

# Gwydir

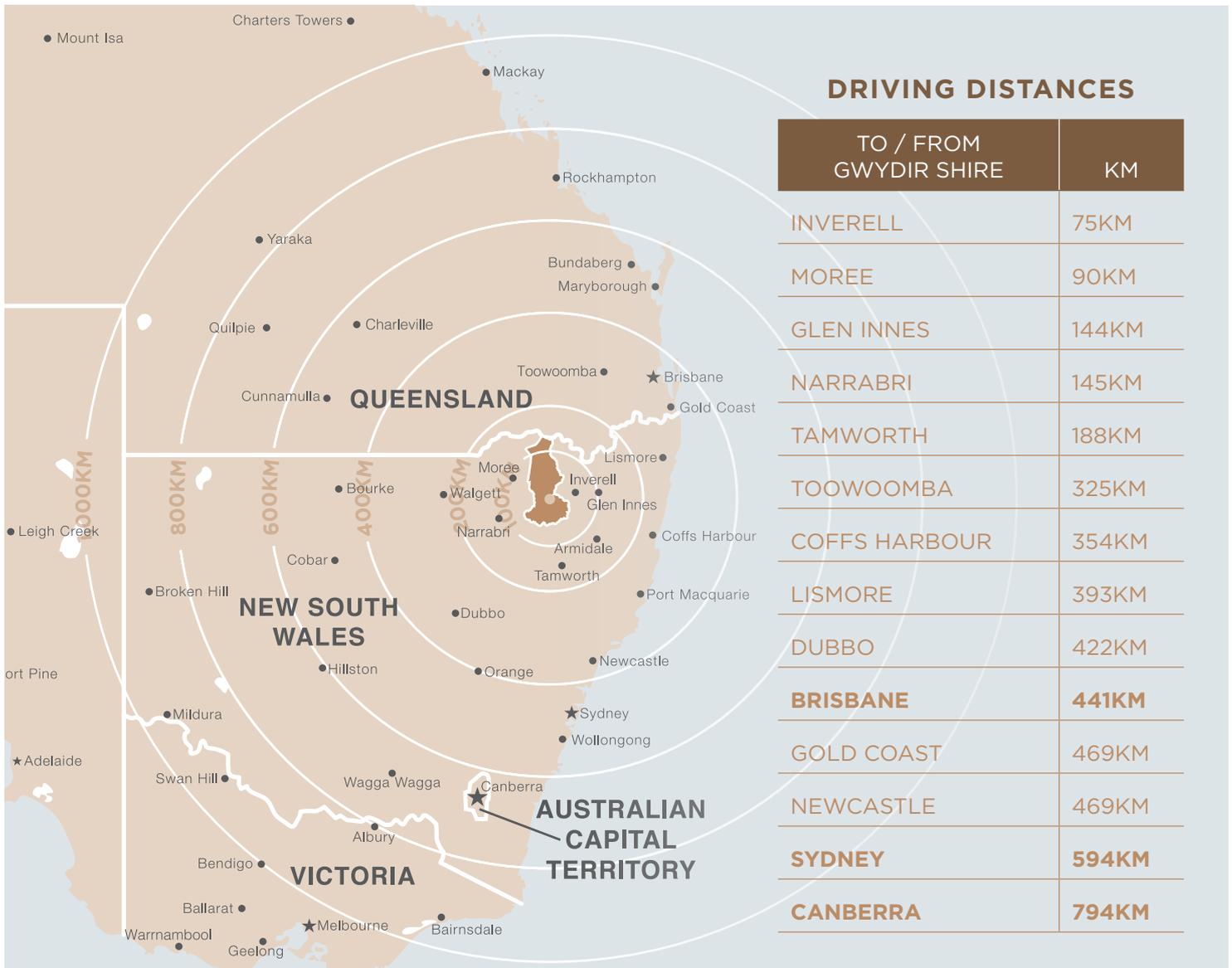
**BINGARA COOLATAI CROPPA CREEK GRAVESEND  
NORTH STAR UPPER HORTON WARIALDA**



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## THE GWYDIR GOOD LIFE

The Gwydir Shire is a family-friendly destination providing visitors of all ages and interests with plenty of alternatives. Trail biking, hiking, white water rafting, horse riding or simply lazing on a river bank with – or without – a fishing line are all on offer. There are plenty of affordable places to stay, and camping sites, both primitive and fully serviced are available. Every town and village hosts events throughout the year; agricultural shows, race meetings, rodeos, tractor pulls, bike rallies and lots more!

From the rugged heights of the Nandewar Range at Killarney Gap to the agricultural 'Golden Triangle' on the great black

soil plains south of the McIntyre River, the shire boasts an extraordinary diversity of geology and habitat. As a major pioneer route from the 1830s, it provides unique insights into Australian history, including the tragedy of the Myall Creek Massacre.

Warialda and Bingara are friendly country towns providing services for visitors including comfortable accommodation, caravan parks, groceries, medical services, museums and fun shops selling homewares, fashion, crafts and collectibles. Golf courses, special flora sites, Cranky Rock, the Roxy Theatre and Bingara's Living Classroom all contribute to a unique experience.

## DISCOVER OUR SHIRE THROUGH SOUNDTRAILS



Soundtrails is an app-based platform showcasing the stories, culture, history and heritage of three locations within the Gwydir Shire – Warialda, Myall Creek and Bingara.

The Gwydir Soundtrails is rich in tales of survival, courage, community and friendship and is a doorway into the people and history of our Shire. Visitors and locals can download the Soundtrails app to experience stories on location through their smartphone or tablet while walking around the area.

Soundtrails marries contemporary and historic stories produced by world-class sound producers and range in styles from longer radio documentary format to shorter, evocative sound pieces.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO DOWNLOAD THE APP VISIT [SOUNDTRAILS.COM.AU](http://SOUNDTRAILS.COM.AU)



Share your holiday photos with #gwydirgoodlife

### Bingara Visitor Information Centre

74 Maitland St, Bingara NSW 2404  
P (02) 6724 0066 | [bingara.com.au](http://bingara.com.au)  
[bingaratourism@gwydir.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bingaratourism@gwydir.nsw.gov.au)  
M – F 9.00am - 4.30pm | S – S 9.00am - 1.00pm

### Warialda Visitor Information Centre

Cnr Gwydir Hwy & Holden St, Warialda NSW 2402  
P (02) 6729 0046 | [warialdansw.com.au](http://warialdansw.com.au)  
[warialdatourism@gwydir.nsw.gov.au](mailto:warialdatourism@gwydir.nsw.gov.au)  
M – F 9.00am - 4.00pm | S – S 9.00am - 1.00pm

#### LEGEND:



TOILETS



BIRDS + WILDLIFE



CAMPING



PICNIC FACILITIES

### MUST-SEES:

Visit the Myall Creek Memorial site, a nationally significant landmark which commemorates the unprovoked massacre of twenty-eight Wirrayaraay women, children and old men by a group of stockmen in 1838. This is the only massacre for which Europeans were charged, found guilty and punished and was a landmark case in Australia's judicial system.

The Rocky Creek Glacial Area on the Killarney Gap road is a geological wonder not to be missed! A vast amount of weathering and erosion has occurred over the years, so the original glacial features have been changed by the subsequent flow of water.

The Glacial Area is an excellent place to picnic and cool off in summer.

Further west along the same road on the western edge of Mount Kaputar National Park, is Sawn Rocks. These organ pipe-like rock formations, formed during a volcanic upheaval millions of years ago and hang like sentries over a cool shady creek.

### MUST-DOS:

Try your hand at fossicking at Three Creeks Goldmine or one of the many fossicking sites located throughout the district.

Explore the Gwydir River by horseback on an exhilarating Wade's Horses trail ride.

Take a tour of the historic Roxy Theatre and Greek Café Museum which was built in 1936 by three Greek immigrants, and gain a greater understanding of the contribution Greeks made to the cultural and dining habits of Australians. Fans of Art-Deco architecture will be equally impressed, as will anyone with fond memories of Sundays at the pictures or malted milkshakes at their local Greek café.

Take a drive to the top of Batterham's Lookout at dusk and enjoy a beverage as the evening descends on Bingara. There aren't too many better ways to end the day.



# Bingara

BINGARA, KNOWN AS THE 'GEM ON THE GWYDIR', IS A GREAT PLACE TO VISIT AND AN EVEN BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.

**S**afe and friendly, Bingara has clean air, clear skies and a great climate. Surrounded by hills, the town rests in a natural amphitheatre. The spectacular Gwydir River is the life blood of the town and its beauty is indeed priceless.

Bingara offers a perfect balance of peace and tranquillity while boasting an energetic and vibrant community. There's always something happening in Bingara, how much you choose to do is up to you, take life by the reins and explore all this hidden gem has to offer, or sit back and just go with the flow.

## OUR HISTORY

Bingara started life as a river crossing for teamsters travelling north, and during this time over a dozen pastoral properties were established in the area; however it was not until the discovery of gold in 1852 that settlements developed in both Bingara and Upper Bingara.

Prospectors flocked to the area when tin, then diamonds were discovered in the 1880s, and rapid development followed. Bingara became a municipality in 1890, at which time the spelling of both Upper 'Bingera' and 'Bingera' changed to 'Bingara', and at its peak the main street alone boasted five general stores, six hotels, and all the services required to maintain a largely self-sufficient town.

World economic recession and the end of mining saw the town contract, leaving a heritage of beautiful commercial and public architecture, and the now fully restored Roxy Theatre.

## THE GWYDIR RIVER AND CAMPING

The Gwydir River flows into the shire from the New England Tableland and after a long trip through channels and wetlands, water eventually reaches the Murray estuary in South Australia. Upstream of Bingara at Copeton Dam the river forms a body of water three times the size of Sydney Harbour. Most of the water is destined for crop irrigation west of Moree.

