

Narrabri

An area of great contrasts



The untamed beauty of Mt Kaputar National Park and the Pilliga Forest, the enlightening joy of a visit to Narrabri's Australian Cotton Centre and the wondrous CSIRO Australia Telescope are just a few suggestions of how to spend your time in the Narrabri Shire. Your stay can be as active or laidback as you like in this attractive country town. Set in the heart of the rich Namoi Valley, Narrabri is home to 7500 residents who enjoy shopping, good sporting facilities and a great way of life. Visitors and locals alike are faced with a wide selection of eating experiences with many menus incorporating fine local produce such as olives, wine and award winning pasta, made of high quality durum wheat grown in the Bellata area. Accommodation is plentiful and of excellent standard. It includes motels, caravan parks, B&B's and farmstays, either self catering or fully pampered. Please read on for some details on how you can enjoy a safe and memorable stay in Narrabri.



Narrabri is fast becoming a preferred choice as a stopover point for travellers, from north and south, due to the vibrant mix of ancient natural attractions and state of the art entertainment which please visitors of all ages.

Australian Cotton Exhibition Centre

- Fun for all ages -
Newell Highway
ph: (02) 6792 6443
or: 1300 663 853
fax: (02) 6792 5993
email: info@australiancottoncentre.com.au
web: www.australiancottoncentre.com.au
In the heart of cotton country, found right next door to the Visitor Information Centre is the Australian Cotton Exhibition Centre. This "must see" exhibition showcase of the Australian Cotton Industry, will take you on the journey of cotton "from field to fabric" and beyond. Whilst inside view the new "water exhibit" that has been added to the suite of ten interactive and fun exhibits, telling the story of this dynamic Australian Industry.

Kids and adults alike can't resist climbing into the driver's seat of "Big Red", the real cotton picker housed within the centre. Then finish off with a browse through the many by-products in the wonderful cotton gift shop.
OPEN 7 DAYS 8.30am - 4.30pm (except Christmas Day and Boxing Day.) A small entry fee applies to exhibition area and entry into the gift shop is free! (See advertisement on back cover)

Mt Kaputar National Park

ph: (02) 6792 7300
fax: (02) 6792 1133
Ever since the early pioneers gazed at the lofty range just east of Narrabri, planning to turn it into an alpine retreat, the distinctive Mt Kaputar National Park, with its chimney shaped plug and deep gorges, has beckoned all who pass anywhere near it. An all weather road leads right to the 1512 metre summit of the "ecological island". A wide diversity of flora and fauna can be found along the 11 marked walking tracks and spectacular views await. From the top of the Mt Kaputar lookout one tenth of New South Wales can be viewed on a clear day!

The two camping areas offer hot showers gas/ electric barbeques and there are three cabins within the park. Unfortunately caravans cannot travel to the summit area of the park because of the steep narrow road.

SAWN ROCKS, Mother Nature's masterpiece is located within Mt Kaputar National Park. Sawn Rocks was formed approximately 21 million years ago (give or take a few thousand years). This very accessible basalt rock formation is just north of Narrabri on the Bingara road. About half an hour's drive and an easy ten minute walk on a sealed track leads you to Sawn Rocks, where you'd think a stonemason had just knocked off for the day. There is a barbeque and picnic area and toilets.

CSIRO Australia Telescope

Yarrie Lake Rd
ph: (02) 6790 4070 fax: (02) 6790 4090
email: atnf-narrabri-outreach@csiro.au
web: www.csiro.au/narrabriobservatory
25km west of Narrabri the six dishes of the radio telescope silently probe the southern skies seeking to unlock the secrets of deep space. A series of interactive exhibits in the garden at the Australia Telescope visitor's centre are sure to explain the wonders of radio astronomy. Open daily, general admission is free. The Visitor's centre is unstaffed, but visitors are welcome to enter the building and view the video. Group sessions are available for 15 or more people for a fee of \$3.00 per person or \$5 on weekends, providing a staff member is available. (Group bookings require 10 days notice.) Open: 8am - 4pm daily.

