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Public Holidays ACT 2021/22

4 Oct	Labour Day
25 Dec	Christmas Day
26 Dec	Boxing Day
1 Jan	New Year's Day
26 Jan	Australia Day
14 Mar	Canberra Day
15 Apr	Good Friday
18 Apr	Easter Monday
25 Apr	Anzac Day
30 May	Reconciliation Day
13 June	Queens Birthday

School Holidays ACT 2021/22

Winter -
26 Jun - 11 Jul
Spring -
18 Sept - 4 Oct
Summer -
18 Dec - 30 Jan 2022
Autumn -
9 Apr 2022 - 25 Apr 2022

Weather

With a mainly dry climate, the weather in Canberra is warm in Summer and cold in Winter.

The hottest month is January with an average maximum temperature of 27.7°C and the coldest month in Canberra is July with an average maximum temperature of 11.2°C

Public Holidays NSW 2021/22

2 Aug	Bank Holiday
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20 Sept - 1 Oct
Summer -
20 Dec - 27 Jan 2022
Autumn -
11 Apr 2022 - 22 Apr 2022

Time

The whole of the ACT and NSW is on the same time zone Eastern Standard Time (EST). This is the same time zone as Melbourne, Sydney, Hobart and Brisbane! Adelaide and Darwin are half an hour behind Canberra. Perth is two hours behind.

Daylight Savings begins on 3rd October 2021 in ACT and NSW, and will conclude on 3rd April 2022.

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Wentworth St,
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Australia's capital city, Canberra, is nestled between two mountains – Black Mountain and Mt Ainslie and is located on the ancient lands of the Indigenous Ngunnawal people, who call it “Kamberra” meaning “meeting place”. Well considering it is the place chosen for our Federal Parliament to meet, then it is well named!!

After school, on the weekend, for the holidays, in the city, by the lake, in the hills, or at the myriad of parks in and around Canberra there are hundreds of things to do.

Historic museums, natural beauty, national sporting teams, hands on learning experiences - Canberra is full of surprises! With only a short two hour drive from the pristine beaches of NSW's South Coast and the High Country's beautiful snow capped mountains, there is really no other place where so much is all so close.

Canberra City is known as “Civic” and is situated on the banks of Lake Burley Griffin (named for the architect of the city) and is dotted with interesting places to visit and engage with. It forms one point of the “Parliamentary Triangle” together with Parliament House and Defence Headquarters. It sounds serious, but it is jam-packed with fun family activities.



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So let's get exploring – Firstly, lace up the walking shoes and take a hike up Red Hill for spectacular views over the city. At the top, reward yourself with a chai or hot choccie at Little Brother Restaurant where you can enjoy the panoramic views whilst giving your feet a bit of R&R.

Bringing together a world-class museum, a shrine and an extensive archive, the Australian War Memorial is a moving and insightful experience for both young and old. Discover the diverse Australian experiences of war and connect with the stories of people and events that shaped Australia. 90 minute guided tours are available at 10 am, 10.15 am, 11 am, 12 pm, 1 pm and 2 pm daily.

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Parliament House is located on Capital Hill. There are plenty of things to see and do. You're welcome to explore all of the public areas at your leisure, including the most significant features of the building such as the roof, the Marble Foyer and the Great Hall, and of course, you can watch the House of Representatives and the Senate from the galleries. Or, to get the most out of your experience, take a tour with one of the expert guides.

Australia's stories come alive at the National Museum of Australia. The Museum's stunning architecture provides an extraordinary place to explore the rich and diverse stories of Australia and its people. Take a guided tour or wander solo through the many exhibitions. Get to know the real, the treasured, the surprising and the inspirational objects from Australian history.



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At Kspace, the Museum's new interactive kids' adventure game played in teams of 4, kids design a time-travelling robot and enter a Time Pod blasting them back to a mystery location in Australia's past.

Head for Old Parliament House where politics and history are not just for the adults. Kids can dress up as the Duke and Duchess of York as they were when they opened the building in 1927. At Old Parliament House, there are always extra special activities for kids during school holidays.

The National Library (see opposite) always has something going on for families. From free tours, to a dedicated children's space to special school holiday activities and programs, there is a constantly changing calendar of events and exhibitions. Drop in and see what's on now!

Visit the Royal Australian Mint to learn the stories behind every Australian coin in your pocket, purse or piggy bank. View fascinating historical coins, see robots make tomorrow's coins and strike a coin yourself!

QUIZZIC ALLEY

POTTERHEADS FLOCK TO NEW SYDNEY STORE!

It's only been open since Christmas but Quizzic Alley in Drummoyne is already on the must-do list for almost anyone visiting Sydney, especially fans of the world's most popular book series.

Quizzic Alley stocks the biggest range of officially licensed Harry Potter merchandise in the country and is the brainchild of Paralympic legend and amputee Michael Milton, aka Nearly Legless Mick!

Quizzic Alley has taken over the old Bank of New South Wales building on Victoria Rd in Drummoyne and transformed it into a store full of magic, an experience that regularly reduces hard-core fans to tears.

"Some people are quite overwhelmed when they first enter and it's really wonderful to watch the wide-eyed look of wonder on fan's faces, young and old. The store is a magical and happy place to be and is so much more than a place to buy gifts and merchandise," said Mick. You can try a glass of QBrew - Quizzic Alley's own magical butterscotch drink - check out the original bank vault or just relax in the common room areas.



But the Sydney store is not the first Quizzic Alley. Mick opened the first one in his home town of Canberra almost three years ago and it's been a huge success.

"Every weekend, every school holidays, during the ski season... we get a lot of Potterheads travelling to Canberra just to visit Quizzic Alley. The building and the theming inside is very different to the Sydney store so it's well worth visiting both," said Mick.

Each school holidays Quizzic Alley hosts free activities for all visitors.

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Discover the smarter way to have fun at Questacon – The National Science and Technology Centre. Free-fall down a six-metre slide, freeze your own shadow, experience an earthquake or challenge a robot to a game of air hockey. Questacon's exhibitions cover a range of science topics, from astronomy to zoology and everything in between.

Adrenaline junkies will love Canberra's Power Kart Raceway (p.22), an exhilarating racing experience featuring world class electric go-karts on an Formula One style indoor circuit. Together with its indoor glow-in-the-dark mini golf course, synthetic ice skating rink and arcade machines, Power Kart Raceway is the perfect destination for those who live life in the fun lane!

Get up close and personal with some of the world's most amazing creatures at the National Zoo & Aquarium. From lions to giraffes and monkeys, the Zoo features a variety of native and exotic animals, as well as the largest inland saltwater tank in Australia.

Whether you're into comedy or circus, drama or dance, there's a performance to suit your fancy at the Canberra Theatre Centre (see below).

Sometimes the best days spent together as a family are the simplest. A day spent riding bikes around iconic Lake Burley Griffin is guaranteed to be a hit. Pedal past the Captain Cook Memorial Jet and perhaps finish up with a play on the fantastic "Castle Playground" (complete with stone towers and tunnels).

Cruises, nature parks, fantastic playgrounds, world class sporting events, nearby natural swimming holes, snow play areas and mountain biking are all at your fingertips in Canberra, and (contrary to popular belief), it is all so quick and easy to get to.

So far a weekend, a week or a month, Canberra has soooooo much to offer families. And the best part? Thanks to our tax dollars, a whole lot of it is FREE!!



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30 Things to do on the cheap!!

1. Take Canberra's free City Loop bus so you can see many of the major sights without anyone needing a nap or getting tired feet.

2. Take the kids to play on the National Arboretum's Pod Playground that looks like a work of art but features giant acorn cubbies, nest swings, net tunnels and a spiral slide for kids to explore. Grown ups can admire the spectacular scenery from the safety of firm land.

3. They're a little off the beaten track but Gibraltar Falls, Canberra's only waterfall, makes for a gentle, picturesque bushwalk older kids will enjoy. The site has picnic tables, so take a thermos and lunch to dine al fresco.

