

Term 3 Week 4
15 August 2025

WHS NEWS

Knowledge conquers all



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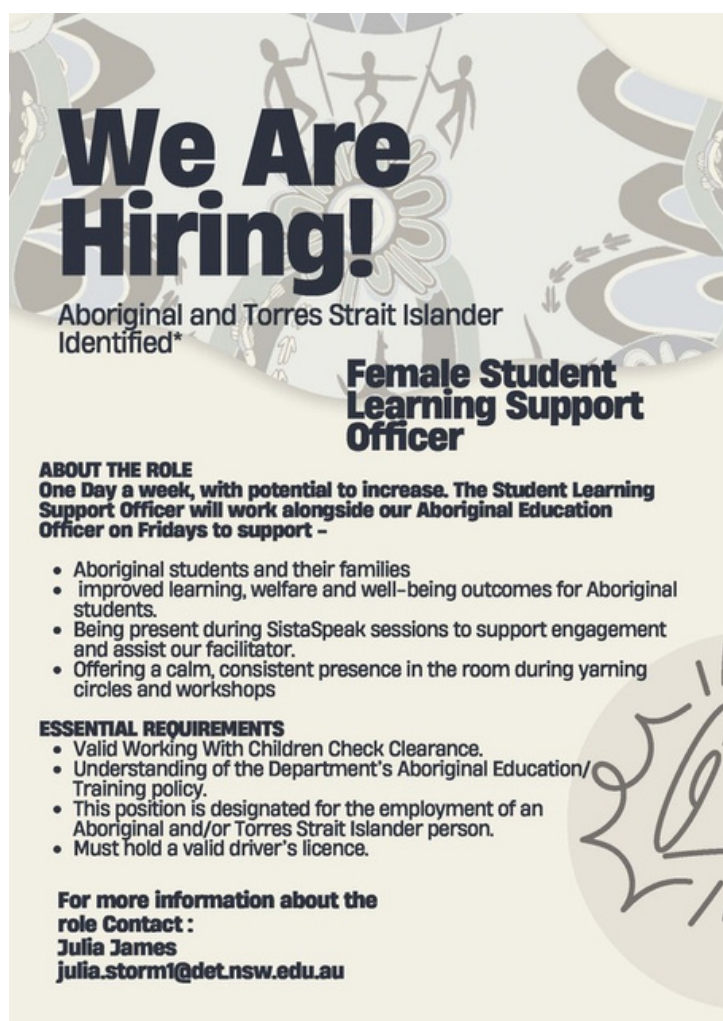
***Excellence all round!!
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WHAT'S ON?

YEAR 12 TRIAL EXAMS
from MON 11 AUG

AG QUIP TRIP
WED 20 AUG-FRI 22 AUG

SPECIAL MENTIONS



We Are Hiring!

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Identified*

Female Student Learning Support Officer

ABOUT THE ROLE
One Day a week, with potential to increase. The Student Learning Support Officer will work alongside our Aboriginal Education Officer on Fridays to support -

- Aboriginal students and their families
- improved learning, welfare and well-being outcomes for Aboriginal students.
- Being present during SistaSpeak sessions to support engagement and assist our facilitator.
- Offering a calm, consistent presence in the room during yarning circles and workshops

ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Valid Working With Children Check Clearance.
- Understanding of the Department's Aboriginal Education/ Training policy.
- This position is designated for the employment of an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.
- Must hold a valid driver's licence.

