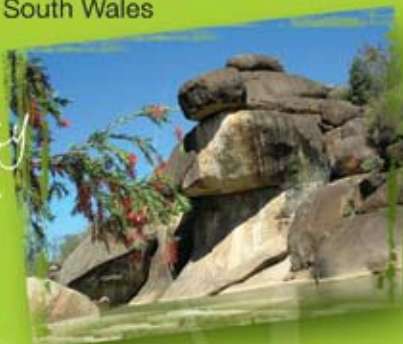


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New South Wales

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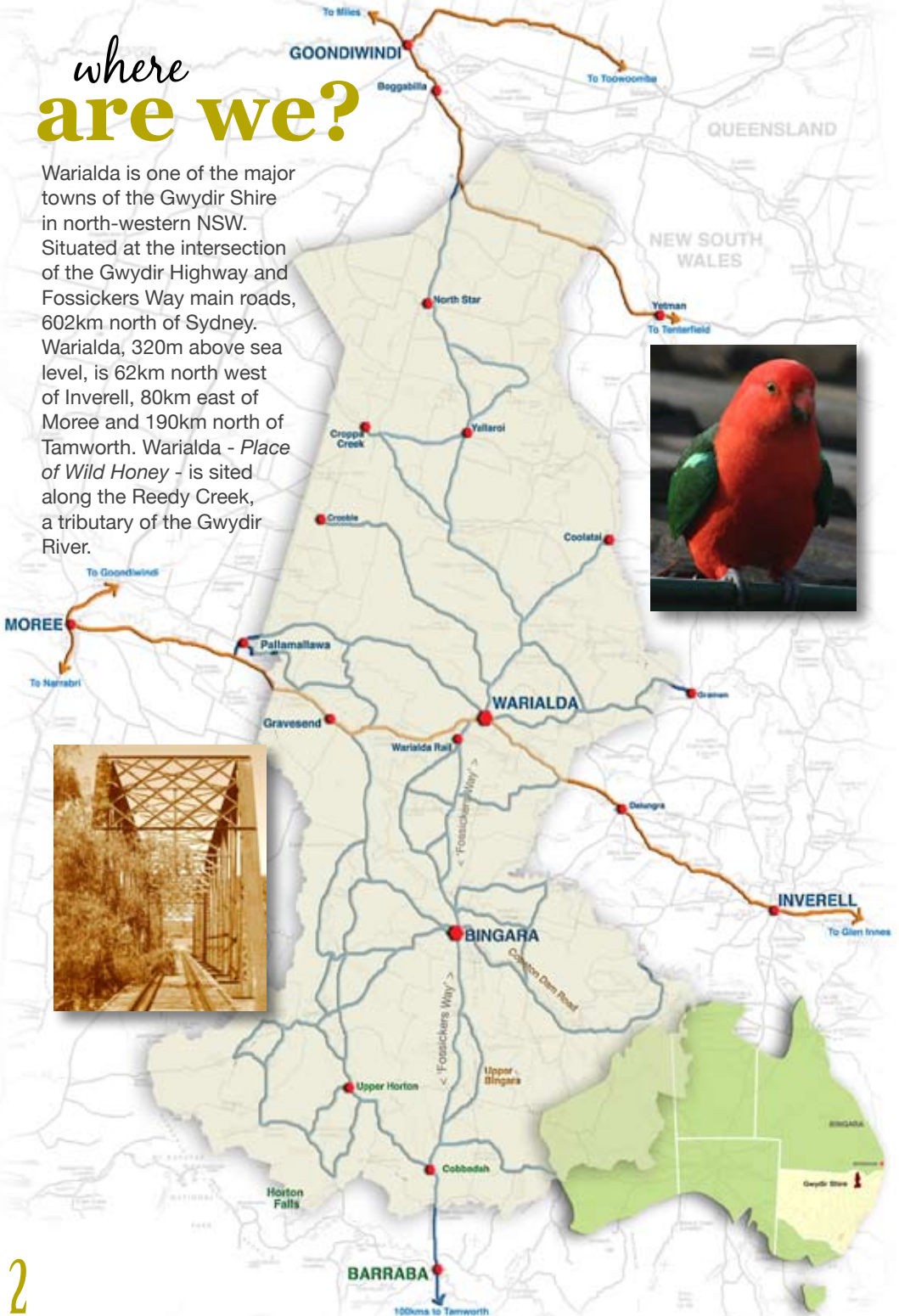


Come and see for yourself the beautiful birds and other abundant wildlife, the native flora, historical sites and buildings, fascinating natural wonders, craftsmen and all that a country town has to offer...



where are we?

