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Lake Macquarie's Top 20 Highlights

There's so much to love about Lake Macquarie it's sometimes hard to know where to start. So why not here, with our top 20 highlights? These suggestions are sure to kick start your holiday and help you discover all that our beaches, Lake and mountains have to offer. Happy exploring!

1. Catherine Hill Bay



A historic mining village and picturesque beach, twice named one of Australia's '101 Best Beaches'.

2. Wallarah National Park



Bushwalk to secluded Pinny Beach, unspoiled and only accessible on foot.

3. Murrays Beach



Stroll the foreshore, check out the local cafe or have a picnic on the shady lawns of this tranquil eco-community.

4. Caves Beach



A popular patrolled family beach. Don't miss a visit to the famous sea caves and rock pools, best accessed at low tide.

5. Blacksmiths Beach



A top swimming beach, protected by a breakwall offering excellent views and fishing access to Swansea Channel.

6. Pelican Foreshore Reserve



One of the area's most beloved picnic spots. Features a sandy shoreline, fenced playground and a small jetty perfect to drop a line off.

7. Lake Macquarie Airport



The place for aerial adventures! Visit the airport for scenic helicopter rides, skydiving, aerobatic joy flights, and flying lessons.

8. Fernleigh Track



Walk or ride your way through a diverse range of natural landscapes on this restored heritage rail trail.

9. Belmont Foreshore



Belmont's leafy foreshore is great place to catch the sunset. Dine at one of the waterfront sailing clubs or go for a lake swim at Belmont Baths.

10. Green Point Foreshore Reserve



Beautiful bushland reserve. Enjoy panoramic lake views from the easy walking and cycling trails.

11. Redhead Beach



The City's most northern patrolled beach, known for its impressive headland and iconic wooden shark lookout tower.

12. Charlestown Square



Shop up a storm at the Hunter's largest shopping centre, complete with plenty of dining and entertainment options.

13. Warners Bay



This lively lakeside town is full of life, from its well-established dining scene to a bustling foreshore with bike hire and eye catching public art.

14. Speers Point Park



The ultimate destination for family fun, hit the huge all-abilities Variety Playground first, followed by a visit to the cafe or swim centre next door.

15. Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery



Wander the sculpture garden, dine in the historic restaurant or take in an exhibition at the Hunter's only waterfront gallery.

16. Toronto Foreshore



Between the espresso bar on the wharf and the playground just behind it, Toronto Foreshore is a lovely lakeside destination for the whole family.

17. Rathmines Park



Formerly home to the largest seaplane base in the Southern Hemisphere during WWII, now a peaceful place to relax by the Lake.

18. Wangi Wangi



A charming village, home to Dobell House, the State Heritage Listed former residence of renowned Australian artist Sir William Dobell.

19. Watagan Mountains



Looking to escape the hustle and bustle? For walking trails, waterfalls, scenic lookouts and bush camping, you can't go past the Watagans.

20. Pulbah Island



Hire a boat, pack a picnic and make a beeline for the Lake's largest island.

Lake, beach or mountains? Why choose when you can have all three?

Welcome to Lake Macquarie. You'll find us just 90 minutes from Sydney, but we promise it feels a whole world away.

At the centre of Lake Macquarie lies the Lake itself. Twice the size of Sydney Harbour, there's plenty of space to enjoy boating, sailing, fishing and all your favourite water sports. Our 32 kilometres of spectacular coastline include four patrolled beaches and quality surf breaks, while in the west, the Watagan Mountains stand tall.

Whether you're craving untamed adventure or a relaxing escape, Lake Macquarie delivers at all paces.



How to get to Lake Macquarie

by road

The M1 Pacific Motorway links Sydney with Lake Macquarie. For East Lake Macquarie, take the 'Doyalson, Swansea' exit. For West Lake Macquarie, you can use the Morisset, Toronto or Cardiff exits. If arriving from the north, follow the Pacific Highway through Charlestown onwards.

by air

The closest airport is Newcastle Airport, located at Williamtown, 40 minutes from northern Lake Macquarie. From here, transport options include rental cars, public buses, taxis or Uber. Contact 02 4928 9822 or visit newcastleairport.com.au.

by rail

Lake Macquarie is regularly serviced by Sydney Trains on the Newcastle and Central Coast line. Major stations in Lake Macquarie include Wyee, Morisset, Fassifern and Cardiff. NSW TrainLink trains stop at Fassifern station. Contact 131 500 or visit transportnsw.info.