Copeton Waters Reflections Holiday Park is a 900 ha recreational and adventure playground about fifty minutes east of Bingara on a scenic route. It offers an excellent day trip and experience for the whole family and fully maintained camping. Relax by the water, try your hand at fishing, take up water skiing, or check out the native flora and fauna. On the way back to Bingara you will drive past Keera Station where Mrs. Grace Munro, who was the founding president of the CWA in 1922 lived. Mrs Munro was motivated by the death of one of her sons in 1911, and became determined to improve medical services in the bush. She believed passionately that a better life for country women could be created 'for women, through women and by women'.

Between Copeton Dam and Bingara there are many beautiful spots for primitive camping. A map outlining the free camps is available from the Bingara Visitor Information Centre. Be mindful that the river may rise quickly and please, leave no rubbish.

Bingara is also known as a fishing paradise and offers great inland fishing opportunities. The Bingara Anglers Club established a hatchery in 1980, and have released thousands of Murray cod, yellow belly and silver perch fingerlings into the river system, ensuring a steady supply of fish all year round. The club also hosts the annual Easter Fish competition which runs from Good Friday to Easter Monday and attracts visitors from all over Australia. Size and bag limits apply and some anglers may need to obtain a licence.

Canoeing and horse riding are fantastic ways to explore the river. Canoes are available for hire from Wade's Horses at the northern end of Maitland Street; they also offer an exhilarating trail ride which takes riders along and through the Gwydir River and up into the ranges. The rides are a must do when in Bingara. Skilled horseman and guide, Johnny Wade only adds to the experience with his knowledge and down to earth Aussie charm.

### DID YOU KNOW?

In the 1880s, Bingara was at one point the largest producer of industrial diamonds in Australia



Bingara is a town packed full of surprises and offers the visitor a perfect balance of peace, tranquillity, attractions, history and events.

### CUNNINGHAM PARK, THE HOBBIT TREE & ROAD BRIDGE



Easy access to the river is found from Campbell's road bridge downstream to Junction park at the end of Maitland Street. Find the 'Hobbit Tree' where the eroded root system of a giant gum tree has created a natural cave of tangled roots, a popular location for wedding and family photos. Check out the state heritage registered road bridges – the 1886 main road bridge was for many years one of the largest steel truss bridges in Australia and an important piece of industrial heritage. The smaller Halls Creek Bridge was built in 1934 as an employment project during the depression.

Cunningham Park is an extensive shady space complete with picnic and barbeque facilities, toilets, a user pays potable water refill station and dump point. Junction Park is another lovely spot to enjoy the river, only a stone's throw from the main street. This park features picnic tables and a display of boulders collected from different geological zones within the area, demonstrating the Gwydir Shire's vast geological diversity.

# Events

Bingara hosts countless small events throughout the year including balls, flower shows, cocktail parties, fundraisers, dinners and guest speakers, however, the major highlights of the events calendar include:

## RACE MEETING



Preceded by the Bingara Cup Calcutta on the Friday evening, the annual five race Saturday meeting includes fashions on the field and a friendly family day out. Bring your own picnic, and enjoy the lovely shade trees whilst getting an excellent view of the races.

## BINGARA AGRICULTURAL SHOW



Horse sports, cattle showing, pavilion displays, live entertainment, rodeo and a whole lot more to delight the visitor.

## ORANGE FESTIVAL



Falling on the last Friday and Saturday of the NSW second school term, join us for orange harvesting, street markets, parade, entertainment, sporting and cultural activities – it's all happening, so come along.

## CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL



Street stalls, family entertainment and photographs with Santa!



## BINGARA ORANGE TREES, OUR LIVING WAR MEMORIAL - FINCH STREET

Planted in the 1960s to commemorate Bingara's fallen in both world wars, the orange trees lining Finch Street are unique to Bingara, a symbol of community pride and the focus of the highly popular annual Orange Festival. The oranges traditionally remain untouched until a nominated day in June or July when, following a ceremony outside the RSL Club, the town's children rush to harvest them.

## GRASS TREES



Drive south from Bingara down Stoddart's Valley on the Barraba Road for 15km before taking a left turn onto the Upper Bingara loop road. A large stand of grass trees (*xanthorrhoea johnsonii*) can be seen from the road. They are located on private land, so please do not enter. These prehistoric remnants grow only an inch a year; each mature tree represents centuries of growth and some are over 600 years old.

## HF BATTERHAM MEMORIAL LOOKOUT

Apex Lookout Road (off Copeton Dam Road)



For an eagle's eye view of the Gwydir valley and Stoddart's valley to the south, drive or walk to the lookout. To see a moonrise over the Gwydir or a breathtaking sunset from this vantage point allows you to feel a peace that you may have forgotten existed. The road to the lookout is very steep so towing a caravan is not advised. This is a lookout that lives up to its name!





## THE ROXY THEATRE AND GREEK CAFÉ MUSEUM

74 Maitland Street | P (02) 6724 0066 | [roxybingara.com.au](http://roxybingara.com.au)



The magnificent Roxy Theatre situated in the main street of Bingara, is a striking building with a history as colourful as its painted exterior. Built in 1936 by three Greek immigrants from the island of Kythera, Peter Feros, Emanuel Aroney and George Psaltis, it operated as a cinema until 1958, after which time it was closed and lay dormant for forty years.

In May 2004, The Roxy was faithfully restored to its original splendour and re-opened to the public. It has since been listed on the NSW State Heritage Register as a site of historical significance. The theatre embraces some of the most striking original Art Deco architecture in New South Wales and still contains the original fixtures and fittings, including the ornate stucco plaster, paintwork and coloured lights from 1936.

Today the Roxy functions as both a multipurpose cinema and regional centre for the performing arts, with The North West Theatre Company taking residence there. The quality and standard of the performances and events make any visit worthwhile and the more recently restored Peter's Café and the Greek Café Museum are full of memories for those who recall the glory days of Greek cafes!

The Roxy has the capacity to act as a function centre for a wide variety of activities and events, ranging from birthdays and weddings, to regional conferences and seminars. Tours of the theatre and the Greek Café Museum are available each week day at 10.30am and 2.30pm, and at regular intervals on weekends leaving from the Visitor Information Centre next door. A full list of the Roxy events and shows is available from the VIC or online.

## THE MYALL CREEK MEMORIAL

23km from Bingara on Delungra Road



On June 10th 1838 a gang of ten convicts and stockmen who had come from across the north west region, slaughtered twenty-eight unarmed Aboriginal men, women and children who had sought refuge at Myall Creek Station. No motive was ever established. Prompt action by the station overseer led to the eventual arrest and trial of the perpetrators, and after two trials seven of the men were hanged for their part in the crime. It was a pivotal moment in Australian history that focused attention on Aboriginal people and hastened the end of convict transportation.

Now listed on Australia's National Heritage Register, a memorial has been established at this important site, 23km from Bingara via the Delungra Road. Visitors can take an easy walk along a well-marked path where stone plaques tell the story of the massacre and its aftermath. Overlooking Myall Creek and the approximate site of the massacre, this area also provides excellent bird watching, a peaceful atmosphere and is one of Australia's most important centres for reconciliation.

During the June long weekend a 'Friends of Myall Creek' memorial service is held at the site, attracting visitors from across the country, and featuring well-known guest speakers. A Soundtrails audio walk can be downloaded onto your smart phone or device by visiting [www.soundtrails.com.au](http://www.soundtrails.com.au)



**UPPER BINGARA —  
OUR MINING PAST**

A visit to Upper Bingara, which yielded more gold than Bingara itself, is a perfect family day trip and a must see location for avid fossickers. Before heading out on the Upper Bingara loop road be sure to stop in at Ruby Hill which is located approximately 18.5km from Bingara on the Barraba Road. Most confusingly it is garnets rather than rubies which can be found there.

**CHINESE CEMETERY**

A poignant reminder of the many Chinese who came here to make their fortunes, about 500 Chinese people lived in Upper Bingara at the height of the gold fever. This heritage registered site is a significant memorial to the risks they took and their social isolation.

**THREE CREEKS GOLD MINE**

Open 9am to 5pm 7 days a week  
Upper Bingara | P (02) 6783 2224



Try your hand at gold-panning, looking for garnets or sieve for perfectly formed quartz crystals; you even get to keep what you find! The private museum allows you to learn about the history of mining through artefacts from the time. Displays of jewellery, gold, garnets, crystals and rock minerals are all for sale.

**THE LIVING CLASSROOM**

1a Killarney Gap Road | P (02) 6724 0066 | [bingara.com.au/the-living-classroom](http://bingara.com.au/the-living-classroom)



The Living Classroom is turning 150 hectares of little used town common into a food production wonderland. Combining agricultural activities with horticulture, aquaculture and forestry, the Living Classroom is focused on quality food and the links between soil health, plant and animal health, and human health. The site is for the casual visitor and for those who wish to learn, a beautiful place to wander around, soak up nature, be inspired, or to ‘get down and dirty’.

Bingara is utilising The Living Classroom to become a ‘closed loop’ community – self-sufficient in food and recycling all compostable waste (including treated sewage). The project is a model for regeneration of agriculture and for rural communities. It will enable the town of Bingara to prosper in a rapidly changing world.



**BINGARA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM**

16 Maitland Street | P (02) 6724 0000



Housed in the original Post Office hotel, built in 1860 from pit-sawn and hand adzed local cypress timber, it once had a very mixed clientele, including the ‘Father of Federation’, Sir Henry Parkes, and Fred Ward the bushranger. A blacksmith’s shop and an old school room from the days of one-teacher schools have been reconstructed in the grounds. The museum is home to an extensive rock collection, historical machinery and local memorabilia. Open Tuesday and Wednesday 9am to 1pm and Saturday 9am to 12pm or by appointment which can be arranged through the Bingara Visitor Information Centre (02) 6724 0066.

**ALL NATIONS HILL**

All Nations Hill Stamper Battery located at the southern end of Bingara is a fascinating reminder of Bingara’s mining heritage. Used until 1948 to crush the ore before extracting gold, it stands above a large underground mine that operated at four levels in two shafts, the deepest being 100m. The elevated location takes in spectacular views of Bingara and the valley, and is a great spot for a picnic or evening walk.