Pilliga Forest

Those travelling the highway between Narrabri and Coonabarabran will be familiar with the immense Pilliga Forest (about the size of Belgium). The forest is the largest remaining native forest on the Australian continent. It straddles the Highway for most of the 120km and reveals an amazing variety of native trees and plants providing food and shelter for native birds and animals. Enjoy one of the many forest drives. Picnic facilities are available at the Salt Caves. Bird lists and bird drives are available at the Visitor Information Centre.

The Crossing Theatre

Newell Highway

ph: (02) 6792 4654

web: www.crossingtheatre.com.au

Two state of the art movie cinemas featuring the latest release movies, a 1000 seat auditorium, café coffee shop and art gallery, housing the Narrabri Shire Civic Art Collection, travelling exhibits, functions and meeting rooms.

Bohena Olives

432 Yarrie Lake Road

ph: (02) 6792 3656

email: hjgale@bigpond.com

web: www.bohenaolives.com.au

Bohena Olives, established in 1997 is owned and operated by the Gale family. Walk among the olive trees, taste fresh local extra virgin olive oil & delicious kalamata and manzanillo olives. Pamper yourself with beautiful hand made, natural body care products.

Open by appointment

Namoi Valley Aquafarm

Jacks Creek Rd

ph: (02) 6792 1212

mob: 0429 202 483

Steven Grammer: 0429 202 483

Ron Von Harten: 0417 409 551

email: nvaqua@bigpond.com

This is the first Native fish hatchery to become Accredited in NSW under a Government Hatchery Quality Assurance Scheme, it is also the largest Aquaculture farm in the state with over 50 ponds. Murray cod, Golden perch (yellowbelly), silver perch, eel tailed catfish and yabbies are bred and supplied throughout NSW for native fish restocking programs, also for private and aquaculture programs throughout Australia and also exported overseas. Breeding and harvest programs run periodically all year visitors are welcome for a self guided tour of the facilities for a small gate fee (BBQ and picnic area on farm) ponds are available for catching yabbies the old fashion way of meat and string (great fun for the kids).

Guided tours small and large groups by booking ahead (can include light tea or lunch inclusive).

Wee Waa

The oldest town in the Namoi Valley with distinctive architecture such as the Imperial Hotel and the Court House. Boutique shopping & a visit to the local Namoi Echo Museum and Seplin Estate Winery is a must.

Cuttabri Wine Shanty est. 1882

Pilliga Road

ph: (02) 6796 2240

The Cuttabri Wine Shanty was issued with the second wine shanty license in NSW and is thought to be the only one operating today. Step back in time to Australia's early pioneering days; enjoy a meal and a taste of nostalgia in the dining room or a quiet drink on the verandah. Enjoy country hospitality at its best courtesy of Cuttabri's enthusiastic owners Tracey & Barry Stokes. Open 7 days, dine in or takeaway, morning/afternoon teas, Coaches welcome, book ahead for functions.

Pilliga & Burren Junction Hot Artesian Bore Baths

Pilliga & Burren Junction Bore Baths are a popular stopover for those wanting to relax & enjoy the therapeutic hot artesian bore bath springs. Bush camping is available at Pilliga & Burren Junction.

Boggabri

From Narrabri the Kamilaroi Highway joins the Newell Highway through the picturesque township of Boggabri, an area rich in agriculture & coal. A visit to the Boggabri museum offers a fascinating journey back in time.

Accommodation / Motels

Aalbany Motel ★★★

38 Cooma Road

(Newell Highway)

ph: (02) 6792 4211

fax: (02) 6792 6142

Reservations: 1800 024 211

email: aalbanymotel@bigpond.com.au

Country hospitality & personalised service are you're at our family owned & operated motel, located on the south side of town. 11 Luxury ground floor units, queen beds, heating/cooling, TV, Microwaves, DD phone, meals to rooms, wireless internet, free Austar, BBQ area & saltwater pool. Quality Affordable accommodation, Senior & Auto club rates available.

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Aaron Inn Motel ★★★

137 Barwan Street, (Newell Highway)
ph: (02) 6792 4000 fax: (02) 6792 1354
email: admin@aaroninnmotel.com.au
web: www.aaroninnmotel.com.au

11 Luxury ground floor units, 200m to bowls club, KFC and McDonalds. Easy walk to cinemas and Cotton Centre. Pool, BBQ, queens beds, colour TV, Free Astar, wireless internet and air conditioning.

