

# Inverell

*Place of surprises & contrasts*



The Inverell Business Centre is renowned for one of the best shopping centres in country NSW with trading seven days per week. All facilities are available to the shopper, with coffee lounges, clubs and good old pub counter lunches to tempt the taste buds.

Stop to discover the district at Tourism Inverell's large complex, view a great range of local product and tourist information for the whole of New South Wales & Queensland. The staff are waiting to welcome you to Inverell "The Sapphire City".

## Attractions

### Inverell Transport Museum

The Inverell Transport Museum consists of a growing and changing display of cars, trucks, fire engines, motorcycles, tractors, bicycles, pedal cars, scooters and numerous models and transport related items. As well as a huge variety of the more popular makes of vehicles, there are some rare and exotic creations on display. Such makes as the 1906 Reliable Dayton, Moon, Diana, Turcat Mery,

Inverell is located on the western edge of the New England Tablelands in a pretty valley with the Macintyre River.

Chenard Wackler and Bristol can only be seen at The Transport Museum. New displays are added at all times, so it always looks different.

### Inverell Pioneer Village

Take a walk down memory lane through this village with its authentic buildings, working engines and memorabilia. A beautiful recreated Village with all local buildings holding district treasures.

Many different displays are housed within the buildings, War Museum, Gem & Mineral Display, Photographic & Camera Display, Local Government Museum, unique lock collection and many others. Not to be out done is a huge range of steam engines, (some working), horse drawn vehicles from large station wagons to graceful carriages of the gentry housed in large display sheds. See the district's proud history on display.

### Fossicking

Fossicking is available at public reserves throughout the district and you can try your luck, especially our sapphires for which we are known. The Poolbrook Gems Park, 7 Oaks Sapphire Fossicking Park & Billabong Blue Fossicking Park are a great destinations for fossickers, offering advice, equipment hire and scenic creek picnic sites, these private properties are open for visitors and locals alike to try their luck. View local sapphires being cut and polished at the Dejon Sapphire Centre which is open every day for viewing and to try your luck at Fossicking by the bucket which is the easy way. The Gem Centre and The Inverell Jewellers located in the centre of town is also a must see with their huge range of local sapphires on-site where cutting of the stones may be viewed or visit

Billabong Blue Sapphires located next to Tourism Inverell to discover the fabulous Inverell Sapphire rough or cut. Inverell Gem & Mineral Shop has a great range of Australian Gems & Minerals for sale and Lapidary & Faceting supplies.

### Sapphire Tea Gardens

Open Wednesday to Sunday and everyday during New South Wales School Holidays, come and see local sapphires & jewellery on display, with sales and cutting service available. Also see the Antiques & Collectables gallery. Savour the beautiful Devonshire teas, lunches and local honey and also enjoy a stroll through the lovely gardens. Open to all with large groups and coaches catered for.

### Copeton Northern Foreshores

Just 17kms from Inverell with powered and unpowered sites, amenities block available with fishing, skiing, fossicking birdwatching, boating etc available. Playground, picnic areas, boat ramp and resident caretaker are all within the reserve.

