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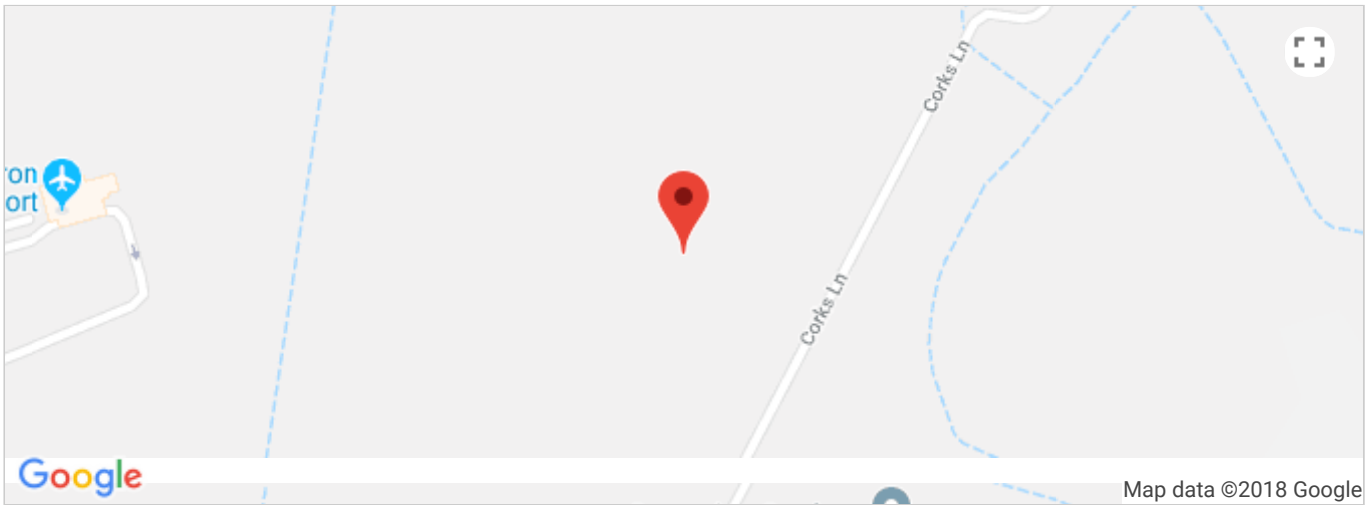
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# Ballina

Ballina is a bustling holiday town and home of the Big Prawn. It's situated at the mouth of the Richmond River, close to superb beaches.



## Quick facts

<b>Training region</b>	North Eastern NSW
<b>Subregion</b>	North Coast

<b>GP Synergy grouping</b>	B
<b>RA/MMM classification</b>	RA2/MMM3
<b>Population</b>	<p>Ballina has a population of nearly 8,000 people, the median age is 51 years. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make up 4.3% of the population.</p> <p>Ballina is located within the <a href="#">North Coast Primary Health Network</a>, these <a href="#">fact sheets</a> provide an overview of the health needs of the North Coast community.</p>
<b>Location</b>	<p>Ballina is located on the northern shore of the Richmond River near Cape Byron, Australia's most easterly point. It is approximately 600 km north of Sydney and 189 km south of Brisbane.</p>
<b>Transport links</b>	<p>Ballina/Byron Bay Regional Airport provides direct links to Sydney, Melbourne and Newcastle. Jetstar, Rex and Virgin Australia offer daily direct services to Sydney, while Jetstar also provides daily direct services to Melbourne and Rex to Newcastle.</p>
<b>Industry</b>	<p>The major sources of employment in Ballina are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Retail trade</li><li>Health care and social assistance</li><li>Accommodation and food services</li><li>Construction</li><li>Manufacturing</li><li>Education and training</li></ul>
<b>Healthcare facilities</b>	<p><a href="#">Ballina District Hospital</a> is a local community, level 3 rural hospital, providing care to over 8,300 patients every year. The hospital has over 17,800 emergency attendances annually. The general medical ward is a 30 bed unit which includes 4 monitored cardiac beds. The unit has the capacity to open an additional 6 beds during high demand periods. Medical services</p>

include acute general medical and day stay medical. The operating theatres and day surgery unit utilises one theatre and a 4 bed and 4 chair day surgery unit. Specialities include general, vascular, urology and gynaecological surgery. The hospital also has a rehabilitation unit, renal unit and satellite chemotherapy unit.

Ballina is supported by NSW Ambulance Service.

### Accredited GP training practices in town

Ballina West Medical Centre  
Bullinah AHS  
Family Medical Centre  
Grant Street Clinic  
Moon Street Medical Centre

### Education

Ballina has 1 public primary schools, 1 Catholic primary school, 1 Christian primary and secondary college, 1 Anglican primary and secondary college, 1 Catholic secondary high school, and 1 public high school, listed below:

[Ballina Public School](#)  
[St Francis Xavier Primary School Ballina](#)  
[Ballina High School](#)  
[Xavier Catholic College](#)  
[Southern Cross School K-12](#)  
[Richmond Christian College K-12](#)  
[Emmanuel Anglican College K-12](#)

For further information on education on the North Coast region, [please click here](#).

### Childcare

Ballina offers young families [a number of options](#) suitable for children from 6 weeks to school aged for family day care, out of hours care, long day care and preschool.

### Shopping

As a regional centre Ballina is well serviced with a couple of shopping precincts including Ballina Fair Shopping Centre which offers a great range of stores and services including health and

offers a great range of stores and services including health and beauty, electronics and communications, homeware and furnishings, shoes and accessories, toys, pet supplies, travel as well as over 50 specialty stores, Woolworths supermarket, Target, Best & Less, The Reject Shop and Ballina Fair Cinemas.

Ballina's other shopping precinct is Ballina Central offering IGA supermarket, The Athlete's Foot, Fitness and Massage centre as well as a number of different cafes, and coffee shops to cater for everyone's taste buds. There are also local weekend markets and a wide variety of unique retail outlets where you will find everything from stylish boutiques to homewares.

### Places of worship

There are numerous of places of worship located in Ballina including, Australian Christian Churches, Baptist, Catholic, Christian City Church, Christian Outreach Centre, Heritage of Faith Word and Worship Centre, Presbyterian, Salvation Army, Seventh Day Adventist, Uniting churches.

### Things to do

Ballina sits on at the mouth of the Richmond River and is the commercial and cultural heart of the area. The streets are lined with stylish restaurants and cafes where you can sample fresh local seafood and cuisine. The town is absolutely brimming with things to do and see.

Famous for its fishing and seafood (home to The Big Prawn), Ballina also offers an array of activities for the water lover. There are many stunning beaches and great surf. The sand is pure and white, and the sea is a deep blue.

Annual festivals include the Ballina Coastal Country Festival held in June and the Ballina Prawn Festival in November.

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## RURAL TOWNS IN NORTH COAST REGION

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Ballina

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Bangalow

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Bellingen

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Brunswick Heads

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Byron Bay

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Casino

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Coffs Harbour

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Dorrigo

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Evans Head

Grafton

Kempsey

Lake Cathie

Laurieton

Lennox Head

Lismore

Macksville

Maclean

Mullumbimby

Nambucca Heads

North Haven

Ocean Shores

Port Macquarie

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