

LAKE MACQUARIE CITY

NEW SOUTH WALES

VISITORS GUIDE 2012



lots to see



Love the Lake

lake, beach, forest lots to love

*It's not hard to see
why move and move
people are discovering
the natural beauty
that is Lake Macquarie.*



Redhead Beach

Welcome to Lake Macquarie

There is lots to love about Lake Macquarie. A city that boasts one of the largest coastal saltwater lakes in Australia, 30km of pristine coastline and some of the most beautiful forests in NSW.

Stay a day, a week, or longer and discover all that this vast waterway, four and a half times the size of Sydney Harbour has to offer. Fall in love with tranquil lake cruising, golden surfing beaches, untouched mountain walks and quaint waterfront towns.

From the simple pleasures of a perfect lake sunset, to thrilling adventures on and off the water, it is a wonder that Lake Macquarie remains one of NSW's best-kept holiday secrets.

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Lake Macquarie Visitor Information Centre

Swansea Centre

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W: www.visitlakemac.com.au

E: tourism@lakemac.nsw.gov.au

Book accommodation online at

www.visitlakemac.com.au

or call **1 800 802 044**



cruise up the highway

*Just a 90 minute drive
north of Sydney, you can
access Lake Macquarie by
car, train, plane or boat.*



Cruising on Lake Macquarie

How to get to Lake Macquarie

BY ROAD

If arriving from the south, travel along the Sydney-Newcastle Freeway. For eastern Lake Macquarie, take the Doyalson, Swansea exit. For western Lake Macquarie, take the Morisset, Toronto or Cardiff exits. If arriving from the north, follow the Pacific Highway into Belmont.

BY AIR

The closest airport is Newcastle Airport, located at Williamtown, one hour north of Lake Macquarie. From here, hire a car or catch a shuttle bus to Lake Macquarie. Contact 02 4928 9800 or visit www.newcastleairport.com.au.

BY RAIL

Lake Macquarie is regularly serviced by CityRail trains on the Newcastle and Central Coast line. Major stations in Lake Macquarie include Wyee, Morisset, Fassifern and Cardiff. Contact 131 500 or visit www.cityrail.info. CountryLink trains stop at Fassifern station. Contact 13 22 32 or visit www.countrylink.info.

BY WATER

Access Lake Macquarie by boat via the Swansea Channel. Phone in advance to request Swansea Bridge access. Contact 02 4971 3723.



top 10 things to do in lake macquarie

With a lake four and a half times the size of Sydney Harbour and over 90 towns and villages to explore, there are many great things to love about Lake Macquarie.



Gap Creek Falls, Watagan Mountains

1.



See the caves

Explore the sea caves and rock pools of Caves Beach, one of the most popular family beaches in Lake Macquarie.

See page 16.

2.



Visit Catherine Hill Bay

Swim or surf at Catherine Hill Bay, a picturesque, patrolled beach with pumping waves and great opportunities for snorkelling and diving.

See page 16.

3.



Walk or cycle the Fernleigh Track

Walk or cycle the Fernleigh Track, a popular heritage railway corridor featuring old stations and a 180m long former rail tunnel.

See page 22.

4.



Experience Warners Bay Foreshore

Take a walk at Warners Bay Foreshore, have a bite to eat on the waterfront and don't miss the Redbluff elevated boardwalk. See page 37.

5.



Visit the best kid's playground

Let the kids run wild at the Lake Macquarie Variety Playground, voted the 'Best Play Space in Australia' in 2011. See page 64.

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Discover Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery

Admire the extensive collection and impressive travelling exhibitions of the Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery. See page 28.

7.



See the studio of Sir William Dobell

See the lake through the eyes of esteemed Australian artist Sir William Dobell at his former home and studio in Wangi Wangi. See page 28.



8.



Hire a boat and cruise around the Lake

Hire a boat and spend the day discovering your own secret spots on Lake Macquarie. See page 11.

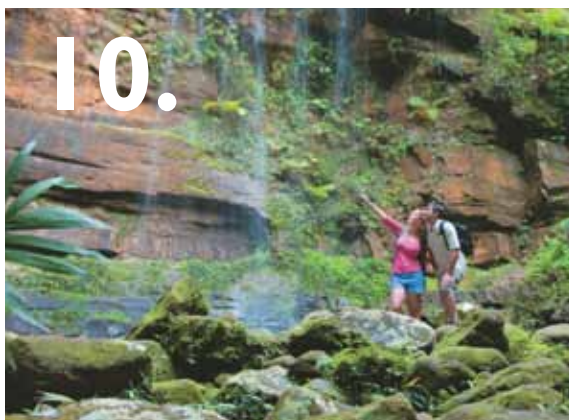
9.



Visit the largest shopping centre in the Hunter


Bag a bargain at Charlestown Square, the Hunter's largest shopping destination. See page 39.

10.



Explore the Watagans National Park

Bushwalk to waterfalls and spectacular lookouts or spend a night under the stars in this amazing National Park. See page 23.

A full-page photograph of two people kayaking on a body of water. The kayakers are in red kayaks, one in the foreground and one further back. The water is dark blue with many bright, shimmering reflections of sunlight. A large, faint, light-colored heart shape is overlaid on the right side of the image, behind the main text.

ski, sail, swim,
cruise, kayak?

*There is lots to do on the Lake, from exciting
jet boat thrill rides, to lazy days spent discovering
the islands and sandy bays.*



Water activities

Lake Macquarie is a water lover's heaven. With 30km of unspoilt coastline and a lake centrepiece twice the size of Sydney Harbour, there is room for everyone to enjoy the water activities they love.

Hop on board a cruise or charter boat and experience the beauty of Lake Macquarie from a different perspective. Bring along your jet skis and wakeboard for some extreme action, or hire your own boat and spend the day exploring.

If you love swimming, surfing, scuba diving, snorkelling, yachting and kayaking, Lake Macquarie is the perfect holiday destination.

Auskayaks



Kayak hire and guided tours on single or tandem kayaks. Small tinnie or sports runabout available for hire. Located at Dora Creek but can deliver to other locations. Bookings essential, check website for availability.

A: 32 Stingaree Rd, Dora Creek NSW 2264

P: 0417 143 268

E: auskayaks@bigpond.com

W: www.auskayaks.com.au

Boab Boat Hire Lake Macquarie



Trailer boats for you to hire and drive yourself.

- Licensed and unlicensed vessels
- You tow or we deliver
- All safety equipment, GPS, sounder, radios and more

Boat hire the easy way!

A: 20 Macquarie St, Barnsley NSW 2278

P: 1300 002 622

E: enquiry@boabboathire.com.au

W: www.boabboathire.com.au

Board Crazy



Lessons available in kite surfing, wind surfing and stand up paddle boards. Stand up paddle boards for hire. Gift vouchers available. A range of kitesurfing, stand up paddle and wake boards and clothing for sale.

A: 38 Brooks Pde, Belmont NSW 2280

P: 02 4947 7131

E: ride@boardcrazy.com

W: www.boardcrazy.com

Jet Buzz



For the fastest buzz on Lake Macquarie get Jet Buzz-ed. 35-40min jet boat rides. Adults \$60, Kids \$40, Family \$160. We have boat hire, kayak hire and stand up paddle boards hire and sales also. Check the website for more information on these and other services.

P: 02 4972 1777 **M:** 0407 717 167

E: info@jetbuzz.com.au

W: www.jetbuzz.com.au

Indigenous Learning Aboriginal Cultural Cruises



Enjoy a relaxing cruise on Lake Macquarie, whilst learning about bush tucker and traditional Aboriginal life as a hunter-gatherer. Suitable for groups or individuals, minimum 30 people. Bookings essential.

P: 0432 399 657

E: ilearning@bigpond.com

Lake Macquarie Cruises



Scheduled public cruises: Wednesday 10.30am - 2pm and Sundays 11am - 2.30pm. Group bookings available anytime, any day. Social outings, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, hens and bucks nights, christmas parties and product launches. Fully licensed bar, dance floor and music.

A: Public Wharf, Toronto NSW 2283

P: 02 4973 2513

W: www.lakemacquariecruises.com.au

Lake Macquarie Sailing Charters



58'(17m) skippered luxury yacht. Available for parties, weddings and team building. Max 30 people. 2hrs \$65pp, 4hrs \$75pp. (min 12 people charge).

P: 02 4963 2008

M: 0422 764 177

E: lmsailingcharters@yahoo.com.au

W: www.sailingcharters.com.au

Lake Macquarie Catamaran Charters



We can arrange sailing to suit you. 2hr evening sail or day sailing and swimming. Skippered sailing for private or company events. Bare boat for weekends or holidays. Function sailing from Raffertys, 16 Footers and other venues.

