



COONAMBLE SHIRE

endless discovery

Coonamble • **Gulargambone** • *QUAMBONE*



From the Mountains to the Marshes

*Coonamble Shire includes Coonamble,
Gulargambone and Quambone.*

Coonamble is situated on the Castlereagh Highway, an alternative route to the Newell Highway for travellers en route to Queensland.

Coonamble is conveniently positioned halfway between Dubbo and Lightning Ridge and is just over six hours drive from Sydney.

Coonamble, Gulargambone and Quambone are surrounded by the region's natural wonders including the Pilliga State Forest, the Warrumbungle National Park and the Macquarie Marshes.

Agriculture is the economic mainstay and is based on extensive sheep and cattle grazing, and dry-land broad acre cropping.

According to Norman B Tindale, the Coonamble district incorporated the Wailwan and the Gamilaroi tribes.

Coonamble Shire has a rich indigenous heritage and continues to celebrate and recognise the importance of Aboriginal heritage and culture.

Quick Facts

- The Castlereagh River is an upside down 'dry' river that runs underground

- Coonamble Shire is situated within the Great Artesian Basin area

- Population 4,030





Coonamble

Coonamble is an Aboriginal word meaning 'lot of dirt'. Explorers came to this area in search of possible grazing land for sheep and cattle. However it was George Evans who, in 1818, discovered the flooded Castlereagh River near the present site of the town. In 1840 James Walker was the first to lease land in this district; his 'Koonamble' run. From the beginning the 'Koonamble' run became the natural centre of the surrounding plains. It was used as a convenient camping ground and watering place.



Gulargambone

Gulargambone is an Aboriginal word meaning 'watering hole for many Galars'. The town has a population of about 500 with approximately 1000 in the postcode. The community has driven several projects in town including the first community owned Post Office, attractive murals, the *two eight two eight* volunteer run café & gallery which includes an accredited Visitor Information Centre and of course the now famous 'corrugated iron galahs' which appear on the highway and around town.



Quambone

The Quambone district has a population of 197. This charming little village has two quaint bush churches, a general store, a hotel, tennis courts, swimming pool and the smallest operational library in NSW.

Only 57km from Coonamble on a sealed road, Quambone's main attractions are the Macquarie Marshes, the Marthaguy Picnic Races held in September and the Quambone Polocrosse Carnival held in July/August.

What's On?

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"I want to experience Spring Racing Carnivals!"



January

Australia Day Celebrations

February

Welcome to Coonamble Event

Dinner Under the Stars

March

Gulargambone Lions Club Markets

Welcome to Gulargambone Event

Coonamble Challenge & Campdraft

April

Coonamble Ag Field Day

Coonamble Waste 2 Art Exhibition

Coonamble Market Day

May

Coonamble and Gulargambone
Annual Shows

Coonamble Autumn Race Meeting

Heritage Day

June

Coonamble Rodeo & Campdraft

Coonamble Saddle Up Sunday Races

Quilt Exhibition

Town Garage Sale & Market Day

July

Quambone Polocrosse Carnival

Coonamble Poultry Show

August

Marthaguy Picnic Races

Gulargambone Campdraft

September

Outback Archies Exhibition

Come-By-Chance Picnic Races

Gulargambone Gold Cup Races

Gulargambone Lions Club Markets

Father's Day Walk the Loop

Coonamble Market Day

October

Coonamble Greyhound Carnival

Macquarie Marshes Open Day

Coonamble Gold Cup Races

Coonamble Strawberry Fair & Fete

November

Log on to
www.visitcoonamble.com.au
for special offers!

December

Coonamble Christmas Carnivale -
Street Parade & Markets

See & Do

“What can we see and do in Coonamble Shire?”



Coonamble

Museum Under the Bridge

Why not step back in time and visit the 'Museum Under the Bridge', which outlines the history of Coonamble and its community. Browse the old photos, wares and stables which illustrate tales of a bygone era in the Coonamble District.

The museum is the former police barracks which was built in 1886. The trooper brick horse stable has been kept in its original form, including stalls and feed boxes and is one of only two of its kind remaining in NSW.

The museum regularly rotates exhibitions and storylines and often each room will have a particular theme.

Opening Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday (10am-12pm)

Location: Aberford Street, Coonamble
Parking: Skillmans Lane off Castlereagh Street

Admission: \$2 Adult, \$1 Child

Toilets: Available

Disability Access: Limited (with assistance)

P: (02) 6822 2873

Nakadoo Shed & Horse-Drawn Tours

Experience the sights of Coonamble in a horse-drawn carriage with local expert horseman Peter Kennedy. Although considered to be an old-fashioned mode of transport the sulky and other horse related transport are still used frequently in Coonamble.

P: 0428 774 343

E: nakadoo1@bigpond.net.au

Outback Arts Gallery

Outback Arts is a fully staffed public art gallery that hosts exhibitions from across the Outback region. Opened in May 2012 and situated in the old Monterey Café building, the gallery presents works from local art groups, regional artists and touring exhibitions. Exhibitions change regularly and admission is free.

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri (9am-4pm)

Location: 65-67 Castlereagh Street, Coonamble

P: (02) 6822 2484

E: admin@outbackarts.com.au

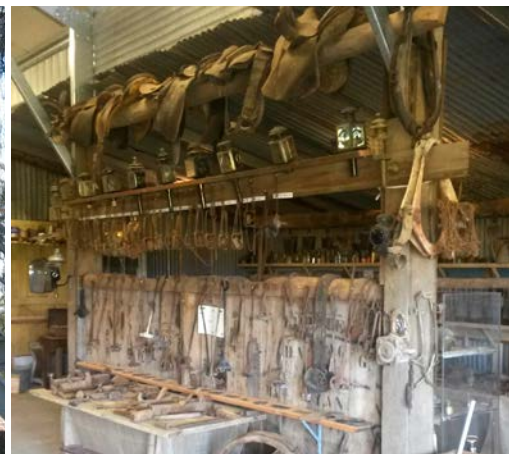
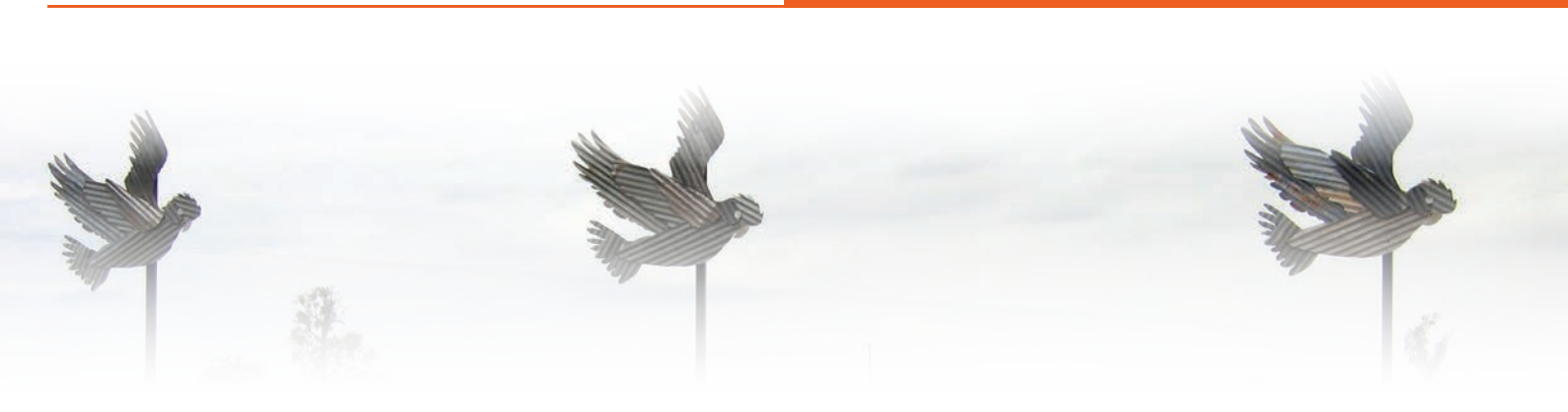
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Nickname Hall of Fame

Coonamble is the Australian capital of the nickname phenomenon and has been featured on Channel 7's Sunrise. The 'Nickname Hall Of Fame' is not housed in a building as such, rather it is exhibited in the main street of Coonamble. Prominent local characters have been immortalised in caricature and adorn the exterior walls of local shopfronts. Find out how 'Fluffy', 'Icy' and 'Darla' got their nicknames!

