



Film Production Guide

Your ultimate film friendly destination

WOLLONGONG
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Welcome to Wollongong

A vibrant coastal city and innovation hub, right on Sydney's doorstep. Nestled between the mountains and the sea, Wollongong offers picturesque landscapes like none other

Stunning escarpment and foreshore, with 17 patrolled beaches

73km south of Sydney's international and domestic airports

21km north of Shellharbour Domestic Airport

Temperature climate (18-26°C summer, 8-17°C)



Wollongong fast facts

Located on Dharawal land, derived from the Aboriginal word meaning ‘five islands’

Diverse multi-cultural population with a thriving small bar and café scene

Australia’s only UCI Bike City. Host of the 2022 UCI Road World Championships, broadcast to 300 million viewers and attracting global media coverage

A tech, health and education hub boasting a university among the world’s top 1%



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Seen on screen

RECENT PRODUCTIONS THAT UTILISED THE ILLAWARRA

- SAS Australia
- The Invisible Man
- Planet of the Apes
- The Last Days of the Space Age
- Married at First Sight
- Headlands
- Poker Face
- Back of the Net
- ROAR
- The Bachelor
- DELUGE
- The Traitors
- Dating Violet



Unique regional sites

- Sea Cliff Bridge
- Helensburgh railway tunnels
- Retired QANTAS Boeing 747 at HARS Museum
- Nan Tien Temple
- Bluescope Steelworks

- Port Kembla
- Wollongong Botanic Garden
- Bombo Quarry
- Heritage-listed Bathers' Pavilion
- Continental Pools



Film locations

PRISTINE COASTLINE

- The stunning 'Blue Mile' shared pathway
- Wollongong's two lighthouses
- Signature lookouts (Bald Hill, Sublime Point, Mt Keira, Southern Gateway)
- Nine ocean rock pools

- Coastal villages (Coledale, Austinmer, Thirroul, Bulli)
- Lake Illawarra

And nearby: Royal National Park, Kiama Blowhole, Cathedral Rocks, Shell Cove Marina, Killalea State Park and coastal villages (Shellharbour, Kiama, Gerroa)