For more information about the role Contact:
Julia James
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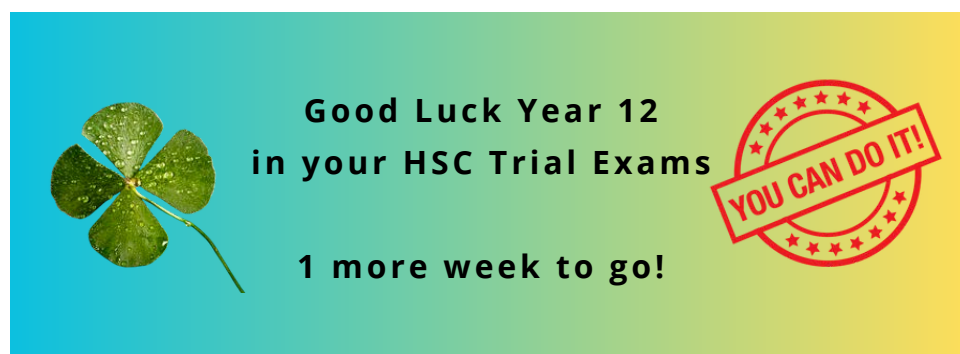
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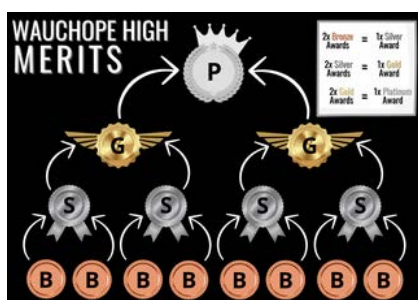
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Good Luck Year 12
in your HSC Trial Exams

1 more week to go!



Students receive merits by consistent demonstration of the School's Core Values (Best Effort, Care and, Respect and Safety)

Receiving these awards gives you a chance to get an invite to our annual Reward Day!!



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IN THE SCHOOL KITCHEN



YEAR 9



YEAR 10



YEAR 10



WE ARE HIRING!!



Job Opportunity

Canteen Supervisor

Please see our Facebook,
call 0265 85 1400 or
email wauchope-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
for more information

We Are Hiring!!

Canteen Supervisor
starting in Term 4
2025

Important dates

-  Application closing date
29 Aug 2025
4 pm
-  Desired start date
13 Oct 2025
-  End date
19 Dec 2025
Opportunity to extend

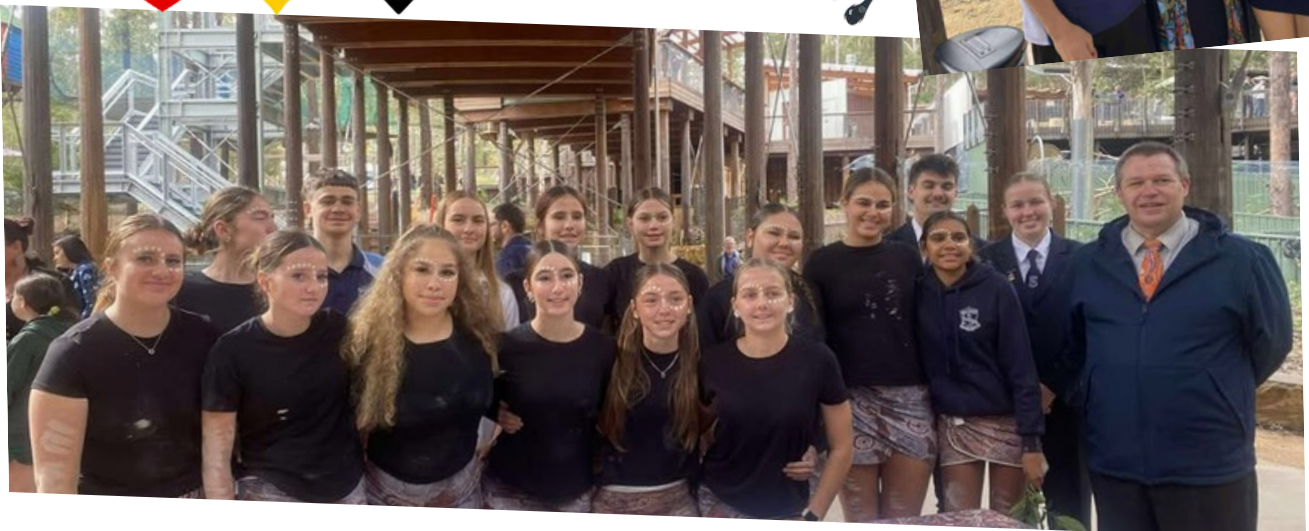
MOU SIGNING EVENT



Our Beautiful School leaders & our Yapun.Yapun Dancers proudly represented Wauchope High School at a significant community even on Wednesday 3th July 2025.

