

# Dining Out



Greater Port Macquarie is home to some standout cafés, restaurants and wineries and a growing number of barristas meeting the discerning tastes of coffee lovers, wine and food enthusiasts.

A strong coffee culture is evident throughout most towns in the region and the locals also take great pride in the fresh local produce and great wines grown and produced along the fertile mid-north coast.

Great food, fine wines and good coffee are just what you need.

## **Tastings of the Hastings**

A colourful and mouth watering array of fresh local produce and product is regularly on show at the monthly Hastings Farmers' Market held at the historic Wauchope Showground on the fourth Saturday of each month.

Growers enjoy a brisk morning trade as their freshly picked and farmed products make the journey from the paddock to the plate – often in the local restaurants where talented local chefs enhance their contemporary menus with creative offerings, menus laden with fresh crisp salads, local seafood and succulent fruits.

## **From the Vine**

Since the early 1800's the coastal climate of this region has been producing award-winning wines. Cellar doors set in picturesque surroundings provide the ideal way to sample the "local drop". A la carte restaurants, cosy cafés and regular jazz concerts are features of the popular winery trail.

## **From the Rivers and Sea**

No visit is complete without sampling the pride of the region – a platter of fresh Hastings River oysters. Try them fresh from the leaseholders themselves or prepared to your



Fish and chips rule on the north coast, and whether you're looking for a quick and tasty takeaway to eat at the beach or fine dining and seafood platters, you will be spoilt for choice.

Wine and food is an ever-strengthening feature of the region. Now, the long-life, regional, Chinese restaurant does business alongside other emerging international cuisines with Thai, Italian, Greek, Mexican and Indian being the local favourites.

Up beat pubs, with funky menus and beers are popular holiday favourites. Families can also enjoy the affordable buffets, cafés and a la carte selections at a large number of clubs.

## Greater Port Macquarie Dining Guide

Name	Address and Phone	BYO	Lunch	Dinner	Water Views	Outdoor Dining	Wheel-chair Access
<b>Blue Poles Café &amp; Gallery</b> 🌟* (contemporary café cuisine, great art & entertainment)	1086 Comboyne Road Byabarra Ph: 6587 1167	✓	Fri-Sun 9.30-4.00 All day dining	With scheduled entertainment	✗	✓	✗
<b>Ca Marche</b> 🌟* Cassegrain Winery (creative contemporary cuisine)	Cnr Pacific Highway & Fernbank Creek Rd Port Macquarie Ph: 6582 8320	✗	12.00-3.00pm	Fri nights	✗	✓	✓
<b>Castaway Restaurant*</b> Country Comfort Inn (casual modern dining)	Cnr. Buller & Hollingsworth St Port Macquarie Ph: 6583 2955	✗		6.30-9.30pm	✓	✓	✓
<b>Compass Restaurant and Bar*</b> Rydges Port Macquarie (creative contemporary cuisine)	Hay Street Port Macquarie Ph: 6589 2822	✗	Fri, Sat and Sun 12.00-12.30pm	6.00-10.00pm	✓	✓	✓
<b>Dolphins Restaurant*</b> Laurieton United Servicemen's Club (Club Bistro)	Seymour Street Laurieton Ph: 6559 9110	✗	From 12.00 noon	From 6.00pm	✗	✓	✓
<b>Flavours Café*</b> Panthers Port Macquarie Settlement City (casual family dining)	1 Bay Street Port Macquarie Ph: 6580 2300	✗	From 11.30am	Until Late	✓	✓	✓
<b>Governor's Restaurant*</b> Best Western Macquarie Barracks (creative casual cuisine)	103 Hastings River Dr. Port Macquarie Ph: 6583 5333	✗		Mon-Sat 6.00-9.00pm	Pool	✓	✓
<b>Lakeview Bistro*</b> Lake Cathie Bowling & Recreation Club (Chinese and Australian cuisine)	45 Evans Street Lake Cathie Ph: 6585 5701	✗	Tues-Sun From 12 noon	Tues-Sun From 6.00pm	✓	✓	✓
<b>Laurieton Hotel Restaurant*</b> (casual international dining)	Bold Street Laurieton Ph: 6559 6181	✗	7 Days From 12 noon	7 Days From 6.00pm	✗	✓	✓
<b>Little Fish Café*</b> Innes lake Vineyards (modern café dining)	The Ruins Way Port Macquarie Ph: 6581 1332	✗	7 Days 11.30-2.30pm	Functions by Appointment	✗	✓	✓
<b>Spinnakers on The Waterfront*</b> Quality Resort Sails (modern Australian cuisine)	20 Park Street Port Macquarie Ph: 6583 3999	✗	12.00-2.30pm	6.00-9.30pm	✓	✓	✓
<b>Rainforest Café*</b> Sea Acres Rainforest Centre (contemporary café cuisine)	Pacific Drive Port Macquarie Ph: 6582 4444	✓	From 12.00 noon	Functions by Appointment	✗	✓	✓
<b>Restaurant Splash</b> 🌟* (creative contemporary cuisine)	3/2 Horton Street Port Macquarie Ph: 6584 4027	✓	From 12.00 noon	From 6.00pm	✓	✓	✓
<b>The Udder Cow*</b> (contemporary café cuisine)	1 Comboyne Road Comboyne Ph: 6550 4188	✓	9.30-5.00pm All Day Dining		✗	✓	✓
<b>Tommy's By the Beach</b> 🌟* (Seafood and steak restaurant featuring regular entertainment)	4 Flynn Street Port Macquarie Ph: 6583 5477	✗		Mon-Sat From 6.00pm	✗	✓	✗
<b>Wauchope Country Club Bistro*</b> (casual café cuisine)	24 King Street Wauchope Ph: 6585 3020	✗	From 12.00 noon	7 Days from 6.00pm	✓	✓	✓
<b>Waterfront Restaurant*</b> El Paso Motor Inn (casual fine dining)	29 Clarence Street Port Macquarie Ph: 6583 1944	✗		7 Days from 6.00pm	✓	✗	✓
<b>Vintage Restaurant &amp; Lounge</b> 🌟* The Observatory (sophisticated yet informal European cuisine)	40 William Street Port Macquarie Ph: 6583 9300	✗	Mon-Fri From 12.00 noon	Mon-Sat From 6.00pm (January Open Sundays)	✓	✓	✓

\* Booking Required 🌟 Award Winner