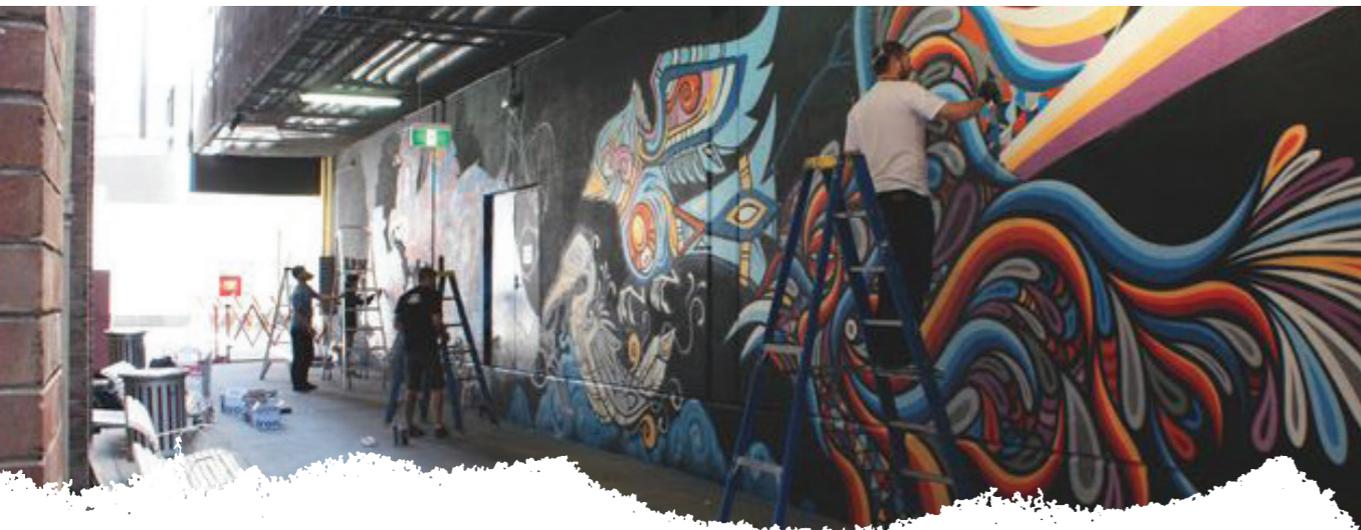


Film locations

PICTURESQUE RURAL LANDSCAPES NEARBY

- The rolling hills and farmland of Jamberoo
- Illawarra Escarpment, including the Wodi Wodi Track and Minnamurra Rainforest
- The dry-stone walls surrounding Kiama
- Glenbernie Orchard

- Formal parks and open spaces
- Several waterfalls and 'hidden gem' swimming holes
- Historic coal mining villages and quarries
- Quaint rural towns, including Jamberoo, Kangaroo Valley and Robertson



Film locations

INFRASTRUCTURE OF INTEREST

- Art galleries
- Wonderwalls (prolific street art landscape)
- Thriving small bar and café scene
- University of Wollongong, including Innovation Campus Business Park
- Modern regional city skyline
- Port Kembla industrial hub

- WIN Stadium and Wollongong Entertainment Centre
- Outdoor event spaces utilised for music and sporting festivals
- Golf courses

Along with several regional attractions: Skydive the Beach, Jamberoo Action Park, Symbio Wildlife Park, Inside Industry and Illawarra Fly Treetops Walk



Support details

SCREEN ILLAWARRA

A not-for-profit body that assists the Illawarra screen community and advocates for the hosting of film productions in the region.

www.screenillawarra.com info@screenillawarra.com

PRODUCTION COMPANIES

There are more than 20 local production companies and film festivals. See [here](#) for the full list and contact details.

ACCOMMODATION LISTINGS

For a detailed list of the scope, scale and budget of accommodation offerings in the region, see [here](#). Talk to Destination Wollongong for free, specialist support in booking enquiries.

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Destination Wollongong's contact book details accommodation, eateries, attractions, media, tours and support services. See [here](#).



Accommodation options

NOVOTEL WOLLONGONG NORTHBEACH

**Ocean views over North Wollongong Beach,
10 minutes' walk from CBD and WIN Stadium**

**Recent multi-million dollar refurbishment,
with all guest rooms and suites renovated;
covered deck**

**204 rooms, 24-hour reception and room service,
buffet and a la carte dining, laundry services**

**Supermarket, 4 bars/lounges, pool, spa,
sauna and gym, 14 conference rooms,
both undercover and free nearby parking**



Accommodation options

SAGE HOTEL

168 rooms, 24-hour reception and room service, buffet and a la carte dining, laundry services

Beachside location adjacent to WIN Sport & Entertainment Centres

Pool, spa, sauna and gym, 14 conference rooms, both undercover and nearby free parking



Accommodation options

Regional online accommodation portal provides best industry rates, with phone support service

Several self-contained and shared room options available in and around the CBD

Council's three tourist parks and Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort offer budget cabins beside the beach

Price-competitive compared to Sydney's high occupancy accommodation market



Services and Support

Free 'Gong Shuttle' servicing the CBD; airport shuttle service available; subsidised bus hire

Strong volunteer network (utilised for cruise ship industry); chaperones, drivers and liaisons available

Nutrition-specific catering available for film crews

Supportive local media, including daily Illawarra Mercury, WIN Television, i98fm and WAVE FM



Destination Wollongong

Social media support opportunities including content collaborations (audience 88,000+)

Potential funding support available for significant film productions that stimulate the visitor economy

Specialist support service to assist in sourcing accommodation options for group stays over an extended period

Member-based entity that can provide introductions to stakeholders and suppliers

Your go-to for all things advice, with a “Little Black Book” full of all suppliers you may need. We also liaise with governing bodies, private enterprise and government



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