

PORT STEPHENS
~Incredible by Nature~

BUSINESS EVENTS GUIDE

Port Stephens, NSW Australia



WELCOME TO PORT STEPHENS

Port Stephens is an ideal destination for a refreshingly different business event. Our natural landscape, pristine waterways and giant sand dunes provide the perfect backdrop for memorable events and exhilarating experiences.

Expect to be welcomed by our warm hospitality and charming coastal village atmosphere. Indulge in an abundance of nature's beauty and enjoy venues, tours, activities, and accommodation that are second to none.

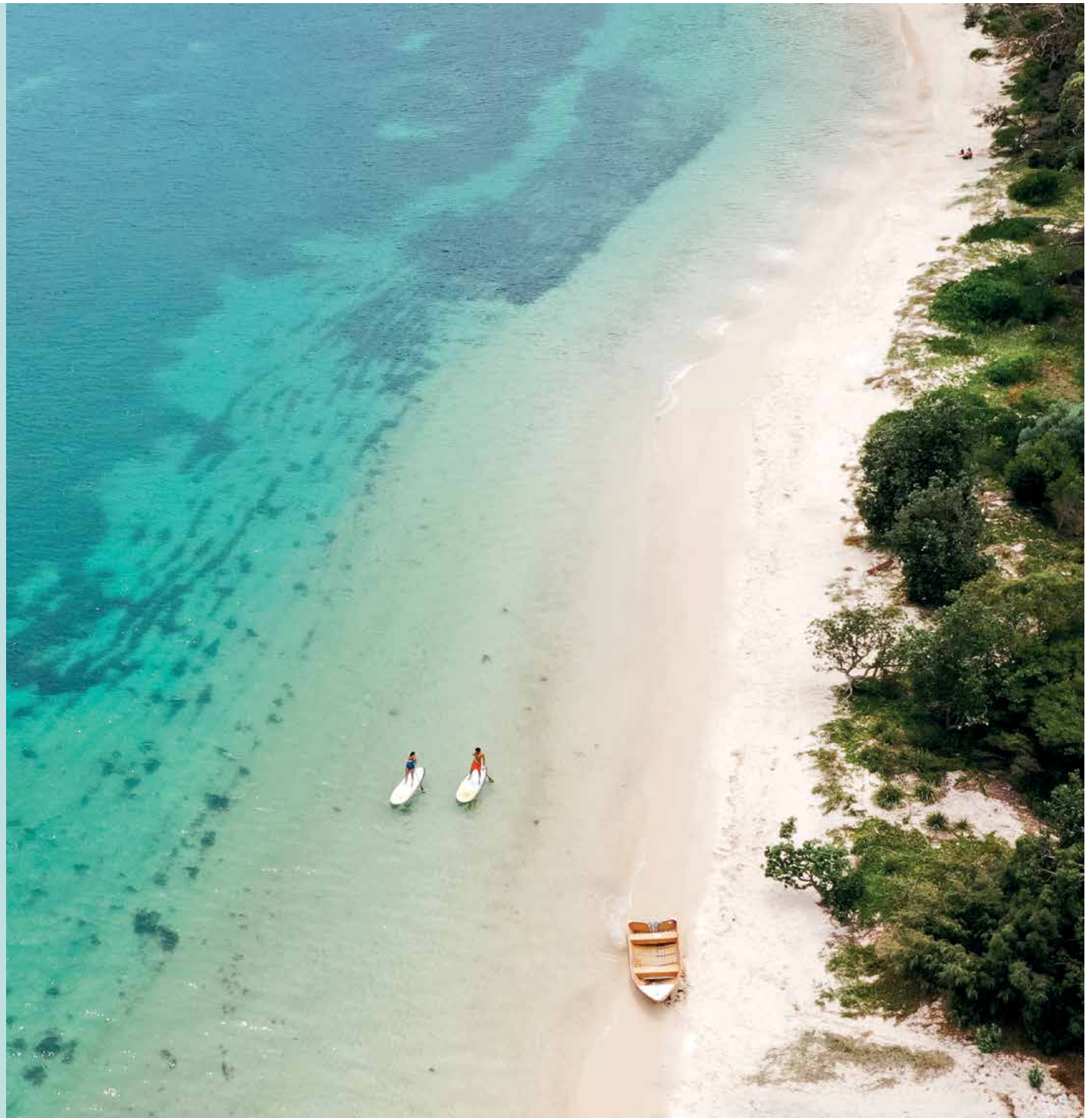
With our spectacular location, easy connectivity, wide range of conference facilities, memorable experiences, and professional friendly people... it's easy to see why Port Stephens is the new favourite destination for inspiration, motivation, education and relaxation.

