

## **Services and Facilities**

### **Introduction**

Gloucester has a great range of services to meet the needs of very individual and families alike. This information sheet is designed to set out the major facilities which are most commonly sought after and does not purport to list all available service or facilities.



### **Education and Training**

There are a wide range of education facilities for young people in Gloucester and also options for retraining and education for older people, which include:

- A number of child minding facilities
- A day care centre and a pre- school
- Five primary schools
- Gloucester High School
- Gloucester Online which is a registered training organization
- Various TAFE extension courses are provided in Gloucester.
- A TAFE Campus at Taree provides for the widest range of training
- Newcastle University Campus is only 80 minutes away

### **Medical Facilities**

Gloucester is blessed with a number of very progressive and well equipped medical and Aged care facilities including:

- A modern five doctor medical centre in close proximity to the Town centre.
- Aged Care Services – nursing home, hostel, respite care and community transport.
- Dentist services
- Chiropractic,
- Indigenous Community - specific health service
- Support Groups: Arthritis, Stroke, Asthma, Counseling, Alcohol and Drug.
- Ambulance Station and Service,
- A general hospital and Community Health Centre with good range of services including:
  - X ray services
  - Physiotherapy
  - Pediatric
  - Palliative Care

- Geriatric Care

### Sport and Recreation

Gloucester District Park is the home for most of the magnificent range of sporting facilities which satisfy the needs of the young and older residents in almost every sphere of sporting activity imaginable. The Park area is home to a large indoor recreation centre, the Olympic size swimming pool, athletics, football and many more sporting facilities



There are some twenty five different sporting groups which assist with maintenance of facilities, preparation and co-ordination of their various events and registration for would be participants. These various associations are represented on the Gloucester Sports council which acts for the individual groups and looks to maximise benefits for the groups and individual sportspeople through cooperative arrangements and coordination of sporting activities.

On the Bucketts Way just south of the town centre is the 18 hole Golf Course and associated Club house, which are recognised throughout the region as high class facilities within the magnificent backdrop Bucketts Range.

Late evening view of the Gloucester Golf Course



## Transport Transport

Gloucester is located on the North Coast Rail line which runs from Sydney north towards Brisbane and services communities up the Coast with both freight and Passenger rail services. CountryLink services run twice daily on the line and the trip to Sydney takes approximately four hours. In addition there is a weekday service from Gloucester to Newcastle which takes approximately one and a half hours. Bus transport options to Taree are available on weekdays and a commercial service to Forster is currently being investigated.

The town has a twenty four hour taxi and hire car service as well as a number of community transport options provided by a local based community based group which can provide transport within the town or to Taree/Newcastle, etc for specialist medical appointments or social functions and shopping.

## Your Contacts in Gloucester

Enquiries:

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Refer enquiries to the Director of Planning & Environment

- For zoning and development application type issues.

Refer enquiries to the Economic Development Officer

- For land availability, costing and assistance with general enquiries.
- Referral to Local Real Estate Contacts or other industry networks contacts