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Sapphire Coast

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FROM CLEAR SAPPHIRE WATERS AND ENDLESS GOLDEN BEACHES TO LUSH GREEN RAINFORESTS AND VALLEYS, THE SAPPHIRE COAST WELCOMES YOU.

Listen to the murmur of a mountain stream or the call of a bellbird, the silence of the forest or the shy skittishness of a wallaby in the undergrowth. Hear the squeak of golden sand between your toes and the sound of surf rolling in. Watch dolphins play and whales breach and dive. Taste the salt in the wind from the ocean and feel a physical and spiritual connection with the earth. It's all available here along the beautiful Sapphire Coast.

A number of quaint and picturesque townships are dotted along the Sapphire Coast, each varying in size and offering an individual charm. There's plenty to see and do, so be sure to take advantage of what's on offer.

Visitors can explore artisan galleries, sample fresh local produce from the land and the sea, taste local wine, study Koori history and culture, and explore the history of the pioneers.

Whatever you come here to do, however you want to play, you will take from the Sapphire Coast a rare gift: a lighter heart, a clearer mind, a refreshed spirit and a calmer soul. Know simply that this is your place, to do what you will, when you want, at speed or in stillness. Enjoy.



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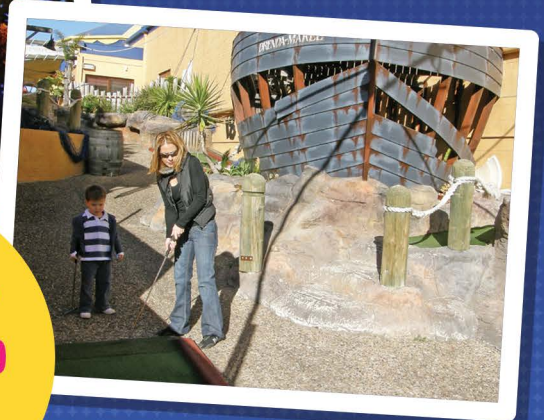
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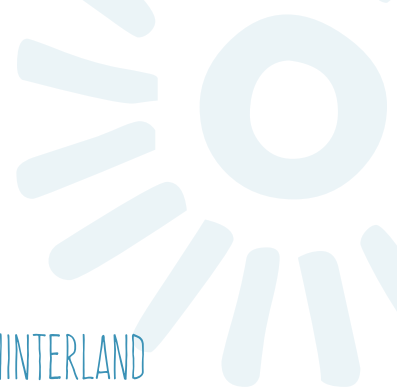
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THINGS TO *See and Do*



THERE IS SO MUCH TO SEE AND DO ALONG THE SAPPHIRE COAST.
EXPLORE NATIONAL PARKS, BEACHES AND COASTAL AREAS OR DISCOVER THE HINTERLAND
WITH ITS ROLLING VALLEYS AND LUSH COUNTRYSIDE.

- Entertain the entire family with a day spent at Top Fun or Magic Mountain in Merimbula.
- Drop into the Eden Killer Whale Museum and learn all about this fascinating marine creature.
- See the glorious Sapphire Coast from a bird's-eye view with a scenic joy flight.
- Experience the beauty and history of the Sapphire Coast with a scenic regional drive visiting quaint townships along the way.
- There's plenty of coastline along the Sapphire Coast to surf, swim, dive, kitesurf and kayak.
- Hire a mountain bike and see the region from a unique perspective.
- The Sapphire Coast boasts a number of prize fishing spots for game, reef, wide reef, deep sea and sports fishing.
- Explore greener pastures or secluded beaches on a horse riding adventure.
- If you're in the region between September to late November, keep an eye out for migrating humpback whales.
- The region is a mecca for golfing enthusiasts. Try Bermagui Country Club, Tura Beach Country Club or Pambula-Merimbula Golf Club.
- Spot spectacular birdlife on the ocean, marshes and in the forests of the Sapphire Coast.
- There's plenty of delicious options for eating out along the Sapphire Coast. For a list of eateries in the region, visit www.sapphirecoast.com.au.
- Embark on the Coast Road Art Trail which weaves throughout the region offering a memorable experience of local food and art.
- Pack a picnic and trek through any of the beautiful national parks in the area to appreciate the awe-inspiring feats of nature.



