



Calendar of Events 2009

International Year of Astronomy



Coonabarabran Visitor Information Centre has compiled this calendar of events for the Shire. Please refer to the contact listed for up-to-date details.

Date	Event	Area/Contact
January		
Sat 24	<p>Starry Starry Night</p> <p>Let this be your chance to discover the mysteries of the dark night skies over the Warrumbungles. Join our discovery team of astronomy enthusiasts and Gamiliary people to explore the starry skies with telescopes under the guidance of local astronomers and learn about the night sky from our Aboriginal Discovery Ranger. Learn how to find the Southern Cross and why Siding Spring Observatory was located on the Warrumbungle Range. Bring a cup for supper. Bookings are essential. Please contact Warrumbungle National Park for more details.</p> <p>Venue: Camp Walaay, Warrumbungle National Park Time: 6pm Grade: Easy Cost: \$16.50 adult, \$12.50 concession and children, \$40 per family (2 adults & 2 children) includes a supper of damper and tea</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Warrumbungle National Park Visitors Centre Ph: 6825 4364</p>
Sun 25	<p>Townlife Markets</p> <p>- Craft & Local Produce Market focussing on locally made crafts and produce. Time: 9 am - 2 pm Venue: Western end of Dalgarno Street, Coonabarabran (Between the clock tower and Woolworths)</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Dennis Coulter, Market Coord. Ph 6842 2170</p>
Mon 26 (TBC)	<p>Australia Day Celebrations</p> <p>Award presentations recognising outstanding local achievements or service in the community. Staggered events are held throughout the Shire. 2009 special guest ambassadors are yet to be confirmed.</p> <p>7:15am Binnaway Breakfast – Len Guy Park 7:30am Mendooran Breakfast – Mechanics Institute Hall 10:30am Baradine Morning Tea – Multi-purpose Centre 12 pm Dunedoo Lunch – Dunedoo Golf Club 5pm Combined Church Service at Presbyterian Church with presentation at Coolah Swimming Pool at 6pm 6pm Coonabarabran Ceremony – Neilson Park (weather permitting, wet weather venue, Town Hall)</p>	<p>Warrumbungle Shire Warrumbungle Shire Council Ph: 6849 2000</p>
Thurs 29 & Fri 30	<p>2009 TAFE Enrolments</p> <p>Venue: Coonabarabran TAFE 16 Robertson Street Time: 11am – 6pm</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Coonabarabran TAFE Christine Nash or Anna-Maria Starr Ph: 6842 0700</p>
Sat 31	<p>Kieran Glasgow Concert</p> <p>Enjoy an evening of music with Cessnock artist, Kieran Glasgow. Presented by the Coonabarabran Arts Council. Bookings required. Tickets are available from Prezies, John Street. Venue: Children and Community Services Building, John St Time: 7:30pm Cost:\$15 adults, \$35 family Visit www.kieranglasgow.com for more information on Kieran and his music.</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Aileen Bell Ph: 0429 422 712</p>

