

SAPPHIRE COAST

NSW

A natural fit for your next
event



Event venue
prospectus



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WELCOME TO THE SAPPHIRE COAST



Situated on the south-eastern coast of New South Wales and located halfway between Sydney and Melbourne, the Sapphire Coast offers a warm welcome from locals set against a backdrop of spectacular natural landscapes.

The ancestral home to the people of the Yuin-Monaro Nations, the Sapphire Coast is rich with special places that offer an invitation to explore, recharge and celebrate. With landscapes that transition from pristine beaches to lush hinterlands, and idyllic towns and villages dotted throughout, our region provides the ideal backdrop for unforgettable event experiences.

Major events are a particularly important part of life in our region. Events bring our communities together, showcase local culture and are an invitation to visit the Sapphire Coast throughout the year.

Our communities proudly play host to more than 40 major events each year. From the well-established and much-loved Cobargo Folk Festival and Sculpture Bermagui to recent additions such as Wanderer Festival and Giyyong Festival, our major events calendar continues to evolve and grow.

With this growth comes an ever-increasing capacity across our communities to welcome, facilitate and host events. We invite you to explore the possibilities and discover why our region is the perfect canvas for your event.

KEY FACTS

Just over an hour's flight from both
Sydney and Melbourne

Natural wonders, historic sites and
enticing experiences

100+ beaches stretched across 225km
of stunning coastline

Mild temperatures **all year round**

Supportive Council, dedicated and
skilled communities

Wide range of **accommodation** options
in great locations



HOW TO GET HERE

Located midway between Sydney and Melbourne and only a 3-hour drive from Canberra, the Sapphire Coast is the ideal place come together and gather for an event. Whether travelling by road or air, the trip to the Sapphire Coast is a scenic and memorable journey in itself.

Our region is serviced by Merimbula Airport, a hassle-free entry point that offers daily direct flights to and from Melbourne and Sydney with Qantas and Rex Airlines. In little over an hour, visitors can escape the bustling city and find themselves in the heart of some of Australia's most beautiful coastal wilderness.



DRIVE TIME	6 hours	7 hours	3 hours
FLY TIME	1h10	1h20	n/a
WEEKLY FLIGHTS	12+ /week	10+ /week	n/a

SYDNEY	MELBOURNE	CANBERRA
6 hours	7 hours	3 hours
1h10	1h20	n/a
12+ /week	10+ /week	n/a

The Sapphire Coast encompasses the Bega Valley Shire and extends from Bermagui in the north, south to the VIC-NSW border and inland to the edge of the Snowy-Monaro.

WHERE TO STAY

Echoing the natural beauty and welcoming hospitality of our region, our huge range of accommodation caters to a range of preferences and budgets. From beachfront resorts and boutique glamping experiences to boutique motels and holiday parks with postcard views, our region has accommodation sure to please.

Our main accommodation hubs are Merimbula, Eden, Bermagui, Tathra and Bega, as well as wonderful options in our smaller villages and localities.



Bermagui Beach Hotel



Coast Resort Merimbula



Hotel Australasia



Hillcrest Merimbula



Tanja Lagoon Camp



Kianinny Bush Cottages

THE PERFECT BACKDROP FOR YOUR EVENT

From breathtaking natural landscapes and outdoor adventures to rich arts and cultural experiences, there are endless adventures to discover on the Sapphire Coast.



FOOD, DRINK AND PRODUCE

Explore the region's burgeoning food scene and prized local produce at restaurants and eateries, distilleries, breweries, markets and the Sapphire Coast Oyster Trail.



GALLERIES AND THE ARTS

Discover an array of galleries and open studios, showcasing the best of our local talent. The new South East Centre for Contemporary Art (SECCA) in Bega presents exhibitions and events by local and international artists, connecting the Sapphire Coast with global contemporary visual culture.



PRISTINE COASTLINE

Swim, kayak, fish and surf along hundreds of kilometres of pristine coastline with secluded beaches, turquoise estuaries and crystal-clear rock pools.



NATIONAL PARKS

Our coastal wilderness is home to eight breathtaking national parks where you will encounter isolated beaches, towering forests, serene lagoons and ancient landscapes.



ABORIGINAL CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

The rich culture of our traditional custodians continues to thrive and is celebrated with festivals, tours, exhibitions, workshops and the Bundian Way Story Trail.



