

Snapshot of Dunedoo

Origins of the town name: most people agree that it is a derivation of an indigenous word meaning "black swan", a native bird here in large numbers some years ago.

Dunedoo has embraced the black swan as its emblem and is planning a public sculpture project for its park in the main street that will depict birds that are unique to the area, to reinforce this connection.

Australian humor being what it is, the "dunny" connotation of the name has attached itself to the town and at times has been the source of some controversy.

The town is a thriving and vibrant community with a population of around 840 with another 600 in the area, serving a surrounding area devoted to farming – crops such as wheat, lucerne and canola, as well as sheep, cattle and pigs. Dunedoo has a vineyard that produces grapes for fine wines and a thoroughbred stud that breeds some of the finest race horses in Australia.

Dunedoo has one of the biggest privately owned stock selling yards in NSW. We believe Dunedoo offers a great lifestyle - it is a friendly town with every service and amenity you could possibly ask for - a brand new state of the art hospital, aged hostel, (MPS) two schools, preschool, TAFE, golf and bowls, swimming pool, tennis courts, loads of good shops ... you name it, Dunedoo has it. Dunedoo is on the Golden and Castlereagh highways midway between the major regional centres of Dubbo and Newcastle and Coonabarabran and Mudgee with popular tourist attractions, such as the Western Plains Zoo, the Warrumbungles and Wellington Caves. Dunedoo is a favored stop for travelers going from inland from Sydney north or Newcastle to Melbourne.

Dunedoo hosts a number of major events that are helping put the town on the map - The Bush Poetry Festival each year attracts well known Bush Poets including Australian Champions and hundreds of enthusiasts from all over Australia. Art Unlimited, an art award and exhibition run by the local Lions Club, this year attracted entries from around the world; and the annual agricultural show, still considered the 'Best one day show in the west'. Dunedoo also has Open Garden Day that showcases some of the magnificent gardens in our region.

In 2003, the Coolah Shire (Of which Dunedoo was a part) was amalgamated with the Coonabarabran Shire and is now the Warrumbungle Shire. Dunedoo is situated on the Talbragar River, has a good water supply, an altitude of 400mets. and with a rail freight line operational, airports one hour away and the gas pipeline through the edge of town, Dunedoo is an ideal location for industry.

The slogan for Dunedoo is "Where People Make the Difference". Dunedoo is proud of their community and like to think that visitors are offered the experience of a genuine Australian country town, with friendly old fashioned hospitality combined with every modern convenience.