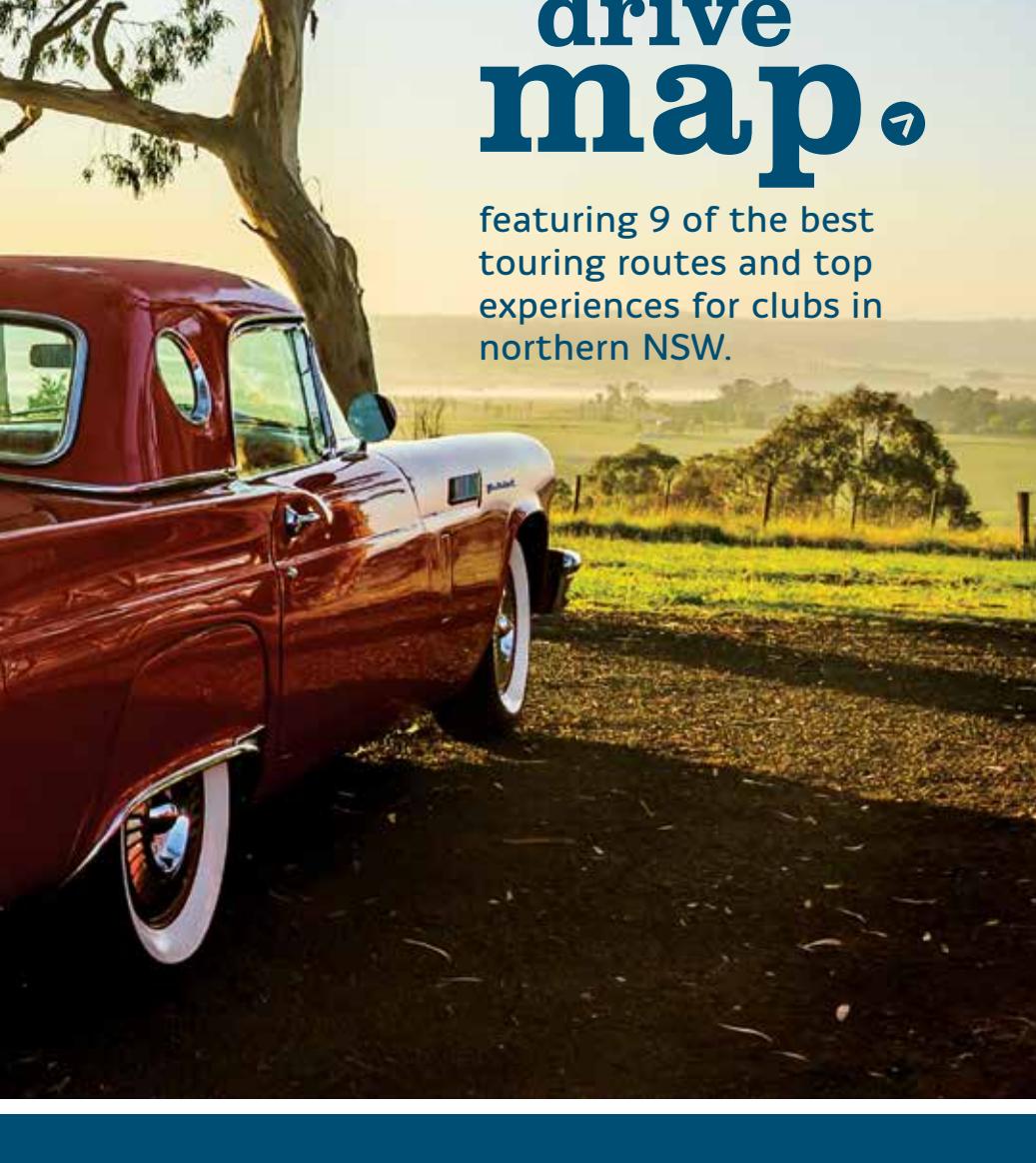


road trip adventures

Experience the highs as you journey through the picturesque New England High Country in northern New South Wales, full of wonder and inspiring views. Surrounded by World Heritage national parks and filled with unique and fascinating towns rich in heritage and personality, exploring the area promises many memorable adventures. We've highlighted the top touring routes and must see attractions to make your club's next outing one for the books.

adventure drive map

featuring 9 of the best touring routes and top experiences for clubs in northern NSW.