A: 1 Rees St, Wangi Wangi NSW 2267

P: 02 4975 2604 **F:** 02 4975 3276

M: 0448 752 604 **E:** mail@lakecharters.com.au

W: www.lakecharters.com.au

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Float around beautiful Lake Macquarie in our fully refurbished houseboat with the luxuries you'd expect. Ideal for the family holiday or that romantic getaway you deserve! Call us for more information.

P: 02 4956 6266 **F:** 02 4956 5078

M: 0418 495 605

E: mail@lakehouseboats.com.au

W: www.lakehouseboats.com.au

Marmong Point Marina



Situated at the northern end of Lake Macquarie, Marmong Point Marina is a spectacular boating facility, set in a magnificent marine environment, now with ultra-modern berths available.

A: 1 Nanda St, Marmont Point NSW 2284

P: 02 4958 3333

F: 02 4958 2461

E: enquiries@marmongpointmarina.com.au

W: www.marmongpointmarina.com.au

Lake Macquarie Yacht Charters



Sail beautiful Lake Macquarie aboard a luxurious Beneteau 473 or the lovely Bavaria 50.

We do savoury and fruit platters, chicken and prawn cruises, race charters, corporate events, weddings, party deliveries. Each vessels takes 22 passengers. Arrangements can be made for larger groups.

A: Lake Macquarie

M: 0407 411 426

F: 02 4975 2804

E: info@lakemacquarietyachtcharters.com

W: www.lakemacquarietyachtcharters.com

Nova Cruises



Newcastle's ultimate cruising experience, specialising in Newcastle whale watching, historic Morpeth cruises, Newcastle harbour luncheons, corporate and private functions. Vessels offer licensed bar, air-conditioning, upper sundeck and modern restrooms.

P: 0400 381 787 **F:** 02 4982 6469

E: info@novacruises.com.au

W: www.novacruises.com.au

Redhead Mobile Surf School / Learn to Surf Newcastle



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P: 02 4944 9585 **M:** 0404 839 585

E: miles@redheadsurfschool.com.au

W: www.redheadsurfschool.com.au

www.learnertosurfnewcastle.com.au,

www.learnertosurfnewcastle.com

The Lake Limo



Explore the Lake with this self drive luxury boat. No licence required, seats 8 adults. Suitable for any occasion. Rates: half day \$250 and full day \$390.

A: Warners Bay and Valentine jetties

M: 0419 707 675

E: info@thelakelimo.com.au

W: www.thelakelimo.com.au





Caves Beach



beach getaway

*Four beautiful patrolled beaches,
enjoy spectacular coastal walks or catch
some waves at a quality surf break.*

*A perfect getaway for everyone.
Relax and enjoy some fun in the sun.*

Beautiful beaches

Lake Macquarie's coastline is as varied as it is beautiful. Choose from long golden stretches or secluded coves just waiting to be discovered. The whole family will be happy, with 4 patrolled locations, a host of great surfing spots and sea caves awaiting your exploration.



Patrolled beaches

BLACKSMITHS BEACH

One of Lake Macquarie's top swimming beaches, Blacksmiths is protected by a breakwall that offers excellent access for fishing in Swansea Channel. Nearby is the Grannies Pool, a small, shallow inlet perfect for wading and splashing around with toddlers.



CATHERINE HILL BAY

With its historic coal-loading jetty and rock platforms, Catherine Hill Bay is arguably Lake Macquarie's most photogenic beach. Northern 'Catho' is great for surfing, whilst the southern end is patrolled. Snorkelling and scuba diving are also popular activities.



CAVES BEACH

A long, sandy beach popular with families, Caves Beach is named for the sea caves located at its southern end. Kids will love running through the caves and exploring the rock pools on a low tide. The beach also offers several surf breaks along its length.



REDHEAD BEACH

Located at the northern end of a 15km sandy stretch of coastline, Redhead is a popular family beach known for its iconic red rocky headland and wooden shark tower. Redhead also offers good surfing conditions.



Beach guide

Beach Guide



Activities

Description

Blacksmiths	✓	✓	Picnic/bbq, playground, car park, toilets, showers	Surfing, picnics, fishing, 4WDing	The southern end of a 15km beach, protected by breakwall, great for families
Catherine Hill Bay	✓	X	Picnic/bbq, car park, toilets, showers	Surfing, picnics, fishing, snorkelling, diving	Photogenic beach, features a historic coal loading jetty
Caves Beach	✓	X	Picnic/bbq, playground, car park, toilets, showers	Sea caves, surfing, picnics, fishing	Great family beach, sea caves for kids to explore on a low tide
Dudley Beach	X	X	Picnic tables, car park	Surfing, picnics, fishing	Part of Glenrock State Conservation Area, bushland beach
Ghosties Beach	X	X	N/A	Surfing, fishing	Part of the Munmorah SCA, walk along Moonee Beach to access
Glenrock Lagoon	X	X	N/A	Surfing, fishing	Part of Glenrock SCA, beach features small lagoon
Little Beach	X	X	Picnic/bbq, toilets, car park	Fishing, snorkelling	Small beach positioned directly south of Swansea Channel
Moonee Beach	X	X	N/A	Surfing, fishing	Part of Munmorah SCA, short walk to access beach
Redhead Beach	✓	✓	Picnic/bbq, playground, car park, toilets, showers	Surfing, picnics, fishing, 4WDing	Located at the northern end of a 15km stretch, good family beach
Pinny Beach	X	X	N/A	Surfing, fishing	Part of Wallarah National Park, walk-in access only

hook up



With over 280 species of fish, 30 public boat ramps, 25 public jetties and 110 square kilometres of water, fishing on Lake Macquarie is a whole lot of fun.



A fishing sanctuary

A recreational fishing haven, the waterways of Lake Macquarie offer a spectacular aquatic environment for visiting anglers to enjoy. Expect to catch Flathead, Bream, Tailor and Whiting all year round, with other species including Jewfish, Snapper, Kingfish, Prawns and Blue Swimmer Crabs appearing seasonally.

Fishing with the family

The following spots are great for the whole family, with picnic facilities and toilets located close by:

Lucy's Wall – Swansea Heads, end of Lambton Parade

Pelican Foreshore – Pelican, off Lakeview Parade

Speers Point Jetty – Speers Point Park, off The Esplanade

Fishing licenses

Fishing licenses are required throughout NSW. Prices begin at \$6 for 3 days. Visit the NSW Department of Primary Industries website to buy online or phone 1300 369 365 to find an agent near you.

Fishing Guide

See our online Fishing Guide at www.visitlakemac.com.au for more fishing tips and locations.

B&L Deep Sea Fishing & Cruises



Operating 7 days a week from Swansea.

Our charters cater for large and small groups, single anglers and couples.

A: Swansea NSW 2281

M: 0427 713 323

E: enquiry@fishingcharter.net.au

W: www.fishingcharter.net.au

Lake Macquarie Fishing Charters



Morning and afternoon deep sea fishing trips.

Lake pick-ups and cruises. Unique fishing experience, groups up to 12. Breakfast and all equipment included. Gift vouchers available.

P: 02 4959 7578 **M:** 0419 264 798

E: info@lakemacquariefishingcharters.com.au

W: www.lakemacquariefishingcharters.com.au

Lake Macquarie Tours - Fishing & Hire



Get the best out of the lake aboard the

"Day Tripper." Fishing, cruising, swimming or snorkelling we can put a package together to suit. If you are after a tour of the area or beyond we also have a bus and driver available. We pick up and drop off to your door.

