

## **Places of Interest**

- 1 Public School
- 2 Memorial Park & Playground
- 3 Police Station
- 4 Mandurama Hall
- 5 Seventh Day
  Adventist Church
- St Laurence O'Toole Catholic Church

- **7** St Stephen, Martyr Anglican Church
- 8 Royal Hotel
- General Store
- Creens Mandurana
- 11 Millamolong Polo Club
- Junction Reefs and Bakers Shaft Reserve Campground

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# Discover the cultural life of our region

#### **Blayney**

97 Adelaide Street, Blayney 02 6368 3534

### Orange

151 Byng Street, Orange 1800 069 466

### **Cabonne Country**

Age of Fishes Museum, Gaskill Street, Canowindra 02 6344 1008

### **Additional Outlets**

Millthorpe Golden
Memories Museum
10am-4pm Sat & Sun
and Greens Mandurama





## The village of Mandurama

Mandurama, meaning 'water hole' in Wiradjuri, was established in 1876 as a village for workers of one of the first settlers, Thomas Icely. Streets are named after original orchards such as Olive, Cherry, Peach, Loquat Streets. To reflect the 1880s mining boom in nearby Junction Reefs, you'll find Gold, Silver and Copper Streets.

The region is recognised for its thriving agricultural industry, rural lifestyle, four distinct seasons, big open skies, green pastures and picturesque waterways.

The Public School is a centre of activities for families with a large park, playground and tennis courts in walking distance. The General Store and Royal Hotel serves some of the best meals and coffee around. Greens Mandurama, conveniently located on the highway, offers friendly service for fuel, rural supplies and visitor information. Community services include the police station, CWA rooms, Community Hall and heritage-listed churches.

## **History**

#### FOUNDING SETTLER - THOMAS ICELY (1797-1874)

The Hon. Thomas Icely was given a free grant of 560 acres in July 1825 that he named Coombing Park. By 1827, he took possession of 1,396 acres adjoining the property, Stoke and received a further 3,440 acres which he called Mandurama. By 1838, Icely had 5,953 acres, 62 convicts and completed all farm buildings which remain today. Icely established thoroughbred breeding from 1835. In June 1863, the infamous Ben Hall bushranger gang robbed Icely's bloodstock stallion and a stable hand was shot in the raid.

During Icely's residence at Coombing Park, many distinguished people visited such as, Bishop Broughton, Charles Darwin, Governor Sir Charles and Lady Fitzroy. Concerned for his safety from bushrangers, Icely left Coombing Park to his son in 1862 and moved to Sydney. He later died at Elizabeth Farm Cottage in February 1874, aged 76 years.

William Whitney, partner of the famous Cobb & Co. horse drawn coaches during the 1850s-1920s, purchased Coombing Park in 1881. Icely's furniture, artwork, coaches and other possessions as well as a number of relics from the Cobb & Co. era still remain today at the marvellously preserved, private homestead of Coombing Park.



## **Must See and Do**

- Escape to Junction Reefs and Bakers Shaft Reserve, a beautiful, secluded campground on the banks of the Belubula River to enjoy fishing and swimming. Travel 10 kms along Burnt Yards Road, turn left at Bakers Road, and follow this dirt road 4 kms to the Reserves.
- Explore the neighbouring historic villages of Lyndhurst, Carcoar and Millthorpe to indulge in local wine, fine food, boutique shopping and museums.
- Take the boat, have a picnic or go fishing at Carcoar Dam and wind farm or Wyangala Dam.

## **Primitive Campground**

Mandurama has primitive campground facilities available for motor homes and caravans at the Mandurama Recreation Ground. Enjoy the open space, have a hit of tennis, play on the playground, have a BBQ or a picnic by Mandurama Ponds.

## **Annual Events**

Cycle a scenic loop from Orange through Mandurama in the annual **Newcrest Cycling Challenge**.

**Millamolong Polo** is a fun, family day out held in Autumn & Spring.

Visit some of the **best country shows** held annually in nearby Neville, Carcoar and Blayney.

Check www.orange360.com.au events guide for more details.