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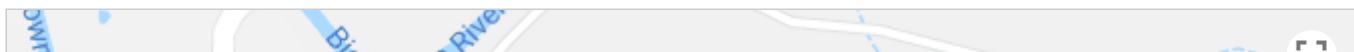
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# Dorrigo

Dorrigo is a beautiful country town and the gateway to Dorrigo National Park on the spectacular Waterfall Way.





## Quick facts

<b>Training region</b>	North Eastern NSW
<b>Subregion</b>	North Coast
<b>GP Synergy grouping</b>	A
<b>RA/MMM classification</b>	RA3/MMM5
<b>Population</b>	<p>Dorrigo has a population of nearly 2,000 people, the median age is 49 years. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make up 4% of the population.</p> <p>Dorrigo 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>Dorrigo is a small town on the beautiful Waterfall Way, an hour (60kms) west of Coffs Harbour and one and a half hours (128kms) east of Armidale. Dorrigo is situated on the Dorrigo Plateau near the New England escarpment which is part of the Great Dividing Range and is 731 metres above sea level.</p>
<b>Transport links</b>	The closest airport to Dorrigo is Coffs Harbour Airport

approximately a one hour (60km) to the east. Coffs Harbour Airport is one of the busiest and largest regional airports in NSW with direct daily return flights to Sydney and weekly return services to Melbourne. It is serviced by Qantaslink, Tiger Air and Virgin Australia.

Coffs Harbour Railway Station is serviced by the North Coast railway line with six XPT daily services, three heading north to Brisbane and three heading south to Sydney.

## Industry

The main industries people from Dorrigo work in are:

- Agriculture, forestry and fishing
- Health care and social assistance
- Accommodation and food services
- Retail trade
- Construction

## Healthcare facilities

[Bellinger River District Hospital](#), three-quarters of an hour (35kms) east of Dorrigo is the nearest hospital facility. It is a 36 acute bed facility, providing a 24hour service. Medical services are provided by General Practitioners, Surgical services are provided by specialist Surgeons and Anaesthetists contracted to the Health District. Services provided include Emergency, General Medicine, Aged Care and Day Surgery.

The nearest major referral hospital near Dorrigo is [Coffs Harbour Health Campus](#), which is an hour (64 kms) to the east. With 292 beds, it provides a broad range of specialist medical and surgical services including general medicine, surgery, day surgery, planned and emergency theatre service, coronary care (including coronary angiography unit), intensive care, obstetrics, paediatrics, 24-hour Emergency Department, oncology, palliative care, rehabilitation, stroke, acute renal dialysis, high dependency and mental health and an extensive range of outpatient clinics.

Allied health services, including occupational therapy, speech pathology, social work, physiotherapy, dietetics, radiology, pathology, and pharmacy, are an integral part of the organisation and contribute to the high level of patient care at Coffs Harbour Health Campus.

**Accredited GP training practices in town**

Dorrigo is serviced by NSW Ambulance Service

Dorrigo Health and Wellbeing

**Education**

Dorrigo has two primary schools and one high school:

[Dorrigo Public School](#)

[Mt Saint John Primary School](#)

[Dorrigo High School](#)

**Childcare**

Dorrigo has one [preschool](#)

**Shopping**

Dorrigo has an IGA and SPAR supermarket. It also offers a variety of unique retail outlets as well as several cafes and eateries.

Nearby Coffs Harbour offers a few shopping precincts and many major retailers including Woolworths, Coles, Aldi and SUPA IGA, Target, Kmart, Big W and Harvey Norman.

**Places of worship**

In Dorrigo, there is a Uniting Church, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Lifesprings Church and St Stephens Anglican Church.

Bellingen, 46 minutes (35.3kms) east of Dorrigo also has an Australian Christian Church, Catholic Church, Christian Life Centre and Uniting Church.

In Coffs Harbour, which is an hour drive (64.3kms) from Dorrigo you will find the [Dhammaduta Buddhist Association](#) and an [Islamic Musallah](#)

**Things to do**

For those who love to get out an about, Dorrigo has some great rainforests to explore in its nearby national parks, including the Skywalk over the rainforest canopy that is 75 metres long and 22 metres high with views to the Pacific Ocean. There are an abundance of beautiful waterfalls and swimming places.

The town offers local sporting and service clubs, local street and food markets, a range of eateries and cafes and, for the golf enthusiast there is a local golf course and club house.

Dorrigo is known for its popular Blues Grass Festival held in October each year and its annual Agricultural Show held in November.

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