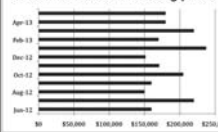


## Housing - Employment - Education - Health Services - Major Industry

### Houses and Land

Real Estate Agents	
Century 21 in Glen	(02) 6732 5775
Diana Corcoran Real Estate	(02) 6732 2799
Elders	(02) 6732 2500
Frank Parry Real Estate	(02) 6732 3635
Landmark	(02) 6732 2288
L J Hooker	(02) 6732 2326
Robyn Willis First National	(02) 6732 1855

### Glen Innes Median Housing prices



### Employment Opportunities

The Glen Innes Severn LGA is growing and thriving. The local economy is strongly based on agriculture (41.9%) with a significant tourism and service sector (32%), also operating. The remainder of the economy is made up of retail trade (14%), and health and community services (12.1%).

For employment information/opportunities in Glen Innes contact Best employment (02) 6732 4922.

### New and Expanding Business and Industry in Glen Innes Severn LGA in 2009/2010

- McDonalds Family Restaurant opened in June 2009.
- Woolworths Supermarket opened in October 2008.
- Woolworths Caltex Service Station opened in April 2009.
- United Petroleum truck stop and restaurant opened in 2008.
- Photo Create, a locally operated, international image production firm continues to expand.
- Smart Trailers, a local trailer engineering company, will expand throughout the New England area of NSW.
- Trelthway Industries, a successful "Autobaler" production company, operates from the Deepwater industrial estate.

### Education

Child Care Centres	Years	Contact
Child Care Centres		
Gum Tree Glen Children's Centre		(02) 6730 2450
Premier Early Learning Centre		(02) 6732 4589
Pre School		
Glen Innes Pre School Inc.		(02) 6732 1036
Schools		
Glen Innes High	7-12	(02) 6730 1322
Glen Innes Public	Kindergarten - 6	(02) 6732 2577
Glen Innes West Infants	Kindergarten - 2	(02) 6732 2459
St Joseph's (Catholic)	Kindergarten - 6	(02) 6732 2229
Red Range Public	Kindergarten - 6	(02) 6734 2257
Emmaville Central	Kindergarten - 12	(02) 6734 7235
Deepwater Public	Kindergarten - 6	(02) 6734 5395
Wyaliba Public	Kindergarten - 6	(02) 6733 5353
Ben Lomond Public	Kindergarten - 6	(02) 6733 2001
TAFE Glen Innes campus		Contact for course availability (02) 6739 9500
Glen Innes Severn Learning Centre		*Access Centre for the University of New England, Armidale (100 km south of Glen Innes)

### Services

Service	Description
Electricity	Country Energy will assist both industrial and domestic clients.
Gas	Glen Innes has a reticulated gas system plus a bulk tanker delivery and cylinder exchange system. All major suppliers of specialty gases for industry are represented in the area.
Water & Sewerage	Glen Innes Severn Council is responsible for the service of water and sewerage in the district and all urban areas have sewer availability. The water supply is adequate to meet existing and potential requirements. User pays system.
Accountancy & Legal Services	A range of solicitors, accountancy and insurance firms to meet your needs.
Financial	Commonwealth, National Westpac, ANZ, and New England Credit Union
Transport	Daily CountryLink services to and from Sydney and 3 times weekly service to Grafton. Tickets available from Visitor Information Centre. Local taxi service: Greyhound Coach Service.
Media	The Glen Innes Examiner, produced bi-weekly by Rural press and the "Prolifer" an independent publication produced monthly are Glen Innes's printed media sources. Radio 2NZ (AM) and GEMFM provide commercial radio coverage throughout the district, whilst, community FM radio 2CBD is based in Glen Innes and Deepwater.
Veterinarians	Glen Innes Veterinary Hospital High Country Veterinary Services
Employment Agencies	Best Employment Centrelink
Aged Services	Garden Court Centre Glenwood Gardens Aged Care Facility Roseneath Aged Care Centre

## We are at the intersection of the New England Highway and Gwydir Highway



### TRANSPORT SERVICES

- CountryLink train/bus service:
- To and from Sydney daily (7 days)
  - 3 times weekly service to Grafton.
  - Tickets available from Visitor Information Centre.
- QantasLink flights Sydney/Armidale daily.
- Local taxi service.
- Hire car service.
- School bus services.



