facilities include: water sports, fishing, sailing, tennis, bushwalking, bike tracks, kiosk, BBQ, shaded areas, wading pool, golf course, pontoon and accommodation.





### Poets Drive

A self-guided drive tour inspired by Gunnedah's iconic landmarks and local heroes. An interpretive tour, the drive explores the essence of bush life and considers the challenges and adventures of rural Australia. The Lyrical Loos are a must see! Call into the Gunnedah Visitor Information Centre for a detailed brochure of the drive.

### Porcupine Lookout

The lookout has a magnificent view over the beautiful Liverpool Plains. Named "Bindea" by the Aborigines after the Spinifex grass that grows on its northern slope, Porcupine Lookout is an ideal place to take in the views of the shire. The Bindea Walking track loops the lookout and offers a range of walks that vary in length. Brochure available from Visitor Information Centre.

### Accommodation

Finding a place to lay your head will be an easy task with over 20 accommodation choices to suit all budgets and with your dining and entertainment needs covered you're in for an easy stay with new found friends.

#### Gunnedah Motor Inn ★★★

367 Conadilly Street  
ph: 02 6742 2377  
fax: 02 6742 6037  
email: reservations@gunnedahmotorinn.com.au  
web: www.gunnedahmotorinn.com.au  
Clean, comfortable and affordable  
Internet- Dial up and wireless broadband, pool & BBQ area, off street trailer and truck parking.

#### Overlander Motor Lodge ★★★★★

40 Conadilly Street  
ph: 1800 422 677 fax: 02 6742 4004  
email: overmote@bigpond.net.au  
web: www.goldenchainmotels.com.au  
16 spacious units, quiet, R/C air-conditioning, deluxe queen beds. 8 channel Astar, internet access, licensed restaurant. Pool & BBQ Area. Country hospitality

#### Alyn Motel ★★★★★

351 Conadilly Street  
ph: 02 6742 5028 fax: 02 6742 5029  
email: alynmotel@bigpond.com  
Gunnedah's finest boutique motel. Close to shops, club and hotels. BBQ, swimming pool and spa. Welcome to your oasis in the country.



#### Red Chief

##### Motel ★★★

28 – 32 Henry Street  
ph: 02 6742 0833 fax: 02 6742 4872  
email: redchief@ceinternet.com.au  
web: www.redchiefmotel.com.au  
Quiet location, off main road. All ground floor non-smoking units, disabled room. Off road parking for buses and trailers. Swimming pool.

#### Best Western Harvest

##### Lodge Motel ★★★★★

404 Conadilly Street  
ph: 02 6742 3400  
fax: 02 6742 3412  
email: harvestl@bigpond.net.au  
web: www.bestwestern.com.au/harvestlodge  
Quiet well appointed modern motel. Fully licensed dining room or meals to room. All non-smoking units. Split system A/C. Queen beds and ADSL broadband to rooms.

#### Plains Motor Inn ★★★

111 Conadilly Street  
ph: 02 6742 2511  
fax: 02 6742 4203  
email: darrelljones@bigpond.com  
Located in the centre of town, close to shops, restaurants and park, free wireless broadband, swimming pool, off street parking available.

#### Maynestay Motel ★★★★★

380 Conadilly Street  
ph: 02 6742 7150  
fax: 02 6742 7152  
email: maynestaymotel@bigpond.com  
Gunnedah's finest boutique motel. Spacious rooms including 2 executive spa rooms. Astar, breakfast to rooms, charge back facilities, new refurbishment.

### Calendar of Events:

- Gunnedah Peoples Market  
3rd Saturday of each month

#### JANUARY

- National Tomato Contest  
- Australia Day Celebrations

#### MARCH

- Week of Speed

#### APRIL

- Gunnedah Bird Expo and Sale  
- Gunnedah Show

#### MAY

- Gunnedah Rodeo and Camp draft  
- Gunnedah Eisteddfod

#### JUNE

- Keep it Kool Regatta

#### AUGUST

- Ag Quip Field Days  
- Ag Quip Rodeo

#### SEPTEMBER

- Two Rivers Arts Festival

#### DECEMBER

- Christmas Lights Display and Competition



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## Billabong Motel \*\*\*

333 Conadilly Street  
ph: 02 6742 2033  
fax: 02 6742 4360  
email: bbmotel@bigpond.net.au

Billabong Motel has the best location in town, is quiet and clean with free Astar in all rooms, swimming pool, guest laundry and BBQ.