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February		
Sat 7	<p>Greyhound Racing Venue: Coonabarabran Oval (near youth club) Time: Racing starts at 1:30pm Cost: \$6.60 adult, \$4.40 pensioner concession</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Merle Clark Coonabarabran Greyhound Club Ph: 6888 1102</p>
Date to be Confirmed	<p>Binnaway Races Great country horse meet held at Binnaway Racecourse. Racing starts mid morning with fashion in the field. Live band at the Exchange Hotel in the evening.</p>	<p>Binnaway Roz Tolmie Ph: 6844 1555</p>
Sat 14	<p>Valentines Day at the Coonabarabran Bowling Club Celebrate Valentines Day with your loved one at the Coonabarabran Bowling Club. Please contact the Bowling Club for more information.</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Coonabarabran Bowling Club Ph: 6842 1349</p>
Fri 20 – Sun 22	<p>Coolah Campdraft Showcasing the great skills of horse and rider in a variety of campdraft events. Dinner, BBQ, bar and live entertainment Saturday night. Enjoy the spectacle of the yard dog trails held on Sunday. Free entry. Venue: Coolah Recreation Ground Time: starts 4pm Friday, continues from 6am Sat & Sun</p>	<p>Coolah Murray Henderson Ph. 6377 1515 Sue Duggan Ph. 6376 4210 Coolah Campdraft Committee</p>
Sat 21	<p>Coonabarabran Jockey Club Race Meet Horseracing event in Coonabarabran. A great day out! Venue: Coonabarabran Racecourse Time: from 1pm Cost: TBC</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Brett Verrender Ph: 6842 3935</p>
Sat 21	<p>Greyhound Racing Venue: Coonabarabran Oval (near youth club) Time: Racing starts at 1:30pm Cost: \$6.60 adult, \$4.40 pensioner concession</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Merle Clark Coonabarabran Greyhound Club Ph: 6888 1102</p>
Sat 21	<p>2009 Zone 5 Land Showgirl Competition Formal evening to announce the 2 finalists to go to the Sydney Royal Easter Show for Showgirl Final. Entertainment will follow the formal presentation Venue: Coonabarabran Town Hall Time: 6:30pm drinks with dinner and presentation to follow Cost: \$45 adult (RSVP by 21 January 2009)</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Lyn Sanson Ph: 6842 8274 Mary Milsom Ph: 6842 1926</p>
Sun 22	<p>Townlife Markets - Craft & Local Produce Market focussing on locally made crafts and produce. Time: 9 am - 2 pm Venue: Western end of Dalgarno Street, Coonabarabran (Between the clock tower and Woolworths)</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Dennis Coulter, Market Coord. Ph 6842 2170</p>
Sat 28	<p>The Magic Flute Presented by Coonabarabran Arts Council, this imaginative opera uses Mozart's music and all songs are performed in English. Set in a restaurant in the 1960's, the opera showcases some of the most beautiful voices in Australia. Buses will run from Coonabarabran to the venue. Bookings essential. Tickets available from Prezies, John St, Coonabarabran. Venue: Pilliga Pottery, 35km north of Coonabarabran on the Newell Highway Time: 7pm for an 8pm start Cost: \$35 adult, \$30 concession</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Coonabarabran Arts Council Aileen Bell Ph: 0429 422 712</p>

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Sat 28 TBC	<p>Mendooran Show Agricultural show featuring equestrian events, pavilion, sheep and cattle, shearing display, tractor pull and novelty events for the adults and children. Venue: Mendooran Showground</p>	<p>Mendooran Stewart Skinner Ph: 6886 3554</p> <p>Pip Archer Ph: 6886 1085</p>
March		
Thurs 5 – Sun 8	<p>Dunedoo Bush Poetry Festival The Dunedoo Bush Poetry Festival is three days of Bush Poetry Competitions, Street Theatre, Puppetry, music, Market Stalls and comedy entertainment. Something for everyone of all ages! Anyone can have a go in this supportive environment so join in the fun over the weekend! The Poetry Competition begins on Friday at the Central School hall with junior sections for primary and secondary students. Friday night is Yarns Telling at the Golf Club. There is a \$250 prize for the best yarn not told before at the Dunedoo Festival. The Saturday morning markets will include interesting demonstrations and with early Australian music adding atmosphere. The Saturday competition sections include novice, classical, original and contemporary. Each section has its own prize money with \$200 each for the champion male and female poet. On Saturday night, Milton Taylor and Lennie Knight will be the guest artists along with a medley of poets.</p>	<p>Dunedoo Sue Stoddart Dunedoo Bush Poetry Festival Ph: 6375 1975 Email: dddgroup@bigpond.com</p>
Sun 8	<p>“No Fences” Garth Brooks Tribute Show Enjoy this fantastic tribute show complete with live 10 piece band. Venue: Coonabarabran Bowling Club Time: TBC Cost: TBC</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Coonabarabran Bowling Club Ph: 6842 1349</p>
Fri 13 – Sat 14 TBC	<p>Coonabarabran Show Enjoy the tradition of experiencing a great country show. Be entertained by the ring events, wood chop, live bands, Davidson Cameron Sportsman Challenge, the Rodeo on Friday night and the fantastic fire works display on Sat night Venue: Coonabarabran Showground Time: 8am – 11pm Fri and Sat</p>	<p>Coonabarabran David Grant Coonabarabran PAI&H Ph: 6842 1436 (after hours)</p>
Sat 14	<p>Greyhound Racing Venue: Coonabarabran Oval (near youth club) Time: Racing starts at 1:30pm Cost: \$6.60 adult, \$4.40 pensioner concession</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Merle Clark Coonabarabran Greyhound Club Ph: 6888 1102</p>
Sat 14	<p>Rock’n at the Racecourse <i>Rockin at the Racecourse will replace Jazz in the Tops in 2009. Jazz in the Tops will be back in 2010.</i> Join us from 3pm with Steve McCauley and Streamline opening this fun, family event! The concert will also feature Top 5 Aria Artist Col Finley, The Banned and Didjeridu Dingo plus Anthony Stimpson’s Wildlife Presentation, Stalls, Food, Jumping Castle, Performances by Local Dance Groups and bar facilities. Buses will run to and from the event. Single or family tickets will be available. Phone 02 6377 1136 for more information or visit www.rocknattheracecourse.com Venue: Coolah Recreation Ground (Coolah Rodeo Ground) Time: 3pm – 11pm Cost: Adult - \$25 Child / Concession - \$10 (children under 5 years free) Family - \$60</p>	<p>Coolah Leonie MacBeth or Toni Thompson Ph: 6377 1136</p>