by water

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

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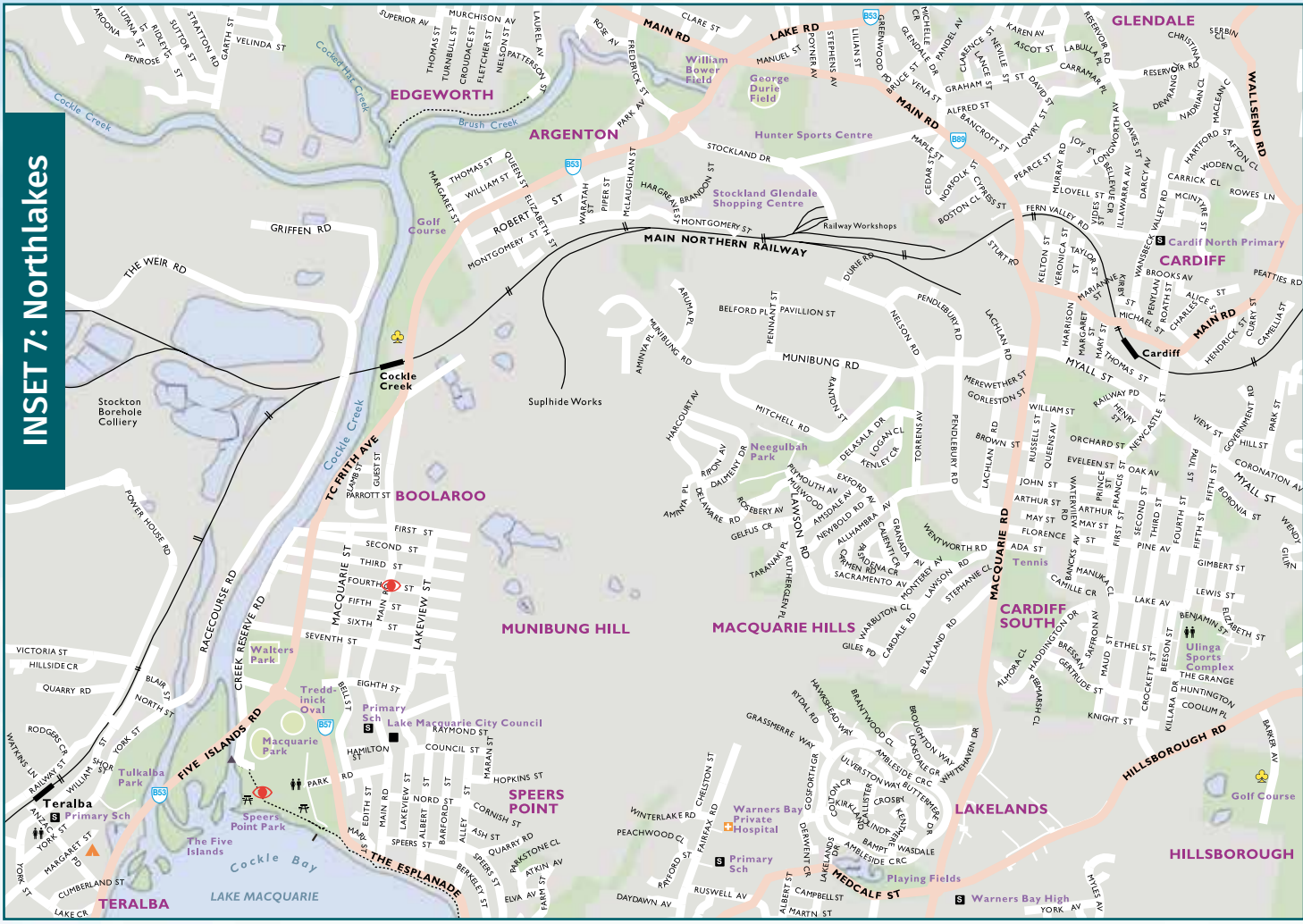
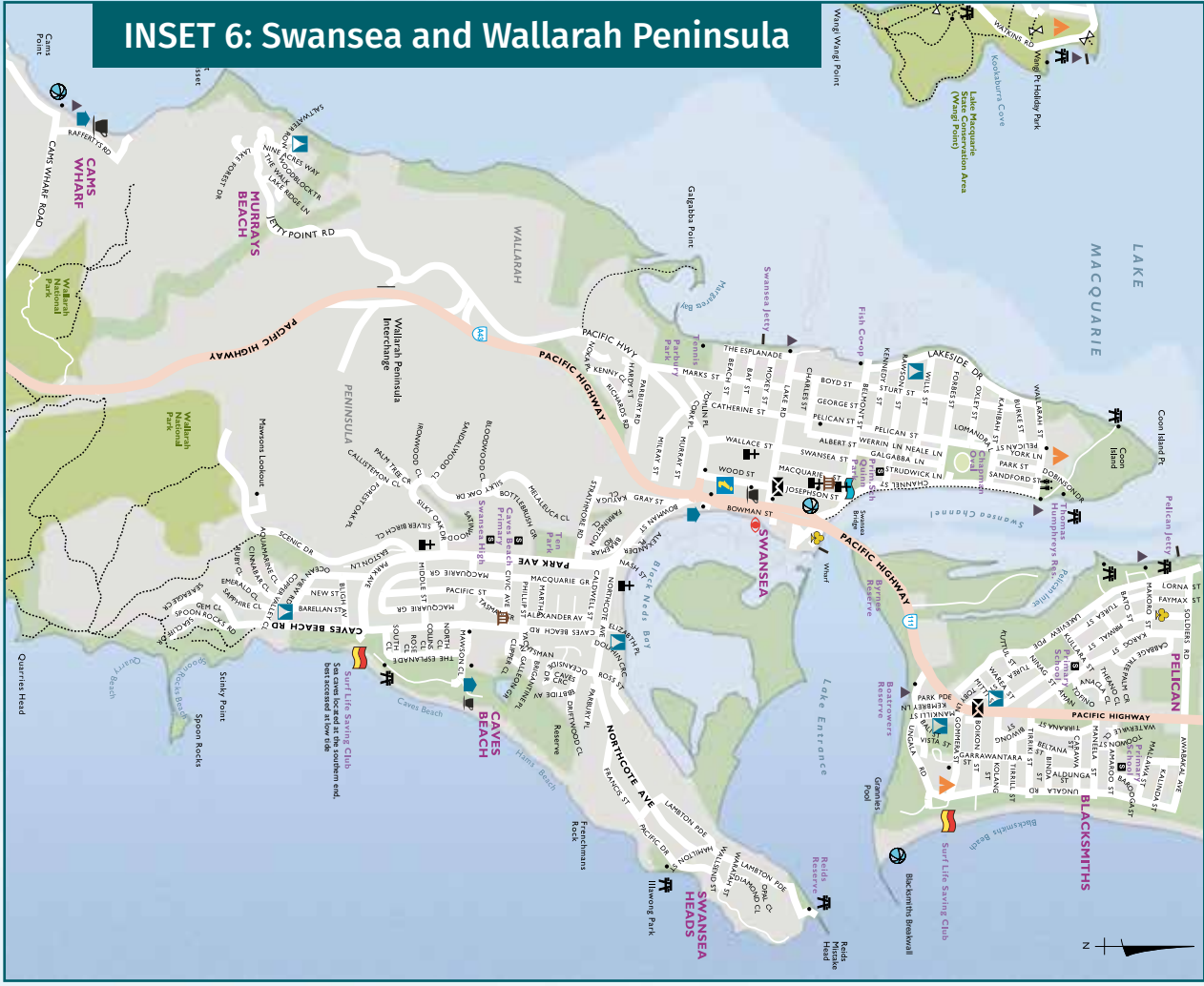
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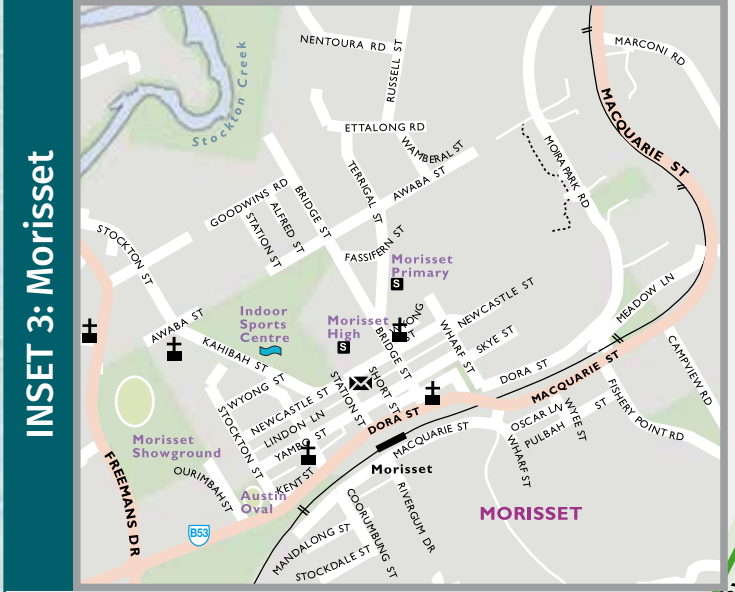
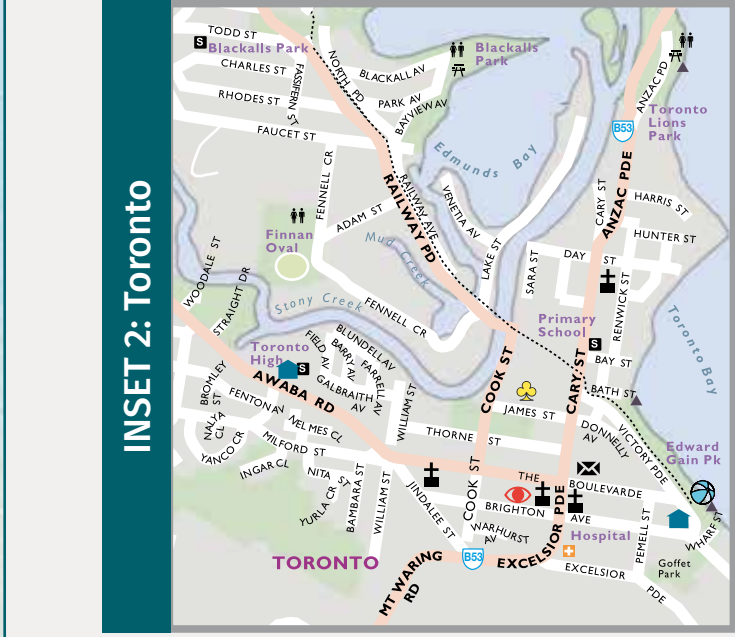
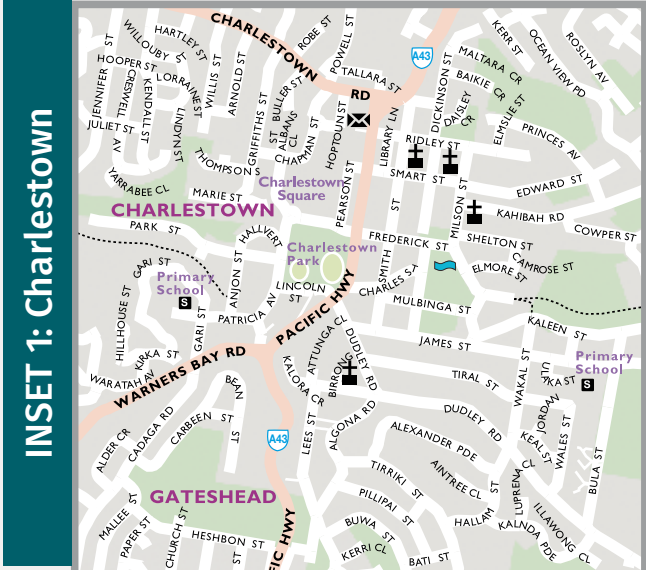


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Information, local tips, accommodation bookings and friendly service. Come and say hello!

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Legend:

- National Park / State Conservation Area / Nature Reserve
- State forest
- Highway
- Major road
- Minor road
- Feature walking track / fire trail
- Visitor Information Centre
- Holiday park
- Self contained accommodation
- Hotel / motel / resort
- Bed and breakfast
- Restaurants and cafes
- Club
- Water activities
- Attractions and activities
- Gallery / museum
- Shopping
- Patrolled beach
- Swimming pool
- Boat ramp
- Jetty
- Park facilities: lookout / picnic / camping

Scale: 0 1 2 3 4 KILOMETRES

Inset 4: Warners Bay

Inset 5: Belmont

Inset 6: Central Coast