

Discover

Quambone





Quambone:

‘Gateway to the
Macquarie Marshes’.

Quambone lies
57km North-West
of Coonamble and
600km from Sydney.

Part of the Coonamble Shire, the key industries include cattle, wheat, wool, fat lambs and cotton. The Quambone district has a population of 197. This charming little village has two quaint bush churches, tennis courts, swimming pool and the smallest operational library in NSW.

Only 57km from Coonamble on a sealed road, Quambone has a small two teacher school set in pleasant surroundings, Australia’s smallest library, two churches, a friendly Hotel/Motel and Store. Quambone’s main attractions are the Macquarie Marshes, The Marthaguy Picnic Races held in September and the Quambone Polocrosse Carnival held in July/August

What to see and do

- ▶ Drive or walk around the historic sites in the village
- ▶ Pop in to the General Store or Hotel and meet a local
- ▶ Head out to the viewing platform for the Macquarie Marshes
- ▶ Take in a Polocrosse game or the annual Marthaguy Picnic Races
- ▶ Visit the historic cemetery.

History

The area known today as Quambone was part of George Gibsons large squatterage dating back to 1844/45 which later became Quambone Station.

At one point it was proposed that Quambone would be on the rail line and the village had three hotels, numerous shops, bakeries, blacksmiths, a cordial factory, bank and numerous sawmills.

Whilst only a few of the original buildings remain their sites are marked on the map within this brochure.

The buildings now used as classrooms at Quambone School include the original schools from Ellemeek and Gilgoin.

For more information on the history of Quambone the book titled “Quambone-1894-1994” can be viewed at the Coonamble Shire Library in Coonamble.

Indigenous

The Aboriginal people who lived in the region were almost certainly members of the Weilwan people. They were hunters who lived around the waterways of the area including the Marra and Marthaguy Creeks, Macquarie and Castlereagh Rivers.

The primary school houses a unique collection of photographs of the local



Weilwan tribe taken by Sydney based photographer Charles Kerry in 1898.

Sundowner Hotel/Motel

Meet the locals and stop for a drink at the Sundowner. The Hotel was built on the site of the old sawmill in 1965. Cold Drinks, Meals, Accommodation, Beer Garden.
Tucka Tucka Street
Ph (02) 6824 2065

Quambone General Store

The General Store building also houses the post office as well as providing essential items, information and take-away food.
10 Tucka Tucka Street, UHF 40
Ph (02) 6824 2077

Macquarie Marshes

The Marshes are approximately 100kms long and 25-30kms wide and support a wide range of plants and animals. The Marshes contain extensive areas of common reed, cumbungi, river redgum woodlands, coolibah woodlands and water couch grasslands.

The Macquarie Marshes covers 200,000 hectares and is recognized as the major colonial waterbird nesting area in Australia. The Macquarie Marsh Nature Reserve covers approx 20,000 hectares and is recognized under the Ramsar Convention as a Wetland of International importance.

The reserve is managed by the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service. The remaining 90% is mainly private land managed for agricultural purposes. The Nature Reserve is mostly surrounded by private land and it is important to respect this when visiting.

www.macquariemarshes.com

Marsh Meanders

Marsh Meanders is a privately operated tourist enterprise located in the Macquarie Marshes and offers a range of activities including kayaking (seasonal) and walking tours. They cater to all age groups and tours can be designed depending on your interests. For further information on tours and pricing please contact:

Carolyn Fisher

Wilgara

Ph 02 6824 2072 Fax 02 6824 2272 or

Narelle Sinclair

Mungrabambone Quambone 2831 NSW

Ph 02 6824 2070 Fax 02 6824 120

Tennis Court

The village Tennis courts are located adjacent to the Swimming Pool and the key can be obtained from the Quambone General Store.

Quambone Swimming Pool

The Swimming pool is open during the summer season and is one of the main recreational venues in Quambone.



NPWS Discovery Tours

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has discovery rangers available to take visitors on tours of the Macquarie Marshes Nature Reserve. These are conducted on an 'as needed' basis and for further information on pricing and booking details contact:

NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service
PO Box 39 (Timor St)
Coonabarabran 2357 NSW
Ph 02 6842 1311 Fax 02 6842 2124

Marthaguy Picnic Races

Experience a real country race at the annual Marthaguy Picnic Races and get close to the racing action!. The races are the highlight of the local calendar and visitors come from across the state each year.

The Marthaguy Picnic Race Club (1905 -1973) was reformed in 1991 and the races moved from the original racetrack to the Quambone Racecourse.

www.coonamble.org/marthaguy

Quambone War Memorial Hall

The Hall was originally Oddfellows lodge built in 1912 and bought for 225 pounds after World War 1 as a War Memorial. The hall can be rented for public or private events and is administered by the Quambone Resources Group.

Trombone from Quambone

Located at the Quambone Primary School the Trombone was publicized by Ian MacNamara on the popular 'Australia All over' program on ABC Radio

Coonamble Shire Council

Administration Centre:
Ph (02) 6827 1900
Coonamble Library:
Ph (02) 6827 1925
www.coonamble.org

Churches

Anglican Church, services 3rd Sunday at 11am
Roman Catholic Church services
2nd and 4th Sunday at 11am.

Saint Paul's Anglican Church was completed in 1899. Originally situated behind the present school site, but the area was found to be too boggy after rain so was moved to the current site by three tractors borrowed from 'Sandy Camp'. The Sacred Heart Catholic Church was built in 1905.

Accommodation

Thurn Farmstay

Historic homstead, farm animals and activities, natural lake with ample local bird life including brolgas.

