



Meeting Planner's guide to the **Central Coast**

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The Central Coast is a vibrant and diverse region that can offer your event the best of many worlds – urban centres, state-of-the-art facilities and world-class food and beverage within a stunning natural playground.

On behalf of Central Coast Council and local operators from across our region, I invite you to choose the Central Coast for your next Business Event and see why it is the perfect place to meet and reconnect.

David Farmer, CEO
Central Coast Council

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live, work and play.

We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and emerging and recognise their continued connection to these lands and waterways.

We acknowledge our shared responsibility to care for and protect our place and people.

Why Central Coast?

We welcome you to the Central Coast for your next event-ture!

There are hundreds of options to meet, learn, play and unwind on the NSW Central Coast. Explore destinations from the beach to the hinterlands, that are loaded with attractions, unique natural features and welcoming locals ready to make your next event a pleasure.

Conveniently close, yet feels a world away

Just one hour north of Sydney and accessible by road, air, rail and water, the Central Coast offers an unparalleled mix of natural beauty, attractions and amenity for organisers looking to create memorable events. Gosford and Wyong are the region's urban hubs while Terrigal, The Entrance and Ettalong radiate coastal charm with the facilities to meet and seaside spaces to reconnect.

There's an abundance of unique venues, outdoor spaces and fully appointed conference centres to choose from including [Crowne Plaza Terrigal Pacific](#), luxury resorts such as [Bells at Killcare](#), and coastal function spaces with spectacular water views such as [Pullman Magenta Shores Resort](#). Relax in one of hundreds of boutique hotels and spacious self-contained apartments, break away with a country retreat and farmstay at Yarramalong Valley Wyong or in an eco cabin at [Glenworth Valley](#).

Escape the city

Create a purposeful retreat and let your teams discover the rich Indigenous history, nature and wildlife, creative makers and artists, delicious seasonal produce and adventures that make this area unique and unforgettable.

When it comes to eats, treats and time out, delegates are spoilt for choice with wining and dining options, teambuilding, leisure activities and adrenaline-fuelled fun as well as opportunities to relax and unwind. Sipping trails are an increasingly popular way to get to know the region and its makers. Try Central Coast Scenic Sips to taste the finest from [Six String Brewing Co](#), [Firescreek Winery](#), [Distillery Botanica](#), [Bar Botanica](#) and the award-winning [Mr Goaty Gelato](#).

Come for business, leave refreshed

There's nothing like endless horizons to encourage blue-sky thinking. Head outdoors for teambuilding and leisure time. Blessed with 87km of unspoilt coastline, there are sheltered sandy bays, inlets, lakes, wild ocean stretches and national parks laced with walking trails and scenic drives to explore as a team or individually during downtime.

Hike through lush bushland, stroll around landscaped parks, kayak and canoe the waterways, spin along the laidback cycle paths and challenge each other on mountain bike tracks, horseback, or a dive or snorkle adventure. For more traditional team days, master eighteen holes at one of the Central Coast's golf resorts like [Kooindah Waters Golf Club](#) before a lunch or dinner prepared with local produce.

Central Coast in Numbers



1000+

Hotel rooms across the region



7

Unique towns and villages perfect for Business Events



100+

Business Event spaces to choose from



Venue capacity

5 to 1,000

delegates



Space to host

13,000

delegates across the region



30+

Teambuilding and leisure activities to choose from

A great place for Business Events



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Destination for overnight stay visitors in Regional NSW*



41 Beaches across 87km of coastline, 4x the coastline of Sydney Harbour!



4.3M

Overnight stays annually*



5.2M

Business and leisure visitors annually*



2.6

Nights average length of stay

Source: Destination NSW Visitor Profile report 2020.

Make the trip part of the journey

The Central Coast is a diverse region made up of urban townships, coastal villages and a vast hinterland, each of which provide enticing opportunities for business meetings and leisure time. With a vast network of local suppliers, experienced event professionals, creative services and activity partners so you can book, plan and manage any event with ease. Those looking beyond traditional conference facilities and meeting rooms will find off-beat locations ranging from lavish ballrooms and converted cinemas to boutique breweries and seaside hideaways. Many now deliver hybrid events mixing in-person and online participation. Whether you're catering for 5 or over 1,000 delegates, planning a product launch, industry conference or team incentive, there are options for every occasion.



