

Warrumbungle Region

Discover new horizons - Mendooran, Dunedoo, Coolah, Binnaway & Baradine

Feel like exploring an alternative route off the highway? A sealed road connects the alternate route between Gilgandra and Coonabarabran, taking you to the charming towns of Mendooran, Dunedoo, Coolah and Binnaway.

Or head north west off the highway from Coonabarabran to the peaceful town of Baradine. Discover hidden gems like quintessential country pubs, a town of colourful murals and the unspoilt beauty of Coolah Tops National Park.

MENDOORAN

Mendooran is the premier mural town of NSW and the oldest town on the Castlereagh River. The town is located just 56km off the Newell Highway along a sealed road. Today, Mendooran is like an open-air art gallery, painted with over 10 colourful murals which reflect scenes from local history and rural life, including giant black glossy cockatoos mid-flight. Don't miss the great bullock scene on the pub corner, depicting a dray team piled high with wool bales, hauled by a team of bullocks.

Mendooran Takeaway

31 Bundulla Street, Mendooran
ph: 02 6886 1718

Takeaway food and light lunches available. UHF 39

DUNEDOO

The name Dunedoo is said to derive from the local Wiradjuri Aboriginal word for 'swans' which once frequented the nearby lagoon. One of the most popular spots in town is OL Milling Park, a lovely landscaped picnic and recreation area that extends almost the entire length of the main street. It features a playground area, with sheltered BBQ's and amenities. Browse through arts and craft shops, a museum and an antique store or grab a bite to eat in a cosy café or classic country pub.

Dunedoo White Rose Café

48 Bolaro Street, Dunedoo
ph: 02 6375 1017

Open 7 days. Best food & coffee in the Central West.

Rose Cottage B & B

'East End' Whitley Street, Dunedoo
ph: 0429 724 200

Air-conditioned, self-contained cottage that sleeps 12. pool. Quiet. Overlooks golf course, walk to shops

41 Wargundy Street, Dunedoo,
ph: 02 6375 1218 or: 0428 751 218
www.redbankgums.com.au Spacious two bedroom unit. Own ensuite. Full cooking facilities or 2 separate units. Quiet area. Pets welcome.

COOLAH

The charming country town of Coolah is situated within 30kms of the stunning Coolah Tops National Park. Established as a National Park in 1996, Coolah Tops is possibly one of the best kept secrets in NSW. Take time to admire the lofty stands of open Eucalypt forests, snow gums, plentiful wildlife and panoramic views across the Liverpool Plains. A highlight is the giant grass tree walk, a 2km loop which makes you feel you've uncovered a unique part of nature. Coolah also lays claim to be the home of the original 'Black Stump'. There is a rest area that marks the spot of the Black Stump, located 10km from Coolah on the road to Gunnedah.

Cunningham Caravan Park ***

38 Cunningham St, Coolah, ph: 02 6377 1338
We offer quality accommodation from camping and powered sites to deluxe cabins.

BINNAWAY

Binnaway is a peaceful country town situated on the banks of the Castlereagh River. In its heyday of the 1920's, Binnaway was a bustling railway centre servicing over 20 steam engines weekly, acting as a vital transport link ferrying timber and grain from inland NSW to coastal markets. It was also an important junction where iron-ore from Broken Hill mines was transported to Newcastle. Today, the town offers self-drive nature and geology trails and great accommodation and pub meals. Don't miss the railway signals in the main street which celebrate the town's railway history.

Peppermint Tree Cottage Crafts

Renshaw Street, Binnaway
Nestled in the main street, take time to explore this charming craft shop and book exchange. Here you will find an interesting range of home-made crafts including hand knitted jumpers, wooden toys and beautiful patchwork quilts. There is also a great range of Binnaway souvenirs available including T-shirts, caps, coffee mugs, glasses and magnets.
OPEN Mon and Wed - Sat, 9:30am - 1pm
(closed Tuesdays and Sundays)

Exchange Hotel Binnaway

Yarran Street, ph: 02 6844 1501
Meals, accommodation, TAB, icy cold beer.

Binnaway Railway Barracks

George Street, Binnaway,
ph: 02 6844 1593 or: 02 6844 1706
Budget accommodation restored railway barracks. 22 bed twin share, kitchen facilities. Please phone for bookings.

BARADINE

Baradine is the gateway to the vast and intriguing forest of the Pilliga. It is a mecca for bird wildlife and contains some of the region's most beautiful wildflowers. Baradine's main street echoes a feeling reminiscent of the 1930's, reflecting the boom times of the local timber industry which at its peak sustained 12 fully operational timber mills.

Camp Cypress

Baradine Showground
Lachlan Street, Baradine
ph: 02 6843 1035
Ensuite air-conditioned cabins, backpacker-style accommodation, caravan sites and function centre.

Events:

FEBRUARY

- Binnaway Races
- Coolah Campdraft and Sheep Dog Trials

MARCH

- Dunedoo Bush Poetry Festival
- Coolah Jazz in the Tops

APRIL

- Bunny Bazaar (Easter)
- Hartwood Campfires and Country Music Festival
- Tour de Warrumbungles Bike Ride

JUNE - North West Equestrian Expo

AUGUST - Mendooran Turf Club Races

SEPTEMBER - Baradine Campdraft

OCTOBER

- Mendooran Rodeo
- Dunedoo Garden Tour (alternate years Coolah)
- Warrumbungle Festival of the Stars
- Coonabarabran Cup
- Dunedoo Lions Art and Photography Exhibition
- Siding Spring Observatory Open Day

NOVEMBER

- Crooked Mountain Concert
- Veteran's Touch Footy Carnival, Coolah



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