

# Magical Merimbula

The heart of the Sapphire Coast, Merimbula will delight the senses, relax the mind and invigorate the body. With pristine waterways, stunning beaches and breathtaking national parks, it's the perfect getaway for all ages and interests.

Whether your dream holiday involves a beach towel and a book, a high-seas adventure, a round of golf or two, or a back-to-nature getaway, Merimbula ticks all the boxes.

- \* The freshest seafood
- \* Fine dining and casual bites
- \* Exhilarating adventures
- \* Nature's playground
- \* Destination weddings
- \* Indulgent delights
- \* Historic villages
- \* Family fun
- \* Sport and leisure
- \* Majestic sea mammals



Merimbula is located in the heart of the Sapphire Coast, 454 km south of Sydney via the Princes Highway and 580 km north-east of Melbourne via the Princes Highway. Merimbula is only 243km from the nation's capital ...

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life's a beach salt water is part of our DNA

It is human nature to feel the call of the beach. And where better to answer that call than Merimbula and the Sapphire Coast.

Whether you prefer your beaches to be isolated, or you are happier among crowds, we have the perfect beach for you!

#### Sand between your toes

Merimbula's beaches offer the perfect way to spend a glorious sunny day. No matter what direction the wind or what the conditions are, you can find a spot on the beach in Merimbula with stunning coastal views. Merimbula has five unique beaches within 5 minutes of the CBD – and with over 100 beaches on the Sapphire Coast – there's something for everyone!

children; Main Beach offers a family surf experience; and Short Point or the Bar attract serious boardriders and more adventurous surfers.

A short drive north from Merimbula takes you to Bournda and Mimosa Rocks National Parks; and to the south you will find Ben Boyd or Mount Imlay National Parks. There you will find lagoons ideal for swimming and kayaking, bird watching, picnicking and hiking, all set amongst historic sites, beautiful hidden beaches and rugged coastline – a pristine wilderness.





#### Surf's up

There's a reason Expedia has ranked Merimbula as one of the best surfing towns in Australia – surfers travel from far and wide to catch a break at one of our surf beaches. And there are many spots perfect for both beginners and experienced surfers.

#### Merimbula Bar

A fickle break, but when it is "on" it's known to be world-class. It's best between April and September as it likes a decent southerly or south-easterly. A popular spot, so you will need to be patient.

When the surf is not up, Merimbula Bar is a great place for stand-up paddleboards and long-boards.

#### Pambula Rivermouth

Like Merimbula Bar, this can be an inconsistent break, but when the weather and tide aligns, it rates as world-class. A classic, perfectly-hollow 200-metre right-hand, sand-bottom tube ride.

And never mind if you swing by and it's not "on", you will always find some nice breaks further up Pambula Beach.

#### **Short Point**

The place to be when a big swell is in for a great beach-break, and certainly one of the most scenic places in Merimbula. There is also a popular lookout along Tura Beach with glorious seascape views, regular whale sightings during the Whale Season, and dolphins often also catching the waves!

#### Anglers' paradise

Teeming with fish, Merimbula on the sparkling Sapphire Coast is one of Australia's best fishing destinations. Whether you want to drop a hand line off the end of the jetty, take a tinny up the lake or estuary for some flathead, or fish one of the spectacular beaches, a rock platform, or take a deep-sea charter to tackle some marlin, you will find the ideal fishing experience. Local Fishing Clubs, including Merimbula Big Game and Lakes Angling Club Inc., might even share their secret spots.

You can even enjoy guided fishing experience in our pristine estuaries, where you can catch flathead, bream, mulloway, whiting and other species.

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And it is not just about fish: this region is famous for its shellfish, including prawns, oysters, and mussels. There is nothing that says beach holiday more than waking before dawn, catching prawns with a net, torch or lantern, and washing them down that night with a cold one.

#### Rivers and lakes

Merimbula Lake, recognised as an estuary of high conservation value, formed 20,000 years ago when rising sea levels drowned the river valleys up and down the coastline. This created lagoons as the longshore-drift of sand up the coastline blocked off most of the valley, forming a large sand-spit. Fast forward a few centuries and it's now a perfect place to throw in a line, or net, iust in time for dinner! The lake is also home to a number of commercial oyster farms producing quality oysters all year round.

If fishing is not your thing, you can always enjoy a picnic at one of the many scenic picnic grounds,

or, try out one of the many water sports on offer. Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUPs) is a real hit here, thanks to a variety of locations and offerings – the guiet lake or the surf and sea.

Just a little bit down the road, the Pambula River and Lake, surrounded by native forest and national park, is another idyllic spot to unwind and relax.

#### Underwater treasures

Another world awaits you under the sea.

Crystal clear waters, and an abundance of marine life, make Merimbula the idea spot to discover the amazing sea life of the Sapphire Coast – including weedy sea dragons, cuttlefish, rays, seals and tropical fish.

Divers can explore what remains of the SS Empire Gladstone, wrecked in 1950 and now a spectacular artificial reef attracting a prolific and diverse amount of marine life

#### MERIMBULA AIR SERVICES Merimbula Airport, Arthur Kaine Drive Merimbula

There is nothing guite like flying in an aircraft to gain a real feel for a region-you literally get a birds eye view. **Merimbula Air Services** have been flying the Far South Coast Skies for many years, and have a range of scenic flights to cater for all budgets.

Short flights over Merimbula Bay start from \$65 per person with a minimum of two adult fares, children half price and infants free. For bookings and more information call us or visit our website.

P: 02 6495 1074 | E: mairserv@people.net.au | W: www.mairserv.com.au



#### **HEADLAND FISHING CHARTERS** Public Jetty Market St, Merimbula

Going fishing with **Headland Charters** is a real adventure for both young and old, you will be fishing on the best boat in town Jadele II. If you have never fished before or you are a pro, we will take good care of you. Personal service is guaranteed. Available for shared charters and exclusive hire. Reef fishing, game fishing and whale watching. On-board toilet. No fishing licence required Bait and gear is supplied and all fish are cleaned for you.

Departs from Merimbula Public Jetty (Opposite Lakeview Hotel).

P: 02 6495 1134 or 0448 451 134 | W: www.headlandfishingcharters.com.au

# family oriented

# fishing & angling

For nearly 80 years, the Merimbula Big Game & Lakes Angling Club has been welcoming locals and visitors to its club

This family-orientated fishing club has about 200 members and is active in big game, estuary, beach and bottom bouncing and fresh-water angling.

It supports and prioritises the education of juniors in the ethics of fishing/angling

The club hosts some of the region's most popular angling events, including the Merimbula Open in early June.



The bar is open from 6.30pm each Friday for social drinks, visitors welcome.

For more information, see below ▼



#### MERIMBULA BIG GAME & LAKES ANGLING CLUB Spencer Park, Merimbula

Join the locals at the Merimbula Big Game and Lakes Angling Club bar at 6.30pm every Friday night to find out where the fish are biting.

MBGLAC is a family-orientated fishing club with about 200 members. Each year it hosts six major fishing events, as well a range of other activities and events, such as family fun and BBQ nights and a family Christmas Party.

Find us at Spencer Park Merimbula.

P: 0411 873 880 | E: admin@mbglac.com.au | W: www.mbglac.com.au



#### **SAPPHIRE COAST MARINE DISCOVERY CENTRE** 253 Imlay St, Eden

**Sapphire Coast Marine Discovery Centre** is an interactive marine themed centre full of hands-on exhibits focusing on the ocean and its inhabitants of the Sapphire Coast. Explore the deep sea, touch live animals in our Touch Tank and check out the weird and wonderful specimens on the Beachcombing Table. Guided snorkelling, rock pool ramble and Centre tours available.

Open Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm and during school holidays, open Monday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm. Entry starts at \$5.

P: 02 6496 1699 | W: sapphirecoastdiscovery.com.au



Did you know we are blessed with more than 100 beaches, and more than 400 kilometres of estuarine foreshore?

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Where pristine beaches meet national parks and where the unique convergence of two great ocean systems, one from the frozen seas of Antarctica, the other from the equator, promotes unparalleled marine biodiversity. An ocean

Our ocean forms part of the East Australian Current, which as anyone who has watched Finding Nemo knows, is a wildlife superhighway from the Great Barrier Reef. This means we enjoy more than our fair share of marine bio-diversity.

"superhighway" for marine life year 'round.

Did you know that the Sapphire Coast was named one of the top ten whale-watching places by Australian Geographic?

#### Majestic sea creatures

There is no better place than the Sapphire Coast to observe the migration of Humpback and Southern Right Whales as they migrate north in Winter and return with their calves in Spring, on their way back to the feeding grounds of the Antarctic. Each year, from late August to November, these majestic creatures gather close to the shoreline of the Sapphire Coast in large numbers, giving you a premier whale-watching experience.

And while you are watching the whales breaching, tail flapping, fin waving, and spyhopping, keep a look out for our other aquatic friends, the seals, dolphins, Little Penguins and sea birds that call Merimbula home all year round.

get up close and personal with these gentle giants

Experience the best whale watching on the Sapphire Coast with **Merimbula Marina Ocean Adventure Tours**, a family-owned business committed to the best interests of these majestic mammals.

Your whale-watching adventure starts with a short cruise out into the Merimbula Bay to the whales' migratory route.

From May to July Humpback Whales head to their breeding grounds in the warmer northern waters. But it is their southern migration, from late August to November that the fun begins as the young calves provide hours of entertainment.

While on your cruise, you may spot dolphins, fur seals, flying fish, turtles or one of the many other sea creatures that call the south coast their home.

Outside whale-watching season, enjoy our 2-hour coastal discovery tours long the spectacular scenery of the Sapphire Coast, with bbq lunch provided.

Over the summer months we also offer daily fishing charters.

For more information, see P 9 ▼





Humpback Whales and Southern Right Whales are the most common species you will see during your visit. But if you are lucky, you might spot a Minke, a pod of Pilot Whales, Fin Whales, Orcas or the famous white Humpback – Migaloo. Tell us if you do!