Location: Castlereagh Street (main street), Coonamble





Gulargambone

two eight two eight

Named after the Gulargambone postcode, *two eight two eight* is an award winning café, gallery, craft shop and accredited visitor information centre and is mostly run by volunteers. *two eight two eight* has won numerous accolades including regional, state and Australian Tourism Awards. The annual 'Dinner Under the Stars' gala event is held in March each year.

Location: Bourbah Street, Gulargambone
P: (02) 6825 1828
E: EO2828@bigpond.com
W: www.2828nsw.com

Bourbah Street Murals

Designed by artist Sam Newstead, the theme of the murals is a day in Gulargambone; starting in the twilight, through the dawn, morning, and the heat of the day, moving on to evening, nightfall, and a new dawn.

Location: Bourbah Street, Gulargambone

Corrugated Iron Galahs

This was a town branding project of the local progress association known as 'Flying Ahead'. The sculptures were designed by artist Sam Newstead and assembled by local artist Alison Dent.

The galah sculptures were constructed using old corrugated iron found within and around the township of Gulargambone. Forty sculptures were cut, assembled, and erected in varying locations by the community.

All birds are flying towards Gulargambone, guiding visitors to town. The galahs are now a recognised tourist attraction in their own right with visitors regularly stopping to have their photo taken with them.

Spot them on the Castlereagh highway or in the town of Gulargambone.

Quambone

Quambone Library

The smallest operational library in NSW is located in the township of Quambone.

Macquarie Marshes Bird Viewing Platform

The viewing platform allows visitors to get an elevated view of the wetlands.

Location: The Gibson Way near Terrigal Creek, Quambone (approx. 73km West of Coonamble).
Before travelling, contact the Coonamble Visitor Centre on (02) 6827 1923.

Macquarie Marsh Nature Reserve

The National Parks & Wildlife Services (NPWS) run tours within the Macquarie Marshes Nature Reserve annually on the October Long Weekend.

Location: Macquarie Marshes Nature Reserve, Carinda/Warren Rd
 Pilliga Forest Discovery Centre
P: (02) 6843 4011
E: pilliga.discoverycentre@environment.nsw.gov.au

See & Do

“What can we see and do in Coonamble Shire?”

Outback Arts Gallery

Established in 2012 and the former home of the famous Monterey Café, Outback Arts is now home to a public gallery which hosts a variety of changing exhibitions and art programs providing an active cultural hub for the community.

Open Monday to Friday 9am-4pm
65 Castlereagh Street, Coonamble
P: (02) 6822 2484
E: admin@outbackarts.com.au



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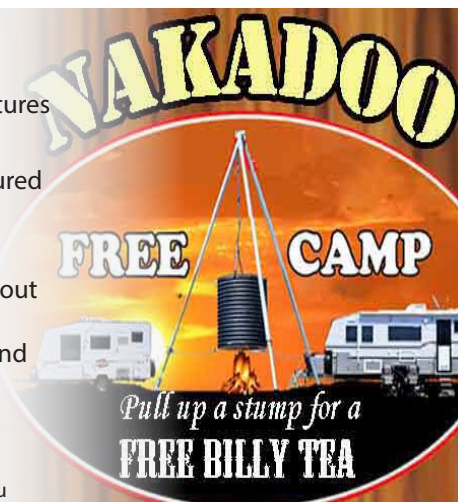
Open Mon, Wed & Friday 10am-12pm
Aberford Street, Coonamble
P: (02) 6822 2873
E: coonamble.museum@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au



Nakadoo Shed & Horse-Drawn Tours

The Nakadoo Shed features years of collectables, stories and time-honoured artifacts. Experience a horse drawn heritage town tour and learn about the town's significant landmarks, both past and present.

P: (02) 6822 1860
M: 0428 221 861
E: nakadoo1@bigpond.net.au



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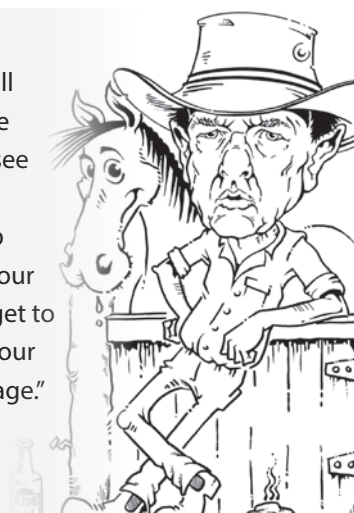
Bookings by Appointment
134 Abbitor Road, Coonamble
M: 0488 639 777



Nickname Hall of Fame

Coonamble is the Nickname Hall of Fame. Take a stroll around the streets of Coonamble's CBD to see the 'larger than life' caricatures on billboards mounted on shop walls and get to know some of our stories. Or stay for a while and get to know us. Join us in celebrating our unique local and national heritage."

Open 7 Days
Castlereagh Street, Coonamble



two eight two eight

Relax in the beautiful courtyard while the kids explore the natural play space or browse the gift shop and gallery while you enjoy delicious homemade style meals served with Vittoria coffee. Come in and be inspired by the community spirit and hospitality. We are available for functions, catering and have a film society that host movie nights during the year.

28 Bourbah Street, Gulargambone
P: (02) 6825 1828
E: EO2828@bigpond.com
W: www.2828nsw.com



Stop & Stay a While

“Where should I stay in Coonamble Shire?”

Artesian Motor Inn

All rooms are fully refurbished and sound proofed. Other features include two BBQ areas, large saltwater pool and quiet off-street parking. Conveniently located opposite Showground and Hospital. FREE Courtesy bus to Coonamble Bowling Club daily 6pm.

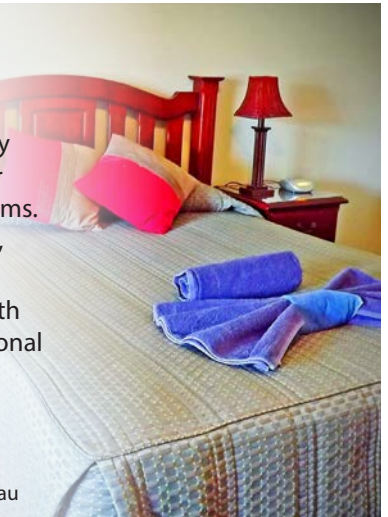
145-147 Castlereagh Street,
Coonamble
P: (02) 6822 1788
E: artesianmotorinn@bigpond.com
W: www.artesianmotorinn.com.au



Castlereagh Lodge Motel

Luxury 4 star executive rooms with large spa baths, standard deluxe double, twin and family rooms. Free WiFi & undercover parking. Queen beds in all rooms. Located close to bowling club, supermarket & bottleshop. Highest rated motel rooms with Star Ratings Australia professional assessors.

79-81 Aberford Street, Coonamble
P: (02) 6822 1999
E: castlereaghmotel@yahoo.com.au
W: www.castlereaghlodgemotel.com.au



Coonamble Cottage

The Coonamble Cottage is perfect for self-catering groups or for longer stays. It has 3 bedrooms sleeping up to 7 guests with a full kitchen and lounge. There is a interconnecting door to an additional room - The Master Room, which sleeps an additional 2 guests in its own separate, fully lockable section, with it's own entrance and bathroom.