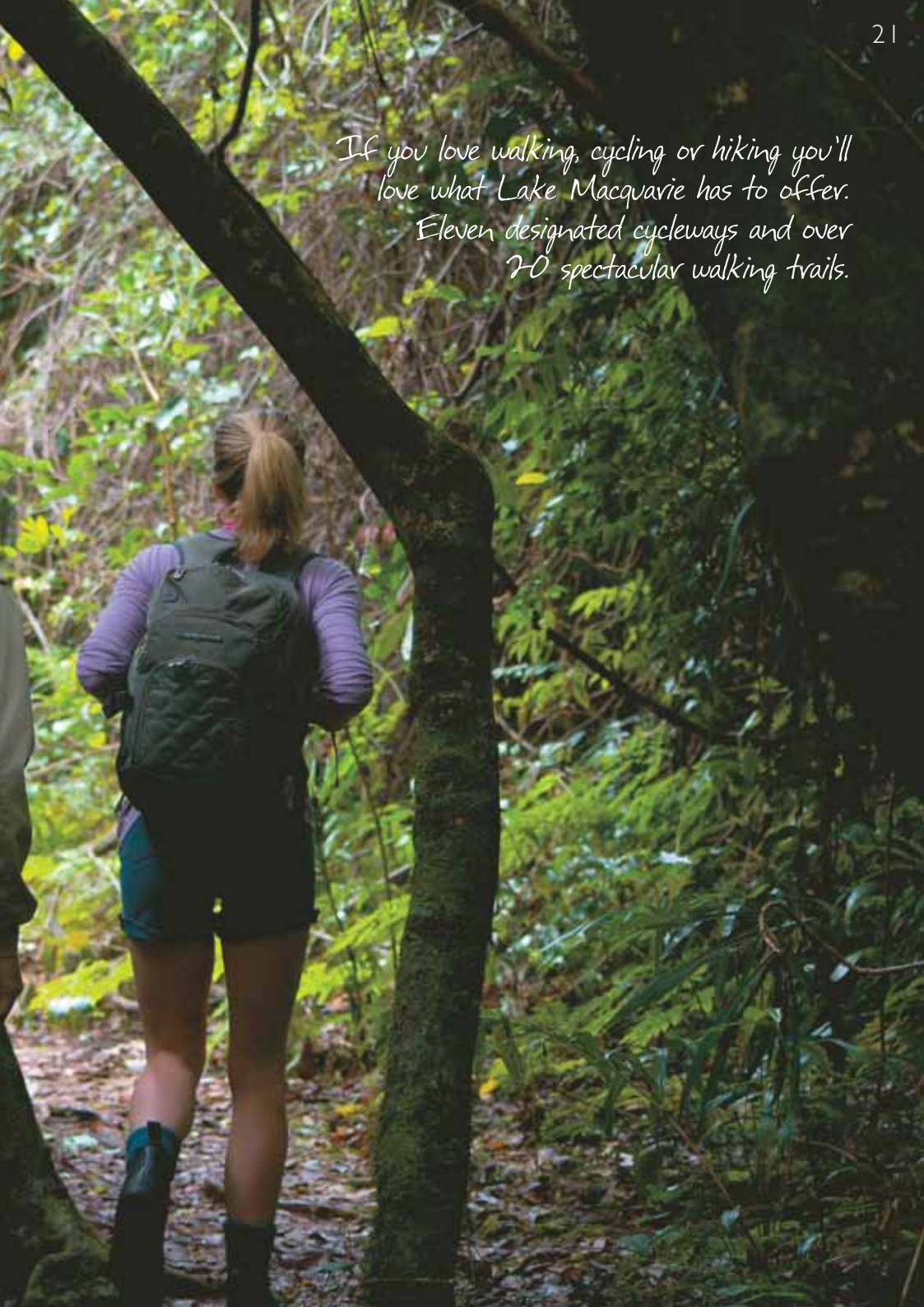
P: 0417 540 777



get on your bike
or take a hike



*If you love walking, cycling or hiking you'll
love what Lake Macquarie has to offer.
Eleven designated cycleways and over
20 spectacular walking trails.*



Walking trails & cycleways

What better way to explore Lake Macquarie than on one of our first-rate walking trails or cycle paths? Many feature scenic water views, showcasing the natural beauty of the Lake.

To obtain copies of 'Cyclepaths in Lake Macquarie' and the 'Walking Trails' guide, please contact the Lake Macquarie Visitor Information Centre on 1800 802 044 or visit the website www.visitlakemac.com.au.



WARNERS BAY FORESHORE SHARED PATHWAY

Covering 9km of Lake foreshore, the Warners Bay path is perfect for walking, cycling, rollerblading and more. It features a 400m elevated boardwalk built over the lake at Redbluff, Eleebana.

Location: Eleebana – the Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery, Booragul.

Grade level: Easy, flat

Facilities: The pathway travels past picnic areas, playgrounds, toilets, car parking and the cafes and shops of Warners Bay.

Access: The Esplanade, Warners Bay

THE FERNLEIGH TRACK

The Fernleigh Track is a restored heritage rail corridor stretching 16km from Adamstown to Belmont. Featuring railway relics along its length, the track is hugely popular with both cyclists and walkers.

Location: Eastern Lake Macquarie

Grade level: Easy, with slight inclines

Facilities: Street parking available at Belmont, Jewells, Redhead and Whitebridge

Access: Railway Parade, Belmont Wommara Ave, Jewells Oakdale Rd, Gateshead Cowlishaw St, Redhead Station Street, Whitebridge Dibbs Street, Adamstown



excellent choice

*Over 100 restaurants and cafes.
Enjoy a casual breakfast or
dine out on stunning lake views.*



Waterfront dining on Lake Macquarie

Dining & entertainment



Located in historic "Lake Homle", the former lakeside retreat of biscuit baron William Arnott. The Royal Motor Yacht Club offers a unique blend of historic ambience, modern facilities, contemporary cuisine and uninterrupted views of Lake Macquarie.

The Club regularly features some of the Hunters best live performers as well as being a family friendly venue where children are always welcome.



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Email info@rmyctoronto.com.au
Website www.rmyctoronto.com.au



Swansea RSL Club and Blue Water Function Centre

Three function rooms offering breathtaking waterfront views. Weddings, ceremonies, conferences, and all types of events.

Brasserie open 7 days. Full Club facilities in a relaxed atmosphere.

Bridge St, SWANSEA NSW 2281 Phone: **02 4971 1329** www.swansearslclub.com

Belmont 16ft Sailing Club



Offering visitors fine facilities to relax on the shores of Belmont Bay. Enjoy the lounges, bars and outdoor decks. With a range of entertainment options including TAB, bingo, raffles, trivia, bands plus dining facilities by the lake including Flavours Coffee Shop open daily.

A: The Parade, Belmont NSW 2280

P: 02 4945 0888 **F:** 02 49459736

E: info@16s.com.au **W:** www.16s.com.au

Belmont Golf Club



Ideally located on isthmus between the Pacific Ocean and Lake Macquarie, Belmont is an 18 hole, Par 72 Championship Links Course set amongst beautiful rolling fairways. Home of the Lake Macquarie Amateur Championship.

A: Pacific Hwy, Belmont NSW 2280

P: 02 4945 4348 **F:** 02 4947 7089

E: office@belmontgolf.com.au

W: www.belmontgolf.com.au

Cafe Macquarie



Fresh house made produce and speciality coffee served over breakfast and lunch 7 days a week 7.30am - 3.30pm.

A: 26A Macquarie St, Belmont

P: 02 4947 0658

E: info@cafemacquarie.com

W: www.cafemacquarie.com

Cardiff Panthers



Cardiff Panthers features two restaurants, child minding every Fri, Sat and Sun. Day spa, hairdressers, kids holiday activities, concerts every month, www.facebook.com/cardiffpanthers

A: Cnr Munibung and Pendlebury Rds, Cardiff NSW 2285 **P:** 02 4979 1900

E: Cardiff.feedback@panthers.com.au

W: <http://cardiff.panthers.com.au>

Mai Thai Restaurant



Enjoy a variety of traditional Thai cuisine by authentic Thai chefs. Mai Thai offers an extensive menu with mild to extra spice dishes available depending on your taste. Eat in or takeaway.

Free home delivery (min order \$30).

Lunch specials from \$7.50. Open 7 days, Lunch 10am - 3pm and Dinner 5pm - 10pm.

A: Swansea Arcade Shop 20, 172-176 Pacific Hwy, Swansea

P: 02 4971 2777

Milano's



Lake Macquarie's premier waterfront restaurant. Extensive international menu including fresh seafood. Boat access with deep water mooring. Stunning views and friendly professional service. In summer, open Wed - Sun lunch and dinner, in winter open Wed - Sat lunch and dinner, Sunday lunch only.

A: Pelican Marina, 89 Soldiers Rd, Pelican NSW 2281

P: 02 4972 0550

F: 02 4971 5098

E: milanos@bigpond.net.au

W: www.milanosonthelake.com.au

Royal Motor Yacht Club



Open for lunch and dinner seven days, the Royal Motor Yacht Club mixes old world charm, great food and spectacular views.

A: Arnott Ave, Toronto NSW 2283

P: 02 4959 2051

F: 02 4959 9552

E: info@rmyctoronto.com.au

W: www.rymctoronto.com.au

Salina Restaurant



Fantastic food and great service. Modern Italian with a large alfresco dining area. Gourmet pizzas, pasta, entrees, mains and house made desserts. Fully licenced. BYO wine only.

A: 626 Pacific Hwy, Belmont NSW 2280

P: 02 4945 3005

F: 02 4945 5543

W: www.salina.com.au

Swansea RSL



Modern club facilities in a relaxed atmosphere with full water views. Chalmers St Brasserie open 7 days. Blue Water Function Centre for all occasions and events.

A: Bridge St, Swansea NSW 2281

P: 02 4971 1329

F: 02 4971 2613

E: club@swansearslclub.com

W: www.swansearslclub.com

Valentine Bowling Club



Lake Macquarie's best kept secret. Featuring our 150 seat function room for weddings and corporate bookings plus "Jessie Bistro" open 7 days.