### Art and Craft

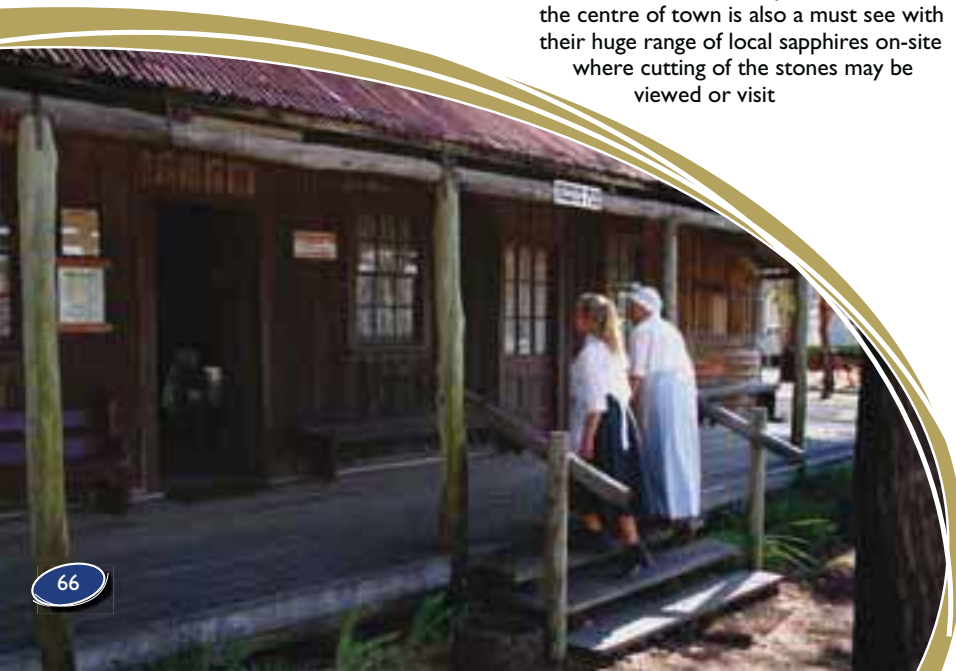
Arts, crafts, antiques, woodturning can be found at several locations, Inverell Art Gallery with Exhibitions throughout the year and Local Product for sale and on display. See some exquisite Antiques and Art & Craft at Kottage Kiya whilst enjoying a fabulous morning/afternoon tea. New England Wood Turning has an extensive range of woodturned products made on location. Classes are also conducted on a regular basis.

### Kwiambal National Park

Lies on the scenic junction of the Severn and Macintyre Rivers. The park features woodlands, rugged valleys and waterfalls, with long waterholes lined with red river gum. All weather roads lead to the Macintyre Falls Area and the Lemon Tee Flat Picnic & Camping Area beside the Severn River. Visitors can enjoy five different walking tracks and perhaps catch a fish if they throw in a line. The Ashford Caves in the park are home to rare bats, and visitors with their own lighting can see the limestone formations.

### Kings Plains National Park

Kings Plains Creek runs through this park and bush walkers and bird watchers will enjoy the spring wildflowers and unusually rich variety of birds. Visitors can picnic or use the walk in campsites beside the creek.





**Barayamal National Park**

This is a special site as it protects a very rare part of the original white box woodlands. This type of woodland on the growing fertile black basalt soils was often the first to be cleared for farming. Barayamal is an important area to manage and conserve native wildlife, especially the insects, birds and mammals that depend on grasses and seeds. As this is very close to town, this National Park is very popular with school groups and walkers. Barayamal is Aboriginal for Black Swan which is seen in the area.

**Pindari Dam**

East of Ashford is a lovely part of the world and is a boating haven and excellent fishing is offered in the dam and the many streams that feed it. Boat ramp, picnic & BBQ areas and a modern amenities block.

**The Gwydir Olives Factory**

Take a moment and visit the shop – taste the oils, the factory produces many different varieties of olive oil, olives, soap and much more. Tours through the factory can be arranged for groups.

**Olives of Beaulieu**

Visit an Olive Grove. Walk through a Grove and see different varieties, tempt your Taste Buds with Olive Oil Tasting. Learn the health benefits of using olive oil products. Taste tempting morning & afternoon teas.

**New England Estate Wines**

Located on the Highway at Delungra, taste premium quality wines from a beautiful part of the country at the Cellar. The Thomas Family has produced fine beverages since 1880. Morning/Afternoon Teas and Lunch available. Tastings and sales 7 days a week.

**Gilgai Winery**

Revived an industry which started in the district as early as 1849. Nestled amongst mature applebox gums, you will find Gilgai Estate Winery, Vineyard and recently renovated cellar door. Established in 1975 the Winery produces a range of quality red and white table wines and delicious fortified wines.

