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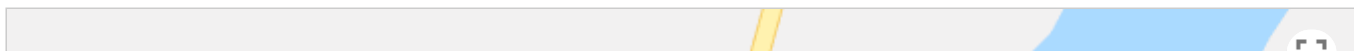
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Kempsey

Kempsey is a progressive town, yet boasts many beautiful historic buildings.





Quick facts

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| Training region | North Eastern NSW |
| Subregion | North Coast |
| GP Synergy grouping | A |
| RA/MMM classification | RA2/MMM4 |
| Population | <p>Kempsey has a population of nearly 30,000 people, the median age is 45 years. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make up 11% of the population.</p> <p>Kempsey is located within the North Coast Primary Health Network, these fact sheets provide an overview of the health needs of the North Coast community.</p> |
| Location | <p>Kempsey is a town in the Mid North Coast region of New South Wales and stretches out around a long loop of the Macleay River and is located 15 km inland from the coast of the Pacific Ocean. Kempsey is the largest urban centre in the rural Macleay Valley and is a town divided by both the Pacific Highway and the Macleay River.</p> |

Kempsey is 45 minutes north of Port Macquarie and an hour and a half south of Coffs Harbour. Kempsey is the commercial heart of the Macleay River Valley, and home of the famous Akubra Hat. Many great Australians have come from the Kempsey region, including country singer Slim Dusty and author Thomas Kenneally.

Transport links

The nearest regional airport is Port Macquarie, which is a 45 minute drive from Kempsey. QantasLink operates daily direct services from Port Macquarie to Sydney, with connecting flights to a wide range of destinations across Australia and internationally. QantasLink also operate seasonal summer services (October – May) from Port Macquarie to Lord Howe Island.

Virgin Australia operate daily direct services from Port Macquarie to Sydney and Brisbane, with connecting flights to a wide range of destinations across Australia and internationally.

Kempsey railway station is located on the North Coast line providing a connection to Sydney and Brisbane

Industry

The major sources of employment in Kempsey are:

- Retail Trade
- Health Care and Social Assistance
- Manufacturing
- Accommodation and food services
- Transport, Postal and Warehousing
- Construction

Healthcare facilities

Kempsey District Hospital is a local community, level 3 rural hospital providing care to over 11,300 patients every year. Kempsey Health Campus has 81 beds, 10 of which are used for voluntary mental health patients.

Kempsey District Hospital provides a 24 hour Emergency Department that is staffed by local GP VMOs supplemented by

career medical officers. Surgical services include general, gynaecology, ophthalmology, orthopaedics, dental and endoscopies, day surgery, some urology as well as elective and emergency Caesarean Sections.

Kempsey also has a Community Health Centre which provides an extensive range of community health services to the community.

Kempsey is serviced by NSW Ambulance Service.

Accredited GP training practices in town

A. B. Surgery
Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service
Kempsey Drug and Alcohol Service
Kempsey Medical Centre

Education

Kempsey has four public and two private primary schools, two public secondary schools and a private secondary school.

[Kempsey West Public School](#)
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[Kempsey Adventist School \(K-12\)](#)
[Kempsey High School](#)
[Melville High School](#)

There is also [Macleay Valley Workplace Learning Centre \(11-12\)](#) and [North Coast TAFE Kempsey Campus](#).

Childcare

For young families the Kempsey region offers [a wide range of options](#) suitable for children from 6 weeks to school aged, for occasional care, long day care, family day care and pre-school.

Shopping

Kempsey features a number of the well-known national chains including Coles, Woolworths, IGA and Aldi, Target Country, Millers, Sanity Music along with many other boutique fashion and retail outlets. There are a variety of coffee shops, eateries and restaurants in the shopping precinct.

Kempsey has regular weekend markets where you can pick up homemade gifts and produce, plants, arts and crafts as well as that unusual gift.

The larger regional centre of Port Macquarie, which is just under an hour from Kempsey, offers an even larger range of shopping options.

Places of worship

There are a number of places of worship located in Kempsey including Anglican, Australian Christian Church, Baptist, Catholic, Christian Outreach Centre, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Cornerstone Christian, Jehovah's Witness, Presbyterian, Seventh-day Adventist, Sisters of the Church and Uniting.

Things to do

As a regional centre there is a lot on offer in Kempsey ranging from sporting and recreation clubs to shopping, music and art events.

For those who love the outdoors, the beaches, sand dunes, rainforest and wetlands around Kempsey offer an ideal backdrop for bushwalking, camping or a quiet picnic and there is a choice of campgrounds, including campsites right by the beach. Collombatti Lookout offers 360 degrees views of the Macleay Valley Coast. Cedar Park Picnic Area is nearby on the Cedar Park Scenic Drive.

The Slim Dusty Centre and Museum is situated in a natural bushland setting with the Centre encapsulating the, Slim Dusty Museum, Theatre, Recording Studio, Touring Gallery, Cafe, and function centre.

With art galleries, museums, historical sites, National Parks and Reserves, as well as beautiful beaches all within a 22 -40 minute drive from Kempsey, there is something to suit all tastes.

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