Bellview Motel ★★★

132 Barwan Street (cnr Newell Highway)
ph: (02) 6792 3844 fax: (02) 6792 3957
email: admin@bellviewmotelnarrabri.com.au
web: www.bellviewmotelnarrabri.com.au

Budget Chain. Clean modern ground floor units, queen beds, moderate tariffs, reverse cycle air conditioning, Astar TV inc movies & sport, fax, wireless internet, pool, boat and trailer parking area. Close to town centre Inc: Pubs, bowling club, KFS, McDonalds, crossing theatre, cinemas, supermarkets & shops. Friendly country service. Best value in town.

The Club Motor Inn

Cnr Barwan & Kilarney St
ph: (02) 6792 3191 fax: (02) 6792 4438
Narrabri's newest motel. All air conditioned ground floor units, queen beds, disabled rooms, family rooms, pool, tea & coffee, Astar, internet, opp KFC & McDonalds. Main street access – walk thru to the Bowling Club.

Comfort Inn Midtown ★★★

41 Maitland Street ph: (02) 6792 2233
fax: (02) 6792 3918 Reservations: 1800 355 180

Formerly Flag Chain. In the main street, away from highway noise, close to RSL, shops, restaurants and hotels. All 19 ground floor with reverse cycle split system air con, toaster, tea/coffee making facilities and free 8 Astar channels, wireless internet, secluded pool. We provide country hospitality that Narrabri is noted for.

Country Comfort Motel ★★★

174 Maitland St
ph: (02) 6792 1488 fax: (02) 6792 1954
Conveniently located in the shopping centre and next to the Bowling club. 27 ground floor luxury units including 2 room family units, fully air conditioned 10 suites with spa baths. Licensed restaurant, Pool and spa, Astar, off the highway.

Kaputar Motel ★★★

22-24 Cooma Rd (Newell Highway- South Side)
ph: (02) 6792 1550 fax: (02) 6792 4481
email: kaputar_motel@internode.on.net
web: www.kaputarmotel.com.au

Enjoy real country hospitality, Affordable ground floor units with wide verandas, queen sized beds, air conditioning, fax facilities, Astar, meals to rooms 7 days, saltwater pool, BBQ area. Family Owned & operated.

Nandewar Motor Inn ★★★

Newell Highway (south side) ph: (02) 6792 1155
fax: (02) 6792 2889 Toll free: 1800 027 941
Pool, trampoline, rooms with spas, interconnecting rooms, BBQ, half tennis court, playground, outdoor function area available. Set in three acres of gardens. Licensed restaurant, 44 air conditioned units. Free Astar, broadband wireless, Qantas frequent flyer & AAA special rates.

Southern Cross Motor Inn ★★★

24 Maitland Street
ph: (02) 6792 3838 fax: (02) 6792 4848
30 ground floor luxury units. Family units available. Pool, BBQ, in quiet location off the highway. Spacious parking available. Opposite RSL where charge back is available with restaurant, close to shops and sporting facilities.

Tommos Motor Lodge ★★

Newell Highway (South Side)
ph: (02) 6792 1922 fax: (02) 6792 4235
Reservations: 1800 641 922
email: tommos@ceinternet.com.au
Quiet ground floor units, queen beds, air con, microwave available, meals, Astar, BBQ, spacious grounds, pool, broadband, boat and trailer parking, family operated. Stay and play golf packages. Best hospitality on the Newell.

Caravan Parks and Camping

Big Sky Caravan Park ★★

Tibbereena Street
Booking: (02) 6792 1294
web: www.bigskycaravanpark.com.au

Quiet, clean, OFF HIGHWAY, Easy Access.
5th wheelers, buses, motor homes, grassed drive thru sites. Ensuited cabins R/C air con, and colour TV. Linen for hire.
Grassed camping area. Laundry facilities. Gas BBQ, Highspeed wireless internet, internet hotspot & Kwik gas. Walk to eateries and RSL. No dogs or cats.