4. Take a one-hour cruise of Lake Burley Griffin and find out all about Canberra's central features. Enjoy a spray from the Captain Cook Memorial Jet as you float by (costs a little).

5. Just 25 minutes out of the CBD, Cotter Avenue Reserve has everything you need for a day out. Cook lunch on the barbeque facilities, go for a swim in the Murrumbidgee River and check out the Cotter Dam wall before taking one of the reserve's many walking trails.



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6. The Royal Australian Mint in Deakin, is an interesting place to visit for all ages where kids enjoy watching the three robots in the factory, including Titan the strongest robot. For the best viewing, visit on a weekday when the factory is in operation.

7. Canberra Glassworks on the Kingston Foreshore is a great place for kids who are interested in art to watch glass blowers in action, before enjoying lunch at the family friendly Brodburger downstairs. During school holidays they have classes to make their own glass art.

8. The Canberra Theatre Centre (see opposite) has regular kids performances for all ages, particularly in school holidays. (Costs a little).

9. Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve in Paddy's River is located 45 minutes from the CBD, west of the city. This nature reserve has bush walks, playground, koala walks, platypus pools and The Sanctuary - a 2.1 km boardwalk around the wetlands. Pay an entry fee per car. Also, west of the city is Namadgi National Park (Tharwa), which also offers bushwalks and aboriginal sites to visit. Free entry.

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10. The National Museum of Australia in Acton, has a dedicated kids area called KSpace which is open daily - ideal for primary school aged children. Free entry.

11. Questacon located in Parkes, is Canberra's most popular tourist attraction for families and it is easy to see why. With split levels of interactive science experiments and activities, it is a winner for all ages. (Costs a little)

12. See what early Canberran life was like at Blundells Cottage (see opposite). Tours and activities are run regularly.

13. Soak up the scintillating views at Red Hill, a lookout located to the south of the city centre. In autumn and winter, the brilliant red and orange hues of the treetops are especially breathtaking.

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14. Take a drive up to Telstra Tower; (p.7) the iconic symbol (other than Parliament House) of Canberra (costs a little).

15. Quizzic Alley (p.11) is the most magical shop in Australia. Pile into a replica of the Weasley's flying Ford Anglia, sip on a creamy butterscotchy QBrew (a delicious take on Butterbeer), pop on the sorting hat and talk all things magical.

16. See a whole community of miniature buildings, people, animals and adventures at Cockington Green Gardens (p.17). Don't miss the details - look closely to see what those tiny people are doing. (Costs a little)



Blundells Cottage



Wendouree Drive, Parkes

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17. Mount Ainslie Lookout offers an impressive and well-earned view after a trek up the mountain starting near the Australian War Memorial.

18. Lanyon Homestead is one of Australia's premier historic properties. The 1859 Homestead, has been beautifully restored and furnished.

19. Relax and take in a free film at the National Sound and Film Archive. Check website for screening details.

20. Get arty at the National Gallery of Australia. They have a LOT of kids, activities that change regularly.



DID YOU KNOW

Corin Forest Mountain Retreat (Tidbinbilla Range) is located 50 minutes from Canberra's CBD up high in the mountains. It has the Southern Hemispheres longest bobsled ride in summer and in winter it has a snow play area for the kids with tobogganing and a small ski slope. Cost per snow session and deals for multiple bobsled rides.

21. Head to the National Capital Exhibition (Inside Front Cover) and discover how the city went from the drawing board to reality.
22. Find out about democracy in Australia and explore the heritage spaces and exhibitions housed at the Museum of Old Democracy at Old Parliament House. Get creative during the free daily craft sessions in PlayUP (costs a little).
23. Join an expert guide on a tour of both chambers of Parliament House, the Marble Foyer, Great Hall, Members' Hall and the Parliament art collection.
24. Do the Bridge to Bridge walk. It's about 5km long. If you coincide it with lunch you can enjoy the music of the National Carillon which is played from 12.30 to 1.20pm on Wednesdays and Sundays. Otherwise, the Carillon chimes its 23 bells on the hour and half hour throughout the day.
25. Stromlo Forest Bike Park, Weston Creek, is an exciting area for older kids to ride their BMXs on the downhill tracks and it also has a flat cycle path (the Criterium Circuit) which is popular with families on weekends. There is also a small track and playground area for younger kids. Free.



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26. Bike Riding around Lake Burley Griffin is ideal for kids bikes and scooters as it has flat bike paths for easy riding. A popular way to begin is to park your car at the National Library and ride along Queen Elizabeth Terrace.
27. Skate Parks in Canberra are a great way for kids to practice their skateboarding or scooter skills and watch the older kids in action. Grind and flip at Belconnen Skatepark, Tuggeranong Skatepark, Erindale Skatepark to name a few, with the best being Belconnen.
28. Jerrabomberra Wetlands in Fyshwick has a walk around the wetlands, Kelly's Loop, which has little hideouts to watch the birds. Suitable for older kids who enjoy birdwatching - take your binoculars. Free.
29. Big Splash Waterpark located in Macquarie is open in Summer only and is Canberra's only waterpark with twisty slides and pools for all ages. (Costs a little)
30. Look at our Wot's On (p.44) section to see what other events or happenings are on for families this week!



HANDY HINT

The Australian National Botanical Gardens are a great spot to have a picnic before getting acquainted with some native flora and fauna. See how many birds you can spot.

ST JOHN'S SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM

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If you're looking for your next family roadtrip on a meandering road through memorable towns and villages, the Treasure Trail is a must-do.

Dotted with many exquisite gems just waiting to be uncovered, the trail traverses through Queanbeyan, Bungendore and Braidwood along the Kings Highway, right on the doorstep of the nation's capital and the pristine coastline of Southern NSW.

Go back in time with Braidwood's Heritage Walk of colonial buildings brimming with antiques, specialty shops and charming cafes, or immerse yourself in the region's gold mining history with a visit to Captains Flat.



Escape the hustle and bustle of the city in the warm and welcoming country town of Bungendore, or take the family for a day outdoors at Googong Foreshores, with plenty to discover at historic sites, such as the London Bridge Arch, to spectacular landscapes and endless recreation opportunities, including picnics and BBQs, birdwatching, bushwalking, mountain bike rides, kayaking and fishing.

Braidwood, Bungendore and Queanbeyan are all home to numerous studios, galleries and exhibition spaces showcasing the talent and creativity of local artists.

WORTH A LOOK!

Families are in for a treat at Queanbeyan's very own The Q – Queanbeyan Performing Arts Centre, featuring genuine family shows ranging from intimate and enchanting theatrical experiences to side-splitting adventure guaranteed to thrill and entertain the little ones.

The Queanbeyan-Palerang region is home to over 148 beautiful parks, gardens, recreation areas and playgrounds. A visit to Ryrie Park in Braidwood is one of the most popular stops for families in the area. The playground boasts a carousel, a basket swing, a slide, rope bridges, swings, spring rockers, climbing walls and monkey bars, a sensory garden, flying foxes and much more.

Cool off at QPRC Aquatics in Queanbeyan, Bungendore, Braidwood and Captains Flat, which offer a range of common programs and services including leisurely swimming, school holiday swim programs and toddler play.

Load the car up with a picnic and some camping gear and take in the great outdoors with a trip to one of the region's many lush national parks and nature reserves.

Hike to fascinating natural landmarks, cycle through picturesque forest trails, or simply settle back, breathe in some fresh country air and keep an eye out for native birds and wildlife.

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Out & About - Gold Creek

Gold Creek Village in Canberra's north is the definition of a family day out. With plenty of attractions, adventures for kids, and speciality stores – all within easy walking distance – you could easily spend a whole weekend in this charming precinct.