Wialda is one of the major towns of the Gwydir Shire in north-western NSW. Situated at the intersection of the Gwydir Highway and Fossickers Way main roads, 602km north of Sydney. Wialda, 320m above sea level, is 62km north west of Inverell, 80km east of Moree and 190km north of Tamworth. Wialda - *Place of Wild Honey* - is sited along the Reedy Creek, a tributary of the Gwydir River.





welcome to Warialda

Warialda, an attractive small town between Moree and Inverell on the Gwydir Highway, positioned along the banks of the Reedy Creek, is steeped in history as well as having interesting personalities in abode. Being nestled amid hills, majestic trees and bushland, Warialda is a delight to residents, visitors and nature lovers alike.

The majority of land surrounding Warialda was held by a few prominent landholders on large sheep stations such as Yallaroi, Croppa and Gournama. These stations have been subdivided and local farmers are now involved in mixed farming of stock and cropping.

Weather in Summer is a dry heat with little humidity. Autumn has mild sunny days with cool nights while Winter brings cold frosty nights and mornings with sunny days. Spring has beautiful, mild sunny days.

Warialda boasts fantastic health, education and sporting facilities. Extensive renovations to the medical centre housing two full time doctors and one registrar complimented the opening of the new Multi purpose Centre in 2009.

Tumbledown Gums

Angophora Leiocarpa

Stunning examples of these trees may be found at the Rotary Park east of Warialda. These are large evergreen trees with smooth, beautiful pink to copper red bark during summer. As the bark matures the hues change to grey. In spring the pollen from the Tumbledown Gum flower attracts hoards of bees and yields an abundance of much sought after, dark, high quality honey, hence the name "place of wild honey".

a short History

The area surrounding Warialda was well known to the native Weraera People long before European settlement. The first official notations on the area by a European were made in 1827 when explorer and botanist, Allan Cunningham, passed through on his overland trek from the Hunter Valley to the Darling Downs. Many land features that he made note of can still be recognised today. Cunningham reported the existence of a hut in the Warialda area, which is believed to have been constructed by an escaped convict, thus indicating an earlier European presence.

With the official settlement occurring around 1837, Warialda was one of the earliest towns settled west of the Great Dividing Range, however, there is sufficient evidence including that of Allan Cunningham that suggests runaway convicts were living in this area well before.

The first Police outpost was established in 1840 and it became the legal and administrative centre of the area with establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions in December 1846 and a Post Office in January 1848. Mining warden, magistrate and lands commissioners were also based in the village.



In 1882 the Australian Handbook described Warialda in the following way: A township, savings bank, money order office and telegraph station on Reedy Creek, 380 miles north of Sydney in the County of Burnett, elector of Gwydir and police district of Warialda- coach to Tamworth railway station is the means of travelling to Sydney- coach fare 60/-. The hotels are the 'Royal', the 'Gwydir Arms' and the "Royal Oak" and there are three large stores. Bank- NSW Bank; Churches- Episcopal and R.C.; Public Buildings- Court House, Police Barracks, Lock-up, Public School with 45 scholars, Hospital.





historical Buildings

Warialda Courthouse

The third Warialda Courthouse was built in Stephen St in 1883 at cost of £2650. Designed by the government architect, James Barnet, the brick building presents symmetry and practicality.

J.M. Bennett *In Witness Whereof*, North and North West Law Society, 2001, states that: *its distinctive features include a functional surrounding verandah, the roof of which stands above five ground floor bay windows, with an exaggerated superstructure ornamented by arched windows. Pronounced stepped corbels beneath the roof have been described as adding "Romanesque flavour" to the composition.*

Other historical buildings in the Warialda area are: St Patricks Church & Convent, Post Office, Carinda House, St Stephen's Presbyterian Church and Manse, Mott's Butchery and the Masonic Lodge.

Around the district there are many village halls and churches that are of significant historical value as well as many property homesteads. For a more comprehensive look at the history of our area visit the Gwydir History on our website www.warialdansw.com.au

district Villages

North Star

Since the Yallaroi and surrounding areas were so far removed from the established towns of the early days, it would seem natural to assume that a new centre would be established to serve the needs of this developing district. Such was the case with the development of the village of North Star.

Today North Star remains an exceptional agricultural centre with the emphasis on grain growing - symbolised by the silo complex dominating the skyline. North Star is surrounded by rich black soil in flat to undulating country that is part of an area called the Golden Triangle. The village also boasts a general store, post office, school, hotel motel, caravan park and sporting club.

Crooble

The land around Crooble, as with most rural land of the era was painstakingly cleared by ring barking and burning of trees, following which the ground was worked with horse drawn ploughs.

By the late 30's, 4000 acres of wheat was sown and in 1942 Mr Oscar Uebergang, the owner of Crooble, was considered one of the largest wheat growers in NSW. The Crooble area is also a part of the Golden Triangle.