**FOSSICKING**

The Bingara district is a fossicker’s paradise. Whichever road you take out of town you will find a spot to fossick for gold, gems and crystals. It was the discovery of gold in 1852 that brought a flow of prospectors to the district and it continues to this day.

Many still try their luck with the help of mud-maps which are available from the Visitor Information Centre. The most successful areas being Whitlow Road, Borah Creek on the Copeton Dam and Keera Roads and Ruby Hill on the Barraba Road. Good Luck!





**THE FOSSICKERS WAY MOTEL**

2 Finch Street | P (02) 6724 1373 | [bingaramotel.com](http://bingaramotel.com)  
 Motel accommodation with friendly service and meals. A pet friendly room is available.

**IMPERIAL HOTEL/MOTEL**

21 Maitland Street | P (02) 6724 1629  
[imperialhotelbingara.com.au](http://imperialhotelbingara.com.au)  
 Open 7 days with bar, pool table, bistro with a comprehensive coffee shop, lunch and dinner menu and a choice of pub-style and motel accommodation.

**SPORTSMAN'S HOTEL**

31 Maitland Street | P (02) 6724 1880  
 Open 7 days with pub-style accommodation, with bistro, bar, coffee shop, pokies, TAB, pool table, darts and regular live entertainment.

**THE RIVER HOUSE**

6 Keera Street | M 0428 834 281  
[theriverhousebingara.com.au](http://theriverhousebingara.com.au)  
 Sublime boutique accommodation in a fantastic position surrounded by a "food forest" garden. A place of true relaxation, beauty and renewal.

**LEMON GUM COTTAGE**

9 Argoon Street | M 0412 081 642  
 A quiet, peaceful location overlooking bushland, this well-appointed house will sleep up to 5 guests.

**THE LIVING CLASSROOM**

1 Killarney Gap Road | P (02) 6724 0066  
 Bunkhouse accommodation in a picturesque setting with fantastic views.

A number of other privately listed homes can be found on Airbnb or Stayz.



# Camping & RV

## **BINGARA RIVERSIDE CARAVAN PARK**

Keera Road | M 0427 241 300

[bingara.com.au/bingara-riverside-caravan-park](http://bingara.com.au/bingara-riverside-caravan-park)

Overlooking the Gwydir, close to the swimming complex and in walking distance of the town and Batterham Lookout. Powered and unpowered sites, a modern amenities block with laundry facilities, and clean fully equipped cabins. The park is pet friendly however animals are not allowed in the cabins.

## **GWYDIR RIVER CAMPSITES – BINGARA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**

74 Maitland Street | P (02) 6724 0066 | [bingara.com.au](http://bingara.com.au)

For details of free campsites along the Gwydir River pop into the Bingara Visitor Information Centre or visit the Bingara Website. A dump point and potable water fountain can be found at Cunningham Park on the Copeton Dam Road just near the bridge.

## **THREE CREEKS GOLDMINE**

Upper Bingara Road, Upper Bingara | P (02) 6783 2224

Unpowered campsites available for a small fee.



# Services

Most shops are open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, and from 9am to midday on Saturday. Bingara has Country Fresh IGA and True Value Hardware (open all day 7 days), butcher, newsagent, pharmacy, medical services and gift shops. The Service NSW branch at Bingara is open on Monday and Thursday for motor vehicle registrations, licence renewals and maritime services.

## **BINGARA BAKEHOUSE**

84 Maitland Street | P (02) 6724 1901

Famous for pies, bee stings and vanilla slice. Pizzas available Thursday and Friday nights.

## **BINGARA SPORTING CLUB CHINESE RESTAURANT**

8 Bombelli Street | P (02) 6724 1206

Bar, Chinese restaurant, nine hole, eighteen tee golf course, 8 clay tennis courts, two bowling greens, live entertainment, gym, regular weekly raffles and pokies.

## **BINGARA RSL CLUB**

46 Finch Street | P (02) 6724 1404

Bar facilities, bistro, regular live entertainment, keno, pokies, pool table, darts, Austar and Fox viewing.

## **KEERA STREET STORE - TAKE AWAY**

48 Keera Street | P (02) 6724 1119

Hot food, cold drinks, bait, fire wood and groceries.

## **PETER'S CAFÉ (THE ROXY CAFÉ)**

70 Maitland Street | P 0405 327 024

Peter's Café at the historic Roxy is full of memories for those who recall the glory days of Greek cafes! Serving milkshakes, coffee and light meals.

## **Y'S PIES**

82 Maitland Street | P (02) 6724 1442

House made specialty pies, from the baked dinner pie to the mixed grill pie and traditional favourites. Drinks, sandwiches and groceries.

## **BINGARA SERVICE STATION**

63 Maitland Street | P (02) 6724 0124

24 hour fuel service, drinks, pet food, small range of agricultural supplies and ice.

## **BP SERVICE STATION**

56 Finch Street | P (02) 6724 1321

Fuel, drinks, fishing supplies, tyres, ice.

## **BINGARA LAUNDROMAT**

Cnr of Maitland Street & Cunningham Street (opposite Roxy Café)

M 0415 222 254 | M 0417 246 561

## **MECHANIC - ALAN BILSBOROUGH**

P (02) 6724 1789 | M 0427 460 490

## **AUTO ELECTRICIAN - MICHAEL BAKER**

56 Finch Street | M 0429 770 124



### SAWN ROCKS

Killarney Gap Road, 54km from Upper Horton



The most impressive reminder of Kaputar's volcanic past is this 40m high basalt rock formation. Resembling a wall of organ pipes, Sawn Rocks is a result of slow and even cooling of molten rock, causing individual crystals within the rock to align perfectly and create the stunning natural pillars we see today. The rocks are best photographed after midday when they are in direct sunlight.

Sawn Rocks is easily accessed via a 750m raised walking track that begins at the car park. The track meanders through tall eucalypts, figs and ferns, and culminates in an observation platform. Stairs to the side provide access to the Bobbiwa creek, and a shelter and barbeque area is available at the car park for those wanting to soak up the scenery a little longer.

### ROCKY CREEK GLACIAL AREA

Killarney Gap Road,  
19.8km from Upper Horton



This 290-million-year-old glaciation remnant is a geological wonderland with rock pools and permanent water flowing into cool water holes. A great spot to explore, relax and enjoy the great outdoors, it is easily accessed from the bitumen road.

### HORTON FALLS

Mt. Lindesay Road,  
27km from Upper Horton



A wonderful spot for swimming, camping and photography, including two viewing platforms, marked bush walks and a barbeque area. The falls are spectacular after rain, and flow for much of the year. Walks range from the very easy, to a one hour hike to the bottom of the gorge.

### BIKE TERRITORY - 'CASTLETOP'

4188 Killarney Gap Road | P (02) 6783 4218 | biketerritory.com.au

Bike Territory offers an impressive range of off-road biking activities for ATV and trail bike riders; a special experience for everyone from beginners to the most experienced with a backdrop of spectacular scenery. Camping and cabins are available for a minimum of two nights.

### WAA GORGE, TERRY HIE HIE AND THE BERRIGAL CREEK ABORIGINAL AREA

Accessible from Upper Horton or Gravesend; see page 21 for further details.

### THE UPPER HORTON SPORTS CLUB

Cobbadah Street | P (02) 6782 7249



The Sports Club is the life blood of the village and provides cold beer and hearty meals from 5pm – 9pm Sunday to Thursday, and 5pm – 12pm Friday. The Sports Club also hosts a range of events throughout the year and maintains the Upper Horton Caravan & Camping area. Camp for free in an unpowered site or \$10 for a powered site, fees payable at the Sports Club. Toilets, showers and water available.

## Events

### UPPER HORTON CAMPDRAFT & RODEO

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Jeans, elaborate shiny belt buckles, spurs, colourful shirts and big hats are the dress of choice for most of the people in Upper Horton over the New Year break. Get along to this annual event which draws competitors from all over Australia and features close to 2000 campdraft runs and nearly 3000 head of cattle.

### UPPER HORTON TRAIL RIDE

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This well-established off-road motorcycle event offers riders some of the best single trails in the region. The main loop consists of 40km of trails with river crossings and hill climbs and the mini-enduro track provides a 1.8km loop for under 9's to learn the skills of riding in the bush.

### UPPER HORTON WORKING DOG TRIALS

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The Upper Horton Working Dog Trials have been running in the area for over 30 years. What started as a one day event has grown into four and features some of Australia's top handlers and their dogs competing for the top spot. Anyone with a dog who can jump is encouraged to enter, or just come along as a spectator. There is plenty of camping available and catering on site.



Nestled within the picturesque Horton Valley, Upper Horton is set amongst productive agricultural land and provides excellent opportunities for bush walking and exploring the geological wonders of the area.

Upper Horton is an easy scenic drive from Bingara via the Killarney Gap Road to Narrabri, an alternative access road is from Barraba. The village of Upper Horton is set between the permanent waters of the Horton River and the Cobbadah Creek.

With an elevation of 384 metres, it is the highest settlement in the Gwydir shire, and is still pleasant in high summer. It offers the visitor a well-established campsite and picnic area, as well as the sporting club for cold beer and hot meals at the end of a long day.

Surrounded by excellent sight-seeing, bird watching and bush walking opportunities, sport has really put Upper Horton on the map! The two day campdraft and rodeo held during the New Year long weekend attracts visitors from across the state, whilst the working dog trials celebrated their 30th anniversary in 2016, and include the ever-popular dog high-jump. Cricket, tennis and motorbike 'Pony Express' events are also held throughout the year.

Close by, the Horton River is the ideal spot for a refreshing dip, or to fish for Murray cod and yellowbelly.

### **MUST-SEES:**

The Ceramic Break Sculpture Park on the road between Bingara and Warialda is an intriguing and unique place with something for everyone, including walking trails, gift shop and the unique 'Ceramic Break' artwork.

If you time your visit right you may be lucky enough to witness the spectacle of the Warialda Off Road Championships. This off road racing event draws competitors from all over Australia and is action packed from start to finish. The competition includes both a long course and a short course race and takes place over the NSW Labour Day long weekend.