**Dumaresq Valley Vineyard**

Located in the northern reaches of the shire along the Bruxner Highway. Nestled by the Dumaresq river, vines bask lazily in an abundance of sunshine, producing a range of elegant wines.

**Reserves**

Beautiful natural attractions such as Goonowigall State Conservation Area & Lake Inverell Reserve offer walking tracks and an abundance of Flora & Fauna.

**Kings Plains Castle**

Step back in time and stay in a real Scottish castle. The castle features exclusive 9 room bed & breakfast accommodation, in beautifully appointed period furniture rooms. Open Thursday through to Sunday. Groups are welcome for morning/afternoon teas etc.

**Blair Athol Estate**

This lovely old mansion, built around 1904, has all the charm and spacious grandeur of its era and offers beautifully appointed rooms in historic surrounds. The gardens surrounding the home are truly magnificent.

Accommodation of all types and styles are available for you to relax in when you are discovering the district. A turn of the century Manor Home, well appointed B & B's, Quality Motels, Country Pubs, Very Good Caravan Parks or Camping.

Why not visit the Sapphire City - Inverell, for the time of your life, something for all to enjoy

**Tourism Inverell**

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web: [inverell-online.com.au](http://inverell-online.com.au)

**Gwydir Olives P/L**

35 Brissett Street, Inverell 2360  
ph: 02 6721 2727  
OPEN: Mon – Fri: 9am – 5pm. Taste the olives and oils produced at this factory. Sales also available.

**Billabong Blue Sapphires**

Tourism Inverell Complex  
Campbell Street, Inverell 2360  
ph: 02 6721 0500  
Local Sapphires available rough or cut.  
Cutter on site, jewellery featuring local gems & minerals.

*Calendar Of Events:*

**JAN**

- Inverell Jockey Club Cup Race Day
- Australia Day Celebrations at the Inverell Pioneer Village

**FEB** - Inverell Show

**MAR**

- Inverell Arts Society Exhibition
- Opera in the Paddock

**APR** - Inverell East Easter Bowling Carnival

**JUN** - Inverell Arts Society Winter Exhibition

**AUG** - Inverell Eisteddfod

**SEPT** - Grafton to Inverell Cycling Classic

**OCT**

- Telstra Country Wide Sapphire City Festival
- Inverell Arts Society Major Awards Exhibition

**NOV** - Inverell Arts Society Xmas Fair

**DEC**

- Venetian Carnival
- Fishing Festival
- Inverell Jockey Club Boxing Day Meeting



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## **Inverell Transport Museum**

Taylor Ave, Inverell 2360

ph: 02 6721 2270

OPEN: Daily 10am – 4pm. See one of the largest collections of vehicles on the eastern seaboard. Large display of G.T. Falcons and a number of rare cars.

## **New England Estate Wines**

Gwydir Hwy, Delungra 2403

ph: 02 6724 8508

OPEN: Daily 9.30am – 5.30pm. Premium quality wines, wine tasting at the Cellar. Meals available, groups are most welcome.

## **Olives Of Beaulieu**

Copeton Dam Road, Inverell 2360

ph: 02 67221458

OPEN: Wed – Sun 10am – 5pm. Experience the pleasure walking in an olive grove. Taste wonderful olive products along with “Tasty Fair”, tea and coffee.

## **The Gem Centre**

Byron St, Inverell 2360

ph: 02 6722 1290

OPEN: Mon – Fri: 9am – 5pm. Sat: 9am – 12pm. Beautiful display of local Sapphires and precious gem stones for sale. Cutting, faceting can be viewed.

## **Dejon Sapphire Centre**

Glen Innes Road, Inverell 2360

ph: 02 6723 2222

OPEN: Mon – Sun: 9am – 5pm. See the Sapphire industry on show. Sorting, faceting, cut stones, gifts & fossicking.

## **Dumaresq Valley Vineyard**

Bruxner Highway, Bonshaw 2361

ph: 02 6737 5281

OPEN: Daily 9am – 5pm. Enjoy a large range of wines enjoying the peaceful country atmosphere.