Whale watching is best done through our experienced whale-watching and charter cruise providers – large comfortable boats with wide decks and viewing platforms to enable you to come face-to-face with a whale! (see below).



Enjoy Australia's #1 whale-watching destination with the experienced crew of the Cat Balou.

**Cat Balou Cruises** run daily whale-watching cruises during the annual Humpback Whale migration period, from September until late November. And for families with young children, it offers a shorter cruise perfect for the littlies.

Operating from Eden's beautiful Twofold Bay, the family-run **Cat Balou Cruises** has been treating guests to the magnificent sight of breaching Humpback Whales since 1987, making them NSW's longest established whale-watching business. The company has won multiple awards at the South Coast Tourism Awards and has been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

With a 98 per cent success rate, **Cat Balou** offers a free return cruise or half fare refunded if you don't see a whale. If you want a more gentle cruising experience, **Cat Balou** also offers a Twofold Bay highlights and Coastal Wilderness cruises. Find out more on P 9 •



#### MERIMBULA MARINA OCEAN ADVENTURE TOURS Market Street, Merimbula

Explore the beautiful Sapphire Coast with **Merimbula Marina Ocean Adventure Tours**. You can join the southern migration of Humpback Whales on our daily whale-watching cruises from late August to November, or see dolphins in the wild with our coastal discovery tour.

If fishing is more to your liking, hop aboard a reef fishing trip, or book a private charter. Find us at Public Jetty, Market Street, Merimbula.

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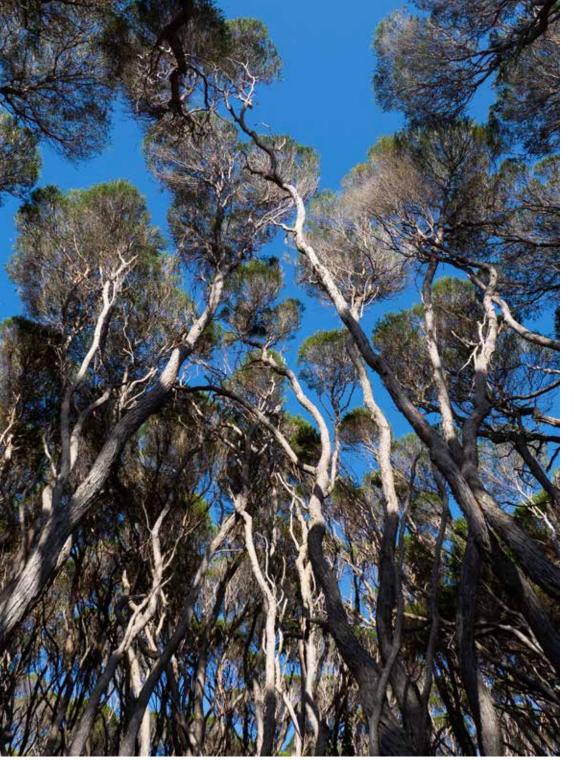


#### **CAT BALOU CRUISES**

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The family-owned company also operates cruising tours around Twofold Bay and along the stunning coastal wilderness all year round.

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# wildemess & national parks where adventure is second nature

Whether you rejoice in the peace and tranquillity of the hinterland; the ferns, secret gullies and gushing streams, or you prefer the thrill of the rugged coastline in all its splendour, our national parks are among the finest in the world.

In a single day, you can enjoy a walk through the cool wet rainforest, share a picnic on the escarpment with 180-degree views, and then spend the afternoon relaxing on a secluded beach.

The Sapphire Coast boasts more than 100 beaches, coastal waterways, abundant wildlife, scenic villages, hidden gems, natural wilderness and can be enjoyed year 'round. Discover timeless beauty, sparkling blue seas, unspoilt beaches, leafy national parks and amazing marine wildlife. Watch dolphins play, sea eagles soar and whales breach.

Explore the amazing Whale Trail and visit Davidson Whaling Station Historic Site to see where 'Old Tom', the Killer Whale, helped George Davidson hunt humpback whales on their annual migration early last century. Take a short drive Boyds Tower, built as a lighthouse but used for decades as a whale spotting tower by the Davidsons. The tower now marks the northern end of the famous Light-to-Light Walk, a 30 km walk that hugs the shoreline, ending at Green Cape Lighthouse, where you can take a tour or stay overnight in the renovated Lightkeepers cottages for a memorable experience.

#### Mimosa Rocks National Park

Mimosa Rocks National Park, named for the shipwrecked *SS Mimosa* runs for 20 km along the coast, hiding secluded spots such as Bithry Inlet, Moon Bay and Nelson Beach. The park contains the Aboriginal sacred site, Aragunnu, believed to have been inhabited up to 25,000 years ago.

#### **Bournda National Park**

Bournda, 'place of tea tree and kangaroo', was once an important food gathering place for the Yuin people and there is still evidence of hunting and tool making, The park is now part of the Ulladulla to Merimbula Important Bird Area and is home to the critically endangered Swift Parrot. It is a bird-watcher's paradise boasting secluded beaches and stunning coastal walks.

#### **Ben Boyd National Park**

History, mystery, wildlife, spectacular geology and entrepreneurial folly – this park stretching from Pambula to the Green Cape Light Station has it all. In the northern reaches of the park near Pambula you'll find excellent surf, fishing and kid friendly swimming at the mouth of the Pambula River. From here it's a 5 km scenic bushwalk or you can drive on an unsealed but well maintained road to Haycock Point for wide panoramic coastal views and endless rock pools to explore.

#### **South East Forests National Park**

Magnificent with its tall forests, numerous streams with waterfalls and waterholes, upland swamps, escarpments, gorges, high peaks and panoramic views, this park covers an area spanning over 100 km of spectacular coastal escarpment, tableland edge and hinterland. It's an important link in a system of conservation reserves stretching over 600 km along the great eastern escarpment of southern NSW and eastern Victoria.

Download the NPWS app for a free audio-tour, full of great information about the area's Aboriginal cultural heritage, plants and animals and much more, to accompany you on the Light to Light walk.

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# haven for native animals

Just 10 minutes from Merimbula, in the beautiful Bega Valley, lies a haven for native animals.

**Potoroo Palace** is a small not-for-profit native animal sanctuary nestled in a bushland setting. It's dedicated to conservation and education.

Grab an animal feed bag, and get up close to the kangaroos, emus, ducks and peacocks who roam freely around the sanctuary, or book an encounter with koalas, dingos, wombat and other animals unique to Australia. Learn more about our animals with twice daily keeper talks, included in your entrance fee.

The sanctuary's residents include its namesake – the long-nosed potoroo – as well as eastern grey kangaroos, swamp wallabies, short-beaked echidnas, rufous bettongs, bare-nosed wombats and much more.

See a koala, touch a snake, stroll through the enchanting new Tawny Aviary, go for a ride on the mini train or have a healthy, chemical-free lunch and great coffee at the Blue Wren Café.

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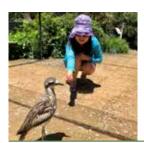




## **POTOROO PALACE NATIVE ANIMAL SANCTUARY** 2372 Princes Highway, Merimbula

Get up close to Australian native animals — koalas, kangaroos, emus, potoroos, wombats and more — at **Potoroo Palace**. You can learn about our animals with twice-daily keeper talks or book a close-up encounter. This not-for-profit animal sanctuary is dedicated to the wellbeing of its residents, and all native animals and plants. Open daily from 10am to 4pm.

P: 02 6494 9225 | E: info@potoroopalace.com | W: www.potoroopalace.com



#### **ON THE PERCH BIRD PARK** 343 Tathra Road, Tathra

No holiday at the Sapphire Coast is complete without a visit to Tathra's Award Winning On the Perch Bird Park. More than 110 species of Australian wildlife call the park home.

You can interact with them in one of the 5 walk-in aviaries or learn more about our feathered friends in our Meet the Keeper sessions at 11am and 1pm each day. Groups welcome by appointment.

**P:** 02 6494 1169 | **W:** www.ontheperch.com.au



Head to Tathra's **On the Perch Bird Park** and experience one of the largest collections of birds in the country, right here on the Sapphire Coast. This award-winning wildlife park boasts more than 110 species of bird from Australia and around the world.

Immerse yourself in nature with more than 10 different exhibits, including five walk-in aviaries highlighting different habitats.

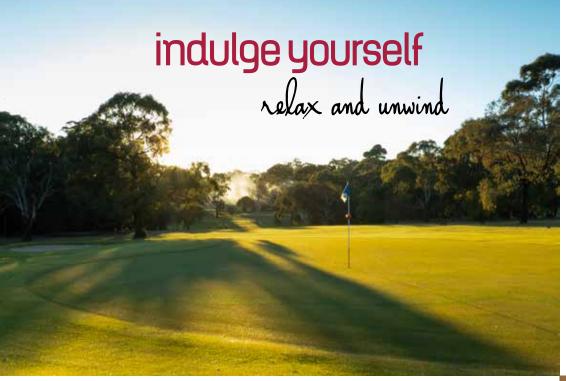
You can even book an up-close experience with a variety of different animals including the Southern Cassowary.

Find out more above



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With world-class golf courses, luxurious spa treatments and high-end boutiques, Merimbula offers far more than a simple beach holiday.

#### On the green

Golfers will delight in the lush-green fairways, panoramic views and modern clubhouses of all of the five courses within an hour's drive of Merimbula. Our world-class bowling facility hosts a number of tournaments throughout the year. And for family fun in summer, why not try barefoot bowling?

#### A little flutter

Racing enthusiasts flock to the "Jewel of Country Racing", the Sapphire Coast Turf Club. Set on a picturesque 120 hectares between Merimbula and Bega, its large banked lawns offer unobstructed views of the course. It also boasts a modern Members' Reserve and Function Centre. During

The picturesque Sapphire Coast Turf club hosts eleven race meetinas durina the season with jockeys and trainers coming from all over south eastern NSW and East Gippsland to compete.

the season, between August and June, the venue attracts a number of race meetings with jockeys, trainers and patrons coming from near and far.