### **MUST-DOS:**

Take a walk along the Koorilgur track and spot the beautiful wildflowers, magnificent trees and the mysterious and intriguing Cycads. A book titled 'Plants of the Gwydir Shire' can be purchased from the Visitor Information Centre and will assist with your botany adventure.

Nestled in a tranquil natural bushland setting, Cranky Rock Recreation Reserve is a fascinating and extensive jumble of granite boulders balanced at the edge of Reedy Creek.





# Warialda

STEEPED IN HISTORY AND SURROUNDED BY LUSH BUSHLAND, WARIALDA IS THE PERFECT PLACE TO REST, RELAX AND RECHARGE.

**S**et on the banks of Reedy Creek and steeped in history, Warialda was once the administrative centre for vast tracts of the inland, far into present day Queensland. Today it is a quiet and pleasing country town with some fine late nineteenth century architecture, a supply centre for agriculture and a terrific base for exploring the district.

Surrounded by state forest and national park, majestic stands of Angophora can be seen within walking distance of the town centre, and an excellent public pool allows you to cool off at the end of the day. It is a mecca for bird watchers and naturalists. The three day agricultural show in May is considered to be one of the best in the North West, and the nine hole, eighteen tee golf course is very popular with regional golfers.

Reedy Creek flows through the town, and is a great spot for checking out small birds or having a quiet walk. Home to the Warialda Off-Road in September, Warialda has an active community with plenty of sporting and fund-raising activities.

## OUR HISTORY

The town's early history was dominated by Richard Bligh (cousin of the more famous William) who was the Crown Lands Commissioner and magistrate, and the Scottish post-master William Geddes. Where Richard Bligh apparently supported action against Bigumbul people following the infamous Marks murder, William Geddes sent an Aboriginal boy back to Scotland for schooling. An engraving appeared in the *Illustrated London News* in 1854, but it was widely believed that upon returning from wet and drizzly Scotland, the boy sensibly removed his clothes and went bush! Geddes' daughter, Mary Brand of Moree, employed the Aboriginal girl Jane Lamey who is best remembered as several times great-aunt to the television personality Ray Martin.

Warialda started life as a police post in 1840, a Petty Session court followed in 1846, and a post office in 1848 – one of the earliest of the inland – which

brought William Geddes onto the scene. It was also home to one of the earliest inland schools in 1850, a project pushed by Bligh and Geddes who also worked to establish a hospital. By the early 1900s railways had become crucial to inland economies, and the impossibility of putting the railway into Warialda hindered further expansion.

## HISTORICAL TOWN TOUR

The Pioneer Cemetery at the southern end of Stephen Street is a good starting point to explore Warialda's historical sites. The cemetery contains graves dating back to the 1850s, and there are massive memorials to the Scott family of Bogamildi which show how much money was to be made out of sheep in those far off days. Many head stones have vanished, but a comprehensive list is on display, and there are some fine smooth barked apple trees in the vicinity.

The modern Anglican Church on Stewart Avenue is home to a historic font, commemorating the medical pioneer Sister Elizabeth Kenney who was baptised in the old church on Gwydir Highway in 1880. St. Patrick's Church and the attached convent also on the Gwydir Highway were built in 1904, allowing students to board with the sisters whilst attending school in the town.

Significantly the Presbyterian Church and manse are found on Stephen Street on the northern side of Reedy Creek where the big landholdings were dominated by families of Scottish descent. The manse reused sandstone from the original courthouse, and prisoner graffiti is said to be still visible. Today, the oldest sandstone building in the town is Mott's Butchery which was built in 1888 and is located on Hope Street.

The business precinct further east of Hope Street is also worth a visit with the exterior of the Royal Hotel still looking much as it did in the 1900s. The Soldiers Memorial Hall built in 1929 after a massive fire wiped out most of the street, is a very late

example of classical architecture, and includes impressive commemorations to servicemen from both world wars. Next door, **Critharys Building** was constructed by an immigrant from the Greek island of Kythera in 1928, and housed the family-run 'Crithary's Tea Rooms.

Across the street, the present **Warialda Post Office** dates from 1880 and contains memorabilia from the court house. Just around the corner on Stephen Street, the **Warialda Courthouse** is the third one to be built in the town – clearly there was a demand! Constructed in 1883, designed by government architect James Barnet, and built for a cost of £2,650 it is still used as a court twice a month on Wednesdays.

**Carinda House** further south, built in 1880, is a good example of domestic architecture. It is now a volunteer-run tribute to Warialda's history with historical displays and sales of local arts, crafts, baking and preserves.



# Events

## HONEY FESTIVAL

OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR

Celebrating all things Warialda, the town simply buzzes with excitement during the Honey Festival. There's plenty of action for all ages including market stalls, entertainment, vintage cars and kids rides.

## RACE MEETING

NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR

Get your backside trackside for a day of country racing with the Warialda Jockey Club. Held just outside town, the club maintains a family atmosphere and continues the long standing tradition of the bush racing carnival. Full bar, canteen and TAB facilities at the course, with a five race program and fashions on the field for all ages.

## WARIALDA SHOW

DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY

The first Warialda Show took place in 1873, and Warialda P & A Association has hosted an annual show since 1904, showcasing the best of the district in livestock, fleeces, horses, arts and crafts. With exhilarating rides, show bags, pavilions packed with local produce, a rodeo on the Friday night, showjumping, entertainment all day on Saturday, grand parade, demolition derby and fireworks display, and bar, this is an event not to be missed.

## FUN FLY

MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG

A public display of model aeroplanes and helicopters held over two days at the Warialda airstrip, with demonstrations from licensed fliers. Food stalls and novelty events make it a perfect family day out, and a chance to find a new hobby.

## HUNTER RIVMASTA OFF-ROAD WARIALDA 200

APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP

Attracting competitors from across Australia, this event is action packed from start to finish. Spectators can check out these awesome machines, and meet the drivers and navigators on Friday evening during scrutineering at the Warialda showground. With long and short courses spectators will get the best view in the house. Bar, barbeque and canteen facilities are available on both days at the racetrack, at Monomeeth, Gragin Road.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Warialda was the first town to be gazetted in the north west and became the administrative centre of the region.

From bush walking and history to bird watching and camping, Warialda is an enchanting town nestled along Reedy Creek and surrounded by bushland abundant with flora and majestic Angophoras.

### CRANKY ROCK RECREATION AREA

5km east of Warialda via Gwydir Highway, via Cranky Rock Road | P (02) 6729 1402



A well-known beauty spot that has delighted Warialda visitors and residents for generations, Cranky Rock is a jumble of huge boulders naturally heaped into fantastic positions, overlooking tranquil pools in the Reedy Creek below. Although the rocks look as though they were thrown by a giant, in reality millions of years of erosion have removed softer surroundings and have left these extraordinary shapes behind.

An easy walk over the suspension bridge allows you to see the rocks from a viewing platform, and longer walks will suit the more adventurous hiker.

There are plenty of opportunities for the bird watcher, as the bottlebrush and tea-tree attract small birds. Long-necked turtles can often be seen floating in the clear pools.

A picnic area, a large shelter with free barbeques, public toilets and a children's playground and kiosk make this a family-friendly destination. A caretaker looks after the site, including the camping area with powered and unpowered sites, and hot showers.

Visitors can fossick along the creek for agate, jasper, petrified wood and quartz. Signs of Aboriginal life can be seen within the nature reserve amongst the abundant plants and birds. For those into geocaching, keep your eyes peeled, you never know what you might find.

## KELLY'S GULLY AND WARIALDA RAILWAY STATION

The railway bypassed Warialda, blocked by hills to the east of the town – changing local history in the process – and instead ran about 6km south of the town to the place known affectionately as 'The Gully' and officially as Warialda Rail. Some original railway buildings remain, and the old 'Gully pub' built in 1901 is now a private residence. The gully itself is a good fossicking spot.

## NANCY COULTON LOOKOUT



Located 10km west of Warialda on the Gwydir Highway the lookout has spectacular views right across the upper Gwydir valley to the Drummond Range and provides a bird's-eye view of Cunningham's route. Dedicated to local resident Nancy Coulton for years of service to the district, the site has a picnic area and is a great spot to rest and recharge.

## WARIALDA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE (VIC)

Gwydir Highway | P (02) 6729 0046



Drop in and meet our friendly staff! Take a look at the Ivan Wells gem and mineral collection, much of it gathered from the Warialda district including petrified wood, and check out our display of locally found Aboriginal artefacts. The VIC is home to the Bees Knees Café, and sells local produce, artwork and publications. Plenty of parking, it is just across the road from the caravan park and has clean all access toilet facilities.

## 'SMOOTH BARKED APPLE'

The iconic Angophora Leiocarpa occur on sandy soils from the Queensland border to near Narrabri, but nowhere else in such abundance as between Warialda and Coolatai. The name Warialda is said to be from an Aboriginal word for 'place of honey', from the blossom of these trees. They are best seen in the evening when the smooth brightly coloured bark seems to glow.





### CERAMIC BREAK SCULPTURE PARK

Fossickers Way, Warialda Rail | P (02) 6729 4147 | [cbreaksculpturepark.com.au](http://cbreaksculpturepark.com.au)



The brainchild of sculptor Kerry Cannon, the park is unique; a place to celebrate art and enjoy the landscape. The 'Ceramic Break' is a participatory art-work, where visitors are invited to break a ceramic of their own, but be prepared for a bush-walk to reach it. The sculpture walk is continually being extended and includes magnificent views of the Gwydir valley, so walking shoes are a must.

Three large air-conditioned galleries show Kerry's own highly individual bronze sculptures and he generously encourages other artists to exhibit also. A full-sized dinosaur skeleton along with other unexpected items are on show.

### KOORILGUR NATURE RESERVE AND BIRD WATCHING



Said to be from an Aboriginal word meaning low scrub and bush, a series of marked walks take the visitor through an unusual sandstone based eco-system, where orchids can sometimes be found, as well as flannel flowers and our very own recently identified Warialda cycad. The main walk is 3.6km long, with shorter options. Start from the Apex Park picnic area on the Gwydir Highway.