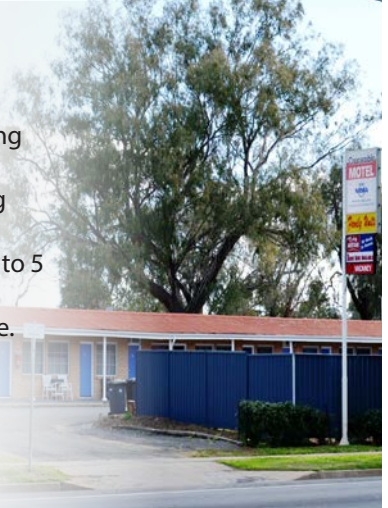
113 Castlereagh Street, Coonamble
P: (02) 6822 1999
E: castlereaghmotel@yahoo.com.au
W: www.castlereaghlodgemotel.com.au



Coonamble Motel

Located in the heart of town, Coonamble Motel welcomes you to come and stay. Featuring clean rooms, comfy beds and friendly service within walking distance from the main street. Family rooms accomodate up to 5 people. Great rates, off-street parking and free wi-fi available.

86 Castlereagh Highway,
Coonamble
P: (02) 6822 1400
E: admin@coonamblemotel.com.au
W: www.coonamblemotel.com.au



Coonamble Riverside Caravan Park

Located next to the Showground and Hospital. Powered and unpowered sites, self-contained cabins & on site vans available. Facilities include laundry, new amenities include disabled toilet and shower, BBQ and dump point. The park is pet friendly and within walking distance to the town centre.

138 Castlereagh Highway,
Coonamble
P: (02) 6822 1926



Gulargambone Caravan Park

Hosts David & Bernadette invite you to enjoy a camp oven meal on Wednesdays and Sundays (1 April - 30 Sep). The park features happy hour every afternoon, grassed, shady drive-thru sites, self-contained units, large camp kitchen, BBQ, camp fire and dump point.

17 Skuthorpe Lane, Gulargambone
P: (02) 6825 1666
E: gularcaravanpark@yahoo.com
W: www.gulargambonecaravanpark.com



Natural Wonders

“How do we get to the Macquarie Marshes?”

WARRUMBUNGLE NATIONAL PARK

The Warrumbungle National Park is 70km south-east of Coonamble and can be accessed via the Tooraweenah Rd (unsealed). Warrumbungle is a Gamilaroi word meaning ‘crooked mountain’. The most iconic feature in the park, The Breadknife, is a volcanic dyke which stands 90m tall.

Enjoy a leisurely stroll on one of the walking trails and visit the nearby Siding Springs Observatory, or take your own telescope for a spectacular view of the Milky Way.

Warrumbungle National Park Visitor Information Centre
Open 9am-4pm (closed Christmas Day)
Off John Renshaw Parkway,
Warrumbungle National Park
P: (02) 6825 4364

PILLIGA FOREST

The Pilliga Forest (or Pilliga Scrub) is made up of the Pilliga Nature Reserve, Timmallallie National Park, Pilliga West, and East State Conservation Areas.

Close to the town of Baradine (70km east of Coonamble), Pilliga is a vast forest that spans more than half a million hectares. While you're there visit the Sculptures in the Scrub and Salt Caves or take a guided discovery tour of Sandstone Caves. Visit the Pilliga Forest Discovery Centre for more information on tours and bookings.

Pilliga Forest Discovery Centre
Open 7 days (9am-5pm weekdays
and 10am-5pm Sat & Sun)
50-58 Wellington Street, Baradine
P: (02) 6843 4011
W: www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au

MACQUARIE MARSHES

The Macquarie Marshes (Bird Viewing Platform site) are located on the Gibson Way, approximately 73km west of Coonamble near Quambone. The National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS) Nature Reserve (Northern site entry) is located on the Warren/Carinda Road.

It is highly recommended that you contact the Coonamble Visitor Information Centre on (02) 6827 1923 to check the road conditions before you plan your trip as the Marshes are located on unsealed roads prone to flooding.



Day Trips & Trails

“What is there to explore close by?”

Gilgandra Coo-ee Heritage & Visitor Centre

Maps, souvenirs, information, surrounding parklands, RV/coach parking, BBQ, picnic tables, toilets, disabled toilet & baby change area, art gallery, exhibitions, aboriginal artefacts and local memorabilia.

Open 7 days from 9am-5pm
Newell Highway, Gilgandra
P: (02) 6817 8700
E: tourism@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au
W: www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au



Lightning Ridge

Come and visit the Black Opal Capital of the world.

- Award Winning Attractions
- Opal Shops & Art Galleries
- Hot Artesian Baths
- Water Theme Park
- Guided Bus Tours
- Caravan/Cabin Parks, Motels, B&Bs, Holiday Cottages

Lightning Ridge Visitor Centre
Open 7 days
Lions Park, Morilla Street, Lightning Ridge
P: (02) 6829 1670
W: www.lightningridgeinfo.com.au



Window on the Wetlands Centre & Kookaburra Kiosk

RiverSmart's Education, Recreation & Cultural Centre. HQ for Macquarie Valley Trails. Easy access to walking trails and bird hides at Tiger Bay Wetlands. Art exhibitions, wildlife, Indigenous and early European heritage information. Great coffee, yummy cakes and light meals in air-conditioned comfort.

Oxley Highway, Warren
P: (02) 6847 3720 or 1800 748 379
W: www.riversmart.org.au



Discover, Explore, Experience..... Narromine Shire

- Narromine Aviation Museum
- Quaint country pubs
- Great fishing spots
- Goobang National Park
- Glenn McGrath Statue
- Narromine Wetlands
- Cafes and unique attractions

Narromine Visitor Information Centre
37 Burraway Street, Narromine
P: (02) 6889 9980
E: mail@narromine.nsw.gov.au
W: www.narromine.nsw.gov.au



See the Stars

For a truly astronomical experience visit Warrumbungle Shire. By day, learn about the astronomy then explore the universe yourself at night. There is something for the whole family - get your info pack at the Coonabarabran Visitor Centre.

Newell Highway, Coonabarabran
P: 1800 242 881
W: www.warrumbungleregion.com.au



Photo: David Malin & AAO

Walgett

Alex Trevallion Camping Ground and Park is a pet friendly, FREE camp with toilets, BBQs, filtered water, and a dump point. The perfect base to explore the Walgett Region.

Located at the South End of Walgett on the Castlereagh Highway.

P: (02) 6828 6139
W: www.walgett.nsw.gov.au



Caravanning & Camping

FREE CAMPING

Quambone Primitive Campsite

The Quambone Primitive Campsite is a free campsite located in Quambone, 56km from Coonamble on a sealed road. The access point for caravans and campervans is on Yarea Street. Facilities include toilets, water supply, rubbish bins and a campfire pit. Unoccupied caravans, campervans or tents are not to remain in the campsite for more than 24 hours.

Mungie Street Quambone NSW

P: (02) 6827 1923

E: tourism@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au

DUMP POINTS

Coonamble Riverside Caravan Park

There is a free public dump point situated within the Coonamble Riverside Caravan Park, located on the Castlereagh Highway.

Castlereagh Highway, Coonamble NSW

P: (02) 6827 1923

E: tourism@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au

Gulargambone Caravan Park

Free for park guests and a \$5 usage fee applies for visitors.

17 Skuthorpe Lane, Gulargambone NSW

P: (02) 6825 1666

E: gulargambonecp@gmail.com

PORTABLE WATER

Coonamble

Coonamble Showground,
Castlereagh Hwy

RV PARKING

Coonamble

Coonamble offers a choice of three places to park at no charge for up to 96 hours:

- Coonamble Showground.
- Back Combara Road campsite.
- Warrena Wier campsite.

Casual Parking:

- East & West of Namoi Street.
- East of Castlereagh Street opposite Visitor Information Centre.
- North & South of Aberford St adj to McDonald Park.

Gulargambone

- Adjacent to Highway Park (Castlereagh Highway).