Towns & Villages

URBAN TOWNSHIPS

Gosford

As the business hub of the Central Coast, Gosford bites at the heels of its big city neighbours with contemporary conference and meeting facilities enhanced by an abundance of food and beverage options, exciting leisure activities and sporting pursuits perfect for team bonding. Hugged by the Central Coast's five treasured national parks, Gosford is the perfect base for exploring the lush hinterlands in the west and tranquil estuaries in the north.

12 event spaces | 50 rooms | 70 min travel time



STAY:
Ibis Gosford



PLAY:
Australian Reptile Park



EXPLORE:
Edogawa Japanese Gardens & Gosford Regional Art Gallery



EAT:
The Bon Pavillion



MEET:
Mercure Kooindah Waters Golf & Spa Resort



MEET:
The Entertainment Grounds



Wyong

Historic, charming, creative and intimate. For its relative size, Wyong packs a punch with its outdoor experiences and conference spaces. Framed by the rugged Watagan Mountains, tranquil lakes and riverbanks, you will feel right at home at the modern Mercure Kooindah Waters Golf and Spa Resort. Whether you are seeking a secluded team getaway or an incentive stay, Wyong is the perfect conferencing location where a round of golf or a treetop climb is never far away.

16 event spaces | 91 rooms | 100 min travel time



STAY:
Mercure Kooindah Waters



PLAY:
The Art House



EXPLORE:
The Chapman Building retail space



EAT:
Motel Mezza

Terrigal

As one of the best-known beaches on the Central Coast, Terrigal is a cosmopolitan seaside village that is fast becoming a star Business Events destination. Terrigal boasts modern facilities and city infrastructure without losing the laid back charm of a coastal town, so your delegates can truly relish the holiday factor during their stay. Plan your next conference or off-site at the newly refurbished 4.5 star Crowne Plaza Terrigal Pacific then soak up the vibrant Esplanade, pristine coast, panoramic rooftop bars and abundant water sports.

20 event spaces | 199 rooms | 90 min travel time



STAY:
Crowne Plaza Terrigal Pacific



PLAY:
Terrigal Ocean Tours



EXPLORE:
Esplanade & Boardwalk



EAT:
Mumbo Jumbo's

Towns & Villages

COASTAL VILLAGES

The Entrance

Set between the calm waters of Tuggerah Lake and the sparkling Pacific Ocean, The Entrance is a stunning backdrop for your next conference or retreat. This aquatic playground is famous for its pelicans, abundant bird life and ocean baths, and it's not surprising that business travellers are flocking to the coastal community to make the most of lakeside event spaces, beachside resort accommodation, purpose-built conference venues and an endless array of waterfront dining.

16 event spaces | 156 rooms | 90 min travel time



STAY:
Pullman Magenta Shores



PLAY:
The Entrance Ocean Baths



EXPLORE:
The Coast to Lake Walk



EAT:
Green Tangerine Long Jetty

Ettalong

Less than 90 minutes' drive from Sydney, Ettalong's relaxed-yet-social coastal lifestyle will entice your delegates to open their minds and unwind. Dominated by sweeping views over Broken Bay and Lion Island, a conference at the 4.5 star Mantra Ettalong promises a unique beachside experience with exceptional on-site facilities, dedicated event staff and first-class catering. Plus, its central location means you're never far from your next hinterland or coastal adventure.

7 event spaces | 236 rooms | 90 min travel time



STAY:
Mantra Ettalong Beach



PLAY:
Sail Central Coast - Hardy's Bay Yacht Charters



EXPLORE:
Galleria Ettalong Beach



EAT:
Coast 175 cafe



MEET:
Crowne Plaza Terrigal Pacific

Towns & Villages

HINTERLAND

Lower Hinterland

The lush green lower hinterland, surrounded by National Parks, waterways and hilltops is easily one of the most scenic and accessible locations along the Central Coast. Known for its intimate accommodation, paddock to plate restaurants and adrenaline-inducing outdoor adventure activities, the lower hinterland is the perfect location for your next small group conference or team building activity. From waterfalls, horse riding trails, tree adventure parks and wildlife experiences to luxury spas and unique eateries, treat your delegates to their next big event-ture!