### FOSSICKING

Opalised, ironised and fossilised wood are found to the west of the town, and through the adjacent ranges. To the east, just before the Cranky Rock turnoff at Tiger's Gap, opalised wood can be found. Warialda was once known for marble production, and examples of this grey and green marble are to be found in the new Warialda cemetery, the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney and the Pitt Street CBA headquarters. Kelly's Gully can yield interesting fossils.

### WARIALDA GOLF COURSE

53 Holden Street | P (02) 6729 1192



This charming nine hole, eighteen tee course includes some challenging shots. It is pretty, well-maintained, has an abundance of birdlife and in the evening players can see kangaroos foraging amongst magnificent trees along the fairways.



### WARIALDA AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

35 Plunkett Street | P Fay (02) 6729 0045 or Donna (02) 6729 1102

Housed in the particularly fine old Masonic Lodge building that was built in 1917, the museum has a fascinating and well-presented display of artefacts and written records, providing a wonderful glimpse into Warialda's past. History sessions from the beginners to the advanced are also available.

# Accommodation

## SUNFLOWER MOTEL

Gwydir Highway | P (02) 6729 1344

Comfortable clean rooms, delicious meals and friendly staff.

## COMMERCIAL TAVERN

33 Stephen Street | P (02) 6729 1512

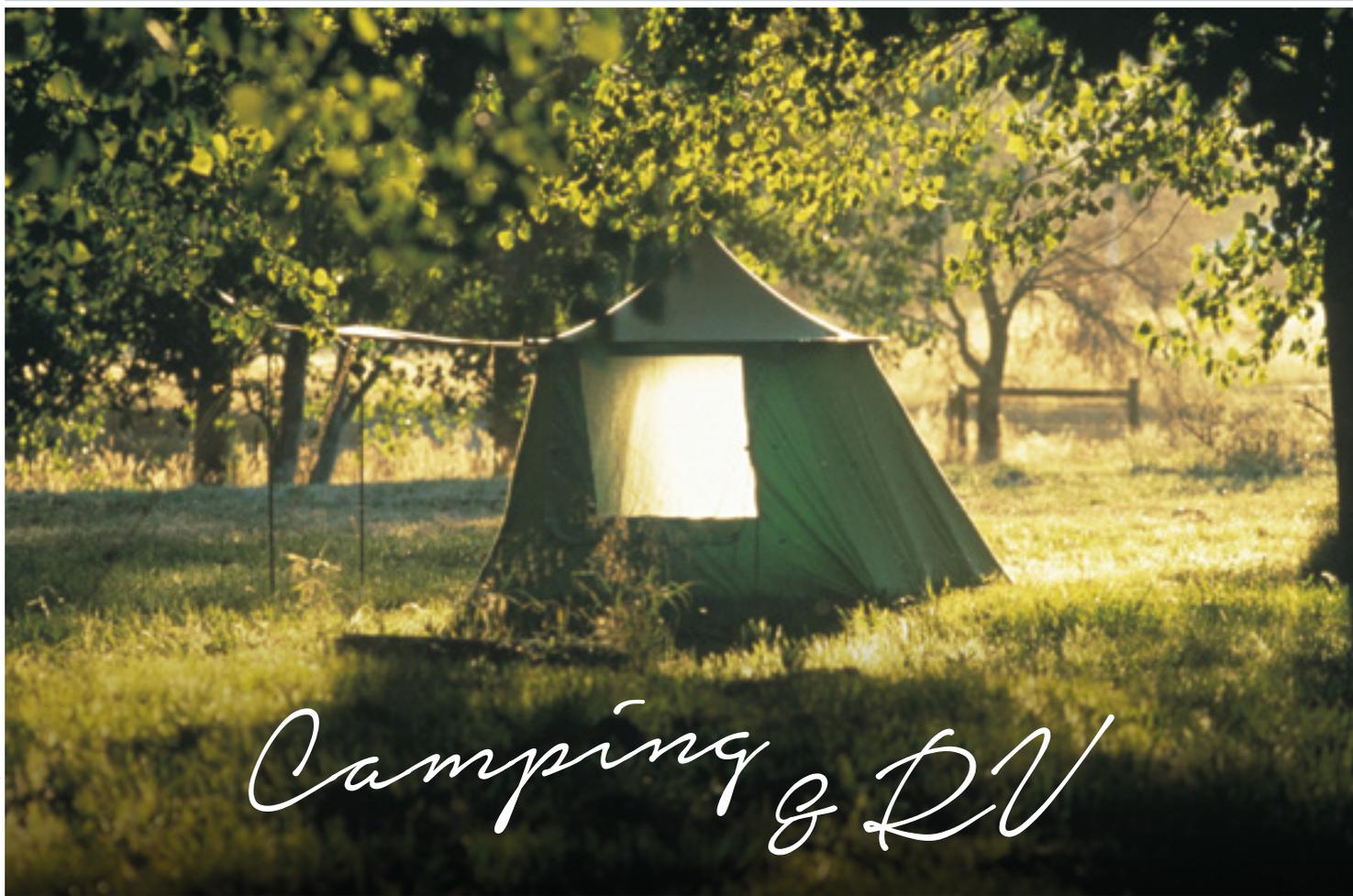
Bar and bottle shop, lunch and dinner.

Open 7 days.

## ROYAL HOTEL

51 Hope Street | P (02) 6729 1444

Pub-style rooms and brand new cabin accommodation. Free camping at rear for a maximum of two nights. Bar, bistro and bottle shop, accommodation, ATM, pokies, lunch and dinner.



# Camping & RV

## WARIALDA CARAVAN PARK

Cnr Gwydir Highway & Holden Street | P 0427 291 008



Powered/unpowered sites and cabins. Convenient location, opposite swimming pool, close to town centre, easy access to Koorilgur Reserve and Reedy Creek.

## CRANKY ROCK RECREATION RESERVE

296 Cranky Rock Road | P (02) 6729 1402



Powered/unpowered caravan and camping for a fee.

## CUNNINGHAM'S REST

Gwydir Highway – 1km west of town



Free, self-contained camping overnight at the rest area.

## OLD SALE YARDS

Gwydir Highway – eastern town boundary



Free, self-contained camping at the rest area. Toilet, potable water and dump point on site.

# Services

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Most shops are open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, and from 9am to midday on Saturday. Warialda has Carlo's IGA and Mitre Ten (open all day 7 days), butcher, newsagent, pharmacy, medical services and gift shops. Service NSW at Warialda VIC helps you with vehicle registrations, licence renewals and maritime services every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

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## **WARIALDA GOLF AND BOWLING CLUB CHINESE RESTAURANT**

53 Holden Street | P (02) 6729 1192

Bar facilities, golf course, bowling greens, pokies, ATM.

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## **BEE'S KNEES CAFÉ**

Cnr. Gwydir Highway & Holden Street | M 0497 266 261

At the Warialda Visitor Information Centre.

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## **KAREN'S COFFEE HOUSE**

58 Hope Street | M 0477 451 430

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## **BAKER'S LOAF**

23 Stephen Street | P (02) 6729 1100

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## **CIVIC CAFÉ - TAKEAWAY**

17 Stephen Street | P (02) 6729 1132

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## **REEDY CREEK CAFÉ**

46 Hope Street | P (02) 6729 0061

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## **CALTEX SERVICE STATION**

Cnr Gwydir Highway & Stephen Street | P (02) 6729 1514

24 hour fuel service, some groceries, takeaway food and newspapers 7 days.

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## **ROGER MOORE**

76 Hope Street | P (02) 6729 1570

Mechanical repairs, NRMA service, fuel, tyres and white goods.

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## **WARIALDA HIGHWAY SERVICE CENTRE**

41 Geddes St (Gwydir Highway) | P (02) 6729 0158

Mechanical repairs and tyre service.

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## **WARIALDA AUTO REPAIRS**

40 Roger Moore Crescent | P (02) 67291169

Mechanical repairs.

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## **R & D SMASH REPAIRS**

13096 Gwydir Highway | P (02) 67291852

Panel beating.

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## WAA GORGE, BERRIGAL CREEK, AND TERRY HIE HIE ABORIGINAL AREA

Day trip from Gravesend or Upper Horton



Waa Gorge is a breathtaking reminder of the region's volcanic past, as towering tangerine streaked walls sweep up to the ancient volcanic plug of Mt Waa and the deeply scored gorge is the result of millions of years of weathering. The walk takes at least an hour, and is not marked, it is challenging but well worth the effort.

Terry Hie Hie Aboriginal Area provides picnic sites, bird watching and walking tracks, and is home to many woodland birds, mammals and reptiles. Once an important ceremonial and gathering place for Kamilaroi people, today it's a tranquil spot with remnants of the post-European Aboriginal camp. Axe-grinding grooves, the remains of a corroboree ground, carved and scarred trees, and two Aboriginal cemeteries can also be found nearby. The local community and descendants of the Kamilaroi people are still closely involved with this site.

## EZZY'S CROSSING

via Gwydir Highway – approx. 5km east turn off past road bridge



Ideal for water activities and camping, a sand beach in a quiet spot makes easy access to the river for cooling off or fishing. Named after local identity Frank Ezzy who used a boat to ferry people across the river in the 1890s, it is also an ideal spot for viewing the massive railway bridge. A good bird watching and fishing area.

## OOLINE TREES

15km north east of Gravesend via Nunga Road



A rare and endangered species, *cadellia pentastylis* is a remnant of rainforest vegetation that once covered much of the western slopes of the Great Dividing Range. Only about 1200 ha of these trees survive, mostly in small stands below sandstone ridges. Although the tree typically grows to about 10 metres, these specimens are up to 29 metres tall – among the best in the state. Continue into Bullala State Forest for a 90km round trip via Pallamallawa, to see multiple ecosystems and plenty of bird sites.