#### Pamper paradise

No holiday at the beach would be complete without a bit of pampering and 'wellness'! The Sapphire Coast has a large range of spas, health studios, physios and wellness centres for all members of the family. For the fitness fan, we boast several great gyms and swimming pools in the area. They often have holiday specials and guest fees and programs for visitors to the region.

#### A shopper's delight

With a wealth of boutiques, gift shops, fashion stores, health food, fishing tackle and camping stores, two wonderful bookstores and all the essential offerings such as newsagents and pharmacies, Merimbula truly is the shopping mecca of the Sapphire Coast. Serviced by

supermarkets, medical centres, service centres and a number of clubs, Merimbula has everything you'll need for a great beachside holiday – with all home comforts too!

Nearby village Pambula is another 'must-shop', with its 1880s bull-nose verandahs and lowrise appeal adding to the general charm of the village. And a few of the original heritage listed buildings dotted in between. A generous amount of specialty shops including a whole foods, art galleries, vintage collectables, boutiques, homewares and local and eco-focused retail have made the village a highly desirable shopping experience. Paired with an artisan bakery, coffee roasters, cafés, an award-winning fine dining establishment and even a brewery, Pambula Village is a must-do shopper's destination.

#### **Destination weddings**

The beautiful scenery of the Sapphire Coast makes it a popular place for a romantic wedding. Choose one of the gorgeous beaches, a park with sensational views over the lake, or one of

the local wineries in the region for your perfect day. Merimbula has a number of venues ideal for intimate as well as grand wedding receptions. Our award-winning wedding photographers ensure that your experience will be captured exactly the way you wish to remember it.

#### Kids go wild

Kids of all ages will love the variety of playgrounds on offer around Merimbula, including the superb modern playground at Ford Park adjacent to Main Beach Merimbula. And for organised activities, why not try your hand at Top Fun Ten-pin Bowling or visit one of the many adventure parks up and down the coast

For a great day out for all ages, head to Magic Mountain and enjoy rides, thrills and spills. Big kids will love the excitement of the Diamond Python Rollercoaster, the Doom Tube and Black Hole Waterslides, while the littlies are busy with the Toddler Town Cars, Jumping Castles and Triassic Dinosaur Park. Barbecues are available, or you can grab a bite to eat from the old Melbourne Tram.





#### SAPPHIRE AQUATIC CENTRE 190 Pambula Beach Road, Pambula

Sapphire Aquatic Centre is an indoor heated aquatic and leisure facility in the Bega Valley. Our facilities and programs include a 25m x 6 lane lap pool with access ramp, multi-purpose program pool with access ramp, children's splash pool with water features, learn to swim classes, swim squads, kiosk, child minding, gym, aqua and group fitness classes. Along with our casual entry and membership options, we can offer something for everyone.

P: 02 6494 3100 | E: info@sapphireaquatic.com.au | W: www.sapphireaquatic.com.au

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#### **DEE GEES PHOTOGRAPHY**

We create beautiful, natural and emotional photos set in a stunning landscape and truly put you in the picture. You will be transported back to the love and joy of your wedding day every time you see your pictures. We are here to capture the unmissable moments of your whole day. Weddings are our passion and making you feel comfortable on the most important day of your life is what we do best!

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#### SAPPHIRE COAST PHYSIOTHERAPY 3 Sapphire Coast Drive, Merimbula

Physiotherapy helps put you back in action by carefully treating your painful joints and muscles, educating you about managing your condition, advising you on ways to prevent a recurrence, and by designing a personal exercise program.

Sapphire Coast Physiotherapy specialises in: Sports Physiotherapy • Back and Neck Pain • Muscle Conditions • Hand Therapy • Orthopaedic Injuries • Acupuncture • Hydrotherapy • Joint Conditions.

Book online • Late appointments • Open Saturdays

P: 02 6495 2281 | W: www.sapphirecoastphysio.com



#### **ANGI HIGH PHOTOGRAPHY**

**Angi High Photography** is a locally run business. With over 20 years' experience from Sydney to the Sapphire Coast, Angi delivers a creative, contemporary and personal service and with her local knowledge of locations, venues and added services you can relax, enjoy and celebrate your special day.

Beautiful, natural, candid and authentic. Angi's passion is telling stories through photographs, capturing those little moments that speak volumes. Angi can design a package to suit you.

P: 0413 358 682 | E: angihigh@gmail.com | W: www.angihigh.com.au



#### PURE INDULGENCE PAMBULA 2/32 Toallo St. Pambula

**Pure Indulgence Pambula** offers a wide range of natural healing therapies: Equine & Human Bowen therapy • Deep tissue massage • Hot stone massage • Far Infrared Sauna • Aroma touch technique • Integrated healing • Joya massage • Reiki • Doterra essential oils • Zazen alkaline water systems. We can help in many different emotional, physical and mental areas. From stress, pain, weight loss, insomnia, autoimmune diseases, or just needing some self care time.

Call in and see the girls, have a chat, a herbal tea and see how we can help.

P: 02 6495 7182 or 0428 723 157 | W: on.fb.me/1mdSEbG



#### **SAPPHIRE COAST BUSLINES – WEDDINGS** South Pambula

Sapphire Coast Buslines provides professional, reliable transport for weddings and special occasions in the Bega Valley and surrounds. Our team of experts can quote for a range of options for your special day. with a fleet of over 40 vehicles we have options to suit your group size and requirements.

With competitive pricing, reliable and safe vehicles and over 20 years experience, ensure your quests arrive on time to your big day and book with Sapphire Coast Buslines!

P: 02 6495 6452 | E: info@scbuslines.com.au | W: scbuslines.com.au



#### Bounty from the sea

Merimbula and the Sapphire Coast are blessed with a rich bounty of local providore, food specialists, craft beer and spirits and some of the best restaurants, takeaways and cafés south of Sydney. The region has more than its fair share of award-winning food outlets, with high ratings on Tripadvisor and similar sites.

Our region is also famous for its rich bounty of shellfish – particularly oysters and mussels farmed in bays, lakes, estuaries, and rivers up and down the Sapphire Coast. Merimbula's lakes produce some of the most highly regarded gourmet oysters in Australia – known across the world as "the Merimbula Oyster".

Nearby Eden is home to a thriving mussel industry and a busy fleet of fishing trawlers that supply seafood both locally and to the markets in Sydney. Whatever seafood you fancy, you can generally find it here, fresh off the trawlers, or on the menus of many local restaurants, bistros and takeaways.

#### Oysters and seafood experiences

Love 'em or hate 'em there's no doubt our region's oysters are the best in the world. Sydney Rock Oysters are known worldwide as the premium variety and are only grown from Sydney to the Victorian border. Our thriving aquaculture industry is testimony to their goodness.

The Sapphire Coast is host to several premium growing areas; the Merimbula lakes is one of the most extensive in the oyster-growing areas of the Far South Coast, with the ability for the oyster famers to progress the oysters within the estuary from spats

to premium table ready, in around three years.

Oyster farming is one of the world's earliest forms of aquaculture, and Merimbula's love affair with oysters dates back more than a century.

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# mouth-watering and more!

Whether you are planning an intimate picnic for two, hens' night in with your BFFs or corporate function for 100, indulge with a feast for the senses from **Sapphire Coast Eats**.

Catering with a difference, **Sapphire Coast Eats** creates mouth-watering
Grazing Tables your guests will be
talking about for years to come. And
for smaller gatherings, choose from
our Grazing Boxes – savoury or sweet.

Delight in our selection of local cheeses, deli meats, dips, breads, crackers, nuts, fresh seasonal produce, chocolates, berries and more taste sensations.

Or if it's pizza you're after, our Woodfire Pizza Oven (Trailer) is sure to satisfy. All our pizzas are made to order using fresh ingredients. Perfect for weddings, parties and events.



Both Pambula and Merimbula Lakes produce premium quality "Sydney Rocks". A few local farms also produce the native Angasi or Flat Oyster. Many of our farms export to Asia and beyond. But don't worry, there's still plenty for visitors and locals. A menu staple in many of our local restaurants, if you are going to eat oysters, here is definitely the best place to get them!

Learn more about the fascinating world of the oyster by taking a tour. Find out more at the Merimbula Visitor Information Centre.

#### A little tipple

Coastal communities like to surprise visitors, and the Sapphire Coast is no exception. The Sapphire Coast wine industry is in its infancy but all the right 'ingredients' are in place: good wine, born from good vines, planted in good soil and nurtured by people who are passionate about wine.

Our wines not only taste good, they are great value. Discover them at cellar doors, bottle shops, or at local fairs and markets. Best served with a guarantee of enjoyment.

You can enjoy a tipple at one of three wineries, three microbreweries, and a gin distillery. With more on the way, you will be well-served in the craft wine, beer and spirits marketplace!

#### **Produce**

There's something really honest about eating food that's grown locally. Tomatoes that taste like tomatoes, the silk of extra virgin olive oil adds that special zing to home-cooked food, and apples that carry the crisp scent and flavour of autumn's crispy chill with them.

Many local cafés and restaurants proudly use local produce on their menus. And you will see roadside signs for farm-gate sales, or you can head for the myriad of markets that specialise in fresh Sapphire Coast produce. Read more below.

#### Dining out

You are spoilt for choice when it comes to dining options. Enjoy succulent oysters, mussels, prawns or fresh fish; and if you are not craving seafood, our surrounding farms supply a tempting range of mouth-watering lamb, beef and pork, and free-range poultry to our local restaurants.

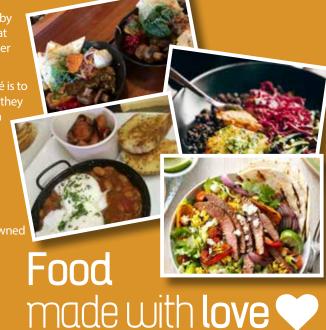
If you are looking for a fun quirky café by the beach for lovers of good food, great coffee and attitude, then look no further than **Cranky Café**.

