

# Merimbula Sea Change Expo

21-23 January 2022

Hosted by Merimbula Chamber of Commerce



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# What is it?

The Sea Change Expo is an event designed to showcase Merimbula and the Sapphire Coast of NSW as a desirable location to *Live, Work and Play.* 

## Where?

The event will be held in Merimbula and the surrounding areas AND ONLINE as well. Merimbula is part of the Bega Valley Shire, also known as the Sapphire Coast on the Far South Coast of NSW. It is accessible by plane with regular flights from both Sydney and Melbourne. It's a 3 hour drive from Canberra and around 6 hours from Sydney and Melbourne



## When?

The expo will be held on the weekend of 21-23 January 2022. It is at the tail end of the school holidays for NSW, Victoria and the ACT so it's easy to attend. January is a great time of the year with warm weather, warm water and plenty of activities.

## Who should attend?

Anyone considering a Sea Change or moving to the area. Families, retirees, businesses, or anyone looking to see what lifestyle is available in a coastal area. Whilst making a Sea change is not new phenomena, there has been more interest recently in regional areas as people found that during Covid that they could work remotely, and didn't want to be in built up areas.

## Format

The event will take place over 3 days with each day offering attendees something new.

## Friday Welcome Dinner

The weekend will kick off with a Welcome Dinner on Friday night where attendees will be able to enjoy a meal in a relaxed atmosphere, meet other people attending and some locals, and hear about what we have planned for you over the next few days.

The dinner will be at Club Sapphire with a range of food options available from their extensive menu including catering for special food requirements. Bookings will be required prior to the event, with a pay as you go service.





### Saturday Expo

People attending the expo on Saturday will be able to find out information from organisations about living and working in the area. You will be able to gather information, ask questions and find our more about all the sorts of things you need to understand about moving to the area. The expo will be held in the Sapphire Room at Club Sapphire.

What sort of business and organisations might be there?

- Education
  - o Schools
  - Colleges
  - o TAFE
  - Universities
  - Registered Training Organisations
- Housing
  - o Builders
  - Real Estate Agents
  - o Conveyancers
  - Over 50 Living centres
  - o Developers
  - Moving Companies
  - Storage Providers
  - Financial and Services
    - o Banks
    - o Accountants
    - Mortgage Brokers
    - o Financial Planners
- Employment
  - Employment agencies
  - Large Employers
- Healthcare
  - Assisted Living
  - o NDIS Providers
  - o Aged Care Facilities
  - Medical Practices
  - o Alternative Healthcare Providers
  - o Dentists
  - o Gyms
- Service and Utilities
  - o Internet providers
  - Telephone providers
  - Electricity providers
- Others
  - o Community Groups
  - o Sporting Groups

Check our website for updates and a full list of Exhibitors











## Sunday Experience Merimbula and Beyond

Sunday will be a showcase of all the best experiences in and around Merimbula that highlight all the reasons why people would love to live and visit our area. These include but are not limited to;

#### Food and Drinks

- Oyster Bars
- Seafood Restaurants
- Breweries
- Clubs

#### Attractions

- Family fun and theme parks
- Aquarium tours
- Oyster Tours
- Air Sightseeing Tours

#### Water Activities

- Beaches
- Surfing/SUP Boarding
- Kayak Tours
- Fishing Tours
- Boat Hire

#### Outdoors

- Bushwalking tracks and National Parks
- Nature walks and experiences
- Guide walks and tours

#### Sports

- Golf Courses
- Mountain Bike Trails
- Bike Hire

#### Arts and Culture

- Art Galleries
- Craft workshops
- Museum Tours
- Concerts and Music











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# Attend in Person or Virtually

#### In person

To get the full experience, we recommend you attend in person for the whole weekend. That way you can immerse yourself in the town, the shops, the restaurants, the beaches, the people, the experiences and so much more. Book your accommodation, bring your family and friends and enjoy the weekend

#### Virtually

We realise not everyone will be able to make it to Merimbula on this weekend, so we are allowing people to attend virtually. Attending virtually will allow you to experience a lot of the same things that those attending will experience including

- Live streaming of events
- Interactivity with exhibitors at the expo
- Receiving information from exhibitors relating to your interest and requests
- Live streaming and video highlights of experiences on Sunday

## More Information

#### How to get here

Merimbula is located in the heart of the Sapphire Coast, 454 km south of Sydney via the Princes Highway A1 and 588kms North East of Melbourne via the Princes Highway A1, or 522 km north of Melbourne via the Hume Motorway, Canberra and Cooma. Merimbula is 243km from Canberra, the nation's capital.



Merimbula has it's own airport with regular flights from both

Sydney and Melbourne. Find out more here. <u>https://www.escapetomerimbula.com.au/getting-here</u>

#### Accommodation

We have partnered with a select number of Accommodation providers that are part of the Sea Change Expo. You can visit their websites direct for inquires and bookings.

- <u>Merimbula Tourism</u> A wide range of accommodation including pet friendly accommodation
- Fairway Motor Inn Motel rooms and suites



For any more information about the Sea Change Expo please visit ourmerimbula.com.au