Quambone

- Adjacent to Quambone Park on Tucca Tucca Street.
- Within Sportsground Park.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Emergencies	000
RMS NSW Road Reports	132 701
NRMA Roadside Assistance	131 111
NSW Trainlink	132 232

Coonamble

Police	(02) 6822 1488
Hospital	(02) 6822 3333
Pharmacy	(02) 6822 1992
RFS	(02) 6822 4422
SES	(02) 6822 1422
Vet	(02) 6822 1381

Gulargambone

Police	(02) 6825 1008
Hospital	(02) 6825 1201
Pharmacy	(02) 6825 1838

Quambone

Refer to Coonamble emergency contacts above as they service the township of Quambone.



Parks & Gardens



Park Name	Address	RV Parking	BBQ	Picnic Table	Children's Play Area	Shade Area	Info Bays	Toilets	Disabled Access	Leash Free Zone
Coonamble										
Janet Cant Memorial Park	Mundooren St									
McDonald Park	Aberford St	⊙		⊙	⊙	⊙		⊙	⊙	⊙
Smith Park	Castlereagh Hwy	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙		
Broome Park	Cnr of Mundooren St & Tooloon St				⊙	⊙				
Lions Park	Cnr of Mundooren St & Aberford St			⊙						
Gulargambone										
Highway Park	Castlereagh Hwy	⊙		⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙		
Lions Park	Bourbah St		⊙	⊙		⊙		⊙		
Bill Delaney Memorial Park	Cnr of Breelong & Kirban St		⊙	⊙		⊙				
Jean Walker Park	Bourbah St				⊙	⊙				
Quambone										
Quambone Park	Tucca Tucca St	⊙		⊙	⊙	⊙				
Sportsground Park	Mungie St	⊙				⊙		⊙		

DO YOU HAVE FAMILY OR FRIENDS COMING TO STAY?

www.visitcoonamble.com.au



ARE YOU PLANNING A TRIP TO COONAMBLE & SURROUNDS?

www.visitcoonamble.com.au



History & Heritage

“Where can I find information on local history?”

COONAMBLE FAMILY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Research requests are accepted by post (fee applicable with initial enquiry). Requests can be mailed to:

Coonamble Family Historical Society,
PO Box 452, Coonamble NSW 2829

COONAMBLE MUSEUM UNDER THE BRIDGE

Open Mon, Wed & Fri from 10am-12pm and staffed by a volunteer curator who can assist with research requests. Entry fee \$2 Adult and \$1 Children.

Aberford Street, Coonamble
P: (02) 6822 2873

COONAMBLE SHIRE ARCHIVES

The Coonamble Shire Archives are located within the Coonamble Shire Council Administration Building. Tours are by appointment only and can be booked by contacting the Coonamble Visitor Centre on (02) 6827 1923.

COONAMBLE SHIRE COUNCIL

Coonamble Shire Council administers and maintains the Coonamble General Cemetery. For information on plot and burial locations visit the Council Administration building.

80 Castlereagh Street, Coonamble
P: (02) 6827 1900
W: www.coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au

COONAMBLE SHIRE LIBRARY

The Coonamble Shire Library has a dedicated family and local history research section containing local history books and resources. Ask the friendly librarians for assistance.

80 Castlereagh Street, Coonamble
P: (02) 6827 1925
W: www.coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au

COONAMBLE TIMES

The Coonamble Times has been in operation since 1885 and features stories on Coonamble and surrounding districts.

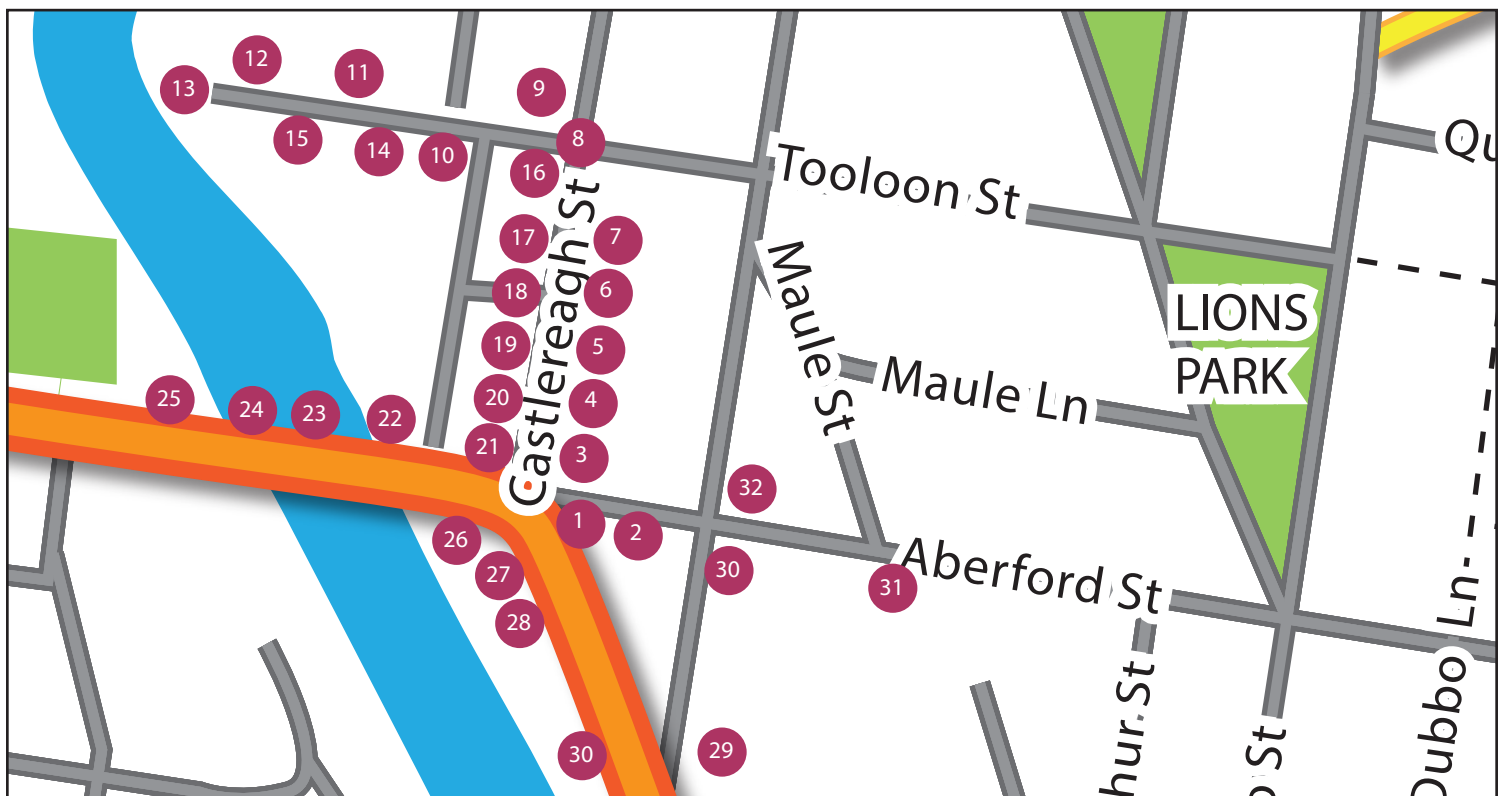
73 Castlereagh Street, Coonamble
P: (02) 6822 1911
W: www.coonambletimes.com.au



Town Heritage Walk

“I want to explore Coonamble’s history and heritage”