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Merimbula

PERHAPS THE BEST KNOWN OF THE SEASIDE TOWNS, MERIMBULA IS THE BEATING HEART OF THE SAPPHIRE COAST.

Considered the jewel of the Sapphire Coast, Merimbula attracts thousands of holiday makers each year who are drawn to the beautiful scenery set off by the white beaches that lie between blue lakes and the unspoilt bushland and national parks. The coastline inspires aquatic adventures for visitors which include swimming, surfing, kitesurfing, kayaking, snorkelling and diving. The amazing ocean and sea life await to take you to another world of exploration. Embark on a charter tour to fish, dive or whale-watch in season.

Merimbula is also renowned as a golfing mecca with the coastal greens of Tura Beach offering million dollar views, which should lift your game out of sight! Pambula-Merimbula Golf Club boasts a 27-hole course offering lush fairways and large subtle greens. For a unique activity, be sure to check out the club's Kangaroo Tours which involves a leisurely ride around the golf course viewing the local kangaroos.

For more information and bookings, call 6495 6154.

There's so much more to see and do in Merimbula. Explore the galleries, the aquarium, Potoroo Palace Native Animal Sanctuary, Top Fun and Magic Mountain in the warmer months. Merimbula also boasts a range of great eateries from fresh seafood to Italian to Mexican, and much more.

For more information, call the Merimbula Visitor Information Centre on 1800 150 457.



Pambula

NESTLED BETWEEN THE WILDERNESS OF THE COAST AND THE TRANQUILITY OF THE NEARBY LAKES, PAMBULA BOASTS A TREASURE TROVE OF PLACES TO DISCOVER AND EXPLORE.

Apart from its natural beauty, Pambula is the home of people who are genuinely hospitable. Walk down the main street for a coffee and you'll likely chat to some friendly local who'll tell you about the weather or the dolphin pod seen just that morning.