A: Valentine Cres, Valentine NSW 2280

P: 02 4946 7439 **M:** 0412 065 575

E: michaelmunnn@bigpond.com

W: www.valentinebc.com.au

Vita Pizza-Bar-Restaurant



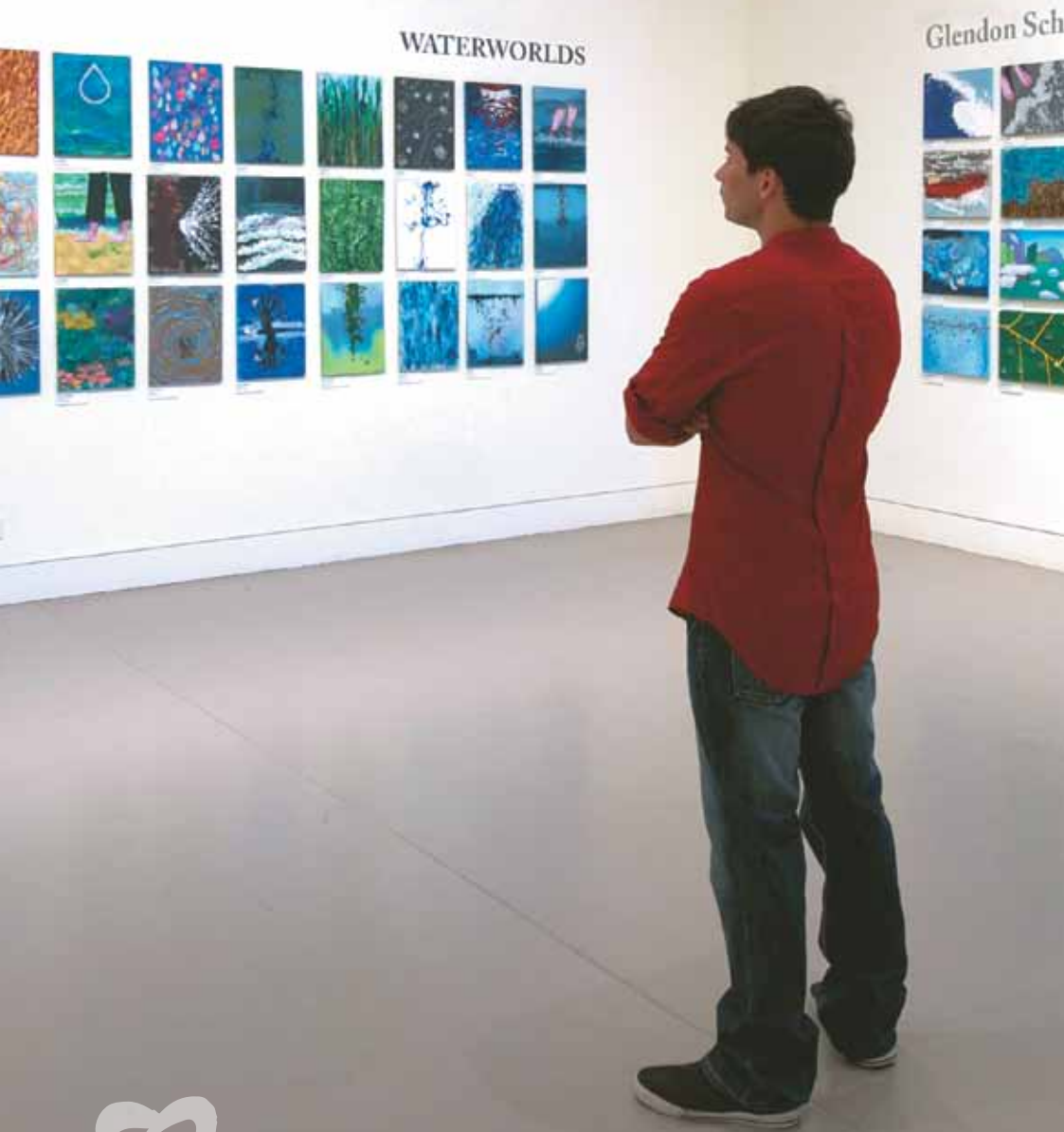
Quality Italian dining overlooking Lake Macquarie. Traditional stonebaked pizza, housemade pasta, fresh seafood and regional dishes. Outdoor deck, fully licenced. Beer on tap, quality wines. Dinner Tues - Sat from 6pm. Tuesday \$20 steak or barramundi night and \$15 pastas.

Opposite public jetty.

A: Shop 1, 226 Watkins Rd,

Wangi Wangi NSW 2267 **P:** 02 4975 4588







lots to enjoy

Many artistic creations have been inspired by the unique lifestyle and diverse communities of Lake Macquarie.

Arts & culture

Lake Macquarie boasts a fine selection of cultural attractions. Visit the area's flagship art gallery, set on four leafy hectares overlooking the lake, and find out why it is widely recognised as one of Australia's finest regional galleries. Travel west towards Cooranbong and Mandalong and discover the galleries, studios and historical attractions tucked away in this quiet mountainous region.



Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery

Dobell House



Visit the home and studio of famous artist Sir William Dobell on beautiful Lake Macquarie - original furniture, personal memorabilia, family mementos and extensive exhibition illustrating his life and work. Open weekends, public holidays 1pm - 4pm.

A: 47 Dobell Dr, Wangi Wangi NSW 2267

P: 02 4975 4115 **E:** admin@dobellhouse.org.au

W: www.dobellhouse.org.au

FIG DESIGN GALLERY



Local artist's works featuring unique jewellery, gifts and artworks capturing the yachting and boating life and scenery of the area.

Open Thurs-Sat 9-3pm or by appointment.

Most Sundays "Artists in Action" exhibitions.

A: 236 Watkins Rd, Wangi Wangi NSW 2267

P: 0409 153 115

E: figdesigngallery@gmail.com

W: www.figjewellery.com.au

Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery



A beautifully located award-winning regional gallery and sculpture park featuring contemporary art exhibitions, national touring projects, respectful Aboriginal programs and great art classes and shop.

A: First St, Booragul NSW 2284

P: 02 4965 8260

F: 02 4965 8733

E: artgallery@lakemac.nsw.gov.au

W: www.artgallery.lakemac.com.au

Fatu Feu'u Tanifa O Tagaloo

Mandalong Gallery



Authentic Aboriginal art, Aboriginal craft and glassware. Didgeridoos - carvings etc. Quality investment art available.

A: 29 Little Valley Rd, Mandalong NSW 2264

P: 02 4977 2316

F: 02 4977 3788

M: 0417 265 907

E: mandalonggallery@dodo.com.au

W: www.mandalonggallery.com.au

Sunnyside Historic Home and South Sea Island Museum



Open Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday 2pm - 4pm. Monday and Tuesday open by prior arrangement 2pm - 4pm. Historic home built in 1895 and Island Museum with artifacts and handicrafts from the South Pacific Islands.

A: 27 Avondale Rd, Cooranbong NSW 2265

P: 02 4980 2139 or 4977 2501

F: 02 4980 2137

The Artistic Soul Art Studio



Artworks, digital canvases, photographs, cards of the local area and prints for sale, by artist Deanne Newland. Art Classes and workshops for all ages. The gallery is open by appointment and is located near Frenchman's Beach Swansea.

A: 1 Parbury Pl, Swansea NSW 2281

P: 0419 441 200

E: artisticsoul.newland81@gmail.com

W: www.deannenewland.com

Yara Balba Art Studio



Unique farm studio for creative arts workshops and specialist classes. Catering for individuals and groups of up to 25 children, youth, adults and people living with disabilities. The fully equipped studio is set on a 56 acre hobby farm just 5 minutes from Morisset and the F3 Freeway Interchange.