COONAMBLE TOWN CENTRE



- 1. Coonamble Post Office** - built in 1881 and still in use today.
- 2. Police Station & Court-house** - built in 1877 and 1972 respectively.
- 3. Hermanns Store** - built in 1902 (one of the few buildings that survived the 1929 fire).
- 4. Leonard's Newsagency** - originally the School of the Arts and rebuilt in 1930.
- 5. Easons Store** - in 1917 had 33 employees. Now comprises 5 separate shopfronts.
- 6. Site of Hotel Coonamble** - built in 1912 and rebuilt in 1936. It was demolished in 2004 and is now the local hardware store.
- 7. Former Westpac Bank** - rebuilt after the 1929 fire destroyed the Bank of NSW and residence.
- 8. The Peace Tree** - planted in 1996 to honour the memory of those who served in WW2.
- 9. RSL Club** - site of the Royal Hotel (built in 1877) and destroyed by the 1940 fire. Rebuilt in later years.
- 10. Site of first Town Hall/ Municipal Chambers** - until the municipality merged with Wingadee Shire in 1952.
- 11. Church Halls** - originally on the other side of Toooloon street.
- 12. Site of the first cattle yards and huts for the Coonamble Run** - in 1840 James Walker's men made their camp on the north side of Toooloon street.
- 13. Toooloon Street River Crossing** - the main river crossing until the new bridge was built in 1883.
- 14. Site of the Brigidine Convent** - built in 1910 and moved in 1990 to Polkabin where it is now 'Peppers Convent'.
- 15. Roman Catholic Church (Our Lady of Perpetual Succor)** - built in 1939 as a copy of the Catholic Church in Pymble. The marble used was imported from Italy.
- 16. Site of Fogg & Polin General Merchants**
- 17. AJF Brien** - originally built in 1875 and rebuilt in 1942 after the 1940 fire.
- 18. Sons of the Soil Hotel** - built in 1904 and destroyed by the 1929 fire - rebuilt in 1929.
- 19. Former Johnny Burns Menswear Store** - is on the site of building used by the Wingadee Shire Council, until destroyed by fire in 1929.
- 20. Plaza Theatre** - originally the Monarch Theatre, it was rebuilt in 1930 as the Plaza Theatre.
- 21. National Australia Bank** - Built in 1913 (survived the 1929 fire).
- 22. Coonamble Museum** - built in 1886 and site of old stables and police station.
- 23. Sir Edward Hallstrom Bridge** - built in 1883 and rebuilt in 1983.
- 24. Castlereagh River** - the town's underground river.
- 25. Coonamble Swimming Pool** - opened in 1939.
- 26. Commercial Hotel** - first built in 1876 and rebuilt in 1912.
- 27. Coonamble Shire Council** - originally built in 1930 and where the current site is today.
- 28. The War Memorials**
- 29. Uniting Church** - built as the Presbyterian Church in 1917 and closed in 2010.
- 30. Former offices of J.D.Y Button Solicitors**
- 31. Coonamble High School** - originally built as the Superior Public School in 1879.
- 32. Church of England (St. Barnabus)** - first built in 1875 and rebuilt in 1909.

Aboriginal Heritage

“I want to learn about the area’s rich Aboriginal heritage”

The Coonamble area and the banks of the Castlereagh are home to the traditional custodians of the area; the Wailwan people, who are closely neighboured by the Gamilaroi people at the northern and eastern boundaries.

In 1818 John Oxley stated that ‘Aboriginal bark huts were seen in every direction along the Castlereagh River’. Then from 1860 to 1890 their population was reduced from approximately 30,000 to 800 and almost became extinct.

Coonamble and its surrounding districts are home to many culturally significant items such as scarred trees, bora grounds, artefacts and burial grounds. Many of these items can be found along the Castlereagh River.

These places and items hold significant value to the local Wailwan people and neighbouring groups.

Tin Town

Tin Town was located off Namoi Street, a settlement outside the day to day control of the Aboriginal Protection Board. It was one of the first areas of land allocated by the government so that Aboriginal people could access land for traditional use in the 19th Century, and demolished in 1960s. Most people lived in makeshift dwellings called gunyahs made of corrugated iron sheets, bark, wood and leaves. Campsites were also seen around the outskirts of Coonamble on the Castlereagh River and Limerick Street during 1900 to 1941.

Sandy Camp, Quambone

‘Sandy Camp’ was an iconic cultural meeting place where many ceremonies took place. These ceremonies were very important for trading, and to pass on cultural knowledge. Many of the ceremonies included neighbouring tribes, often involving the Gamilaroi and Wiradjuri people.

‘Sandy Camp’ is home to bora grounds, burials and many artefacts. It was home to Billie, King of the Macquarie. The Macquarie Mashes are still considered an important and significant site for Aboriginal culture.

Words by Regional Arts Development Officer, Outback Arts (2015)



Recreational Activities

“What are the best activities for the kids?”

COONAMBLE

Coonamble Riverwalk

Stretch your legs and enjoy an easy stroll along the banks of the Castlereagh River, and if you're feeling active make use of the exercise stations along the walking trail.
Address: Smith Park, Castlereagh Street, Coonamble

Swimming Pool

Olympic Swimming Pool
Opening Hours: October-March
Address: Aberford Street, Coonamble
Contact: (02) 6822 1722

Bowls

Opening Hours: 10.30am till late (daily)
Address: Coonamble Bowling Club, Aberford Street, Coonamble
Contact: (02) 6822 1144

Fishing

Location: Warrena Creek and Castlereagh River. Before fishing visit www.dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Golf

Visitor Access: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat. There is an honesty box at the first tee - \$5 for 9 holes.
Address: Walgett Road, Coonamble

Skate Park

Address: Smith Park, Castlereagh Highway Coonamble

Warrena Weir

Opening Hours: By appointment
Address: Baradine Road, Coonamble
Contact: Coonamble Ski Club on 0419 485 141

GULARGAMBONE

Gulargambone Riverwalk

Enjoy a short relaxing walk along the Gulargambone Creek.
Address: Bourbah Street, Gulargambone.

Swimming Pool

25m Pool
Open: October-March
Address: Munnell Street, Gulargambone
Contact: (02) 6825 1124

Bowls

Opening Hours: From 4pm on weekdays and 1pm on weekends. Twilight bowls every Thursday evening and social bowls every Saturday afternoon. Contact the Club for start times.
Address: Gulargambone Bowling Club, Coonamble Street, Gulargambone
Contact: (02) 6825 1145

Skate Park

Address: Castlereagh Highway Gulargambone

QUAMBONE

Swimming Pool

Leisure Pool
 Keys can be obtained from the Quambone General Store.
Open: October-March
Address: Mungie Street, Quambone
Contact: (02) 6824 2334



Dine Out or Takeaway

“Where can we find good coffee and great food?”

Coonamble Bowling Club

Everyone is welcome at the Coonamble Bowling Club. Bistro open 7 days. Lunch 12.00pm - 2.00pm (Monday to Saturday), Dinner 6.00pm - 8.45pm (Monday to Sunday).

- Social bowls Tuesdays & Thursdays
- Bingo Monday nights & Thursday mornings
- Membership Draw & Meat Raffles Monday & Friday Nights
- FREE Courtesy Bus

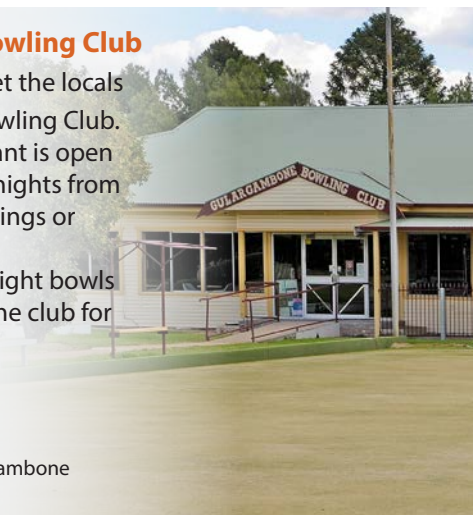
Aberford Street, Coonamble
P: (02) 6822 1144



Gulargambone Bowling Club

Come along and meet the locals at Gulargambone Bowling Club. The Chinese Restaurant is open Friday and Saturday nights from 5pm. Call us for bookings or takeaway orders. Social bowls and twilight bowls each week, contact the club for start times.