Croppa Creek

During the period 1926-28 it was confirmed that the railway would come through the area. The Proclaimed Plan had been signed in February 1926 and surveys carried out. In the early 1930's, there was very little at the Croppa Creek village site other than the railway siding, JA McGregors Store and three or four workmen's huts. Prior to 7th June 1940, Yallaroi Shire Council surveyed the village site. An area was set aside for settlement, with half acre blocks offered at auction. Today, Croppa Creek has a school, general store, agricultural store and club, which is often the social hub of the village and a meeting place for the residents and surrounding rural community. It, also is part of the Golden Triangle.

Gravesend

Gravesend, which according to Railway archives, means 'at the end of the groove', was proclaimed a village on the 17th of October 1911, and described as containing an area of about 110 acres - later expanded to around 273 acres. Although small, Gravesend contains a wealth of history. A museum located in what,



was formally one of the village's churches, houses many interesting items of local history memorabilia. Ezzy's Crossing, to the north east of Gravesend village, on the Gwydir River, provides an alluring spot for camping, fishing or picnicking. Gravesend is renowned on the rodeo circuit for its breeding program for bucking horses. The annual rodeo held at the Gravesend Recreation Grounds in February, swells the population of this sleepy village for the weekend as enthusiasts travel from all over Australia to compete.

Coolatai

In 1830 a wealthy Englishman named R B Ottley came to a fertile area of the then unexplored region north of Warialda. He named it Coolootai. A cooloo reed covered water course

traversed his new run and he combined the name of the reeds with the Aboriginal suffix 'tai' (creek) to make up the name. In 1903 several allotments adjoining Coolootai station were sold with the view of forming a township. The village name of Coolatai is probably a adaptation of the station name. Coolatai at one stage had a post office, general store, school and hotel, but now only the village hall and the hotel remain. They provide the social gathering places for this small community and are used for entertainment and general meeting areas for residents and the wider rural community.

Warialda Rail

The decision to build the railway through Kelly's Gully instead of Warialda, placed Kelly Gully firmly on the map, however, the benefits to the village were not immediate. When the railway line opened in Kelly's Gully on 25 November 1901, the immediate area officially became known as Warialda Rail. The village continued to grow and in 1919 the Department of Lands gave it official planning recognition under the name 'Burgaria'. The name of the school was changed to Warialda Rail in 1952 and to Burgaria in 1959, a title it retained until closure in December 1971. Since then 'Warialda South' and 'Upper Warialda' have been suggested for the small settlement, but no doubt the older hands will continue to call it 'Kelly's Gully', 'the Rail', or just 'the Gully'. The area of Kelly's Gully was first opened to selectors in the 1860's, and thereafter small farms became established. The Hotel shut its doors in the early 1990's and today the village consists of a cluster of houses, silos and an old railway yard.



what to see & do


Cranky Rock Recreation Reserve is located 7.5kms due east of Warialda and contains an agglomeration of boulders by Reedy Creek which have settled into some interesting arrangements. The boulders are 'heaped in the most fantastic positions by a past volcanic upheaval'.

Cranky Rock is a tall striped rock with a series of boulders perched on the top. The remainder of the reserve is natural bushland with large granite boulders and rocky outcrops.

Walking tracks have been established to suit either an easy stroll or a more challenging walk for the hiker. Picnic and camping facilities are also available.

The pioneer cemetery was converted into a park by the then Yallaroi Shire Council in the 1970s. In accordance with the legislation, Council was required to compile a list of all known burials at the site. Council constructed a memorial wall on which were mounted a number of headstones from the old cemetery, together with a list of deaths registered at Warialda up to, and including, 1900.

For more information visit www.warialdansw.com.au



Cranky Rock is home to many birds including the Pale Headed Rosella sometimes known as the Mealy Rosella

Warialda is ideal for birdwatching

Bird Watching

The Warialda Bird Route brochure, available from the tourist office or as a pdf from our website, provides a comprehensive directory of birds found in the Warialda, Bingara and Barraba localities. The brochure identifies more than 200 native birds that frequent the area, also identifying special locations where the birds of the east meet the birds of the west. The idea behind mapping the bird routes was to increase the knowledge of landholders and community groups in identifying local native birds. A second benefit was to increase landholders' understanding of the part they can play in maintaining and enhancing bird habitats by managing biodiversity on their properties.



The Warialda Tourist Centre is the fortunate custodian of the Wells Collection of fossils, shells, minerals and gemstones. The fraction of Ivan Wells' collection on display demonstrates his dedication to lapidary, geology, palaeontology, the study of shells, and his generosity.

Wells Gem and Mineral Collection

Ivan's mineral collection encompasses colourful metallic and crystalline specimens. His substantial assemblage of beautifully crafted lapidary specimens reveal raw minerals' metamorphosis to finished cabochon gemstones including agates, jasper, quartz, many varieties of fossilised wood and his favourite - the Ribbon Stone.