The National Dinosaur Museum (see below) is located at the entrance to Gold Creek Village, with at least a dozen life-like dinosaur statues out the front to welcome you in. For kids of all ages, this is a fun area to run around on its own, exploring and touching all the different types of dinosaurs. Upstairs walk around the small museum and look at the exhibits and read about the various dinosaurs through the ages. Many of the dinosaur statues inside are robotic and on a sensor, so when you walk by they turn their heads to look at you - guaranteed to give the kids a squeal!



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Cockington Green Gardens (see opposite) is a quaint family friendly experience, where visitors walk around the gardens and marvel at the miniature English villages on display.

Walk around and look closely at the miniature figurines telling stories in the displays, which will make you smile and often chuckle. You may see a robber climbing out of a chimney with police figurines positioned underneath, or a streaker getting chased at a football match. There are also small toy trains that you can press buttons to make stop and start through the village, as well as a real miniature steam train to ride on

Get up close and personal with beautiful feathered friends at the large, leafy Canberra Walk In Aviary (see opposite). Home to almost 400 free-flying bird species the kids will love the chance to feed them and cute photos are guaranteed.

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Out & About - Gold Creek

After paying your entrance fee, visitors are given a plate of cut apples and mealworms to feed to the birds. Depending on how hungry the birds are, lorikeets may be attracted to your plate as soon as you walk in, however keep walking along the paths and discover new and beautiful species.

The Canberra Reptile Zoo (p.17) is a small private zoo with over 50 different types of species of reptiles and frogs on display.

What they may lack in size, they make up for in interaction, as there are staff members walking around with reptiles for kids to touch and learn about.

Come face to face with some of Australia's largest, deadliest and most colourful reptiles or pet a python. It is this hands-on interaction the kids will remember!



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WORTH A LOOK!

In Gold Creek Village, a popular place for kids parties and get togethers is "Adore Tea". This Cafe has over 300 types of tea to choose from. With kids' size milkshakes and a good selection of kids' savoury and sweet snacks on the menu, they will be sure to love it!

Another Gold Creek Village hotspot is the Lolly Shop. Destined to bring out the Willy Wonka in you, the Lolly Shop sells a sweet selection of all your childhood favourites including freckles, Dutch salted liquorice, Reece's Pieces and the entire range of Jelly Belly jelly beans.

After your busy day exploring, why not grab a drink or meal at the old English pub, the George Harcourt Inn? Their large covered beer garden is popular all year round and the open fireplace is a fantastic spot to cosy up with a beverage in hand.

Gold Creek Village is an enjoyable area to wander around for all ages any time of the year, with shops to browse, historical points of interest to learn about, attractions to visit and a variety of eateries to try. It is an easy village to explore, just park your car and then walk the village by foot. It's a perfect family day out.

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There is something for all tastes, no matter what the season!!

Whether it's playing sport, visiting a park or the beach, petting an animal or 'tearing it up' at an awesome playground.

Here is a selection of places for you to try!

PARKS

The National Arboretum Canberra

A massive botanical garden with a focus on trees. The Arboretum is the most renowned of all the Canberra parks and a must visit for enthusiasts. You can visit 94 different types of forest and see lovely sculptures, enjoy the shop and the cafe. They have heaps of kid's activities too.

Black Mountain Peninsula

This is the perfect summer playground – 22.2 hectares of foreshore parkland with lots of grass for natural play, water for swimming and paddling, and some lovely beaches and water's edge to stroll along. There are also picnic areas, drinking fountains and all-ability-access playgrounds, which make it a great option for everyone.



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Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve

Tidbinbilla is without a doubt a place not to be missed in the Nation's Capital. Explore more than 20 marked walking trails, ranging from an easy 15-minute stroll to an all-day bushwalk. Some of the most popular trails allow for glimpses of platypus, possums, wombats, echidnas, emus and many other birds and reptiles. Once you arrive at Tidbinbilla you need to go into the visitor's information centre and pay \$14.00 – this is money well spent as you can spend a whole day exploring the reserve

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Ridgeline Park

Denman Prospect's flagship park is an exciting new adventure playground packed with high tunnels, colourful jumping stones, enormous climbing nets and epic slides.

There's a flying fox and swings, and plenty of shady spaces for grown-ups to sit and watch their little ones. Don't miss the epic views out over the suburb, the Arboretum and across to the city centre.

John Knight Memorial Park

An idyllic spot on the shores of Lake Ginninderra, John Knight Memorial Park is popular with Canberra families and it's common to see several generations picnicking together under the trees. The playground includes a treehouse, flying fox and play sculpture; and reptile-lovers are in for a treat with the Snake House's large timber climbing unit featuring a wave board and nest spinner; a climbing net, shop counter with a snake theme and voice tubes for children to speak to each other across the play area. There are also plenty of water birds to watch.



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PLAYGROUNDS

Adventure Playground

Take the children along to the Adventure Playground in Kambah to let off some steam. This playground has been designed to meet the needs of toddlers, juniors and teenagers. There's a tree house, junior and senior flying foxes, giant swings, space net and wheelchair accessible liberty swing. Skaters and BMX riders can try the challenging half-pipe.

Boundless Playground

Boundless Playground in Kings Park, just off Kings Avenue Bridge, is a fully secured playground and has a massive fort, a glider, a maze, giant swings and even water cannons. Ramp access, low swings and loads of sensory features are throughout the playground making it inclusive for all ages and abilities.

The playground is not far from the National Carillon so you will be able to time how long you have been at the playground by listening to the chiming bells every quarter of an hour!



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Cotter Avenue

About 20 minutes drive from the city centre is Cotter Avenue, an absolute cracker of a playground and park area. There are grassed areas for running around or tossing a ball, BBQs for sausage sizzles and picnics, and a great modern adventure playground—all on the banks of the historic Cotter River. Facilities include short walking tracks to the Cotter Dam and river and limited camping at the adjacent Cotter Campground. Take the Cotter Dam Discovery Trail, lined with stories of Canberra's water history. It features a 16-metre wide, amphitheatre style viewing platform with majestic views of the dam wall. It gets busy on warm weekends, and for good reasons—it's totally idyllic.

Barracks Flat Park - Queanbeyan

A great park to relax in, and suitable for young and older children. It has swings, a slide, climbers and spinners for the young children in a gated area, so the little ones can't do a runner. The play equipment is also shaded and there are toilets, BBQ's and picnic tables. For the older children, there is a half basketball court, a grass area for kicking a ball and a bike track with lots of dirt for jumping and stunts.



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Commonwealth Park and Tunnel Playground

Albert St, Parkes

This 34.5 ha park is home to interesting sculptures, hidden walks and ponds as well as lots of perfect picnic spots with BBQ facilities available. (It's also the home of Floriade in Spring.) The "Tunnel Playground" is like an underground playground, where kids can crawl through stone tunnels and also up and over them.

WORTH A LOOK!

Gordon Playground in Canberra is one of the city's best kept secrets. Locals keep this one close to their chest. But the secret's out. Don't miss it. It's a HUGE play area, spread out over a massive area, with lots of things to climb, so be prepared to walk. There's not a lot of shade, so hats and sunscreen is a must.

Weston Park

Weston Park Rd, Yarralumla

This park has been a favourite with families for many years. Located on the water, it has a beach, cycle tracks, picnic shelters, BBQs, toilets, a cool playground and a miniature railway.

All of the play equipment is spread out so you don't feel as though you are too crowded. The kids will love playing with the mechanical sand diggers, climbing on the rope tower and yelling through the speaker phones.

Check out the mini golf, petting zoo, miniature railway and other attractions at Yarralumla Play Station.

Yerrabi Pond District Park

Nallie Hamilton Ave, Gungahlin

If you're exploring northside, this is a wonderful adventure playground which includes an all abilities swing, multiple flying foxes, and a slide/climbing structure with cubby spaces underneath.

Other features include a skateboard/scooter area, BBQs and shaded picnic areas under the trees. Like John Knight Park, Yerrabi Pond also features heaps of watery wildlife.

