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Glen Innes Severn



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Enjoying the stunning lookout from Bald Rock

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AND OUTDOOR SUPPLIES

TOWN HALL COFFEE SHOP

COURTYARD TOILETS

New England National Park



Glen Innes streetscape

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There are compelling reasons why Glen Innes and surrounding Severn Shire is known as Celtic Country. The district's first settlers, who arrived within 50 years of First Settlement, were mostly Scots. The very first of them was a Selkirkshire, Cambridge-educated barrister Archibald Boyd who in 1838 took up what is now known as Stonehenge Station and held a number of other properties in the New England.

Boyd's party was guided to the area by bearded stockmen William Chandler and John Duval who today are celebrated in the annual Land of the Beardies Festival and in the naming of the Land of the Beardies History House. Boyd went broke in the 1840 Depression, returned home where he inherited the family estate and wrote historical romances.

Among the early settlers was William Vivers from Dumfriesshire who founded Kings Plains Station which covered almost 30,000ha. His grandson Dr George Vivers, a ship's doctor from Dumfries, built a castle on the property - which still stands today - to re-create a piece Scotland in the Australian bush.

Glen Innes was named after another Scot, Archibald Clunes Innes, from Thrumster, Caithness-shire. A captain in the Third Regiment (Bufs), he arrived in Australia in 1822 on the Eliza in charge of 170 convicts. He, too, held a number of New England properties including Glen Innes Station.

The town of Glen Innes was gazetted at the height of the gold rush in 1852. The Celtic heritage is cherished by today's Glen Innes citizens - so much so that a public-spirited group established the Australian Standing Stones, a megalithic array like those around which the ancient Celts danced. They are unique in the southern hemisphere and officially recognised as the national monument to Australia's Celtic pioneers. The Stones are the venue for the annual Australian Celtic Festival held on the first weekend in May.

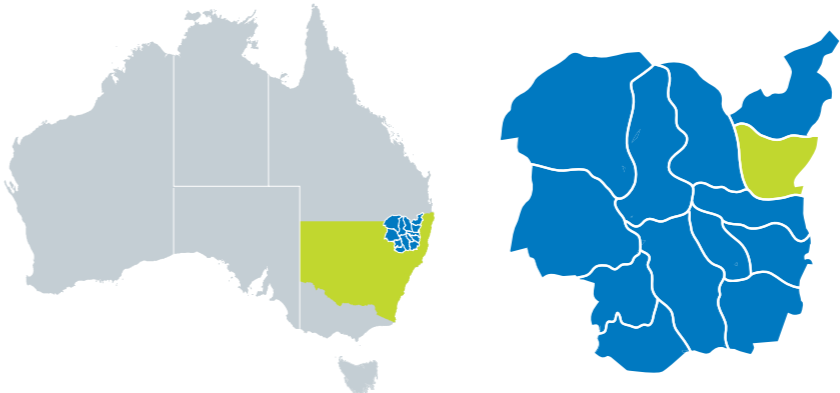
Every year more people are discovering the numerous advantages of living in Glen Innes Severn.

It is a rich fattening and breeding area for fine wool, prime lambs and cattle and agriculture and agribusiness are a key source of employment for many.

Until recent years, the area produced more than half of the world's supply of sapphires including the famous Reddestone Blues.

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Glen Innes: Celtic Country



QUICK FACTS

Population: 8 793

Median House Price: \$182 000

Climate: Temperatures range between 12.5 - 26°C in Summer and 1 - 13°C in Winter.

Average annual rainfall: 800mm

Elevation: 980m above sea level

619km north of Sydney and 366km south of Brisbane

Known for: World-Heritage National Parks, Celtic Country, Creative industries / arts, Sport, Four seasons

Glen Innes offers a great range of activities for visitors. You can take a pub crawl on horseback, fossick for sapphires, emeralds and topaz in some of the world's richest gemfields. The nearby towns of Emmaville, Torrington and Stannum were once thriving mining centres and Emmaville is home to a fascinating mining museum. Further south, Glencoe has the Wright Robertson Winery, with its cellar door sales and tastings.

Glen Innes is situated one block to the west of the busy New England Highway, making it easy to park and explore on foot. Remember the camera, for there are so many historically significant buildings still in use by modern day businesses. Don't be tempted to see everything in one day! There are numerous motels, hotels and caravan parks, B&B for accommodation, so there's no need to hurry. If you are intent on paying only a fleeting visit, there are roadside rest areas on the highway clearly marked by granite standing stones and picnic areas in the town's centre.



Camping in Bald Rock NP

LOCATION

Glen Innes is part of the New England Tableland formation, and is located at the intersection of the New England and Gwydir Highways, which offer the best routes between Sydney (619 km) and Brisbane (366 km). Glen Innes is only a short few hour drive to the beaches of south east Queensland and northern NSW.

TRANSPORT

By road: 619km north of Sydney and 366km south of Brisbane

By rail: Countrylink Service (coach and train) 9 hours, 50 minutes to Sydney Central Station

By air: No commercial air services. However, only 1 hour drive to Armidale airport where there are daily services to Sydney. Charter flights are also available.

● EMPLOYMENT

Glen Innes Severn is a thriving community with a plethora of opportunities available for people interested in any industry. Key employers are found in the agriculture and agribusiness sectors, tourism and service industries, health and community services and retail trade. Opportunities abound for people wanting to move or establish a business in Glen Innes Severn in areas such as light manufacturing, boutique retail, professional services, agriculture and many more.

● HOUSING

Quality homes can be purchased in Glen Innes Severn for between \$100,000 and \$450,000 with a typical 3 bedroom modern family home costing between \$180,000 and \$250,000. If you'd rather build your dream home from scratch then good quality building blocks are available in Glen Innes Severn for approximately \$50,000.

For those preferring more of a 'tree change', larger blocks of several hectares can be found in semi-rural subdivisions and further afield. 3 acre blocks on the outskirts of town start at approximately \$80,000 with larger holdings increasing in value. For people moving from over-crowded cities, the space that Glen Innes Severn can offer is a real breath of fresh air.

● EDUCATION

Glen Innes Severn is well served by many schools including 7 public primary schools, 1 Catholic primary school and 1 public secondary school. Glen Innes is also home to tertiary education options. The University of New England has a well-staffed and well- resourced access centre for students and the New England Institute of TAFE also has a campus in the heart of Glen Innes providing many vocational education options.

● HEALTH

Glen Innes Severn is a part of the Hunter New England Area Health Network and is serviced by a well-equipped public hospital in Glen Innes, as well as a multi-purpose Service in Emmaville (a small locality within the shire). There are many GPs, dentists and allied health professionals in Glen Innes and residents can feel confident that they are receiving a very high standard of care. There are various services available in ageing and disability services including a number of aged care facilities, disability outreach programs and a meals-on-wheels service.

● LIFESTYLE

Glen Innes Severn has an activity to suit anyone and everyone. Glen Innes is the heart of Australia's Celtic Country and hosts the Australian Celtic Festival in May of each year to celebrate the rich history of the area. The four day festival draws huge crowds and the events, music, dance and food is enjoyed by tourists and locals alike. Glen Innes is surrounded by some of the most beautiful country side Australia has to offer and it is there for the taking! Fishing, bushwalking, camping, even gem fossicking are popular pastimes in Glen Innes that are enjoyed by young and old.

Food and wine is an emerging industry in the area and there are many fine provideres who are eager to show off their wares either in the many fine cafes and restaurants in the centre of town or a little bit off the beaten path.

● ENVIRONMENT

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Warratah: Washpool National Park



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