Viewers of the displayed shells may obtain an

interesting overview of transitions from one species into one or more different species, from volute shells to Cassia's Helmet then to Hercules Club Shells, or to Tun (barrel) Shells or Scotch Bonnets. Similarly one can see how Olive Shells relate to Cowries, and Spider Conches relate to very different Mitre Shells. More such insights and inferences may arise as Ivan's complete scientifically labelled collection is examined.

Visit the Visitor Information Centre: www.warialdansw.com.au/Tourism



Koorilgur Nature Walk

The name Koorilgur is derived from an aboriginal word meaning low scrub and bush, which is fitting as the walk weaves its way through this type of landscape in the bushland around the southern area of the town. The full walk is 3600m long with exits available providing for shorter walk options. A wide variety of different wildflowers and native grasses can be seen along the track with many already identified, some of which are quite unique to the area.

Another feature of the walk are the stunning tumbledown gums, *Angophora Leiocarpa*, with their smooth trunks which turn a beautiful salmon pink in the spring after shedding their old bark. Nicknamed the "widow maker" by the old timers these trees will often drop a limb even on a calm day.

Fossicking

Visitors can go fossicking along the creek at Cranky Rock. There are other areas around Warialda to fossick for gold, garnets, agates, quartz, jasper, petrified & opalised wood and many other semi-precious gems & minerals. Call in to the Visitor Information Centre to collect a map or get a copy from the Warialda website www.warialdansw.com.au

guided day tours of Warialda

The Warialda Visitor Information Centre can arrange guided tours of Warialda to meet each group's individual needs. For example:

1st Stop. The Warialda Visitor Information Centre (30 mins)

The ideal place to start any tour or time spent in Warialda. The Centre features the Wells' Gem, Mineral and Shell Collection, local artworks, jewellery and food products. There is plenty of room for bus and van parking.

2nd Stop. Warialda Town Tour (1 hr)

The Warialda Town Tour, guided by a local, takes in the history of the town which was one of the first gazetted in NSW. Included is:

- St Patrick's Church & Convent
- Warialda Court House
- Post Office
- Carinda House
- Pioneer Cemetery
- St Stephen's Presbyterian Church and Manse
- Mott's Butchery
- Masonic Lodge
- Modern facilities such as Medical Centre, Hospital and Aged Care Home

The guides use photographs to show the group what buildings were like and how the streets have changed. This is a popular tour by groups, as it offers an insight into the town from a local's point of view.

3rd Stop (30 mins)

Carinda House is located in the centre of Warialda. It was built in 1880 and is one of the oldest buildings in the town. Carinda includes replica home displays and the volunteers can provide a tour of the building, historical display, arts, crafts and baking for sale.


4th Stop (1.5 hrs)

The Poison Anvil Blacksmith's Shop, located on the western edge of town, houses some of the most creative and artistic pieces of work in the whole Northern NSW area.


All the designs are hand crafted by owner Ashley Sutton in the forge on-site, with meticulous and innovative techniques and passion.

below: candle holder from Poison Anvil





One of the impressive sculptures at Ceramic Break Sculpture Park



A tour to Poison Anvil can be arranged to include a 45 minute blacksmithing demonstration, or wander around the shop during the demonstration if you would rather see the finished product. Morning and afternoon tea can be arranged from local businesses to be served during the visit to Poison Anvil.

Additional Options

Heading east - On the way to Inverell...
Cranky Rock Nature Reserve (1 hr)

Warialda's iconic attraction, involves walking trails. Morning/afternoon tea and lunch can all be arranged to be provided in the picnic area, with toilet and wash facilities available. The Legend of Cranky Rock and its significance as an Aboriginal meeting place as well as its development as a tourist attraction will all be spoken about by the guides.

Heading south - On the way to Bingara...
Ceramic Break Sculpture Park (2 hrs)

15 kilometres south of Warialda on the Bingara Road. Fantastic, unusual artworks in 3 galleries, a sculpture walk and other trails. Kerry, the owner will talk about the Park and artworks. A place that must be seen to be truly appreciated, as it is definitely not your average art and sculpture park.

Visit with an open mind!



Carinda House

crops of the **District**

Lucerne planted year round and harvested in summer.

Oats planted in March and harvested in spring.

Faba Beans planted April to May and harvested spring

Canola planted May/June harvested spring

Lupins planted May and harvested in spring

Linseed planted May and harvested spring

Wheat planted May to June and harvested spring

Barley planted May to June and harvested in spring

Chickpeas planted May to June and harvested spring

Triticale planted June and harvested spring

Safflower planted June to July and harvested in summer

Olives harvested autumn

Sunflowers planted Sept harvested summer/autumn

Maize planted September harvested summer/autumn

Sorghum planted October harvested summer/autumn

Cotton planted October harvested autumn/winter

Mung Beans planted Nov to Dec harvested summer/autumn

Soybeans planted December harvested autumn

Cowpeas planted December harvested autumn

Warialda **Agriculture**

Warialda's economic base is dominated by agriculture and the service facilities attached to that sector. Agriculture is the most significant contributor to the gross regional product, with summer and winter crops as listed adjacent and stock comprising beef, sheep, pigs.

