

Regional Events

Markets

Barrington Community Market

Community Hall, Argyle St

9am to 1pm

Booral School Vintage Market

2nd Saturday Quarterly - 8am to 1pm

Gloucester Farmers Market

Billabong Park - 8am to 12noon

2nd Saturday Each Month

Gloucester Community Market

Billabong Park - 8am to 2pm

Saturday of the long weekends

Krambach Community Market

Krambach Hall - 8am to 2pm

3rd Sunday each month

Events

March

Gloucester District Show

Gloucester Poetry in the Saleyards

Gloucester rubber duck races

April

Stroud Show

Gloucester Motorcycle Expo

May

Just Smoking BBQ competition

June

Pix From The Stix

July

Gloucester Glowalman Rodeo

Gloucester Chillout

Stroud Brick n Pin

August

Monkerai Springers B & S Ball

September

Gloucester Tri Challenge

Stroud Rodeo & Campdraft

September

Gloucester Floral Festival

October

Stroud Spring Fair

Gloucester Aero Club Fly-in

November

Karuah River Flathead Classic

December

Monkerai - Subsonic Music Festival

Facts and Figures

The Bucketts Way was part of State Highway 10 (changed in 1931 to the Pacific Highway) between Raymond Terrace and Taree from August 1928 until 1952.

Following the downgrading of the Bucketts Way to a Trunk Road, the local shires of Great Lakes, Manning and Gloucester worked together to progressively seal the road with financial assistance from the Department of Main Roads. On October 27, 1972 the sealing program had been completed at a cost of \$2.2 million (DMR contributed approximately \$1.9 million) and the road was opened by the NSW Premier, Sir Robert Askin.

Gloucester

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The Bucketts Way

Tourist Drive 2



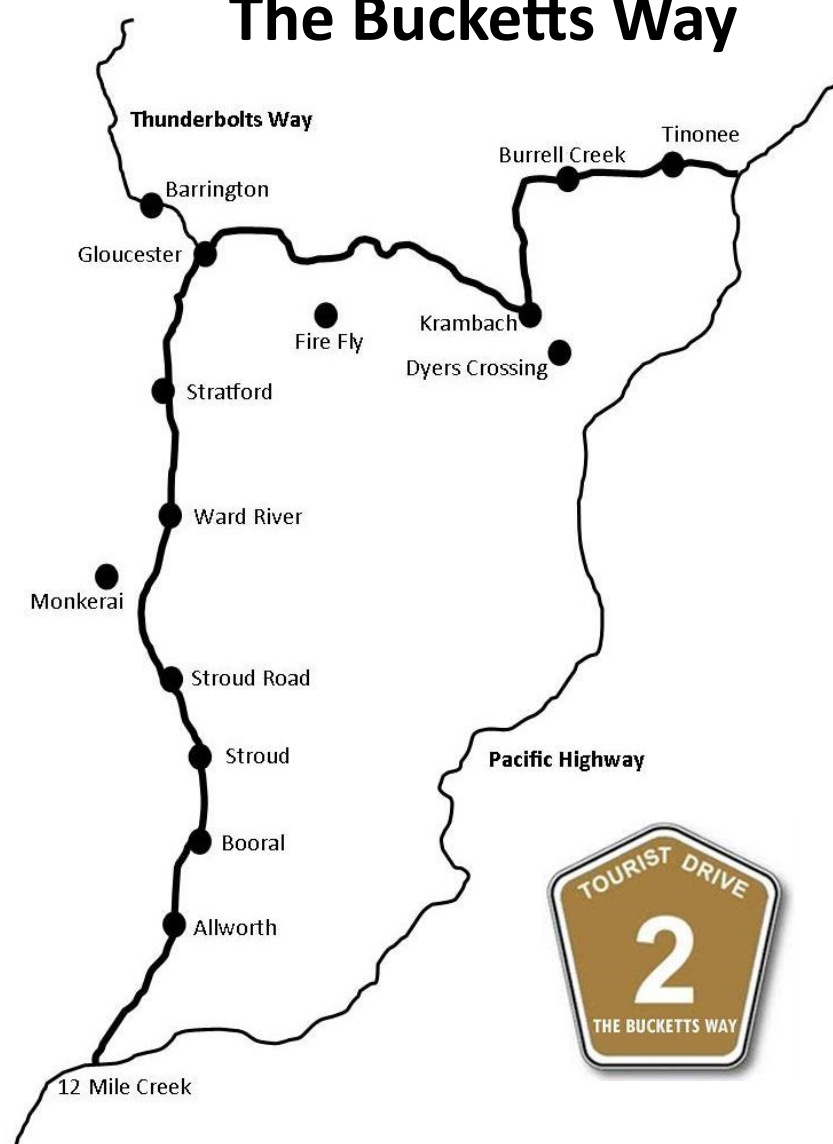
This scenic loop detour off the Pacific Highway will take you through the historic hinterland valleys of the mid-north coast of New South Wales.