## Mackellar Motel (Opening May 2008)

342 Conadilly Street  
ph: 02 6742 6838 fax: 02 6742 6956  
email: mackellarmotel@bigpond.com.au  
web: www.mackellarmotel.com.au

Gunnedah's newest motel. Centrally located, close to restaurants and opposite the club. Featuring al fresco dining and conference facilities. Fully air conditioned with wireless internet.

## Pubstay

### Court House Hotel

307 Conadilly Street  
ph: 02 6742 2144

### Regal Hotel

298 Conadilly Street  
ph: 02 6742 2355

### Parkview Hotel

141 Conadilly Street,  
ph: 02 6742 2212

### Railway Hotel

41 Barber Street  
ph: 02 6742 1558

### Imperial Hotel

Cnr Barber & Chandos Streets  
ph: 02 6742 0176

### Club House Hotel

169 Conadilly Street  
ph: 02 6742 0755

## Caravan Parks. Self Contained & Bed And Breakfast

### Gunnedah Tourist Caravan Park \*\*\*\*

51 Henry Street  
ph: 02 6742 1372  
fax: 02 6742 4702

email: gunnedahcaravanpark@westnet.com.au  
Quiet off highway location, cabins, R/C air con, pool & gas BBQ's. Walk to club, restaurants and hotels

### Gunnedah Apartments

37 Conadilly Street  
ph: 0428 696 256  
email: admin@gunnedahapartments.com

web: www.gunnedahapartments.com  
Renovated, fully serviced, self contained, air-conditioned accommodation ideal for short or long stays.

### Downtown Apartments

27A Chandos Street  
ph: 02 6742 3111

email: stewart@semichelandco.com.au  
Spacious 2 bedroom air conditioned apartment available for short or long term stays. Centrally located. Walk to hotels, shops and cafes.

### Conadilly Court Serviced Apartments

377 Conadilly Street  
ph: 0428 425 163

email: lawnandgardens@bigpond.com  
Two comfortable, fully furnished and decorated apartments. Close to shops, churches, club & restaurant.

### Roseneath Manor Bed & Breakfast

91 Maitland Street  
ph: 02 6742 1906

Victorian heritage Circa 1878 home. Located off highway. 4 guest rooms sharing 2 bathrooms. Home style country breakfast available. Motorbike and pet friendly.

## Shopping

Gunnedah has managed to retain that wonderful main street shopping vibe that attracts people from around the region. You'll find a traditional country department store, locally owned boutique stores as well as major chain stores and supermarkets. From chain stores to chain saws you'll find it in Gunnedah.





## Eating Out

Gunnedah has all your dining and entertainment needs covered with a variety of dining options – casual restaurants, popular takeaways and pub grub on offer.

Call into the Gunnedah Visitor Information Centre for a full list of places to eat or log onto [www.infogunnedah.com.au](http://www.infogunnedah.com.au).

## Services & Clubs

### Gunnedah Visitor Information Centre

Anzac Park, South Street  
Free call 1800 KOALAS (1800 562 527)  
or 02 6740 2230  
fax: 02 6740 2237

email: [tourism@infogunnedah.com.au](mailto:tourism@infogunnedah.com.au)  
web: [www.infogunnedah.com.au](http://www.infogunnedah.com.au)

Coach & trailer parking, souvenirs & gifts, accommodation and tour bookings, Dorothea Mackellar Memorial wing.

Open 7 days Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm & Saturday – Sunday 10am to 3pm. (Closed Christmas Day & Good Friday).

### Gunnedah Radio Taxi Service

ph: 02 6742 0069

### Budget Car Rental

ph: 02 6742 2677

### Gunnedah Services & Bowling Club

313 Conadilly Street

ph: 02 6742 0400

fax: 02 6742 2140

email: [gdhservicesclub@bigpond.com.au](mailto:gdhservicesclub@bigpond.com.au)

The best in country service. Full club facilities, regular entertainment, Dining 7 days (lunch & dinner). Sunday breakfast – all you can eat.