9 event spaces | 5 rooms | 60 min travel time



STAY:
Glenworth Valley eco cabins or glamping



PLAY:
Golf at The Springs championship course



EXPLORE:
Walkabout Park, Calga



EAT:
Saddles, Mount White



STAY:
Noonaweena, Kulnura

MEET:
The Valley Events Centre, Glenworth



Upper Hinterland

Take your next conference off the beaten track and indulge in 5-star luxury secluded accommodation. Enveloped by verdant surrounds, tranquil sounds and spa experiences your delegates will leave feeling inspired and rejuvenated. For those with a little more taste for adventure, the region boasts an enviable selection of nature walks, mountain bike trails, paintball centres and wine trails.

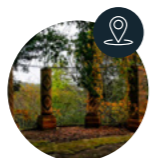
6 event spaces | 16 rooms | 90 min travel time



MEET:
Linton Gardens, Somersby



PLAY:
Treetops Adventure Park



EXPLORE:
Paradise Botanical Gardens, Kulnura



EAT:
Angel Sussurri, Yarramalong

Venues at a Glance

LOCATION	VENUE	BANQUET*	COCKTAIL*	THEATRE*	ACCOMM	ROOMS/VILLAS
Avoca Beach	Avoca Beach Hotel & Resort	332	540	355	Yes	76
Davistown	Davistown RSL Club	500	700	500	No	-
Erina	EV ChurchConference Centre	340	80	1530	No	-
Erina Heights	Ken Duncan Gallery	-	150	-	No	-
Ettalong	Mantra Ettalong	1700	2550	1720	Yes	236
Forresters Beach	The Quarters	120	140	100	Yes	34
Glenworth Valley	Valley Events Centre	1700	2320	1536	Yes	5
Gorokan	Wallarah Bay Recreation Club	100	100	90	No	-
Gosford	The Japanese Gardens	120	670	180	No	-
Gosford	Gosford RSL	300	420	470	Yes	50
Gosford	The Entertainment Grounds	880	1500	1030	No	-
Killcare Heights	Bells at Killcare	120	250	140	Yes	25
Kulnura	Noonaweena	25	25	25	Yes	16
Kulnura	Paradise Botanical Gardens	230	230	230	Yes	2
Long Jetty	Diggers @ The Entrance	146	290	250	Yes	52
Magenta	Pullman Magenta Shores Resort	210	400	300	Yes	60
Peats Ridge	The Springs	270	350	500	No	-
Somersby	Linton Gardens	-	620	601	No	-
Terrigal	The Clan	-	80	55	Yes	32
Terrigal	Crowne Plaza Terrigal Pacific	450	740	790	Yes	199
The Entrance	ibis Styles The Entrance	340	-	500	Yes	52
Toukley	The Beachcomber	120	200	230	Yes	50
Tumbi Umbi	Mingara Recreation Club	730	1300	1000	No	0
Wamberal	Pacific Garden Hotel	650	-	-	Yes	42
Wyong	Mercure Kooindah Waters	280	400	340	Yes	84
Wyong	Wyong Art House	450	740	790	No	-
Wyong	Wyong Race Club	430	1240	660	Yes	7

Source: Meet in Regional NSW. Information correct as of May 2021.

*Denotes total capacity as venues may contain multiple conference spaces

Partner Programs & Leisure

A great conference is only half the story.