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Mon 16 Seniors Week	Baradine's Magical Mystery Bus Tour Celebrate Seniors Week with this Mystery Bus Tour. Bookings are essential. Please phone Baradine RTC for more information.	Baradine Baradine RTC Ph: 6843 1166
Wed 18 Seniors Week	Seniors Trip to the Galaxy 11am start with a Magic Show sponsored by Warrumbungle Shire Council. Lunch will then be served, followed by the seniors trip to the Galaxy by John Shobbrook. Venue: Coonabarabran Bowling Club Time: 11am – 3pm Cost: 10:50 per person	Coonabarabran M Hardy Ph: 6842 1154 Edna Mack Ph: 6842 1016
Wed 18 Seniors Week	Free Seniors Lunch Help celebrate Seniors Week in Baradine by enjoying a free lunch for seniors catered by the Baradine CWA. Venue: Baradine Bowling Club, Narren Street	Baradine Baradine CWA Irene Worrell Ph: 6843 1807
Wed 18 Seniors Week	Museums Connect A guided tour of a local museum (Crystal Kingdom) will be incorporated into program if time permits with a WPCC Museum Officer to speak on the use of technology in Museums. The speaker will be from the Powerhouse Museum. Venue: Community Services Building, John Street Time: 9:30am – 3pm Cost: \$25 per person This project is funded by DADAC in 2009	Coonabarabran Merryn Spencer Orana Arts Gilgandra Coo-ee Heritage Centre Ph: 6817 8704
Thur 19 Seniors Week	Mysteries of the Universe Revealed at Baradine Library Help celebrate Seniors Week and learn about the Mysteries of the Universe with John Shobbrook at the Baradine Library. Contact Baradine RTC for more information.	Baradine Baradine RTC Ph: 6843 1166
Sat 21	Baradine Show Great country show with fantastic events for the whole family. Features include sheep dog trials, vintage car and engine display, tractor demonstrations, re-cycling competition, floral wheelbarrows, magic show, plus terrific exhibitions and judging in the pavilions including sheep, wool, cattle, horticulture and handicrafts. Venue: Baradine Showground Time: From 8:30am	Baradine Peter Woods Ph: 6823 5133
Sun 22	Townlife Markets - Craft & Local Produce Market focussing on locally made crafts and produce. Time: 9 am - 2 pm Venue: Western end of Dalgarno Street, Coonabarabran (Between the clock tower and Woolworths)	Coonabarabran Dennis Coulter, Market Coord. Ph 6842 2170
Sun 22 Seniors Week	Patsy Cline Tribute Show Celebrate Seniors Week with this Patsy Cline Tribute Show. Venue: Coonabarabran Bowling Club Time: 2pm Cost: Free	Coonabarabran Coonabarabran Bowling Club Ph: 6842 1349
Sat 28 TBC	Binnaway Show Binnaway's annual show with horse, cattle, sheep and pavilion sections. Venue: Binnaway Showground Time: from 8am Cost: Adult - \$10 Child (5 – 16 years) - \$5 Family (2 adults & 2 children, 5 – 16 yrs) - \$20 Pensioners Concession - \$5	Binnaway Swegn Smith Ph: 6844 1336 Email: Binnaway.show@gmail.com