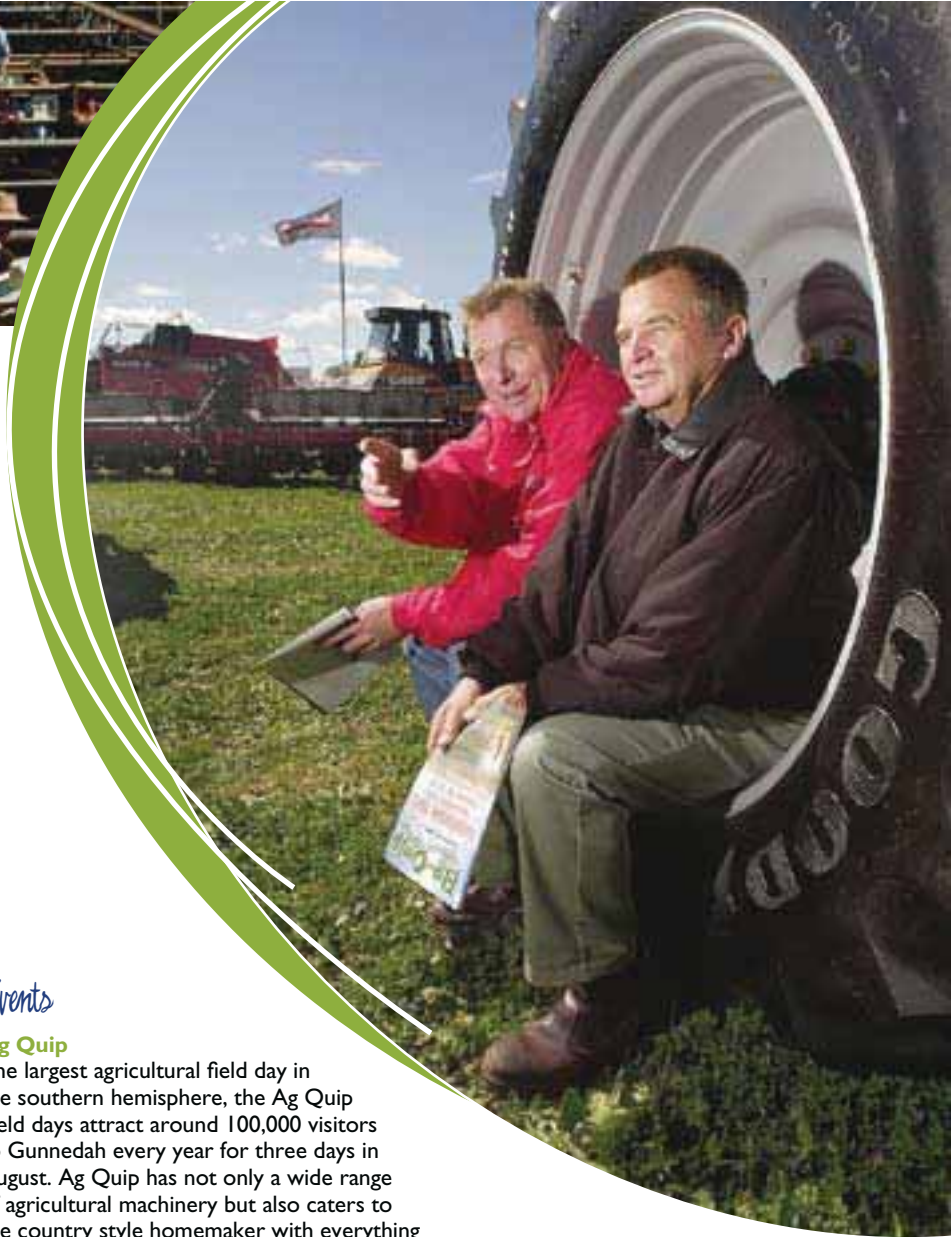
### Gunnedah Golf Club

George Street

ph: 02 6742 2111

fax: 02 6742 5030

The "A Grade" 18 hole course offers bent greens, full time professional, with all equipment hire. Catering for social and competition golf as well as visiting and corporate days. Excellent dining and gaming facilities.



## Events

### Ag Quip

The largest agricultural field day in the southern hemisphere, the Ag Quip Field days attract around 100,000 visitors to Gunnedah every year for three days in August. Ag Quip has not only a wide range of agricultural machinery but also caters to the country style homemaker with everything from clothes to bed linen.

For a full list of up-coming events go to [www.infogunnedah.com.au](http://www.infogunnedah.com.au)

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