There is currently a small trend to diversify into other areas such as aquaculture, olives, dry cotton, lupins and oil seeds encompassing sunflower and linseed. With a good quality and availability of groundwater in some areas, the land in the Warialda district is of high quality overall, with parts of the area well known for its rich, black fertile soils. The reliance on agriculture means that the area is very dependent on good seasons and droughts can have a flow on effect on all the communities.



Community Services

The Gwydir Shire supports its community through services that allow the highest quality of life for all residents. The Council has an impressive range of services for all ages in our community. These services encourage all to participate in the community through learning, volunteering, cultural and recreation activities. The Warialda community has a willingness to gather around those in need and have raised large sums of money and volunteered large numbers of hours for charity and community projects.

There is a real sense of family within our community and everyone is encouraged to participate as a volunteer or beneficiary. For the older members of the community, people with disabilities and their carers, there are a range of services available to assist these people to live independently, including HACC, Meals on Wheels, transport and housing.

Warialda has a 25 bed hospital, aged care home, modern medical centre, ambulance service and visiting specialists.

Warialda Businesses

Warialda, part of the Gwydir Shire, has a strong business community. The shire is situated in an excellent, central location to attract manufacturing and other industries. Warialda's shopping centre is in the heart of the town with many shops housed in historic buildings. There is the normal array of stores in the township for groceries, agricultural supplies, newsagency items, personal care - pharmacy, hairdressers, beauty therapists - gifts, fabrics and shoes, meats, fuel and vehicle services, parts and sales. All are well stocked offering a variety of quality items.

If the walk about town shopping or sightseeing brings on hunger or thirst there are a number of eateries catering to your needs. Included are cafés, hotels or the bakery that will be happy to accommodate you for a meal in-house or takeaway to enjoy in one of the charming parks the town has to offer.

Warialda is always looking to expand its shopping facilities further and would welcome any business great or small to become part of the business community.

Warialda Chamber of Commerce meet every second Wednesday of the month at Warialda Golf and Bowling Club. For further information, visit the www.warialdansw.com.au/Tourism for contact details of the President or Treasurer



where to stay?




Warialda is an RV friendly town.

Warialda Caravan Park
Cnr Gwydir Hwy & Holden St
Warialda NSW 2402
0427 291 008

North Star Caravan Park
Yetman Road
North Star NSW 2408

Camping is available at
Cranky Rock
Ezzy's Crossing
Cunningham's Rest

All the showgrounds in the
Warialda area offer camping
for a small fee.

 Contact the Warialda
Visitor Information Centre
on **02 6729 0046** or visit
www.warialdansw.com.au

Warialda & district accommodation

Royal Hotel - Ph: 02 6729 1444
Hope Street, Warialda NSW 2402

Sunflower Motel - Ph: 02 6729 1344
Gwydir Highway, Warialda NSW 2402

Rose Cottage Guest House
Ph: 02 6729 1238
Market Street, Warialda NSW 2402

Gravesend Hotel - Ph: 02 6729 7005
Railway Parade, Gravesend NSW 2401

Wallaroo Hotel - Ph: 02 6729 9038
15 Yetman Road, Coolatai NSW 2402

Cleveland Motel/Licensed Restaurant
Wilby Street, North Star NSW 2408
Ph: 07 4676 3170

Peranjou Cottages - Ph: 02 6729 4146
Gineroi Road, Bingara NSW 2404

where to find food

If you are looking to restock your caravan cupboards, get a takeaway or dine out, you'll find all you need listed below:

Commercial Hotel

Stephen St. Open 10am to late
Bottle shop: 10am to 12am
Lunch 12pm to 2pm,
Dinner 6pm to 9pm

Royal Hotel Hope St. Open
10am to 12am every day,
Lunch 12pm to 2pm. Dinner
6.30pm to 9pm Mon-Sat.

Kingy's Place

50 Hope Street
Open 7am - 10pm 7 days

Civic Café – Stephen St.

Open Sun-Thurs 7am to 8pm,
Fri-Sat 7.30am to 9pm

Gwydir Bistro – Golf &

Bowling Club Holden St.
Open for dinner Sun, Mon,
Thurs 5.30pm to 8pm,
Fri & Sat 5.30pm to 8.30pm

Baker's Loaf – Stephen St.

