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Welcome to Maitland

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Maitland Information

Nestled in the lower Hunter Valley just two hours north of Sydney and 30 minutes from Wine Country, Maitland is a historic location with a plethora of unique attractions.

With a stunning blend of “funky heritage” and contemporary style, Maitland’s street scapes and surrounds are lined with historical buildings dating from the early 1800s. You can enjoy picturesque



rural views from a multitude of vantage points while Maitland is also host to an array of stylish boutiques, pampering service providers, unique guesthouses, eateries and entertainment venues.



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Getting There

Maitland located in the Hunter Region is conveniently situated just 90 minutes north from Sydney at the end of the F3 Freeway. The area is easily accessible by public transport or private vehicle.

By Road

From the South

Maitland is approximately 90 minutes from Sydney City Centre, north on the F3 Freeway and New England Highway (15).

From the North via Coast:

From Brisbane and other north coast areas, travel along the Pacific Highway (1) to Hexham then the New England Highway (15).

Train

CountryLink

Four XPT services daily to and from Sydney stopping at Maitland Railway Station.

Cityrail:

Sydney to Hamilton or Newcastle, connecting with local intercity services to Maitland. Approx 30 services daily. Stops are located at Maitland, High Street, Victoria Street, East Maitland, Telarah, Thornton and Beresfield.

Plane

Charter services available to Maitland Airport (Rutherford) and regular direct and connecting flights available to and from Australia's capital cities from Newcastle Airport (Williamtown) about 35 minutes drive from Maitland.

Coach

Timetabled daily coach services travel through the Hunter region from Brisbane and Sydney.

Taxi

Maitland Taxi Service – 4933 7333

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Health

The Maitland Hospital is a health facility for the Upper and Lower Hunter Regions. The urban/rural population serviced is approximately 72,000 and incorporates Maitland, Cessnock, Kurri Kurri, Singleton, Muswellbrook, Dungog and Raymond Terrace. The hospital is located 35 minutes from the John Hunter Hospital and transport by air or road is facilitated by NSW Ambulance Services.



A comprehensive range of services is provided including medical and rehabilitation, surgical and day surgery, and maternity and child services. There is a busy Emergency Department, and a coronary care/high dependency unit. Mental health, dental and renal services are provided on-site, as well as diagnostic services. An array of allied health services, both hospital and community-based, includes occupational therapy, speech pathology, dietetics, psychology, physiotherapy and social work services.

Other outpatient and community-based services include pre-admission and antenatal clinics, palliative care nursing and the post acute community care service (PACC), which provides care in the home, as opposed to care in the hospital setting, for suitable patients.

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Rental Or Permanent Accommodation

For a comprehensive listing of Australian rental properties, properties for sale and information relating to home loans and lending authorities. Please visit:

<http://www.realestate.com.au/> or www.domain.com.au or contact the following local agents:

www.elders.com.au

www.petersrealestate.com.au

www.maitlandheritage.com.au

www.davidhaggarty.com.au

www.maitlandvalleyrealestate.com.au

To secure a rental property you will have to pay a bond which is usually equivalent to four weeks rent as well as two weeks rent in advance. The bond is refundable when you vacate the premises. This amount will vary between real estates but you should consider six weeks rent the minimum amount required. You can expect to pay a minimum of \$200.00 per week to rent a small unit in a suitable area.

The Medical Recruitment office can supply a letter confirming employment with Hunter New England Health in support of your application for a property.

Currently in the Hunter Valley area there is a rental shortage and it can be difficult to find a suitable property. It is recommended that you begin your search as early as possible as most real estates advertise their properties well in advance.

The length of a lease is also varied but they are usually for 6 or 12 month periods. The real estate will conduct property inspections throughout your rental period usually every two months or so. These inspections also give you an opportunity to report any maintenance that may be required at the property.

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Utilities

When you have moved into your accommodation you will need to get the utilities such as water, electricity, gas and telephone connected or transferred into your name. Often there will be a fee to get these utilities connected or transferred. See below for contact details:

WATER	Hunter Water, www.hunterwater.com.au , Phone: 1300 657 657
ELECTRICITY	Energy Australia, www.energy.com.au , Phone: 131 535
GAS	AGL Gas Networks www.agl.com.au , Phone: 131 245
TELEPHONE	The two biggest telephone companies within Australia are: Telstra www.telstra.com.au , Phone: 132 200 Optus www.optus.com.au , Phone: 133 937

Furniture

Furnished units/houses are extremely rare in the Hunter Valley area.

When shopping for furniture or electrical goods see:

Harvey Norman	www.harveynorman.com.au
Furniture One	www.furnitureone.com.au
Fantastic Furniture	www.fantasticfurniture.com.au
Retravisision	www.retravisision.com.au
Dick Smith Electronics	www.dicksmith.com.au

You should be able to buy reasonable second hand furniture by looking in the classified ads of the local papers including The Maitland Mercury or by checking the message board on the HNE Internal website:

http://messagecentre.hne.health.nsw.gov.au/message_centre.cfm

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Child Care

There are many quality childcare centres located in Maitland, however it can be difficult to get permanent childcare for children less than 2 years of age. There are often long waiting lists.

Child Care Access Hotline – Freecall 1800 670 305

Provides up to date information on:

- Child care services and possible vacancies in your area
- How to choose a quality service
- The types of care

Visit the website <http://www.echildcare.com.au/east-maitland-emmas/> for information on local childcare centres including:

Emma's Long Day Care

www.emmaslongdaycare.com.au

61A Narang Street, East Maitland

Telephone: (02) 4933 1894

Hunter Early Learning and Nurture Centre

www.hunterearlylearning.com.au

6/555 High Street, Maitland

Telephone: (02) 4939 4911

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Education

Hunter Valley Grammar School - www.hvgs.nsw.edu.au

Hunter Valley Grammar School is a coeducational, non-denominational Preschool to Year 12 school is situated near Maitland in the Hunter Valley.

