

WELCOME TO BURNIE

About Burnie

Burnie is a port city on the north-west coast of Tasmania. When founded in 1827, Burnie was named Emu Bay but it was renamed for William Burnie, a director of the Van Diemen's Land Company, in the early 1840s. Burnie was proclaimed a city by Queen Elizabeth II on April 26, 1988.

Burnie hosts a busy container port, a rail hub and factory framework lining the highway around Emu Bay.

Burnie has an urban population of 19,385 (2016 Census) a cool temperate climate and impressive gardens and parks. The city is surrounded by beaches, sparkling water and fresh air and boasts a dynamic cultural life, galleries, performances, exhibitions and community events.

Burnie is located about 15 minutes drive from Penguin, 25 minutes drive from Ulverstone, 40 minutes from Devonport and 45 minutes from Latrobe.

The average Burnie temperature in summer ranges from 12 to 21 °C with drier days as warm as 30 °C, with around 16 hours of sunlight per day. In winter, temperature ranges from 6 to 13 °C, and only 8 hours of sunlight. Burnie averages 994 mm of rainfall per year. Most of the rain is during the cooler months from May to October.

For more information go to

<http://www.discoverburnie.net/>



Welcome to Burnie!

We hope that you enjoy your rotation as well as your time living and working in the Burnie community.

The following information is intended to help you settle in, get about and to see and do things that you otherwise might not.

The Hospital

The North West Regional Hospital (NWRH) is the primary healthcare facility for the north west region of Tasmania, including King Island. There are two campuses: the larger 160 bed campus at Burnie and the smaller 100 bed campus at the Mersey Community Hospital (MCH) in Latrobe, near Devonport. The Burnie campus is collocated with the North West Private Hospital as well as several diagnostic services and the University of Tasmania's Rural Clinical School.

Local Services

The hospital is in the suburb of Parklands which is about 3.5 km (5 min drive) from the Burnie city centre. Services in the city centre include a library, post office, police station, Metro cinema, museum and art gallery, supermarkets, Telstra store, banks and a variety of retail stores, cafes and eateries.

Kerbside parking in the city is metered and there are also several larger fee-paying car parks. [See Map.](#)

Supermarkets & Fresh Produce

The closest supermarket to the hospital is the **IGA X-press** at 56 West Park Grove, Park Grove (2 km from the hospital). OPEN: 6am-7:30pm Monday to Friday and 7am-7pm Weekends

Coles Supermarket is located at 26 Mount Street, Burnie (in the Burnie Plaza) OPEN: 7am-9pm daily

Woolworths Supermarket is located at 230 Mount Street, Upper Burnie. OPEN: 6am-12am daily

Youngs Veggie Shed is located at 317 Bass Highway in Camdale just North of the hospital. It offers a wide range of fresh produce and is OPEN 8am-6pm daily

Burnie Farmer's Market is held on the first and third Saturday each month from 8am-12noon It includes around 50 stalls selling fresh local produce and crafts. The market is currently held at Wivenhoe showground, just south of the city, but will be relocating to a new site in March.

North West Regional Hospital

Address: 23 Brickport Rd, Burnie TAS 7320

Phone: (03) 6493 6000 (General)

Mail: PO Box 258, Burnie 7320

Mersey Community Hospital

Address: Torquay Rd, Latrobe TAS 7307

Phone: (03) 6478 5500 (General)

Mail: PO Box 21, Latrobe 7307

Cafés

Hudson's Coffee operates on-site at the Hospital.

The Secret Buddha Café at 63 West Park Grove, adjacent to the PlantsPlus nursery, is just 1.4 km down the road from the hospital.

The Chapel at 50 Cattley Street and **Food + Brew** at 1 Cattley Street in the city are popular places for coffee, breakfast and lunch.

There are numerous other cafes in Burnie and the nearby townships of Wynyard, Penguin and further afield in Ulverstone, Turners Beach and Devonport.

Restaurants & Takeaways

The **Discover Burnie** website provides a comprehensive list of Burnie Restaurants via its "Where to eat" tab. Burnie also has numerous takeaway restaurants ranging from the regular fast food franchises (MacDonald's, Dominoes, Subway, KFC, Noodle Box, Praties, Dave's Noodles etc.) to a range of different cuisines offered as a takeaway alternative by local restaurants. For a quick list search "burnie takeaway shops" in your internet browser.