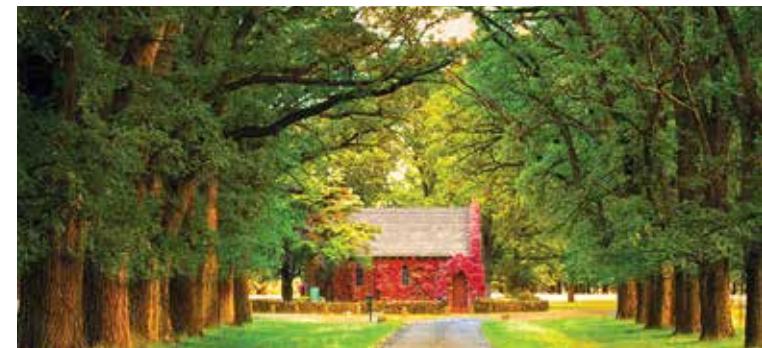
must see...



New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale

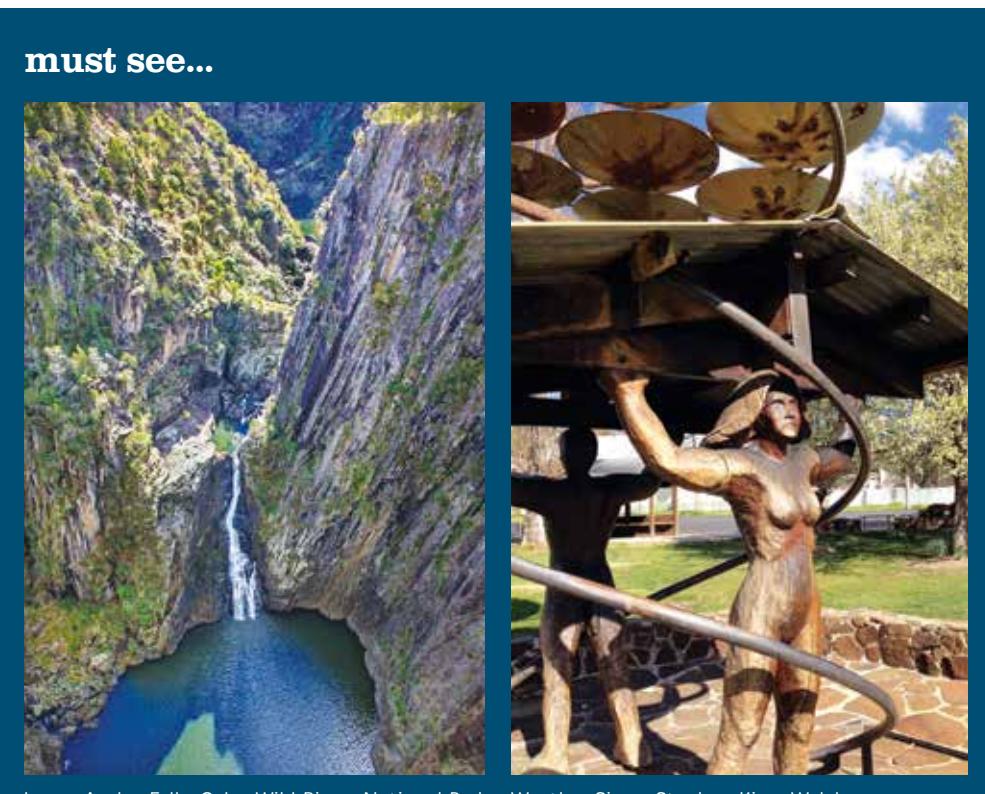


The Australian Standing Stones, Glen Innes



Gostwyck Chapel, Uralla

must see...



Lower Apsley Falls, Oxley Wild Rivers National Park Weather Signs, Stephen King, Walcha

Armidale
Glen Innes
Tenterfield
Uralla • Walcha

1. new england highway

The New England Highway forms part of the major inland route connecting Sydney and Brisbane and carries its way through the spectacular New England High Country. Linking Uralla, Walcha and Tenterfield to the north, passing through Armidale, Guyra and Glen Innes, this scenic drive offers a variety of things to see and do, services and drive experiences for clubs. Along this drive you'll find outstanding eateries as well as a range of breweries, wineries and distilleries. Discover unique attractions, museums and art galleries as well as an abundance of natural wonders.



