



The township of Casino offers an abundance of activities for any age traveller. From water activities on offer on the Richmond River with fantastic fishing, viewpoints of platypus and picturesque picnic spots to expansive sports facilities and parklands to delight all kinds of enthusiasts. Enjoy family friendly attractions, fascinating historical landmarks and appealing art galleries, antiques and boutique stores.

Enjoy your visit!

To find out more information about Casino and the Richmond Valley contact the staff at the Visitor Information Centres located throughout the region or visit [www.visitrichmondvalley.com.au](http://www.visitrichmondvalley.com.au)



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## CASINO

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## EVANS HEAD

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# Casino

activity guide



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Please enquire with the organisation listed to confirm opening hours, costs and facilities.

## Art & Culture

### Jambama Artists Centre & Gallery

47 Cassino Rd, Industrial Estate Casino, Ph: (02) 6662 6672  
Art gallery featuring Indigenous art and craft for purchase from artists local to Casino and surrounding districts.  
**Opening hours: Weekdays 9am to 4pm**

### Platypus Gallery

(inside the Casino Visitor Information Centre)  
86 Centre St, Casino, Ph: (02) 6662 3566  
Immerse yourself in the art, craft and local products for sale and visitor information for travellers and locals.  
**Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 9am - 4pm and Sunday 10am-2pm**

### Casino Band Hall

End of Webb Park, River St, Casino  
The Casino Band Hall carries a mural on all four outer walls depicting wildlife such as the kookaburra and rural scenes. Nearby, a public toilet block in Webb Park showcases local Indigenous art in a mural covering the external walls.  
**Opening hours: publicly available at all times**

### Bicentennial Mural

Alleyway next to Community Centre, Walker St, Casino  
Artist Lee Blacker with the help of local school children painted this vibrant mural depicting Casino's agricultural history in 1988.  
**Opening hours: publicly available at all times**

## Attractions

### Windara Nursery, Gardens & Maze

www.windara.org.au  
253 Sextonville Rd, Casino. Ph: (02) 6662 3857  
Windara is home to a nursery, maze, gardens and tearooms. This organisation supports disability workers and makes home-made morning tea sweeties. There is a large onsite nursery, perfect for stretching your legs after a long journey.  
**Opening hours: Mon - Fri from 8am to 4pm**

### Casino Minirail

www.casinominirail.com  
Cnr of West St & Queensland Rd, Casino. Ph: (02) 6662 1924  
Steam and diesel miniature train rides around the wetland area and golf course for only \$5 per person for a 25 minute ride including entry to the historical Old Casino railway museum. Picnic tables, toilets and snacks are available onsite.  
**Opening hours: Sundays, public holidays and during Beef Week from 10am - 4pm**

### Northern Rivers Regional Livestock Exchange

Dargaville Rd, Nammoona Via Casino Ph: (02) 6662 6403  
For a true country experience visit the saleyards in their full splendour of sale days. Feel the adrenalin as the auctioneer banter through the lots while the cattle jostle and low and the farmers and buyers inspect the pens from the undercover walkways. A canteen provides hot meals, sandwiches and light refreshments to visitors.  
**Opening hours: Wednesdays from 7.30am and most Fridays from 11am**

## History

### Casino Historical Museum

Next to primary school, Walker St, Casino.  
Ph: (02) 6662 2893  
Also known as Casino Folk Museum, the passionate volunteers offer a large collection of memorabilia, stories on Casino and surrounding districts and family history.  
**Opening hours: Sundays & Mondays from 10am -12.30pm and Wednesdays 12pm - 2:30pm**

### Casino & District Family History Group

School of Arts Building, Walker St, Casino.  
Ph: (02) 6662 8114  
Research your family history and get in touch with your ancestral roots with the assistance of the friendly volunteers at the Casino & District Family History rooms.  
**Opening hours: Tuesday: 10am - 2pm, Wednesday: 12noon - 4pm, Thursday: 10am - 2pm, Friday: 10am - 2pm, Saturday: 9am - 11:30am. Closed 2nd Friday in December until 2nd week in January. Open by appointment.**

