

Bundarra – things to see and do

Bundarra is a small rural settlement on Thunderbolt's Way between Uralla and Inverell. This lovely village is easy to miss if passing through and unaware of its many attractions, including beautiful heritage-listed buildings and museums. Copeton Dam, just 43 km away, is a magnet during the summer months. For bird lovers the region is home to the critically endangered Regent Honeyeater which can be found nesting in the ironbark trees in the district. Bundarra Lions Park (pictured) is an overnight rest area 3 km south of Bundarra beside the Gwydir River. Camping and toilet facilities are available in addition to those at the Bundarra Caravan Park in Court St.



Bundarra Court House and Police Station

The Court House Museum houses an interesting display of local memorabilia and the surrounding complex now includes the historic Mount Drummond School which has been moved to the site. It has been furnished in the style of an old school room and contains a great photographic display of the local area. Another historic building in town is the police station and residence (c.1879) with stables/garage on the corner of Oliver and Bendemeer Streets. It features a stone-flagged verandah, a hipped roof and flat brick arches over the window heads and is also heritage listed.



Cost: \$5pp

To visit, contact (allow some advance warning if possible):

Jenny Dezius 6723 7205 Mob 0427 237 205

Jean Jurd 0475 382 340

Gallery of Glass

This Bottle and Glass Museum is located at 18 Bendemeer Street. Formerly a Baptist Church, it now has a collection of over 6,000 bottles as well as Aboriginal pipes and artefacts. The church was built in 1959.



Cost: Gold coin donation

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Commercial Hotel

Located at 16 Bendemeer Street and built in 1861, the Commercial Hotel is heritage listed and was once visited by Captain Thunderbolt! In recent times it has been upgraded and today it offers pub meals and accommodation. It also has a beer garden and BBQ area for cooking.

Ph. 6723 7106



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Bundarra General Store

General store, café (**The Pink Flamingo**, see below), newsagent, liquor store and gift shop—something for everyone!

Opening hours are: 7.30am–6pm Mon- Fri
8.30am–12.30pm Sat-Sun

Proprietors: Dave and Mel Lowell
30-32 Bendemeer St, Bundarra
Ph. **6723 7101**



The Pink Flamingo Café

Coffee all day during General Store opening hours

Food served 10am–2.30pm Mon-Fri
8.30–12.30 Sat- Sun

Good old fashioned hospitality and service! The menu includes gourmet and toasted sandwiches, nachos, pies, egg and bacon rolls, homemade cakes, slices, tea, coffee, iced chocolates and iced coffees, lime spiders and ice-cream sundaes.

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Mount Yarrowyck Nature Reserve and Rock Art Site

Located 49 km south of Bundarra along Thunderbolt's Way is the Nature Reserve which preserves the traditional lands of the Aniwaniwi people. The reserve was created in 1983 and encompasses 589 ha. There is a small signpost pointing towards the gravel drive which leads to a carpark and picnic area where you'll find information boards pointing out the highlights of a 2.5 km loop walk to an Aboriginal rock art site in a small shelter on the south-western slopes of Mt Yarrowyck. On the rock surface are red ochre paintings which are dominated by bird track motifs. There are also stick figures and other geometric shapes. The paintings tell other Aboriginal groups what type of food was available in the area.



Gwydir River and Copeton Dam

Copeton Dam and the Gwydir River are district features and offer popular recreational activities such as fishing, fossicking, camping, walking and boating. The banks of the Gwydir River in and around Bundarra are an ideal place to stop and relax. The river is a noted breeding ground for freshwater fish species such as cod, redfin, yellow belly, catfish, silver perch and bass. You may be lucky enough to see platypus in the river, particularly around dawn and dusk. The dam offers skiing, jet skis, sailing, canoeing and swimming. Copeton Waters Park has several boat ramps. Fishing includes Murray cod, Golden perch (yellow belly), silver perch, redfin and catfish.

Copeton Waters State Park opening hours are 9am–5pm daily.
Ph. **6723 6269**



CWA Rooms & Bundarra Library

The CWA Rooms are in Court St, facing the Commercial Hotel and next to the Caravan Park. The CWA meets every 2nd Wednesday at 1pm. 24 hr Wi-Fi access is available through the library if you are in close proximity.

Library hours are Wed 10am–12pm and Fri 1pm–3pm
Bundarra Library contact (via Uralla Library): Ph. **6778 6470**
CWA Secretary: Carolyn McMullen Ph. **0412 279 109**

