



# 23rd NSW Weeds Conference 2025

## Case Study

### Port Macquarie - Mid North Coast

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GLASSHOUSE PORT MACQUARIE

#### Port Macquarie

In 2025 Port Macquarie welcomed the 23rd NSW Weeds Conference, a biennial event attracting over 330 delegates from NSW and interstate.

The Port Macquarie region is on the traditional lands of the Birpai people and covers over 3,600 kms of diverse coastal and hinterlands.

Port Macquarie and the amazing hinterland is now one of the most popular tourist destinations and fastest growing regions in NSW.

Port Macquarie is located 4 hours north of Sydney and is easily accessible by air with regular flights from Sydney and Brisbane.

#### NSW Weeds Conference 2025

In partnership with Port Macquarie-Hastings Council, the Weeds Society of NSW hosted their 23rd biennial conference with the theme 'turning the tide'.

This conference provided the opportunity for land managers, researchers, policy makers and industry partners to come together and explore the latest developments in weed management across New South Wales.



*Events like the NSW Weeds Conference are crucial to long-term initiatives that protect our region's rich biodiversity. With around 300 delegates and 50 workshops, presentations and field trips, the conference was a great opportunity to collaborate, share best practice and build stronger industry partnerships.*

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#### Fast Facts

4 to 7 August 2025

Glasshouse Port Macquarie

330+ visitors

1,320 direct visitor nights for Port Macquarie

\$564,400 direct and incremental expenditure for the Port Macquarie-Hastings region.



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### The Glasshouse

The Weeds Conference showcased the Glasshouse, offering state-of-the-art facilities and flexible venues.

The Glasshouse is purpose built to accommodate conferences of up to 400 delegates in a fully tiered auditorium or 116 delegates in the Ross Family Studio, along with ample foyer and breakout spaces over multiple levels.

Featuring an innovative and environmentally sustainable design, the venue provides high quality exhibition, conference and performing arts facilities.

The Glasshouse provides the region's most modern technical and production infrastructure and the highest level of patron comfort.

- Situated in a central CBD location with a diverse range of nearby dining and shopping experiences.
- Located only 10 minutes from the Port Macquarie Regional Airport by car.
- 2000 3-4.5+ star beds located within a 5-10 minute walk of the venue.
- A variety of local transport options are available including taxi, Uber, public bus services and private charter buses.
- The Glasshouse also features an on-site Visitor Information Centre and Regional Art Gallery for the Port Macquarie-Hastings Region.

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*The Glasshouse presented an ideal venue, with great rooms for concurrent sessions and AV handled well by the team. The abundant natural light provided a great backdrop for our exhibitors and excellent space for session breakouts.*

*With so much accommodation and all of our field trip options in close proximity to the Glasshouse, our delegates never felt rushed. We had arranged 6 separate field trips covering 10 different venues, either within walking distance or no longer than a 15 minute coach trip.*

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