### Memorial Park

South of the Casino Visitor Information Centre, Centre St, Casino  
This quaint picnic spot and river walk park features a stone cairn commemorating the first crossing of the Richmond River in 1840, as well picturesque views of the river and the crossing place where Casino first began.  
**Opening hours: publicly available at all times**

### Mafeking Lamp

Barker & Walker St Roundabout, Casino  
Erected to commemorate the local servicemen who were lost during the Boer War, this monument is a focal point for Beef Week events and Anzac Day services. The original lamp post is on display at the entrance to council chambers, Graham Place, available for public viewing during office hours only.  
**Opening hours: publicly available at all times**

## Natural Wonders

### Jabiru Geenebeinga Wetlands

Cnr West St & Queensland Rd, Casino  
Casino's wetland habitat features many waterbirds in their natural habitats. Ask for a guided map in the Casino Visitor Information Centre.  
**Opening hours: publicly available at all times**

### Platypus Pool and Carvings

Below Irving Bridge, access from Webb Park  
Platypus have set up burrows along the stretch of the river from the 'Big Hole' to the railway bridge. Platypus feed at dusk and dawn so they are most visible at this time. Sightings depend on the time of year, weather conditions and the condition of the river at the time. The area is also highly populated with many species of water birds along the river. Wander onto the right hand side of the Irving Bridge from the Visitor Information Centre and see a carving of a large platypus in the river rocks.  
**Opening hours: publicly available at all times**

## Self-Guided Walks

Brochures available from the Visitor Information Centre

### Heritage Walks

Casino was settled in 1840 by Clay and Stapleton and named 'Cassino' after a town in Italy. Due to an administrative error in 1901, the town was officially registered as 'Casino' and many of the original buildings still remain. This extensive heritage has been retained throughout the town. Self-guided walk brochures are available through the Casino Visitor Information Centre for the use of visitors seeking out historical leisure.

### Riverbank Walk

Casino locals have a love affair with their river, 'The Richmond' as it brings many an opportunity for quiet reflection, water wading and catching glances of wildlife. The banks of the river adjoining the township boast parklands ideal for picnics and riverside strolls.

## Shopping

### Casino Farmers Markets (Thursdays)

Richmond St, Casino  
An extensive range of locally made or grown food and crafts make this market a must do for those visiting on Thursday morning. Grab a toastie and cuppa from the church ladies' canteen and enjoy busking, kid's entertainment and a spot of market-style retail therapy with a country feel.  
**Opening hours: Thursdays 7am until midday**

### McKee's Antiques

Centre St, South Casino. Ph: (02) 6662 1005  
A whopping ten rooms of antiques and smallhouse collectables and fine items gathered from across the Northern Rivers region.  
**Opening hours: 9.30am to 4pm weekdays, 9am to 1pm on Saturdays**

### Casino CBD

Walker, Barker, Centre and Canterbury Streets, Casino  
A vibrant collection of arcades, plazas and boutiques line the streets of Casino's CBD, giftware, fashion and craft are specialities, as is a buzzing café culture. Major banks and credit unions have branches and ATM's for shopping convenience, plus there are a choice of supermarkets, fruit & vegetable grocers, pharmacies and government agencies all available in a recently beautified shopping district.

## Kid's Facilities

### Casino Memorial Pool

Cnr Centre and Richmond Sts, Casino

Next to the Visitor Information Centre. A 50 metre pool plus kids spray and play pool are popular with travellers seeking relief from the summer heat.

**Opening hours:** Oct - Mar: Mon - Fri 6am - 8am, 10am - 6:30pm, Sat and Sun: 10am - 5pm. Closed Apr - Sep.

### Skate Park & BMX Track

Cnr Centre St & Light St, Casino

Located at Crawford Park, the skate park and BMX track offers a great recreation area. Electric barbecues are available for use at the park.