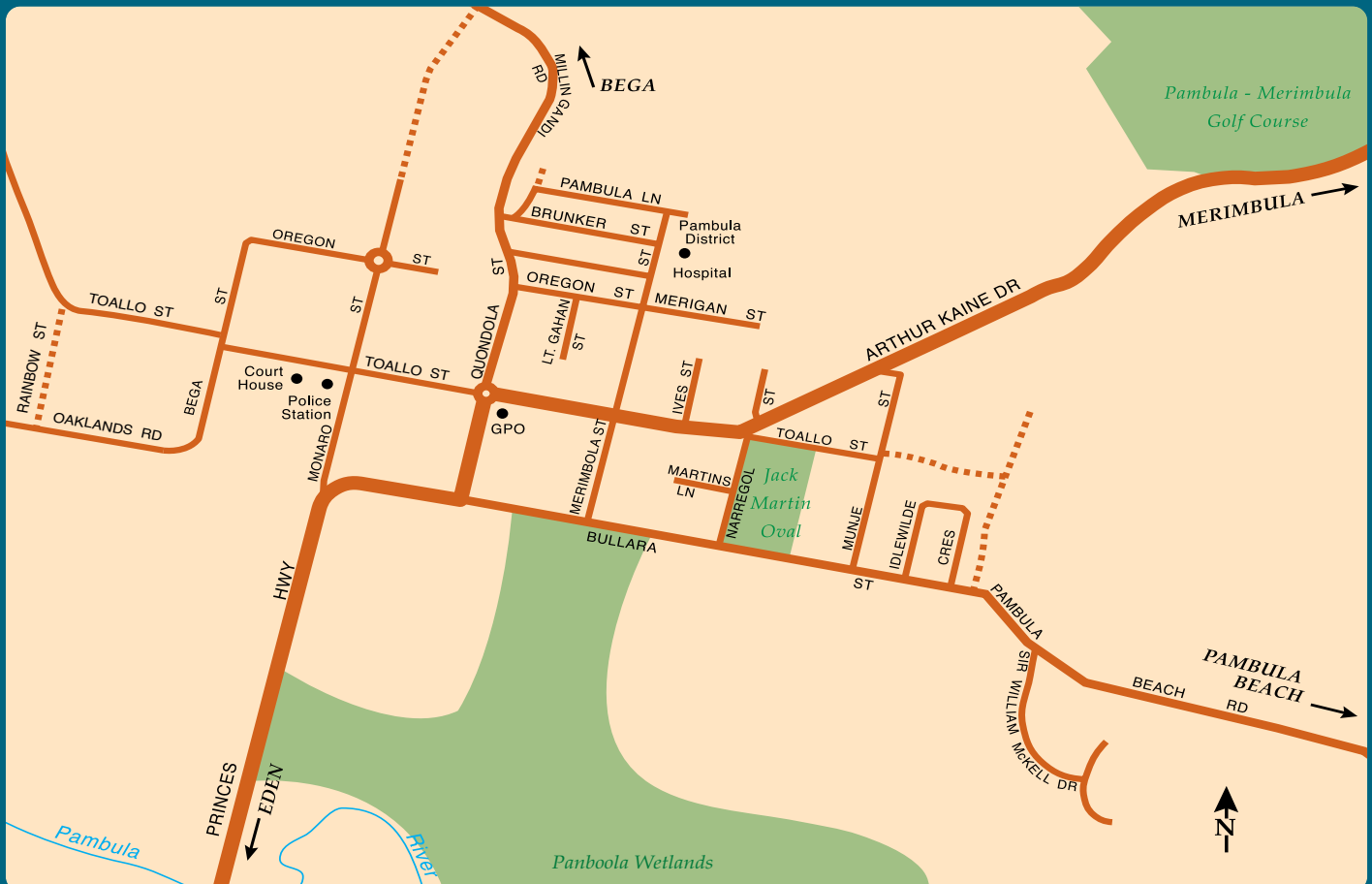
Named after the Yuin word meaning 'two waters', Pambula has the best of both worlds: a majestic river and enticing estuary beach, and a tranquil lake. Dolphins are sometimes seen travelling up the Pambula River in search of squid and other food, while the remains of meals eaten by Aboriginal people 2,000 years ago can still be seen as shell middens on the shore.



Pambula retains many of its wonderful old buildings and is known for its craft markets and boating, with visitors able to take to the water on the river or lake. Pambula Beach is bordered by the Ben Boyd National Park, just the place to stretch your legs along one of the tracks while enjoying the local wilderness.

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Tura Beach

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COASTLINE IS ALL PART OF TURA BEACH'S CHARM.

Tura Beach is located just 5 minutes north of Merimbula and boasts one of the best golf clubs on the Sapphire Coast. Tura Beach Country Club overlooks the sapphire blue Pacific from high on a hill and offers a range of activities including golf, bowls, tennis and dining. During whale watching season, the eastern deck is one of the best viewing platforms in the region to spot humpback whales. For a family outing, the nearby Mandeni Family Fun Park has an action-packed day waiting for you. Activities include golf, mini golf, mountain biking, paddle boating, archery and more.

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ONCE CONSIDERED A SITE FOR AUSTRALIA'S CAPITAL AND SET ON THE MAGNIFICENT TWOFOLD BAY, EDEN IS THE THIRD DEEPEST NATURAL HARBOUR IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE.

Set in the magnificent Twofold Bay, the third deepest natural harbour in the southern hemisphere, Eden is famously known as the Humpback Highway. In its early history the town relied heavily on the whaling industry to remain viable. In the present day, whales still play a major part of Eden's economy, with tourists visiting to see the spectacle of the humpback migration each September through to November.