HISTORY AND HERITAGE

The Sapphire Coast is steeped in seafaring and agricultural history, heritage sites and compelling stories. Explore the Eden Killer Whale Museum, visit the Bega Cheese Heritage Centre, or climb NSW's southernmost lighthouse.



COASTAL WALKS AND HIKES

From gentle wanders to multi-day wilderness hikes like the Light to Light Walk, explore wetlands, beaches, forests and mountains along some of NSW's most stunning coastal trails.



MARINE WILDLIFE

Known as Australia's premier whale watching destination from August to November, our abundant coastal waters are also home to dolphins, fur seals and bird life all year round.



MOUNTAIN BIKING

Explore world-class mountain bike trails with our two major networks in Eden and Tathra, providing more than a combined 100km of premium trails catering to all skill levels.



TOWNS AND VILLAGES

Our picturesque seaside towns and historic country villages are welcoming hubs for exploring the region.



KEY VENUES **AND FACILITIES**

Our region is home to a number of venues and natural sites suitable for both indoor and outdoor events. Whether it's a beautiful lakeside natural amphitheatre, our wide open spaces or well-appointed recreation grounds, tree-lined golf courses or a modern boutique theatre, our region has an array of venues ready to host your event.



FOUR WINDS

Four Winds is an extraordinary music destination located just 9 minutes south of Bermagui at stunning Barragga Bay. Four Winds specialises in exceptional music experiences surrounded by nature, often blending classical form with First Nations voices, young emerging musicians and powerful multi-disciplinary storytelling. The purpose-built site is home to the 180-seat 'Windsong Pavilion', an acoustically pristine building custom designed for the finest listening experience. Alongside the Pavilion is the Sound Shell, a 2,000-seat outdoor amphitheatre used for larger-scale festivals and events.

9-minute drive from Bermagui

Set in amongst stunning bush surrounds

Outdoor amphitheatre capacity | **2,000**

Windsong indoor pavilion capacity | **180**

Windsong Pavilion Marquee with open doors capacity | **250**

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BEGA VALLEY COMMEMORATIVE CIVIC CENTRE

Located in the heart of Bega, the Civic Centre offers entertainment and conference facilities with an auditorium that regularly plays host to community theatre, live comedy, music performances, conferences, large community gatherings and industry meetings. A beautiful, modern and well-appointed facility, the foyer and meeting rooms have views out to the surrounding hinterland and famous rolling hills of the Bega Valley.

Next door to the recently opened South East Centre for Contemporary Art (SECCA), the Civic Centre is the ideal location for your next concert performance, conference or meeting.

Located in the heart of Bega

South East Centre for Contemporary Art (SECCA) next door

Ample accommodation options within easy walking distance

Over 200 car parking spaces immediately adjacent

The Merri-winga Auditorium with a capacity of 500 seated (230 in banquet format)

Two conference rooms with capacity up to 120

Meeting rooms with capacity up to 30

Two foyer spaces with bars, both with a capacity of up to 120



THE TWYFORD THEATRE AND HALL

The Twyford has been at the heart of Merimbula and the wider region's arts and cultural landscape since it was first opened in 1931. The venue includes two key performing spaces. The heritage-listed hall has capacity to seat up to 170 with flexible seating and tables, whilst the newly completed theatre has capacity for 199 in raked seating.

Together with the adjacent supper room and commercial kitchen, the Hall is ideal for exhibitions, dances, smaller music performances, tabled and seated functions, rehearsals, play readings and larger meetings.

Opened in 2024, the new Theatre is a state-of-the-art facility with a licensed foyer cafe/bar and two dressing rooms, with unisex bathrooms and laundry facilities for up to 16 artists. All spaces except the upper dressing room are accessible. It is an ideal venue for theatre, dance, film screenings and larger music performances as well as small conferences.

Managed by a community-driven, not-for-profit company, The Twyford is able to provide ticketing, marketing and technical services for your event and can arrange function catering from local suppliers.

In the heart of Merimbula town centre

Foyer with cafe/bar facility

Commercial kitchen

Loading dock with direct access to both Hall and Theatre stages

Supper room

Twyford Hall capacity | **170 seated**

Twyford Theatre capacity | **199 seated**



PAMBULA BEACH SPORTING COMPLEX

Located a short drive from the idyllic countryside village of Pambula, the Pambula Beach Sports Complex is one of the region's standout facilities. Capable of hosting up to 8,000 people on-site at any one time, each year it plays host to major events such as the much-loved Pambula Show, Pambula Motorfest and Wanderer Festival, a multi-generational music festival headlined by major international acts.

