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# Wauchope

Wauchope is a natural wonderland with a diverse range of natural attractions and activities.





## 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>Wauchope has a population of nearly 6,000 people, the median age is 40 years. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make up 8% of the population.</p> <p>Wauchope 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>Wauchope is thriving rural town set on the Hastings River 20 minutes west of Port Macquarie and four hours north of Sydney. Wauchope is surrounded by lush farmland and serves as a gateway to the hinterland which has more than 40,000 hectares of national parks and state forests.</p>
<b>Transport links</b>	The closest airport to Wauchope is 20 minutes east in Port

Macquarie. QantasLink operates daily direct services from Port Macquarie to Sydney as well as seasonal summer services (October – May) to Lord Howe Island. Virgin Australia operate daily direct services from Port Macquarie to Sydney and Brisbane.

The XPT train service between Sydney and Brisbane stops at Wauchope daily. A coach connection is provided for passengers travelling to Port Macquarie.

## Industry

The main industries people from Wauchope work in are:

- Health Care and Social Assistance
- Retail trade
- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Accommodation and Food Services
- Education and Training

## Healthcare facilities

Wauchope District Memorial Hospital provides a 24-hour, level 3 service. It currently has 18 inpatient beds in the main hospital comprised of eight rehabilitation and ten general medical beds. In addition Wauchope provides specialist Palliative Care services in a purpose built eight-bed Palliative Care Unit. There is one operating theatre for day-only surgery, including endoscopy, orthopaedic, gynaecology, vascular and urology and the community can access “walk-in” medical attention from the purpose built Urgent Care Centre, 7 days per week. Medical services are provided by GPs, specialist surgeons and anaesthetists.

An Emergency Department is located 20 minutes to the east at Port Macquarie Base Hospital which is a major referral hospital for the Hastings Macleay Network.

Wauchope is supported by NSW ambulance service.

**Accredited GP training practices in town**

Campbell Street Surgery  
Hastings Medical Centre

**Education**

Wauchope has one public and one private primary school.

[Wauchope public school](#)  
[St Joseph's primary school](#)

Just 20 minutes to east, Port Macquarie offers a wide range of public and private schooling options as well as tertiary options including campuses of [North Coast TAFE](#) and [Charles Sturt University](#).

**Childcare**

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

**Shopping**

Wauchope features several of the well-known national chains including IGA, Coles and Mitre 10. Hastings Co-op shopping Centre hosts a fascinating shopping experience, stocking a vast range of products for all ages and tastes.

More extensive shopping opportunities are available in the nearby regional city of Port Macquarie which is just 20 minutes away.

**Places of worship**

Places of worship in Wauchope include Anglican, Baptist, Bethel-Foursquare, Catholic, PCEA Hasting River, Presbyterian, Seventh-Day Adventist and Uniting churches.

There are also many places of worship located in nearby Port Macquarie including the [Losang Dragpa Kadampa Buddhist Centre](#).

**Things to do**

The drive from Wauchope to Comboyne includes open plateaus, lush farmland and rainforest pockets. The road winds towards

Boorganna Nature Reserve, one of the oldest reserves in NSW with a walking trail leading to the impressive Rawson Falls. Outdoor activities are available in Bago Bluff National Park and Broken Bago State Forest. Timbertown Heritage Theme Park, has a steam train, bullocky display, timber craftsmen and blacksmiths at work.

Other local highlights include the boardwalk leading through Bangalow palms at Wilson River, the largest hedge in NSW, Bago Vineyard and the Billabong Koala and Wildlife Park.

The major regional centre of Port Macquarie, just 30 minutes to the north, offers a wide range of arts, cultural and entertainment options.

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