Open Mon-Fri early to 5.30pm,
Sat early to 1pm

Pizza at the Sunflower Motel
Gwydir Highway. Open Fri-Sat
5.30pm to 8.30pm

Red Door Pantry Coffee

Shop, Hope St. Open Mon-Fri
9am to 5pm Sat 9am-12pm

Shell Service Station Gwydir

Hwy. Open Mon-Thurs 5am to
10pm, Fri-Sat 5pm to 11pm,
Sun 6am to 10pm

Carlos' IGA Supermarket

Stephen St. Open Mon-Fri 8am
to 7pm, Sat-Sun 8am to 5pm



Warialda Tourist Centre

Warialda Visitor Information Centre (VIC) has been relocated to a new, easily accessible location on the corner of the Gwydir Highway and Holden Street directly adjacent to the Caravan Park. The Warialda Visitor Information Centre's friendly staff and volunteers can help you with all your tourism enquiries

The modern purpose built centre has a seating area inside or out where you can relax and enjoy a cold drink, tea or coffee while browsing the wide range of information available or take time to peruse the fabulous Wells Gem, Shell and Mineral display.

The Centre boasts an art gallery with works by local artists on display, and for sale. Also available are a variety of gifts and souvenirs on hand including gourmet foods, semi precious stones and gems, wines and locally crafted items from the region.

A small meeting room is available within the Centre with kitchen facilities and well maintained public toilets. Group tours of the town and the local attractions may be arranged through the Centre and can be catered to your needs. So whether you're travelling as a single, couple or group we would like to extend to you the warmest welcome to our wonderful town and encourage you to come in say hello and let us help to make your visit as enjoyable as possible. Contact the VIC on 02 6729 0046.

district schools

The Warialda area is made up of not only the township of Warialda but also home to a number of villages. Gravesend, Croppa Creek and North Star have their own primary schools of which they are most proud. Warialda has St Joseph Catholic Primary School as well as Warialda Public School and Warialda High School.

Gravesend Public School

Features of the school are the small teacher student ratio, focus on literacy/ numeracy, individual programs and support for students. Playgroup is held each Wednesday morning - a transition program for students entering Kindergarten, involvement in district sporting activities and interaction with other small schools. Staffing comprises of a teaching Principal, a classroom teacher and two part time teachers. The school has full disability access and toilet/shower facilities.

North Star Public School

The school is caring and supportive and provides an enjoyable, stimulating and challenging learning environment. As a small school, it has a family atmosphere enabling children of all ages to interact and learn from each other.



Croppa Creek Public School is a small, rural school situated in a rich farming and grazing region of the shire. Our vision for our students is that they will acquire skills, values and behaviours that equip them to develop into people of high integrity, honour, and self esteem. We aim to implement balanced, enjoyable, teaching-learning programs that develop strong foundations in literacy and numeracy, stimulate high creativity, and promote physical coordination and teamwork. Our goal is that the students of Croppa Creek Public School acquire successful work, recreational and adaptation skills necessary for the rapidly changing world in which we live.

St Joseph's Catholic School, opened in 1904 by the Sisters of St Joseph, continues to play a vital role in the education of children in the Warialda area. The current enrolment of 50 students from Kindergarten to Year 6, enables them to have three fulltime teaching staff and a number of part time staff. St Joseph's has wheel chair access to the classrooms, and school hall and offers opportunities to participate in sports at local, regional and state levels. An active and open P&F Assoc supports the staff and students to benefit the education of Warialda youth.



A cooperative venture, involving Gwydir Shire Council, New England Institute of TAFE, Bingara Central School, Warialda High School, Adult Learning and the University of New England, has the primary goal of promoting lifelong learning. Originally formed in 2000, the Gwydir Learning Region (GLR) winner of the

2006 NSW Training Initiative Award, is a model for other areas wanting to promote community development, enhance regional development and establish itself as a learning community.

As a key player, Council is demonstrating the importance it places on strategic partnerships with other local stakeholders to build social capital so vital for rural and remote communities. GLR is also an innovative means for aligning skills development with local employment needs.

Visit the GLR website: www.gwydirlearningregion.nsw.edu.au



Warialda Public School, established in 1851, marks it amongst the oldest in the state. The school has an excellent technology network with computers in all classrooms so that technology becomes an integral part of every day learning, taking students from kindergarten to Year 6.

Warialda offers students many programs which assist to improve literacy skills including STLA, Reading Recovery, Hubbard Street and in class guided reading sessions. *Count Me In* and *Count Me In Too* programs assist students in mathematics.

Warialda High community strives to guide students towards independent and responsible citizenship by providing a balanced and relevant curriculum. The school offers the widest possible range of subjects to prepare students for life after school, whether in the work force, at university, or in other training institutions. The school aims to have as many students as possible graduate with the dual accreditation of a Higher School Certificate and Industry Recognised Competencies. The school and the wider community maintain a close and mutually supportive relationship, particularly with regards to sport and vocational education.





sport & sporting facilities

A collection of magnificent trophies won in years gone by for a variety of sports, housed in the Warialda Visitor Information Centre, attests to the rich sporting background of Warialda. The town is the birth place or schooling centre for several sporting identities who have gone on to represent Australia at an international level including Troy Bayliss (Motor Cross, Super Bikes, Motor GP and V8 car racing), Ray Stehr, Noel and Les Cleal and Stan Jurd (Rugby League) to name a few.