**Opening hours:** publicly available at all times

### Steamroller Park

Cnr Centre and Lennox Sts, Casino

Toilets, barbecues (bring your own wood for fuel) and playground equipment with a view of the river make this park popular all year round.

**Opening hours:** publicly available at all times

## Fitness

### Casino Pool Complex Gymnasium

Corner Centre and Richmond Sts, Casino

Ph: (02) 6662 1485

Exercise in style with brand new, state-of-the-art equipment in the gym area of the Casino Olympic Pool complex. Weights room, cardio and weights machines are available for use all year with casual visits costing \$12.

**Opening hours:** October - March, Monday - Friday 6am - 8am, 10am - 7pm Saturday - Sunday 10am - 7pm. April - September, 6am - 8am, 10am - 1pm, 3:30pm - 7pm Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 11:30 Saturday - Sunday.

### Casino Health Club

207 Centre St, Casino. Ph: (02) 6662 7788

A great range of equipment to choose from including exercise bikes and treadmills to cross trainers and rowing machines, plus weight and resistance training equipment and indoor volleyball court.

Memberships start at \$10 weekly with pensioner and student discounts available.

**Opening hours:** 6am to 8pm Monday to Friday, 8am to midday Saturday and Sunday (staffed between 8am to 10am and 3pm to 7pm Monday to Friday)

### Clogging

Clubhouse at BIG4 Casino Resort, Light St, Casino. Ph: (02) 6661 2518

Try out this unique dancing best described as a mix between Celtic dance, tap dance and line dancing. Beginners dance from 9.30am for an hour, intermediate from 10.30am for an hour, then advanced dancers join the floor until 12.30pm. Leather soled shoes are required for easy shuffling. Cost to join in is free.

**Opening hours:** Thursdays 9.30am to 12.30pm

### Line Dancing

Anglican Church Auxiliary Hall, Simpsons Pde, Casino. Ph: (02) 6662 2712

Beginners and advanced dancers are welcome to line up for this infectious style of dance on Monday nights and Tuesday mornings. It costs \$8 to dance with morning tea included for dancers on the Tuesday morning session. Beginners are asked to arrive half an hour early to initial training. All dancers need to wear covered and 'slideable' shoes.

**Opening hours:** Monday 5.30pm - 7.30pm or Tuesday 10am to midday

### Square Dancing

Anglican Church Auxiliary Hall, Simpsons Pde, Casino. Ph: (02) 6662 6647

Join the Willi-whirlers in their weekly get-together for fun and enjoyable square dancing on Wednesday nights. Cost is \$6 for those who wish to dance or spectators are free.

**Opening hours:** 7.30pm to 8.30pm Wednesday nights

## Sport

### Casino Golf Club [www.casinogolfclub.com.au](http://www.casinogolfclub.com.au)

Cnr West St & Queensland Rd, Casino. Ph: (02) 6662 1924

Casino's only golf course has 18 holes in the leafy surrounds of Jabiru Geenebeinga Wetlands. There are regular events for both skilled and relaxed golfers and reasonable green fees for casual visits. The '19th hole' includes a bistro and function area, plus lounge overlooking the greens. Take up the \$20 Sunday golf and lunch deal for a great day. **Opening hours:** daily from 7.30am Monday to Friday and 6am Saturday & Sunday, closing 6pm in summer and 5pm in winter.

### Casino Horseracing

[www.racenet.com.au/casino-raceclub-nsw](http://www.racenet.com.au/casino-raceclub-nsw)

Summerland Way, Casino. Ph: (02) 6662 1729

For a great family day out be exhilarated at the five Casino showground races a year. Full TAB facilities and bookmakers on course. Food and bar outlets cater to the crowds.

**Opening hours:** scheduled race days only

### Casino Greyhound Racing

Queen Elizabeth Park, Casino. Ph: (02) 6662 3161

Regular race meets are held on Fridays except Good Friday. Hot and cold food, cold drinks available, full TAB facilities and all-weather grandstand seating. Admission only \$3.