Pat and Lee's philosophy of a great café is to make everything with love – because they love food. All food is made on site with an emphasis on wholesome cooking with the best ingredients sourced locally. Those who are gluten-free, and dairy-free are catered for, as is anyone who has special dietary

...and the coffee is 100% Australian owned and roasted weekly!

Cranky's has plenty of parking and is wheelchair and dog friendly.

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With numerous clubs, cafés, restaurants and coffee shops across the Sapphire Coast, you will find something to tempt everyone. Chinese, Thai, Italian and Indian ... or tuck into an Aussie steak or a dozen oysters with local fish and chips. And wash it all down with a great local wine or a nice cold craft beer.

#### Market fresh

Whether you are looking for fresh food, handmade goods, bric-a-brac, arts and craft or just somewhere to browse, our markets fit the bill.

**Candelo Markets** are wonderfully diverse and held in the Candelo township. They are one of our longest running markets, with a focus on local and vintage wares. You will find everything from food, plants, clothing, livestock to second-hand goods. **Hours:** 1st Sunday monthly 8:30am to 12:30pm.

**Pambula Markets** are held on the sports oval in Pambula Village. It's dog friendly, is loaded

with local produce and have everything from handmade jewellery and clothing to vintage trash'n'treasure.

Hours: 2nd Sunday monthly 8am to 1pm.

Merimbula Seaside Markets are held at Ford Park – a spacious, grassy oval right on Main Beach. There are loads of stalls to choose from including local produce, plants, clothing and jewellery, craft and tasty food, and there's a wonderful, highly accessible playground at the southern end. Hours: 3rd Sunday monthly 8am to 12:30pm.

Wyndham Markets are held in Wyndham Village in the hills west of Pambula. There you can find handmade treasures, yummy homemade treats, local produce, and seasonal fruits and vegetables. Hours: 4th Sunday monthly 8:30am to 1.00pm.

Other markets can be found in other towns and villages up and down the Sapphire Coast, including Bermagui, Cobargo, Bega, Eden, and Nethercote.



# your destination for **distinctive** Sapphire Coast dining...

Just a stone's throw away from Merimbula Lake, **Wheeler's Oyster Farm and Seafood Restaurant** offers the quintessential seafood experience.

Follow the life on an oyster from lake to plate with an 11am tour of the state-of-the-art processing facility, then get settled for the **Wheeler's** dining experience – your chance to indulge in an à la carte menu featuring a range of delicious seafood from the most local sources.

Or pop into their takeaway and café for the freshest seafood to go.

Find out more on P 23 ▼

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With four bars, three eating options, four function and meeting rooms – catering for up to 500 people – **Club Sapphire** is your destination for dining and entertainment.



Come and try Barefoot Bowls on our brand new state-of the-art greens before enjoying a sit-down meal at Pacific Bistro or Rockpool Café. Or, if you prefer your food al fresco, grab a bite from our newest addition, the Shack. Stick around to enjoy the great local, national and international entertainment on offer.

If you feel the need to work off all that delicious food, our onsite gym offers a range of classes for any fitness level.

It's no wonder that **Club Sapphire** is the premier dining, entertainment, social and community venue in the area. Don't take our word for it, come and see for yourself.

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The Eden Fishermen's Recreation Club is the entertainment and dining hub of the Sapphire Coast.

The club, and its sister, the Eden Garden's Country Club, has a wide range of activities and events each week, from Bingo, to happy hour, trivia nights and weekly raffles. Try some barefoot or lawn bowls, or enjoy 18-holes at our championship golf course.

For affordable family dining 7 days a week, look no further than the Coast Family Buffet and Chef's Choice, serving modern Asian and Western cuisine.

For more information, see P 23 ▶

## it's a **restaurant**

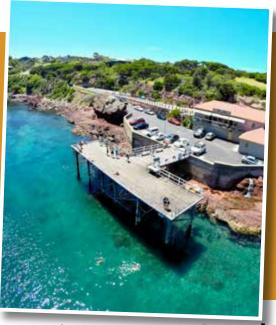
With 180-degree water views, there is no better place to enjoy the tastes of the ocean - and the land - than Merimbula's Wharf Restaurant.

Whether you are looking for brunch, lunch, or just the region's best coffee and cake, the Wharf Restaurant is sure to please.

Co-located with the Merimbula Aquarium, we can provide a unique function venue for up to 110 quests.

fully licenced and is the perfect venue for any occasion. Please join us for lunch, brunch – and for dinner in summer.

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...and an **aquarium!** 



#### WHEELER'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT AND OYSTER BAR

162 Arthur Kaine Drive, Pambula

Over the past century, Wheeler's Seafood Restaurant and Oyster Bar has grown from a successful aquaculture business to a must-do Sapphire Coast experience. Learn the history of Wheeler's with an Oyster farm tour, then grab a bite to eat in the Takeaway Shop, Oyster Bar, or Pambula's iconic Wheeler's Seafood Restaurant. With live music on Wednesdays and Sundays, it's the place to see and be seen. Kids welcome, and alfresco areas are dog-friendly. Bookings essential

P: 02 6495 6330 | E: eat@wheelersoysters.com.au | W: www.wheelersoysters.com.au



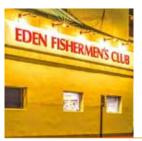
#### SAPPHIRE COAST EATS

Looking to feed an army? Or an intimate picnic for 2? **Sapphire Coast Eats** offers catering with a difference.

Feast your senses with our delectable grazing tables and boxes, or feed your guests from our Woodfired Pizza Oven trailer.

We come to you, anywhere on the Sapphire Coast, from Bermagui to Boydtown.

P: 0451 576 880 | E: sapphirecoasteats@gmail.com | W: www.sapphirecoasteats.com.au



#### EDEN FISHERMEN'S RECREATION CLUB 217 Imlay Street, Eden

For all your Sapphire Coast dining and activities, you can't go past the **Eden Fishermen's Clu**b and its sister Eden Garden's Country Club. With golf, lawn bowls, several dining options, weekly events and live entertainment, there is something for everyone.

Find the Fishermen's Club on Imlay St. in the centre of the Eden township, and the Country Club on the Princes Highway towards Pambula.

P: Eden Fishermen's Recreation Club 02 6496 1577 | P: Eden Gardens Country Club 02 6496 1126 W: edenfishermens.com.au



#### **CLUB SAPPHIRE MERIMBULA** 119 Main Street, Merimbula

**Club Sapphire** is your destination for dining and entertainment.

Experience dining influenced by nature and local produce at your choice of venue — we cater for functions, conferences and meetings. Perhaps you'd like to try barefoot bowling — all undercover. . . **Club Sapphire** is where great things happen.

Open till late every night of the week, it has something for everyone. Visitors always welcome.

P: 02 6495 1306 | E: info@clubsapphire.com.au | W: www.clubsapphire.com.au



#### WHARF RESTAURANT AND AQUARIUM The Wharf, Lake Street Merimbula

Enjoy a coffee, cake or a meal, while discovering the secrets of the sea, at **Merimbula Aquarium** and Wharf Restaurant. With spectacular 180-degree ocean views, warm service and a bright ambient atmosphere, the Wharf is a Merimbula must-do. Open daily from 10am, the Restaurant showcases local seafood and oysters with a selection of lighter meals and sweets — including a range of fine wines, spirits and craft beers.

P: 02 6495 4446 | E: info@merimbulawharf.com.au | W: www.merimbulawharf.com.au

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#### **COSMO CAFE** 133 Maybe Street, Bombala

Famous for our burgers, schnitzels, steaks, breakfasts and country meals. Great Italian coffee our specialty — with home-baked cakes, fresh sandwiches, wraps, pide, quiche and great country meals. Friendly, quality service — catering small and large groups, private functions, alfresco court-yard, air-conditioning, rear access parking, toilets... and we are motorbike friendly. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, Mon—Sat and most Sundays — early till late.

P: 02 6458 3510 | E: draco100@bigpond.com



#### **CRANKY CAFE** 33 Ocean Drive, Fishpen, Merimbula

#### Opposite Main Beach

**Cranky Café** is family run and owned and open 7 days a week all year round, with extended hours over summer so you can grab pizza or fish and chips from the dedicated takeaway section at the rear of the café for local fish 'n chips and pizza.

P: 02 6495 2736 (Main) or 02 6495 4849 (Takeaway) | E: café@crankypants.biz



#### BEGA CHEESE HERITAGE CENTRE Lagoon Street, North Bega

The **Bega Cheese Heritage Centre** is a great place to explore the world of Bega Cheese. You can sample the many varieties of cheese, visit our museum or enjoy lunch in our coffee shop. We also sell a selection of cheese, giftware and local jams and honey. Entry is free.

P: 02 64917762 | E: Heritage.Centre@bega.com.au | W: www.heritagecentre.com.au



#### BOARDWALK GELATERIA & ESPRESSO Lakeside Walk, 4 Market Street, Merimbula

Open 7 Days...from 7am...Great Coffee. Authentic Artisan Gelato. Jaffles, comfort food with a twist. Enjoy a light breakfast, lakeside, and the best view on Merimbula Lake. We also serve chilled Coffee, Chai. Smoothies. Slushies and Juice.

We are endeavouring to lessen the impact of plastics and are committed to retaining the pristine environment for all to enjoy! Please join us...

INSTA: @boardwalkmerimbula | FB: www.facebook.com/boardwalkgelato

culture and heritage

where art and history collide

The Sapphire Coast, much like the rest of the South coast, has a rich and significant indigenous history stretching back to the earliest human habitation more than 60,000 years ago. It was a hub of activity and food gathering of the saltwater peoples of the coast, with regular visits from the inland peoples.

Our European history follows the early traders, a gold rush, timber gatherers, crop and animal agriculture and a thriving whaling industry well into the early part of the 20th century. In more recent times, aquaculture has come to the fore – with some of the best Sydney Rock Oysters on the eastern seaboard.