# Accommodation & Services

## THE GRAVESEND STORE

51 Railway Parade | P (02) 6729 7278

Your one stop shop! Friendly owners Deb and Jeremy sell hot food, drinks, cakes, old fashioned ice-cream cones, phone recharges and fishing licences. They also stock an extensive range of groceries, fruit, vegetables and frozen meat, newspapers, fishing gear and bait. They've got the lot. Open 7 days.

## GRAVESEND HOTEL

16 Railway Parade | P (02) 6729 7005



Counter meals and bar. Free van parking and showers at the rear of the building if you support the pub.

## GRAVESEND RECREATION GROUND

Warialda Street next to public school



Open, free camping area with plenty of grassy sites, bins, toilets and shelter. All weather access.

### AVOID THE CROWDS

Gravesend is a safe and friendly place to stay when visiting the Moree Artesian Baths. When in Moree also be sure to visit the many boutiques, art galleries and indigenous cultural organisations they have to offer and then retreat to your peaceful oasis in the bush.



# Gravesend

With excellent access to the Gwydir River and plenty of free camping, Gravesend is a safe, friendly base for anyone exploring the surrounding district and neighbouring shire of Moree Plains.

Originally a pastoral run in the 1850s, now a village and the western gateway to the Great Dividing Range, Gravesend grew from a fettlers' camp established in 1901 when the Moree to Inverell railway was built. In the 1930s Gravesend was home to a prickly pear research station, and an early site for the release of cactoblastis that transformed NSW agriculture.

Gravesend has the distinction of being home to two important bridges. The 1900 railway bridge, with two 55 metre spans had to be imported from England, and is described as one of the oldest and largest steel truss bridges in Australia, manufactured by the firm of Handyside and Co, who are best known as makers of the famous British pillar-box. The 1930 road bridge is an important example of a concrete truss bridge over a major inland river.

With excellent access to the river, and plenty of free camping, Gravesend is a safe and friendly base for anyone exploring the Moree district, Waa Gorge, Berrigal Creek Aboriginal Area and Bullala National Park, and for fishing and bird watching.



# Events

## VINTAGE TRACTOR PULL



Coolatai's very own two-day tractor pull using lovingly-restored vintage machines transforms the town common into caravan city! Come along, meet the locals, stay and camp, see the tractors in action and enjoy a fabulous array of market stalls, pet dress-up and small dog jumping competition, jumping castle, novelty events as well as static car, truck and engine displays.

## COOLATAI QUILT SHOW BIENNIAL



Be inspired by truly stunning displays of locally made quilts and quilting materials, this event shows just how much creativity and hard work is tucked away in country towns. Delicious all-day teas on offer.



### THE WALLAROO HOTEL

15 Yetman Road | P (02) 6799 9269

Accommodation, counter meals, and essential supplies including beer, ice, gas, bread and milk. The Wallaroo is a great place to hang out and meet the locals.

### COOLATAI SPORTS GROUND

Free camping in a peaceful, pretty location, with barbeques. Hot showers available for a donation.



#### DID YOU KNOW?

Legend has it Coolatai has a black panther or panther(s) that roam the area around the town, which were believed to have escaped from a zoo or circus!

Quaint, picturesque and peaceful, Coolatai is the perfect place to rest a while before heading north to Queensland or east to the nearby Kwiambal National Park.

A comfortable half hour drive north of Warialda, the tiny settlement of Coolatai is bounded by the Ottley Creek and surrounded by picturesque bushland. It lies on a popular touring route that extends from Warialda to Brisbane, via Yetman, avoiding heavy traffic and winding roads.

In easy reach of larger centres, including Inverell, Coolatai makes a good base for the self-contained traveller wanting to explore the region. The Kwiambal National Park, McIntyre Falls and Lemon Tree Flat are great day trips and provide the chance of a swim.

Originally an employees' settlement for the once massive Coolatai station, it had a school, two churches, store, telephone exchange, race meetings and sporting clubs, as well as the all-important and still flourishing Wallaroo Hotel. Stories of the Coolatai panther persist, and the beast just keeps growing. First 'seen' in 1958, by 1970 it was said to be breeding. A local resident wrote to the *Inverell Times* to record his sighting, and another reader responded that the person seeing it had been drinking.

The visitor of today can walk through the groves of rough barked apple, camp close to the creek and enjoy an evening in the hotel. Probably not a good idea to go walking afterwards if you are scared of big cats! More seriously, the surrounding bushland, with plenty of hollow trees and fallen logs is home to a wide variety of birds, reptiles – including the long-lived social lizard known as Cunningham's Skink – amphibians, mammals and many types of trees. Several small cemeteries are to be found near the town, and the village has its own war memorial.

# Accommodation & Services

## MEMORIAL HALL CAMPING - GUNYERWARILDI

Croppa Road | Pay by donation at Croppa Creek Store.

## CROPPA CREEK STORE

6 Buckie Road | P (02) 6754 5222

This licensed store boasts 'The Best Burgers in the West'. Open 7 days for groceries, hot and cold menu, dine in or take away. Monday to Friday 7.30am to 6.30pm, Saturday and Sunday 8am to 12 noon.

## TOTAL AG SERVICES CROPPA CREEK

6 Buckie Road | P (02) 6754 5448

Agricultural supplies and services.

## CROPPA CREEK FARM SPARES

15 Railway Street | P (02) 6754 5224

Mechanical repairs and automotive air-conditioning.

## MCGREGOR GOURLAY

1 Railway Street | P (02) 6759 7000

Agricultural supplies and services.

## CROPPA CREEK GOLF COURSE

Apsley Crescent | P (02) 6754 5245

Nine hole golf course with sand greens.

## CROPPA CREEK BOWLING CLUB

Apsley Crescent | P (02) 6754 5284

Opens Friday and Saturday evenings from 5pm until late. Social bowls, good food and ice-cold beverages. Kids' room, TV, pokies, pool and a great atmosphere.

# Events

## CROPPA CREEK CROWS RUGBY GALA DAY

OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR

One day 'Round Robin' rugby tournament.

## ANZAC DAY IN CROPPA CREEK

NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR

Every year golf, bowls and two-up, every third year dawn service and Legacy fundraising breakfast.

## CROPPA CREEK CLASSIC

MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG

Demonstration of static and working vintage crop machinery.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTATION NIGHT

JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

A spectacular display of song and dance from the amazing kids of Croppa Creek School and the region.





#### DID YOU KNOW?

Croppa Creek is home to an extensive array of vintage farm equipment which is on display along the town's streets. From old ploughs to tractors the collection is sure to delight farm and machinery enthusiasts, or those who just love history and all things vintage.

Friendly and community driven, the people of Croppa Creek welcome you to stop, rest and experience the place they are proud to call home.

**F**or a very Australian bush experience Croppa Creek is a pocket sized settlement that boasts its own community owned and managed nine hole golf course and bowling club, and a comprehensive general store.

Many places lay claim to being in the 'heart of the golden triangle' of cereal growing, and Croppa Creek has evolved into one of the nation's most vibrant and significant cropping regions. Vast acres of farmland set against a fiery western sky provide memorable sunsets, and the corridors of native trees are home to a precious koala population. Vintage farm equipment lining the streets is a must for the machinery buff, and the general store is a hive of activity, so grab a bite to eat, catch up with the local news and play a round of golf!

Established as a railway station on the Moree to North Star line in 1932, the village became a railhead for grain transport, which led to a local change from grazing to cropping. Graincorp operate a massive wheat silo, and the nearby Myola feedlot is capable of handling 20,000 head of cattle, using mostly locally produced grain.

Light pollution across the globe means that few of us see the night sky in all its star-speckled, awe-inspiring glory. Fortunately, Croppa Creek is ideal for celestial appreciation experiences and the perfect destination for budding astronomers in the family. The clear night canopy above the vast outback is also ideal for naked-eye stargazing – guitar and a campfire are optional.

# Accommodation & Services

## THE CLEVELAND HOTEL/MOTEL

2 Cleveland Street | P (07) 4676 3065  
Accommodation, bar and pub meals.

## NORTH STAR SPORTING CLUB

Yetman Road | P (07) 4676 3183  
Open five days a week, campsites for a small donation, counter meals and bar.

## NORTH STAR CARAVAN PARK

Cnr Wilby Street & North Star Road | M 0457 994 351  
Powered and unpowered sites, toilets, hot showers and washing facilities.

## CINDY'S CRAFTS AND COOKING

P (07) 4676 3165  
Cakes, biscuits, sandwiches and cool drinks.

## Events

Horses have been a key part of the district's sporting scene since the days of the Light Horse. There are plenty of equestrian events in the town, usually centred on the club.

### CUTTING

NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
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Top class cutting in a four day event, with \$40,000 in prize money. This is now the second largest cutting event in Australia. Come and see riders testing their cattle handling skills in the growing sport of cutting.

### THE NORTH STAR TRAIL RIDE

FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
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Speed demons and lovers of the open road travel from across Australia to take part in this non-competitive dirt bike event that raises funds for local community groups. Totally volunteer run, over 1500 riders test their skills at short, medium and long course events, with a pee-wee and junior track for young riders. Courses run across farmland, with free camping, canteen and bar.

### POLO CARNIVAL

MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
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Two day carnival, featuring the best teams from as far away as the Gold Coast and Scone for A to C grade tournaments. Great food, friendly atmosphere in the best of 'bush' polo. Come along for a picnic sideline, or pull up a hay bale to take in the fast paced action.

### NORTH STAR SHOW JUMPING CLASSIC

MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
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With over \$15,000 in prize money, this event has three rings with graded and ungraded classes, and is a qualifier for the Queensland interschool championship.

### NORTH STAR BUSHMAN'S CARNIVAL

APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
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Two day ACA campdraft and carnival.





#### DID YOU KNOW?

Much of the high quality barley grown in the district is destined for brewing, including Hahn and Wildfire, so next time you sample a cold one make sure you raise a glass to North Star.

North Star is a landscape of broad horizons and spectacular sunsets, time your visit to experience one of the many top class horse events, or just enjoy the peace of the wide open spaces.