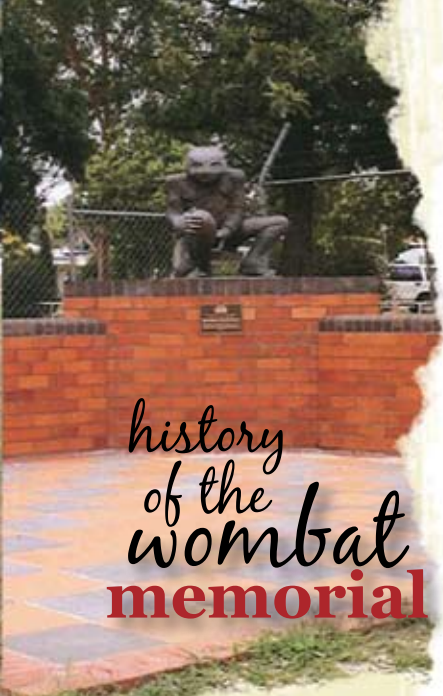
Warialda also boasts many outstanding teams including the local football teams who, until Warialda joined the Group 4 competition, were simply known as the 'Red and Black'. Over the years the Wombats have won an impressive number of premierships.

Among the variety of sports available are golf, bowls, tennis, horseback riding, polocrosse, basketball, football, touch football, netball, swimming, martial arts, squash, and exercise classes. The list could go on.

A sample of the facilities include; a well equipped gym with instructors available for group or private lessons, an Olympic size swimming pool, an excellent and challenging 9 hole grass golf course with couch grass greens and two very well maintained grass bowling greens. Set amongst beautiful bushland surrounds, the Golf Course is often enjoyed by the local wildlife adding that unique charm found only on country courses. In addition Warialda has four tennis courts, an indoor sporting arena and minor and senior rugby league football ovals.

Warialda skate park has been professionally constructed with the individual modules able to be moved around to provide different layouts when needed.





history of the wombat memorial

In the 1980's, Ross Earl suggested that the Club should have a change of name. As a result, a competition was held and from the entries received, (even though) no one could remember the last time one was seen in the area, the name Warialda Wombats was chosen. The name change also created the opportunity for a logo change. From three sketches submitted by local artist David Moor, the one depicting a wombat sitting between the goal posts holding a football was the one chosen and remains the Club's logo for promotional material to this present day.

In 2003, Kerry Cannon of Ceramic Break Sculpture Park, attended a Club meeting and advised the

Committee that he would like to make a bronze statue of the Wombat. He advised that it would take approximately twelve months and when completed he would donate it to the Club. On the 25th September 2004, Kerry presented the Statue to the Club at a fundraising function being held at the Warialda Royal Hotel.

In 2008, the Centenary of Rugby League year, the Warialda Rugby League Football Club was recognised as having made a significant contribution to the 'greatest game of all' and in this regard, was identified and selected for its historical importance as a nursery for great Rugby League players. In recognition of this achievement, it was to be presented with a commemorative plaque.

Gwydir Shire Council held a civic reception/dinner acknowledging the monumental achievement in receiving one of a limited number of 1908 – 2008 Centenary of Rugby League plaques. A permanent monument for the Warialda Wombats Rugby League was built and unveiled on the 12th October 2008. The monument pavers are encribed with the winning premiership years, and the smaller pavers have the year and name of the 'A' grade coaches commencing from 1947.

Gwydir Shire Council staff commenced work on the monument at the Warialda Recreation Ground in August, 2008. The bricks and pavers were laid by volunteer labour from Council employees and local football enthusiasts with special mention to former Mayor, Peter Caskey, whose expertise and commitment to detail made this football monument an historical showpiece.



annual Events

Warialda and district have a number of annual events throughout the year. Below is listed the regular major events and details of other activities can be accessed through the website during the year.

FEBRUARY

- Gravesend Rodeo

APRIL

- Anzac Day Celebrations
- Warialda Cup Race Meeting

MAY

- Warialda Show

JULY

- RRR Ball North Star

SEPTEMBER

- Warialda Off Road 200
- Pony Camps in Warialda and Gravesend.
- North Star Bushman's Camp draft

OCTOBER

- Fossickers Way Veterans week of golf Warialda, Bingara & Barraba

NOVEMBER

- Honey Festival

DECEMBER

- Warialda Christmas Carnival/
Rhythm on the Reedy



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Gravesend is famous for its Annual Rodeo. Cowboys, both local and national, compete for titles.