Coonamble Street, Gulargambone
P: (02) 6825 1145



CJ's Country Kitchen

- Freshly baked pastries
- Pies & cakes
- Excellent coffee
- Dine in or takeaway
- Gourmet Meals
- Catering available on request

Monday to Friday 6am - 3.30pm
Saturday 7am - 12pm
27-29 Castlereagh Street,
Coonamble
P: (02) 6822 1937



two eight two eight

Relax in the beautiful courtyard while the kids explore the natural play space or browse the gift shop and gallery while you enjoy delicious homemade style meals served with Vittoria coffee. Come in and be inspired by the community spirit and hospitality. We are available for functions, catering and have a film society that host movie nights during the year.

28 Bourbah Street, Gulargambone
P: (02) 6825 1828
E: EO2828@bigpond.com



Sons of the Soil Hotel

Join us at Coonambles most happening hotel. Darts & Pool Comps, BIG Cash Prizes, Bistro Open Lunch & Dinner (Wed-Sun), Function & Party Packages available, Weekly DJ & Live Entertainment, Family Friendly, Kids Jumping Castle, Cheap Accommodation, 10 Beers On Tap, TAB, Keno and VIP Room.

46 Castlereagh Street,
Coonamble
P: (02) 6822 5400



Coonamble Roadhouse

For all your fuel, hot and cold food, ice and drinks needs. Drop by and say “Hi” to our friendly staff. Dine-in or takeaway.

Open 7 days 5.30am-9pm
121 Dubbo Rd, Coonamble
P: (02) 6822 1256



Retail & Services

“We’re looking for something special to take home”

Coonamble Rural Transaction Centre

Retail & Community Services. Cottage Industries, Meals on Wheels, Centrelink, Medicare, Good Food Basket, internet centre, dry cleaning, meeting room, office space hire, RuralCo Insurance, massage therapist, Interrelate, Marathon Health, Joblink Plus & public car park.

26 Castlereagh Street, Coonamble
P: (02) 6822 4420
M: 0428 312 630



Gulgargambone Rural Transaction Centre Inc.

First community owned Post Office In Australia. Services provided: Reliance Credit Union, Australia Post, Bank @Post, ATO Payments, Centrelink, internet, faxing, photocopying, laminating, Green Slips, Shire rate payments for Coonamble & Gilgandra, safe document storage and gift shop.

37 Bourbah Street, Gulgargambone
P: (02) 6825 1005
F: (02) 6825 1503
E: gulgargambonertc@yahoo.com.au



Leonard's Store

First established in 1914 by Andrew Bede Leonard, Leonard's Store celebrated their 100th year anniversary in 2014 with a successful street party. The Leonard family continues to trade in footwear, ladies fashion and casual wear, menswear, and children's clothing as well as manchester and haberdashery.



37-41 Castlereagh Street, Coonamble
P: (02) 6822 1433

Noel's His N Hers

Noel's His N Hers is your locally owned and operated friendly barber and hairdresser. Specialising in men's, women's and children's haircuts, colours and treatments.

Open M-F 8am-5pm & Sat 8am-12pm
69 Castlereagh Street,
Coonamble
P: (02) 6822 1951



Joe's Quality Meats

Joe's Quality Meats supplies fresh beef, lamb, pork and chicken. Come in and see your local friendly butchers; Joe and staff. Specialty cuts and private kill available.

Open M-F 7am-5pm & Sat 7am-12pm
55 Castlereagh Street, Coonamble
P: (02) 6822 1866
F: (02) 6822 1023



Supa IGA

Fresh market fruit & veg, BBQ chicken, full deli and in-store butchery for all your grocery needs. Senior discount available every day. Phone orders welcome - free delivery in town.

Open Monday-Thursday 7am-7.30pm, Friday-Saturday 8am-7pm & Sunday 9am-6.30pm
63 Aberford Street, Coonamble
P: (02) 6822 1710
F: (02) 6822 3171



Retail & Services

“We’re looking for quality products and friendly service...”

Coonamble Cottage Industries

Coonamble Cottage Industries supplies our visitors with a taste of the district - from home made cakes, biscuits, jams, preserves and other sweet treats, to locally produced sewing, knitting and crafts. We also feature giftware, homewares and books of local interest.

Open Monday-Friday 9am-4pm
RTC Centre, Castlereagh St, Coonamble



Quambone General Store

Come in and get your tucker on Tucka Tucka Street. Eat in or takeaway. Selection of basic groceries available. Australia Post open 5 days a week. Come in and have a look around our small lovely town and visit our new park.

Open Monday - Saturday
Tucka Tucka Street, Quambone
P: (02) 6824 2334



Coonamble Community Radio

Coonamble Community Radio is your friendly, local community based radio station. From the mountains to the marshes tune into 91.9FM.

30 Maule Street, Coonamble
P: (02) 6822 2919 or (02) 6822 3133
E: mtmfm@bigpond.com



Tyreright Coonamble

Tyreright specialises in the sale and fitting of tyres for private, commercial & industrial use, the supply of a comprehensive range of tyres & finding the right tyre to suit your driving needs. Let us make the process simple and enjoyable for you.

Open Monday-Friday 7.30am-5pm &
Saturday 8am-12pm
89 Aberford Street, Coonamble
P: (02) 6822 2500
F: (02) 6822 3244



Visitor Information Services

Coonamble Visitor Information Centre

84 Castlereagh Street, Coonamble
P: (02) 6827 1923
E: tourism@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au
W: www.visitcoonamble.com.au



Gulgargambone Visitor Information Centre (two eight two eight)

28 Bourbah Street, Gulgargambone
P: (02) 6825 1828
E: EO2828@bigpond.com
W: www.2828nsw.com.au





Getting Here & Around

LOCATION & DISTANCE

Coonamble is located 554km North West of Sydney on the Castlereagh Highway and 160km North of Dubbo. Nearby towns include Gilgandra (95km), Coonabarabran (116km), Warren (107km) and Walgett (117km).

Gulgargambone is located 45km South of Coonamble on the Castlereagh Highway and Quambone 57km North West of Coonamble. Both are accessible by sealed road.

It takes approximately 6 hours to drive from Sydney either via Mudgee, or via Dubbo and approximately 2 hours to drive to Coonamble from Dubbo. There are regular flights into Dubbo with either Regional Express (www.rex.com.au), QANTAS (www.qantas.com.au) or FlyPelican (www.flypelican.com.au). Car hire is also available at Dubbo Airport.

PASSENGER COACH SERVICES

Countrylink operate a return bus service daily from Lightning Ridge through Coonamble (via Gulgargambone) to Dubbo to connect with the XPT rail service to Sydney. Golsby's Garage in Coonamble is the Countrylink booking agent and can be contacted on (02) 6822 1411. Alternatively contact 13 22 32 or visit www.nswtrainlink.info

TAXIS

There is one taxi service available in Coonamble. Alf's Taxi Service operates between 7.30am-5.45pm, Monday-Saturday. Phone 0432 577 477 for bookings.

SHUTTLE BUSES

Several of the licensed venues in Coonamble operate a complimentary bus service. Enquire with your chosen venue.