Take the time to discover the history of these often bypassed towns.

To access Tourist Drive 2, follow the signs at either **12 Mile Creek** approximately 20km north of Raymond Terrace, or **Manning River Drive** at Taree just off the Pacific Highway.

The Bucketts Way is 156 kilometres long and the second oldest tourist drive in NSW, being declared in 1961. The highest elevation along the route is 264 metres at Krambach. With the lowest elevation 9.37metres.

The Bucketts Way



The Bucketts Way has retained its importance as a vital artery serving the main towns of Stroud and Gloucester. The road also feeds tourists traffic to World Heritage Barrington Tops and through-traffic to New England via Thunderbolts Way. The southern-most entry point is at 12 Mile Creek, a few minutes from the Medowie Road intersection

Booral

Alderley Creek Winery is a significant historical site, which was a Cobb & Co mail coach stop. The building was erected in the 1830's when Sir Edward Parry created a horse stable there. Alderley is open for wine tastings and holds regular garden events.

Stroud

Twenty minutes from the Pacific Highway brings you into the township of Stroud. This historic village was settled in 1826 by the Australian Agricultural Company a short walking tour will give you a glimpse of some of the oldest buildings in NSW. **Quambi School House** circa 1831, **St Johns Anglican Church** built by convicts in 1833, **Stroud House** circa 1832, **The Courthouse** first constructed in 1840 with the present convict built building completed in 1876. Stroud also has several antique and vintage collectible shops, cafes and a pub, the perfect place to stop for a bite to eat and stretch your legs.

Courthouse Museum

OPEN: Sundays from 11am to 1pm

Quambi School House Museum

OPEN: Sundays from 1.10pm to 3pm

Stroud Road

Once a main rail stop for the region Stroud Road is now the home of Gap Hill vineyard, Limestone Permaculture and has a quaint little general store to pick up supplies as you pass through.

Monkerai

The turn off to Monkerai takes you to the rural resort of Riverwood Downs set on the banks of the Karuah River, offering camping, bunkhouse and cabin style options. Riverwood also hosts a multitude of large events throughout the year including the Subsonic Music Festival, Raw Challenge and The Springers B & S Ball.

Wards River

This small village is named after the infamous bushranger Frederick Ward who roamed the region in the early 1800s better known as Captain Thunderbolt.

Stratford

Stratford village has a famous UK namesake which also sits on a River Avon. At Avon Valley Archers you'll discover the ancient sport of archery in a safe family-oriented environment.

Gloucester

Nestled beneath the impressive Buccan Bucans (Bucketts Mountains) is Gloucester, the closest town to Barrington Tops which makes it the perfect basecamp for your visit to world heritage wilderness. The region is scattered with hiking trails and scenic walks plus some of the best white water kayaking in NSW, escaping to the wilderness is easy! The cafes, restaurants and pubs offer first class foodie experiences, its the perfect stop to refuel on your tourist drive.

Krumbach

Krumbach sits on a scenic ridge overlooking the coastal plains. There's a friendly pub & bistro and the Krumbach Cottage where Devonshire Tea is the order of the day.

Tinonee

Tinonee is one of the earliest settlements in the Manning. Step back in time at the quaint Tinonee Museum or enjoy some of the local culture at Deep Water Shark Gallery on Peverill Street. Then continue to Taree where the Bucketts Way rejoins the Pacific Highway.