

## PILLIGA ARTESIAN BORE

- Water Temperature 37 degrees
- Designated Primitive Campground. No powered sites, from the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2015 a \$5 fee will apply per site per night.
- 96 kms from Narrabri and 55 kms from Wee Waa on the Wee Waa- Pilliga Road
- Fully sealed.
- Toilets, Basic Shower, BBQ & Shelters
- Accommodation, Meals and refreshments are available at the Pilliga Pub which is approx 3kms from the bore baths.
- A general store is also available in Pilliga but hours are variable so it is best to phone ahead to be sure of opening hours and availability. **NO FUEL** is available at Pilliga

*From the Visitors Information Centre continue north on the Newell Highway towards Moree. Within approx 1 km of the Visitors Information Centre there will be a sign to the left to Wee Waa. Take this road and follow to Wee Waa which is approx 40kms, all sealed road. Continue through the main street of Wee Waa (Rose Street), through the CBD until you get to Warrior Street, turn left and then follow this road over the railway line. Continue on for less than 1km and turn left to Pilliga at the old Namoi Cotton Gin. Drive over the levee bank and continue on this road. After approx 26kms from Wee Waa you will pass the Cuttabri Wine Shanty( currently closed)) Continue past Cuttabri on the same road It is approximately 27kms past Cuttabri that you will see the bore baths on the left hand side of the road, only approx 500metres off the road. If you continue on past the bore baths for another 3kms you will reach the village of Pilliga (information over leaf)*

The severe drought at the turn of the century emphasised the need for a permanent water supply in the form of a bore to service the town. The Namoi and Wee Waa Gazette of 9<sup>th</sup> June 1902 recorded that the Pilliga Water supply was diminishing and the contractor of the bore had not arrived and in 1902 a bore was sunk to the depth of 1850 feet. Originally the flow given off was 1.25 million gallons per day.

The first 720 feet of the bore is 7 inch piping whilst the rest is 3-inch width. By 1902 the flow had reduced to 250,000 million gallons per day, while recent flow measurements show a rate somewhat less than normal.

Swimming in the hot mineral waters of the bore has been a popular recreational activity for many years and the therapeutic value of the mineral waters has long been recognised by many folk.

In 1980 Tamworth Pool Contractors installed the present pool. Since 1980 on going improvements have been made such as a roof covering the pool area, dressing sheds and toilets, BBQ and picnic tables, lawns and shaded trees.



# NARRABRI SHIRE

*Heart of the North West*

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## PILLIGA

96 km west of Narrabri (82 km sealed and 2 km unsealed), Population 210

In the early 1830's, one Charles Coxen, a brother-in-law of famous ornithologist, John Gould, explored the southern side of the Namoi River out to within about 6.5 km from the present township of Pilliga.

The area has very strong historical ties from the 1830's when it was settled by the early squatters to the 1950's when Indian Hawker, Nabob Allum and his family based themselves in Pilliga and peddled their wares in a horse drawn wagon to the grazing families in the western district. A wander in the cemetery reveals a fascinating montage of the lives and trials of the past. Of particular interest are the rough-hewn graves of the Indian hawkers.



There are several places of interest in the township. The Pilliga Artesian Bore is basic but with the same health properties that Australia's artesian waters are known for.

If you're in the area searching for the Pilliga Yowie or just there to soak in the waters of the bore the pub is a great place to base yourself. Accommodation and meals are available at the pub. Fuel is also available but limited to certain times. A store has basic grocery needs.

## GWABEGAR

92kms S W of Narrabri (22 km sealed and 70km unsealed), Population 150



Like many country villages Gwabegar attributes its beginnings the spread of the railway. In later years, the timber industry took over as the major employer with no fewer than twelve sawmills operating in the village in the heyday of sleeper cutting and house construction in the North West of NSW. Today just one, high tech timber mill remains but its importance cannot be denied.

A general store, community hall and community transaction centre and a primary school cater for the needs of residents of this village. The quaint St

Mary's church in Home St must be one of the smallest in Australia.

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