### Temperature, Rainfall

Population	Approximately 8,700 in Glen Innes Severn local government area.				
Height above sea level	1,062 metres in Glen Innes with nearby hills rising to 1,500 metres at Ben Lomond and in the Deepwater district. Glen Innes is the highest large town in Australia.				
Annual rainfall	750 - 850mm. More towards the coast and less to the west.				
Temperature, rainfall	Month	Max Temp	Min Temp	Average Rainfall	Average Humidity
January	26°C	13°C	112 mm	51%	
February	25°C	13°C	90 mm	53%	
March	23°C	11°C	70 mm	52%	
April	20°C	7°C	43 mm	51%	
May	16°C	4°C	50 mm	58%	
June	13°C	1°C	56 mm	58%	
July	12°C	0°C	56 mm	55%	
August	14°C	1°C	50 mm	51%	
September	17°C	3°C	56 mm	46%	
October	20°C	7°C	79 mm	48%	
November	23°C	9°C	83 mm	47%	
December	25°C	12°C	107 mm	48%	



### Inquiries for relocation,

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# Glen Innes: Celtic Country

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## Why wouldn't you buy a home in Glen Innes?

"The real estate prices in Glen Innes are fantastic – why wouldn't you want to buy here?"

That's how Sheryle Wieden, a former property manager with a Brisbane real estate firm, sums up the market in Glen Innes.

Sheryle and her builder husband Stephen, both 50, bought a block of two flats, one gutted by fire, for \$35,000 and are renovating the building into a family home with four bedrooms, spacious new kitchen/family room, two bathrooms and huge entertaining deck. After the first stage of renovating the home is valued at \$240,000.

They discovered Glen Innes along with long-time friends, Stephen's builder-partner Mick Godford and his wife Barbara when the four were looking for a place to retire. "Stephen and I have bought and sold many times in past years," Sheryle recalls. "We lived mainly in Queensland, at Roma, Toowoomba, Sunshine Beach (Noosa) and for 10 years in Brisbane. I'll found Brisbane's constant noise and traffic stressful. Glen Innes offers a quieter lifestyle, it's casual – things just don't happen in a hurry. It reminds me of Grenfell, a small country town near Orange, where I was born and spent my very early years. "You can breathe such fresh air here and with it there are the blossoms and colours of the trees. All these things would have to be good for one's health – we will probably add 10 years to our life by being here."

"We have also been lucky medically with great doctors and dentists available. We're pleased to have a great working hospital without the long waiting list that goes with living in the city with large populations." The Wiedens' home is directly opposite the Glen Innes District Hospital with sweeping parklands nearby – which Sheryle says are "simply beautiful."

They have four grown-up children and four grandchildren living in Queensland "and since Glen Innes has Broadband/Internet we are able

to keep in touch with them through modern technology and webcaming." Sheryle works for the new, \$10million Woolworths supermarket which opened late last year which, she notes, has given the town a choice, with B-Lo and IGA supermarkets.

Her husband Stephen worked first for a local builder, now he and partner Mick Godford are back working together as they had done in past years. "We have enough work to keep us going – there comes a time in life when you stop chasing [a lot] of money and find your niche in life," Stephen says. "Glen Innes offers everything we need as far as work goes." Of the town, he says, "We just fell in love with the place. The people were very friendly ...it's a very easy town to live in." While it's now been two years since the Wiedens bought their property, Glen Innes still offers, says Sheryle, "bargains and investment opportunities."



## Why highway location spells good business

Michael and Barbara Godford see great potential for Glen Innes because of its strategic location at the intersection of the New England and Gwydir Highways and have plans to extend their highway-located motel by opening an Italian restaurant. Their chief daughter, Jahn, 26, from Cairns and her Italian boyfriend will join them to launch the project.

The Godfords' bought the motel, the Alpha, on the New England Highway, three years ago and builder Michael also converted the adjoining disused service station into a dining room/lounge for guests. Now he proposes to extend the site for the Italian restaurant.

Michael and Barbara visited Glen Innes from Brisbane, where they lived for eight years, when the motel came on the market. After they decided to buy it, their longtime friends Sheryle and Stephen Wieden also, as Barbara puts it, "reassessed their lives" and relocated to the town. Stephen and Michael are back working together as builders while Barbara runs the motel and Sheryle has joined the new, state-of-the-art Woolworths.

"We got sick of the traffic and all the stress in Brisbane," Barbara, 49, says. "We love it here. We grew up in the country; I came originally from a Moree sheep and cattle farm and Michael was from Roma. I have always been in the hospitality industry. I love the motel and meeting people, the same people and reps come every year. We have built up the business, it has a lot of potential."