Ph (02) 6824 2091

Lona Farmstay

Farm activities, animals, tennis, bird life and bush walks. Ph (02) 6822 8334

Willie Retreat

Willie Retreat accommodation to accommodates up to 92 people in a variety of accommodation styles. View the remains of historic buildings including an old Cobb and Co Inn.

www.willieretreatmacquariemarshes.com.au
Ph (02) 6824 4361



Quambone Community Health Centre

Used for monthly clinics including early childhood and women's services. The building is unattended at other times so please call 000 in an emergency.

Lot 10 Mungie Street
Ph (02) 6824 2067

Quambone Primary School

Some of the school buildings were formerly schools from outlying areas and were moved into Quambone when the schools closed. The library contains a photo display by Charles Kerry of one of the last Aboriginal initiation ceremonies to take place in Australia. The current school building was built in 1909'

Mungie Street
Ph (02) 6824 2046

Quambone Sports Ground

Includes the Racecourse and Polocrosse fields and is home to a number of sporting clubs. New facilities were constructed in 2007 which include a covered area, new kitchen and bar facilities.

Quambone Polocrosse Club

The original Quambone Polocrosse Club was formed in 1959 and played for approximately three years. The Club reformed in 1976 and has continued to the present day holding a 30 year reunion in October 2006. A Polocrosse carnival is held annually at the Quambone Sportsground. The Quambone Polocrosse Club colours are maroon & white.

They have a maroon playing shirt with a white collar, white trim on the sleeves and white middle band. The saddle cloth is also maroon with maroon trim and maroon 'Q' on both sides.

New memberships and enquiries are most welcome, please email moblar@bigpond.com

Public Toilets:

Public Toilets are located behind the Quambone War Memorial Hall.

Camping/Caravan Facilities:

Limited camping facilities are available at the Quambone Racecourse. Key available from General Store.

Pony Club

The Quambone Pony Club formed in 1962 and still continues today. The Quambone Pony Club holds rally days at the Quambone Sports ground once a month and at other times by arrangement with members.

Members compete at Gymkhanas and local shows. Some members attend Pony Club Camps hosted by neighboring clubs.

Their uniform is a white long sleeved shirt, Royal Stewart tartan tie, Navy Blue V necked jumper and fawn jodhpurs. Saddle cloth is white with a navy trim and navy 'Q' on both sides.

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Community Progress Groups

Quambone Business & Tourism Services was formed in 2005 to drive promotion and development of Quambone.

The Quambone Resources Group was once the Progress Association and was formed in 1975. The group administers the key public facilities in the village.

Quambone Services

13. Sundowner Hotel/motel (site of sawmill)
16. Quambone General Store and post office
22. Quambone Library
23. Quambone War Memorial Hall
28. Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
30. Saint Paul's Church of England Church
38. Public Toilets
39. Quambone Swimming Pool
40. Quambone Public School

Village Heritage Tour

1. Site of Quambone Station Store and Butcher
2. Site of Quambone Hotel
3. Site of George Ritchie Stock & Station Agent
4. Site of Tumers Sawmill
5. Site of D R Winton Blacksmith
6. Site of Plonk/Grog Shop
7. Site of Shop F Woods
8. Site of Shop Copelands
9. Site of Post Office Hotel
10. Site of Barber , Billiard Hall and Shops
11. Site of Butcher
12. Site of Shop
14. Quambone Cemetery
15. Former Quambone Post Office
17. Site of Bakery
18. Site of Commercial Banking Co of Sydney
19. Site of Tattersalls Hotel
20. Site of Bourk's Blacksmith & Ramiens Fuel Depot
21. Former Bush Nursing Home
24. Site of Cordial Factory & Hall
25. Site of H Sellar, E T Wright Fuel Depot
27. Former Movie Theatre
29. Former Police Station
31. Site of Carter & Co
33. Site of Butcher Mrs H F Murray
34. Site of Fuel Depot Sid Walden, R Duddy, Greg Garnsey
35. Site of Sawmill R Wangmann
36. Site of Cordial Factory
37. Site of provisional school



Road conditions in the area can vary. Some roads may be narrow and have unstable edges. Drive slow on narrow bridges and as flooded roads. Watch out for Kangaroos, Livestock and



Map not to scale- do not rely on for navigation

Town Map

This map of Quambone shows you the key businesses & streets in town and also the sites of numerous former buildings. Drive around and spend some time in our village!

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 es and be aware of hazards such
 and other animals on the road



Quambone Services

Attractions

- ▶ Macquarie Marshes viewing platform
- ▶ Quambone Library
- ▶ Village Heritage Tour
- ▶ Charles Kerry Photos at Quambone Primary School

Attractions Nearby

- ▶ Lightning Ridge
- ▶ Carinda
- ▶ Western Plains Zoo
- ▶ Gulargambone
- ▶ Warrumbungle National Park
- ▶ Siding Spring Observatory
- ▶ Opal Mining Villages of Grawin, Sheepyard and Glengary

Places to eat

- ▶ Quambone General Store, Tucka Tucka Street (02) 6824 2077
- ▶ Sundowner Hotel/Motel, Tucka Tucka Street (02) 6824 2065

Accommodation

- ▶ Thurn Farmstay (02) 6824 2091
- ▶ Lona Farmstay (02) 6822 8334
- ▶ Willie Retreat (02) 6824 4361
- ▶ Sundowner Hotel/Motel (02) 6824 2065

Sporting Facilities

- ▶ Swimming Pool
- ▶ Tennis Courts

Churches

- ▶ St Pauls Anglican Church
- ▶ Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Emergency Numbers

- ▶ Coonamble Hospital (02) 6822 1133
- ▶ Ambulance 000
- ▶ Police 000
- ▶ Coonamble Police Station (02) 6822 1488
- ▶ Rural Fire Service: (02) 6822 4422
- ▶ SES: 132 500

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