Held at Guulabaa – Place of Koala – in the Cowarra State Forest, the event brought together representatives from 24 local schools and the Hastings Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) for the official signing of the local Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the NSW Department of Education.

This powerful gathering reflects our shared commitment to walking alongside one another, strengthening partnerships, and improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal students across our region.



EXCELLENCE IN ABORIGINAL EDUCATION



✨ Celebrating Excellence in Aboriginal Education ✨

On Tuesday this week, The Hastings AECG celebrated excellence in Aboriginal Education demonstrated by students, staff, and community members at the Dungang Aboriginal Education Awards held at Guulabaa Place of Koala.

I am delighted to announce that the following members of the Wauchope High School community have been recognised for their outstanding achievements.

🏆 Caitlin Miller – Outstanding Contribution to Educational Achievement by an Aboriginal Staff Member

Caitlin Miller is a proud Aboriginal educator who demonstrates exceptional leadership and cultural integrity, creating safe, supportive spaces through programs like Sista Speak, Bro Speak, and Birpai Buddies that strengthen cultural connection, student wellbeing, and school transitions. Her passion, dedication, and ability to build trust with students, families, and communities have made a lasting impact, empowering Aboriginal students and fostering meaningful change.

Congratulations Caitlin! 🎉

🏆 Chloe McKinnon – Outstanding Commitment to a School Based Traineeship

Senior student Chloe McKinnon received an award presented to an Aboriginal student who has maintained outstanding commitment, effort, and application in completing their School Based Traineeship, which includes high application to workplace training and VET course, alongside their HSC. Chloe has shown exceptional dedication and professionalism in balancing her Elsa Dixon School Based Traineeship at Wauchope District Memorial Hospital with her HSC studies, demonstrating maturity, commitment, and a strong work ethic. A proud cultural leader and role model, she actively contributes to Aboriginal education activities, shares her cultural knowledge with confidence, and inspires younger students through her kindness, leadership, and pride in culture.

Congratulations Chloe! 🌟

🏆 Zac Budden – Outstanding Contribution to Educational Achievement by an Aboriginal Community Member

Community mentor Zac Budden is an inspiring role model and mentor whose work with St Agnes Parish, Bro Speak at Wauchope High School, and afternoon fitness programs has built strong connections with Aboriginal students, encouraging pride in their identity, wellbeing, and future pathways. Grounded in authenticity and lived experience, he leads with empathy, respect, and integrity, making a lasting impact on the next generation.

Congratulations Zac! 🙌

A Cultural Performance to Remember

To top the day off, our Yapun.Yapun dancers from Wauchope High School closed the awards with a moving Cultural performance.

🌿 We are incredibly proud of Caitlin, Chloe, and Zac, your dedication, leadership, and cultural pride continue to inspire and make a difference in our community.



WHS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

YEAR 7



YEAR 8



YEAR 9



YEAR 10



YEAR 11



YEAR 12



The Wauchope High School Excellence Assembly recognises students who have achieved outstanding results across their academic studies. This event celebrates the dedication, curiosity, and perseverance of students who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in subjects such as English, Mathematics, Science, HSIE, PDHPE, TAS and the Arts. It is a proud moment for our school community to acknowledge the hard work, commitment, and passion for learning that these students display. Their success reflects not only their own efforts, but also the support of their teachers and families, and serves as an inspiration for all students to strive for their personal best.

CAPA SHOWCASE

CAPA Showcase

Wauchope High School invites you to experience the work of our Creative and Performing Arts students in two great nights of entertainment.

Senior Performance Night

Monday 1st September
6pm-8.30pm

Our senior students will feature in a night of Music & Drama.



Artwork by Lana Cooper

Art Exhibition

Wednesday 3rd September
3.30pm-8.30pm

Students from Year 7 to Year 12 will have their art on display. The exhibition will feature the artworks created by our HSC students.