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Fri 3 International Year of Astronomy Event	Starry Starry Night in Baradine Celebrate Youth Week and "100 hours of telescope viewing worldwide" with a starry starry night in Baradine. Everyone is invited to enjoy a sausage sizzle, telescope viewing and much more! Phone Baradine RTC for more information.	Baradine Baradine RTC Ph: 6843 1166
Sat 4 International Year of Astronomy Event	Starry Starry Night in Warrumbungle National Park Celebrate "100 hours of telescope viewing worldwide" with a starry starry night in Warrumbungle National Park. Join our discovery team of astronomy enthusiasts and Gamilaary people to explore the starry skies with telescopes under the guidance of local astronomers and learn about the night sky from our Aboriginal Discovery Ranger. Bring a cup for supper. The evening program will commence at 6pm with solar viewing, followed by telescope viewing. Bookings essential.	Coonabarabran Warrumbungle National Park Visitors Centre Ph: 6825 4364
Sat 4 TBC	Dunedoo PAH&I Show Great country show atmosphere with ring events, displays of all things rural, food, fun. "The best one day show in the west" Venue: Dunedoo Showground Time: 7:30am – 9:30pm	Dunedoo Margy O'Leary Dunedoo Show Society Ph: 6886 6218
Sun 5 TBC International Year of Astronomy Event	Starry Starry Night in Dunedoo Celebrate "100 hours of telescope viewing worldwide". This will be an evening of star viewing with members of the Coonabarabran Astronomy Club and Aboriginal Discovery Rangers. More details will be available closer to the event.	Dunedoo
Sat 11 – Sun 26	Discovery Program in Warrumbungle National Park A range of fun interactive natural environment, cultural heritage and astronomy based activities for all ages. Includes guided walks, slide shows, special interest and children's activities. For full details pick up a program at Warrumbungle Park Visitor Centre. Bookings required.	Warrumbungle National Park Warrumbungle National Park Visitors Centre Ph: 6825 4364
10 – 12 April Easter Weekend	Hartwood Campfires and Country Music Festival Enjoy a campfire and fine country music entertainment over the Easter long weekend at Hartwood, located approx 40 km north of Coolah. This year will feature great range of country music singers. Program highlights include Paul McCloud, Peter Horan, Tom Maxwell, Graig Giles, Peter Pratt and many more. Cost: \$75 per adult for full weekend (inc. camping and entertainment), Day visitors (non camping) \$25. Children free	Tambar Springs (Near Coolah) Paul McCloud Ph: (07) 5445 5937 Hartwood (02) 6744 2158 http://www.paulmccloud.com/hartwood_2009.php
Sat 11 Easter Saturday	Bunny Bazaar Easter market stalls, musical entertainment and jumping castle for the kids. 9 am - 2 pm in Coonabarabran CBD.	Coonabarabran Victor Schmidt Ph: 6842 1500
Sat 11 – Mon 14	Greyhound Racing – Easter Carnival Venue: Coonabarabran Oval (near youth club) Time: Racing starts at 1:30pm each day Cost: \$6.60 adult, \$4.40 pensioner concession	Coonabarabran Merle Clark Coonabarabran Greyhound Club Ph: 6888 1102
Mon 20 – Wed 22 TBC	Artstart The Artstart program targets ages 12-24 across a range of art forms but for those who find it hard to access arts opportunities due to social or environmental constraints. In 2009, each town will host three hour hip hop workshops for young people in rapping / rhyming and also dance. Facilitators will be from FreshRedEarth and the Songroom. They completed workshops in the region in 2007 and in early 2008. Venue: TBC Cost: Free Coonabarabran – Monday 20 th April, 10am – 1pm	Warrumbungle Shire Merryn Spencer Orana Arts Gilgandra Coo-ee Heritage Centre Ph: 6817 8704