Fuel

The closest petrol stations to the hospital are **BP** at 36 North Terrace (on the way to the city) and **Caltas** at 24 Joyce Street east of the hospital in Montello. There are also several petrol stations in the city.

Health & Fitness

Burnie Aquatic Centre includes a 25m indoor pool and 50m outdoor pool located at 1-5 Terrylands Street a short drive (3.5km) from the hospital (entry is off the Boulevard). Phone: 6430 5733

OPEN: 5:30am - 8:00pm Monday to Thursday
5:30am - 7:00pm Friday
8:30am - 6:00pm Weekends

Healthglo Fitness & Leisure Centre is a gym/physical fitness centre with a public swimming pool providing group fitness classes, functional training, personal training and swim programs. It is located at 8 Uplands Place, Park Grove - a short walk (450m) uphill from the hospital.

Phone: 6431 4708

OPEN: 5:30am - 9:00pm Monday to Thursday
5:30am - 8:00pm Fridays
8:00am - 3:00pm Weekends

Unigym is located at 16/20 Mooreville Rd, Park Grove. The centre provides health and fitness services and sporting facilities for use by community members as well as University of Tasmania students and staff. For more information: <http://www.utas.edu.au/unigym> or PHONE: (03) 6430 5281

Zap Fitness 24/7 also has a gym in Burnie at 39 Alexander Street. PHONE: 1300 927 348

For more fitness centres, personal trainers, sports clubs, facilities and community sporting events search "burnie fitness" in your internet browser.

Finding a GP

Primary Health Tasmania maintains a searchable online directory of health care services and providers in Tasmania at: www.tasehealthdirectory.com.au/directory/

Should you need to consult a GP while you are on rotation in Burnie, this directory provides a full listing of NW practices and GPs together with information about the practice.

Kerbside Waste Collection

Burnie City Council provides kerbside collections of household waste and recyclables. Collection days vary by area/street and can be checked at www.burnie.net/Environment/Recycling-and-Waste/Kerbside-Waste-Collection General waste is collected weekly and recyclables are collected once a fortnight on the same street collection days as waste.

Driving

North West Tasmania is a great place to explore. Beautiful scenery, changing landscapes, and roads make for a great journey but driving conditions can take you by surprise. Many roads are single lane in each direction. Some can be narrow, winding and have sharp corners and you may also encounter gravel roads. Always be aware of changing road and weather conditions, be on the lookout for wildlife on the road, especially at dusk and dawn, drive with caution and allow plenty of time - travel times can be longer than you expect.

Approximate distances & travel times between Burnie and a variety of popular destinations are listed below:

From Burnie City to	Distance	Travel Time
Burnie (Wynyard) Airport	19 km	20 min
Cradle Mountain	110 km	1 hour 15 min
Devonport Airport	58 km	45 min
Devonport Ferry Terminal	54 km	40 min
Hobart City	335 km	4 hours
Latrobe (Mersey Hospital)	59 km	45 min
Launceston Airport	155 km	1 hour 40 min
Launceston City	150 km	1 hour 30 min
Penguin	18 km	20 min
Smithton	85 km	1 hour
Strahan (West Coast)	180 km	2 hours
Ulverstone	34 km	25 min
Wynyard	19 km	20 min

Travelling Interstate

Burnie airport is the closest airport located in Wynyard, north-west of the hospital. Direct flights are available from Burnie Airport to Melbourne via Rex (Regional Express) airlines www.rex.com.au Rex operates a fleet of twin turbo-prop aircraft.

Direct flights are also available from Devonport to Melbourne with Qantas airlines. www.qantas.com Qantas operates Dash 8 Aircraft on this route.

Alternatively, the Spirit of Tasmania operates a sea ferry service between Devonport and Melbourne www.spiritoftasmania.com.au

Public Transport

Metro Tasmania operates bus services in Burnie. The Metro website at www.metrotas.com.au/ provides route maps and timetables that can be downloaded. There is also a Metro Tas App that can be downloaded from the App Store (for iOS devices) or Google Play (for Android devices).