**Opening hours:** Fridays 11.30am to 4.30pm

### Casino Tennis Club

Cnr Richmond and West Sts, Casino

Casual tennis lovers can choose from three courts for hire for \$16 per hour during daylight and \$30 per hour at night. Keys are available at the following two stores in Casino: Evans Corner Store: 30 Barker St, phone: (02) 6662 6250. Casino Roadhouse: Johnston St phone: (02) 6662 1287.

**Opening hours:** anytime

### Casino Croquet Club

Lennox St, Casino. Ph: (02) 6662 3396

Croquet fans can join in Golf Croquet from 9am Mondays and Wednesdays or Association games from 1pm Wednesdays and Saturdays at the Lennox Street Croquet ground, west of Centre Street. Bring your own mallets and equipment. All casual players are charged \$5 per day.

**Opening hours:** any daylight hours by prior arrangement

### Casino Gun Range

Rifle Range Rd, South Casino. Ph: (02) 6662 1295

Wheelchair friendly. Bring your own gun and ammo, or take up the club guns available for loan and ammunition for purchase. No license required but all participants must complete a criminal history statutory declaration before shooting. There is a \$12.50 access fee for adult shooters, spectators and juniors (12 to 18 years) are free. All juniors must be accompanied by a guardian or parent. Closed footwear must be worn.

**Opening hours:** Wed morning or all day Sat and Sun.

### Casino Eagle Archers

Queen Elizabeth Park, Casino. Ph: 6662 1357

\$5 for a temporary membership for ages 12 and up. Bring your own equipment or borrow from the club on the day. Archers continue in wet weather (except storms or poor visibility).

**Opening hours:** Sundays from 8am to midday.

## Entertainment

### Casino RSM Club [www.casinorsm.com.au](http://www.casinorsm.com.au)

162 Canterbury St, Casino, Ph: (02) 6662 1666

Dress restrictions apply for all events and activities at the RSM. Dinner shows and special events happen regularly throughout the year, check out their website or Facebook page for more information.

### Saturday Night Music @ Casino RSM

Live music and bands perform on Saturday nights in this RSL-style club for the pleasure of members and their guests.

**When:** Saturday nights, 7:30pm until late

### 888 Poker League @ Casino RSM Club

Try out your poker face in Texas Hold'em Poker at the Casino RSM, Tuesday night includes a free roll for a \$100 prize, or roll up on Friday with \$5 entry for \$250 in prizes.

**When:** Tuesday 7pm or Friday 7.30pm

### Bingo Mornings @ Casino RSM Club

Bingo mornings at the club. Members can opt to claim their prize in club points to use toward other activities and food.

**When:** Tuesdays 10am and Fridays 10.30am

### Members Badge Draws @ Casino RSM Club

Visitors staying for a few days taking up membership for only \$15 have a chance in the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday badge draws for great prizes.

**When:** Wed, Fri and Sat from 5.30pm to 8:30pm

### Weekend Nights @ The Cecil Hotel

100 Centre Street, Casino. Ph: (02) 6662 1047

The weekly Backroom Bar & Beats on Fridays are a hit with those seeking a night out dancing. Check out the Express Examiner newspaper for updates on theme nights and bands on Saturday nights.

**When:** Fri and Sat nights until 2am (11pm curfew applies)

### Bingo @ Casino Golf Club

West St, Casino. Ph: (02) 6662 1259

Prizes include groceries, vouchers, small electrical goods, linen, dinner sets, whatever is found in town by the hard-working volunteers running the games that week. A jackpot runs each day.

**When:** Mon nights 7:30pm - 9:30pm and

**Thur mornings 10am - midday.**

### Saturday Nights @ Clydesdale Steak Barn

Cnr Johnston & Kent Sts, Casino. Ph: (02) 6662 5982

Solo artists perform a variety of covers and original music. Enjoy an excellent selection of high-quality local steaks with some great music.

**When:** Saturday nights from 7pm.