Taree-Forster CLSD region – Data Pack

Population data
Need for Legal Assistance Services (NLAS) indicators
Legal Assistance Priority Client groups

Local Government Areas:
Mid-Coast, Port Macquarie

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CLSD regions

The Cooperative Legal Service Delivery (CLSD) Program comprises twelve justice partnerships in regional and remote NSW.
> About the **CLSD Program**

CLSD regions are based on Local Government Area (LGA) boundaries. Maps in this data pack present data by postcode (postal areas – POA) for a more precise visual representation.
> LGA/POA 2021 boundaries were used, as defined in the ABS **ASGS Edition 3** structure

Data sources

This data pack provides a profile of the **Taree-Forster** CLSD region using data from the following sources:

- Australian Bureau of Statistics (**ABS**) **2021 Census**
- Department of Social Services (**DSS**), December 2022
- National Disability Insurance Agency (**NDIA**), December 2022

It also includes the Foundation's Need for Legal Assistance Services (**NLAS**) indicators.
A complete list of indicators with detailed definitions is included on slide 9.

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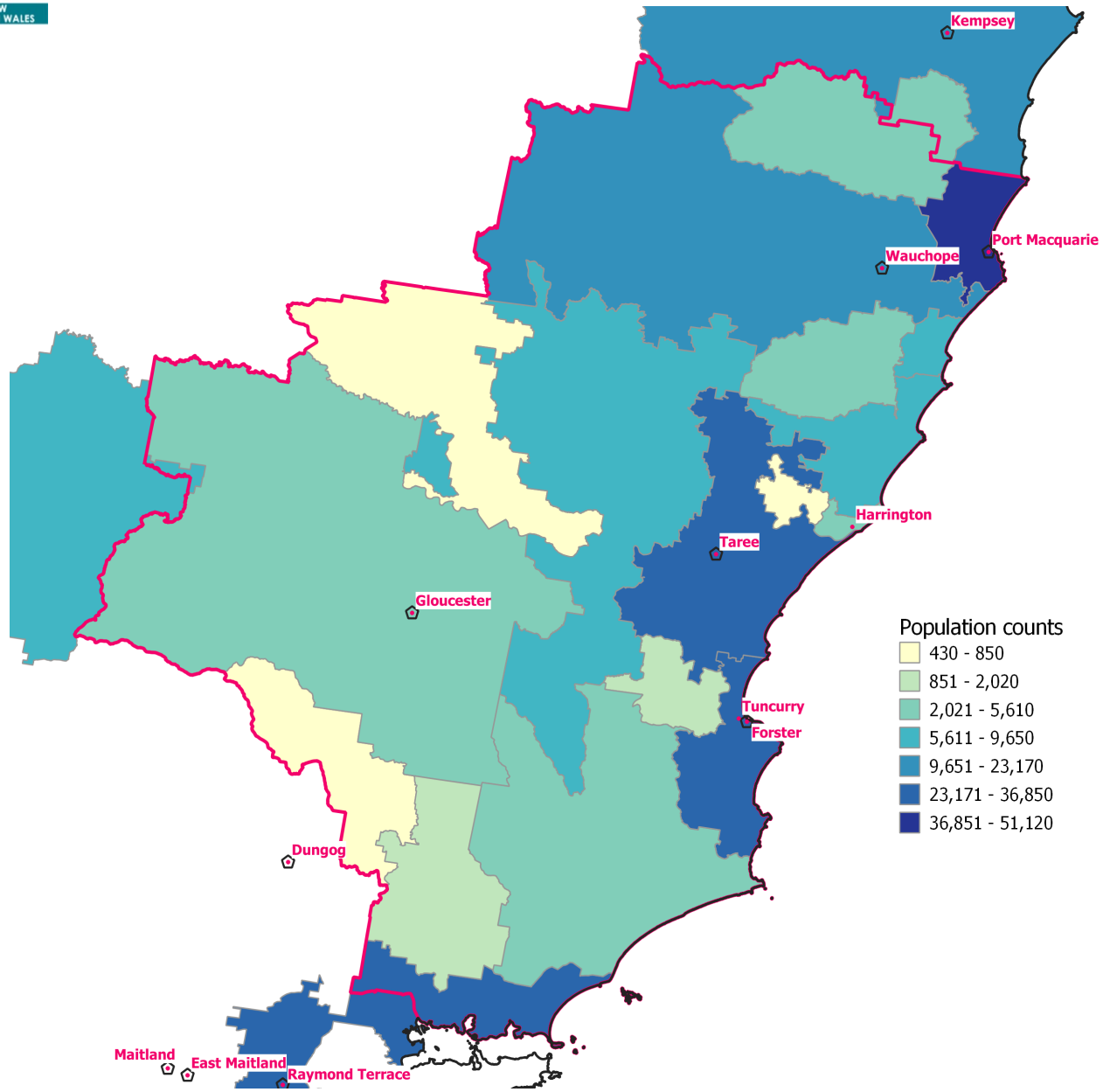
Population count by postcode



Caution: postcode areas that are only partially included in the CLSD region may reflect population counts residing outside region boundaries.