#### Our whaling past – of Whales and Orcas

The Sapphire Coast has a strong whaling history, starting with the coastal indigenous peoples and ending in the early 20th Century. And the whaling history cannot be told without telling the story of the amazing relationship between Orcas (Killer Whales) and humans. The Yuin people believed that when a whaler or warrior died, his spirit would become a killer whale who continued to care and

provide food for his people. The Yuin held beach rituals to honour these intelligent and powerful predators. Later when Europeans began whaling, the Killer Whales competed for the whale carcass. The Aboriginal whalers protected them, and taught the Europeans how to work with the Orcas. This incredible relationship between Orca and men was re-born and lasted this way for 100 years. You can find out more at the Eden Killer Whale Museum (killerwhalemuseum.com.au).

Then, as now, Orcas and even Humpbacks have been named, tracked, and are greeted like old friends by our charter operators and researchers. Killer Whales Australia has identified around 17 individual Orca who have visited the Sapphire Coast. Several of them are regulars in our waters.



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#### The Bundian Way

The Bundian Way is a shared history pathway between Targangal (Kosciuszko) and Bilgalera (Fisheries Beach) that connects the highest part of the Australian continent with the coast. It crosses the Snowy River and passes through some of the wildest, most rugged and yet beautiful country in Australia. In many parts of the Bundian Way, the influence of historic land management is still obvious, It is the first Aboriginal pathway to be listed on the NSW State Heritage Register. The Bundian Way follows an ancient Aboriginal walking route from the high country to the coast, by way of the easiest path from the Monaro to the coastal plains. More can be found on this amazing trail on The Bundian Way website (www.bundianway.com.au).

#### **Local Indigenous Heritage**

The Yuin people are the traditional owners of the area between the Shoalhaven and the Victorian border. A semi-nomadic people, they moved between the mountains and the sea depending on the season. Much of the culture of the Yuin people is reflected in the work of local indigenous artists.

#### **Local Merimbula History and Heritage**

Merimbula itself began its existence as a private village belonging to the Twofold Bay Pastoral Association, which opened it as a port in 1855.

During the gold rush in Kiandra on the Monaro, in the 1860s, there was a weekly steamship service and later an eight-horse wagon providing road transport weekly. After the gold rush finished, the town continued to grow slowly as a service centre for surrounding rural areas. A wheat flour and maize mill was built but eventually the port closed in 1917 due to labour disputes and litigation.

The town of Merimbula was not gazetted until 1912 and little changed until the 1950s when it first became a popular holiday resort. And the rest as they say, is history!

#### **Galleries and museums**

Culture vultures will love the variety of arts, crafts, galleries and museums. The Sapphire Coast is home to a wealth of talent in all areas of the arts. Start with a visit to the Bega Valley Regional Gallery, then discover local artists, galleries, exhibitions and cultural events at www.southeastarts.org.au.



See local artists at work every October long weekend with the annual Sapphire Coast Artists Open Studios.



#### MONTREAL GOLDFIELDS Wallaga Lake Road, Bermagui

Why would you miss this walk through an authentic 1880s alluvial goldfield by the sea? Enjoy the natural regrowth forest that covers the diggings today. Learn about the "Bermagui Mystery", one of Australia's greatest unsolved crimes. The goldfield is located 7 km north of Bermagui, beside the Camel Rock Brewery. Entry is by Guided Tour only — at 2.00pm every day.

Cost: \$7.50 per adult; \$5.00 per child; \$25.00 per family of 2 or more children. Tour: Approx 1 ¼ hours.

P: 02 6493 3054 | E: vic@bermaguichamber.org.au | W: www.montrealgoldfield.org.au



#### **OLD SCHOOL MUSEUM MERIMBULA** 85 Main Street, Merimbula

Step back in time at the **Old School Museum** and learn how Merimbula grew from its earliest beginnings to the thriving tourist town it is today. The beautiful museum building dates from 1873 and is one of only two buildings remaining in the town from those early years. The fascinating story of Merimbula's growth is told in the photographs and objects displayed in the museum.

Opening hours: Sunday Tuesday Thursday 1.30—4.00pm. Groups by special arrangement.

Opening hours: Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday 1.30—4.00pm. Groups by special arrangement. Entry: Adults \$5, school students free

P: 02 6495 9231 | E: merimbulaosm@gmail.com | W: merimbulahistoricalsociety.webhive.com.au



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#### TRACEY CREIGHTON — ARTIST & ART CLASSES The Fairway, Tura Beach

Here's a real treat for all you art lovers! What could be better than having a wonderful art experience whilst holidaying on the Sapphire Coast. You can book a private art lesson or join me for a small group creative workshop and take home your own original painting you completed in class. You are welcome to make an appointment to visit my home studio to view my original paintings and prints or see them on my website along with details of my upcoming exhibitions, workshop dates and online courses.

P: 0428 954 608 | E: info@traceycreighton.com | W: www.traceycreighton.com



#### **DI HOCKING** Mirador Drive, Merimbula

If you like Watercolour as a form of art then you will enjoy visiting my studio/gallery. Whether you are looking to buy some artwork or you just want to see some beautiful watercolours, talk to the artist and see an artist's studio, you are welcome to visit. Please contact me to organise a convenient time.

You will also find some lovely quality prints if you are looking for a more economical solution to your needs. My studio is located just North of Merimbula overlooking the town centre.

P: 0419 151 726 | E: dihocking@optusnet.com.au | FB: www.facebook.com/watercolours-di-hocking



#### **PETER DUNNE** Pacific Way, Tura Beach

Peter, originally from Melbourne, displays in his Studio Gallery his paintings in watercolour, oils and acrylic of local and other subjects.

He has exhibited in London, Paris and New York, and has had numerous solo exhibitions in Melbourne, Sydney and regional towns.

His work is in many institutional and private collections in Australia, China, France, England and America. He has tutored many art groups over the decades in Melbourne and regionally.

**P:** 02 6495 9082 | **E:** jupe3429@gmail.com



#### IVY HILL GALLERY 1795 Bermagui—Tathra Road, Wapengo

Exhibitions of painting and sculpture by leading contemporary artists many from this region. The gallery is located on a farm in the fertile Wapengo Valley between Tathra and Bermagui, in a well-known artistic and cultural haven.

Open October to June, Thursday to Sunday, 10am to 5pm.

P: 042 994 0152 | E: carolynkillen@ivyhill.com.au | W: www.ivyhill.com.au



#### SPIRAL GALLERY 47 Church Street, Bega

**Spiral Gallery** Co-Operative is an artist run space that aims to promote and support contemporary and innovative art practice through its frequently changing exhibitions and gallery shop. The gallery is a not-for-profit organisation, promoting established and emerging artists through an exhibition program which reflects a variety of media and styles. As well as solo shows, the gallery hosts community group shows and exhibitions by the artists themselves.

Open Monday to Friday 10am—4pm. Saturday 10am to 1pm. Follow them on Facebook.

P: 02 6492 5322 | E: spiralgallerybega@gmail.com | W: www.spiralgallery.org.au



#### Pambula and surrounds

Named from the Yuin Aboriginal word meaning 'two waters', Pambula is set in the valley of the Pambula River. With its vintage streetscape and quirky shops, the thriving Panboola wetlands, the iconic Pambula Rivermouth and the stunning beaches, this pretty village is well known as a creative hub. You can find eco fashion, handshaped surfboards, local homewares, the best of local produce, artwork, pottery, furniture and more. And while you're there, take a stroll through Panboola Wetlands to Longstocking Brewery and explore Oaklands.

#### Bermagui and surrounds

Bermagui is known for its relaxed coastal living, spectacular scenery, artisan culture and easy access to coastal National Parks. Its pristine beaches offer a range of water activities such as snorkeling, swimming, surfing, sailing, kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding. Take a charter and discover why Bermagui is famous for its deep sea and game fishing. For boat and watersport craft hire, fishing charter information or the latest and greatest advice on local restaurants and accommodation, contact Bermagui Visitor Information Centre on 02 6493 3054 or visit the website (visitbermagui.com.au).

#### Tathra and surrounds

A beautiful seaside town and southern gateway to Mimosa National Park, Tathra is famous for its maritime history, world-class mountain bike trails, national parks and delicious, award-winning oysters grown in waters of Nelson's Lake.



Each village on the Sapphire Coast is unique. You will find it hard to pick a favourite.

· 28 · merimbulatourism.com.au towns and villages • 29 • The centrepiece of the town is the iconic heritagelisted Tathra Wharf, which opened in 1862 for the steam ships transporting goods and people along the NSW South Coast. The timber structure houses the fascinating Tathra Maritime Museum, as well as the Wharf Local Coffee Bar & Gallery. For more information contact Bega Visitor Information Centre on 02 6491 7645.

#### Candelo and surrounds

Travel inland along the valley of the Bega River, though through rich dairy and beef country, passing the historic pastoral estate of Kameruka, and you will arrive at the delightful little village of

Candelo. Built around the crossroads of Merimbula, Bega and Bombala in the early 1830s, Candelo remains a meeting place and throughfare for travellers and, increasingly, musicians and artists.

Set on the banks of the Candelo River and with a population of just 300, you'll be surprised by the local fare and busy events calendar. On the first Sunday of each month the town hosts one of the region's oldest markets and there are regular music festivals, open recordings and performances at the historical town hall and St Peter's Church. For more information contact Bega Visitor Information Centre on 02 6491 7645.



# Oysters with a five-star rating

Experience something a little different through a five-star oyster farm tour on Pambula Lake with Captain Sponge.

The trip will take you on a journey through the lake environment to learn about its geology, formation and the cultural, natural and ecological significance of the estuary through the eyes of your local oyster farmer tour guide.

Learn how we farm Sydney rock oysters using modern farming techniques to produce a premium world-renowned sustainable shellfish. And of course, get a taste of this delectable treat.

Find out more below ▼

# A brew or two... and much more!

Pambula's **Longstocking Brewery** is a little gem that is big on brewing distinctive and unique ales, lagers and ciders.