A: 102 Midway Rd, Mandalong NSW 2264

P: 02 4973 3042 **M:** 0412 324 228

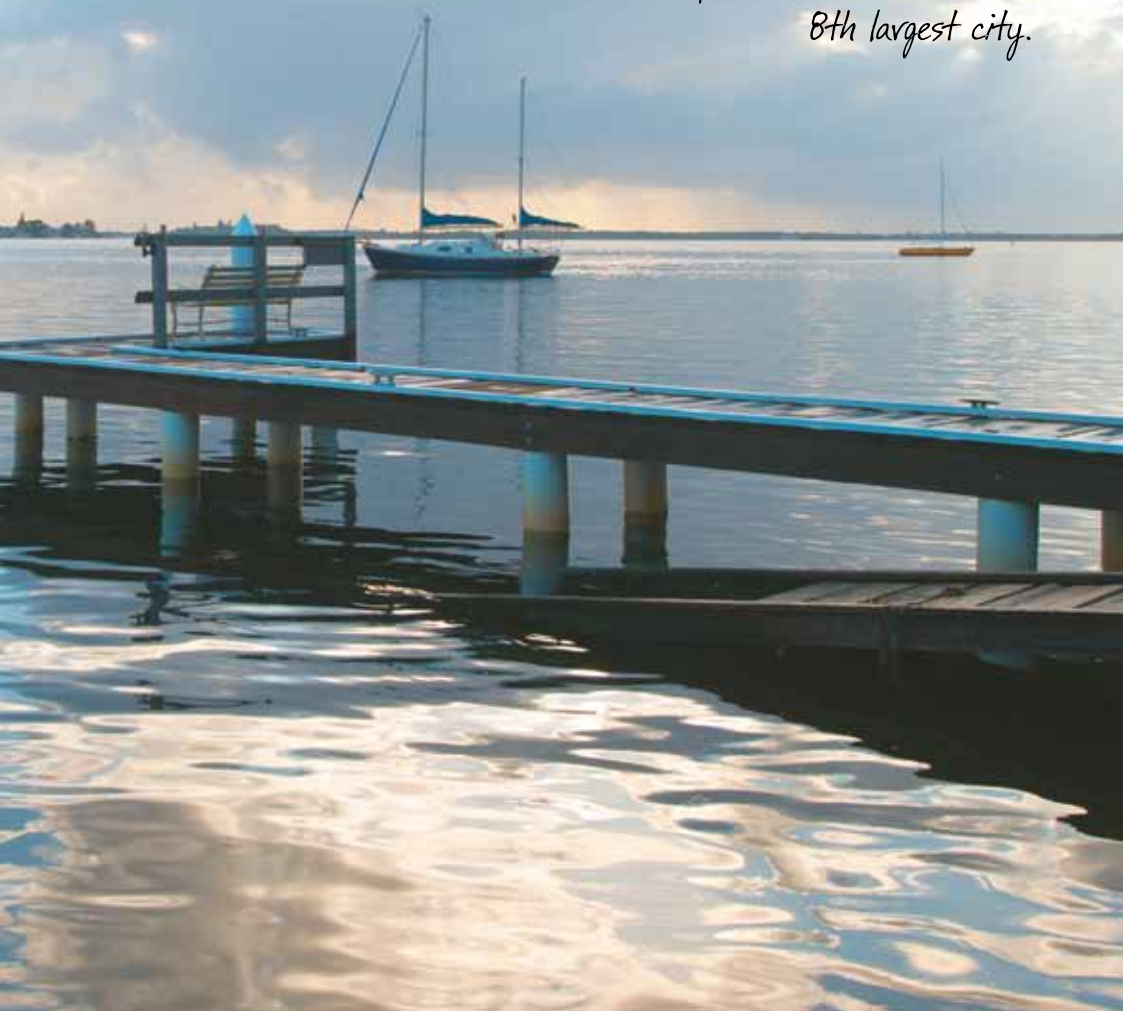
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surrounded by
over 90 villages
and town centres



*You'll fall in love with the
beautiful locations, and the
unique charm of Australia's
8th largest city.*



Towns & villages

The City of Lake Macquarie is as diverse and unique as the natural landscape it's set amongst. Without a traditional city centre, Lake Macquarie comprises of over 90 town centres and smaller communities dotted across the area's beach, lake and mountain landscape.



Belmont

Located on the eastern shores of Lake Macquarie close to beaches and bushland, Belmont features a wide variety of dining, entertainment and accommodation options.

Don't Miss

- Try your hand at sailing, windsurfing, kiteboarding and more
- A round of golf next to the ocean
- A meal or drink at one of the fabulous waterfront establishments
- Walk or cycle the Fernleigh Track, one of the area's most popular shared pathways



Booragul

Booragul, located 10 minutes north of Toronto, is home to The Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery. It hosts many exciting and dynamic exhibitions and is the ideal place to buy locally produced handicrafts and artwork. The nearby Marmong Point Marina will delight visiting boaties, providing moorings and berths for yachts and cruisers in addition to a waterfront cafe.

Don't Miss

- Stroll the leafy grounds of the Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery
- Admire the boats at Marmong Point Marina





Charlestown

Charlestown is the bustling retail centre of Lake Macquarie. Its star attraction is Charlestown Square, the largest shopping centre in the Hunter region. Shop, dine and play to your heart's content, with over 270 specialty stores, eateries, a cinema and a bowling, karaoke and laser tag complex.

Don't Miss

- Shop until you drop at Charlestown Square
- Explore the beaches and bushwalks of the Glenrock State Conservation Area and Awabakal Nature Reserve



Northlakes

Cardiff and Glendale are popular retail precincts located in the north of Lake Macquarie. Glendale is home to a large Stockland shopping centre featuring a range of stores, eateries and a popular cinema.

Don't Miss

- Stockland Glendale, for all your shopping, dining and entertainment needs
- A day trip to the Hunter Valley, only 45 minutes from Lake Macquarie
- Visit the Hunter Sports Centre, a \$10 million dollar national sporting complex



Rathmines & Wangi Wangi

The lakeside hamlets of Rathmines and Wangi Wangi offer cultural and historical attractions set in an ideal waterfront location. At Wangi Wangi, visitors can explore Dobell House, the former home and studio of renowned Australian artist Sir William Dobell.

Don't Miss

- See photos and original Dobell artworks at Dobell House
- Take a tour of Rathmines Park and learn about the area's wartime importance
- Walk or cycle through Wangi Point Flora and Fauna Reserve



Southlake

Morriset is the gateway to the Southlake district, a quiet, natural area of Lake Macquarie. Discover the galleries, shops and historical attractions of nearby townships.

Don't Miss

- Bushwalk, picnic and camp in the Watagan Mountains National Park
- Immerse yourself in history and culture at Mandalong Gallery, Yara Balba Art Studio and the Sunnyside Historic Home and South Sea Island Museum
- Get active! Try horse riding in the rainforest or kayaking on Dora Creek



Swansea & Caves Beach

Surrounded by water, Swansea is the perfect destination for a classic seaside holiday. Swim, build a sandcastle, play a game of beach cricket or indulge in some fish and chips by the water. Kids will love exploring the sea caves at Caves Beach. Swansea Channel is a renowned fishing spot, ever popular with local and visiting anglers.

Don't Miss

- Explore the sea caves at Caves Beach
- Spend some time on the area's uncrowded beaches
- Wallarah National Park and the stunning Coastal Walk
- Try your luck fishing in the Channel



Toronto

Lakeside relaxation and waterfront dining are a few of the pleasures you can expect to enjoy when visiting in Toronto. The largest town on the Western side of the Lake, Toronto features a vibrant sailing scene, the yacht club and marina are both attractions.

Don't Miss

- A meal at a waterfront cafe or restaurant
- Strolling along the picturesque Toronto Foreshore
- Hop onboard a Lake cruise at the jetty



The Wallarah Peninsula

Charming sleepy townships shape the laidback coastal atmosphere of the Wallarah Peninsula, making it the perfect place for a relaxing beach holiday. Catherine Hill Bay is a historic mining village complete with tiny miner's cottages.

Don't Miss

- Step back in time at Catherine Hill Bay and see the photogenic coal-loading jetty still standing on the beach
- Soak up the natural ambience of Murrays Beach at the local cafe
- Bushwalk through coastal rainforest or visit a hidden beach in the Munmorah State Conservation Area



Warners Bay

With its main street running along the lake, cosmopolitan Warners Bay is home to a large variety of cafes, restaurants and boutique shops. The town offers experiences for the whole family. A highlight is the Warners Bay Foreshore Shared Pathway, perfect for walking, cycling, rollerblading and more.

Don't Miss

- Kids will love the Lake Macquarie Variety Playground, located at nearby Speers Point Park
- Walk or cycle the overwater boardwalk at Redbluff
- Browse the boutique shops
- Drop in for lunch at one of the local cafes or restaurants



lots of different things to do

*There's never a dull moment in Lake Macquarie,
with plenty of attractions and activities
to keep you entertained.*



Golfing, Belmont

More to love

Treat yourself to some retail therapy. Explore a large shopping precinct or discover the fantastic boutiques scattered around Lake Macquarie. To truly relax the body and mind, there is nothing better than indulging in a therapeutic massage or specialty treatment whilst on holiday.

For a fun and memorable family day out, head to one of the great attractions located within easy reach of the Lake. And if the weather's not cooperative, there's always indoor fun to be had. You can go bowling, ice skating, watch a new release on the big screen, or visit an indoor play centre.

AAA Horse Riding & More



Explore lush rain forests in the foothills of the Watagan Mountains. One hour to full day treks, beginners to advanced.

