



Welcome to Waratah

A guide to your
new home &
workplace



Aged Care

Waratah, NSW

Be at the heart of it in Waratah.

Located in the heart of New South Wales, Waratah offers a serene and welcoming environment for those seeking a peaceful lifestyle. Surrounded by lush countryside and picturesque landscapes, Waratah provides residents with a sense of tranquillity and connection to nature. With its close-knit community, rich heritage, and proximity to both urban conveniences and outdoor adventures, living in Waratah promises a harmonious blend of rural charm and modern comforts. Whether you're drawn to its historic landmarks, outdoor recreational opportunities, or vibrant local culture, Waratah invites you to embrace a relaxed and fulfilling way of life in regional New South Wales.



Waratah, New South Wales, is known for its historical significance, as it was once a major industrial centre due to its coal mining activities in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.



7

km from
Newcastle

3k

residents

25°C to 28°C

Summer
temps



The traditional custodians of the land in the area around Waratah, New South Wales, Australia, are the Awabakal people.

Your new workplace in Waratah.

Welcome to Waratah! And thanks for your interest in our home and team.

Welcome to Bupa Waratah, a modern care home set in the quiet residential suburb of Waratah, Newcastle.

Bupa Waratah is a welcoming, community-driven home that stays connected with our town with many events such as our annual Spring Fair – an event we host in the home with stalls showcasing Bupa’s full offering, local town businesses and lots of fun for all! We also have our local school visit regularly and we have monthly birthday parties for all residents, families and the team.

Our team go above and beyond in caring for our residents, one of them is the 2nd oldest person in Australia (109!) and our staff made the day incredible, even coming in on their day off to celebrate. This commitment and compassion are something we are so proud of at Bupa Waratah.

We are always working together to keep improving the culture, celebrating staff and taking regular appreciation days to ensure everyone knows how important and valued they are here. We aim to provide the best support in career development, benefits and belonging.

We love to welcome new team members, from overseas and domestic, and we welcome them to the home warmly with announcements in the staff room, introductions to residents and relatives individually and lots of morning teas!

We can't wait to work with you!



Living in Waratah, NSW, offers a peaceful and close-knit community atmosphere surrounded by scenic countryside. Residents enjoy a balance of rural tranquillity and convenient access to nearby urban amenities in Newcastle. With its rich history, friendly locals, and proximity to outdoor recreational opportunities, living in Waratah provides a relaxed and fulfilling lifestyle in regional New South Wales.

Public Transport

Bus

Public transport options in Waratah and its surrounding areas primarily consist of bus services operated by Transport for NSW (TfNSW), with connections to nearby Newcastle and other destinations in the region.

These routes provide connections to key destinations within Newcastle, including the city centre, university campuses, hospitals, and shopping centres. Additionally, some routes extend to neighbouring suburbs and towns, offering access to amenities and services.

Trains

Waratah, NSW, does not have its own train station. However, the neighbouring suburb of Waratah West is served by Waratah Train Station, which is located on the Newcastle and Central Coast Line. Waratah Train Station provides regular train services operated by Transport for NSW, offering connections to Newcastle, Sydney, and other destinations along the Central Coast Line.



Airport

The closest major airport to Waratah, NSW, is Newcastle Airport (Williamstown Airport), located approximately 25kms (about 16 miles) northeast of Waratah. Newcastle Airport serves as the primary airport for the Newcastle region and offers domestic flights to various destinations across Australia, including Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, and the Gold Coast, among others.

Passengers travelling to and from Waratah can access Newcastle Airport by car, taxi, or airport shuttle services. The airport features facilities such as parking, rental car services, dining options, and passenger amenities to ensure a convenient travel experience. Additionally, Newcastle Airport provides a gateway to international travel via connecting flights from major Australian cities.

Schools

Waratah, NSW, offers a range of schooling options to cater to the educational needs of its residents.

Primary Schools

There are several primary schools located in or near Waratah, providing education from kindergarten to year 6. These schools offer a comprehensive curriculum aligned with state education standards and may include extracurricular activities, sports programs, and support services for students.

Secondary Schools

For students in years 7 to 12, there are secondary schools in the broader Newcastle region that serve the Waratah area. These schools offer a diverse range of subjects, pathways, and extracurricular opportunities to cater to students' interests, abilities, and career aspirations.

Public Schools

Waratah is serviced by public schools operated by the New South Wales Department of Education. These schools are funded by the state government and offer tuition-free education to Australian citizens and permanent residents. Public schools in the area may include Waratah Public School and Waratah High School, among others.