The Metro **Route 85 Hospital Link** service is a limited-stops service connecting the North West Regional Hospital and Mersey Community Hospital (Burnie to Latrobe via Ulverstone and Devonport) 365 days a year. The trip time is approx. 70 min, with four return services Monday to Friday and two return services on weekends and public holidays.

"Tasmania's own" **Redline coaches** operate regular services between Hobart, Launceston, Devonport and Burnie with connections to Smithton. For Redline coach routes and timetables go to www.tasredline.com.au

Burnie-Wynyard Taxis Operate 7 days per week. For bookings Phone: 6431 2199

Local Burnie Attractions

Some popular local attractions include:

The **Makers' Workshop** - provides studio spaces for artists and craftspeople with daily demonstrations, paper making tours, a cheese shop, café, gift shop and gallery. Phone: 6430 5831

Hellyers Road Distillery - the largest boutique whisky distillery in the Southern Hemisphere. It offers daily tours and a restaurant featuring local produce. Phone: 6433 0439

Burnie Regional Museum in Little Alexander Street. Phone: 6430 5746 OPEN: Monday to Friday 10am – 4:30pm, 1:30pm – 4:00pm Weekends

Penguin Observation Centre on the foreshore in front of the Makers Workshop offers free guided penguin viewing commencing at dusk every night from 1st October to 31st March. Phone: 0437 436 803

Fernglade Platypus Reserve is about 4 km from the city and has a reputation for being one of the most reliable places for observing platypus in the wild in Tasmania.

Burnie Arts & Function Centre is a performing arts, function venue and art gallery. Located at 77-79 Wilmot Street in the city. Phone: 6430 5875 or go to www.burniearts.net/Home to find out What's On.

Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden is about 8 km from Burnie city OPEN: 9am-5pm daily. Phone: 6433 1805

Metro Cinemas – Burnie is located at 2 Wilmot Street in the city www.metrocinemas.com.au/Page/Home

The **Discover Burnie** website also lists many more attractions and activities at www.discoverburnie.net/

A calendar of events is also available through the **Burnie City Council** at www.burnie.net/News/Whats-On

Social Networks

The **Coasters** is a network of like-minded aspirational young people, who live & work on the Cradle Coast. Every Friday at 8:00am a group of Coasters meet for coffee somewhere along the Coast. On the second Friday of every month the Coasters meet at **The Chapel** in Burnie – all are welcome. Contact: coasters@cradlecoast.com

The **Burnie Medical Society** organises informal social events for doctors and families from both the NWRH and MCH. Members of the Society also benefit from subsidised food and drinks provided in doctor's lounges at both hospitals. The membership fee of \$10 per fortnight deducted automatically from your pay. Contact: cate.rejman@utas.edu.au

Attractions Further Afield

The **Burnie Visitor Information Centre** is located at the Makers' Workshop on the western side of the Burnie City Centre. OPEN: 7 days a week from 9:00am - 5:00pm. Staff can help with advice, maps and ideas for what to see and do both in and around Burnie and further afield.

QUICK REFERENCE

ATM

The nearest ATM is a rediATM located in the main foyer of the hospital.

Burnie City Council

Located at 80 Wilson Street in the city.
Phone: 6430 5700
Email: burnie@burnie.net
<http://www.burnie.net/Home>
OPEN: Monday-Friday 8.30am - 5:00pm

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Medicare Office

Located at 23 Marine Terrace in the city.
OPEN: Monday-Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm

Post Office

Located at 87-91 Wilson Street in the city
OPEN: Monday-Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm

Rural Clinical School, University of Tasmania

Brickport Road - Accessed via walkway between the public and private hospitals
Phone: 6430 4550 (main switchboard)
rural.clinical.school@utas.edu.au

Rural & Regional Medical Training Hub, University of Tasmania

First Floor, Rural Clinical School (see above) Phone: 6430 4930
rural.traininghub@utas.edu.au

Service Tasmania

Located in Reece House, 48 Cattley Street in the city.
Phone: 1300 135 513
OPEN: 8:45am – 4:45pm Weekdays.

The Coasters

coasters@cradlecoast.com
www.facebook.com/thecoastersNWtas/

