

# Conference and Event Guide

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## Welcome from the Mayor

'As a business operator and long-term local who has been privileged to have travelled to many parts of Australia as well as internationally, I am extremely excited by the future I see for conferences and events on the Macleay Valley Coast.

Apart from its undisputed scenic beauty - rugged mountain ranges, deep-flowing rivers, fertile floodplains and stunning coastline, to name a few – the Macleay Valley Coast enjoys an excellent strategic location approximately mid-way between the lucrative markets of Sydney and Brisbane. This location, combined with close and convenient access to the Pacific Highway, makes the Macleay an ideal destination for events and conferences.

In addition to being home to iconic tourism attractions such as Trial Bay Gaol, Smoky Cape Lighthouse and Crescent Head Surfing Reserve the Macleay also has great event and conferencing facilities including Kempsey Macleay RSL Club, The Slim Dusty Centre and South West Rocks Country Club to name a few.

It is our friendly people that make organising conferences and events here such a pleasure and a privilege. And it is my added privilege to be leading an organisation that is committed to growing events and conferences'

Cr Liz Campbell Mayor, Kempsey Shire Council





#### **Destination Overview**

The Macleay Valley Coast is open for business and greatly values the benefit of events to the local economy hosting a range of conferences, sporting events and competitions, rodeos, race days, weddings and business events. Whether you're looking to hold a new event, looking to run an existing event or seeking sponsorship the Macleay Valley Coast is your event friendly destination.

Located in the Government Area of Kempsey Shire, the Macleay is half way between Sydney and Brisbane and with a welcoming sub-tropical climate it is a great place to do business year round.

# With over 554,000 visitors to the Macleay Valley Coast, come and see what everyone is talking about

The Macleay Valley combines a quality country and coastal life- style with a wide range of services and facilities, including:

#### **Conference Facilities**

 Range of facilities on offer, for large corporate meetings, weddings through to quiet cafés

#### Accommodation

 Over 80 accommodation providers including Holiday Parks, Motels, Hotel's and Bed & Breakfasts which collectively offer 2,703 rooms and over 10,700 beds.

#### **Restaurants and Cafes**

- Over 90 food and beverage outlets
- 45 restaurants and 22 cafes
- 10 registered clubs
- 11 licensed clubs

#### **Transport**

- Commercial flights into the regional centres of Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour, with Kempsey Airport available for private charter.
- Access via the Pacific Highway, with numerous driving routes and tourist drives along the hinterland and coast.



#### **Services**

- Excellent schools, including 4 high schools, 16 primary schools, numerous childcare centres and pre-schools, as well as the Kempsey Campus of the North Coast Institute of TAFE.
- Southern Cross University operates a campus at Coffs Harbour, while Charles Sturt and Newcastle universities offer courses at Port Macquarie.
- A modern medical centre as well as a number of privately owned medical practices
- Shopping centres and stores including Big W, Country Target, Woolworths, Coles, IGA,
   Aldi and many unique country specialty stores
- Sports grounds and recreational facilities
- 4 public swimming pools
- 4 golf courses
- Horse and greyhound racing tracks
- Indoor cricket and ten pin bowling
- 14 tennis court complexes and 3 squash complexes
- Service clubs including Rotary, Lions, Apex, Quota, Probus and View Clubs



# Conference Facilities large

#### **Kempsey-Macleay RSL Club**



Address: 1 York Lane, Kempsey Phone: Jane Clarke (02) 6560 1111 Email: admin@kmrsl.com.au

Web: www.kempseymacleayrsl.com.au

#### Capacity of rooms:

- 1) Auditorium, capacity 350 seated.
- 2) Function Room one, capacity 100 seated3) Function Room two, capacity 30 seated
- 4) Boardroom, capacity 15 seated

Combined rooms 1, 2 & 3 can accommodate 480 people.

Conference facilities: Audio visual – video, 12ft screen, TV, DVD, data projector, overhead projector, whiteboards, flip charts, licensed restaurant Ruby's By The River; Cafe Fresh and Wi-Fi.