While known for the best craft beer and cider South of Sydney, **Longstocking** is more than a brewery. Tempt your taste buds with a plump, fresh and creamy treat from the Oyster Bar, while enjoying a tipple from the wine, cocktail and gin menu.

Pop in for a Sunday session of beer, oysters and live music; or treat the family to Friday and Saturday night woodfired pizzas and entertainment.

Find out more below ▼





#### **CAPTAIN SPONGE MAGICAL OYSTER TOURS** Landing Road, Pambula Lake

Discover the secrets of Pambula Lake with **Captain Sponge's Magical Oyster Tours**, rated five stars on Trip Advisor. Cruise the lake in an oversized ovster punt, get a crash course in ovster farming and sample the freshest Sydney Rock Oyster.

Captain Sponge runs two-hour cruises every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9am (subject to passenger numbers) departing Pambula Boat Ramp. Group bookings other days by arrangement. Bookings essential

P: 0429 453 545 | E: magicaloystertours@gmail.com | W: www.magicaloystertours.com



#### LONGSTOCKING BREWERY 3546 Princes Hwy, Pambula

Just outside Pambula, on the road to Eden, lovers of craft beers will find a hidden gem. **Longstocking Brewery** might be small in size, but the team here are big on sharing their passion for a fine brew

Enjoy beers and ciders created onsite and paired with a selection of award-winning Sydney Rock Oysters.

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explore the Sapphire Coast with a local!

Family owned and operated, Sapphire Coast **Buslines** runs regular bus tours of the region, designed to give visitors and newcomers an insight into what makes the Sapphire Coast so special and a must-do destination for visitors.

The tours take in all magnificent sights, sounds and culinary delights that are unique to the Sapphire Coast.

**Sapphire Coast Buslines** also operates regular public bus services throughout the

Bega Valley 6 days a week to help you get from A to B – and all points in between and is a cost-effective way to explore the towns and villages of the Sapphire Coast.

Find out more below ▼



#### SAPPHIRE COAST BUSLINES - PUBLIC TRANSPORT South Pambula

**Sapphire Coast Buslines** has an extensive route bus timetable available 6 days per week, travelling all around the Bega Valley Shire. We also have a new range of Demand Responsive, door to door passenger services that can be booked with the convenience of an App, check out Flexibus.com.au Our team of experts can also cater for specialised charters and day tours to suit your every need, call or email us today for a quote or enquiry.

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festivals and events food, fun and frolic

The region hosts a variety of performing arts festivals, including the Merimbula Jazz Festival over the June long weekend. From humble beginnings in 1980, the festival is now a significant event on the calendars of jazz musicians from around the country. From the famous street parade, street music, jazz market, wonderful venues across the area, there's something for everyone. More on their website: www.merimbulajazzfestival.com.au.

Foodies who visit in March will love EAT Merimbula, our premium providore event held on the foreshore of Fishpen Merimbula, overlooking pristine waters and working oyster leases. The event celebrates our local chefs' and restaurateurs' special offerings in a market style setting to create bespoke dishes featuring local produce. The dishes are presented in entrée sizes and prices are capped to make it affordable and fun! Find out more on their website: www.eatfestival.com.au.

The three-day Four Winds Festival, held in the seaside town of Bermagui during the Easter weekend, celebrates classical, cultural and world music, all set in a natural bushland amphitheatre.

Our annual award-winning indigenous festival, "Giiyong" is rich in activity. It features music, dance, art, and indigenous cuisine, and has become a stand out event in the Bega Valley Shire. More can be found of the festival on the Gilyong Festival website: giiyong.com.au.

The Eden Whale Festival is Australia's premier whale celebration, usually held in the first week of November. The whales can be seen in large

numbers in the town's stunning Twofold Bay. While on dry land, the rich maritime and whaling history of Eden becomes the centrepiece for a weekend that seamlessly links all things whale. There's a spectacular street parade, vibrant markets showcasing and selling the work of local artisans, great local food and wine, educational marine displays and presentations, quality children's entertainment, live music and, of course, the best whale-watching experience in Australia...more on their website: www.edenwhalefestival.com.au.

Merimbula is also the home to the **Merimbula** Classic. This iconic event has been running since the '80s and draws windsurfers, kitesurfers, and stand-up paddleboarders from all around Australia, and even overseas. In November each year, this long-standing festival showcases some of the nation's top surf and sea-sports exponents for a wonderful weekend of action on Main Beach Merimbula. More details can be found on their website: www.merimbulasailboardclub.com.au.



You will want to come back again and again. For more up-to-date information on local festivals and events see escapetomerimbula.com.au/whats-on-merimbula





Merimbula comes alive with the sound of Jazz each June long weekend! Jazz lovers flock to this seaside festival, celebrating jazz in all its forms across three days with street parades, café bands and hundreds of musicians and performers. Four decades since its humble beginnings, the Merimbula Jazz Festival continues to attract musicians and jazz lovers from all over Australia. See the website for more details (Original Painting By Sue Ellen Yates of Pambula NSW)

P: 0459 790 707 or 0408 545 8599 | E: info@merimbulajazz.org.au | W: merimbulajazz.org.au

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# a festival for musicians

Every Queen's Birthday long weekend since 1981, Merimbula plays host to the **Merimbula Jazz Festival** – a "festival for musicians", which has grown from an impromptu Sunday afternoon jam, to a weekend event attracting more than 100 bands performing in various venues, with many hundreds of eager fans.

A highlight for music lovers is the annual street parade, considered one of the best jazz parades in the country with musicians, dancers, vintage cars, community groups, and a free "Jazz Concert by the Lake" following. There's a JazzArt competition and JazzQuest in which individual musicians up to and including 25 years of age compete for cash prizes – supporting up and coming young

Along with the Festival venues, there's even plenty of music in the streets in the heart of Merimbula with bands, buskers, market stalls and in house live music at many cafés and restaurants around Merimbula showcasing the many moods of jazz.

With its picturesque beachside location, top-notch venues and small-town welcome, it's no wonder the **Merimbula Jazz Festiva**l is a must on any jazz lover's calendar.

See more on P 33 A





Merimbula truly is the heart of the Sapphire Coast when it comes to accommodation.

Accommodation in Merimbula and our region – hotels, motels, apartments or caravan parks, are run by passionate locals – often couples who have moved here because of their love of the area. Many came here year after year for their holidays, some as kids, and when they were grown up or able, created or bought into these businesses.

For our visitors this means a very special level of service – rare in these days of mass tourism. Our accommodation providers have an experienced local knowledge of how to get the most out of your holiday on the Sapphire Coast. Merimbula still has that special family holiday feel to it – and we offer the best of care and support for all our visitors.

Our range, quantity and quality is unequalled in the region. Whether you enjoy roughing it, or prefer the luxury of resort-style living, Merimbula has something for everyone. From the beach holiday to the luxury resort – Merimbula has it covered. Self-contained holiday units, caravan parks, camping, cabins, motels and hotels, many with spectacular views over lake and ocean, close to the town centre facilities or within a short stroll of the beach are yours to choose from. Some of our great out of town, nearby resorts and other accommodation serve to complete the offering and to address every style and taste.

There's even 'glamping' available on some of the tours in our area. Our caravan, cabin and camping parks are extremely popular too, with the highest quality facilities and resources on the coast – great for a family holiday, or even for a romantic beach cabin getaway.

For all accommodation information, contact or call into the Merimbula Visitor Information Centre. Our friendly, knowledgeable volunteers and staff will assist to find *your* ideal stay ... and who knows, one day you might come back and start up your own resort!

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## Norfolk Pine Motel

58 Merimbula Drive, Merimbula

Comfortable and affordable, Norfolk Pine Motel is just a one minute drive from the centre of town. Set on spacious grounds with stunning views of Merimbula Lake, there's plenty of off-street parking for bikes, boats, trailers or coaches.

Catering for couples, friends, families and groups, there's a range of room configurations to choose from including double, twin and family rooms.

**Norfolk Pine Motel** offers BBQ & picnic facilities overlooking the lake, parking outside each room, expansive water views, ground floor units, wheelchair access and unlimited free WiFi.

500 metres from Top Lake Boat Hire, Sunsets Kiosk and Merimbula Boardwalk, it's only 1km into town, shops and clubs and 1.5 km to Merimbula's Main Beach and Fishpen.

Come and visit us for our friendly hospitality, very reasonable tariffs and everything the pristine Sapphire Coast has to offer.



P: 02 6495 2181 | E: info@norfolkpinemotel.com | W: www.norfolkpinemotel.com

# Reflections Holiday Parks – nature never felt so good

Boasting 37 iconic holiday parks across NSW, including three incredible locations on the Sapphire Coast, Reflections Holiday Parks has your next getaway sorted. Whether you're looking for deluxe cabin accommodation or traditional caravan and camping, we have options to suit everyone.



#### Bermagui –1 Lamont Street

Offering just the right mix of charm and convenience **Reflections Holiday Parks Bermagu**i is the perfect place to sit back, relax and savour all this pretty town has to offer. Campers are well–catered for with clean amenities and a well–equipped camp kitchen. There are also a range of cabins for those who prefer the comforts of home.

P: 02 6493 4382

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#### Pambula - Cnr Toallo Street and Munje Street

Conveniently located within an easy stroll of the cafés, art galleries, boutiques and restaurants of Pambula Village, **Reflections Holiday Parks Pambula** is the ideal place to relax and recharge. Simply park your RV or caravan or pitch a tent on one of our large and shady sites and let the laid-back ambience wash over you.

P: 02 6495 6708 E: pambula@reflectionsholiday.com.au W: reflectionsholidayparks.com.au



#### **Eden** – Aslings Beach Road

If you're looking for large sites in a picture-perfect waterfront location — a place to recharge the mind and rediscover the soul — look no further than **Reflections Holiday Parks Eden**. Nestled between the lake and beach, with large sites and a range of cabins on offer, it's sure to offer just what you're after for your next break.