The official opening of the exhibition will be held on Wednesday at 6pm. All elective Visual Arts students are expected to be at school for the opening. The gallery will also be open Thursday September 5 for parents who cannot make it on Wednesday. Join us to experience the creativity and talent of our students!

There will be light snacks, tea and coffee provided by our wonderful hospitality students available on the night.

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gallery will also be open Thursday August 31, for parents who cannot make it on
Wednesday night from 3:30 to 6pm. We would love to have you visit the school
and experience how creative and talented our students are at
Wauchope High School. The CAPA department would like to thank our wonderful
Hospitality staff and students for their catering on Wednesday night

LEGACY PUBLIC SPEAKING



The 2025 Legacy Public Speaking Competition was held in the school library during Education Week. Students from each stage were competing for prizes and were invited to speak on any subject relating to the ideals of voluntary service, social justice, caring, personal effort, personal sacrifice and/or mateship.

The event was sponsored by the Port Macquarie Hasting Legacy Club, with funds from the Leventhal Legacy Scholarship.

Greg Cavanagh, from Port Macquarie Hasting Legacy Club, assisted Mrs Thornton and Mrs Howell on the judging panel. The school would like to thank the Port Macquarie Hasting Legacy Club for their ongoing support.

Winners were Conner, Candice, Rodney and Indy.
Congratulations to these students and all who participated.



BOCCIA TEAM



During Week 2, Henry P, Alex W, Riley L, Zoey H, Brock S, and Flynn S from our talented Supported Learning travelled to Sydney to compete in the School Sport Unit Bocchia State Finals.

It was an exciting day filled with teamwork, determination, and plenty of smiles. Our students competed against schools from all over New South Wales, showing great skill and sportsmanship.

Out of 26 teams, our group proudly placed 21st – an achievement they can all be proud of! Even more impressive was the way our students conducted themselves throughout the day. They displayed excellent behaviour, encouraged each other, and represented our school with pride.

A big thank you to the staff and families who supported the trip – and congratulations to our bocchia champions for making the day such a success.



Bocchia can be played by individuals, pairs, or teams of three. The aim of the game is to throw leather balls — coloured red or blue (which side uses which is determined by a coin toss) as close as they can to a white target ball, or jack. The jack is thrown first, then the first two regular balls are played (first, the player who threw the jack then the opposing side), after which the side furthest away from the jack goes next in an attempt to either get closer to the jack or knock the opposition's ball out of the way. In this fashion, each round, or end, will continue until one side has played all their balls, at which point, the opposing side will play their remaining balls. The balls can be moved with hands, feet, or, if the competitor's disability is severe, with an assistive device such as a ramp. At the end of each end, the referee measures the distance of the balls closest to the jack, and awards points accordingly — one point for each ball that is closer to the jack than the opponent's closest ball. The team/player with the highest number of points at the end of play is the winner. If both teams have the same number of points after all ends have been played, one additional end is played to determine a winner.

LNC 15S BASKETBALL GALA DAY



A boys and girls team from Wauchope High competed in the 15s CHS Knockout gala day at Port Macquarie Indoor Stadium on the 7th of August. There were other schools from Camden Haven to Nambucca Heads in attendance for a great, fun-filled day.

The boys played Bowraville in the first game of the day and produced an excellent team effort to run out convincing 47-24 winners. The scoring was shared between most of the boys, but Shane, Peytyn, David and Matt were the standouts in this match.

The girls first encounter was with Camden Haven and the game was very close during the first two quarters.

However, the strong defence of the Wauchope girls proved the difference in the second half, as they frustrated their opponents to eventually emerge 43-17 victors. Leoni, Jasmine, Tiannah and JIarni were the main attacking weapons, while Candice, Brydee, Elle-Lea, Laylah and Savhanna were impressive in defence. In their second game, the boys unfortunately drew the talented Port High team, and they struggled to match the physical size and skill level of their Port counterparts. The boys tried their best at both ends of the court, with Matt, Conner and Peytyn the best in attack, whilst Billy, David and Ethan were strong in defence.

The boys went down 78-47.