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	<p>Baradine – Monday 20th April, 2:30pm – 5:30pm Binnaway – Tuesday 21st April, 10am – 1pm Coolah – Tuesday 21st April, 2:30pm – 5:30pm Dunedoo – Wednesday 22nd April, 10am – 1pm Mendooran – Wednesday 22nd April, 2:30pm – 5:30pm</p>	
April		
<p>Wed 22 – Fri 24</p>	<p>Holiday Tennis Camp This tennis camp is for all levels: from the raw beginner to the advanced tournament player. We have lots of fun playing games and making new friends. Venue: Coonabarabran Tennis Club Time: 9am – 12pm (Kinder – Yr 5) 1pm – 4pm (Yr 5 – Yr 12) Cost: \$100 per child (for 3 days)</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Alison Scott Hotshots Action Events Ph: 0418 200 548 Email: Alison@hotshotsactionevents.com Web: www.hotshotsactionevents.com</p>
<p>Sun 26</p>	<p>Townlife Markets - Craft & Local Produce Market focussing on locally made crafts and produce. Time: 9 am - 2 pm Venue: Western end of Dalgarno Street, Coonabarabran (Between the clock tower and Woolworths)</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Dennis Coulter, Market Coord. Ph 6842 2170</p>
<p>Sun 26</p>	<p>'Tour de Warrumbungles' Bike Ride A cycling weekend in and around the Warrumbungle National Park catering for all levels of participation. There are five rides to chose from: 80km, 50km & 43km for the fit and very fit, 23km downhill for the thrill seekers and a 12km ride for the not so fit and children. Rides start at 8:30am, 9:30am, 10:30am and 11am. Most rides finish at the Warrumbungle National Park Visitors Centre by 12:30pm with the 80km ride finishing in Coonabarabran at around 3pm. Entry fees: Adult - \$20, Child/Concession - \$10, Family - \$45 Saturday events include a 27km coffee ride starting at 9am at the Coonabarabran Visitors Centre and dinner at the Imperial Hotel, Coonabarabran.</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Warrumbungle Wheelers Bicycle Users Group (BUG) Milton Judd Ph. 6843 4446 Visit www.coonabarabran.com/cycling Email wwbug@coonabarabran.com for further info or call Milton.</p>
May		
<p>Sat 2</p>	<p>Greyhound Racing Venue: Coonabarabran Oval (near youth club) Time: Racing starts at 1:30pm Cost: \$6.60 adult, \$4.40 pensioner concession</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Merle Clark Coonabarabran Greyhound Club Ph: 6888 1102</p>
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<p>Tue 26 International Year of Astronomy Event</p>	<p>Opening of Sky Mapper Telescope More details will be available closer to the event.</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Donna Burton Siding Spring Observatory Ph: 6842 6255</p>

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May		
Sat 30 May – Tue 2 June	<p>North West Equestrian Expo 500 High School students from all over NSW competing in a range of equestrian events over 4 days. Events include eventing, show jumping, polocrosse, sporting and hacking. Venue: Coonabarabran Showground Time: from 8am till dark each day with events under lights Sun & Mon Cost: Free for spectators</p>	<p>Coonabarabran North West Equestrian Expo Committee Coonabarabran High School Ph: 6842 1099</p>
June		
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August		
Sat 1	<p>UpstARTs Marketing Workshop To provide community-based volunteer organisations with information on cost-effective and low-cost, outcome-driven marketing / publicity activities. Facilitator will be Kim Goldsmith of Ochre Communications. Maximum number is 12 persons. Venue: Baradine Time: 10am – 4pm Cost: \$25 per person This project is funded by the Department of State and Regional Development.</p>	<p>Baradine Merryn Spencer Orana Arts Gilgandra Coo-ee Heritage Centre Ph: 6817 8704</p>