Catholic Schools - www.mn.catholic.edu.au

Visit the website to access further information about the local Catholic Schools in the Maitland area.

Public Schools - Phone Maitland City Council Customer Service Centre on 4934 9700 for local school listings.

TAFE

<http://www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au/CAMPUSES/MAITLAND/Pages/MaitlandCampus.aspx>

Maitland campus is a recognised centre of excellence in the fields of Tourism & Hospitality and Plumbing, offering courses through the faculties of Access & General Education, Business & Computing, Industry & Natural Resources and Tourism & Hospitality.

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Interesting Things To Do And See

Bag a bargain at the largest regional markets, held the first Sunday of each month, tour through heritage listed areas and historic homes, take a walk along the river bank or enjoy a breath taking Hot Air Balloon or Tiger Moth flight. Other visitors may choose just to relax in peaceful surrounds, enjoy the scenery as you take a self-drive or share a picnic by the Hunter River.

Maitland has something for everyone - heritage walks, museums, galleries, historic villages, antique precincts, markets, festivals, vineyards and gourmet food. For those looking for something a little more active there are many leisure and recreation activities available within Maitland including canoeing, cycling, horse-riding and mountain climbing.

Families may like to visit recreation areas such as Walka Recreation & Wildlife Reserve, Richmond Vale Railway and Mining Museum or even a drive-in at Heddon Greta.

The Maitland Gaol is open for tours, and is a fascinating, frightening and thought provoking site. The Maitland Regional Art Gallery holds quality exhibitions within its dramatic Gothic Federation display space and Mindaribba Aboriginal Land Council has a museum displaying archaeological findings from the region and a series of indigenous art and craft. National Trust property Grossman House is open for inspection giving an insight into Maitland's past.

Those looking to get back to nature will appreciate what Maitland has to offer, including the Hunter Botanic Gardens at Heatherbrae, comprising 135 hectares of themed gardens and bushwalks and many picnic, fishing and recreation areas.

Just a few kilometres from Maitland is the historic village of Morpeth. Classified by the National Trust, Morpeth was established in 1821 on the banks of the Hunter River. Morpeth was once a thriving river port for ships taking goods around Australia and the world. Today visitors travel to Morpeth to meander along the cobbled sandstone pathways and explore over 40 stores, cafés and galleries featuring everything from funky home wears to striking artworks, distinctive fashion and amazing jewellery designs.



ARTS & CULTURE

Maitland strives to maintain its rich history and the many artistic and cultural outlets this has generated.

The Maitland Repertory Society, Maitland Gilbert and Sullivan and Musical Society and Maitland Arts Council work tirelessly to promote culturally enriching activities and entertainment for the entire area.

The Maitland Regional Art Gallery boasts a stunning new space with state of the art facilities. Visitors are able to enjoy regularly changing exhibitions of high quality Australian and international art. The program includes touring exhibitions, a flourishing art workshop and other events, such as floor talks and concerts.

Cultural precincts offer visitors the chance to immerse themselves in the creativity of Maitland with craftspeople and artisans offerings available to view and purchase.

Wineries & Gourmet Living



Maitland is home to a small selection of beautiful boutique wineries, which are managed and owned by local families. Some have cellar door outlets and others are available through specialty stores and selected bottle shops.

Starting just 15 minutes drive from central Maitland there are over 110 cellar doors where the combination of stunning views with the locals' intimate knowledge of the wine-making process provide the perfect formula for wine connoisseurs and newly founded wine drinkers alike to delight in the ultimate wine experience.

The Hunter Valley is a bountiful and fertile area featuring dozens of fresh produce stalls stocking plentiful offerings from friendly farmers straight from the crop. Farm vegetables and fruit, sumptuous strawberries and unique lavender products are grown with care and taste delicious. Venture further into Maitland and you will discover olive groves producing ranges of flavoured olives, tapenades and oils.

Close by in other areas of the Hunter Valley producers are creating a variety of dairy products including sumptuous cheeses that perfectly match with Hunter wines.

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Restaurants

Maitland enjoys a wide range of eateries, cafés and restaurants. Restaurants within Maitland offer delectable delights, local produce and the finest ingredients and friendly bistros serve well priced food with most tastes catered for.

Maitland is home to Chefs Hat Award winning chefs at iconic restaurants The Old George and Dragon at East Maitland and The Table at Greta.

Those looking for something more casual will find take away, café and buffet outlets dotted throughout the area. Restaurants and bars in Maitland also stock an impressive selection of local and national wines, beers and beverages for diners to enjoy.

For a comprehensive listing of local restaurants visit:

http://www.maitlandhuntermvalley.com.au/search_resultall.asp

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Places Of Worship

For a comprehensive listing of places of worship, please go to:

<http://www.ourpatch.com.au/newcastle/info/places-of-worship>

- [Anglican](#)
- [Baptist](#)
- [Christian City](#)
- [Mormons](#)
- [Uniting Church](#)
- [Catholic](#)
- [Interdenominational](#)
- [Christian Scientists](#)
- [Jehovah's Witnesses](#)
- [Presbyterian](#)
- [Quakers](#)
- [Salvation Army](#)
- [Foursquare](#)
- [Buddhist](#)
- [Christian Church](#)
- [Jewish](#)
- [Muslim](#)
- [Hindu](#)
- [Methodist](#)
- [Assembly of God](#)
- [Christian](#)
- [Jehovah's Witness](#)
- [Church of Christ](#)
- [Bahai](#)
- [Seventh day Adventist](#)
- [Lutheran](#)

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