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#### NRMA MERIMBULA BEACH HOLIDAY RESORT 2 Short Point Road, Merimbula

On the cliff tops overlooking the crystal-clear waters and sandy beaches of NSW's South Coast, you'll find the award-winning NRMA Merimbula Beach **Holiday Resort**. With soothing sounds of the ocean as a backdrop, it's the ideal location for you to have a relaxing getaway, with facilities that'll keep the whole family entertained. Make the most of your stay and enjoy features like kids club, swimming pool, water park, tennis court, games room and so much more.

P: 1300 787 837 | E: merimbulabeach@nrmaparksandresorts.com.au | W: www.nrmaparksandresorts.com.au/merimbula-beach

With accommodation options to suit all budgets, you'll find the perfect one for you. Choose from luxury beach houses, oceanview cabins, spa villas, powered and unpowered sites — and that's just the beginning.

This slice of paradise is only three hours from Canberra, nestled between the mountains and the sea. And with special prices for NRMA Members, **Merimbula Beach Holiday Resort** is the perfect place to call home while on holiday.



#### **SOUTH SEAS MOTEL AND APARTMENTS** 12 Merimbula Drive, Merimbula

Conveniently located in the heart of Merimbula, easy walking to clubs, restaurants, our quaint shopping precinct and Top Fun kids entertainment. Located within a short stroll to picturesque beaches, Lake Merimbula and boardwalk. We provide accommodation for all tastes from Deluxe rooms to self-contained family apartments, with fantastic amenities including pool and sundeck, BBQs and games room plus onsite laundry all set in relaxing and tranquil gardens.

All of our rooms have kitchenettes or full kitchens to suit any length of stay and we are affordably priced. We can cater for large and small groups and are able to provide group catering to meet your needs. A great place for special events and get togethers.

Bring along your club or hobby group and enjoy our beautiful seaside town. We look forward to ensuring your stay is an enjoyable one.

P: 02 6495 1911 or 0444 539 204 | E: stay@southseas.com.au |

W: www.southseas.com.au

## Beach Cabins Merimbula

47-65 Short Point Road, Merimbula

Beach Cabins Merimbula is a family owned holiday park offering unique selfcontained cabin accommodation, set on the pristine headland of Short Point in Merimbula. The elevated location adjacent to natural bush reserve, Back Lake and Short Point beach provides spectacular views, with the beach, bush and lake just a short stroll down the lawn.

Resident owners Pete and Tina's determination to keep the park small and personal, allows guests to spend their holiday in natural, spacious surroundings.

The cabins are air-conditioned and fully selfcontained, with Studios for couples and 1, 2 and 3 bedroom options ideal for families and groups.

The solar heated pool, barbecue area, playgrounds, giant trampoline and volleyball/ badminton court, along with the rest of the facilities, cater for the whole family.

Large and small groups welcome, golf packages available and they are pet friendly!

Make sure you get to visit this little piece of paradise!



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#### MERIMBULA SEA SPRAY MOTEL 38 Merimbula Dr, Merimbula

Adults only, 4 Star contemporary motel.

Merimbula (MIM) Airport is only a few minutes' drive away.

Glorious gardens set-off the approach to a unique and inviting property which offers a selection of standard motel units and split level suites.

Visiting Merimbula for just one night or an extended stay we are the ideal choice.

Standard Motel Units — Some with kitchenettes — Max 2 adults

Deluxe Split-Level Suites — Attic style bedroom. Kitchenette, balcony with views — Max 2 Adults

**Executive Suites** — Attic style bedroom with ensuite bathroom. Kitchenette, balcony with views — Max 2 Adults

On-site owner operator • 5 minutes walk to cafés, restaurants, clubs and shops • Daily wild bird feeding —morning and evening • Salt Water Pool - unheated and BBQ area • Reverse cycle air-conditioning • Flat easy access options • All units with DVD/TV combos • Free WiFi to all areas • Free video library.

P: 02 646953299 | E: seaspray15@bigpond.com | W: merimbulaseaspray.com.au

#### THE PALMS 63 Main Street, Merimbula

Superbly located in the heart of Merimbula, just a short level walk to shops, cafés, restaurants, clubs and the lake foreshore with the beach just a further 5 minute walk

The Palms apartments have been recently renovated.

They consist of 6 x 2 bedroom and 2 bathroom apartments. Cook up a storm in the large, fully equipped kitchen. There are king size beds in the main bedroom while the main bathroom has a large corner spa bath.

There is both Foxtel and free unlimited WiFi for everyone's enjoyment.

The apartments are modern, clean and comfortable and offer fantastic value for money.

Relax by the solar heated pool in the peaceful and family friendly atmosphere. There is BBQ facilities for you to enjoy and under cover parking to top it off!



P: 0448 856 234 | E: info@thepalmsapartments.com | W: www.thepalmsapartments.com

# Woodbine Park Eco Cabins

111 Widgeram Road, Bournda (via Merimbula)

Nestled inside Bournda National Park, just 7 km north of Merimbula, Woodbine Park offers the chance to experience the natural beauty of our pristine coastal environment. Surrounded by towering gums and a myriad of wildlife you can relax and enjoy the peacefulness of the Australian bush landscape and do as much or as little as you want.

Watch the many birds, kangaroos and native wildlife on your doorstep, enjoy the beaches and walking tracks inside Bournda, or head into Merimbula for some shopping or dine in one of the many great restaurants, cafés and clubs on offer. Our fully self-contained cabins offer all the comforts of home including good mobile coverage and free WiFi.

Our on-site salt water solar heated pool, tennis court, a few golf holes to practice on, and playground provide entertainment for all and are free of charge.

Just relax and enjoy the experience.



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#### COAST RESORT MERIMBULA 68/1 Elizabeth Street, Merimbula

The **Coast Resort Merimbula** offers a stunning selection of modern 4½ star privately owned apartments, townhouses and penthouses dotted across two scenic hectares on the peninsula between Merimbula Lake and the beautiful Merimbula's Main Beach.

Facilities include self-contained accommodation with all linen and towels along with a starter pack of amenities and detergents; designer kitchens

with quality appliances and a laundry with washer and dryer; spacious living and entertaining areas; personally allocated secure undercover parking and storage cage; unlimited complimentary WiFi; and Foxtel Premium.

Resort facilities include 2 x heated outdoor pools, infinity lap pool, full-sized tennis court, 2 x BBQ areas, natural native manicured gardens and a children's public playground and oval located beachside of the resort.

P: 02 6495 4930 | E: info@coastresort.com.au | W: coastresort.com.au





#### **TOP OF THE LAKE APARTMENTS** 3013 Princes Highway, Millingandi, Merimbula

Pet Friendly holiday units within a five minute drive to both Merimbula— Pambula and their magnificent pet-friendly beaches.

A small private group of six units set on grass filled acres with lake, wetland and tree views. Access to Merimbula Top Lake is available via a private boat ramp and small jetty. There is also plenty of room to park your boat.

Fully self contained, our one and two bedroom units have all that you need and more with comfortable recliners.

We are happy to help you with local knowledge to get the most out of your time on the Sapphire Coast.

If you let your pet in at home we allow them in while here also. The units also have enclosed courtyard and balconies attached to keep your fur baby safe.

Why not take some time out of the hustle and bustle and enjoy the countryside while on the Coast with your fur babies?

P: 02 6495 6288 | E: book@topofthelake.com.au | W: www.topofthelake.com.au/



#### SAPPHIRE VALLEY CARAVAN PARK 29 Sapphire Coast Drive, Merimbula

Nestled amid 16 acres of natural bushland, Sapphire Valley is ideally located just 500 metres from Merimbula CBD, including clubs, shops, restaurants and beautiful Merimbula Lake. . . and just a short drive to spectacular ocean beaches. We offer a range of camping and cabin accommodation for you to choose from so you are certain to find something to suit the whole family and your budget.

Pet friendly sites and cabins (excluding Xmas/Jan Holidays).

Facilities include Camp Kitchen, Indoor heated pool, Jumping Pillow, Putt Putt Golf, Sports court, Games Room, Outdoor Chess, Free WiFi. You will love the family friendly service and fun activities at **Sapphire Valley Caravan Park**.

We are a member of the Top Parks Network.

P: 02 6495 1746 | E: info@sapphirevalleycaravanpark.com.au | W: www.sapphirevalleycaravanpark.com.au





#### **CETACEA LUXURY APARTMENTS** 46 Fishpen Road, Merimbula

Waterfront accommodation on the Fishpen Peninsula which enjoys the northerly sun and uninterrupted views of Merimbula Lake. The lake's edge gives you the convenience of boating and prawning or try fishing from one of the local jetties or beaches. Only a few minute walk to a variety of water sports such as paddle boarding, kite surfing, wind surfing and swimming.

Offering fully self-contained 2 and 3 bedroom modern apartments with ensuites, spas and reverse-cycle air conditioning.

**Cetacea Luxury Apartments** are equipped with flat-screen smart TV's and free WiFi. All apartments have access to a solar heated salt-water pool and poolside BBQ area to relax and enjoy.

Disability access apartment available. There is also off the road parking for your convenience.

4.5 star accommodation.

P: 02 6495 1818 | E: admin@cetaceaapartments.com | W: www.cetaceaapartments.com

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#### WATERVIEW LUXURY APARTMENTS 12 Arthur Kaine Drive, Merimbula

The finest of accommodation in a premier position. Waterview's superb facilities include a large solar-heated swimming pool occupying the mezzanine area; adjacent entertainment area with barbecues plus undercover parking.

Spacious 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments plus Penthouses — all elegantly furnished, gourmet kitchen with large fridge, your own laundry with auto washer and dryer, Foxtel TV and air-conditioned . . . nothing really compares!

P: 02 6495 3408 | E: info@merimbulawaterview.com | W: www.merimbulawaterview.com

#### **SAPPHIRE WATERS MOTOR INN** 32–34 Merimbula Drive, Merimbula

The award winning **Sapphire Waters Motor Inn** is located in the heart of Merimbula just a short walk from CBD, Clubs and Restaurants, and just 4 km from National Route 1.