Private Schools

Additionally, there are private schools in the Newcastle region that offer alternative schooling options. These schools may have religious affiliations or independent governance structures and typically charge tuition fees. Private schools in the area may include primary and secondary schools catering to various educational philosophies and approaches.

Specialist Schools

Some schools in the Newcastle region specialise in catering to students with specific educational needs, such as language schools, special education schools, or schools focusing on the arts, sports, or STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) subjects.

Families residing in Waratah have the opportunity to choose the schooling option that best suits their children's needs, preferences, and values, whether it be public, private, or specialised education. Additionally, there are support services and resources available to assist families in navigating the schooling system and ensuring access to quality education for all students.



Dining & Nightlife

Waratah offers a diverse range of dining and nightlife experiences reflecting the vibrant local culture. Here's an overview of the types of dining and nightlife you can expect in Waratah and the surrounding areas:

Dining

Australian Cuisine

Waratah is home to several eateries offering classic Australian cuisine. Expect dishes like meat pies, fish and chips, and hearty pub meals featuring local produce.

International Flavors

You'll find restaurants and cafes serving international cuisines such as Italian, Thai, Chinese, and Indian. These places often bring a taste of global flavors to the local dining scene.

Casual Dining

Many dining options in and around Waratah cater to casual dining experiences. These places are ideal for relaxed meals with friends and family.

Coffee Culture

Cafes and coffee houses are abundant, offering a range of speciality coffee, brunch options, and sweet treats. These spots are perfect for a morning pick-me-up or afternoon relaxation.

Nightlife

Pubs and Bars

Waratah and its neighbouring suburbs have pubs and bars that are popular nightlife destinations. These places often serve a selection of beers, wines, and cocktails along with pub-style meals.

Live Music Venues

Newcastle is known for its live music scene, and you'll find venues in and around Waratah showcasing local bands and artists. This adds a lively and cultural aspect to the nightlife experience.

Casual Hangouts

There are plenty of laid-back spots where you can unwind with friends over drinks and good conversation. These places offer a relaxed ambience away from the hustle of the city centre.

Late-Night Eats

Some eateries and food joints stay open late, making them popular spots for post-night-out meals. You can find everything from kebabs to gourmet burgers during the late hours.

Local Vibe

The dining and nightlife scene in Waratah reflects the friendly and relaxed nature of Newcastle locals. Expect welcoming atmospheres and a mix of modern and traditional establishments.

Nearby Options

If you're looking for more diverse experiences, nearby suburbs like Hamilton, New Lambton, and Newcastle West offer additional dining and nightlife choices, ranging from fine dining to hip bars and cafes.

Overall, Waratah and its surroundings provide a well-rounded dining and nightlife experience, catering to various tastes and preferences. Whether you're after a casual meal, a lively night out, or a relaxed evening with friends, you'll find plenty of options to explore in this part of Newcastle.

Employment Opportunities for your family

Waratah and its surrounding areas in Newcastle, offer a range of employment opportunities across various industries. Here's an overview of the types of jobs you might find in this region:

Healthcare

Waratah is home to the Calvary Mater Hospital, which provides employment opportunities for doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, and administrative staff. Additionally, there are various medical clinics and aged care facilities in the surrounding areas.

Education

Newcastle boasts several schools, TAFE campuses, and the University of Newcastle. Employment opportunities in this sector include teaching, administration, research, and support roles.

Retail and Hospitality

Local shops, cafes, restaurants, and bars in Waratah and nearby suburbs offer employment in retail sales, customer service, food preparation, and hospitality management.

Construction and Trades

With ongoing development in Newcastle, there are opportunities in construction, building trades (carpentry, plumbing, electrical), and civil engineering.

Manufacturing and Industrial

Newcastle has a history of heavy industry, with opportunities in manufacturing, logistics, and warehousing.

Professional Services

Legal, accounting, and business consulting firms operate in Newcastle, offering roles in law, finance, and administration.

Technology and Innovation

The Newcastle region has a growing tech sector, with opportunities in software development, IT support, and digital marketing.

How to Find Jobs

Online Job Portals

Websites like Seek, Indeed, and LinkedIn often list job vacancies specific to Newcastle and surrounding areas.

Networking

Attend local industry events, job fairs, and professional meetups to connect with employers and professionals.

Local Newspapers

Check classified ads in the Newcastle Herald for job listings.

Recruitment Agencies

Some agencies specialise in placements within Newcastle and can help match candidates with suitable positions.