**T**he Star as it is affectionately called by locals, started life as a sheep station, and got its present name when a post office was established in 1916. The railway came through in 1932, and the massive grain silos that dominate the town were built in the 1950s. The early history of the area was immortalised in *Big Mobs* by Glen McLaren, who described the Mungle Scrub as 50,000 acres of almost impenetrable prickly pear. Once the pear was defeated, the district became home to many returned servicemen and retains a strong tradition of ANZAC and Light Horse celebrations. Stan Bischoff spent his early life catching wild cattle in the scrub and is a hero of the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame.

Today North Star is a landscape of broad horizons and spectacular sunsets, with a mosaic of crops and textures providing the traveller with stunning views. Agriculture has moved on from men on horses to precision agriculture and huge machines.

The community owned North Star Sporting Club has facilities that larger towns would envy, with polo grounds, stabling and a unique opportunity to play golf on a very rustic nine hole course among the gum trees, where the crows might steal your ball! A great place to experience the peace and tranquillity of the bush. Set up camp and sleep under the endless stars – a truly magical experience.

North Star is rich in community assets. Halls, churches, a central location and proactive community make it the ideal venue for your next event. From horse sports to car rallies, 'The Star' is ready to host your event. Contact the CWA, Bernadette Allport on 0427 763 161.



## REFLECTIONS HOLIDAY PARKS COPETON WATERS

3533 Copeton Dam Road, Copeton  
P (02) 6723 6269 | [copetonwaters@reflectionsoliday.com.au](mailto:copetonwaters@reflectionsoliday.com.au)  
[www.reflectionsolidayparks.com.au](http://www.reflectionsolidayparks.com.au)

**Just a 30-minute drive from Inverell.**

Copeton Waters Holiday Park – set on 900 hectares of bushland and nestling the mighty Copeton Dam – is the ultimate New England country escape.

Renowned for its freshwater fishing, it's hard to go past Copeton Waters for a memorable camping experience. Pet friendly sites and cabins available.



## GWYDIR SHIRE CARAVAN PARKS

Warialda Caravan Park Cnr Holden St & Gwydir Hwy,  
Warialda | P 0427 291 008

Bingara Riverside Caravan Park Copeton Dam Rd, Bingara  
P 0427 241 300

North Star Caravan Park Wilby St, North Star | P 07 4676 3183

Cranky Rock Nature Reserve Cranky Rock Rd  
(off Gwydir Highway), Warialda | P 02 6729 0046

**The Gwydir Shire has a number of caravan parks and camping options to make your stay enjoyable and comfortable while visiting the area.**

All four parks offer powered and unpowered sites, shower, toilet and laundry facilities. Pets are welcome in the parks provided they are kept under control at all times.



## THE BINGARA SPORTING CLUB

8 Bombelli St, Bingara  
P (02) 6724 1206 | P (02) 6724 1226 (Chinese Restaurant)  
[binsport@bigpond.net.au](mailto:binsport@bigpond.net.au)

**The 'Hub' of Bingara and surrounding community providing a family friendly environment that offers a range of first class sporting and hospitality services.**

The beautifully located riverside club house and sporting facilities are proud to be able to welcome members and visitors to enjoy these amazing community assets.

**Club Trading Hours:** Mon/Fri – 4pm to Close;  
Sat/Sun – 12pm to Close.

**Chinese Restaurant Trading Hours:**  
Evenings – Daily from 5.30pm; Lunch – 12pm to 2pm (closed Mon & Tues – lunchtime only).



## THE IMPERIAL HOTEL & MOTEL

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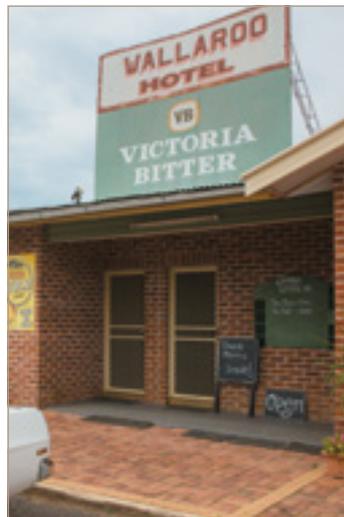
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33 Stephen St, Warialda  
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CommercialWarialda

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## THE BAKERS LOAF

2/23 Stephen St, Warialda  
P (02) 6729 1100

The Bakers Loaf is located right in the heart of Warialda and serves delicious fresh bread varieties, home made pies and sausage rolls as well as an extensive range of cakes, slices, sweet and savoury pastries, tarts and more! Daily specials, fresh sandwiches made to order, and catering for events and functions is also available. Open Monday to Saturday early to 2pm.



## GWYDIR MEATS

18 Stephen St, Warialda  
P (02) 6729 1507  
[www.facebook.com/gwydirmeats01](http://www.facebook.com/gwydirmeats01)

If we won't eat it, we won't sell it! Gwydir Meats provides high quality meats at affordable prices. They source meat locally, ensuring the freshest meat is being delivered from paddock to plate. Catering for events such as parties, weddings and functions is available upon request as well as bulk value packages. Game meat can also be sourced.



## GRAVESEND GENERAL STORE

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Hot food – we cook all day!  
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## ROXY THEATRE

74 Maitland St, Bingara  
P (02) 6724 0066 (Bingara Visitor Information Centre)  
[www.roxybingara.com.au](http://www.roxybingara.com.au) | [bingaratourism@gwydir.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bingaratourism@gwydir.nsw.gov.au)

**The magnificent Roxy Theatre, situated in the main street of Bingara, is a striking building, with a history as colourful as its painted exterior – a must see destination when visiting the Gwydir Shire.**

Built in 1936 by three Greeks, it operated as a cinema until 1958, after which it was closed and lay dormant and untouched for forty years.

In May 2004, The Roxy was faithfully restored to its original splendour and was re-opened to the public. The theatre embraces some of the most striking original art deco architecture in New South Wales and it still contains the original fixtures and fittings, including the ornate stucco plaster, paintwork and coloured lights from 1936.

Tours of the theatre and Greek Café Museum take place Monday to Friday at 10.30am and 2.30pm, and weekends by appointment through the Bingara Visitor Information Centre located next door to the theatre. Tailored packages can also be arranged for large groups.

Be sure to check out the Roxy's program of events while you are in town, attending a live show or film in the theatre is a true delight.

The theatre is also available for hire for functions, conferences, meetings and weddings.

For more information or for a list of 'what's on' visit [www.roxybingara.com.au](http://www.roxybingara.com.au) or contact the Bingara Visitor Information Centre on: P: (02) 6724 0066  
E: [bingaratourism@gwydir.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bingaratourism@gwydir.nsw.gov.au)





## MEAT ON MAITLAND

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[www.facebook.com/Meatonmaitland](http://www.facebook.com/Meatonmaitland)

**Meat on Maitland prides itself on supplying 100% locally grown beef, lamb and pork grown right here in the Gwydir Valley!**

When in Bingara be sure to pay a visit to the friendly team at Meat on Maitland; we are committed to supporting local farmers and producers, and providing top quality meats, coupled with good old time customer service. With a fantastic range of locally sourced meats and produce, smoked hams and bacon, house made salamis, free range chicken, gourmet foods, ready to go meals and cooked roasts, you can't go past Meat on Maitland.



## CROPPA CREEK BOWLING CLUB

Apsley Crescent, Croppa Creek  
 P (02) 6754 5284  
[www.facebook.com/CroppaCreekBowlingClub](http://www.facebook.com/CroppaCreekBowlingClub)

Hours are from 5pm till late on Fri and Sat nights. Modern bar and good pub-style meals available from 6pm. Behind the club is ample room for caravans, etc for those who are interested in staying to break their journey or who may want to look around the area. The Club is also available to hire for private functions.



## NORTH STAR SPORTING CLUB

Yetman Rd, North Star  
 P 07 4676 3183  
[nsscld@outlook.com](mailto:nsscld@outlook.com)  
 FB: North Star Sporting Club

North Star's premiere venue. We're open from Thursday through to Sunday night with delicious meals and beverages available. Unpowered/powered caravan sites complete with showers, toilets and stabling facilities. The whole ground/venue is available to hire for events.



## KEERA STREET SHOP

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 P (02) 6724 1119 | [keerastreetshop@outlook.com](mailto:keerastreetshop@outlook.com)  
 Facebook: Keera Street Shop

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## WARIALDA GOLF & BOWLING CLUB

35 Holden St, Warialda  
 P (02) 6729 1192  
[admin@wgbc.net.au](mailto:admin@wgbc.net.au)  
[www.facebook.com/warialdagolfandbowlingclub](http://www.facebook.com/warialdagolfandbowlingclub)

The Warialda Golf & Bowling Club caters for our members and guests, providing pristine sporting facilities for lawn bowls, a 9 hole golf course, weekly Friday raffles from 6:30pm, monthly events and delicious meals in the adjoining Chinese Restaurant.



## CROPPA CREEK STORE

6 Buckie Rd, Croppa Creek  
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We are a small, dynamic store located in the Heart of the Golden Triangle – 7.30am–6.30pm Mon-Fri; 8.00am–12 noon Sat & Sun.

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 P 0418 650 413  
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[www.bingara.com.au](http://www.bingara.com.au)

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 Warialda NSW 2402  
 P (02) 6729 4147  
[kerry@cbreaksculpturepark.com.au](mailto:kerry@cbreaksculpturepark.com.au)  
[www.cbreaksculpturepark.com.au](http://www.cbreaksculpturepark.com.au)

Featuring 3 Galleries and several sculpture walks to explore. Something for all ages.

