

1st Armoured Regiment Association Port Macquarie Reunion 2022

UPDATE

Early March 2022

'How to get there'

Port Macquarie is located on the Mid North coast of NSW, at the mouth of the Hastings River, just 390km North of Sydney and 570km South of Brisbane.

Air – Direct flights to Port Macquarie operate from Sydney, Canberra and Brisbane.

- Qantas: Sydney from \$300* or Brisbane from \$350

- Rex: Sydney from \$238 or Brisbane from \$396

- Pelican: Canberra from \$298**

- Airport is 10 min drive from town. Buses, shuttle service, limousines and taxis are available***

Car Rental - Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Hertz and Thrifty have rental cars available - pre-arranged or on arrival.

Alternatively - Qantas (\$284), Jetstar (\$246) and Virgin (\$183) fly Melbourne to Newcastle (Williamstown/Port Stephens) **** direct. Qantas flies Adelaide to Newcastle direct (\$465). Then rent a car to Port Macquarie (driving time 2h 20m).

Attendees from other state capitals should book connecting flights to either Melbourne, Canberra, Sydney or Brisbane and then a connecting flight to Port Macquarie or Newcastle. Careful planning is required to avoid long delays for connecting flights.

Rail/Bus - Sydney (6h 40m), Brisbane (7h 20m). The train station is at Wauchope (25 min away). Sydney from \$112.88* and Brisbane from \$147.74 (economy, no concession). A bus service meets the train (travel time 40 min and fare \$5 or the taxi is \$50-\$65). Greyhound offers an overnight coach service from Sydney (9pm - 3am, \$96) or Brisbane (1pm - 1145pm, \$130**). Coach drop-off is a 10-15 min walk to the town centre.

Car - the Pacific Highway (A-1) runs north-south inland of Port Macquarie and links at the Oxley Highway (B-56). The highway from Sydney is dual carriageway and mostly duplicated from Brisbane, the Oxley from the Pacific is dual carriageway into Port Macquarie. If coming from the west through the Great Dividing Range, the road is not duplicated and although scenic, it is winding and narrow, with long 80km/hr speed limits and care must be taken if towing a van.

Travel time by road from Sydney is 4h 10m, Brisbane 6h and Melbourne 12h 22m. Travel time from Tamworth, along the Oxley, is 3h 40m.

Boat - If you sail to Port Macquarie, the Marina can accommodate boats up to 75 feet, offers power, free Wi-Fi, refuelling, black water pump-out, showers and toilet facilities. Call 02 6583 1940 for bookings and costs.

Local Transport - Port Macquarie has limited Ubers (usually only 1 or 2 on the Uber App). Taxis (365 day/24 hr service, including Maxi and wheelchair access) are booked by calling **6581 0081** then press 1 'for a taxi in Port'. Local buses run across town and to popular tourist destinations. Bus maps and time tables are available at busways.com.au/plan-your-trip then select Port Macquarie Region. Many of the restaurants, cafes and attractions are within walking distance of each other. Full details and maps are at portmacquarieinfo

Looking forward to seeing you in Port in 2022

Next update 'Where to Stay' soon

Remember registrations close 25 Mar 22

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* Mar 22 internet prices, return trip, 1 adult, for 22 - 24 Jul

** Thur to Sun (no flight/coach on Fri)

*** www.porttaxi.com.au www.limostyle.com.au
www.hastingsshuttleservice.com.au

**** there is an air force museum there, worth a visit

Bonza Airlines are not yet flying, information about their proposed services (including Port as a destination)

www.flybonza.com