Source: ABS 2021 Census

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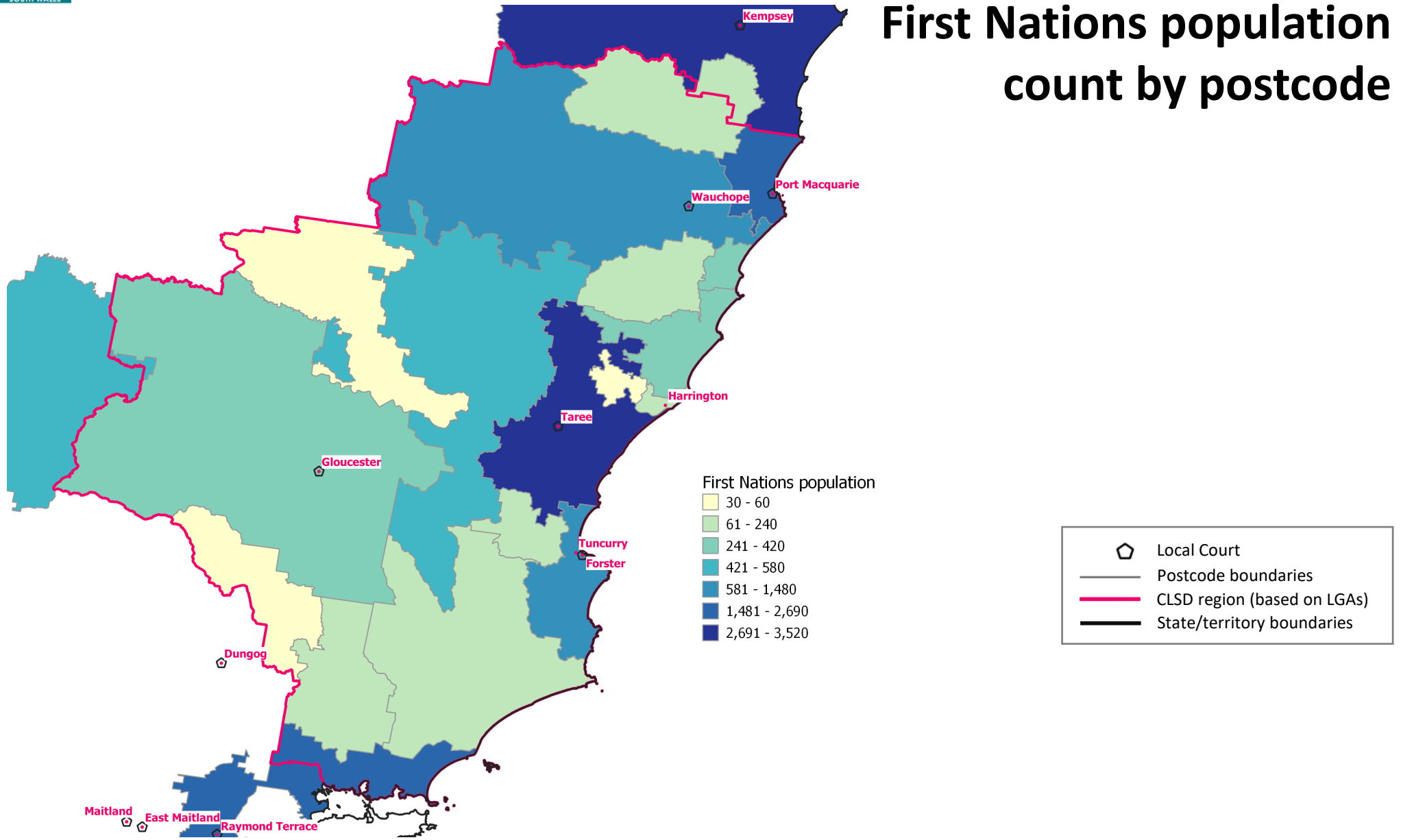
First Nations population count by postcode