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 P (02) 6783 4218  
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 P (02) 6724 1974 | [www.facebook.com/SapphireSaltCave](https://www.facebook.com/SapphireSaltCave)  
[www.sapphiresaltcave.com.au](http://www.sapphiresaltcave.com.au)

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P (02) 6729 1511  
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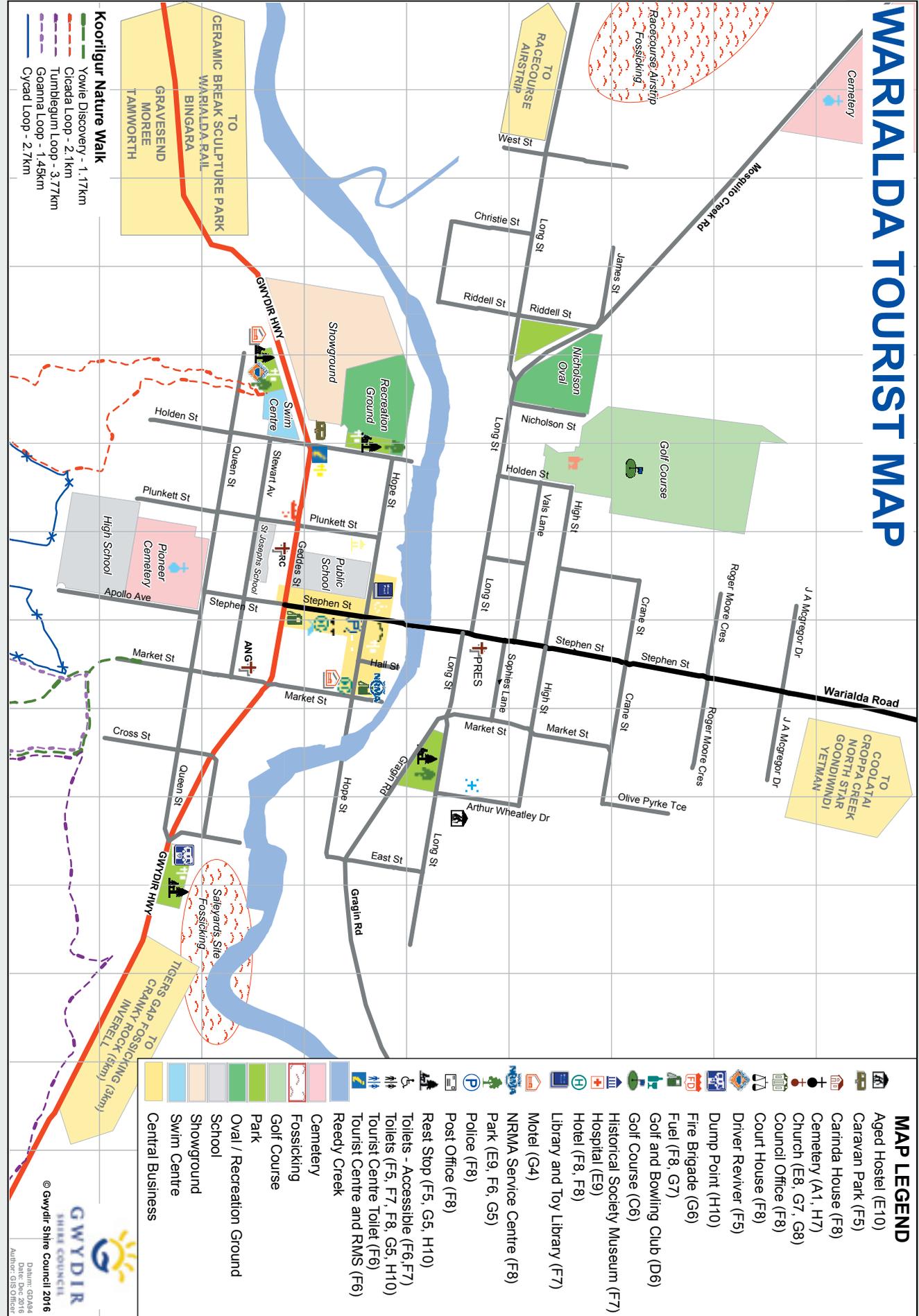
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# WARIALDA TOURIST MAP



## MAP LEGEND

- Aged Hostel (E10)
- Caravan Park (F5)
- Carinda House (F8)
- Cemetery (A1, H7)
- Church (E8, G7, G8)
- Council Office (F8)
- Court House (F8)
- Driver Reviver (F5)
- Dump Point (H10)
- Fire Brigade (G6)
- Fuel (F8, G7)
- Golf and Bowling Club (D6)
- Golf Course (C6)
- Historical Society Museum (F7)
- Hospital (E9)
- Hotel (F8, F8)
- Library and Toy Library (F7)
- Motel (G4)
- NRMA Service Centre (F8)
- Park (E9, F6, G5)
- Police (F8)
- Post Office (F8)
- Rest Stop (F5, G5, H10)
- Toilets - Accessible (F6, F7)
- Toilets (F5, F7, F8, G5, H10)
- Tourist Centre Toilet (F6)
- Tourist Centre and RMS (F6)
- Ready Creek
- Cemetery
- Fossicking
- Golf Course
- Park
- Oval / Recreation Ground
- School
- Showground
- Swim Centre
- Central Business

- Koorligur Nature Walk**
- Yowie Discovery - 1.17km
  - Cicada Loop - 2.1km
  - Tumblegum Loop - 3.77km
  - Gaanna Loop - 1.45km
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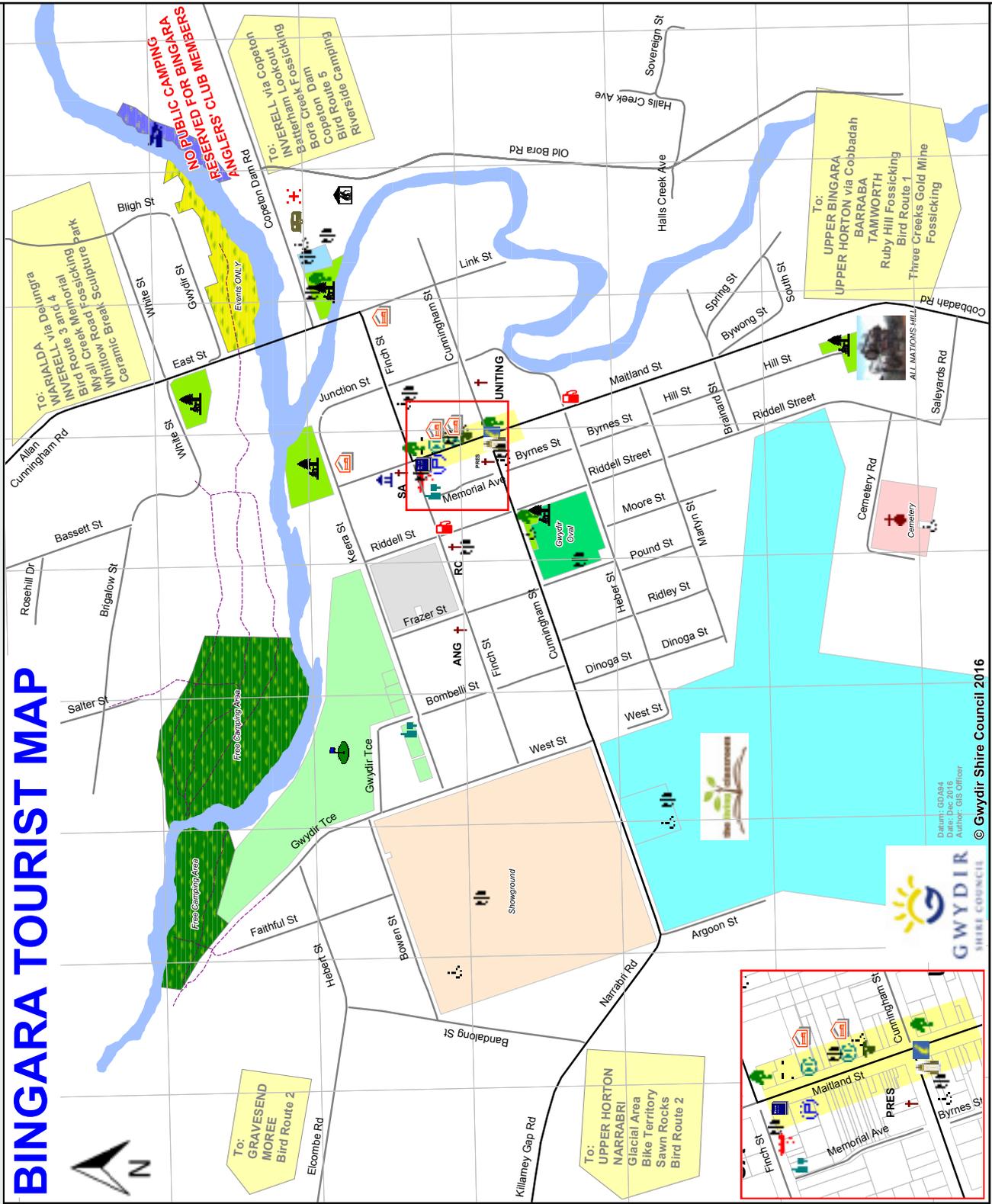
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# BINGARA TOURIST MAP



## MAP LEGEND

- Accommodation (C7, C6)
- Aged Hostel (C8)
- Boat Ramp (B9)
- Caravan Park (B8)
- Clubs (C4, C6)
- Cemetery (F6)
- Church (C5, C6, D6, D7)
- Council Office (D6)
- Fire Station (C6)
- Golf Course (C4)
- Hospital (B8)
- Hotel (C6)
- Library (C6)
- Living Classroom (E4)
- Museum (C6)
- Police (C6)
- Park (C6, C8, D6)
- Post Office (C6)
- Rest Area - (B7, C6, C8, D6, D7, F7)
- THE ROXY (D6)
- Accessible Toilet - (C2, C6, C8, D6, G6)
- Toilet - (D3, E4, D5, D6, C6, C8)
- Tourist Centre (D6)
- Fuel (C6, D7)
- Event Camping
- Anglers Camping
- Free Camping
- Cemetery
- Golf Course
- Gwydir Oval
- Living Classroom
- Park
- Natural Waterway
- School
- Showground
- Swim Centre
- Scenic Drive
- Central Business



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