## **Inverell Pioneer Village**

Tingha Road, Inverell 2360

ph: 02 6722 1717

OPEN: Tues – Sun 10am – 5pm. Summer. 10am – 4pm winter. 7days during N.S.W. School Holidays. Enjoy a stroll through this beautifully appointed village. All buildings are authentic and from the local district.

## **Sapphire Tea Gardens**

Copeton Dam Road, Inverell 2360

ph: 02 6721 1448

OPEN: Wed – Sun 9.30am – 4.30pm  
7 Days during N.S.W. School holidays. Gifts, paintings, pottery, arts & crafts are displayed together with a great collection of sapphires and other jewellery.

## **New England Woodturning**

Ponds Road, Gilgai 2360

ph: 02 6723 1350

OPEN: Tues – Sat 9am – 4pm. View woodturning demonstrations and a full range of woodturning supplies and a collection of woodturned items for sale.

## **7 Oaks Fossicking Park**

Rickeys Lane, Inverell 2360

ph: 02 672 51582

OPEN: Everyday 9am - 4pm. Private fossicking park for visitors to enjoy. Luck could be on your side looking for Sapphires & Zircons.

## **Inverell Art Gallery**

Evans Street, Inverell 2360

ph: 02 6722 4983

OPEN: Mon – Fri: 10am – 5pm  
Sat: 10am – 1pm. Displays a wide range of paintings, Handmade pottery and crafts. Special exhibitions are a regular feature.

## **Billabong Blue Fossicking Park**

Woodstock Road, Inverell 2360

ph: 02 6721 0500 alh: 6722 4154

OPEN: Wed – Sun 10am – 4pm. Daily during N.S.W. School Holidays. Private Fossicking Park open to visitors. Find Sapphires & Zircons with satisfaction assured.

## **Kottage Kiya Gallery**

Nullamanna Road, Inverell 2360

ph: 02 6722 2781

OPEN: Weekends. Public Holidays. NSW School Holidays 9am – 5pm Wide range of antiques, bric-a-brac, artworks, painting & pottery, morning and afternoon teas.

## **Poolbrook Gems Fossicking Park**

Rickeys Lane, Nullamanna 2360

ph: 02 6722 2781

OPEN: Weekends, Public Holidays, NSW School Holidays. 9am – 5pm. On-site advice on fossicking, new sapphire wash, lovely picnic spots.

## **Green Valley Farm**

New Valley Road, Tingha 2369

ph: 02 6723 3370

OPEN: Daily 9.30am – 5.30pm.

Fabulous playground, mini golf, zoo, museum, waterslide, gardens, picnic/ BBQ areas, kiosk.

## **Wing Hing Long Museum Inc.**

Ruby Street, Tingha 2369

ph: 02 6723 3432

OPEN: Tues & Thurs 10am – 4pm.

Sat & Sun 10am – 4pm. A living museum of a store built in 1881 and ran in its original state until 1998, in fact the museum is still a general store.

## **The Inverell Jewellers**

24 Otho Street, Inverell 2360

ph: 02 6722 1886

OPEN: Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm, Saturday 9am – 12Noon. Variety of local sapphires set in silver or gold, faceting on site and view gem cutting.

## *Accommodation:*

### **MOTELS:**

#### **Inverell Motel**

Otho Street, Inverell 2360

ph: 02 6722 2077

Located in the centre of town. Double storey, 24 units, family rooms, non smoking units, air-con, meals to units, dry cleaning, elec blankets.

#### **Top of the Town Motel**

Warialda Road, Inverell 2360

ph: 02 6722 4044

Located on the western edge of town. All ground units with off street parking. Best Western Motel. 21 units, family rooms, disabled unit, Non smoking rooms available, pool, restaurant.