#### **The Slim Dusty Centre**



Address: Macleay Valley Way, South Kempsey Phone: 02 6562 6533 Freecall: 1800 18 SLIM Fax: 02 6562 1849 Mobile: 0408 201 774 Email: admin@slimdustycentre.com.au Website: www.slimdustycentre.com.au

#### Capacity of rooms:

- 1) Central Gallery, 900 seated
- 2) Temporary Gallery, 500 seated
- 3) Café meeting space, 60 seated

**Conference Facilities:** 60 inch LED Screen for data presentation, projectors and screens, lectern, full sound system, catering facilities, wet bar, access to performers for booking enquiries, 35 sqm portable stage

#### Kempsey Showground



Address: 19 Sea Street, Kempsey Phone: Steve Rowe (02) 6562 5231

Email: info@kempseyshowground.com.au
Website: www.kempseyshowground.com.au

#### Capacity of rooms:

- 1) Jubilee Hall 300 people
- 2) Dining Hall 80 people
- 3) Middle Hall 60 people
- 4) Meeting Room 20 people;

Conference facilities: Whiteboard screens, catering, toilets and showers, camping sites, horse stables, onsite secure parking



#### **South West Rocks Country Club**

Address: 2 Sportsman's Way, South West Rocks

Phone: Rachel (02) 6566 6252

Email: swrcc@rockscountryclub.com.au Website: www.rockscountryclub.com.au

#### Capacity of rooms:

- 1) Auditorium, 300 people seated
- 2) BBQ Terrace, 100 people;
- 3) Seasons' A La Carte Restaurant, 65 people.

Conference facilities: audio visual equipment, large TV screen and overhead projector, catering Rocks Asian & Australian Buffet, catering Seasons' A La Carte Restaurant and Coffee 'n Delitz, 3 bowling greens, 18 hole golf course & 4 tennis courts



### **Trial Bay Gaol**

Address: 1 Cardwell St, South West Rocks

Phone: Neville (02) 02 65 666 419

**Email:** Neville.Nunney@environment.nsw.gov.au **Website:** http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au



- Wedding ceremonies (max 500 people)
- Wedding receptions (max 300 people, only if gazebos are erected)
- Parties (max 500 people, no undercover space unless gazebos are erected. The site is suitable for group picnics/barbecues and/or cocktail parties.)
- Filming and photography shoots (max 500 people)
- Movie screenings (max 100 people, no undercover areas unless gazebos are used)



#### Seabreeze Beach Hotel



Address: CNR Livingstone St & Prince of Wales Av, South West Rocks

Phone (02) 6566 6205

Email: info@seabreezebeachhotel.com.au
Website: www.seabreezebeachhotel.com.au

#### Capacity of Rooms:

- 1) Norfolk Room, 100 seated
- 2) Seabreeze Lounge, 80 seated
- 3) Dining Room, 80 seated

**Conference facilities**: catering, licenced, pool table and onsite accommodation for up to 84 people





#### **Crescent Head Country Club**

Address: 1 Rankine Street, Crescent Head Phone: Dania Barber (02) 6566 0268
Email: entertainment@chcclub.com.au
Website: http://www.chcclub.com.au/

#### Capacity of rooms:

- 1) Auditorium, capacity 400 seated
- 2) Back lounge, 100 seated
- 3) Green Room, conference room 30 seated

**Conference facilities:** Whiteboard screens, projector in auditorium, bistro, licenced bar, Vicks Seafood Restaurant seats 80, bowling green, six-hole golf course and two tennis courts, chair covers & table cloths



#### **Seventh-day Adventist Convention Centre**

Address: 250 Grassy Head Road, Stuarts Point

Phone: Neil and Karen (02) 6569 0576 Email: nkradford@yahoo.com.au

Web: www.stuartspoint.adventist.org.au

#### Capacity of rooms:

1) Dining room 200, seated

Conference facilities: Kitchen, accommodation including 10 self-contained cabins; 2 four bedroom self-contained homes.

# Other conference and Meeting Facilities



#### Netherby House B&B and River Café

Address: 5 Little Rudder Street, Kempsey NSW 2440 Phone: Jasmin (02) 6566 8010 Mobile: 0407 952 705

Email: netherbyhouse@bigpond.com Website: www.NetherbyHouse.com.au

#### Capacity of Rooms:

1) Function Area, 40 seated

**Conference facilities**: Large On Site Car Park; open Fireplace, guest lounge room, dining room, tea & Coffee, licensed, free wireless broadband. Facilities include one large & one small whiteboard, flip chart, overhead projector and screen. Break off rooms: café and veranda.



#### **Kempsey Heights Bowling Club**

Address: 10 Polwood Street, West Kempsey Phone Scott Franklin (02) 6562-6666 Email: kempseyheights@bigpond.com Web: www.kempseyheights.com

#### Capacity of rooms:

- 1) Board room, 12 seated
- 2) Auditorium, 180 theatre style.
- 3) Break off room facility varies from 10-50 people

**Conference facilities**: 2 white boards, photocopier, hand mike, internet, power boards and projector screen & three bowling greens.