Come and experience it for yourself.

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LOCATION



CLIMATE

Port Stephens weather is mild and very comfortable.

Seasonal Averages	Low °C	Low °F	High °C	High °F
Summer (Dec-Feb)	18	64.4	28	82.4
Autumn (Mar-Apr)	12	53.6	24	75.2
Winter (Jun-Aug)	9	48.2	18	64.4
Spring (Sept-Nov)	13	55.4	25	77

TRAVEL INFORMATION

ROAD

Port Stephens is approximately 2.5-hour drive north from Sydney.

Approximate distances to Nelson Bay, Port Stephens:

Sydney via M1	207km
Newcastle via Nelson Bay Road B63	60km
Hunter Valley via Nelson Bay Road B63	104km
Port Macquarie via Pacific Highway A1	250km
Brisbane via Pacific Highway A1	778km

AIR

Just a 25 minute drive from Port Stephens is Newcastle Airport. The airport has direct flights to and from Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Cairns, Lord Howe Island, Ballina/ Byron as well as a host of regional NSW destinations and international seasonal flights from New Zealand.

More Information:
www.newcastleairport.com.au

COACH

Port Stephens Coaches depart daily from Sydney via Chatswood, Pymble and Hornsby to Port Stephens (including Raymond Terrace, Soldiers Point, Salamander Bay, Nelson Bay, Shoal Bay and Fingal Bay).

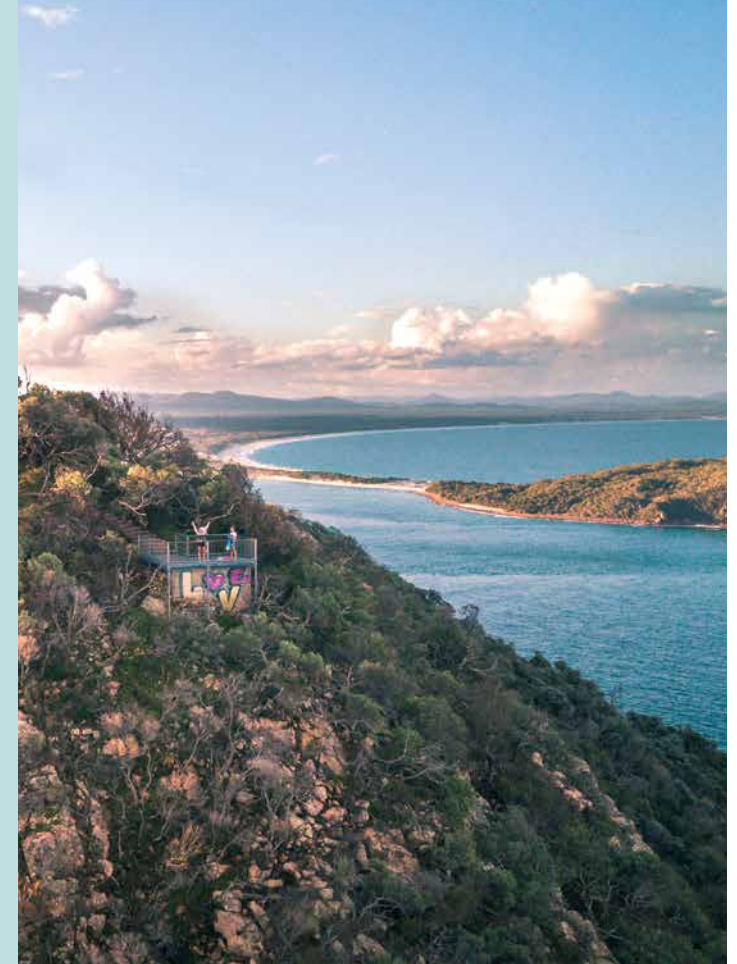
More Information:
www.pascoaches.com.au

RAIL

NSW Rail provides services in and out of Newcastle from all over New South Wales where you can connect with a bus service to Port Stephens.