Highway Tourist Village ★★★

Newell Highway
ph: (02) 6792 1438 fax: (02) 6792 3010
Email: stay@caravanparknarrabri.com.au
Top Tourist Park CCIA, CRVA member
Owner operated by Barbara and Craig Rothwell
Cabins and ensuite cabins, drive through sites, solar heated pool, BBQ. Play area and camp kitchen and free wireless internet. Pets welcome. Ask at reception for your discount entry voucher to Australian Cotton Centre.

Yarrie Lake

Yarrie Lake Road
ph: 0427 666 105 or (02) 6799 6760
Yarrie Lake on the edge of the Pilliga Scrub is a paradise for camping, bird watching, water sports or just catching a yabbie. Great for caravans, motor homes or tents. Toilets, hot showers, shelters, picnic tables & camp oven pits & BBQ's provided. Full time caretaker/ powered and unpowered sites are available. No pets permitted.

Yerra Stays.

Yerra

Newell Highway ph/fax: (02) 6793 8340
email: yerra@mpx.com.au
Feel like a great country stay? Beautifully restored original homestead, stunning sunrises over the Nandewar Ranges, crystal clear star gazing. Catering for individuals, couples, families, groups up to 32, swimming pool, tennis court, table tennis, pool table, small seminar venue & outdoor undercover BBQ area. Meals if pre-arranged or self catering. All pets welcome, horse facilities.

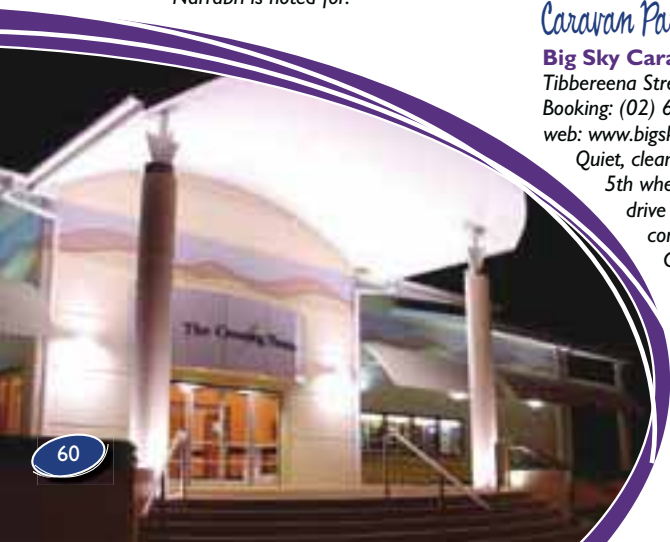
Nomads @ Cryon

Weetonga Kamilaroi Highway
Cryon via Walgett
ph: (02) 6828 5237 fax: (02) 6828 5211
email: info@nomadscryon.com
web: www.nomadscryon.com
A beautifully restored old inn offers accommodation, a licensed restaurant, conference facilities and holiday/group packages & discounts in a farm and bush setting. Located 55 km east of Walgett on the Kamilaroi Highway.

Eating Out

The Outback Shack Bar & Grill

Where you can expect the unexpected
Narrabri RSL Club, Maitland Street
ph: (02) 6792 1202 fax: (02) 6792 6418
Take a step back in time and enjoy the magical décor of Narrabri's early pioneer years. Sit back, relax and enjoy the bush thunderstorm simulation whilst enjoying great company and sumptuous food. We offer an amazingly diverse menu, from sensational steaks and seafood to simple fare, with a super kids meal deal. The Outback Shack Bar & Grill is a Unique Dining Experience with attentive and friendly service. Open 7 days for lunch & dinner. Reserve your table NOW!!!



Narrabri Bowling Club – Gourmet Goblet

176 Maitland St, ph: (02) 67926420

“Modern menu with a twist of the old. Something delicious for everyone.” Atmosphere, modern cuisine, affordable & families welcome. Dinner 6-9pm Lunch 12-2pm 7 days.

Narrabri Bowling Club

ph: (02) 6792 2566

3 championship greens, friendly atmosphere, excellent service, great facilities, ATM, raffles, bingo, Full TAB, Keno, meeting rooms. Open 9am 7 days.

McDonalds Family Restaurant

Newell Highway ph: (02) 6792 4396

Open 6am -10pm, McCafe 7 days. Caravan, coaches' welcome, easy parking, kids playground. Fast and friendly service, baby change & disabled facilities.

