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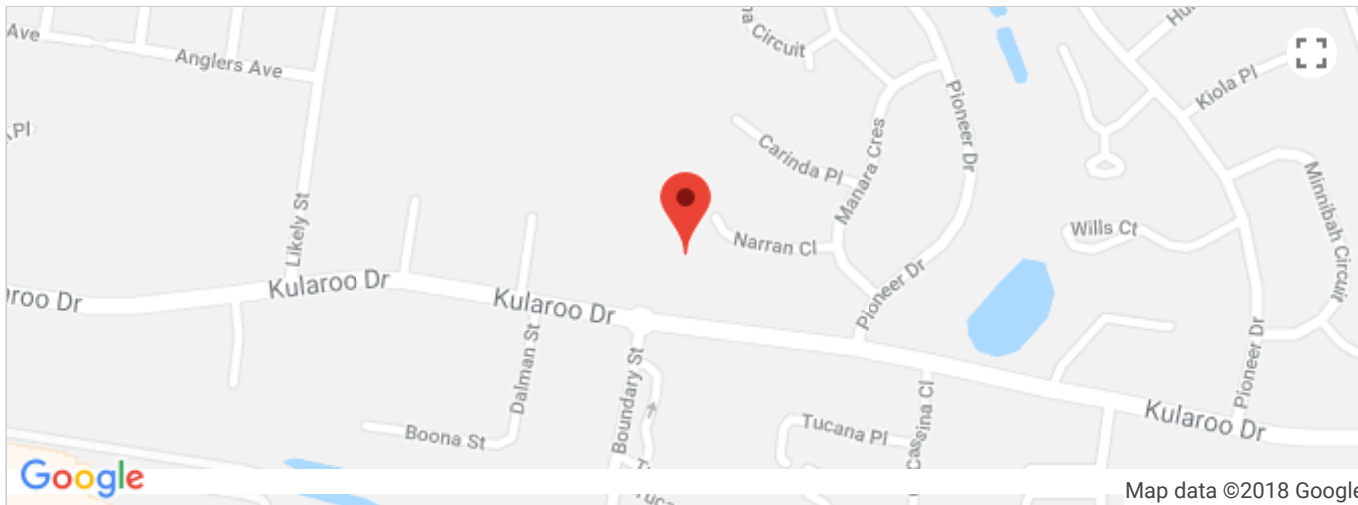
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Forster-Tuncurry

Forster/Tuncurry are adjoining coastal towns in the Mid North Coast region and are part of the Great Lakes District.



Quick facts

Training region

North Eastern NSW

Subregion

Hunter, Manning and Central Coast

GP Synergy grouping	B
RA/MMM classification	RA2/MMM3
Population	<p>The population of Forster/Tuncurry is 20,000 people, the median age of residents is 49 years. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make up 4% of the population.</p> <p>Forster/Tuncurry is located within the Hunter New England and Central Coast Primary Health Network, this Health Planning Compass provides an overview of community health for the region.</p>
Location	<p>Forster is immediately adjacent to its twin, Tuncurry, which is the smaller of the two coastal towns. Forster/Tuncurry is about a four hour drive from Sydney, it is a popular summer holiday destination, its population is also increasing due to its coastal lifestyle.</p>
Transport links	<p>The closest airport to Forster/Tuncurry is at Taree, just 40 minutes to the north. Rex offers daily direct services to Sydney and Newcastle.</p>
Industry	<p>The major sources of employment in Forster/Tuncurry are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Retail tradeHealth Care and Social AssistanceAccommodation and Food ServicesConstructionEducation and TrainingPublic Administration and Safety
Healthcare facilities	<p>Forster Private Hospital is a 73 bed acute medical surgical and rehabilitation facility with two operating theatres, dedicated day surgery unit, 24 hour on-site medical support and a high dependency unit. A broad range of acute services are offered, with over 25 speciality areas including orthopaedics, cardiology, general surgery, gynaecology, endoscopy, ear nose and throat,</p>

respiratory medicine, ophthalmology, urology and geriatric medicine.

Manning Base Hospital is a major regional hospital in Taree, just 40 minutes from Forster. The hospital itself has 160 beds, a four bed ICU and six bed cardiac care unit, with an adjacent six bed high dependency unit. There is an emergency department, with about 25,000 presentations per year, and medical, surgical and children's wards.

Accredited GP training practices in town

Access Health Care - Tuncurry
Forster Tuncurry Medical Centre
Tobwabba AMS
Tuncurry Medical Centre
Wallis Street Medical Centre

Education

Within the Forster/Tuncurry region there are three public primary schools, three secondary schools, and two tertiary colleges.

[Forster Public School](#)
[Pacific Palms Public School](#)
[Tuncurry Public School](#)
[Great Lakes College Forster Campus \(7-10\)](#)
[Great Lakes College Senior Campus \(11-12\)](#)
[Great Lakes College Tuncurry Campus \(7-10\)](#)
[North Coast TAFE Great Lakes Campus, Tuncurry](#)
[Forster/Tuncurry Community College](#)

Childcare

For young families the Forster/Tuncurry region offers a wide range of options suitable for children from six weeks to school age, for occasional care, long day care, family day care and pre-school. For more information on childcare options please [click here](#)

Shopping

Stockland Forster shopping centre is a large regional shopping complex that hosts most of the well-known national chains including Aldi, Bunnings, Coles, Woolworth, Target and Best & Less, numerous fashion and speciality retail shops and a large

number of cafés and restaurants.

Forster/Tuncurry townships also boast a number of other retail outlets and shopping malls where you will find everything from stylish boutiques, homewares, health and nutrition, bakeries, cafes and a wide range of dining opportunities.

Places of worship

There are many places of worship in Forster/Tuncurry including Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Christian, Church of Christ, Coast Evangelical, Forster Spiritual Church and Uniting churches and the [Marpa Buddhist Centre](#).

Things to do

Cultural Activities

[Marpa Buddhist Centre](#)
[Arts, Crafts and Lapidary Club Inc.](#)

Social Media Groups

[Meetups in Forster-Tuncurry](#)

Annual Events

[Camp Creative \(January\)](#)
[Opera by the Lake \(March\)](#)
[Nissan Great Lakes Motorfest \(June\)](#)
[Forster Running Festival \(September\)](#)
[Tuncurry Lakeside Festival \(November\)](#)
[New Year's Celebrations \(December\)](#)

Points of Interest

[Dolphin and Whale Watching Cruises](#)
[Tobwabba Art](#)
[Secret Galley at Kularoo, Forster](#)
[Great Lakes Historical Museum](#)
[Booti Booti National Park](#)
[Cape Hawke Lookout, Forster](#)
[The Big Buzz Fun Park](#)

As a regional centre and popular tourist destination there is a lot on offer in Forster/Tuncurry including sporting and recreational clubs, cinemas and shopping, music, arts and cultural events,

food festivals, art festivals and more.

You can relax the wonderful parks and gardens or visit the beautiful pristine beaches. For the more adventurous there are a range of water sports on offer including skiing, sailing, snorkelling, scuba diving and fishing.

For more information

[Tuncurry Wikipedia page](#)
[Forster Wikipedia page](#)
[Great Lakes](#)
[Forster Neighbourhood Centre](#)
[Forster Visitor Information Centre](#)

Image gallery



Forster/Tuncurry aerial shot



Forster beach



Forster/Tuncurry jetty

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Lower Eastern NSW

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Nelson Bay-Shoal Bay

Scone

Singleton

Tanilba Bay

Taree

Wingham

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