More Information:
<https://transportnsw.info>

QUICK FACTS



MEET IN PORT STEPHENS

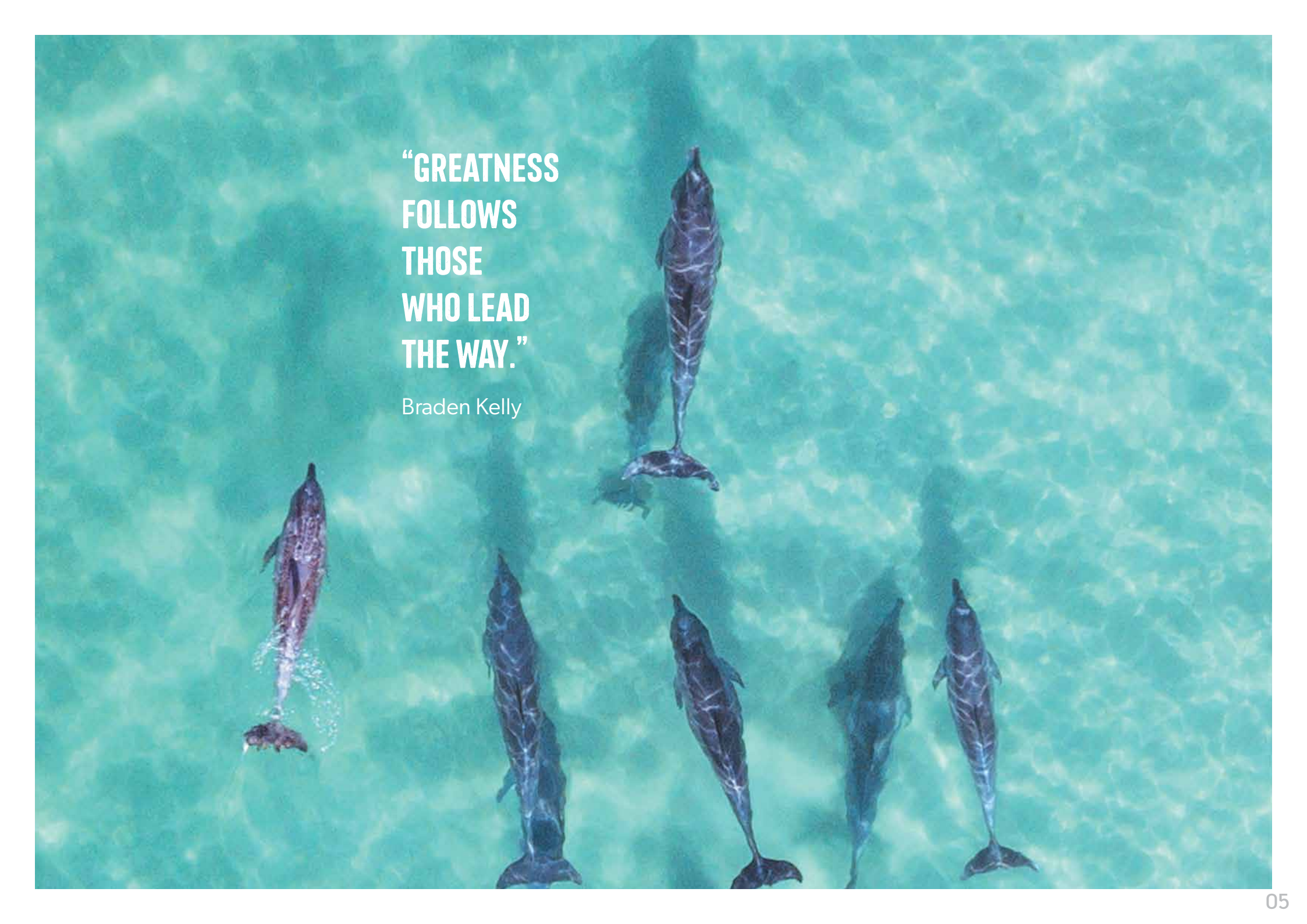
Our experienced conference and event organisers are here to make your life easy, impress your clients and ensure delegates experience an event to remember.