Warialda Cup Race Meeting is an anticipated event for the locals. It's a time to dress up and meet for a fun filled day. Some even get to pick a winner!

Warialda Show is a great little country show known for its horse events and pavillions. The show is well organised and never disappoints.





honey Festival

The Warialda Honey Festival is our newest addition to the annual events calendar. Making its debut in November 2008, the festival proved to be a great success beginning with the street parade. Local businesses, sporting and community organisations all participated in the parade helping to make it a wonderful exhibiton for all the onlookers.

The parade was followed by entertainment including, markets, raffles, shopping and displays of vintage cars and motor bikes. There truly is something for everyone – whether you are a motor enthusiast, a child, a parent, a craft lover or a shopper.

Even more importantly, the festival brings out the community spirit that makes Warialda special. The festival provides a terrific opportunity to celebrate not only our town, but to also showcase some of the incredible talent that we have to offer.



Warialda Off Road

The Warialda Off Road 200 is one of the major events in the Warialda calendar, with a twenty year history of thrilling, high speed action. The competitors and visitors Australia wide are attracted to this event which provides entertainment for the young and old alike.

The Warialda Off Road community can proudly boast that they are the most exciting and passionate off road racers, with more race cars per capita than anywhere else in the world (one registered race car per 100 residents). The Warialda track, one of the most exciting in Australia, is also spectator friendly with all the action right in front, allowing the onlookers to get up and personal with all the thrills, spills and heart stopping action.

Warialda Historical WALK

...take an easy walk around the town and discover the historical significance of Warialda.



to:
 • Audrey Hill Lookout (S4rme)
 • Coolah, North Star, Croppa Creek, Groundwind
 Long St

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Post Office - one of the veteran Post Offices in NSW having been opened on the 1st of January 1848 in private premises. A new building was erected and occupied in 1880



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Carinda House - Originally built around 1880 as a private residence for Mr WH Crane and his family, the second storey was added around 1900.

to:
 • Kooringur Walk
 • Cranley Rock
 • Nature Reserve
 • Invernal
 Gwydir Hwy to:

Stephen St



Masonic Lodge - Tender to erect the New Lodge building was submitted in 1917 for the price of £659. The consecration of the New Temple took place on the 25th October 1917.

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Court House Built in 1848 the Court House and lockup were the first Government buildings to be built in Warialda.

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Gaddes St

The Convent was completed in June 1904 and on Arbor Day. Trees obtained from Sydney were planted in the Convent grounds on the 24th August 1904. The Sisters of St. Joseph were introduced to Warialda by Bishop Torregiani.

Long St

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Fort Bridge

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Mott's Butchery

Erected around 1888 it was constructed using stone found in the Warialda area. Initially the site also had stables and a sausage house all made of stone.



Hrype St



Visitor Information Centre



to:
 • Poison Anyil
 • Blacksmith
 • Ceramic Break
 • Sculpture Park
 • Gravestone,
 • Warialda Real,
 • Bingara, Mooree
 Gwydir Hwy

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1. 1st Bank of NSW
2. Warialda Post Office
3. 1st National School Site
4. Gaddes Buildings
5. 'Warialda Watchman' Newspaper Office
6. Police Headquarters
7. 1st Hospital site
8. 'Warialda Standard' Newspaper Office
9. 1st & 2nd Court House sites
10. 1st Commercial Banking Company of Sydney site
11. John Smith's Grocery Shop
12. Tattersall's Hotel
13. Carinda House
14. Gilmour's Blacksmith Shop
15. Peter Gilmour's Woodwork Shop
16. Gilmour's 1st Blacksmith Shop
17. Mott's Butchery
18. R.H. Stewart's Bakery
19. Gwydir Arms Hotel
20. White Swan Hotel

The following buildings are not in the handbook:

21. Courthouse
22. Masonic Lodge
23. Convent

Warialda Town Map

...pictured are some of the birds that you may see around Warialda



MAP LEGEND

	Garrison Park		Milk
	Cemetery		Aged Hotel
	Halls and Club		Driver Review
	Council Office		Rest Stop
	Prescrip		Trains
	Hospital		AFMA Service Centres
	Police		Post Office
	Fire Brigade		Tourist Centres
	Park		Tourist Centres Toilet
	Church		Golf Course
	Motel		Motorhome Dump Site
	Museum		Street
	NBN		Highway
	Post Office		Main Road
	Tourist Centres		Recreation Area
	Tourist Centres Toilet		School Area
	Golf Course		Swim Centre
	Motorhome Dump Site		Waterway
	Street		Golf and Bowls

5 kms to Audrey Hill Lookout
TO YERAMUN



Gloss Parrot



Rainbow Bee-eater



Diamond Firetail



Sulphur Kingfisher



To Airstrip and Racecourse



Sulphur Kingfisher

7.5 kms to Cranky Rock Nature Reserve



Kooringa Hawk



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