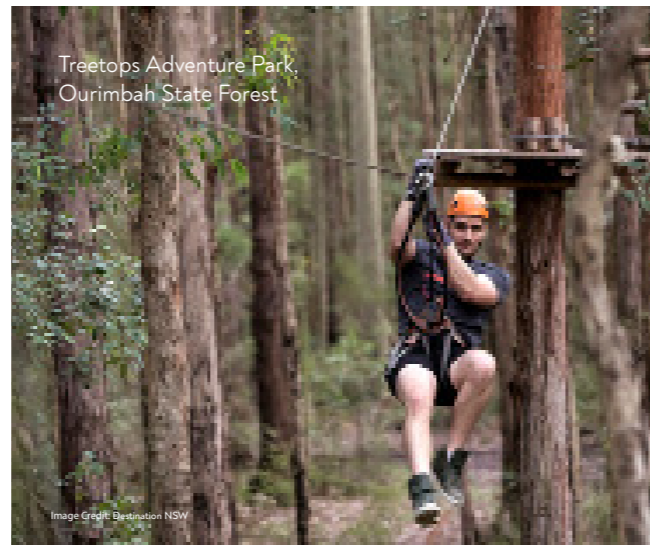
With unspoilt nature, scenic waterways, vibrant town centres and endless adventures, the Central Coast's quality operators will create unique experiences and lasting memories that complement every style of business event and budget.

Corporate play

Fuel team spirit and drive personal bests' with a hit of golf, relax and unwind at a day spa or treatment or do some blue sky thinking on one of the 41 beaches and 87km of coastline. Take the group on a whale watching adventure or try your hand at a blacksmithing class or roast marshmallows in an open fire at [Artisan Estate Farm Stay](#), Somersby.

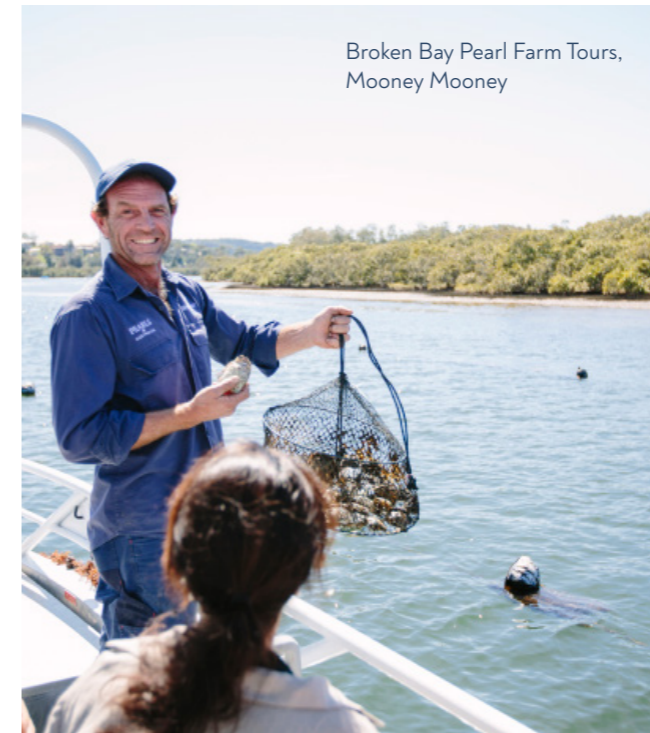
A rich indigenous history

Tap into the world's oldest living culture as you discover the midden sites, rock engravings and axe grinding grooves that are sacred to the traditional owners of the land of the Central Coast. Forage with Indigenous guides for bush fruits and flowers amongst the rainforests, billabongs and waterlily ponds at Fires Creek. Venture with specialist small group tour operator [Girri Girra](#) and experience culture and country for a renewed connection with the land, designed to encourage cultural awareness, critical thinking, and teamwork.



For the adventurous

Amp the adrenalin on Australia's longest roller coaster zipline or swoop, twist, zip, turn and zig zag through the eucalyptus canopy at [Treetops Adventure Park](#) in the Ourimbah State Forest. Muster the team for an unforgettable experience at [Glenworth Valley Outdoor Adventures](#), with horse riding, quad-biking, ropes courses, kayaking and laser skirmish on offer. Paddle out onto Avoca Lake and race each other around the island before exploring the bays and setting up a picnic lunch, or take a guided [eco-kayak tour](#) to discover the birdlife and creatures that make the Popran Creek home. Upsize from paddle power to a luxurious windcraft on a sunset cruise or skippered charter with [Hardy's Bay Yacht Charters](#), or use your own pedal power on a cycling trail or group tour or mountain bike trail.