Port Stephens business event venues are as unique as they are varied... from spacious, beachfront venues overlooking impossibly turquoise waters to bushland retreats and purpose built function rooms for up to 500.

There is a bucket-list worthy range of experiences, activities and pre and post tours for delegates to indulge in and a selection of accommodation styles to suit your clients' taste and budget from 5 star resorts to sleeping under a million stars.


It's all here and it's all easy to get to! Just a 2.5 hour drive from Sydney and 25 minutes from Newcastle Airport with direct flights from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Canberra as well as regional NSW centres.



An aerial photograph of a pod of dolphins swimming in clear, turquoise water. The dolphins are seen from above, showing their dark, sleek bodies and lighter-colored underbellies. They are arranged in a loose formation, with one dolphin at the top center, another on the left, and a group of four at the bottom. The water is bright and clear, with some ripples and shadows cast by the dolphins.

**“GREATNESS
FOLLOWS
THOSE
WHO LEAD
THE WAY.”**

Braden Kelly

An aerial photograph of a vast, sandy desert landscape. The terrain is marked with numerous winding, parallel tracks in a light brown color, suggesting a path of travel or a race. Four small, red and black ATVs are positioned along these tracks, moving from the bottom left towards the top right. The tracks curve and loop across the dunes, creating a sense of movement and exploration. The overall scene is bright and open, with a clear sky.

**“IT’S A
LONG ROAD...
BUT IT’S
WORTH IT”**

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Destination Port Stephens is the official tourism body representing over 200 of the regions' tourism operators.

Our experienced friendly staff can put their wealth of local knowledge to work to help find the right venue, tour or service and make your job easy.

We're excited to help design a unique business event that will fit your needs, style and budget!

Our services include:

- Complimentary venue finding service and assistance with accommodation, transport and support services
- Site inspection organisation including meetings with local suppliers and venues
- Advice and assistance with social activities, team building, incentive and tour options
- Collateral including visitor guides, maps, images and video content to inspire your delegates

Contact us today and let us take care of your business event! Call +61 2 49812964 or email info@portstephenstourism.com.au



COACH TRANSFERS AND CHARTERS:

Port Stephens Coaches offers premium quality coach and bus hire services and is a third generation business that has been assisting travellers for over 60 years.

With a fleet of vehicles including 5 star coaches, luxury mini coaches and low floor buses, Port Stephens Coaches offers a wide range of services and different sized vehicles with experienced drivers.

Port Stephens Coaches vehicles are available for transfers as well as full-day and multi-day tours.

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TEAM BUILDING & INCENTIVES

Here in Port Stephens we believe you can mix business with pleasure - in fact, in this place, they're almost impossible to separate.

Let the salty sea air inspire fresh notions, the cloudless horizons invite blue sky thinking and the ebb and flow of the gentle tide energise and invigorate the mind, body and soul. Build teamwork as you climb mountains, not ladders... congratulate the sales team by hoisting a sail and cruising around our beautiful bay... there is nothing ordinary about an event in Port Stephens.

Where else can delegates see historic fighter planes, slide down a sand dune, take a yoga class, enjoy fresh lobster on a yacht, watch dolphins dive, bushwalk to a spectacular lookout, play a round of golf and get up close and personal with a whale?

Whether you're a group of 12 on a day trip or 120 staying for a week you'll find an exciting array of experiential activities and programs.

Our wealth of activities evolves with the seasons for year round adventure, team-building, connecting, exploring and chilling out.





PRE & POST CONFERENCE TOURING

Lift their down time to new heights and help your team (and their families) feel refreshed and invigorated.