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August		
Fri 7	<p>Cinema Cluster This workshop day aims to bring together film enthusiasts across the Orana Arts region, in order to increase opportunities for the viewing of films in the region, in a range of contexts – outdoor viewings, festivals, regular viewings in small communities, special events ie, historical celebrations, special events and film competitions. Speakers include a Case Study on Flix in the Stix Coonabarabran with Laura Hartley and Guest Speaker Brendan Smith, Coordinator – Education and Touring Programs National Film and Sound Archive. Venue: Community Services Building, John Street Time: 9:30am – 3pm Cost: \$25 per person</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Merryn Spencer Orana Arts Gilgandra Coo-ee Heritage Centre Ph: 6817 8704</p>
Sun 23	<p>Townlife Markets - Craft & Local Produce Market focussing on locally made crafts and produce. Time: 9 am - 2 pm Venue: Western end of Dalgarno Street, Coonabarabran (Between the clock tower and Woolworths)</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Dennis Coulter, Market Coord. Ph 6842 2170</p>
Sat 29 International Year of Astronomy Event	<p>Dinner Under the Stars Celebrate International Year of Astronomy with a dinner under the stars. The theme of the dinner will be: "She is an astronomer". More details will be available closer to the event.</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Aileen Bell Ph: 6825 4364</p>
Date To be confirmed	<p>Mendooran Turf Club Races Mendooran Turf Club has been conducting these meetings for over 150 years. The races are the oldest races on the Castlereagh! This popular country race day includes TAB, bar, BBQ, food and beverage facilities, kids entertainment, fashions in the field and a 6 race program. Live entertainment will continue at the Royal Hotel into the evening. When: Racing starts at 1pm Venue: Mendooran Racecourse</p>	<p>Mendooran Norm Lewis Secretary: Mendooran Turf Club Ph: 6889 4212</p>
September		
Sat 26 Sept – Sun 4 Oct TBC	<p>Bike Week Enjoy community bike rides in Coonabarabran and Coolah as Warrumbungle Shire Council and the RTA raise awareness of the importance of bike safety.</p>	<p>Warrumbungle Shire Warrumbungle Shire Council Road Safety Officer Ph: 6849 2000</p>
Sun 27	<p>Townlife Markets - Craft & Local Produce Market focussing on locally made crafts and produce. Time: 9 am - 2 pm Venue: Western end of Dalgarno Street, Coonabarabran (Between the clock tower and Woolworths)</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Dennis Coulter, Market Coord. Ph 6842 2170</p>
October		
Sat 3	<p>St Michael's Spring Fair Stall holders, market day, all day BBQ, auction, kids games and much more! Venue: OL Milling Park, Golden Highway Time: Breakfast begins at 8am with stall holders continuing until 4pm Cost: Free</p>	<p>Dunedoo Robyn Rhodes Ph: 6375 1196 ParishOffice@bigpond.com</p>