Finally, the girls contested the Final against Westport and it was a similar story to the first game. The two teams were very close in the early exchanges, until superior defensive pressure snuffed out the Westport attack and allowed Wauchope to run out 35-18 winners. The girls played a great team game all day and were deserved winners of the knockout day. Congratulations on a terrific performance.

The girls will now travel to Coffs Harbour to play for a chance to reach the North Coast final. We wish them all the best in their efforts.

ATHLETICS HELPERS



Thankyou!!

A huge thank you to Meli, Trey, Harley, Candice, Brydee, Elle-Lea, Matthew, David, Laylah and Savhanna. These wonderful PASS students helped officiate at the PSSA Zone Athletics carnival. The students were busying all day, assisted with Time Keeping, High Jump, Long Jump, Discus and Shot Put. The Primary School teachers in charge were very impressed by their work ethic and manners throughout the day.

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what do people talk about with Kids Helpline?

You can talk to us about **ANYTHING** big or small, serious or silly, easy or complicated, long or short, bad or good, in the past, future or now...

The most common things people talk about include **mental health, emotions, and family & friend relationships.**

The stuff you say is **private & confidential** - and you can remain anonymous.

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It's a **free call** and the fastest way to get help

You'll hear a hold message and music, and then a counsellor will answer and help you get started talking by asking questions.

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it's called 'My Circle'

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You can request the gender of the counsellor you'd like to talk to.

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other stuff we do



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We have heaps of **self-help info** on our websites and socials - including mental health info, real life stories, videos, quizzes and fun stuff, etc.

We run **educational sessions** in schools on a range of different topics, like managing emotions and making friends.

We help give young people a voice on things that affect them, by chatting to important decision making bodies, like governments.

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other stuff we do

We're not-for-profit, which means that we rely on different types of **funding and donations** to continue supporting young people - and you can fundraise or donate to us!

We do research on different issues and make **important recommendations** to help improve the lives of young people living in Australia.

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LOOK AFTER YOU!



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Wauchope High School

2025 Photography Competition

Join the WHS photography competition for a chance to win FANTASTIC PRIZES! To participate, submit a 5x7 print along with a \$2 entry fee per photo to the library.

CATEGORIES

THE GREAT OUTDOORS
ANIMALS
OPEN

COMPETITION CLOSING MONDAY AUGUST 25
FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE MRS HOWELL IN THE LIBRARY

WORD WIZARD

Exam(noun)

an examination, as in school.

CORNER

QUOTE

- “Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you.”
—Anne Lamott

GOTCHA!

Congratulations to the term 3 week 2 winners of the \$5 Gotcha canteen vouchers:

Daniel P - **Year 8**
Jeremy F - **Year 10**
Sienna P - **Year 7**

Kali W - **Year 8**
Josh C - **Year 7**
Vince M - **Year 11**

Gotchas are awarded for doing the right thing and respecting our school values.

REGISTRATIONS

NOW OPEN



Information

AGES: Children of all abilities
From 3 years old to 19 years old

WHEN: Friday Nights @ 5.15pm, Tots @ 4.45pm

WHERE: Blackbutt Oval
Peppermint Crescent, Wauchope

SEASON: Friday October 17 2025
through to late March 2026

REGISTRATIONS: Tiny Tots \$90 (3-5 years)
6s to 20s \$135

COME & TRY NIGHTS

Come and have a go at our come and try nights
Friday 19th September at 5.15pm
Friday 10th October at 5.15pm

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER ACCEPTED

For more information:
Facebook @wauchopelittleathletics

PICKLEBALL AFTER DARK

Free
includes PCYC
membership,
Membership,
paddle, bag
& ball

Game.Grow. Go Further

An epic mix of movement, mindset, and motivation, for young people aged 13-17. Join Simon Moore, an accredited Pickleball and Life Design coach for this 8-week Pickleball After Dark program, combining structured physical activity with personal development and mindset coaching. Each session includes a coached pickleball component, a healthy snack break, an inspiring guest speaker, and a focused Life Design-building session.