Killer whales no longer regularly travel into Twofold Bay, but the bones of 'Old Tom' (the leader of a killer whale pod) is on display at the Eden Killer Whale Museum. The museum has been telling Eden's stories since 1931 and is home to the only permanently displayed orca skeleton, Old Tom, Eden's world famous killer whale. The museum has commanding views over the bay, a whale watching platform and gift shop. It also showcases the maritime and timber history along with regular special exhibitions. Opening hours are Monday to Saturday 9.15am to 3.45pm, and Sunday 11.15am to 3.45pm, with extended hours Christmas and New Year.

The Sapphire Coast Marine Discovery Centre located on Imlay Street offers a range of fascinating marine displays and exhibits. Open Monday to Friday, it's a perfect outing for the whole family.

Eden is still a working port, so drive or walk down in the early morning and watch the boats return with the day's catch. Chances are you will catch a glimpse of your dinner before it meets your plate!

Fishing charter boats regularly leave from Eden, as do diving vessels that head out on trips from Merimbula to Green Cape.

Take the time to see the Green Cape Light Station and marvel at the wilderness and beauty that surrounds it. A great hike is the 'Light to Light' walk.

For some natural solitude, discover Wonboyn further south, tucked between Ben Boyd National Park and Nadgee Nature Reserve where the lake empties into the stunning Disaster Bay. It is the perfect place for bushwalkers, birdwatchers and fishing enthusiasts.

In fact, the region has a reputation second to none for some of the finest lake, estuary, beach and land based game fishing on the coast. Make sure you check out Wonboyn Lake which is set within a pristine forest and abundant in wildlife.

For more information, call the Eden Gateway Visitor Information Centre on 6496 1953.



EDEN KILLER WHALE MUSEUM

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Tathra

TATHRA SITS LIKE A SAPPHIRE AMONGST THE GREEN AND BLUE HUES OF MIMOSA NATIONAL PARK TO THE NORTH, BOURNDA NATIONAL PARK TO THE SOUTH AND TATHRA FORESTS TO THE WEST.

Discover pristine beaches, inlets, walking trails and historic sites of interest. Mimosa Rocks National Park offers amazing headland views, beaches and pure lagoons, and you'll be spoilt for choice with lookouts, rainforest pockets and historic sites to explore. You'll also find plenty of opportunities for fishing, surfing, snorkelling and birdwatching throughout the park and there are great picnic areas to stop for a break.

Tathra Beach is regarded as one of the safest beaches on the Sapphire Coast, which is patrolled in summer by professional lifeguards and the Tathra Surf Life Saving Club. Just back from the beach is a fantastic skate bowl as well as a kids all-abilities playground, and BBQ and picnic facilities. With its deep waters, Tathra Wharf is a popular fishing spot for visitors and a great place to learn about the whales, seals, dolphins and sting rays who visit. The first Tathra Wharf was built in the 1860s and its rich history is celebrated at the Tathra Wharf Museum operated by volunteers. Displays include historical artefacts, photos, boats, models and audio visual content.

Once you have visited the delightful galleries around Tathra, head north and follow the Coast Road Art Trail between Bermagui and Tathra. Tathra offers plenty of delicious dining options. Enjoy freshly caught seafood and local produce at any number of restaurants and cafes in town.

For more information, call the Bega Tourist Information Centre on 6491 7645.



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Candelo and Wyndham

EXPLORE MORE OF THE SAPPHIRE COAST HINTERLAND WHILE STOPPING IN AT THE CHARMING TOWNSHIPS OF CANDELO AND WYNDHAM.

Travelling inland along the valley of the Bega River, the road ambles through rich dairy and beef country, passing the historic pastoral estate of Kameruka and arriving at the delightful little village of Candelo. Candelo was established 150 years ago and retains a peaceful village vibe. On the first Sunday of every month, visitors flock to the Candelo Markets which is a thriving event that boasts a wide variety of arts, craft, clothes, books and fresh produce.