Company Websites

Directly visit the websites of businesses in the area to explore job openings and submit applications.



Shopping

Waratah and its surrounding areas in Newcastle, NSW, offer a mix of shopping experiences ranging from local boutiques to larger retail centres. Here's an overview of shopping options you can explore in this region:

Shopping in Waratah

Local Shops and Boutiques

Waratah has several small local shops and boutiques where you can find unique gifts, clothing, accessories, and homewares. These shops often showcase products from local designers and artisans.

Convenience Stores

You'll find convenience stores in Waratah that cater to daily essentials like groceries, toiletries, and snacks.

Nearby Shopping Areas

Jesmond Shopping Centre

Located close to Waratah, Jesmond Shopping Centre features a range of retail stores including major supermarkets, fashion outlets, speciality shops, and eateries.

Stockland Jesmond

This shopping mall offers a variety of stores covering fashion, homewares, electronics, and more. It's a convenient spot for both shopping and dining.

Westfield Kotara

A short drive from Waratah, Westfield Kotara is a major shopping destination with a diverse range of stores including department stores, fashion boutiques, speciality shops, and a large food court.



Newcastle City Centre

The Junction

A vibrant area near Newcastle with boutique shops, cafes, and restaurants. It's known for its trendy fashion stores and lifestyle offerings.

Darby Street

Located in Cooks Hill, Darby Street is a popular strip known for its eclectic mix of shops, galleries, cafes, and restaurants. It's a great spot for unique fashion finds and local art.

Hunter Street Mall

The heart of Newcastle's retail district, Hunter Street Mall features a mix of stores ranging from national retailers to independent shops. It's a pedestrian-friendly area with a lively atmosphere.

Markets and Events

Newcastle Farmers' Markets

Held regularly in nearby suburbs, these markets offer fresh local produce, gourmet foods, artisan products, and more.

Artisan Markets

Look out for artisan markets showcasing handmade crafts, jewellery, and artworks by local creators.



Parks & Recreation

Waratah and its surrounding areas in Newcastle, NSW, provide plenty of parks and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Parks in Waratah

Waratah Park

Waratah Park is a local green space offering walking paths, picnic areas, and playgrounds. It's a great spot for families and individuals looking to relax outdoors.

Nearby Parks and Recreation Areas

Blackbutt Reserve

Located in New Lambton Heights, Blackbutt Reserve is a large nature reserve featuring bushwalking trails, picnic areas, wildlife exhibits, and playgrounds. It's ideal for nature enthusiasts and families.

King Edward Park

Situated in Newcastle East, King Edward Park overlooks the ocean and offers stunning views. It has walking paths, grassy areas, a historic rotunda, and a children's playground.

Gregson Park

Found in Hamilton, Gregson Park is a charming park with tree-lined pathways, gardens, a playground, and picnic facilities. It's a lovely spot for a leisurely stroll or a family outing.

Civic Park

Located in Newcastle's city centre, Civic Park hosts events and festivals throughout the year. It features open lawns, sculptures, and shaded areas for relaxation.

Foreshore Park

Adjacent to Newcastle's foreshore, this park offers panoramic views of the harbour. It's popular for picnics, cycling, and taking in the waterfront scenery.

Outdoor Activities

Walking and Cycling Trails

Many parks and reserves in the area have walking and cycling paths suitable for all fitness levels.

Picnicking and BBQ Areas

Enjoy a picnic or BBQ in designated areas within the parks, equipped with facilities like shelters and tables.

Sports Facilities

Some parks offer sports facilities such as basketball courts, tennis courts, and sports fields for recreational activities.

Events and Festivals

Keep an eye out for community events, markets, and festivals held in parks throughout the year.

Waterfront Attractions

Newcastle Beach

Visit nearby Newcastle Beach for swimming, surfing, or simply relaxing by the ocean.

Honeysuckle Foreshore

Explore the Honeysuckle precinct along the waterfront, featuring eateries, bars, and scenic walkways.



Things to do in Waratah



Blackbutt Reserve



Newcastle Beach



King Edward Park



Honeysuckle Foreshore



Newcastle Museum



McDonalds Jones Stadium



Newcastle Memorial Walk



Hunter Valley Wine Tasting



Newcastle Farmers Market



Useful links

Local Council

[Waratah Local Council Website](#)

Australian Bureau of Statistics

For census and cost of living data
<http://www.abs.gov.au/>

Property

[realestate.com.au](#)
[domain.com.au](#)

Bupa Links

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Bupa respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live and work. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging – for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and the hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the nation.