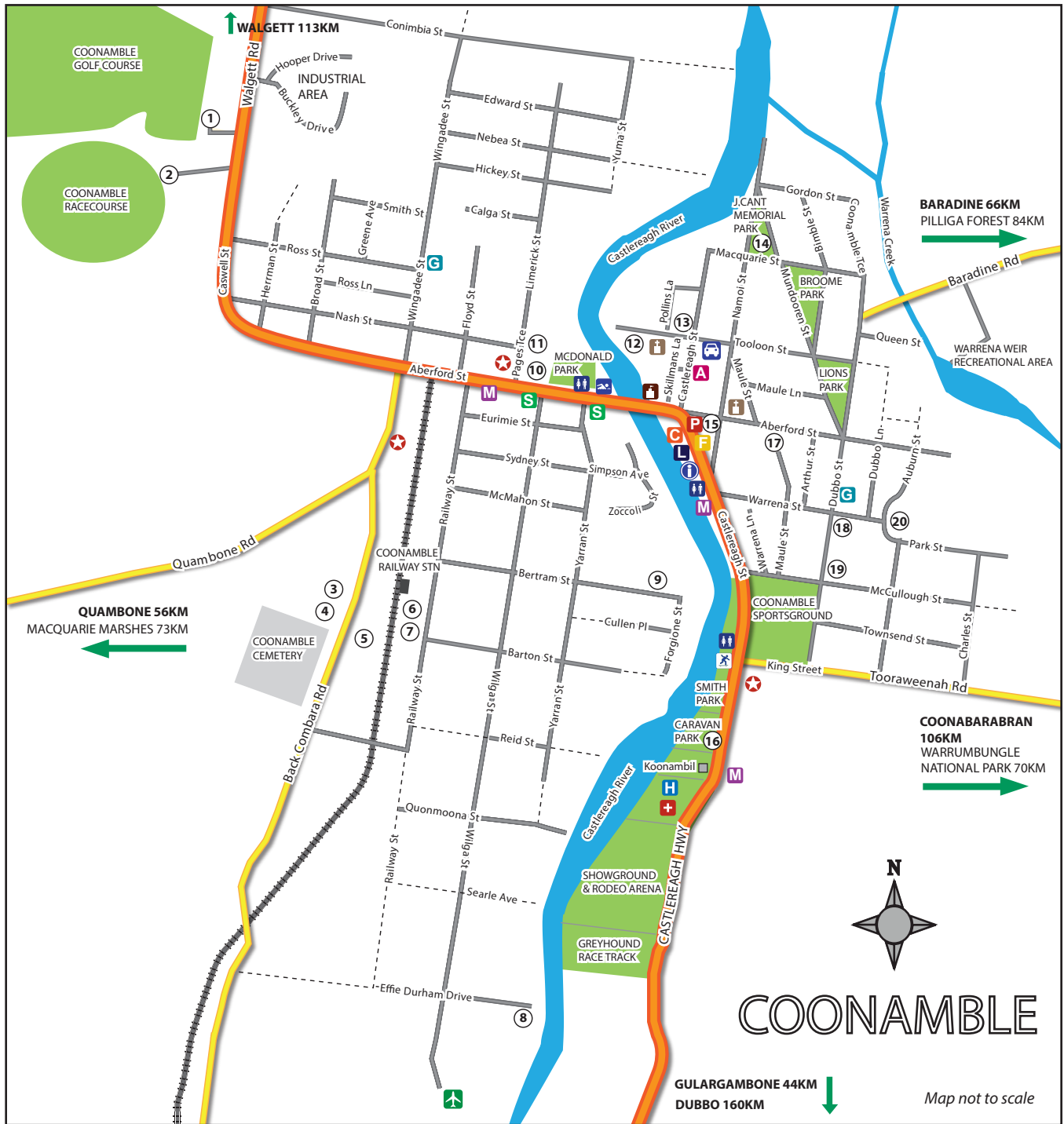
COONAMBLE AERODROME

Coonamble Shire Council owns a fully licensed aerodrome which is maintained to maximum CASA Standards. The airport is 3 kilometres from the Coonamble Post Office. The aerodrome is very user-friendly as the surrounding terrain is relatively flat and is a low air traffic area. The aerodrome has never been taken out of service due to floods and is usable in all weather. Refer to the ERSa directory for the latest contact information.

ROAD FREIGHT

Four companies provide general road freight to and from Coonamble each weekday out of Dubbo. These include SMS, Tamex, TNT, and Orana Couriers.

Town Maps



MAP LEGEND

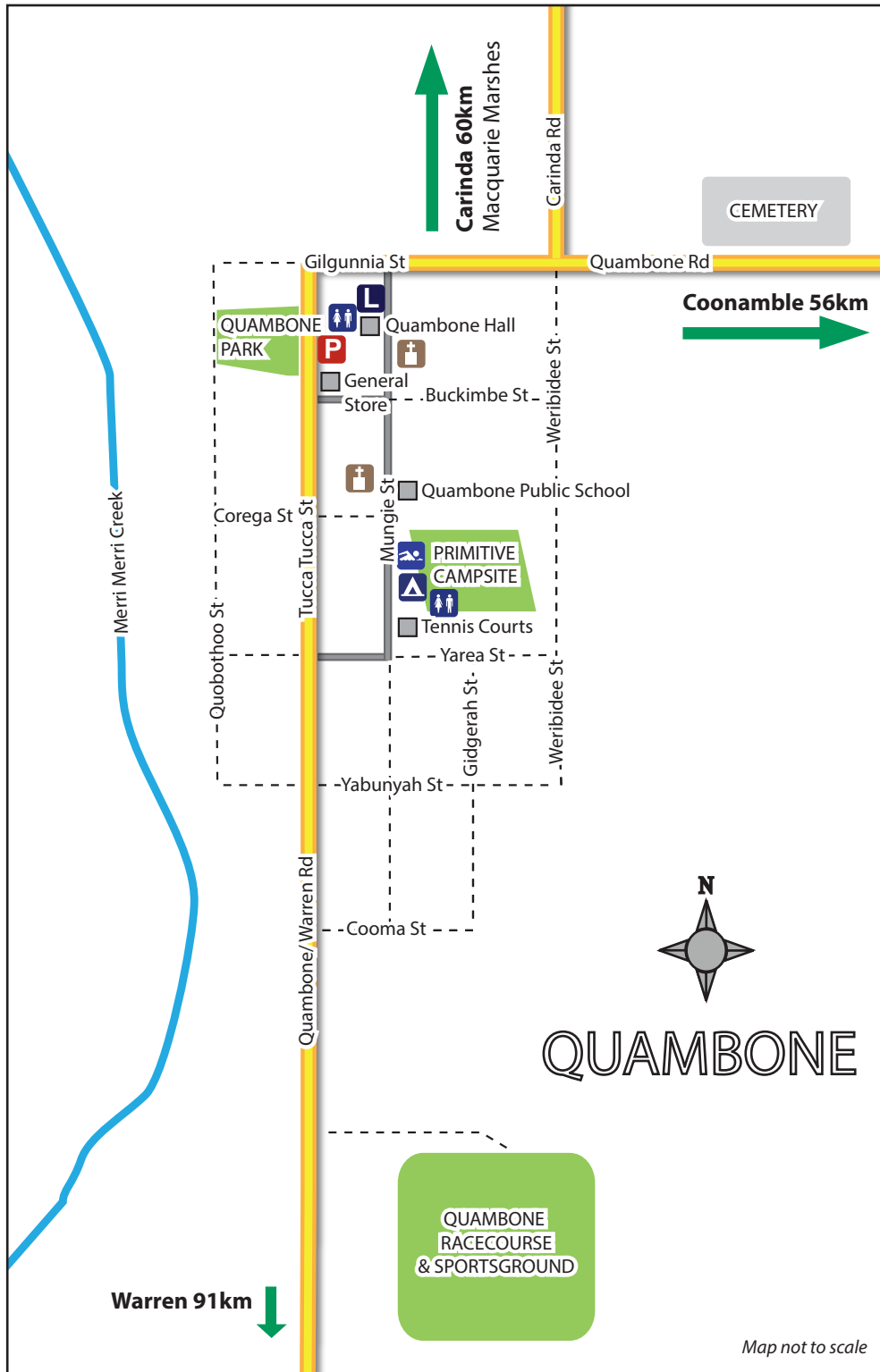
State Hwy	Library	Ambulance	Post Office	Museum	Aerodrome	Skate Park
Regional Road	Motel	Hospital	Fire Station	Church	Public Swimming Pool	Information Centre
Local Road (sealed)	Fuel Station	Coonamble Shire Council	General Store	Art Gallery	Supermarket	NRMA/Countrylink
Local Road (unsealed)						
Railroad						
Park/Reserve						
Waterbody						