Take Myrtle Mountain Road which is a pleasant drive through undulating farmland with the scenery changing dramatically on the steep drive up the mountain. Here you can take bushwalks through old growth forest areas, go boulder hopping or picnic by a creek. If you keep driving, you'll eventually arrive in the township of Wyndham. The surrounding foothills and forests are an ornithological paradise showcasing a diversity of birdlife, and also luring horse riding enthusiasts, 4WD adventurers and bushwalkers alike. A tour of the spectacular countryside through the Towamba Valley, Burragate and Rocky Hall will give you the appetite to enjoy a light lunch or afternoon tea.

For more information on Candelo, call the Bega Visitor Information Centre on 6491 7645. For more information on Wyndham, call the Merimbula Visitor Information Centre on 1800 150 457.



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Bega

BEGA IS A TOWNSHIP OF SPRAWLING PASTURES AND MOST FAMOUS FOR ITS DAIRY PRODUCE AND INTERNATIONALLY FAMOUS BEGA CHEESE.

A gateway to the Bega Valley and a short distance from Mumbulla Creek Falls, Bega is the rural centre of the Sapphire Coast. Offering a pastoral perspective of the region, the township is the perfect place to explore lush hinterland, take walks along the river, stop for a picnic and breathe in the tranquility. For art enthusiasts, check out the Bega Valley Regional Gallery which showcases works by local artists among other exhibitions. A visit to Bega wouldn't be the same without stopping in at the Bega Cheese Heritage Centre. Discover the township's heritage and sample a range of tasty Bega Cheese. Every Friday, the township hosts a produce market between 8am and 1pm.

Located just 19kms north of Bega, Brogo gives visitors the opportunity to explore nature up close. Brogo lies in proximity to the Wadbilliga National Park with the

Brogo Dam situated in the southern region of the park. Its still waters are suitable for canoeing and freshwater fishing. You can hire canoes to explore the dam and gain access to remote pockets of bushland to explore tranquil rainforest gullies and the rugged picturesque surrounds.

Bemboka is a quaint rural village located 37kms west of Bega. The Bemboka National Park towers over the township offering panoramic views from Pipers Lookout. The viewing platform and visitor information is an introduction to the wonders of the South East Forests National Park. Lyrebirds line the forest trails and wombats wander the lush rolling countryside.

[For more information on Bega, Brogo and Bemboka, call the Bega Visitor Information Centre on 6491 7645.](#)

Cobargo

SITUATED NORTH OF BEGA ON THE PRINCES HIGHWAY, COBARGO COMBINES THE SKILLS AND CRAFT OF A WORKING VILLAGE WITH A GENUINELY HISTORICAL PAST.

Cobargo's streetscape, featuring many turn of the century buildings filled with artistic flair, is what makes this town such an attraction for visitors and locals alike. Step back in time and stop for lunch in the tearooms then visit local craftspeople at work who will offer a range of unique goods from woodcrafts and local pottery to art and craft works. Experience a creative diversion as the Princes Highway winds along to Quaama where local arts can be explored further.

[For more information, call the Cobargo Tourist Information Centre on 6493 6110.](#)



Bermagui

BERMAGUI IS NESTLED IN A PICTURESQUE HARBOUR AND OFFERS A MAGICAL BLEND OF TRANQUILITY AND VITALITY.

Bermagui is the most northern township along the Sapphire Coast and although the township is not a huge landmark in a commercial sense, it must surely rate as the most enviable location for a fishing village in Australia. The keen angler can travel from Bermagui to the edge of the Continental Shelf in around twenty minutes and, from here, hunt big game fish which are either souvenired or tagged and returned for future generations.

Fishing isn't the only aquatic adventure to be had in Bermagui. Visitors can choose from a range of activities including swimming, surfing, diving, snorkelling and kayaking. For land lovers, enjoy a round of golf at the Bermagui Country Club which boasts an 18 hole championship golf course.

Bermagui is full of surprises. The bay at Bermagui offers the perfect stopover for visiting whales and their newly born offspring.