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Sat 18 – Mon 26 ★ ★ ★	<p>★ Warrumbungle Festival of the Stars ★ A fantastic range of arts and astronomy activities, celebrating the uniqueness of the Warrumbungle Community. For a full program of events visit www.warrumbungleregion.com.au.</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Coonabarabran Visitor Information Centre Ph: 1800 242 881</p>
Wed 21 Festival of the Stars	<p>★ Warrumbungle Arts and Crafts Inc. Annual Exhibition All of this year's art works will be on display in this fabulous art and craft exhibition. Venue: Coonabarabran Town Hall, John St, Coonabarabran Opening night (Wed 21) Time: 7:30pm Cost: \$5 per person (includes drinks and nibbles) Thurs 22 – Sun 25 Time: 9am – 6pm daily Cost: \$5 per person Single 4 day pass \$10 Family 4 day pass \$20</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Rita England Ph: 6842 7846 Norma Roberts Ph: 6842 1265</p>
Thurs 22 – Sun 25 Festival of the Stars	<p>★ 2nd Warrumbungle Arts Expo in conjunction with the Warrumbungle Arts and Crafts Inc. Annual Exhibition The 3rd Warrumbungle Arts Expo is a true showcase of local region art and craft along with fascinating demonstrations, stalls and workshops, featuring the renowned Annual WAACI exhibition. This exhibition is a wonderful reflection of the wealth of talent in the region & its surrounds which is hotly contested especially amongst entries for the Warrumbungle Shire Award Prize. The Arts Expo not only highlights and promotes but encourages art and craft through bringing all these elements together creating a fitting showcase. Venue: Coonabarabran Town Hall, John St, Coonabarabran Time: 9am – 6pm each day Cost: \$5 per person Single 4 day pass \$10 Family 4 day pass \$20 For more information on demonstrations and workshops, contact Janet Head on 6842 4435</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Janet Head Ph: 6842 4435</p>
Sun 25	<p>Tour de Coolah The Coolah Central School P&C Family Fun Day! The bike ride will see participants ride an 18km circuit route through Coolah from Coolah Central School travelling on the Gunnedah Rd, Gundare Rd, Cooks Rd, Coolah Creek Rd and Cassilis Rd then back to Coolah Central School. There will also be a walk around town and fun family events. Morning & afternoon tea and a BBQ will be available. There will also be a 20/20 cricket game held after the ride. Venue: Coolah Central School Ovals Time: 8:30am Registration. Bike ride will start at 9:15am and the walk</p>	<p>Coolah David Fleming Ph: 6377 1644 OR 0428 642 566 Or email: tourdecoolah@hotmail.com</p>

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Sun 25	Garden Sunday – Mendooran Display of suburban gardens in Mendooran. Lots of new ideas can be gathered by the individual gardener. A great day out. Venue: Mendooran Town Time: 9:45am – 4pm Cost: TBC	Mendooran H Naef Ph: 6886 1171 J Lloyd Ph: 6886 1480
Fri 23 – Sun 25 TBC	★Art Unlimited – Dunedoo Presented by Dunedoo Lions Club, this is an eclectic art exhibition with photography, hanging art and ceramics displays. Amateur artists from across the region and around the country will be exhibiting their work. There will be a \$2000 prize awarded to the winner of each category. Venue: Dunedoo Central School Hall, Digilah Street, Dunedoo <u>Opening night:</u> (Fri 24) Time: 7pm, Entry \$20 includes drinks and finger food (RSVP to Jann Stuart by Friday 17 th October) <u>Day visits</u> (Sat & Sun) Time: 9am - 4pm Cost: \$2 entry	Dunedoo Ron and Norma Gallagher Ph: 6375 1107 Jann Stuart Ph: 6375 1115 For more information and entry forms, visit the website: www.artunlimitednsw.com.au
Fri 23 TBC	★Science in the Pub Two scientists and a compare debate hot topics in astronomy over a beer (or two) with plenty of audience participation. Venue: Royal Hotel, John St, Coonabarabran Time: TBC Cost: TBC	Coonabarabran Donna Burton Siding Spring Observatory Ph. 6842 6255
Sat 24 TBC	★Apex Billy Cart Derby Build your own billy cart and join in the race or come along and cheer on the participants. There will be prizes for the best designed billy cart. Venue: Racing commences at the top of Cassilis St (western side of John Street) Time: participants meet at 11am. Racing from 12pm – 4pm Cost: spectators free. \$10 entry per billy cart	Coonabarabran Clint Baglee Ph: 6842 4282
Sun 25	★Townlife Markets Craft & Local Produce Time: 9 am - 2 pm Venue: Western end of Dalgarno Street, Coonabarabran (Between the clock tower and Woolworths)	Coonabarabran Dennis Coulter, Market Coord. Ph 6842 2170
Sun 25 TBC	★Open day at Siding Spring Observatory For one day a year, Siding Spring Observatory opens its telescopes to the public for a free exclusive peak behind the scenes. You are invited to meet the astronomers and learn how they explore the Universe at Australia's largest astronomy research facility. Make it a fun family day out and enjoy a BBQ hosted by Scouts and some solar viewing. A shuttle bus will be on site to move you between telescopes and Professor Fed Watson will be available to sign his books. Venue: Siding Spring Observatory When: 11am - 4pm Cost: Free	Coonabarabran Donna Burton Siding Spring Observatory Ph. 6842 6255