Set against the backdrop of gum trees, and only two kilometres from the mouth of the stunning Pambula River, this venue provides amenities expected by modern-day event goers nestled in amongst the natural beauty our region is famous for.

Full-sized Australian rules/cricket oval

Full-sized rugby field

Community fields and equestrian facility

15-minute drive to the Australian rules and cricket grounds at Berrambool Sporting Complex in Merimbula

Modern facilities including kiosks, social rooms, accessible toilets and change rooms
(Currently under construction. Due for completion by October 2024.)

120 designated parking spaces

Capacity | **8,000 people**



CLUB SAPPHIRE

Located centrally in Merimbula, Club Sapphire is the premium venue for entertainment, workshops, events and conferencing.

The Auditorium (Audi) hosts a diverse range of activities, from large music performances, live comedy, community functions, conferences, weddings, and large gatherings. The Tasman Room and Sapphire Room offer stylish spaces for conferences, meetings, and private functions. Pacific Bistro and Kitty's Bar and Restaurant cater to all preferences from exquisite sit-down dinners to cocktail and theatre style workshops. The unique outdoor courtyard provides a beautiful space for pre or post event gatherings. The state-of-the-art undercover bowling green provide relaxation and leisure options.

Two on-site restaurants – Pacific Bistro and Kitty's Bar

Bar and Sports lounge

Walking distance to accommodation

Courtesy Bus

Over 200 on-site car spaces

Audi (Auditorium) capacity | **700**

Tasman Room capacity | **70**

Sapphire Room capacity | **300**

Meeting Rooms capacity | **40**



BERRAMBOOL SPORTING COMPLEX (MERIMBULA)

Just 500-metres from the centre of Merimbula, this much-loved community sporting facility plays host to cricket, Australian rules football and soccer as well as travelling circuses. Located around the main ovals are junior fields and a skatepark providing ample space for event activation. With the tree-lined Merimbula Creek flowing around the boundary of the site, it is another of our region's many venues that nestles in the natural surroundings the Sapphire Coast is known for.

National-sized Australian rules/cricket field

Two senior soccer fields

Junior fields for cricket and soccer

Toilets and change room facilities

90 designated parking spaces with overflow area for more than 100 additional vehicles

Capacity | **5,000 people**



FORD PARK MULTI-USE COURTS (MERIMBULA)

A stone's throw away from the stunning Merimbula Main Beach, Ford Park's undercover courts play host to basketball and netball games all year long. The facility has hosted 3-on-3 basketball tournaments with success. With the grass expanse of Ford Park immediately adjacent to the courts, the precinct is ideal for events that incorporate activities that extend beyond basketball and netball.

Located on the foreshore of the Merimbula Main Beach

Adjacent to Ford Park

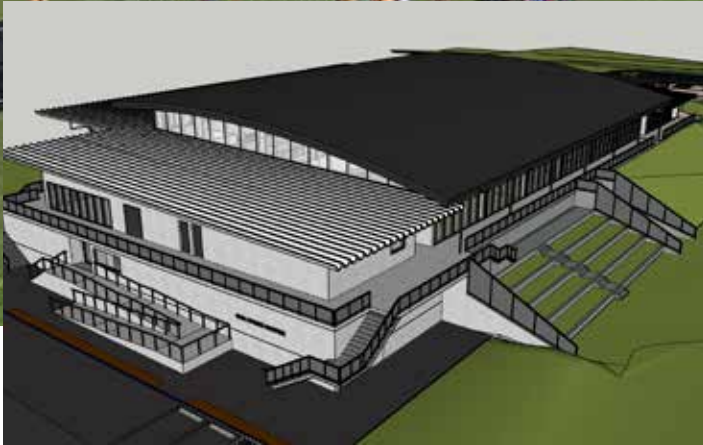
Four undercover basketball/netball courts

Modern Plexipave surface

Canteen

Toilets including one accessible toilet

Small meeting room



BEGA SPORTING COMPLEX

Located just metres from the centre of Bega, the Bega Sporting Complex is one of our region's best utilised and beloved event venues. In recent years it has played host to major events including a Monster Truck meet, NRL pre-season and trial matches and major live music performances. Situated next to Bega Primary School's ovals, the Keith Mitchell Playing Fields next to the Bega River, and only a few hundred metres from the Roy Howard Oval, it is ideally suited for large-scale events that require large spill-over areas for parking.

