



GLEN INNES

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Location:

Glen Innes is an inland town in north eastern NSW in the northern part of an area called New England.

It is situated on the main inland route between Sydney and Brisbane. It is about 570 km from Sydney and 370km from Brisbane.

Glen Innes is close to two major inland cities, Armidale (96km to the south) and Tamworth (a further 112km south). The closest coast city is Coffs Harbour, 243km to the east.



Overview:

The traditional owners of the land are the Ngarabal people. They called the area *Gindaaydjjin* meaning 'plenty of big round stones on clear plain'. This is a good description of the area around Glen Innes as it has many large stone pillars and outcrops.

The town of Glen Innes has its origins in the mid 1880s and it is named after an early landowner, Archibald Clunes Innes. Innes and many of the other early settlers were from Scotland and the town still celebrates its Scottish heritage.

Today the town supports the sheep and cattle farms in the region and it is also a popular destination for fossickers (people who look for gems and precious stones) and those exploring the many beautiful natural places nearby.

Being inland and high up (1,062 metres), the town can be very cold in winter, with occasional snow. Summer temperatures are mild to warm.

Who lives there:

Glen Innes has a population of about 9,000. The majority are of European background but there are smaller numbers of people from many different countries.

Glen Innes is a Refugee Welcome Zone and its community is very keen to welcome refugees.

How to get there:

You can get to Glen Innes by car and bus. You can also fly or catch a train to Armidale and complete the journey to Glen Innes by bus.

Glen Innes is about 7½ hours drive from Sydney, 4 hours from Brisbane and 3 hours from Coffs Harbour.

Buses from Sydney go via Grafton. The journey takes about 13 hours, 20 minutes and costs between \$77 and \$134 one way.

The plane + bus option takes about 5 hours and prices start at about \$165 one way.

The train + bus option takes about 10½ hours and prices start at \$86 one way.

Employment:

Areas of employment in and around Glen Innes include health and aged care, disability support, construction, factory work, hospitality and administration. Three large employers in the region are:

Photo Create (photographic processing): www.pcbusinessdirect.com.au.
Bindaree Beef (abattoir) at Inverell, 70km west of Glen Innes
Costa Group (tomato farm) at Guyra, 60km south.

Employment agencies in Glen Innes include:

Best Employment: 344 Grey St, phone (02) 6732 4922. www.best.com.au.
Job Link Plus: 271 Grey St, phone (02) 6732 2455. www.joblinkplus.com.au.
Jobs Australia Enterprises: 294 Grey St, phone (02) 6732 2312. www.jobaustralia.com.

There are also websites you can look at to find employment:

- Glen Innes Examiner (local paper): www.gleninnesexaminer.com.au/
- Seek: www.seek.com.au/jobs/in-Glen-Innes-Riverina-NSW-2370

You might also like to make contact with:

Refugee Talent: specialises in linking refugees and employers (www.refugeetalent.com)

Thrive Refugee Enterprise: supports refugees to establish small businesses and provides access to micro-finance (www.thriverefugeeenterprise.org.au).

Education and training:

TAFE New England has a campus in Glen Innes.

Armidale (just over an hours drive south) has a major regional university (the University of New England) and a colleges that offer various new migrant work-ready courses, vocational courses and intensive language courses.

Accommodation:

The median weekly cost of renting a one bedroom apartment in Glen Innes is \$138 per week and \$175 for a 2 bedroom unit. Median weekly rent for a 3 bedroom house is \$240 and \$295 for a 4 bedroom house.

Websites you can look at to find rental accommodation include:

Domain: www.domain.com.au/rent/glen-innes-nsw-2370/
Realestate.com.au: www.realestate.com.au/rent/in-glen-innes,+nsw+2370/list-1
Diana Corcoran: www.dianacre.com.au
LJ Hooker: www.ljhooker.com.au/search/property-for-rent-in-glen-innes-nsw-2370-au/

Short term budget accommodation options include:

Poplar Caravan Park: 15 Church St, phone (02) 6732 1514. www.poplarcaravanpark.com.au.

Fossicker Caravan Park: 94/96 Church St, phone (02) 6732 4246.

www.fossickercaravanpark.com.au.

Craigieburn Tourist Park: 9971 New England Hwy, phone (02) 6732 1283

Glen Rest Tourist Park: 9807 New England Hwy, phone (02) 6732 2413.

It is also worth looking at the following accommodation sites:

Stayz: www.stayz.com.au

AirBnB: www.airbnb.com.au.

Health Services:

Glen Innes has a 37-bed district hospital located at 94 Taylor Street, phone (02) 6739 0200. Glen Innes Community Health Centre is at the same location.

People needing complex care will typically go to Armidale which has a major hospital and specialist doctors.

Hunter New England Health have a dedicated Refugee and Migrant Health nurse who covers Glen Innes and is able to offer support to new migrants

Places of worship:

There are several churches in Glen Innes. People from other faiths typically go to Armidale to worship. Places of worship and faith communities in Armidale include:

- for Muslims: the mosque is in Booloomindah Drive. Phone (02) 6773 5151
- for Buddhists a group meets at the Armidale Community Buddhist Centre (211 Beardy Street). Contact 0478 008 840
- for Baha'is there are regular meetings. Contact (02) 6772 7777
- for Hindus contact (02) 6772 1659
- for the Sikh community, phone 0433 411 244.

Local transport:

Glen Innes is quite a small town so it is feasible to get around on foot or by bicycle within the town. There is a local bus service run by Stewarts Coaches which runs within the town and to nearby towns. Go to www.stewartcoaches.com.au for a list of routes.

As is common in regional NSW, it is useful to have a car to travel beyond the immediate town area.

Sport and recreation:

Glen Innes offers a diverse range of activities. There are community groups and arts and cultural facilities including a library, community centre, several art galleries, Rotary and Lions Clubs, sporting clubs and public swimming pool.

Glen Innes hosts several festivals each year, the main one is the Australian Celtic Festival to celebrate the town's Celtic heritage: www.australiancelticfestival.com.

Shopping and food:

Major supermarkets have branches in Glenn Innes and there are many smaller shops.

Locals will often go to Armidale for speciality items.

Who can help you:

Refugees Welcome Glen Innes is an independent group of local people willing and able to support refugees coming to the town. They are able to assist new arrivals by proving information and practical support and also help them to meet local people and connect to things going on in town.

Refugees Welcome Glen Innes
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Where to get more information:

For a map of Glen Innes go to:

www.gisc.nsw.gov.au/sites/gleninnes/files/public/images/documents/gisc/About%20the%20area/glen%20innes%20map.pdf

For a map of the local area go to:

www.gisc.nsw.gov.au/sites/gleninnes/files/public/images/documents/gisc/About%20the%20area/20120111084931.pdf

For more information visit **Glen Innes Visitor Information Centre**, 152 Church Street, phone (02) 6730 2400. www.gleninnestourism.com.

For general information in community languages about services available to people holding a Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (SHEV) or Temporary Protection Visa (TPV), see the DSS Fact Sheet: www.dss.gov.au/settlement-and-multicultural-affairs/programs-policy/australian-government-support