What to expect

- Fun pickleball coaching each week
- Healthy snacks and team vibe
- Weekly guest speaker (real stories, real inspiration)
- Mindset activities to boost confidence and clarity

Why Join

- Make friends and feel supported
- Learn how to bounce back from setbacks
- Plan your future with confidence
- Move your body and clear your head

PCYC Port Macquarie
12 Owen St. Port Macquarie

Plus, you get:

- Paddle, Bag and Ball
- A meal
- Certificate of completion

To Register
simon@pdmindsetmastery.com

Cost - Free

- Mode possible by PCYC Port Macquarie After Dark program, generously funded by Port City Bowling Club, Panthers Port Macquarie, and The Westport Club.

More info 0408 518 194

www.pdmindsetmastery.com

Comminges
Friday 8th August
6-8pm



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REGISTRATIONS

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Register by the 30th of September for your chance to win a FAMILY PASS to BBL.







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Hastings Secondary College - Port Macquarie & Westport Campus St Joseph's Primary School, Wauchope Public & High School

ROUTE 336 – PM SERVICE

Dear Parents and Students

Commencing **Monday 4th August 2025**, Afternoon Route Service 336 will operate direct between HSC, Westport Campus & Port Macquarie TAFE and extended to terminate at Port Central (no other changes to path) and revised times as detailed below.

Timing Point Location	New Time	Time Movement
Hastings Secondary College Westport Campus, Findlay Ave, Port Macquarie HSC Port Macquarie Campus students can continue to transfer from School Bus S584 arriving 2:37 PM	2:37 PM	7 minutes later
Oxley Hwy before Widderson St, Port Macquarie	2:42 PM	1 minute earlier
Port Macquarie Base Hospital, Port Macquarie	2:50 PM	3 minutes later
John Oxley Dr before Carle Jane Dr, Thrumsier	2:59 PM	4 minutes later
Cameron St before High St, Wauchope – HSC Westport and Port Macquarie Campus students can continue to transfer to Route 339 departing 3:12 PM & School Bus S537 departing 3:17 PM	3:12 PM	6 minutes later
Wauchope Public School, Campbell St, Wauchope	3:14 PM	5 minutes later
Fairmont Dr after Ellenborough Pl, Wauchope	3:20 PM	7 minutes later
Colonial Cct at Homestead Dr, Wauchope	3:31 PM	9 minutes later
St Joseph's Primary School, King St, Wauchope	3:41 PM	8 minutes later
Wauchope High School, Nelson St, Wauchope	3:45 PM	7 minutes later
Wauchope Station, Wauchope	3:50 PM	8 minutes later
John Oxley Dr after Chancellor Dr, Thrumsier	4:00 PM	9 minutes later
Port Macquarie Base Hospital, Port Macquarie	4:13 PM	15 minutes later
Oxley Hwy after Widderson St, Port Macquarie	4:21 PM	18 minutes later
Settlement City Shopping Centre, Port Macquarie Wauchope students travelling towards Lighthouse Plaza will be required to transfer at Settlement City to Route 324 departing 5:05 PM or Route 322 departing 5:15 PM	4:27 PM	17 minutes later
Clarence St before Hay St, Port Macquarie	4:34 PM	New

Please refer to your schools timetabled services at: <https://www.busways.com.au/nsw/school-services/school-timetables> and select the link adjacent to your schools name, "New timetable | 04 August 2025".

For further information, please contact Busways Customer Service on 1300 69 2929 or info@busways.com.au.

Yours sincerely

BUSWAYS
(4172) RTE 336 (224p ex Port Central) 321P

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The Wauchope & Hinterland Expo

Time: 10am to 4pm

Date: Sunday 17th of August 2025

Location: Wauchope Show Ground, High Street Wauchope NSW 2446

Why not come and see if there is something for you!

- ❖ Indoor and outdoor stalls
- ❖ Local Business groups
- ❖ Sporting, Leisure and adventure clubs
- ❖ Local Community Groups
- ❖ Food stalls
- ❖ Local Educational and Health Services
- ❖ Animal Husbandry displays
- ❖ Hobby displays