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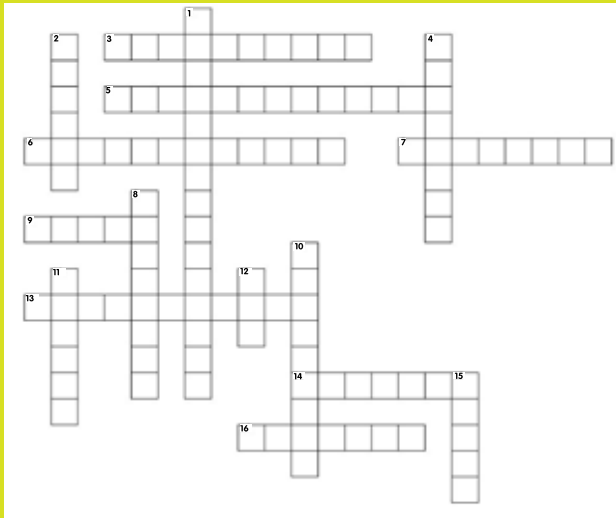
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5. The name of the lake in Canberra
6. What would you find at the top of Black Mountain?
7. An awesome theme park on the South Coast
9. The famous "blowhole" is located here
13. Where you can learn about the Anzacs
14. Canberra's NRL team nickname
16. Wollongong's Nickname

DOWN

1. Where you will find the Senate and House of Representatives
2. What animal can you see off the coast at Jervis Bay?
4. Island off the coast of Narooma
8. Australia's Capital city
10. Old gold mining town near Canberra
11. Canberra's AFL Stadium
12. Stadium in Wollongong
15. Australia's Prime Minister's nickname



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Twofold Bay was the site of one of Australia's largest whaling industries.

The Eden Killer Whale Museum has been telling Eden's stories for more than 80 years and is home to one of the only orca skeletons in the world — Old Tom, Eden's famous killer whale. Old Tom was the most boisterous of the killer whales that hunted baleen whales with the Davidson family in the 1800s.

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A natural paradise for whales, Eden is one of the best whale-watching spots in Australia between May and early November.

WORTH A LOOK!

Green Cape Lighthouse, around 45min south of Eden, is the southernmost lighthouse in NSW and is steeped in seafaring history. Learn about disasters, survival, and shipwrecks and climb the lighthouse stairs for fantastic views of the rugged coastline.

You'll find plenty of shoreline vantage points around Twofold Bay and along the coast in Ben Boyd National Park.

Green Cape lookout is a popular spot.

Whale sight-seeing cruises begin in September and operate until late November. Daily cruises operate during this time of year aboard Cat Balou Cruises (see below). Spot dolphins, fur seals, and a variety of bird life as you explore the magnificent, ancient coastline of the Sapphire Coast. Cat Balou cruises depart from Snug Cove in Twofold Bay

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Out & About - Merimbula

Merimbula is a magic spot, marking the halfway mark on the drive from Melbourne to Sydney (or vice versa) via the coast road.

Merimbula is part country town, and part seaside village, with the famous oyster producing lake on one side, and stunning beaches on the other. Its reputation for being a top family holiday destination is well deserved, and there is no shortage of places to stay on any budget.

Merimbula and Sapphire Coast attractions are many and varied. Scattered along the coastline each town offers its own unique activities and attractions, many of which are centered around the region's stunning natural environment. Boasting beautiful beaches, sparkling bays and lush national parks, there's something here for everyone.

From Bermagui to Tathra and Eden to Merimbula, you'll find everything from swimming, surfing, snorkelling, scuba diving, fishing, sailboarding, canoeing, boating and even lake cruises.

The waters of the Merimbula's lakes and beaches are impressively clear and pristine. Down at the harbour you can watch marine animals, including large rays glide under the wharf into the clear waters below.



Photo courtesy of Tourism NSW

From sharks to shrimps, octopus to tropical fish, it's all on display at the Merimbula Aquarium. It has 27 tanks and a fantastic 70,000 litre oceanarium full of large ocean fish and sharks. Head upstairs for fish and chips, or cake and coffee and enjoy the spectacular views of Merimbula's bay and main beach.

Set aside an hour or two to walk along the impressive boardwalk. The walk is 3.5km in length and snakes its way along the Merimbula Lake. It's a picturesque walk, with views out across the lake with the oyster farms. Walking amongst the mangroves, it's a great spot to enjoy getting out into nature.

Merimbula's friendly neighbour, historical Pambula Village, offers many delights and has become well known for its boutique shopping and artistic bent.



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The Aquarium features a large variety of local and tropical marine life.
Fish feeding always produces lots of action - 11.30am Wednesday & Friday.

Browse the range of gorgeous specialist shops featuring beautiful clothes, homewares, local, handmade and much more - the way shopping used to be!

Head to Magic Mountain for some serious family fun. Start with the treetop climb. Families can scramble through the treetops, climb through ropes and zoom high above the ground on flying foxes. If it's hot - head to the waterslides. Little kids will love the magic slide, the jumping castles and the pirate's playground.

At Potoroo Palace Native Sanctuary, animals roam freely in the park and can be hand fed, and others you can meet in special one-on-one close encounters. Many of the animals at the sanctuary are native to the Merimbula area and some are very rare now.



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WORTH A LOOK!

The Pinnacles of the Sapphire Coast is a stunning red and white cliff face. It formed over 25 million years ago to mark an old water table. It's a unique sight, particularly on a clear day. The contrast of a blue sky against the red and white is breathtaking. The Pinnacles are located within the Ben Boyd National Park, about 20 minutes south of Merimbula.

There's an easy walking track (a 1km loop) to get to the lookout point from the carpark.

For a wonderful escape, Tathra is perfect. Enjoy swimming, snorkelling and diving in crystal-clear waters. Relax on gorgeous Tathra Beach, explore the oldest deep-water timber wharf on Australia's east coast, and taste freshly shucked oysters grown in national park wilderness.

The iconic centrepiece of the town is the heritage-listed Tathra Wharf, which opened in 1862 for the steam ships transporting goods and people along the NSW South Coast. The timber structure houses the fascinating Tathra Maritime Museum, as well as the Wharf Local Coffee Bar & Gallery.

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Out & About - Narooma

Whether you are looking for a relaxing beach holiday or a unique Australian adventure, Narooma is an ideal destination.

Most of Narooma's attractions are all about the dramatic coastline, wildlife and being out on the water. You can snorkel or dive with Australian fur seals at Montague Island, watch pelicans, stingrays and seals from the wharf, explore spectacular rock formations or go fishing, swimming, and snorkelling just about anywhere.

Narooma's pristine waterways reflect every shade of blue on the colour spectrum, providing one of the most spectacularly beautiful views on the South Coast. Aptly, in the local Yuin language, Narooma translates to "clear blue waters".

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WORTH A LOOK!

At the boat ramp, you can watch the seals, pelicans and manta rays jostling for a free feed of fish from the local fishermen as they return with their day's catch.

Nestled along the edge of the inlet from Bar Beach, a stroll along Mill Bay Boardwalk is a great way to meet some of the local wildlife. The waters of the Wagonga Inlet are teeming with sea life. Pelicans and manta rays, schools of fish and octopus can be seen as you make your way along the pristine blue waters of the inlet. Wide enough for walking and cycling, the boardwalk leads to Apex Park, where the nearby clear netted waters at Bar Beach provide the perfect spot for a sheltered swim or snorkel.

A short drive south of Narooma brings you to the historic villages of Central Tilba and Tilba Tilba. Wandering the streets you can still see the relics of the village's gold mining and cheesemaking past. Quaint heritage listed weatherboard workers cottages line the street, many of which are now arts and crafts outlets. There is a great bakery, local pub, sweets shop and taste the cheese at Tilba Real Dairy.