2. thunderbolts way

Entering New England High Country from the south at Walcha, Thunderbolts Way tops the list for wide-open vistas of rolling hills and impossibly green farmlands. Beginning in the MacCoy-Campbell range, the Bushranger's route climbs the Great Dividing Range, passing through the dramatic terrain of Walcha and Uralla to arrive eventually to Inverell and further north west. Along this journey be sure to visit Walcha's Open Air Gallery of sculptures and artworks, the awe inspiring Apsley Falls, galleries of contemporary art and the Pioneer Village. In Uralla, stop for a coffee and a bite before continuing along the finest among Uralla's cafes and country pubs, discover the Aboriginal cave painting site at Mount Yarroweyah Nature Reserve and uncover the many hidden gems in Inverell.

must see...



Inverell Pioneer Village



McCrossin's Mill Museum, Uralla



3. oxley highway

Beginning in Port Macquarie, this epic road tightly winds its way through the tall timbered forests of the mountains to reach the lofty tablelands of the New England where the road suddenly transforms into vast prairie-like valleys to Walcha. Along the way explore the incredible Apsley Falls and when you arrive in Walcha take a break at one of the many cafes, meander through the Open Air Gallery or be self-guided by the Sculpture Soundtrail experience.



Pioneer Cottage Museum, Walcha



4. waterfall way

There is no hyperbole in the name of this road: travel on it and you will see waterfalls, many waterfalls. You'll also cross the dividing range from Coffs Harbour to Armidale, a mountain pass with hairpin bends and long, steep hills. Stop at the many lookouts to enjoy incredible views over the gorges to the coastal flats beyond. The elegant regional city of Armidale is the perfect spot to stock up on supplies and rejuvenate before setting out to explore more of New England High Country.

must see...



Wollomombi Falls



Saumarez Homestead, Armidale



Armidale Folk Museum

5. gwydir highway

Stretching from Grafton on the coast to Glen Innes and venturing further west to Inverell, the Gwydir Highway crosses the Great Dividing Range with tight bends and long climbs. Making your way through World Heritage listed Washpool and Gibraltar Range National Parks, take advantage of the extensive views across the gorge country. Venture into the historic towns of Grafton and Uralla in Gwydir Country and break at the friendly eateries and cafes in a beautiful historic setting of the main street. As you continue along the Gwydir toward Inverell witness the remarkable wind turbines of White Rock and Sapphire Wind Farms, splayed across the rolling hills and farmland.