If you're around during Easter, don't miss the Four Winds Easter Festival.

For more information, call the Bermagui Visitor Information Centre on 6493 3054.



BLUE WAVE SEAFOOD

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Blue Wave Seafood is located at the Bermagui Fishermen's Wharf complex, right next door to the Bermagui Fishermen's Co-operative.

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Calendar

of Events

JANUARY

- Tathra Beach Bowlo Family Race Day
- Pambula Annual Agricultural Show
- Candelo Show
- Bermagui Blue Water Classic
- Tathra Wharf to Waves
- George Bass Surfboat Marathon

FEBRUARY

- Bega Cup Race Carnival Weekend
- Bega Show

MARCH

- Cobargo Folk Festival
- Merimbula Cup Race Day
- Eden Amateur Fishing Competition
- Sculpture Bermagui
- Eden Fishing Competition
- EAT Merimbula

APRIL

- Candelo Village Festival
- Four Winds Festival Bermagui, Barragga Bay

MAY

- Far South Coast Clubs Race Day
- Malibu Surfing Competition, Merimbula

JUNE

- Merimbula Open Fishing Tournament
- Merimbula Jazz Festival
- Bega Valley Car Rally
- Ace of Clubs Golf Tournament
- Tathra Enduro Mountain Bike Event

AUGUST

- Merimbula Orchid Show

SEPTEMBER

- ReBoot in Bermagui
- Pambula Motorfest
- Tathra Rockabilly Retro Week

OCTOBER

- Cobargo Annual Spring Horse Show
- Sapphire Coast Week of Golf

NOVEMBER

- Bega District News Network Race Day
- Eden Whale Festival
- Merimbula Classic
- Youth Music Festival, Barragga Bay
- Bega Valley Festival of the Face

DECEMBER

- Bendigo Bank Boxing Day Races & Pambula Cup
- NYE on the Sapphire Coast
- George Bass Marathon (Dec-Jan)

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REGIONAL Markets

BEGA PRODUCE MARKETS

Every Friday, 8am - 1pm
Dickinson Park, Bega

BERMAGUI HANDMADE HOMEMADE MARKET

Last Sunday of each month, 8.30am - 12.30pm
Lamont Street, Bermagui

CANDELO MARKETS

1st Sunday of each month, 8.30am - 12.30pm
Candelo

COBARGO LANEWAY MARKETS

Every Saturday, 9am - 1pm
Princes Highway, Cobargo

EDEN LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET

3rd Saturday of each month, 10am - 2pm
Chandos Street, Eden

MERIMBULA SEASIDE MARKET

3rd Sunday of each month, 8am - 12.30pm
Seaside, Merimbula

PAMBULA MARKET

2nd Sunday of each month, 8am - 1pm
Sports Oval, Pambula

WYNDHAM VILLAGE MARKET

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Eden - 229 Imlay St, Eden	6496 1444
Merimbula - 27 Reid St, Merimbula CBD	6495 1366
Tathra - 11 Bega St, Tathra	6494 1911

HOSPITALS

South East Regional Hospital 4 Virginia Drive, Bega	6491 9999
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MEDICAL CENTRES

BEGA

Sapphire Coast Medical Practice 24 Church St, Bega	6492 2555
Bega Valley Medical Practice 61 Carp St, Bega	6492 3333

BERMAGUI

Bermagui Medical Centre 24 Bunga St, Bermagui	6493 4903
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COBARGO

Cobargo Doctors 54 Princes Hwy, Cobargo	
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EDEN

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MERIMBULA

Merimbula Medical Centre 77 Merimbula Dr, Merimbula	6495 1369
Sapphire Clinic 44 Merimbula Dr, Merimbula	6495 4700

PAMBULA

Pambula Medical Centre 17 Quondola St, Pambula	6495 6688
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TATHRA

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TURA BEACH

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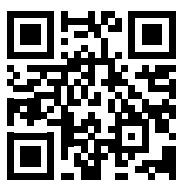
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