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Batemans Bay - Out & About

Heading up the highway, The Bodalla Dairy and its cafe (The Dairy Shed) is in the heart of the historic village of Bodalla and has been fitted out to resemble a classic milk bar. The retro interior is very spacious and you can choose to sit on big tables or in more comfy booths.

Through the factory's large viewing windows, you can learn about the dairy industry, and taste the acclaimed milk, cheese and yoghurt products. In the retro cafe, treat yourself to a thick old-fashioned milkshake.



Broulee is the quintessential Aussie seaside holiday town, surrounded by crystal clear waters, great surf and wide stretches of sandy beach. Kids on bikes, beach towels on decks, surfboards on roof racks; it's a barefoot easiness that doesn't take long to settle into.

The country heart of Eurobodalla, Moruya has charm and secrets to share with those ready to explore. Historic Quarry Park on the river's edge tells the story of how Moruya provided stone for many of Sydney's landmarks, including the pylons of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

A happy mix of seaside village and cosmopolitan town, Batemans Bay has an easy and relaxed charm that reminds us life is to be enjoyed. Surrounded by forests and waterways, the town unfolds along the banks of the Clyde River, forming a gateway to the Eurobodalla region beyond.



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Out & About - Batemans Bay



Few places offer as many unspoilt landscapes so close to a town centre. The Clyde is one of the cleanest estuaries on Australia's east coast.

A short walk from the town's cafe strip and across the bridge will have you on its sandy northern beaches – ideal for swimming, fishing or picnicking.

National parks and marine sanctuaries, secluded headlands and rock pools, sandy creeks and riverbanks, and bay and ocean beaches are all within minutes of the town centre.

MV Merinda (established 1988) leaves the Boatshed daily on a relaxing and informative tour of the Clyde River. Whilst enjoying fresh fish, chips and salad, travel to Nelligen for a short stop over to visit local historical sites.

Heading South of Batemans Bay, the coastal road takes you past views of Snapper Island, and onto the series of headlands, beaches and bays winding down to the Moruya River. Many of these, such as McKenzie's Beach, reveal themselves spectacularly from the road, many more are hidden.

Located 10 km from Bateman's, Mogo has a charm that is hard to define. The former gold rush village has developed that certain something - an authentic but quirky mix of history, art, food, shopping and outdoor activities. There's something for everyone. There is also the famous Mogo Zoo which is a must see if you haven't been before. This lovely zoo is the home to Australia's only white lions which are absolutely beautiful.

Mogo Zoo is home to endangered and exotic species, including the largest collection of primates in Australia. Kids will love seeing zebras, rhinos and giraffes wander around the Savannah plains.



HANDY HINT

There are some pretty great playgrounds around town. If you are looking for outdoors fun head to Corrigan's Reserve Inclusive Playground.

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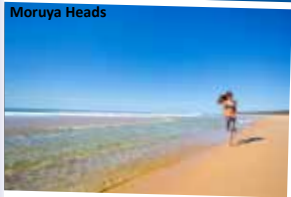
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Batemans Bay

Ulladulla, one of the most picturesque spots in the Shoalhaven, has a beautiful boat harbour, with its distinctive rocky breakwater, that is the hub of this delightful seaside township.

The whole area is pristine – river, beaches, lakes, forest - it has a real feel of peace and beauty! Water sports such as fishing, swimming, diving and surfing are popular. There is a bowling alley and cinema.

The accommodations set around Burrill Lake and Dolphin Point are destinations in themselves. Beach/Lake locations, playgrounds, jumping pillows, water parks. The kids won't want to leave.

A short drive away, and a wonderful seaside escape, Mollymook is enticing with a beautiful beach, ideal waves for bodysurfers and boardriders, pretty picnic spots and delicious seafood. Spot dolphins playing in the sparkling waters and from headlands watch majestic whales migrating.

Mollymook has a number of great swimming spots to visit. The Bogey Hole near the headland is a large natural rock pool that is perfect for snorkelling and searching for sea critters.

Grab some fish and chips from one of the seaside cafes and soak up the South Coast sun.

FUNLAND ULLADULLA

Founded on a labour of love in the 70's in the small town of Ulladulla by the Rowen family.

In its beginnings it comprised of just a few trampolines and pinball machines.

As its notoriety grew, so did its offering, with major extensions in the 80's unrivalled by anything the South Coast had ever seen, featuring rides and attractions like the Sizzler and dodgem cars. Now, 50 years on, Funland Ulladulla has grown to be 3 floors of premium arcade entertainment, with over 100 games and rides. Open from 9.30am everyday, there is fun for the whole family to enjoy!



Nearby, the charming township of Milton, with its arts and crafts stores, excellent cafes and restaurants, unique designer shops and quality accommodation has long been a favourite with visitors and provides a great base for exploring the local fares.

A large, colorful promotional graphic for Funland Ulladulla. It features a background image of people playing arcade games. Overlaid on this is a large, stylized purple and yellow banner with the text 'FUNLAND ULLADULLA' and 'Three FLOORS OF FUN!'. Below the banner, there is text about opening hours and a list of activities. At the bottom, there are social media icons and handles, and the location information.

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Out & About - Huskisson

The Jervis Bay area feels like a magical wonderland. If you're looking for a relaxing beach holiday with lots of outdoor time, this may be the ideal seaside escape! You'll love the crystal-blue waters, white sandy beaches and the plethora of water sports activities.

Huskisson is at the centre of it all and is a beautiful town with a rich shipbuilding heritage. Huskisson sits on the shores of the spectacular Jervis Bay Marine Park where the crystal blue waters are home to abundant marine life, including fur seals, little penguins, weedy sea dragons, sea eagles, gannets and over 1000 resident bottlenose dolphins!

Photo courtesy of Tourism NSW



Jervis Bay is famous for its whales, and if you are visiting between June and November, a whale cruise should be on your must-do list. The rest of the year you can watch the resident bottlenose dolphins jump and play as they swim right alongside the vessels.

Jervis Bay is a mecca for water sports enthusiasts. You can take tours to go on an underwater adventure to the best diving and snorkelling spots in the marine park or paddle a kayak to get amongst the playful dolphins.



Photo courtesy of Tourism NSW

Rent a bike and explore natural attractions along the foreshore on the many bike paths.

Beautiful beaches stretch along the 6.5 km Vincentia foreshore, to Huskisson in the north and Hyams Beach in the south. A great way to experience the splendour is on the White Sands Walk, which begins at the boardwalk on Greenfield Beach. This memorable trail takes you to Hyams Beach.

The Jervis Maritime Museum features a world renowned collection of maritime artefacts and navigational and surveying instruments. The complex includes a large recreation area with native gardens, a mangrove boardwalk, fish feeding pond, boathouse and historic buildings.

The historic Huskisson Pictures is a great place to relax, unwind and hide out for a couple of hours. The charming building was constructed in 1913 and has been screening movies since the 1950s.



HANDY HINT

Both Huskisson and Collingwood beaches are so good for children, easy to get to and with a very shallow slope. And the views!

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Huskisson

While it may not be as well-known as some of its more southern counterparts, Nowra, nestled on the banks of the Shoalhaven River and just one hour south of "The Gong", is a South Coast hidden gem.

Whether you want to explore or unwind, soak up the Shoalhaven or kick back with something delicious, Nowra offers families a lot.

Taking its name from the Aboriginal word meaning "camping place" or "black cockatoo". Its distinctive bridge and elevated helicopter herald the entry to this thriving cultural centre.

The Shoalhaven City Arts Centre houses an ever changing array of excellent works by local artists, while nearby is the gracious Meroogal, an Historic Houses Trust property, its contents a tribute to the four generations of Australian women who lived there.