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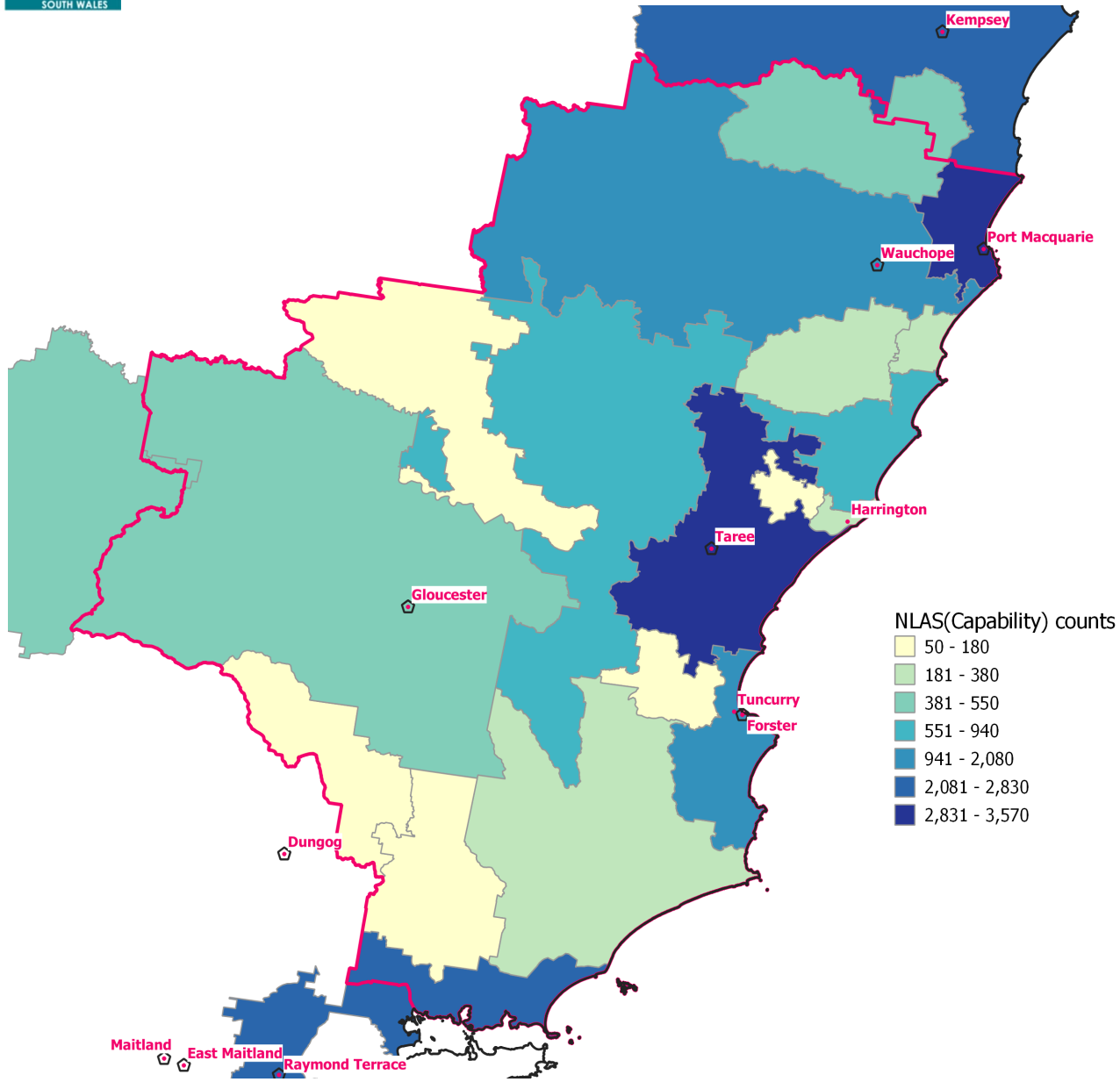
NLAS(Capability) count by postcode



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Priority group profile (population counts by LGA)

Population group	NSW	CLSD region	Mid-Coast	Port Macquarie-
NLAS(Capability)	483,640	14,570	8,910	5,660
NLAS(Community)	785,650	27,680	16,940	10,750
All Population	8,072,160	183,340	96,580	86,760
Population 15+	6,602,160	155,420	82,510	72,910
Female 15+	3,373,580	81,000	42,570	38,440
First nations population	278,040	11,750	7,020	4,730
First nations Female 15+	95,050	3,940	2,330	1,610
Low income 15+ <33.8K	2,527,600	75,340	41,520	33,820
Children & young people 0-24	2,424,090	44,850	22,190	22,670
Older people (65+, Ind 50+)	1,459,440	58,960	33,060	25,900
Lone parent 15+	337,730	8,600	4,630	3,970
Carer Payment	110,320	3,700	2,250	1,460
Disability Support Pension	239,520	9,260	5,510	3,750
NDIS Participants	172,190	5,460	2,600	2,860