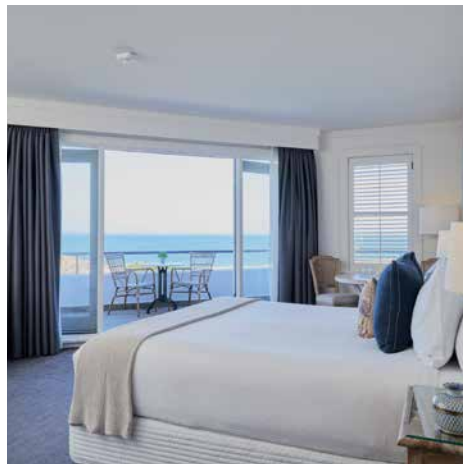
Stay a few extra days and explore the neighbourhoods of Port Stephens from the picturesque coastal villages of Nelson Bay, Shoal Bay and Soldiers Point to the rural townships of Raymond Terrace, Karuah and Bobs Farm.

Take a hike to the top of Tomaree Head Summit to marvel at the majestic views, dive amongst the coral gardens at Fly Point, tour Fingal or Broughton Island, visit Tilligerry Habitat and watch the local Koalas feeding - the natural wonders never cease here in Port Stephens.

Get adventurous and try quad biking, camel rides sandboarding or 4WD tours on the monumental sand dunes (the largest in the southern hemisphere).

Take a different tack with a luxury yacht sunset cruise around our sparkling bay, see our resident dolphins or take a whale watching cruise (May to November).

Foodies will love the many dining experiences embracing the freshest of local produce... seafood straight from the trawler, farm fresh avocados, figs, fruit and nuts... there's even a craft brewery and vineyard. Visit the gorgeous rural areas and country towns nearby and don't miss the famous Hunter Valley Wine Country for award winning vineyards, cellar door tastings and foodies' delights just over an hours drive from Port Stephens.



THE ANCHORAGE

Corlette Point Road, Corlette
PORT STEPHENS, NSW AUSTRALIA

At The Anchorage Port Stephens you'll find a unique seaside haven where five star excellence, effortless luxury and exclusive dining merge with sapphire waters at one of the world's most beautiful ports, Port Stephens.

The Anchorage offers luxurious absolute waterfront accommodation, 5 star meeting, event and conference facilities, along with world-class Spa Lucca, heated family and adult exclusive pools, and decadent dining options with its recently named Best Seafood Restaurant in Regional NSW.

Housed in our exclusive conferencing and events pavilion, our two main meeting spaces can be divided to create four separate rooms each boasting superb water views, capturing the sea breeze and flooded with natural lighting.

PROPERTY FEATURES

- Absolute waterfront location
- Best Seafood Restaurant Regional NSW
- Two heated pools
- Day spa
- Several dining options
- Adaptable meeting spaces
- Two restaurants
- Whisky bar

FUNCTION ROOMS

Room	Area (m ²)	Cocktail	Banquet	Theatre	Classroom	Board Room	U-shape
The Pier	144	140	110	160	90	60	52
The Pier 1	72	80	40	70	30	22	22
The Pier 2	62	80	40	70	30	22	22
The Quay	65	70	40	60	40	30	20
The Quay 1	33	30	20	30	20	12	12
The Quay 2	33	30	20	30	20	12	12

ACCOMMODATION

81 rooms and suites - guest capacity 180.

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BANNISTERS PORT STEPHENS

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PORT STEPHENS NSW AUSTRALIA

Bannisters Port Stephens is a contemporary, coastal hideaway only 20 minutes from Newcastle airport. We are located in Soldiers Point looking out towards the heads of Port Stephens bay. Renovated extensively in 2018, the hotel exudes modern Australian design, mixing retro nostalgia with a subtle nod to Palm Springs. Our accommodation offers mesmerising coastal views and a simplistic charm.

Paired with great food and wine across 3 venues, our welcoming team can cater to a variety of events. The well known celebrity chef's restaurant 'Rick Stein at Bannisters' features a menu to celebrate the regions produce, grounded in Rick's mantra of 'fresh seafood, simply cooked.'