With plans well-advanced for an upgrade to the venue's facilities (scheduled completion 2025), the Bega Sporting Complex is an ideal venue for major concerts, special events and sporting events.

Full-sized cricket oval

Full-sized rugby field with competition standard lighting

Full-sized soccer pitch

Changerooms, toilets
(including 2 accessible toilets)

120 designated parking spaces with significant space for overflow parking

Three-phase power available

Capacity | **8,000 people**



DICKINSON OVAL (BERMAGUI)

Located between the Bermagui town centre and the famous Bermagui Fishermen's Wharf, Dickinson Oval is beautifully situated and only a stone's throw from the main beach. Adjacent to the Bermagui Surf Club (a regularly used event venue in itself) and opposite the Bermagui Country Club, the venue is surrounded by well-appointed facilities that have capacity to host large groups and in turn serve as a social hub for any events hosted on the oval.

A much-loved community facility, it regularly hosts major events including the famous annual Bermagui Dog Show each February. In recent years it has also played host to the Bermagui Seaside Fair, the Greater Western Sydney Giants Development Academy trial night and the opening concert of the Four Winds Festival.

A versatile space that can host events ranging from classic music performances to elite sports team trials, Dickinson Oval is an ideal venue for a wide variety of events.

Full-sized Australian rules/cricket oval

New pavilion with canteen and kitchen

Changeroom facilities

Public toilets (including 1 accessible toilet)

5 designated parking spaces with space for overflow parking (100+ cars)

Capacity | **2,000 people**



COBARGO SHOWGROUND

The picturesque Cobargo Showground has been operating for nearly 140 years. As a dedicated showground, it serves not only as a major event venue but also as an integral part of the local agricultural economy. The Cobargo Showground provides agistment for stock, corrals, a cattle yard, an equestrian arena, dog events and dressage rings.

With camping facilities and amenities blocks, it can accommodate event attendees on-site during major events. Across the site are a range of different venue spaces and facilities. A large pavilion, function room, canteen, bar and three open-sided sheds are all situated on the central hill, with a range of smaller spaces and facilities scattered around the larger site.

Home to the Cobargo Folk Festival and Cobargo Show, the Cobargo Showground is a treasured community asset that is proudly and distinctively rural.

Three-phase power available

Commercial kitchen

Pavilion capacity | **250 seated**

Function room capacity | **100 seated**

Total site capacity | **2,000 people**



TURA BEACH COUNTRY CLUB

So much more than great views. Tura Beach is a true championship golf course with two of the best bowling greens in the region, tennis facilities, function rooms that offer spectacular ocean views, a fabulous new bistro and so much more.

Designed by five-time British Open winner Peter Thomson and Mike Woolveridge, the course weaves through mature eucalyptus forest with undulating and challenging terrain. The layout offers spectacular views from tees and greens over the Pacific Ocean and every hole provide unique challenges for players of all levels.

Having hosted Pro Am's, including the Bega Cheese Pro Am and NSW/ACT PGA Associates events, Tura Beach Country Club is the ideal location for your next golfing odyssey.

Function rooms with a 100-person capacity

A range of contemporary facilities including bowling greens and tennis courts

Bistro | **120 seated**

Lounge | **120 people**



EDEN GOLF COURSE

Located just 15 minutes south of Merimbula Airport, this John Spencer designed course is a hidden gem of the Sapphire Coast. Described as the Augusta National of the Far South Coast, the course is set amongst beautiful native Australian forest with bent grass greens and Kikuyu grass tees and fairways.

Bar and restaurant | 120-person capacity

Set amongst beautiful native forest

Courtesy bus



GRAVITY EDEN MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

Gravity Eden Mountain Bike Park is a new mountain biking destination located in Nullica State Forest in Eden. The park encompasses 58-kilometres of premium machine-built singletrack featuring trails for all skill levels with an emphasis on gravity and flow riding.

The primary trailhead is located only minutes from Eden and features a dirt jump park, asphalt pump track with solar lighting, car parking and toilets. Gravity Eden has already played host to 'The Orca' Quad Crown MTB Series stage racing event to positive acclaim.

300 metres of elevation

58 kilometres of mountain bike trails

20 unique trails

Dirt jump park and asphalt pump track

Dedicated trailhead with car parking, signage, amenities and shuttles

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

To learn more about our region and options for hosting your event on the Sapphire Coast, please get in touch:

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