#### **Sapphire City Motel Inverell**

34 Glen Innes Road, Inverell 2360

ph: 02 6722 2500

17 Units, family units, all ground floor, air cond. Elec blankets, off-street parking, dinner to units. Opposite bowling club





### **Inverell Terrace Motor Lodge**

28 Warialda Road, Inverell 2360

ph: 02 6722 5200

18 units, 3 bedroom cottage, smoke free, chemical free, Austar, broadband, air-conditioned, elect blankets, BBQ area, close to CBD.

### **Cousins Motor Inn**

9 Glen Innes Road, Inverell 2360

ph: 02 6722 3566

18 units, non smoking units, air cond, spas, queen beds, elec blkts, pool, dinner to units, movies, dry cleaning. Close to town centre.

### **Twin Swans Motel**

189 Glen Innes Road, Inverell 2360

ph: 02 6722 2622

NRMA Special Rates, 26 units, air cond, elec blkts, restaurant, pool, dry cleaning, eastern edge of town.

## *Bed & Breakfast/Cottages*

### **Blair Athol Estate**

Warialda Road, Inverell 2360

ph: 02 6722 4288

fax: 02 6722 4188

A wonderful turn of the century manor house, accommodation is old world, elegant and comfortable, lovely garden views from every room, only 6 minutes from town.

### **Inverell Serviced Apartment**

Sweaney Street, Inverell 2360

ph: 02 6722 5373 (bh)

al/h: 02 6722 3995

Sleeps up to 8. Two large bedrooms, modern dining & lounge rooms, Full sized kitchen, laundry & BBQ area.

### **Margarets Cottage**

Tingha Road, Gilgai 2360

ph: 02 6723 1396

Fully self contained two bedroom accommodation in a quiet rural setting. Short drive from Inverell.

### **Postmans Cottage**

6 Brae Street, Inverell 2360

ph: 02 6722 4288

Heritage listed 3 bedroom self contained cottage built in the 1890s. Close to town centre.

### **Kings Plains Castle**

Kings Plains Road, Via Inverell 2360

ph: 02 6733 6808

Exclusive accommodation in a real life scottish castle. Open Thursday to Sunday. Stay in elegant appointed accommodation.

### **Rumbalara**

#### **Cottage**

Kookaburra Lane,

Inverell 2360

ph: 02 6722 4055

Modern Self contained 2 bedroom cottage set on 10 acres. Views over town and Macintyre Valley.

### **Wynona Cottage**

32 Brae Street,

Inverell 2360

ph: 02 6721 3082

Two bedroom cottage. Sleeps up to 4. Fully self contained. BBQ, children's play equipment and pool.

## *Caravan Parks*

### **Sapphire City Caravan Park**

Moore Street,

Inverell 2360

ph: 02 6722 1830

Ensuite cabins with air-cond, camping & van sites, clean amenities, BBQ & picnic area, pool, pets allowed, quiet park with established trees.

### **Fossickers Rest Caravan Park**

Lake Inverell Drive,

Inverell 2360

ph: 02 6722 2261

Air-cond. cabins, ensuite sites, quiet – off Hwy location, On site fossicking, pool, kiosk BBQ & playground, pets allowed.

### **Inverell Caravan Park**

Glen Innes Road, Inverell 2360

ph: 02 6722 3036

Air-cond cabins, queen beds available, powered & unpowered sites, tourist only park, pool, BBQ Area, pets welcome, Closed to CBD.

## *Services*

### **TOURISM Inverell**

Campbell Street

Inverell 2360

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email: [tourism@inverell.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tourism@inverell.nsw.gov.au)

Call into our centre for friendly advice on the Inverell & District. See the photographic display, Gem & Mining display and much more. We look forward to welcoming you to the "Sapphire City".

### **Copeton Waters State Park**

Copeton Dam

ph: 02 6723 6269

A holiday mecca for all water sport lovers or those who just wish to relax in tranquil surrounds. Well appointed accommodation, kiosk, manager on site, fishermens delight, waterslides, playgrounds, tennis, golf and much more. Spend a day, weekend or longer. You can play all year round.

## **Inverell Visitors Centre**

Campbell St

ph: 02 6728 8161

f: 02 6728 8166