PROPERTY FEATURES

- Onsite ocean view and garden view accommodation
- Newly renovated
- High speed Wifi
- Onsite, free car parking. Tesla charger
- Exclusive hire available
- Three food and beverage venues
- Infinity pool
- Audio visual equipment
- Close to Newcastle/Port Stephens airport
- Onsite spa featuring seasonal treatments, massages and facials

FUNCTION ROOMS

Room	Area (m ²)	Cocktail	Banquet	Theatre	Classroom	Board Room	U-shape
Cheeky Dog	120	60	50	60	40	20	20

ACCOMMODATION

78 Rooms - guest capacity 160

Six room types ranging from garden views to luxe ocean views

Dates available from May 2022



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MURROOK CULTURAL CENTRE

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PORT STEPHENS, NSW AUSTRALIA

Located a quick 5 minute drive from Newcastle Airport and an easy 2 ½ hours' drive from Sydney, Murrook Cultural Centre is situated in between Nelson Bay and Newcastle city.

This purpose-built conference and event space sprawls across 20 acres of land, featuring stunning native gardens and an outdoor timber deck overlooking a picturesque lake.

The three modern and well-equipped event spaces boast state of the art facilities, with a range of catering options available to suit your needs. Ask our team to connect you with numerous nearby accommodation options for conferences that run for more than one day.

PROPERTY FEATURES

- Onsite conference and event facilities for up to 420 theatre style
- Capacity of up to 600 cocktail style
- Outdoor deck surrounded by natural Australian bushland and native plants
- Motorised screens x 2
- Lectern
- Wireless microphone
- Free Wifi
- Built in data projectors x 2
- In room sound system

FUNCTION ROOMS

The Great Hall can be divided into three spaces with the middle space ideal as a break out room or meal breaks. All rooms have the ability to be divided with built in adjustable doors, flooded with natural light and access to the outdoor deck overlooking the lake and native bushland.

Murrook Cultural Centre has space for onsite break out activities or team building including Aboriginal cultural experiences and quad bike tours.



Room	Area (m ²)	Cocktail	Banquet	Theatre	Classroom	Board Room	U-shape
Great Hall	502	600	240	300	90	28	56
Great Hall, Room 1	200	239	72	150	45	14	28
Great Hall, Room 2	200	239	72	150	45	14	28

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NELSON BAY GOLF CLUB

57 Dowling Street, Nelson Bay
PORT STEPHENS NSW AUSTRALIA

Located 5 minutes walk from the CBD of Nelson Bay and stunning waterways of Port Stephens. The Nelson Bay Golf Club is just 30 minutes drive from Newcastle Airport and 2.5 hours north of Sydney.

Nelson Bay Golf Club's new conference and function room seats up to 180 people banquet style with stunning views over the course. With a balcony that wraps around the room allowing for natural light which can be completely blacked out to meet requirements. Complimentary WiFi and the latest technology in data projectors, screens and PA systems are available.

The Nelson Bay Golf Club has an impressive 27 hole golf course on 175 acres of challenging tree lined fairways set in an idyllic setting and home to kangaroos, wallabies, koalas, native birds and the occasional goanna. Our golf professionals and their team are on hand to assist you and your guests.

PROPERTY FEATURES

- 180 degree views of golf course and National Park
- AV facilities - latest technology in data projectors/ screens
- Seat up to 180 banquet style
- Free guest WiFi
- Separate entrance from main club entrance
- Full catering packages
- Open air balcony terrace
- Sports bar & full gaming facilities
- Children's area
- Fully stocked pro-shop

FUNCTION ROOMS

Room	Area (m ²)	Cocktail	Banquet	Theatre	Classroom	Board Room	U-shape
Tomaree	143	150	120	145	95	120	50
Yacaaba	88	100	70	90	95	80	40
Combined	231	210	180	230	140	160	70
Boardroom	22	-	-	-	-	10	-

ACCOMMODATION

Located right next door and within walking distance for your delegates is The Landmark Resort and Mantra Nelson Bay. Working with both of these properties enables us to put together a residential quote for your conference to make it easier for you.