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HANDY HINT

The Shoalhaven is a beach lover's paradise and we urge you to take the family and tick some off your bucket list. Moona Moona Creek Lagoon and Honeymoon Bay are excellent swimming spots thanks to the calm and quiet waters. Pack a hamper filled with delicious local produce and set up a picnic down at Bowley Point or Narrawallee. If you're planning an adventure in Booderee National Park, a long time family favourite is secluded Green Patch Beach which boasts beautiful white sand.

There are some good local bush walks within the Nowra district, notably Ben's Walk which is an easy, shady and well-graded riverbank walk winding beside the Shoalhaven River, affording excellent views of the local district.

A short drive from the city centre is the Navy's Fleet Air Arm Museum – the largest aviation museum in Australia.

Housing innovative displays of military aircraft, engines, weapons, uniforms and equipment this is a 'must-see' for anyone remotely interested in flight. It is located adjacent to HMAS Albatross, Australia's home of naval aviation.



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Out & About - Nowra

A trip to Shoalhaven Zoo is guaranteed to put a huge smile on the kid's faces. Get up close and personal with over 100 species of animals including lions, koalas, monkeys and wombats.

A visit to Nowra Aquatic Centre (p.36) is one of the best kids activities Nowra has to offer. It can get very busy on a hot, sunny day but you can always go early to beat the crowds. This pool and its slides are a great spot to visit with the family when you're in town.

Get the heart rate going with Trees Adventure (see below). Kids older than 4 years can spend a couple of hours navigating through this treetop ropes course and zip lining experience. Swing, climb, leap and fly through as many courses as you can fit into your 2 hour session.

Nowra has a growing list of local wineries and the Sunday sessions at Cupitt's Winery are a fabulous free way to spend an afternoon in the sun. Throw down a picnic blanket and listen to live music with a glass of wine and slice of woodfired pizza while the kids run amok on the huge lawn area.

At the mouth of the beautiful Shoalhaven River, Shoalhaven Heads is perfect for a beach holiday and a great base for exploring colonial heritage and acclaimed wineries.



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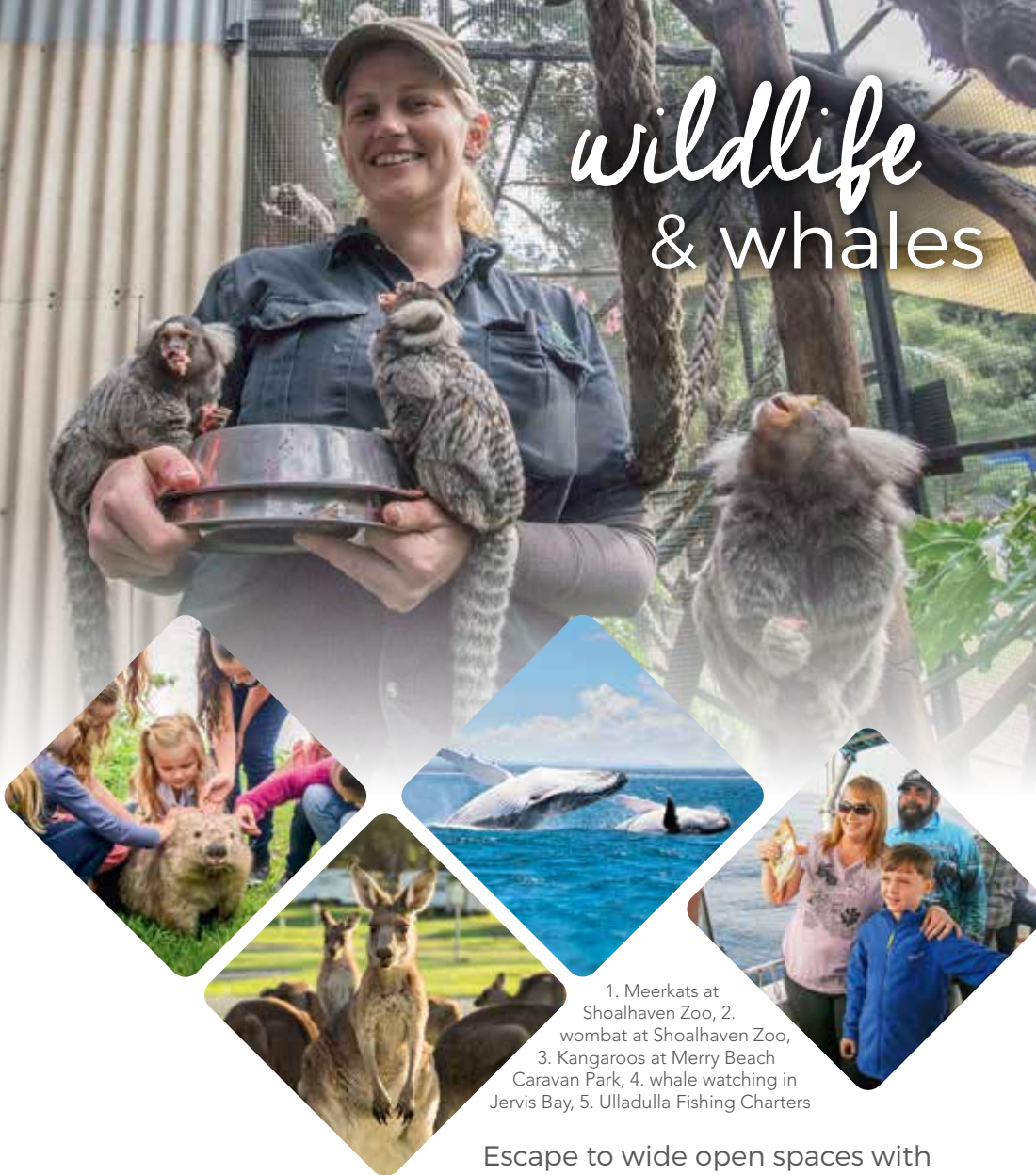
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Kiama is the quintessential beachside town that the NSW coast is famous for. It has several great beaches and its park, main shopping centre and train station are all close together and easily covered on foot.

Blowhole Point is the ideal place to get your bearings – and also the best place to enjoy 360 degree views. Located at the eastern end of town it's here that you'll find the world famous Blowhole, Kiama Lighthouse and the Visitors Centre.

The Blowhole's natural rock formation spouts seawater 20m or more into the air. Spectators are drenched if they go too close to the Blowhole! The area is floodlit until 1 am, offering an amazing night-time attraction.



Photo courtesy of Tourism NSW

Ocean views, spectacular rock formations and unspoilt beaches are to be seen on The Kiama Coast Walk - an unbroken ribbon of exploration stretching 22kms from the mouth of the Minnamurra River south through Kiama to Gerringong's Werri Beach. It hugs the edge of our mighty continent while offering a mix of sealed paths, grassed tracks and beach walking. The path is scooter, skateboard and bike friendly.

For a safe splash in the shallows, head to the Gerringong rock pools or Gerroa Beach. Explore the spectacular Cathedral Rocks where years of erosion have turned these volcanic rocks into a well-known natural landmark. The safest time to visit is low tide when the swell is small. You can wander along the sand, weaving in and out of the rock formations.

Drive up nearby Saddleback Mountain and soak up the views. On a clear day, take in the view from Cronulla in the north to Milton in the South.



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Just a short drive from the ocean, Kiama's coastal vibe gives way to a series of open fertile valleys and foothills. Jamberoo is an inland historical village set in a spectacular valley of lush countryside and country lanes. It is a wonderful spot for a leisurely day trip where you can visit the Illawarra Fly Treetop Walk, Minnamurra Rainforest and the Jamberoo Action Park, New South Wales' largest water park, or enjoy a relaxing lunch at the Jamberoo Pub.

Jamberoo Action Park boasts The Perfect Storm, the tallest, longest, fastest water ride ever built! It has lots of shade, plenty of different rides to accommodate all ages and the luxury of allowing you to bring your own food and drink. Open between September and April, it pays to buy your tickets early in the peak of summer to avoid missing out.