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|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Golf Club | 6. Silos | 11. Tennis Courts | 16. Public Dump Point |
| 2. Jockey Club | 7. Saleyards | 12. St Brigids School | 17. High School |
| 3. Sheepyards | 8. Vet Surgery | 13. RSL | 18. TAFE |
| 4. Avdata Truckwash | 9. Public School & Pre-School | 14. Scouts Hall Art Studio | 19. Pre-School |
| 5. Council Depot | 10. Bowling Club | 15. Police Station & Courthouse | 20. Old Cemetery |



MAP LEGEND

State Hwy	Park/Reserve	Library	Post Office	Camping	Hospital	Fire Station	Supermarket
Regional Road	Waterbody	Church	Public Toilets	Public Swimming Pool	Fuel Station	Information Centre	
Local Road (sealed)							
Local Road (unsealed)							
Railroad							



MAP LEGEND

 Regional Road	 Park/Reserve	 Library	 Post Office	 Camping
 Local Road	 Waterbody	 Church	 Public Toilets	 Public Swimming Pool
 Local Road (unsealed)				

ACCOMMODATION

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Artesian Motor Inn & Restaurant	145-147 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	(02) 6822 1788
Castlereagh Lodge Motel	79-81 Aberford St, Coonamble	(02) 6822 1999
Coonamble Cottage	113 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	(02) 6822 1999
Coonamble Motel	86 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	(02) 6822 1400
Coonamble Riverside Caravan Park	138 Castlereagh Hwy, Coonamble	(02) 6822 1926
Gulargambone Caravan Park	17 Skuthorpe Lane, Gulargambone	(02) 6825 1666

ATTRACTIONS & TOURS

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Outback Arts Gallery	65-67 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	(02) 6822 2484
Museum Under the Bridge	Aberford St, Coonamble	(02) 6822 2873
Nakadoo Horse-Drawn Tours	"Nakadoo" Blueys Lane, Walgett Rd, Coonamble	0428 221 861
RB's Harness Horses & Coach Hire	134 Abbitor Rd, Coonamble	0488 639 777
Nickname Hall of Fame	Castlereagh St, Coonamble	n/a
two eight two eight	28 Bourbah St, Gulargambone	(02) 6825 1828

DAY TRIPS & TRAILS

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Coonabarabran Visitor Information Centre	Newell Hwy, Coonabarabran	1800 242 881
Gilgandra Coo-ee Heritage & Visitor Information Centre	Newell Hwy, Gilgandra	(02) 6817 8700
Lightning Ridge Visitor Information Centre	Lions Park, Morilla St, Lightning Ridge	(02) 6829 1670
Narromine Visitor Information Centre	37 Burroway St, Narromine	(02) 6889 9980
Walgett Visitor Information Centre	88 Fox St, Walgett	(02) 6828 6139
Window on the Wetlands Centre & Kookaburra Kiosk	Oxley Highway, Warren	(02) 6847 3720

DINING OUT

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Coonamble Bowling Club	Aberford St, Coonamble	(02) 6822 1144
Gulargambone Bowling Club	Coonamble Street, Gulargambone	(02) 6825 1145
CJs Country Kitchen	27-29 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	(02) 6822 1937
two eight two eight	28 Bourbah St, Gulargambone	(02) 6825 1828
Sons of the Soil Hotel	46 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	(02) 6822 5400
Coonamble Roadhouse	121 Dubbo Rd, Coonamble	(02) 6822 1256

RETAIL & SERVICES

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Coonamble Rural Transaction Centre	26 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	(02) 6822 4420
Gulargambone Rural Transaction Centre	37 Bourbah St, Gulargambone	(02) 6825 1005
Leonard's Store	37-41 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	(02) 6822 1433
Noel's His N Hers	69 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	(02) 6822 1951
Joe's Quality Meats	55 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	(02) 6822 1866
Supa IGA	63 Aberford St, Coonamble	(02) 6822 1710
Coonamble Cottage Industries	RTC Centre, 26 Castlereagh St, Coonamble	n/a
Quambone General Store	Tucka Tucka St, Quambone	(02) 6824 2334
Coonamble Community Radio (MTM FM 91.9)	30 Maule St, Coonamble	(02)6822 2919
Tyreright Coonamble	89 Aberford St, Coonamble	(02) 6822 2500

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Situated halfway between the NSW coast and the start of the NSW Outback is a region characterised by vast open spaces, ancient volcanic mountains, and big adventure. Welcome to the Great Western Plains. Filling the central region of the state, the Great Western Plains strikes the perfect balance between blissful relaxation and heart pumping adrenaline.

Exploring the great outdoors is easy with three sensational national parks at your doorstep, namely Warrumbungle National Park, Coolah Tops and The Pilliga. Paddle the picturesque rivers, glide the skies, hike through the rugged wilderness, and explore the plains by car, bike, cart or trike.

The region's blossoming food and wine scene is also a pleasure to discover, with numerous unique gourmet experiences dotting this beautiful landscape. Add in the exciting range of galleries and antique stores, and the reasons to visit this accessible and intriguing region truly are endless.

Adventure

Big adventure is the name of the game in Great Western Plains. Fly sky high, paddle down rivers, discover marshes and mountains, go on a safari, or camp under a canopy of sparkling stars. Get lost in the great outdoors by exploring the nearby Warrumbungle National Park, Coolah Tops National Park and Pilliga National Park, and be awed by the grandeur and beauty of these natural wonders.

Indulge in the region's blossoming food and wine scene and experience unique dining spots perfect for long lunches and sunset dinners. Enjoy top notch coffee in a cosy cafe, discover masterpieces by regional artists, and taste the freshest local produce in the region's surprising and exciting range of dining options.

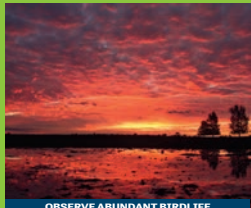
The Great Western Plains is also in no short supply of big stories and big characters. Be enchanted by the region's bold personalities and welcoming locals, all with their own tale to tell.

Events

You can also centre your stay around one of the region's big events, which range from wild rodeos and crooked mountain concerts through to fishing classics and sky-high world championships. Opportunities for fun in the sun are endless and incredibly varied in the Great Western Plains, with all types of travellers guaranteed to find just what they're looking for in this exhilarating country region.



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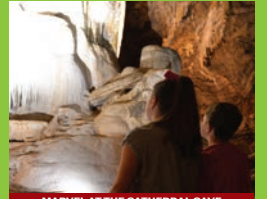
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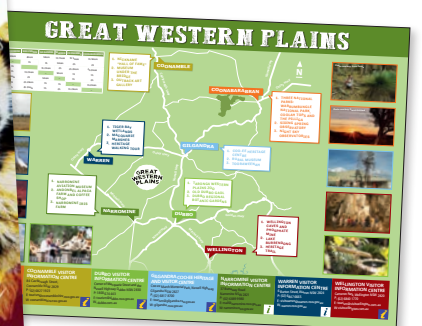
MARVEL AT THE CATHEDRAL CAVE



PADDLE THE MACQUARIE RIVER

TRAVEL TIMES	DUBBO	NARROMINE	WELLINGTON	GILGANDRA	WARREN	COONAMBLE	COONABARABRAN
DUBBO	-	30min	40min	50min	1h 15min	1h 50min	1h 50min
NARROMINE	30min	-	1h	1h	50min	2h	2h
WELLINGTON	40min	1h	-	1h 20min	2h	2h 20min	2h 20min
GILGANDRA	50min	1h	1h 20min	-	50min	1h	1h
WARREN	1h 15min	50min	2h	50min	-	1h	2h
COONAMBLE	1h 50min	2h	2h 20min	1h	1h	-	1h 20min
COONABARABRAN	1h 50min	2h	2h 20min	1h	2h	1h 20min	-

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