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SHOAL BAY COUNTRY CLUB

35-45 Shoal Bay Road, Shoal Bay
PORT STEPHENS, NSW AUSTRALIA

In a stunning beachfront location, the newly renovated Shoal Bay Convention Centre is a purpose-built function centre which can cater for conferences up to 500 delegates. Featuring state-of-the-art facilities including high quality audio visual, two large, fully-equipped kitchens and two bars dedicated to catering for small and large groups, multi-functional spaces and ample break-out or trade-show areas.

Shoal Bay Country Club has three restaurants, multiple bars and a range of spaces for pre and post conference social events. Onsite, the Ramada Resort Shoal Bay offers delegates a variety of accommodation options ranging from studio, to one, two or three-bedroom apartments. With many rooms offering views of the breathtaking coastline, our venue offers the ultimate business and leisure experience.

The resort also features indoor and outdoor pools, health centre, gymnasium and spa.

PROPERTY FEATURES

- Functions and conference facilities
- Complete audio visual
- Three restaurants
- Multiple bars
- Indoor and outdoor swimming pools
- Health centre and gymnasium
- Free WiFi
- Onsite accommodation

FUNCTION ROOMS

Room	Banquet	Boardroom	Cocktail	Theatre
Whitesands	180	90	250	200
Tomaree	80	40	90	120
Zenith	60	30	90	90
Yacaaba	60	30	90	90
Convention Centre	240	-	500	350

ACCOMMODATION - RAMADA SHOAL BAY RESORT

99 rooms - guest capacity 278.

Studio, one, two and three bedroom apartments.



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MOONSHADOW-TQC CRUISES

3/35 Stockton Street, Nelson Bay
PORT STEPHENS NSW AUSTRALIA

Hold the ultimate corporate event on board Moonshadow-TQC cruising the beautiful Port Stephens waterways.

Moonshadow-TQC Cruises, the largest operator in the Port Stephens region, offers the versatility of seven luxurious vessels in the fleet. Events for ten delegates to larger events in the hundreds, we have your next event covered. Incentive groups, gala dinners, product launches, sunset pre-dinner cruises and transfers to onshore restaurants are just some of the ways we can engage your delegates on board.

For something truly unique, get up close and personal with our resident Bottlenose dolphins or experience one of the most majestic mammals on the planet, the Humpback whales (seasonal).

Your dedicated Special Event Planner along with our professional, experienced crew bring together a stress free, organised and original event.

TOURS

- Dolphin Watch Cruises
- Whale Watch Cruises (seasonal May-Nov)
- Team Building Programs
- Twilight Dinner Cruises
- Pre/Post Conference Cruises
- Educational Tours
- Broughton Island Cruises (seasonal Sep-Apr)
- Sundowner Cruises - perfect for pre-dinner drinks
- Sandboarding/Dolphin Watch Combo Tours

TOUR FEATURES

- Interpretative commentary
- Complimentary tea/coffee stations on board
- Fully licensed bar on board
- Catering from fresh local seafood platters, relaxed BBQ's to gala dinner menus

TEAM BUILDING

- Moonshadow-TQC Cruises offer a choice of two fully facilitated team building activities that combine boat and land based activities: The 'Pirates of Port Stephens' and the 'Urban Assault' programs.
- Tailored programs can be developed to suit including 'Combo Packages' with some of the best activities in Port Stephens from sandboarding, 4WD tours to quad biking.



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IMAGINE CRUISES

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PORT STEPHENS, NSW AUSTRALIA

Imagine Cruises is a marine tour provider with 25 years of experience. Operating tours on a 16 metre sailing catamaran with a capacity for up to 60 people inshore or 47 offshore, our stable vessel offers a personal intimate experience with the dolphins and whales.

We are also affiliated with two other marine operators and can offer a range of additional activities including: snorkelling, cruises around the offshore islands, wild dolphin swim tours and lighthouse tours.

Most of our cruises have advanced Eco Tourism Accreditation and we are "dedicated to the protection of dolphins and whales". Imagine Cruises donate \$1 from every ticket written on our dolphin watch cruises to the Marine Parks Association to support research and a better understanding of Port Stephens' marine life.