#### **Kempsey Golf Club**

Address: 330 Pacific Highway, South Kempsey 2440

Phone: Steve (02) 6562-6291
Email: info@kempseygolf.com.au
Website: www.kempseygolf.com.au

#### Capacity of rooms:

1) Eagle's Nest Function Room, 120 seated

2) Bar 20 people

**Conference facilities:** Broadband, data projector, whiteboard, PA system, full office facilities. Catering by arrangement, 18-hole golf course, extensive parking



#### **City Centre Motel**

Address: 95 Smith Street Kempsey

Phone: Judy or Allan (02) 6562 7733 Fax: (02) 6562 8640

Mobile: 0407 952 705

Email: <a href="mailto:citycentremotel@bigpond.com">citycentremotel@bigpond.com</a>
Website: <a href="mailto:www.kempseymotel.com">www.kempseymotel.com</a>

#### Capacity of rooms:

1) Tower Room 60 people, whiteboard.

Conference facilities: accommodation for 120 people, internet access & coach parking.



#### **Kempsey Motor Inn**

Address: 320 Pacific Highway South Kempsey

Phone: (02) 6562 1284

**Email:** creception@kempseymotorinn.com.au **Website:** www.kempseymotorinn.com.au

#### Capacity of rooms:

1) Conference Room 1, 60 people seated

Conference facilities: Whiteboard pens, notepads, data projector, screen.



#### **BIG4 Sunshine South West Rocks Holiday Park**

161 Philip Drive, South West Rocks

Phone: Paula (02) 6566 6142 Email: info@trialbay.com.au

Website: www.big4southwestrocks.com.au

#### Capacity of rooms:

1) Conference Room 20-30 people

**Conference facilities:** onsite accommodation, wireless internet, tennis court, guest lounge and camp kitchen, white board, trestle tables and chairs for breakout. Open air rooms, TV, DVD/Video, lectern, power boards, power leads.



#### Costa Rica Motel Resort

Address: 134 Gregory Street, South West Rocks

Phone: Chris Parke (02) 6566-6400 Email: costaricamotel@tsn.cc

Website: www.costaricamotel.com.au

#### Capacity of rooms::

Restaurant 60-90 seated
 Conference room 1, 50 seated
 Conference room 2, 16 seated

**Conference facilities:** onsite accommodation for 92 people, broadband, squash court, tennis courts, licensed, restaurant, whiteboard and projector and screen. Group rates available on request.



#### **Rockpool Motor Inn**

Address: 45 McIntyre Street, South West Rocks

Phone Janelle and Chris (02) 6566 7755

Email: bookings@rockpoolmotorinn.com.au

Web: www.rockpoolmotorinn.com.au

#### Capacity of rooms:

1) Conference area, 25 seated

**Conference facilities:** Restaurant, licenced, undercover parking, accommodation for up to 80 people, TV, screen, flip charts, electronic whiteboard and microphone. Data points for email/internet access and study desks



#### Crescent Head Resort & Conference Centre

Address: 30-34 Pacific Street, Crescent Head

Phone (02) 6566-0121

 $\textbf{Email:} \ \underline{holidaymagic@crescentheadresort.com.au}$ 

Web: www.crescentheadresort.com.au

#### Capacity of rooms:

1) Conference room seats up to 60 people theatre style

**Conference facilities:** Accommodation for 80 people, restaurant (available for conference or functions only), white board, data projector, rear projection + screen, D.V.D/ VCR player, microphone and PA system, photocopying, free Wi-Fi internet access.



#### **Surfaris Central**

Address: 271 Loftus Road, Crescent Head

Phone Michelle (02) 6566 0009 Email: surf@surfaris.com Website: www.surfaris.com

#### Capacity of rooms:

1) Conference room 50 seated

**Conference facilities**: Set in Hat Head National, white board, overhead projector, broadband, stationary, business centre, catering on request and onsite accommodation for 54.



#### **Hat Head Bowling & Recreation Club**

Address: Straight Street, Hat Head

Phone (02) 6567-7507

Email: hatheadbowlingclub@bigpond.com

#### Capacity of rooms:

1) Auditorium, 150 seated

2) Outdoor covered barbeque area 100 seated

Conference facilities: Air conditioning, data projector screen, licenced and catering Beaches

Restaurant



#### **Stuarts Point Workers & Recreation Club**

Address: Ocean Avenue, Stuarts Point

Phone (02) 6569-0644

Email: spwrbc@spwrbc.com.au

Website: www.stuartspointworkersclub.com

#### Capacity of rooms:

1) Restaurant seated, 20—30 people

Conference facilities: Portable mike, fax, power boards, internet, bowling greens