Subway

3/155 Maitland Street

ph: (02) 6792 5853 fax: (02) 6792 5538

email: subwaynarrabri@bigpond.com

Open 8am -9pm 7 days, phone or fax orders for pick-up, subway subs, wraps and salads, expresso coffee, fast friendly service. Breakfast and Dinner specials, eat in or takeaway, platter and party catering. Walk through from highway near park amenities. SUBWAY – EAT FRESH.

Watson's Kitchen

Maitland Street ph: (02) 6792 1366

Open 6am – 5pm Mon – Friday 6am – 1pm sat 7am – 12pm Sun. Delicious award winning deluxe pies, cakes, speciality breads or enjoy a cappuccino in our alfresco seating or air conditioned comfort inside. Coaches welcome.

Watson's Kitchen Express bakery

(Newell Highway side) Open 7 days

8am – 7.30pm. A Great range of local produce & bakery products.

Services

Narrabri Shire Visitor Information Centre

Newell Highway

toll free: 1800 659 931 fax: (02) 6799 6766

Tourist Information, souvenirs, delicious local produce, clean toilets, BBQs, internet access, plenty of parking for caravan and motorhomes.

Open: 9 – 5pm Mon – Fri 9am – 2pm Sat/Sun & public holidays

BP Service Station

Newell Highway

ph: (02) 6792 4427 fax: (02) 6792 4455

Bp fleet, Motor pass, and all credit cards accepted, auto and bottled gas, premium and BP Ultimate, driveway accessible to larger vehicles & caravans, parking bay, close to playground, park and lake, great area to run the dog, accessories, take-away food. Dine in meals, 7 days from 5am -9.00pm (Mon – Sat) 7.00am – 8.30pm Sun & public holidays.

C&D Electronics

145 Maitland St ph: (02)6792 3274

Tandy Electrical store

Hours: 8.30am - 5 Mon - Fri, 9 - 12Sat.

Internet Kiosk

Tibbereena St (Newell Hwy)

Hours: 9-4pm Mon – Fri and bookings on Sat.

Want to log on to ADSL service? Got a problem with hardware? Two qualified technicians can fix it. Service agents for Octek, Optima, Acer, Leading Edge. We can also top up internet and mobile phone accounts.

Tapscott's Shell Service Station &

Peppertree Cottage

Opp Visitor's Centre,

Newell Highway

Service Station: (02) 6792 1932

Open 7 days 7am -9pm Mon-Frid 7am -8pm Sat & Sun for friendly drive way service. Accept Bi-Io/Coles/ liquor land docketts.

Peppertree Cottage

177 Maitland Street, Narrabri

ph: (02) 6792 3000

For gifts with style, Crabtree & Evelyn, Jan Logan Jewellery, Local Gourmet Food. Open: Mon – Frid 9am -5.30pm Sat 9am -12pm.

C & L Motors Pty Ltd

NRMA agents

121 Barwan Street ph: (02) 6792 2514

Mechanical repairs, windscreens, friendly service.

NRMA

ph: (02) 6792 4452

24 hour road/breakdown service.

NRMA Insurance

77 Maitland Street ph: (02) 6792 1188

All insurance, maps, Int Drivers licenses.

Edgeroi Fuel Shop

Newell Highway Edgeroi

ph: (02) 6793 8375

26km north of Narrabri, tasty snacks, discount liquor, shady picnic area, Open 6.30am – 7.30pm. Normally the cheapest fuel on the Newell.

Events:

March

- Narrabri Twilight Rodeo
- Nosh on the Namoi
- Narrabri Picnic Races

April

- Boggabri Drivers Campfire weekend
- Wee Waa Campdraft
- Narrabri & Wee Waa Show

May

- Narrabri Golf Veterans Week

July

- Wean Picnic Races

August

- Eulah Creek Antique Machinery & Heavy Horse Show
- Galloping Gully Polocrosse

September

- Wee Waa & Narrabri Flower Shows

October

- Cuttabri Spring Fair
- Narrabri Spring Festival

Narrabri Information Centre

Newell Hwy

p: 02 6799 6760 toll free: 1800 659 931

f: 02 6799 6766