Eco-warriors

Do your best for the planet by caring for the beauty and diversity of our environment. These adventures introduce you to nature's riches and remind us to curb harmful habits. Head to the 'shellar door' at Mooney Mooney on Hawksbury River for a [Broken Bay Pearl Farm Tour](#) and meet the people behind these precious gems. Tackle one of many sublime walking tracks in the lush Australian rainforest or take your team eco-touring and enjoy [Elixir Journey's](#) small group nature experiences to engage the senses.

Creative flair

Supercharge creativity with studio visits to the region's artists, artisans and craftspeople. Team up for hands-on workshops and meet the makers and shapers who fuel the region with distinctive fashion, furniture, art, music and entertainment. Try your hand at a range of creative art classes and workshops including Pot Painting and Botanical Life Drawing at [Mowgli Studio](#), Long Jetty. Catch a performance or live music at [The Art House](#), Wyong or an arthouse flick at [Avoca Beach Picture Theatre](#), or find a local artwork at the [Ken Duncan Gallery](#), Erina or [KAB Gallery](#), Terrigal.

Nature & wildlife

The Central Coast is studded with National Parks, State Forests and Reserves laced with walking, hiking and cycling trails that are suitable for every level of fitness and interest. Make tracks up to the popular Skillion at Terrigal for a panoramic lookout and a fresh perspective. Test team collaboration and resilience with eco-friendly camping adventures or tour a working cattle farm, feed cows and try home grown honey at [Mountain Goat Farm Trails](#). Go behind the scenes for up-close encounters with Australia's most distinctive wildlife at the [Australian Reptile Park](#) or have the zookeepers bring a selection of creatures to you for amazing and educational animal experiences at your conference venue.

Local produce

To truly savour the flavours of the Central Coast, start at the source. Head to farm gates, cellar doors or one of the many markets to reap the rewards of the region's fertile grounds and marine culture. Meet the winemaker or take a chocolate and wine experience at [Firescreek Fruit Wines](#). Meet oyster farmers and savour the freshest oysters on the Coast on a tour through [Hawkesbury River Oyster Shed](#), or tempt your tastebuds with a cheese-making workshop, nougat and chocolates on the [Meet the Maker Trail](#) that takes you from coast to hinterland. Top it off with beachside dining, bars and cocktails at one of hundreds of small bars, craft distilleries and restaurants.



Suggested Itineraries

The Central Coast caters to all types of experiences for the business traveller.

Along boundless coastlines and across rugged landscapes, the region has plenty to offer Business Events organisers looking to inspire, connect and reinvigorate their groups. Here are some of our recommended itineraries.

Lighthouse Beach,
Norah Head



Explore the great outdoors

DAY 1 - RUNNING WILD

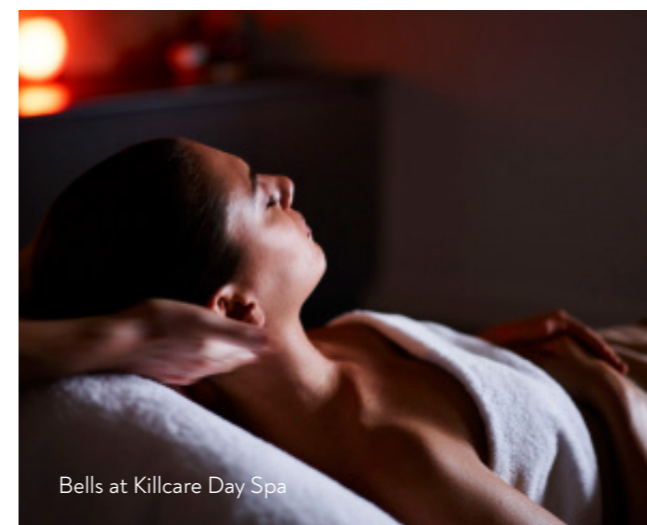
Marvel at the vistas of Dharug & Brisbane Waters National Parks along your scenic drive. Time your drive for a leisurely lunch at [Saddles Mount White](#) as you gaze out over 28 acres of bushland. Meet at [Glenworth Valley Events Centre](#) then keep the inspiration riding high as you watch 200 steeds as they're mustered in the 'running of the horses', then chase it with a sundowner and dinner in the Centre. Gather around the campfire and share stories under a million stars as your team 'glamps' in luxurious tents onsite.