"We've booked out every year for the Australian Celtic Festival and the other major festivals, Land of the Beardies and Minerama fossicking and gem show. The Visitor Information Centre is a fantastic support – the staff know the district and they tell visitors all they want to know. "People say Glen Innes is cold in winter, but you run up, light the fire and by 8am it's beautiful. What appeals most is the laidback lifestyle, the



people are easygoing whereas in the city they are too busy with their lives to care." Michael Godford's hobby is photography and he says with Glen Innes district's topography, wildlife and climate, "there's no place on the planet like it."

As a builder, he has found "there seems to be less redtape and more efficiency in dealing with Council." Michael, 48, agrees with Barbara about the relaxed pace of life. "Sunday morning here is like a real Sunday morning – it's still quiet at 8am." In their leisure time, Michael and Barbara like to drive to neighbouring towns for dinner, such as Tamworth, a little more than two hours away, Armidale, an hour, or even return to Brisbane for a visit, a little more than four hours. All thanks to that strategic highway location.

## "We came here for the community."



"I love that I can walk to work and that I have no problems with travelling, which is completely the opposite to how it was in the city."



"Our main drive (for moving to live in Glen Innes) was quality of life, also being close to relatives and a safe place for kids."



## Family found 'unique home' in Glen Innes

When Danny Raymond and his partner Cheryl were looking for a home in Glen Innes, in the New England Tablelands of northern New South Wales, they were surprised to find an imposing, two-storey, former bank building, built in 1884, for sale in the CBD. "We were lucky," he recalls. "It was a unique opportunity - and at a very realistic price."

It now houses their two businesses, a civil engineering and environmental consultancy and a graphic design and communications studio as well as being home for the couple and their 12-year-old son Ben. With spacious office accommodation, the heritage-listed building additionally has a retail showroom, and a five-bedroom residence with high, pressed metal ceilings, original staircases and polished floors.

The family moved from Brisbane, which had been their base for many years, although his profession had taken Cr Raymond – he serves on Glen Innes Severn Council and several community organisations – to Darwin, Tonga, China, Indonesia and Thailand. "I had been travelling through Glen Innes for some 15 years on the way to the National Folk Festival in Canberra and as a family we often stopped in Glen Innes overnight," Cr Raymond, 55, said. With four grown-up daughters and only Ben still at home they were looking to move out of the city to a place where we could put down real roots and establish a base."

Glen Innes appealed because of its "clear skies, no pollution, more or less equal distance between Brisbane and Sydney, relative safety from climate change and cost of living lower than the city." The quality of education also "exceeded expectations" with Ben achieving joint top of Glen Innes Public School last year. Cr Raymond's civil engineering business specialises in sustainable design and development. "With communications and the Internet we can work anywhere and enjoy this kind of lifestyle," he says. He points out a range of business and

industry opportunities in Glen Innes and district. Although there is currently no air service he sees much potential through utilisation of "a very good airport capable of landing large jets", pointing out also industrial areas are close by. "Glen Innes has plenty of land, power, good water and a green - sustainable - attitude," Cr Raymond adds. "It's also an incredibly safe place with a low crime rate. Everyone seems to care about their community."

Any regrets about moving from the city?

Danny Raymond is emphatic: "It's the best thing we've ever done for the three of us."



## From the city to idyllic rural life

Life changed for Joanne, a young veterinarian, when she graduated from Brisbane's University of Queensland, took a position in Glen Innes, attended the Australian Celtic Festival, met and a year later married her farmer-husband Greg Wright.

That was seven years ago. Now Joanne has her own successful practice, catering for large and small animals, they have four children and an idyllic, rural lifestyle on a farm on Glen Innes's southern outskirts.

Of Glen Innes, Joanne, 31, says: "It's a much more personal life because of the smaller community. There are so many activities available – like the Show, campdrafts and for Greg, dog trailing." Greg, 32, shares farms with sheep and cattle at Grahams Valley.

The children have their own pets: Jessica, 5, a working dog, Gypsy; Isabelle, 4, a pony; Kingfisher; Alexander, 2, a kitten; Lucy, white baby William, four months, is yet to choose a pet.

Joanne finds Glen Innes "a good place for families" and on the farm "with lots of animals, our kids get all the farm experiences – it's an active lifestyle."

She is happy, too, with the education facilities and the distinctive seasons. "Summer and autumn are beautiful, but [growing up in tropical Bowen, north Queensland], I'm not a fan of winter... although when it snows, it's beautiful."

"We've got what we need in health services and go to Toowoomba, a three-hour drive, for specialist care."

Joanne couldn't visualise moving back to the city: "you don't have the freedom..."

And Joanne and Greg Wright still enjoy the annual Australian Celtic Festival where they met and where Greg is involved in a key event, yard dog trials.