TOURS

ONBOARD IMAGINE

- Dolphin Watch – 1.5 hours.
- Whale Watch Cruises – 3 hrs.
- Marine and Island Discoveries - 3.5 hrs.

ONBOARD ENVISION

- Whale Watch Express - 1.5 hrs
- Guided Island and Lighthouse Tour - 3 hrs.

TOUR FEATURES

ONBOARD IMAGINE

- Professional commentary
- Sails used on all dolphin and discovery cruises
- Complimentary tea/coffee and biscuits
- Licensed bar
- Covered foredeck and downstairs cabin
- Onboard sound system
- Catering available for onboard lunch or dinner
- Up to 60 guests inshore and 47 offshore

ONBOARD ENVISION

- Fast catamaran vessel for up to 22 people
- Smaller, personalised tours
- Semi-enclosed rear cabin
- Professional commentary
- 360-degree viewing

TEAM BUILDING

Imagine Cruises can custom design a staff training or team building cruise and guided tour to suit for up to 60 delegates.

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SAND DUNE ADVENTURES

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PORT STEPHENS NSW AUSTRALIA

Sand Dune Adventures are a not for profit social enterprise owned by the Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council which allows us to give back to our community. Local Aboriginal tour guides give you a full safety briefing and induction before we take you on a 1 hour or 1.5 hour Aboriginal Culture quad bike tour on the Worimi sand dunes in Port Stephens.

No experience is necessary. We operate 4 times a day 7 days a week. Minimum of 2 people to 50 on a tour. All of SDA quad bike tours are tailored to meet the needs of our customers. So if it is sightseeing or adrenaline we have the experience for you.

TOURS

No licence is required. We are the only tour company that has access to the highest sand dunes on Stockton Beach from 40-100 feet high.

- 1 hour quad bike tour
- 1.5 Aboriginal culture and sandboarding tour
 - 30-minutes quad biking
 - 30-minutes sandboarding
 - 30-minutes learning about the Aboriginal history, dig for fresh water, bush food & shell

TOUR FEATURES

- All tours are guided - 1 guide per 5 people
- Quad bike tours are conducted in a tag-a-long (single file) format
- Clear and simple hand signals are demonstrated and provided by the lead guide
- Clients are provided with a riding helmet and hi-Vis safety vest.
- Quad Bike tours are tailored to meet the needs and experience of the customer
- Complimentary water

TEAM BUILDING

All tours can be combined with an Aboriginal workshop featuring boomerang/spear throwing, beading, artefacts, dance and bush resources.



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PORT STEPHENS 4WD TOURS

Lower carpark, James Paterson St, Anna Bay
PORT STEPHENS, NSW AUSTRALIA

Sandboarding or a 4WD tour in Port Stephens suitable for any size MICE group - our products can fit into any itinerary.

Slide down the sand dunes on our Sandboarding Adventure tour, explore the Stockton Beach ecosystem and "Tin City" on our 1.5hr Tin City Discovery tour, or ask about our team building options and tailor-made customised itineraries available to suit your needs.

If you're looking for a unique outdoor activity on the amazing Stockton Sand Dunes, you can't go past a Port Stephens 4WD Adventure. At Port Stephens 4WD Tours, we want your delegates to walk away from us with some insight and appreciation for the Worimi Conservation Lands while experiencing something which showcases our back yard.

TOURS

- Guided tours up to 80 passengers in air-conditioned 4WDs
- Award winning service
- Combine with a dolphin or whale watch
- All local tour guides with extensive knowledge of the sand dune ecosystem
- Accommodation transfers can be arranged via packages with Port Stephens Coaches

TOUR FEATURES

- Complimentary water
- Sandboarding instruction/supervision
- Shade provided on the sand dune
- Informative commentary provided on all tours

TEAM BUILDING

Port Stephens 4WD Tours will endeavour to incorporate unique team building activities within our scope on the Worimi Conservation Lands including:

- Sandboarding races
- Pipi races
- Tug 'o' war



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