A: 252 Mt Nellinda Rd, Cooranbong NSW 2265

P: 02 4977 2245

M: 0410 409 776

E: info@aaahorseriding.com.au

W: www.aaahorseriding.com.au

Belmont Golf Club



Ideally located on isthmus between the Pacific Ocean and Lake Macquarie, Belmont is an 18 hole, Par 72 Championship Links Course set amongst beautiful rolling fairways. Home of the Lake Macquarie Amateur Championship.

A: Pacific Hwy, Belmont NSW 2280

P: 02 4945 4348 **F:** 02 4947 7089

E: office@belmontgolf.com.au

W: www.belmontgolf.com.au

Charlestown Square



Charlestown Square is the Hunter Valley's largest shopping centre. With over 270 stores, it is a unique and exciting fashion, entertainment, dining and fresh food experience.

A: 30 Pearson St, Charlestown NSW 2290

P: 02 4944 4333

F: 02 4943 6330

E: info.charlestownsquare@gpt.com.au

W: www.charlestownsquare.com.au

Hunter Region Botanic Gardens Ltd



Enjoy tranquil landscaped gardens displaying the beauty and diversity of Australian native flora and exotics in a bush setting. Easy walks, cafe, gift shop, tours, bbq. Open 7 days 9am - 4pm. Parking fees apply.

A: 2100 Pacific Hwy, Heatherbrae NSW 2324

P: 02 4987 1655 **F:** 02 4987 1440

E: admin@huntergardens.org.au

W: www.huntergardens.org.au

Hunter Valley Gardens



60 acres of stunning international display gardens, with something for everyone. See the children's Storybook Garden, the Italian, Indian, Japanese, Chinese, Formal and Border gardens. A world of colour and inspiration.

A: 2090 Broke Rd, Pokolbin NSW 2320

P: 02 4998 4000 **F:** 02 4998 4001

E: welcome@hvg.com.au

W: www.hvg.com.au

Hunter Wetlands Centre Australia



Hunter Wetlands Centre is a haven for people and wildlife. Over 250 wildlife species on a 45ha site. Canoeing, walking trails, discovery zone and playground. Picnics, bbq's, regular events.

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A: 412 Sandgate Rd, Shortland NSW 2307

P: 02 4951 6466 **F:** 02 4950 1875

E: hwca@wetlands.org.au

W: www.wetlands.org.au

Lake Cinema Boolaroo



Check our website for up-to date session times and screenings. Single feature sessions everyone \$7.

A: 62 Main Road Boolaroo NSW 2295

P: 02 4958 5810

F: 02 4920 1629

E: boblakec@hotmail.com

W: www.lakecinema.net.au

Morisset Mega Market



Discover the treasures every weekend from plants, CD's, fashion, craft, sports and lots more. Fresh produce and an international food court. Open 8.30am - 4.30pm.

A: 49 Advantage Ave, Morisset NSW 2264

P: 02 4970 5666

F: 02 4970 5679

E: info@megamarkets.com.au

W: www.megamarkets.com.au



Serenity Lodge Day Spa



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A: 4 Pantawara St, Balcolyn Morisset Peninsula NSW 2264

P: 02 4970 4333

E: relax@serenitylodgedayspa.com.au

W: www.serenitylodgedayspa.com.au

Tin Lids Play Centre



Providing the latest in age-appropriate indoor recreation for children. Our huge 3 level interactive play structure includes slides, tunnels and climbing obstacles. We also have a soft play area for the tiny tots, party rooms and a cosy cafeteria within our air-conditioned premises.

A: Unit 5, 50 Alliance Ave, Morisset NSW 2264

P: 02 4973 2993

W: www.tinlidsplaycentre.com.au

The Elephant Shop



Immerse yourself...amongst crystals, semiprecious stones, gifts and homewares from around the world.

A: 567 Freemans Dr, Cooranbong NSW 2265

P: 02 4977 1030

F: 02 4977 2478

W: www.elephantshop.com.au

www.himalayansaltlamps.com.au

www.siplip.com.au

TreeTop Adventure Park



A unique experience high in the tree tops, where participants of all ages slide down flying foxes, move from tree to tree on suspension bridges and enjoy many exciting challenges up to 20 metres above the forest floor!

Bookings essential.

A: Blue Gum Hills Regional Park, Minmi Rd Minmi NSW 2287

P: 02 4026 7617

E: newcastle@ttap.com.au

W: www.treetopadventurepark.com.au



events in Lake Macquarie



Events in Lake Macquarie

For further information and the latest update on what is happening around Lake Macquarie see www.visitlakemac.com.au.

JANUARY

- Music in the Podium – Warners Bay
- Catho Classic – Catherine Hill Bay
- Lake Macquarie Festival – Speers Point
- Belmont International Amateur Golf Championships – Belmont
- Jazz under the Pines – Caves Beach
- Morisset Annual Agricultural Show – Morisset

FEBRUARY

- Music in the Podium – Warners Bay
- Big Fish Bonanza – Swansea

MARCH

- Music in the Podium – Warners Bay
- Across the Lake Swim – Coal Point to Belmont
- Paddlefest – Speers Point
- Loop the Lake (a charity bicycle challenge) – Warners Bay

APRIL

- Lake Macquarie Classic Boatfest – Toronto

MAY

- Dobell Festival of Arts and Crafts – Rathmines

JULY

- Lake Macquarie Games

AUGUST

- Lake Macquarie Running Festival – Warners Bay
- Lake Macquarie Games

SEPTEMBER

- Lake Macquarie Games
- Street Beat Street Fair – Morisset

OCTOBER

- Lake Macquarie Games
- Catalina Festival – Rathmines
- Heaven Can Wait 24 Hour Charity Yacht Race – Toronto

NOVEMBER

- Music in the Podium – Warners Bay
- Lake Macquarie Games

DECEMBER

- Music in the Podium – Warners Bay
- Carols by Candlelight – Speers Point, Swansea, Toronto, Morisset
- New Year's Eve fireworks – Caves Beach and Wangi Wangi
- Lake Macquarie Games

shop until you drop

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Jetty in Lake Macquarie

Markets

MORISSET MEGA MARKETS

49 Advantage Ave, Morisset
Sat, Sun, Public Holidays on Mon
from 8.30am - 4.30pm

Contact: (02) 4973 2670

MORISSET MARKETS AND AUCTIONS

Morisset Showground,
Ourimbah St, Morisset
1st Sat of every month
from 9.30am

Contact: Greg Penfold, (02) 4973 2670

SWANSEA MARKETS QUINN PARK, SWANSEA

Quinn Park, Channel Street, Swansea
4th Sat of every month
8.30am - 1pm

Contact: Val McCarter, (02) 4972 1705

SWANSEA MARKET ON (BOWMAN STREET)

Bowman Street (Pacific Highway), Swansea
5th Sat every month,
from 7.30am

Contact: Margaret Byrne,
(02) 4972 5706 or 0400 310 776

TORONTO LIONS CLUB MARKETS

Lions Park, Anzac Parade, Toronto
3rd Sun of every month
7.30am - 12.30pm

Contact: Colin Smith, 0405 513 574

WARNERS BAY LIONS CLUB MONTHLY MARKETS

John Street Car Park, Warners Bay
2nd Sun of every month
8am - 1pm

Contact: Deirdre Schaefer, 0409 488 015



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P: 02 4959 8811 **E:** stay@bellchapel.com.au

W: www.bellchapel.com.au **Accessible:** yes



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A: 264 Dora St, Dora Creek NSW 2264

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E: info@betweenwaters.com.au **W:** www.betweenwaters.com.au





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A: 162 Coal Point Rd, Coal Point NSW 2283
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E: fambow@tpg.com.au **W:** www.gablesbythelake.com



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Watagan rural hinterland, private suites with spa bathroom, wood fire, king bedrooms and lounge kitchenette. Abundant native birds and wildlife, celebration style candlelit dinners and massage available. Tariff: from \$160 per night

A: 410 Sauls Rd, Mandalong NSW 2264
P: 02 4977 2525 **F:** 02 4977 2589 **M:** 0417 672 449
E: kemeys@jdl.net.au **W:** www.kemeys.com.au



Lake Macquarie B&B

The perfect retreat for a Lake Macquarie experience. Modern purpose built facilities providing all your needs. Minutes to the lake, beaches, fishing, dining, shopping, golf, bush walks and much more.

A: 29 Kennedy St, Swansea NSW 2281
P: 02 4971 6865 **F:** 02 4971 6865 **M:** 0417 840 177
E: lakemacquariebb@bigpond.com

Bed and breakfast



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A: "Sunrise" 59 Gills Lane, Brunkerville NSW 2323

P: 02 4938 0015 **M:** 0421 040 013

E: carol@sunrisebnb.com.au

W: www.sunrisebnb.com.au



Travellers Home B&B ★★★★★

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A: 51 Maud St, Cardiff South NSW 2285

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E: travellers@optusnet.com.au

W: www.travellers.net.au



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A: 263 Watkins Rd, Wangi Wangi NSW 2267

P: 02 4975 3637 **M:** 0488 733 704

E: wangisails@gmail.com **W:** www.wangisails.com.au



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Two bedroom waterfront reserve cottage from \$110 per night and from \$616 per week. Weekend (min 2 nights) from \$240. Close to shops (Toronto and Warners Bay), excellent golf courses, Hunter Valley vineyards, Newcastle and beaches. Fully fenced yard. Sleeps 5.

