



To Dungog & Barrington Tops National Park

To Gloucester & Barrington Tops



From Dubbo and the Golden Highway

From Brisbane

Myall Lakes

Broughton Island

To Kurri Kurri, Cessnock & Hunter Valley Wine Country

Maitland

Raymond Terrace

Karuah

Port Stephens

NELSON BAY

Hawks Nest

Pacific Highway

4.7km unsealed

Tilligerry Peninsula

Tomaree Peninsula

Newcastle

Visitor Information Centre

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STOCKTON SAND DUNES
The awe inspiring and surreal 32km stretch of the Stockton Sand Dunes are truly one of nature's masterpieces. There are many ways to explore this coastal wilderness; by 4WD or 6WD adventure tours, by horse, on foot or for something different, by quad bike. You can take your 4WD on the dunes but be sure to obtain a permit first.

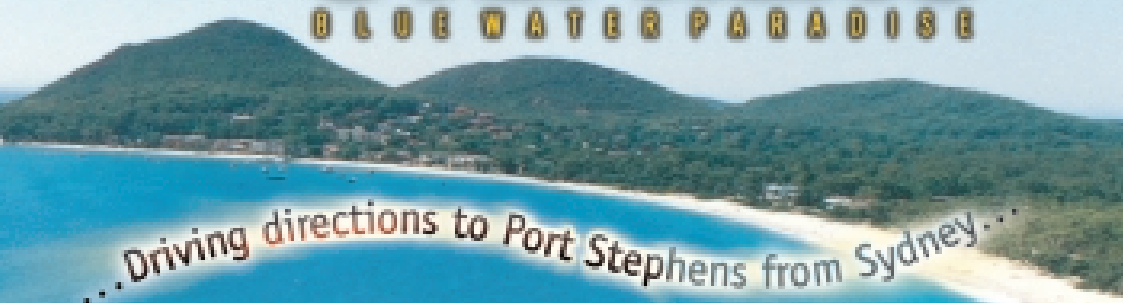
WHALE WATCHING IN PORT STEPHENS
It is probably the ultimate wildlife experience to witness the 15m and 48 tonne bulk of the humpback whale as it propels itself skyward with powerful thrusts of its tail and crashes back into the ocean. Approximately 3,500 humpback whales migrate north to the tropics from late May to July and return to the Antarctic in September to November. Because the islands and headlands off Port Stephens extend so far east, the whales come in very close to the mainland on this 5,000 km migration.

DOLPHINS
Port Stephens is known as the 'Dolphin Capital of Australia'. Approximately 160 Bottlenose dolphins reside permanently in the waters of Port Stephens and can be seen at any time of the year. They are probably the most intelligent and best-loved creature in the sea. These dolphins often take great delight in riding the bow waves of any passing boat.



Port STEPHENS

BLUE WATER PARADISE



Total distance approximately 200kms from the Harbour Bridge. Average travel time approximately 2 1/2 hours.

From Sydney, take the Pacific Highway north to the F3 Freeway, turn off just before Hornsby. Turn right onto the F3 and reset your tripmeter at the 'Highway 1' sign. Distances shown on the accompanying map represent distances from the start of the Freeway.

Continue travelling north over the Mooney Mooney Bridge, past Old Sydney Town and the Newcastle turn off, following the signs for "Taree". Do not take any exits. 10 kilometres before the end of the Freeway you will see a large brown sign informing you that the Port Stephens turn off is 20km away. If you miss the sign, don't worry, just keep going.

At the end of the Freeway, turn right at the roundabout, following the sign "Hexham and Pacific Highway" (BP service

station and Burger King will be on your next left). The road veers to the right and merges with the New England Highway after which you should enter the left lane and look for the sign "Taree & Pacific Highway" which directs you over the Hexham Bridge.

You are now on the Pacific Highway heading north. For Raymond Terrace, Karuah and the hinterland, follow the signs along the Pacific Highway. To get to the coastal areas follows signs to Taree. Look for the "next exit Richardson Road for Raymond Terrace/Nelson Bay" sign. The Richardson Road exit is about a kilometre further on and will take you to a roundabout. Turn right and follow the signs to Nelson Bay.

Depending on your exact destination, look for the appropriate turn off to Tanilba Bay and Lemon Tree Passage or Soldiers Point and Salamander Bay or continue on for the coastal areas of Anna Bay, Nelson Bay, Shoal Bay and Fingal Bay.

PORT STEPHENS

Port Stephens is not a city in its own right, but rather a region spread around and beyond the magnificent waterway of 'Port Stephens'. The area boasts exceptional diversity, in terms of what there is to see and do. Located at the end of the Freeway from Sydney, Port Stephens can be divided in 5 areas.

TOMAREE PENINSULA

The most easterly peninsula, the Tomaree Peninsula, is the main holiday destination in Port Stephens and a mecca for people who love water, beaches and all things aquatic. The peninsula is characterised by striking beaches, ample facilities and a string of small townships that are dotted around the coastline.

TILLIGERRY PENINSULA

The adjoining Tilligerry Peninsula, smaller in size, attracts families, nature and boating enthusiasts. There is a marked emphasis on eco tourism and is best known for its large native koala population, idyllic waterfront areas and a peaceful atmosphere.

THE GOLDEN BIGHT

The area that extends from Anna Bay on the Tomaree peninsula, and 32 km along the famous Stockton beach / sand dunes is collectively known as the Golden Bight. Adventure and excitement are the hallmarks of this stretch of land that is host to all manner of activities.

THE GATEWAYS

The Pacific Highway provides the gateway to the Port Stephens area from both the north and the south. Nestled on the wide scenic banks of the Hunter River, Raymond Terrace is the administrative and shopping centre of Port Stephens, a great place to pull off the Highway to 'revive and survive' or as a base from which to explore the region.

THE HINTERLAND

To the west of Raymond Terrace and the Pacific Highway lies a picturesque rural hinterland that features meandering rivers, peaceful country drives, eco destinations and a wonderful opportunity to simply explore.