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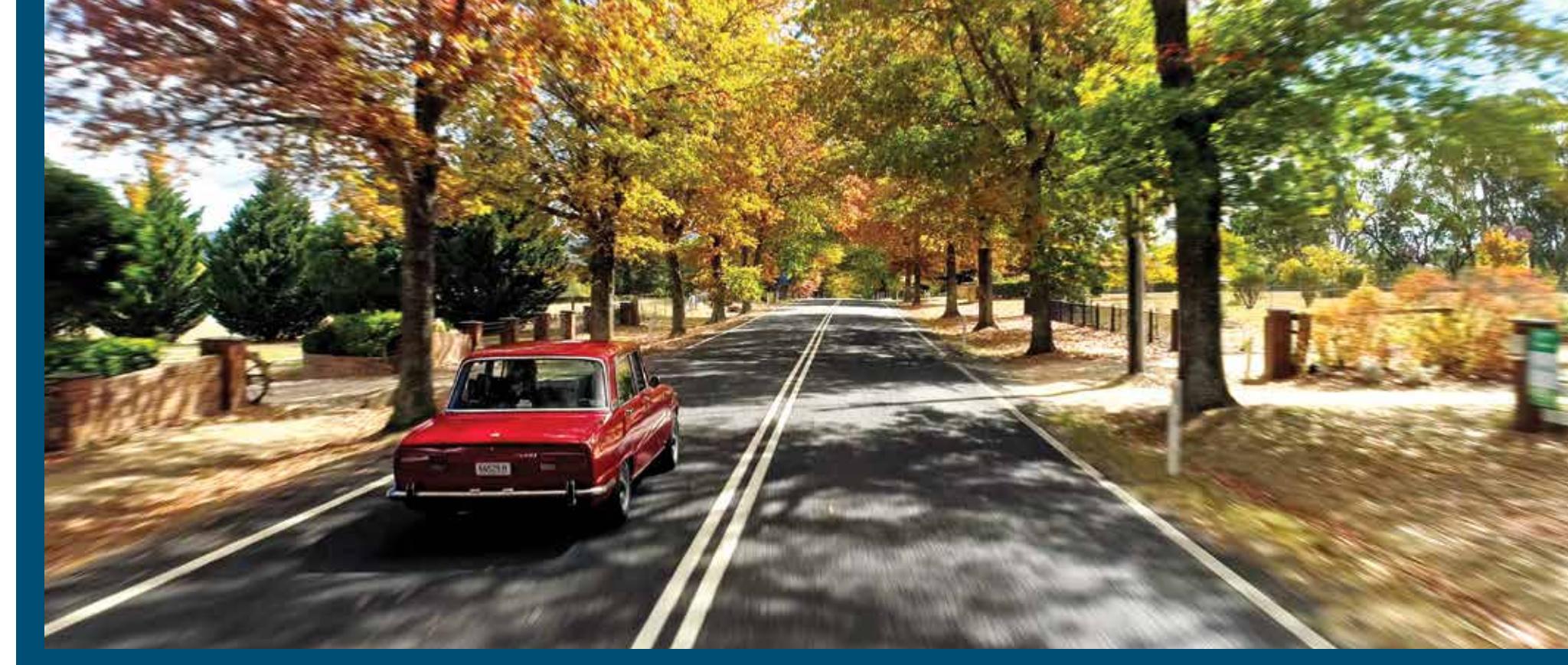
Washpool and Gibraltar Range World Heritage National Parks



