

Travel and Accommodation for the ANZHES Conference at the Port Macquarie Campus of Charles Sturt University on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 November 2019

Port Macquarie is a historic and thriving regional town located on the Mid North Coast of New South Wales. It has a population of over 70 000 and a wide range of amenities including nine beaches and a recently established and rapidly growing campus of Charles Sturt University (CSU).

Travelling to and within Port Macquarie

Port Macquarie is readily accessible by plane, car and train. The following site gives a good overview of transport options.

<https://portmacquarieinfo.com.au/information/getting-here-and-about>

The CSU site for its Port Macquarie Campus, which is about five kilometres from the CBD, also has information on travelling to the campus.

<https://about.csu.edu.au/locations/campuses/port-macquarie>

Some points to note on getting to Port Macquarie:

- The Pacific Highway from Sydney to Port Macquarie (386 kilometres) is now dual carriageway. From Brisbane (542kilometres) the Pacific Highway is mostly dual carriageway but there are still single lane stretches and roadwork between Ballina and Woolgoolga. Travel time by car from Sydney is generally four to five hours, while from Brisbane it usually takes about seven hours.
- The trains are not fast, but are normally a pleasant way to travel. The train takes about 7½ hours from Sydney to Wauchope and nine hours from Brisbane. Check that there is a Trainlink coach (bus) from Wauchope Station to Port Macquarie meeting the train that you choose. The bus takes about twenty minutes to travel into Port Macquarie.
- Travel by plane from Sydney or Brisbane is the quickest option. About one hour flying time.

Some ideas for getting around in Port Macquarie:

- Because the CSU campus is about five miles from the heart of Port Macquarie bringing your own car is a good idea if this is a viable option for you. Hire cars are also available at the airport and in town.
- The local taxi company is Port Macquarie Taxis (ph 02 6581 0081 or book online at <https://portmacquarietaxis.com.au/>). Uber is also now available in Port Macquarie. <https://www.uber.com/global/en/cities/port-macquarie/>. If you are travelling with a group Hastings Shuttle Service may be a useful way to get around. <http://hastingsshuttleservice.com.au/>.
- Public transport is by bus. The *Busways* bus routes that will get you from the CBD close to the CSU campus are 325 and 335W. Get the driver to advise you when you are near the CSU campus. The trip takes about 40 minutes.

Accommodation

As Port Macquarie is a popular tourist destination there is an extensive range of accommodation available including motels, hotels, apartments, B&Bs, backpackers and hostels, and caravan parks. Most of this accommodation is in the CBD or along the beaches and river and is generally about five kilometres from the Port Macquarie campus of CSU. A useful site to assist in choosing your accommodation is <https://portmacquarieinfo.com.au/stay>.

There is also the option of staying in student accommodation adjacent to the campus (and near a shopping centre which includes a well patronized coffee shop and some restaurants). An overview of this accommodation is available at <https://accommodation.csu.edu.au/our-rooms/port-macquarie>.

The online application form for staying in student accommodation (University visitors) is available at:

https://cdn.csu.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/116200/CSU-TemporaryAccommodationApplication.pdf. Prices vary according to the length of stay and the type of accommodation requested. You can request a quote when you submit your application form.

What to do in Port Macquarie (besides the conference)

If you are able to spend some time in Port Macquarie around the conference there is a lot to see and do. Historic sites, a great range of cafes and restaurants (there are a number of highly regarded coffee shops in Port Macquarie) and a wide range of activities are available. See <https://portmacquarieinfo.com.au/see-do>.

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