#### Yarrahapinni Adventist Youth Centre

Address: 366 Grassy Head Road, Grassy Head

Phone: Richard or Debbie (02) 6569 0730 Mobile: 0407 283 837

Email: <a href="mailto:yarra@adventist.org.au">yarra@adventist.org.au</a>
Website: <a href="mailto:www.yarra.org.au">www.yarra.org.au</a>

#### Capacity of rooms:

1) Games Room,

2) Kitchen/Dining Hall

**Conference facilities:** Onsite activities include flying fox, waterslide, low ropes courses, horizontal bungee run; digital scavenger hunt, basketball, volleyball, handball, beach activities, boardwalk / walking trail / nature centre and Yarra's Quest.



#### Smithtown RSL Memorial Bowling Club

Address: 14-16 Church Street, Smithtown

Phone Geoff Duffy (02) 6567-4223 Email: <a href="mailto:srflbcl@bigpond.com">srflbcl@bigpond.com</a>

#### Capacity of Rooms

Auditorium 100, seated
 Board room 15, seated

Conference facilities: Two bowling greens, barbecue area, pool table and licensed venue

## **Event Services**



#### **Bliss Events**

Address: 13/10 Frederick Kelly Street, South West Rocks

Phone: Danielle 0467 665 616

**Email**: blissdecorating@hotmail.com.au **Website**: www.blissevents.vpweb.com.au

Bliss Events Wedding / Event Planning and Decorating can put the romance into your wedding, the sparkle into your party and the edge on your corporate function by providing a hassle free service that suits your needs, style and budget.

Melbourne Cup Luncheons, Fundraising Balls and Dinners, Gala Events, Christmas Decorations, Product Launches, Work Parties, School Formals and other specific occasions.

## Tour Options



Trial Bay Gaol Guided Tour

1 hour

Take a guided tour of Trial Bay Gaol. This picturesque historic ruin stands as a testament to those who lived and died here, with a museum and memorial for visitors to get a better idea of life in those days. Daytime and night tours available (Tours to be booked in advance).



Smoky Cape Lighthouse Tour 1 hour

Take a tour of the iconic Smoky Cape lighthouse by your hosts Pat and Wendy. Perched high on a headland in the beautiful Hat Head National Park, the lighthouse offers stunning views of the Park (Tours to be booked in advance).



Dunghutti Ngaku Aboriginal Art Gallery Story and Tour

1 Hour

Take a tour of the Dunghutti Ngaku Aboriginal Art Gallery. The Gallery offers our indigenous artists the opportunity to exhibit their art works to local, interstate and international visitors.



Wigay Food and Culture Park

1 Hour

Take an interactive guided tour to learn which of the many native trees, shrubs and plants are used by Aboriginal people for food and medicinal purposes.



The Estate Sherwood 1-2 hours

Have lunch at The Estate Sherwood. With experienced Chef Malcolm Faint, the menu features fresh regional produce specialising in "paddock to the plate" concept.



Dangars Creek Vineyard

1-2 hours

Dangars Creek Vineyard is an operating winery producing a range of wines and ports. Group tours are available Friday, Saturday and Sunday and include a cheese platter, wine tasting, guided tour of the winery/cooperage and a detailed talk with the winemaker/cooper.





Golf with a view at Crescent Head 2 hours

With spectacular, sweeping costal views watch the whales pass by May to October from the beautifully manicured grounds the 6 hole course at Crescent Head. Group bookings and equipment available for hire.



**Dive at Fish Rock** 

Full day

Take a dive at Fish Rock an internationally renowned dive location. The splendour of the natural underwater topography and the prolific variety of marine life are truly breathtaking.



Slim Dusty Homestead ½ day

Visit the birthplace of Australian country music, Slim Dusty's original homestead at Nulla Nulla – near the old mountain village of Bellbrook