A: 131 Bay Rd, Bolton Point NSW 2283

M: 0422 967 407 **E:** thebaycottage@gmail.com

Pets & Linen: by arrangement



Blacksmiths Beach House ★★ ★

Relaxing 24 bed self catering beach house sleeps 29 in 6 Rooms. Book a bed, room or whole beach house. Close to beach, lake, shops and clubs. Internet, foxtel, wide screen TV and linen provided from \$35 per night. **A:** 6 Mitti St, Blacksmiths NSW 2281

P: 02 4971 6901 **M:** 0432 607 653

E: info@blacksmithsbeachhouse.com.au

W: www.blacksmithsbeachhouse.com.au **Accessible:** Yes



Bluebell Retreat House ★★ ★★ ★

Bluebell Retreat house is a purpose built contemporary holiday retreat designed by eminent Australia architect, Gabriel Poole. Expansive bushland and spectacular water views right on the shores of Lake Macquarie. Accommodates 1 to 3 couples or a family of 6. Fully equipped. Min stay 2 nights.

A: 10 Saltwater Row, Murrays Beach NSW 2281 **W:** www.bluebellretreat.com.au



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A: 1 Laycock St, Carey Bay NSW 2283

P: 02 4959 4991 **F:** 02 4959 8710 **M:** 0412 159 701

E: captainscottage@bigpond.com

W: www.captainscottage.com.au

Self contained



Cottage 73 at Paradise Palms

Rates from \$125 per night, discounts available for long stays. Fully equipped kitchen, linen supplied, air-conditioned. Queen bed and trilogy bunk bed. Full use of park facilities.

A: Unit 73, Paradise Palms Caravan Park Ambrose St, Carey Bay NSW 2283 **P:** 02 4968 3016

M: 0412 145 211

E: walkeronting@bigpond.com



Cottage Holidays

Cottage Holidays offers self contained accommodation in a 3 bedroom cottage with older style cottage comforts in a superb location.

A: 131 Marine Pde, Nords Wharf NSW 2281

P: 02 4972 5104 **M:** 0437 400 315

E: info@cottageholidays.com.au **W:** www.cottageholidays.com.au

Pets: yes



Escape @ Valentine

Holiday house with 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms which can accommodate 6 adults or 7 persons with an infant in a cot. Beautiful location and an exquisite residence.

A: 107a Andrew Rd, Valentine NSW 2280

M: 0419 707 675

E: info@thelakelimo.com.au

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Fins Beach House

The ideal waterfront holiday house at one of the East Coast's best kept secrets, Swansea Heads. With comfortable open plan living areas over two levels and large outdoor areas all featuring stunning views and accommodating up to 9, you will not want to leave.

A: 30 Lambton Pde, Swansea Heads NSW 2281

M: 0400 233 873 **E:** davidjofin@hotmail.com

W: www.finsbeachhouse.com



Iona Cottage

Absolute waterfront self contained cottage on beautiful Lake Macquarie. Two queensize bedrooms, spa bath and air conditioning make it the perfect relaxing getaway for one or two couples.

A: 135 Marks Point Rd, Marks Point NSW 2280

P: 02 4947 7976 **M:** 0414 704 734

E: bruceandlexy@aapt.net.au



Hideaway for Couples

A dreamy romantic escape, just metres from the lake's edge. Experience glorious sunsets and enjoy the magnificent 180 degree water views. Somewhere beautiful to relax and unwind, in a luxurious private, modern, cosy cottage with tranquil surrounds.

A: 86 Marine Pde, Nords Wharf NSW 2281

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Self contained



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A: 94 Marine Pde, Nords Wharf NSW 2281

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P: 02 4971 1648 **E:** sarah@swansearealestate.com.au

W: www.swansearealestate.com.au



Salt Bay Retreat

Two bedroom self contained waterfront apartment. Perfect for a romantic weekend for two or a fun filled holiday for the family. Rates from \$130 per night for 2 people.

A: 32A Lambton Pde, Swansea Heads NSW 2281

P: 02 4972 0734 **M:** 0411 057 341 or 0412 387 193

E: deefonti@optusnet.com.au

Pets: yes



Selby Cottage

Perched on the water's edge and surrounded by a cottage garden this historic cottage promises peace and privacy. From the claw footed bath to cosy wood fire it's the perfect romantic getaway.

A: 151 Marks Point Rd, Marks Point NSW 2280

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E: selbyAI@bigpond.net.au

W: www.selbycottage.com.au



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A: 66 Lakeside Dr, Swansea NSW 2281

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Pets: yes



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A: Sunshine, Lake Macquarie NSW 2264

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E: sunshinecottage1@gmail.com



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W: www.thebrighton.com.au



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A: 66 Gamban Rd, Gwandalan NSW 2259

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E: bookings@theholidayhouse.biz

W: www.theholidayhouse.biz



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W: www.lakesideguesthouse.com.au **Accessible:** yes



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A: 74 Flowers Dr, Catherine Hill Bay NSW 2281

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A: 330 Fishery Point Rd, Bonnells Bay NSW 2264

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E: info@bayhotelmotel.com **W:** www.bayhotelmotel.com

Accessible: yes



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A: 7 Mawson Cl, Caves Beach NSW 2281

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Lakeview Motor Inn ★★★★★

Lakeview Motor Inn features comfortable, well appointed rooms to suit all tastes and budgets, and disabled rooms available. Situated metres from the lakes edge we are close to clubs, golf courses, shops, restaurants and hospitals. We welcome corporate travellers, couples and groups.

A: 749 Pacific Hwy, Belmont South NSW 2280 **P:** 02 4945 2847

F: 02 4945 2039 **E:** lakeview.motorinn@bigpond.com.au

W: www.lakeview-motorinn.com.au



Charlestown Executive Apartments

Serviced accommodation, 21 furnished units – Studio, 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms with fully equipped kitchens, air conditioning and secure under cover parking. Quiet central location, short walk to Charlestown Square shopping complex with restaurants and theatres. 10 minutes to beaches, Lake Macquarie and Newcastle CBD. **A:** 45-47 Dickson St, Charlestown NSW 2290 **P:** 02 4941 6688 **E:** graham@charlestownapartments.com.au

F: 02 4942 3433 **W:** www.charlestownapartments.com.au



Lake Macquarie Resort Accommodation ★★★★★

Exclusive, privately owned, self contained homes, cottages, townhouses, villas and terraces at Raffertys Resort on the shores of Lake Macquarie. From \$172 per night (seasonal).

A: PO Box 437, Belmont NSW 2280

P: 02 4945 4224 **TF:** 1800 250 851

E: mark@lakeshores.com

W: www.lakemacresorts.com.au



Mercure Lake Macquarie Raffertys Resort ★★★★★

Situated on 35 acres Raffertys Resort is the complete holiday destination, incorporating deluxe self contained accommodation, 3 food and beverage outlets, 4 swimming pools, tennis courts as well as an array of other recreational activities. Raffertys really does give you more weekend!

A: 1 Wild Duck Dr, Via Raffertys Rd, Cams Wharf NSW 2281

P: 02 4972 5555 **F:** 02 4972 5253 **E:** reservations@raffertysresort.com.au

W: www.raffertysresort.com.au



Quality Hotel Apollo International ★★★★★

Set against a backdrop of native bush reserve and providing easy access to city and local beaches. Hotel features recently refurbished rooms all with balconies, 24hr reception, room service, pool, Babbingtons Bar & Grill and complimentary wireless internet and parking.

A: 290 Pacific Hwy, Charlestown NSW 2290 **P:** 02 4943 6733

F: 02 4942 1149 **E:** desk@apollointernational.com.au

W: www.apollointernational.com.au

Hotels, motels & resorts



Macquarie Inn ★★★★★

Located 5 minutes from the lake and 2 major shopping centres we offer 36 beautifully appointed rooms in 4 star accommodation. All rooms have balconies plus king beds. We are connected to Club Macquarie by a secured covered walkway for all your function conferencing and catering requirements. Includes ample off street parking. **A:** 458 Lake Rd, Argenton NSW 2284 **P:** 02 4958 8499 **F:** 4958 7066 **E:** MacquarieInn@clubmacquarie.com.au **W:** www.clubmacquarie.com.au



Squids Ink on the Lake ★★★

Squid's Ink caters for accommodation, conferences, weddings and features our award-winning restaurant with spectacular views over Lake Macquarie. Situated 90 minutes north of Sydney.