Counts rounded to the nearest ten

Source: ABS 2021 Census

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Priority group profile (percentages by LGA)

Population group	NSW	CLSD region	Mid-Coast	Port Macquarie-
NLAS(Capability)	9.3	14.9	17.7	11.9
NLAS(Community)	11.9	17.8	20.5	14.7
Population 15+	81.8	84.8	85.4	84.0
Female 15+	41.8	44.2	44.1	44.3
First nations population	3.4	6.4	7.3	5.5
First nations Female 15+	1.2	2.1	2.4	1.9
Low income 15+ <33.8K	31.3	41.1	43.0	39.0
Children & young people 0-24	30.0	24.5	23.0	26.1
Older people (65+, Ind 50+)	18.1	32.2	34.2	29.9
Lone parent 15+	4.2	4.7	4.8	4.6
Carer Payment	1.4	2.0	2.3	1.7
Disability Support Pension	3.0	5.1	5.7	4.3
NDIS Participants	2.1	3.0	2.7	3.3

green cells	indicate a percentage **lower** than for NSW
red cells	indicate a percentage **higher** than for NSW

NLAS(Capability) rates are expressed as a percentage of the 15-64 population
NLAS(Community) rates are expressed as a percentage of the 15+ population
All other community group rates are expressed as a percentage of the total population

Source: ABS 2021 Census

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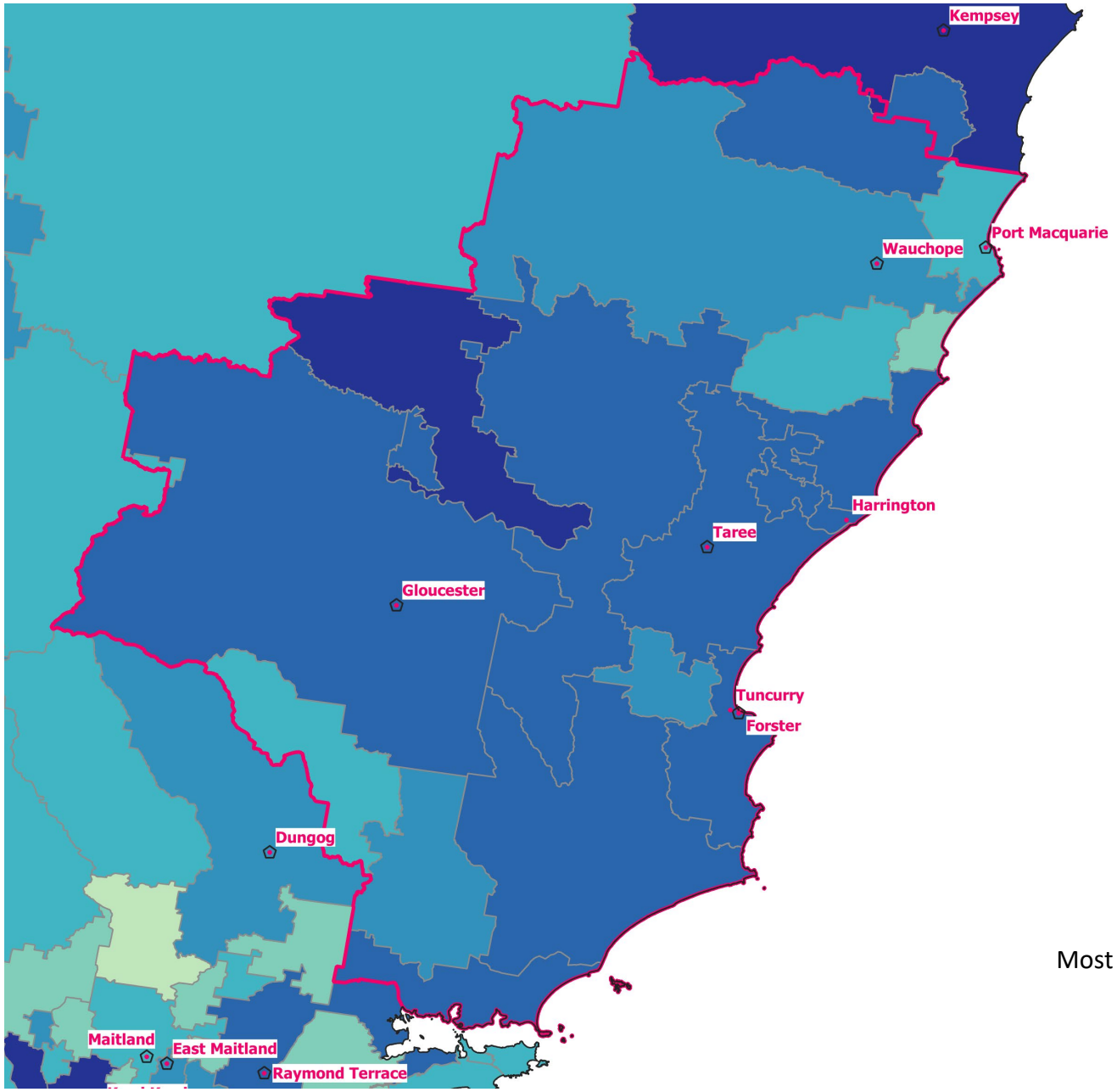
Index of relative socio-economic disadvantage (SEIFA) by postcode