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Sun 25 TBC Festival of the Stars	<p>★The Bok Lecture Free annual lecture on all things astronomy, suitable for even the most non-science person. Venue: Coonabarabran Primary School, George St, off Newell Highway Time: 7pm Cost: Free</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Donna Burton Siding Spring Observatory Ph. 6842 6255</p>
Mon 26 TBC Festival of the Stars	<p>★Free Community Breakfast Hosted by the Coonabarabran Chamber of Commerce, enjoy a free hot breakfast including bacon, eggs, sausages, tea, coffee and juice. Venue: In front of the Coonabarabran Court House (John Street) Time: 6:30am – 8am Cost: Free</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Victor Schmidt Brains Automotive Ph: 6842 1500</p>
Mon 26 Festival of the Stars	<p>★Coonabarabran Cup A spring racing carnival with racing, fashion in the field, TAB, entertainment, champagne marquees plus children's entertainment. Entertainment will continue on into the evening at the Coonabarabran Bowling Club. On Sunday, the Coonabarabran Jockey Club hold a welcome BBQ at 3pm, followed by a Calcutta at 7pm at the Coonabarabran Bowling Club. Venue: Coonabarabran Racecourse, Nelson St When: First race starts at 1pm Cost: TBC</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Brett Verrender Ph: 6842 3935</p>
November		
Sat 7 – Sun 8	<p>Veteran's Touch Footy Carnival A great weekend of touch footy comps and town entertainment, attracting teams from all over NSW. To enter, players must be over 30 years of age. After a great day of competitions, join the party atmosphere on Saturday night with all hotels and clubs providing live entertainment. Top division winners receive a t-shirt with play off for cash prize. Venue: Bowen Oval in Coolah When: Comps start, Sat 9:45am - 5.30pm, Sun 8.30am - 3pm Cost: Spectators free. Entry fees for players apply. \$160 per team (Entries to be finalised two weeks prior to event)</p>	<p>Coolah Wayne Burgess Coolah Touch Football Inc Ph. 6377 1005</p> <p>For more details visit www.coolah.touch.asn.au</p>
Sat 14 End of International Year of Astronomy	<p>Warrumbungle Crooked Mountain Concert Don't miss the annual Crooked Mountain Concert held in the spectacular Warrumbungle National Park. This amazing concert is a fabulous family event. You can bring a blanket and enjoy a picnic or sample a tasty treat from one of the local stalls. Past performers have included Kate Ceberano in 2007 and James Reyne, Felicity Urquart and Adam Rennie in 2008. Enjoy these fabulous artists and heaps of other entertainment including food stalls and kids entertainment in the beautiful Canyon picnic area. 2009 artists to be confirmed. Bookings essential. Tickets on sale from 1st July 2009. For more information, contact Warrumbungle National Park Visitors Centre.</p>	<p>Coonabarabran Warrumbungle National Park Visitors Centre Aileen Bell Ph: 6825 4364</p>

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Sun 22	Townlife Markets - Craft & Local Produce Market focussing on locally made crafts and produce. Time: 9 am - 2 pm Venue: Western end of Dalgarno Street, Coonabarabran (Between the clock tower and Woolworths)	Coonabarabran Dennis Coulter, Market Coord. Ph 6842 2170
December		
Sat 12	Coolah Christmas Parade Join in the fun at the 35 th Annual Coolah Christmas Parade. There will also be a parade and a visit from Santa plus music, a pavement art competition, a jumping castle, a chocolate wheel, raffles, dancing displays and much more! Time: 4pm – 9pm Venue: Binnia Street, Coolah Cost: Free!	Coolah Rhonda Courtney Ph: 6377 1741
Sun 27 TBC	Townlife Markets - Craft & Local Produce Market focussing on locally made crafts and produce. Time: 9 am - 2 pm Venue: Western end of Dalgarno Street, Coonabarabran (Between the clock tower and Woolworths)	Coonabarabran Dennis Coulter, Market Coord. Ph 6842 2170

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