No trip to the area would be complete without a stop at the legendary Berry Donut Van, which has been operating in the historic village for over 50 years. The iconic food truck offers a fairly humble and classic menu sure to please the kids. There are hot dogs and meat pies, milkshakes and slushies (along with coffee for mum and dad), but let's face it: everyone is here for the cinnamon donuts.

Out & About - Shellharbour

Shellharbour.... a picturesque seaside location and family favourite holiday destination conveniently located on the South Coast of NSW, just over an hours easy drive south of Sydney and 2.5 hours from Canberra.

With regular festivals, events and monthly markets throughout the year – there is always something on offer.

Take a wander through the gorgeous little Shellharbour Village and meander through the specialty shops and boutiques, grab a bite to eat at one of the many cafes or pub overlooking the boat harbour. Little Park is a fantastic park for kids, with a tree fort, rock climbing wall, rope bridge, flying fox, swings and slides. You can take a dip in the ocean pool or explore the many rock pools looking for starfish and shells.

Nature lovers can lace up their hiking boots and explore rare littoral rainforests, waterfalls and hidden beaches on the Cascades and Clover Hill trails of Macquarie Pass National Park. Bass Point is home to an aquatic reserve, Bushrangers Bay which is known for its excellent snorkelling and diving.





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Take a ride in carriages from the golden age of rail travel, hop on a steam or diesel train, and circle the grounds on a miniature train at the Illawarra Light Railway Museum.

The family will love taking to the sky for a scenic helicopter flight or they can enjoy some aviation history at the HARS Aircraft Museum where you can go on board the "Connie" the Super Constellation, the airline of the 1950's.

Here you can also take a tour of the record breaking Qantas Boeing 747-400 or sit in the cockpit of an F-111 bomber jet or how about a 747 Wing Walk to top off the HARS experience.

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Wollongong is a popular holiday destination (and a GREAT place to live), that boasts beautiful beaches, plenty of leisure and recreational activities, excellent shopping, beachside dining and even a brewery by the beach.

There are also plenty of parks and gardens, lookouts, museums and art galleries and the Nan Tien Temple is a must-see as the southern hemisphere's largest Buddhist temple.

For the water babies and beach lovers alike, the allure of Wollongong's 17 patrolled beaches is hard to resist. Learn to surf or paddle board with one of the surfing schools located along the coast. Or simply bring your shovel, bucket and body board and create your own fun.

With over 60 kilometres of cycle ways in and around Wollongong, cycling is an excellent way to explore the city and all that it has to offer. Alternatively, you can stroll the beautiful Blue Mile and take in Wollongong's stunning harbour and ocean front cafes.



Photo courtesy of Tourism NSW

HANDY HINT

The FREE Gong Shuttle runs every 10 to 20 mins. The service operates in both directions on a loop from Wollongong Station to Wollongong University via Wollongong Hospital, Burelli Street and the Innovation Campus. The route numbers for the Gong Shuttle are 55A and 55C.

Take the self guided Wollongong City Centre Heritage Trail. The Trail features 23 locations across the city, including some of the most significant and historic landmarks post-European settlement. This is a must see for locals and visitors alike that have an interest in history and heritage. Maps are available at Council.

Whilst you're strolling the harbour, take note of Wollongong's rich history as you explore the preserved forts and cannons that dot the Blue Mile. These were built in the late 1800's to provide a deterrent to a possible Russian attack on Wollongong Harbour!!!

Wollongong also boasts a plethora of family friendly attractions including the Science Centre and Planetarium, Symbio Zoo, Jamberoo Action Park, The Illawarra Museum and The Australian Motorlife Museum.

The kids (and big kids) will absolutely love the Early Start Discovery Space. It is Australia's only dedicated "children's museum". It's a fun, innovative, hands-on, creative venue for all children from birth to 10 years.

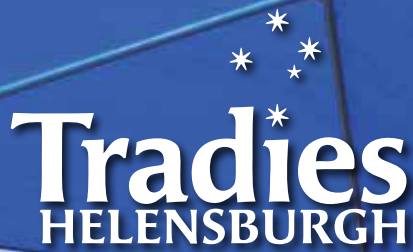
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2. To take in the amazing local scenery, visit the lookouts at Sublime Point, Bald Hill, Mt Keira, Mt Kembla and Hill 60. All are accessible by car and have amazing views.

3. Take a drive on the amazing 665m Sea Cliff bridge. It's jaw droppingly spectacular!

4. Grab your towel and go for a dip at one of The Gong's 17 patrolled beaches. Our fave?? North Wollongong!

5. Pop into the historic Illawarra Museum. It traces the history of the area with fascinating exhibits and artefacts. It is located a short walk from the harbour and Wollongong City Centre.

6. Pay a visit to the Wollongong Art Gallery, one of Australia's largest regional art museums with regularly changing exhibitions and it has dedicated kids' activities.

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7. Catch a kid's show at the Merrigong Theatre in the city centre. They have regularly themed children's theatre productions and workshops (costs a little).

8. Go down to the harbour and watch a fishing boat unload its catch.

9. Wollongong's beaches have an incredible variety of amazing playgrounds for kids dotted along the coast. The one at Stuart Park suits kids of all ages, has toilets, a bike track complete with miniature road signs, lots of grass for picnicking, and is a stone's throw away from a cafe for a coffee for mum and dad.

10. Take the kids to Nan Tien Temple, the largest Buddhist Temple in the southern hemisphere. Nan Tien is a place of tranquillity that offers a spiritual experience as well as culture, temple tours and peaceful gardens.

11. Ride the trails around Lake Illawarra and take in the scenery, grab some fish and chips or have a swim. With a dedicated bike track from Oak Flats to Shellharbour Village there are plenty of places to start and stop along the way. Pelican Park and Reddall Reserve Park are a handy stop along the way to play between rides.

12. Visit the Illawarra Light Railway & Museum. The Museum is traditionally open on the second Saturday and the fourth Saturday of the month. The museum is a great place for families to have a day out with train rides and a museum to explore.

13. Have a game of mini golf at the Illawarra Golf Complex. Fun for all the family.

14. Visit Bulli, a historic coal mining village that retains evidence of its rich past in its pubs, churches and historic buildings.

15. Visit the HARS aircraft museum. The kids will love sitting in the cockpits of a jumbo and fighter plane. Take a guided tour with one of their volunteers to learn more. Also, the food in their cafe is delicious!