Merimbula has long been renowned for its temperate climate and magnificent scenery, and Sapphire Water Motor Inn's superb location takes advantage of the panoramic views of the lake, town and surrounding countryside.

We have an extensive range of rooms to suit all occasions — Merimbula's widest range of accommodation including family rooms, balcony suites, spa suites and executive suites to suit all needs and budgets.

Most rooms have kitchenettes and a private balcony with views of Merimbula Lake. The relaxing luxurious rooms offer free WiFi and mini-fridges, as well as flat-screen TVs, and tea and coffee making equipment. Special accommodation packages are available.



P: 02 6495 1999 | E: info@merimbulamotel.com.au | W: www.sapphirewatersmotorinn.com.au



#### CROWN APARTMENTS 23 Beach Street, Merimbula

Positioned directly adjacent to pristine Merimbula Lake and just a short stroll to shops, cafés, clubs and restaurants **Crown Apartments** offer spacious 1 & 2 Self Contained Bedroom Apartments with reverse cycle air conditioning, majority with spa baths and a separate walk-in shower. Queen or King Beds in all apartments. Wheelchair accessible 2 Bedroom Apartment available.

Embrace the spectacular views from your balcony looking over the lake and across to iconic Bar Beach. Relax by the solar heated pool, enjoy a BBQ or dine in the licenced restaurant at the front of the complex. Complimentary WiFi, Foxtel, undercover car parking. Lift access is available to all levels.

Low Season Tariffs available: May—Sept. 2018 Gold List Award Winner. Welcoming Onsite Managers. 4 Star Rating.

P: 02 6495 2400 | W: crownapartments.com.au



#### ALBACORE APARTMENTS Market Street, Merimbula

Experience Merimbula at its best in our 4.5 star fully self-contained accommodation

Centrally located opposite beautiful Merimbula Lake. Our 1 and 2 bedroom apartments feature large open-plan living areas, fully equipped kitchens, laundry, spa baths, heating and air-conditioning.

Private balconies with lake views and also a lift to all levels. Enjoy secure undercover car parking, heated pool, BBQs and large courtyard.

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#### GRANDEUR HOLIDAY UNITS 4 Ocean Drive, Merimbula

The ONLY holiday units in the beautiful Fishpen area that backs onto Merimbula's main swimming and surfing beach, giving you direct beach access. You can leave the car behind as there is a café, take away food establishments and a play ground a short stroll away.

If you require anything else for the most perfect relaxing holiday just a 15 minute level walk away is Merimbula's CBD.

1, 2 and 3 bedroom fully self contained units available — and the upstairs units have gorgeous ocean views.

There is a large heated pool with toddlers pool, BBQ facilities, Foxtel TV and free WiFi.

P: 02 6495 1456 | E: stay@grandeurunits.com.au | W: www.grandeurunits.com.au



#### **BAYVIEW APARTMENTS** 2 Fishpen Road, Merimbula

Come and enjoy the sparkling waters of Merimbula. **Bayview Apartments** are situated on the water's edge, between the Merimbula Lake and Merimbula's main surf beach, with each apartment enjoying sunshine all day and spectacular water views from the balcony or patio. All apartments come with private north facing balconies/patios and well equipped kitchen with dishwasher, microwave and your own laundry, including washing machine and clothes dryer. Our apartments are all self catering.

Each two-bedroom apartment is fully self-contained and there is a choice of accommodation in one or two bathroom, ground or top floor apartments, all with R/C air conditioning. Free Unlimited WiFi is available in all apartments.

Beds are gueen size in main bedroom, 2 singles in second bedroom. All bathrooms have a corner spa and an ensuite in the 2 bathroom apartments. There is also a covered BBQ area, solar heated pool and bike rack for quests.

P: 02 64954033 | E: stay@bayview.net.au | W: www.bayview.net.au



#### TWEEN WATERS HOLIDAY PARK Dunns Lane, Merimbula

Ideally located on the exclusive Fishpen Peninsula, adjacent to the golden sands of Merimbula Beach, Tween Waters Holiday Park offers both cosy cabins and spacious villas, with one-, two- and three-bedroom options available. Some cabins also come with their own laundry and spa facilities.

**Tween Waters** is a resort-style holiday park with three pools to choose from, jumping pillow, splash park, and movie room. Enjoy a meal around the camp

pet friendly sites and cabins available.

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#### SECURA LIFESTYLE COUNTRYSIDE KALARU 3 Old Wallagoot Road, Kalaru

Enjoy peaceful, bush surrounds and local wildlife, just 5-mins drive from Tathra Beach at **Secura Lifestyle Countryside Kalaru**. The park is set on 5 peaceful hectares with large, grassy, pet-friendly sites for caravan and camping. Affordable, self-contained cabin accommodation is also available. Facilities for campers include a well-maintained amenities block, laundry, camp kitchen and BBQs.

There's fun for the kids with a giant jumping pillow, playground and swimming pool, with plenty of space to ride their bikes. Four-legged friends can stretch their legs and socialise in the dog run. A short drive to Bega and Merimbula, **Secura Lifestyle Countryside Kalaru** is perfect as a central base to explore the beautiful NSW Sapphire Coast.

kitchen and BBQ area, warm up around the fire pit or enjoy a range of other onsite

Our beautiful holiday park has something for everyone, catering to a range of

tastes and budgets. Bring your motorhome, caravan or campervan to one of

our powered or ensuite powered sites. We are now a dog-friendly park, with

facilities including free WiFi and our kids'activities cabins for indoor games.

A Top Caravan Parks Member.

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#### BAYWATCH LUXURY APARTMENTS 67 Main Street, Merimbula

**Baywatch** offers accommodation only two minutes flat walk from a safe swimming beach, town centre, licensed clubs and restaurants. Sip champagne as you take in the magnificent panorama of ocean, lake views and distant mountains. Apartments have 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, spa, fully equipped laundry, kitchen & private balcony. All apartments are large with open living area plus free WiFi.

#### 4.5 Star rating.

P: 02 6495 4120 E: info@baywatchapartments.com.au W: www.baywatchapartments.com.au



TATHRA BEACHSIDE Andy Poole Drive, Tathra

Multi award winning **Tathra Beachside** holiday park boasts more than 500 metres of absolute beach frontage, in the pretty seaside town of Tathra on the NSW Sapphire Coast. Guests can choose from a diverse range of accommodation options designed to suit all needs and budgets - from luxury 3 bedroom beach houses to shady, grassy camp sites and everything in between. Why not try our safari tents or go back in time and stay in one of our vintage Franklin caravans? We also offer 4 two-bedroom pet friendly cottages. 4.5 star accredited holiday-caravan park.

#### P: 02 6494 1302

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#### **BEACH STREET APARTMENTS** 1 Beach Street, Merimbula

Set beside the sparkling waters of Merimbula Lake, at Beach Street Apartments you can watch the boats passing slowly by while having breakfast...One and two bedroom fully self-contained apartments with air-conditioning, spa, and ensuite. Pool, BBQ and undercover parking. Only a two minute walk to safe swimming beach, the shopping centre, clubs, cafés and restaurants. Beautiful expansive water views from comfortable luxury.

#### 4.5 Star Accommodation.

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SEASHELLS APARTMENTS 5 Chapman Ave, Merimbula

Award winning Seashells Apartments consists of nine contemporary, great value, one and two bedroom apartments, situated on the fabulous Merimbula Fishpen. Cafés, shops, restaurants and the town centre are all within 500 metres. Apartments offer fully equipped kitchens, clothes washer /dryer and air conditioning /heating. All linen and towels are provided and guests have access to the solar heated pool, off street parking, beautiful gardens and BBQ area. Seashells bicycles, surfboards, beach gear and WiFi are provided at no extra cost!

#### P: 02 6495 4827

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FAIRWAY MOTOR INN 180 Arthur Kaine Dr. Pambula

Fairway Motor Inn serviced suites offer comfortable accommodation in a unique tropical, bush and garden setting with native birds in abundance. The suites include open plan living/dining, limited kitchen facilities, spa suites, reverse cycle air conditioning, Free WiFi, daily service and free parking. We also have a large in ground pool and BBQ area for your convenience and enjoyment.

Providing excellent 4 Star quality accommodation, our bright and spacious suites are just a short stroll across the road to Pambula /Merimbula Golf Club and Wheelers Seafood Restaurant right next door.

#### P: 02 6495 6000

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NAUTILUS APARTMENTS 20 Elizabeth Street, Merimbula

Quality 2 and 3 bedroom fully self-contained apartments on Fishpen. Large solar-heated pool, covered BBQ area, secure off-street parking, fully fenced spacious grounds. Free WiFi and Foxtel.

200 metres to the main beach, level stroll to town. Winter tariff from \$490pw. Check availability and book on-line, 10% discount for direct phone bookings when mentioning this ad.

#### 4 Star rating.

#### P: 02 6495 2099

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LAKESIDE HOLIDAY APARTMENTS 14 Fishpen Rd, Merimbula

At **Lakeside Holiday Apartments** Merimbula, quality accommodation and friendly service are our highest priority. Our fully self-contained Studio Apt and Two Bedroom Apt's are located on Merimbula's Fishpen peninsular offering a sunny northerly aspect right on the water's edge. Apartments are spacious, immaculately presented and comfortably furnished.

Watch the tide slip by as you enjoy being lakeside, or follow the pelicans to the beach, just moments from your door. Have a look around our website we look forward to welcoming you soon.

#### P: 02 6495 1956

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**APOLLO APARTMENTS** 61 Ocean Drive, Merimbula

This mini resort-style complex features fully self contained two bedroom apartments. Quality accommodation. Queen sized beds. Front and rear balconies. Two bathrooms.

Reverse cycle air conditioning. Children's playground. Large outside kitchen. Half Tennis Court. Large solar-heated pool. Under cover car parking.

Beach and lake only a two minute walk. On site managers. Great winter specials.

#### P: 02 6495 3599

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