DAY 2 - ON THE DUSTY TRACK

Wake up refreshed and ready for an early morning adventure with quad biking, abseiling, zip lining or axe-throwing. Quench your thirst and appetite with some local produce in generous portions at [The Bon Pavilion](#). Settle in for an afternoon's conference sessions at Wyong's [Kooindah Waters Golf and Spa Resort](#), then dine on fresh seasonal fare at Karinyas Restaurant & Bar including the finest drops from local wineries.

DAY 3 - PADDLE & SEEK

Make the most of the morning magic with 18 holes while others paddle out amongst platypus, turtles and water dragons on Wyong River. Head into conference sessions or your trade show before touring through horse and cattle studs of the Yarramalong Valley for lunch at the masterfully restored [Angel Sussurri Restaurant and Manor House](#). Reserve rooms for the option to extend to a weekend stay as you're likely to fall under the spell of Yarramalong's restorative country charm. Guaranteed you'll be dragging their heels back to the city.



Bells at Killcare Day Spa

Indulge in Luxury

DAY 1 - PEARL OF THE CENTRAL COAST

Start your Central Coast visit in style at NSW's only [pearl farm](#). Learn about the 7 virtues of pearls, the history of pearling in Australia and discover the pristine environments of Broken Bay and the Hawkesbury River on a gentle boat ride. Toast your arrival with cocktails at [Bells at Killcare](#) - a world-class boutique hotel that seamlessly blends the effortless elegance of The Hamptons with the ambience of summers past.

DAY 2 - SPA RETREAT

Salute the sunrise with a yoga session overlooking the ocean or stand-up paddle-boarding before channeling your focus into strategic planning and team building. Take a lunch break at [Box on the Water](#) then add a [Girri Girra cultural tour](#) or perhaps a Bells at Killcare day spa session to your afternoon agenda. Celebrate your success and bond over the five-course degustation at [Yellowtail](#) in Terrigal before heading back to Bells at Killcare for a sumptuous overnight stay.

DAY 3 - DRIVE IT HOME

Regroup in the morning for a friendly round of 18 holes at The Springs' par 72 championship golf course at [Peats Ridge](#). Cap off your triumphant (or tragic) form with a well-deserved lunch at the [Sitting Duck Bistro](#) and if there's time to linger, opt for a 'ducktail', brew or cider at [The Duck Inn](#) before meandering home.



Broken Bay Pearl Farm

Invigorate the Team

DAY 1 - SPECTACULAR VIEWS

Take a scenic drive to the Central Coast and mark your arrival with welcome drinks at [Terrigal Beach House](#), or chase away the city cobwebs at the [Lord Ashley Bar & Lounge](#). Invite your team to dine at the [Reef Restaurant](#) where today's catch could literally swim onto the plate, then soak up the stars and the salt air from your private balcony as you settle into your suite at the [Crowne Plaza Terrigal Pacific](#).

DAY 2 - AMONGST THE TREETOPS

After a morning of conference sessions at Crowne Plaza's newly refurbished business hub, break out for an adventure-filled afternoon of team-building at [Treetops](#) in Wyong Creek. Cool the jets with a chilled visit to [Wyong Milk Factory](#) then sample handmade local cheese and chocolates. Continue on to Toukley for waterfront dining at the newly refurbished [Beachcomber Hotel](#), before heading back to the Crowne Plaza Terrigal Pacific for the night, satisfied and inspired.

DAY 3 - UP CLOSE WITH NATURE

Follow the morning's meetings and workshops at Crowne Plaza Terrigal Pacific with a private 90-minute behind-the-scenes tour with the [Australian Reptile Park](#) zookeepers. A great way to wrap up your team weekend before returning to the big smoke!

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