# For further information about local attractions and signature events see

www.macleayvalleycoast.com.au



# Accommodation Options

#### South West Rocks

Ashdon B & B

26 Smokey Ridge Drive, Arakoon

Ph: 02 6566 7271

Smoky Cape Lighthouse B & B

Lighthouse Road, South West Rocks

Ph: 02 6566 6301

The Heritage Guest House

21 Livingstone Street, South West Rocks

Ph: 02 6566 6625

Big 4 Sunshine

161-171 Phillip Drive, South West Rocks

Ph: 02 6566 6142

Horseshoe Bay Holiday Park

1 Livingstone Street, South West Rocks

Ph: 02 6566 6370

**South West Rocks Tourist Park** 

Gordon Young Drive, South West Rocks

Ph: 02 6566 6264

Costa Rica Resort Motel

134 Gregory Street, South West Rocks

Ph: 02 6566 6400

Rockpool Motor Inn

45 McIntyre Street, South West Rocks

Ph: 02 6566 7755

Seabreeze Beach Hotel

Corner Livingstone Street and Prince of

Wales Avenue, South West Rocks

Ph: 02 6566 6909

**Elders Real Estate** 

12 Prince of Wales Ave, South West Rocks

Ph: 02 6566 6666

L J Hooker South West Rocks

2 Gregory Street, South West Rocks

Ph: 02 6566 6313

**Rocks Real Estate** 

15 Livingstone Street, South West Rocks

Ph: 02 6566 6999

**Boomerang Holiday Units** 

2 Memorial Avenue, South West Rocks

Ph: 0423 777 492

**Coast and Country Cabins** 

588 Plummers Lane, Rainbow Reach

Ph: 02 6565 0088

#### Kempsey

Netherby House B & B

5 Little Rudder Street, Kempsey

Ph: 02 6563 1777

**City Centre Motel** 

95 Smith Street, Kempsey

Ph: 02 6562 7733

Colonial Court Motor Inn

155 Smith Street, Kempsey Ph: 02 6562 6711

**Fairway Lodge Motel** 

385 Macleay Valley Way, South Kempsey

Ph: 02 6562 7099

Kempsey Motor Inn

320 Macleay Valley Way, South Kempsey

Ph: 02 6562 1284

**Moon River Motor Inn** 

157 Smith Street, Kempsey

Ph: 02 6562 8077

**Motel Kempsey** 

13 Lachlan Street, Kempsey

Ph: 02 6562 4294

Park Drive Motel

161 Smith Street, Kempsey

Ph: 02 6562 1361

**Kempsey Tourist Village** 

325 Macleay Valley Way, South Kempsey

Ph: 02 6562 7666

#### **Hat Head**

Hat Head Holiday Park

Straight Street, Hat Head

Ph: 02 6567 7501

The Beach House and Pelican Place

18 Bay Street, Hat Head

Ph: 02 6566 6666



## **Crescent Head**

#### **Crescent Head Holiday Park**

Pacific Street, Crescent Head

Ph: 02 6566 0261

## Crescent Head Resort & Conference Centre

30 - 34 Pacific Street, Crescent Head

Ph: 02 6566 0121

#### **Mediterranean Motel**

35 Pacific Street, Crescent Head

Ph: 02 6566 0303

#### Surfaris

271 Loftus Road, Crescent Head

Ph: 02 6566 0009

#### **Crescent Head Real Estate**

6 Main Street, Crescent Head

Ph: 02 6566 0500

#### **Point Break Realty**

Shop 4 / 2 Rankine Street, Crescent Head

Ph: 02 6566 0306

#### Hinterland

#### Misty Mountain Wilderness Health Retreat

1800 Nulla Nulla Creek Road, Nulla Nulla

Ph: 02 6567 2221

#### **Bass Lodge**

9829 Armidale Road, Georges Junction via

Bellbrook

Ph: 02 6567 8233 or 0433 482 325

#### **Bellbrook Cabins**

24 Main Street, Bellbrook

Ph: 0429 943 465 or 02 6567 2071

#### Mesopotamia Lodge Deer Park

192 Spooners Avenue, Greenhill

Ph: 02 6563 1056

#### Tom and Sue's Place

180 Sherwood Road, Kempsey

Ph: 02 6562 8094

#### Bemurrah Homestead

64 Pee Dee Road, Comara via Bellbrook

Ph: 02 6567 1252

## Stuarts Point, Grassy Head & Yarrahapinni

#### Stuarts Point Holiday Park

Marine Parade, Stuarts Point

Ph: 02 6569 0616

#### Mid North Coast Realty

8 Ocean Avenue, Stuarts Point

Ph: 02 6569 0447

#### **Grassy Head Holiday Park**

Reserve Road, Grassy Head

Ph: 02 6569 0742

#### Yarrahapinni Adventist Youth Centre

366 Grassy Head Road, Grassy Head

Ph: 02 6569 0730

#### Yarrahapinni Homestead

340 Stuarts Point Road, Yarrahapinni

Ph: 02 6569 0240

#### Yarralen Retreat

95 Mighells Road, Yarrahapinni

Ph: 02 6569 0512

#### Neds Bed Dog & Horse 'Otel

123 Kawana Lane, Clybucca

Ph: 02 6565 0085