A: 690 Pacific Hwy, Belmont NSW 2280

P: 02 4947 7223 **F:** 02 4947 7276

E: info@squidsink.com.au

W: www.squidsink.com.au



Warners at the Bay ★★★★★

Just a few minutes drive from the lake, our property offers 50 modern rooms including queen, king deluxe and spa suites.

Onsite bistro, bottle shop and complementary off street parking.

A: 320 Hillsborough Rd, Warners Bay NSW 2282

P: 02 4956 6477 **F:** 02 4956 6744

E: reservations@warnersatthebay.com.au

W: www.warnersatthebay.com.au **Accessible:** yes



Watagan Lodge

In the foothills of the Watagan Mountains, Watagan Lodge is the perfect blend of forest tranquility and designer excellence. Retreat to a stunning setting with beautiful gardens and wonderfully appointed poolside loft apartments; with famous Martin's Restaurant alongside.

A: 79 Kings Rd, Martinsville NSW 2265 **P:** 02 4977 3400

M: 0448 773 110 **E:** info@wataganlodge.com.au

W: www.wataganlodge.com.au

Holiday parks



Belmont Bayview Park ★★★★★

Spa cabins \$100-\$180/night 2 pers. \$560-\$1260 per week.
Family cabins \$100-\$180/night 2 pers. \$560-\$1260 per week.
Cabins \$90-\$130/night 2 pers. \$390-\$910 per week.
Sites \$25-\$35 per night. \$175-\$245 per week.

A: 1 Gerald St, Belmont NSW 2280

P: 02 4945 3653 **F:** 02 4947 0177 **TF:** 1800 680 102

E: belmontbay@google.com **W:** www.belbay.com **Accessible:** yes



Belmont Pines Lakeside Holiday Park ★★★★★

Situated on the shores of beautiful Lake Macquarie. Experience breathtaking views and a relaxing island-like atmosphere. An ideal holiday location for lake activities. Facilities onsite include swimming pool, bbq's and laundry. **A:** 24 Paley Cres, Belmont South NSW 2280

P: 02 4945 4750 **F:** 02 4945 8197 **M:** 0437 149 710

TF: 1800 626 438 **E:** belmont@lakemacholidayparks.com.au

W: www.lakemacholidayparks.com.au **Accessible:** yes



Holiday parks



BIG4 Lake Macquarie Monterey Tourist Park ★★★★★

Fabulous Lake Macquarie waterfront location with a range of accommodation and camping options. Pedal bike hire available or BYO boat and fishing gear. Only an hour north of Hornsby.

A: Lot 28 Monterey Ave, Mannering Park NSW 2259 **P:** 02 4359 1033
F: 02 4359 2642 **M:** 0407 269 667 **E:** fun@big4lakemacquarie.com.au
W: www.big4lakemacquarie.com.au



Blacksmiths Beachside Holiday Park ★★★★★

A family friendly park only 100 metres from the beach, with cabins, tent and van sites, ensuite sites, resort style pool, camp kitchen, playground, tennis courts, bbq's, laundry and more.

A: 20 Gommer St, Blacksmiths NSW 2281 **P:** 02 4971 2858
F: 02 4971 5192 **M:** 0419 680 009 **TF:** 1800 626 438
E: blacksmiths@lakemacholidayparks.com.au
W: www.lakemacholidayparks.com.au **Accessible:** yes



Paradise Palms Holiday Park ★★★

Absolute waterfront, lakeside pool, boat ramp, jetty, bbq's, mini-mart and 2 minutes to Toronto town centre. Waterfront cabins from \$130 and sites from \$25. Backpacker accommodation. All this and more only 1 1/2 hours from Hornsby.

A: 42 Ambrose St, Toronto NSW 2283
P: 02 4959 1271 **F:** 02 4959 8988 **E:** paradisepalms@aanet.com.au
Pets: yes **Accessible:** yes



Redhead Beach Holiday Park ★★★★★

Located on beautiful Nine Mile Beach and close to relaxing Lake Macquarie. Self contained cabins and powered ensuite sites. Facilities included pool, undercover bbq area, playground and nature walks.

A: 1A Kalaroo Rd, Redhead NSW 2290
P: 02 4944 8944 **F:** 02 4942 6408
E: holiday@redheadbeach.com.au
W: www.redheadbeach.com.au **Accessible:** yes



Swansea Gardens Holiday Park ★★★★★

Welcome to the relaxing stay that awaits you at Swansea Gardens. Enjoy the tranquility of a tree-studded park surrounded by the shores of beautiful Lake Macquarie.

A: 15 Wallarah St, Swansea NSW 2281
P: 02 4971 2869 **F:** 02 4971 1160 **M:** 0408 025 912
TF: 1800 626 438 **E:** swansea@lakemacholidayparks.com.au
W: www.lakemacholidayparks.com.au **Accessible:** yes



Teralba Lakeside Caravan Park

Located on the north end of Lake Macquarie and only 5 minutes from Toronto. Ensuite cabins from \$98. Large drive through sites, pool and bbq area. Centrally located to beach, mountains and city.

A: 21 Anzac Pde, Teralba NSW 2284

P: 02 4958 5370 **F:** 02 4958 5383

E: tlcp@aanet.com.au

Pets: yes **Accessible:** yes



Wangi Point Lakeside Holiday Park ★★★★★

Lake frontage with well appointed villas and cabins, ensuite, powered and unpowered sites. Hosts Chris and Jennie Muldoon look forward to welcoming you as their guests to the best kept secret in Lake Macquarie. **A:** Watkins Rd, Wangi Wangi NSW 2267

P: 02 4975 1889 **F:** 02 4975 4841 **M:** 0439 033 811

TF: 1800 626 438 **E:** wangi@lakemacholidayparks.com.au

W: www.lakemacholidayparks.com.au **Accessible:** yes



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Belmont (02) 4945 4329

Cardiff (02) 4954 8575

Charlestown (02) 4943 5555

Edgeworth (02) 4958 2026

Morisset (02) 4973 1248

Speers Point (02) 4921 0493

Swansea (02) 4921 0780

Toronto (02) 4959 2077

Wangi Wangi (02) 4975 2794

Windale (02) 4948 9210

SWIMMING CENTRES

Charlestown Swim Centre (02) 4943 7041

Morisset Swim Centre (02) 4973 1070

Speers Point Swim Centre (02) 4958 1508

Swansea Swim Centre (02) 4971 1518

West Wallsend Swim Centre (02) 4953 2299

Toronto Swim Centre (02) 4959 9229

HOSPITALS PUBLIC

Belmont (02) 4923 2000

John Hunter (02) 4921 3000

Toronto Polyclinic (02) 4935 8100



board meetings

Work, life balance. Lake Macquarie is serious about business but it's only natural that we look at things differently.



Belmont Chamber of Commerce



Belmont - Lake Macquarie offers shopping, sailing, dining, cafes, medical and professional services, beaches, golf, public hospital, RTA and alot more.

A: 615 Pacific Hwy, Belmont NSW 2282

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F: 02 4956 5078

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W: www.cardiffrentacar.com.au

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We are a locally owned and operated car, bus and 4WD rental company offering quality vehicles at rates much lower than the 'majors'. Open 7 days.

A: 851 Hunter St, (Cnr Selma St), Newcastle West 2302

P: 02 4940 0377

E: sales@newcastlerental.com

W: www.newcastlerental.com

Southlake Business Chamber and Community Alliance, Morisset



Supporting business and community with economic development activities, networking and community events. We provide information for visitors and business. Also see the business and community directory on our website.

A: Morisset Multipurpose Centre, 143 Dora St Morisset NSW 2264 **P:** 02 4973 3483

E: coordinator@southlakemac.com

M: 0458 733 483 **W:** www.southlakemac.com

Warners Bay Chamber of Commerce



Warners Bay is a great place to visit cafes, restaurants, fashion, professional and medical services. Outdoor summer concerts. Visitors can try ice skating, go walking or cycle lakeside.

A: PO Box 722, Warners Bay NSW 2282

P: 0458 549 222

E: chamber@warnersbay.net.au

W: www.warnersbay.net.au

LAKE MACQUARIE CITY

NEW SOUTH WALES

Lake Macquarie Visitor Information Centre

Swansea Centre,
228 Pacific Highway,
Swansea NSW 2281

P: (02) 4921 0740 F: (02) 4972 1487

Freecall: 1800 802 044

W: www.visitlakemac.com.au

E: tourism@lakemac.nsw.gov.au

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Scone	(02) 6545 1526
Newcastle	(02) 4974 2999
Wine Country	(02) 4990 0900
Hunter Heartland	(02) 6571 5888
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