White Rock and Sapphire Wind Farms



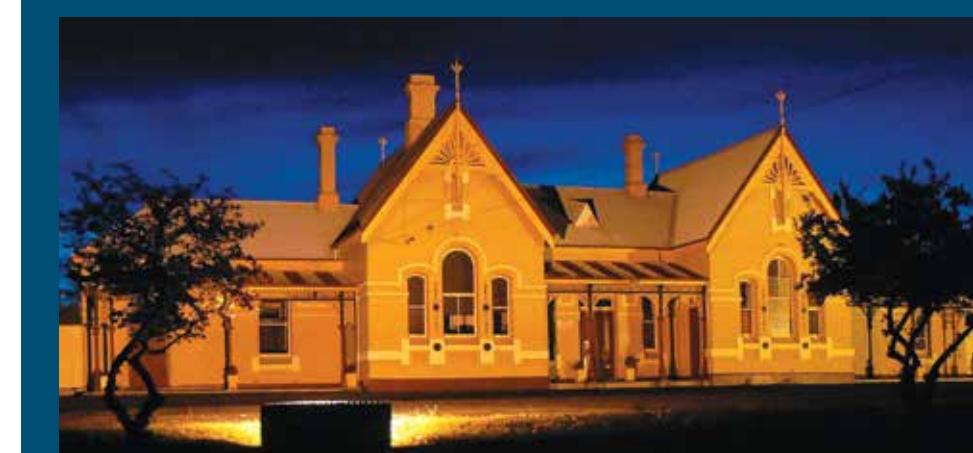
National Transport Museum, Inverell



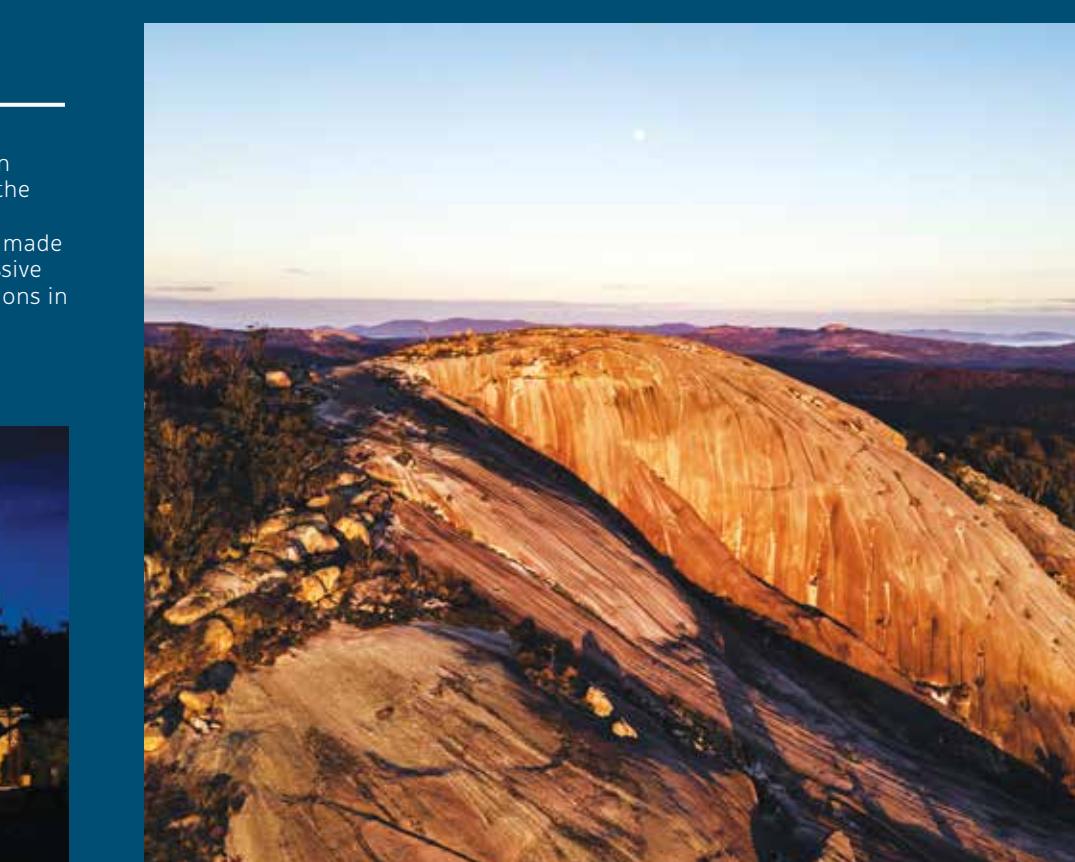
6. bruxner highway

This more direct but equally stunning route is an east-west link from the Northern River coast to Tenterfield in the north of New England High Country, it follows the Queensland border. Explore the many unique wonders that the historic township of Tenterfield and surrounding villages have to offer, including the Tenterfield Saddler, made famous by Aussie entertainment legend, Peter Allen. For the adventures, the impressive views from Bald Rock National Park are merely a teaser for all of the natural attractions in the area.

must see...



Tenterfield Railway Museum (Photographer: Fay Pampling)



Bald Rock National Park

7. tourist drive 11



8. guyra road

A 90km journey from Guyra to Inverell, travelling through the townships of Tingha and Cooma. Starting from Guyra the road follows some great sights along the way from charming farmland to entwined native bushland to the Wing Hing Long & Co Chinese Store in Tingha. Once a thriving Chinatown this little store has been converted into a museum to raise awareness of the contribution the Chinese made to rural communities in NSW. On the New Valley Road, the area has many significant Aboriginal sites, most notable is the famous Tingha Stone Woman.



new england high country

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A 114km journey of richly contrasting landscapes steeped in the romantic history of the old mining boom days. Setting off from Glen Innes this scenic drive passes through the townships of Errington and Deepwater. The Errington Mining Museum houses over 4,000 artifacts and mineral specimens and replica historic buildings filled with fascinating items. Continuing along the journey from Errington you'll pass the Deepwater Brewery and find a great spot to pull up along the river, you may even spot a platypus! The drive returns to Glen Innes where you can explore the Land of the Beardies History House Museum or gather at the Australian Standing Stones.

9. copeton dam loop

Departing Inverell this 180km drive takes you past Copeton Dam, a popular inland sport and recreation centre where you will find some impressive lookouts and the Reflections Holiday Park - Copeton Dam hotel, Motel and Apartments. After a night's stay here you can continue along. Continuing along this route passes through the township of Bingara, home of the Roxy Complex, and community of Delungra before returning to the Sapphire City, Inverell. Explore Inverell's National Transport Museum comprising 120 vehicle exhibits, ranging from vintage and Veteran to Classic and Motorcycles.