16. Have a game of minigolf at the new course at Links Shell Cove. (voucher p.39)

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Every Monday	<p>Storytime at Batemans Bay Library</p> <p>Storytime is lots of fun, we read stories, sing songs, play games and make craft. Storytime is free and each session lasts approximately one hour: 10.30-11.30am. Batemans Bay Library, Hanging Rock Place, Batemans Bay.</p>
Every Tuesday	<p>SAGE Farmers Market Moruya</p> <p>The SAGE Farmers Market was born out of a community demand for quality, local food. They are proud to be able to provide a marketplace for consumers to access locally grown or harvested food directly from the producers, under safe and controlled conditions. The market has quickly established an excellent reputation in the surrounding districts as an authentic farmers market. 3-5pm. Riverside Park, Moruya.</p>
Every Tuesday	<p>Storytime - Nowra Library</p> <p>Join our vibrant, fun storytime sessions at 11am every Tuesday during school terms. There will be books, songs, and crafts suitable for 2-5 year olds. Bookings essential. Nowra Library, 10 Berry Street, Nowra.</p>
Every Wednesday	<p>Coding Club at Sanctuary Point Library</p> <p>Learn how to collaborate, create, communicate and problem solve at Code Club this term at Sanctuary Point Library. Be challenged as you learn to code a range of programs with Scratch - including animations, stories, musical instruments and games. These sessions are appropriate for children aged from 7 - 11 years. Paradise Beach Road, Sanctuary Point.</p>
Every Wednesday	<p>Corrimal Park Farmers & Foodies Market</p> <p>Corrimal Park Market is now open every Wednesday, 11AM to 4PM with the emphasis on fresh produce. It is a Farmers, Foodies & artisan market. 202 Princes Hwy, Corrimal.</p>
Last Friday of Every Month	<p>Movies at Middy - Nowra Library</p> <p>Nowra Library will be screening new release, classic and award-winning films each month from 12noon to 2pm. Bookings essential. Nowra Library, 10 Berry Street, Nowra.</p>
Friday Night During School Holidays	<p>Dinosaurs at Night Tour</p> <p>Explore the National Dinosaur Museum by torchlight on one of our exciting night tours. The galleries can be seen in a very different light as our guides lead you on a journey of discovery over a one hour torchlit tour through the dimly lit galleries. Discover the dark side of prehistoric life on this fun and fact-filled dino-adventure! 6-7pm. 6 Gold Creek Rd, Nicholls. www.nationaldinosaurmuseum.com.au</p>
First Saturday of Each Month	<p>Jervis Bay Maritime Museum Market</p> <p>Celebrate the weekend with family and friends in the relaxed atmosphere of the beautiful Jervis Bay Maritime Museum grounds. Unwind by the pond with Devonshire Tea while enjoying the live music and fresh, delicious food. Stroll among the stalls selling a range of local arts and crafts, interesting homewares and fresh produce. Check out the Museum shop and mangrove boardwalk while you are here. 10am -3pm. Dent Street, Jervis Bay Maritime Museum, Huskisson.</p>



July	
6th July	<p>NAIDOC Week - Storytime & Craft</p> <p>Ngarigo woman and artist Gail Neuss will read "Little Bird's Day", a story by renowned Indigenous children's author Sally Morgan, a Palyku woman from the Pilbara. Little Bird's Day is exquisitely illustrated by Johnny Warrkatja Malibirr – Yolgnu man from the Ganalbingu clan. Take inspiration from this story and the pictures to create a kurrajong pod bird using feathers and paint pens to decorate. "Time to wake little bird, time to sing the world alive" 4 - 7 years. 10am - 11:30am or 1:00pm-2:30pm. \$15. www.nationalarborretum.act.gov.au</p>
8th - 11th July	<p>Fantastic Mr Fox</p> <p>Mr Fox and his family, friends and foes are getting set to once again leap off the page and all around the stage in this mind-blowing mix of stunning digital animation and explosive live stage action. Part interactive cartoon, part stage show, Fantastic Mr Fox is pure entertainment. No one outfoxes a Fox, especially not the horrible and greedy farmers Boggis, Bunce and Bean – one fat, one short, one lean. But when they try, Mr Fox needs to save his family and friends and he'll go to any lengths to outwit the mean humans. Packed with Dahlicious mischief, hilarious mayhem and humongous belly laughs, Fantastic Mr Fox is one TAIL you don't want to miss. Canberra Theatre Centre. www.canberratheatrecentre.com.au</p>
September	
3rd - 4th September	<p>Pete the Sheep</p> <p>Based on Jackie French and Bruce Whatley's quirky and classic Australian picture book! Shaun isn't like the other Shearers in Shaggy Gully... he'd rather be styling than shearing and instead of 'sheep-dog', he has a 'sheep-sheep' named Pete. After being rejected by the shearers and their dogs, Shaun and Pete set up their own Shearing Salon in town and before long word is out and they are inundated with woolly clients and maybe a Ringer or two! This hilarious show, imaginatively told by four performers playing shearers, dogs and sheep explores the challenges and rewards of being an individual and will be a lasting tribute to honouring your own spirit and strength, whilst working with the flock. Canberra Theatre Centre. www.canberratheatrecentre.com.au</p>
October	
15th - 17th October	<p>Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival</p> <p>Kangaroo Valley Folk Festival - a three day celebration of music, poetry, dancing, art and craft in Australia's most beautiful valley. Enjoy over 50 fabuloc acts from around Australia and overseas in six intimate venues. The fun starts 3pm Friday and continues all weekend until 5pm Sunday. There are lots of hands-on activities too, such as dancing, poetry, tune sessions, instrument and singing workshops. It's a family friendly event. Accompanied children under 12 get in free and can enjoy the kids' craft and kids' performers. 179 Moss Vale Rd, Kangaroo Valley</p>
16th - 17th October	<p>South Coast Food and Wine Festival</p> <p>Hosted in Jervis Bay for the first time, the South Coast Food and Wine Festival will celebrate all things good about Food and Beverages from Southern NSW. Combining an award winning Food and Beverage line up featuring the regions' best Chefs, Caterers, Restaurants, Food Producers Wineries, Craft Breweries, Distilleries and Coffee Roasters, this year's event promises to be the best food and beverage experience in Southern NSW. Music on two stages, Masterclasses for the foodies and plenty of good times too; the South Coast Food and Wine Festival has everything you need for a great Spring Weekend in Jervis Bay. Hawke Street, Huskisson.</p>
November	
13th - 14th November	<p>Wings Over Illawarra</p> <p>Australia's best annual airshow, and situated right on Sydney's doorstep. See jaw-dropping aerobatics, relive the past with a spectacular display of classic warbirds and amazing vintage aircraft of yesteryear. Be inspired by the Australian Defence Force as they present the best Australia has to offer. Loud, fast jets and formation flying will delight and provide you with an unforgettable experience as they perform breath-taking manoeuvres above the beautiful Illawarra. Enjoy a joy flight in a helicopter before immersing yourself in history as you wander through rare displays of vintage and classic aircraft. Don't miss heart-stopping aerial antics, flying displays, fantastic static displays, classic cars, a massive carnival with Free rides for both young and old, souvenirs and simulators – there is no better way to spend an unforgettable day with family and friends! 32 Airport Road, Albion Park Rail. www.wingsoverillawarra.com.au</p>
January	
26th January	<p>Australia Day in the Capital</p> <p>There can be no more appropriate place than Canberra to celebrate Australia Day. Enjoy a picnic at the Patrick White Lawn on the other side of the river and culminate with fireworks over the lake with a full days entertainment between. Activities include rides for children, plenty of food trucks, a concert, and more. Regatta Point.</p>



Where to stay? Whether it is for a weekend getaway, school holiday break or extended summer vacation, we have done our homework and chosen the accommodations for the city and the beach that we know your family will love.

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Canberra

The Novotel (p.48) is centrally located near the public transport hub, cafes, restaurants and the massive Canberra Centre shopping mall. So too is the Crown Plaza (see below). It has the beautiful Glebe Park right beside it too. East Hotel has family friendly rooms with bunks and games for kids.

Alivio Tourist Park (see opposite) has many great features for families and is just a 4km drive from the centre of town. They have an awesome water play area too!

Batemans Bay

There are numerous holiday parks situated on the river, near the beach and in the nearby bushland. Easts have a great holiday park on the river just before you go over the bridge and the Big 4 and Clyde River parks in Batehaven are right on the water.

Ulladulla

Heaps to choose from here! Kings Point Retreat has an amazing waterpark that will keep the kids entertained for hours. Wairo Beach Resort has an great beachside location, resort style pool and jumping pillow and the Holiday Haven Parks have great locations.

Narooma

The Easts Big 4 (p.28) is located on the river in the "flats" part of town. It is smack bang right in the action with easy access to the river, beach and lakes. It has playgrounds, tennis courts, an unbelievably good indoor pool area and other activities!

Huskisson

This quintessential beachside town has many options. Motels and apartments are plentiful and the Holiday Haven (p.3) has playgrounds, pools and magnificent views, whilst Jervis Bay Holiday Parks has its own private boat ramp.

Wollongong

Sage is located right opposite WIN Entertainment Complex. The Novotel is right on the beach, has family friendly rooms and great kids' activities. Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort has an indoor heated pool, playgrounds, tennis and is located on the sand. The Towradgi Beach Hotel is right across the road.


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