Most disadvantaged → Least disadvantaged

Source: ABS 2021 Census, using NSW ranking

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Community group definitions

Indicator	Description
NLAS(Capability)	NLAS(Capability) counts people with low personal income, and a lower level of educational attainment. It includes those who meet ALL criteria listed below: • Age 15–64 • Personal income is less than $649 a week, or $33,800 a year • Highest Year of school completed is: year 12 for those aged 15–44, year 11 for those aged 45–54, year 10 for those aged 55–64 • No post-school qualifications above Certificate 2 • Not currently studying
NLAS(Community)	NLAS(Community) counts people with medium household income, and a lower level of educational attainment. It includes those who meet ALL criteria listed below: • Age 15 or over • Equivalised total household income is less than $999 a week, or $52,000 a year • Highest Year of school completed is: year 12 for those aged 15–44, year 11 for those aged 45–54, year 10 for those aged 55–69, year 9 for those aged 70–79, year 8 for those aged 80 or over • No post-school qualification above Certificate 2 • Not currently studying
Population 15+	A count of people aged 15 and over.
Low income <33.8K (15+)	People aged 15 years and over with a personal income < $649 a week or < $33,800 a year.
Female 15+	Female people aged 15 years and over.
First nations (all ages)	People who identify as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.
First nations Female 15+	Female people aged 15 years and over who identify as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.
Children and young people	People aged 24 years and under, including babies and children.
Older people	People who identify as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, or both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander aged 50 and over, and people who did not identify as Indigenous aged 65 years and over.
Lone parents (15+)	People aged 15 years and over classified as lone parent. This is households with one male or female parent and a dependent child. All children under 15 are classified as dependent. Children aged 15 to 24 are dependent when they are in education.
Carer Payment	Carer Payment provides income support for carers who, because of the demands of their caring role, are unable to support themselves through substantial paid employment. Data includes recipients who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) or suspended on the Centrelink payment system.
Disability Support Pension	DSP is an income support payment for people who are unable to work for 15 hours or more per week at or above the relevant minimum wage, independent of a Program of Support due to permanent physical, intellectual or psychiatric impairment. A DSP claimant must be aged 16 years or over and under Age Pension age at date of claim, however once in receipt of DSP, a person can continue to receive DSP beyond Age Pension age. Data includes recipients who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) or suspended on the Centrelink payment system.
NDIS Participants	The number of active participants with a current NDIS plan.

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Population data by postcode

For reference - this table presents the population counts by postcode used for mapping purposes.
Teal italic font denotes cross-border postcodes.

Postcode	All Population	First nations population	NLAS (Capability)
2312	1,500	110	170
2324	25,440	2,350	2,620
2337	8,060	510	550
2415	430	30	50
2422	5,610	410	550
2423	3,300	190	350
2424	480	50	80
2425	2,020	130	180
2426	850	60	100
2427	3,460	140	320
2428	25,190	1,470	2,080
2429	9,650	570	940
2430	36,840	3,430	3,570
2439	4,030	210	320
2440	23,170	3,510	2,830
2441	4,290	240	440
2443	8,740	400	690
2444	51,120	2,680	3,120
2445	7,350	320	380
2446	15,050	1,130	1,170

Counts rounded to the nearest ten

Source: ABS 2021 Census