**OUR PEOPLE**

- 5,567 PEOPLE IDENTIFY AS ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER this is 6.2% of the population (NSW 2.9%)
- 82.3% of the population was BORN IN AUSTRALIA (NSW 65.5%)
- 7,308 PEOPLE have a PROFOUND OR SEVERE DISABILITY this is 8.7% of the population (NSW 5.6%)
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CANCER INCIDENCE

848 NEW CASES of cancer were diagnosed in 2013

CANCER INCIDENCE in 2013 (Gloucester 534.7, Taree 499.7, Great Lakes 525.8 per 100,000) was HIGHER THAN OR SIMILAR TO THE NSW RATE (500.5)

Most COMMON CANCER TYPES (number of cases, 2009-13)

- Prostate: 729
- Melanoma (skin): 489
- Breast: 400
- Colon: 346
- Lung: 311

The Mid-Coast is a MELANOMA HOTSPOT

CANCER MORTALITY

312 PEOPLE DIED FROM CANCER in 2013

The mortality rate (Gloucester 165.1, Taree 195.5, Great Lakes 173.5 per 100,000) varied across the area compared to THE NSW RATE (170)

CANCER SCREENING PARTICIPATION 2015-16

- Breast Screening (NSW 53%): 62.9% 5,351 WOMEN UNSCREENED
- Cervical Screening (NSW 58.3%): 55.7% 9,866 WOMEN UNSCREENED
- Bowel Screening (NSW 37.8%): 46.2% 5,171 PEOPLE UNSCREENED

There are LOWER BREAST SCREENING rates amongst ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER (48%), and CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE (44.5%) women

Between 2014 and 2016 there were 1,849.9 POTENTIALLY PREVENTABLE HOSPITALISATIONS EACH YEAR at a rate of 2,034.9 per 100,000

This was SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN THE NSW RATE (2,104.2)

POSSIBLY PREVENTABLE HOSPITALISATIONS

84.0% of teenaged GIRLS and 62.8% of BOYS in 2016 were fully VACCINATED AGAINST HPV (NSW 82.5%, 69.9%)

ACCESS TO SERVICES

In 2014 1,910 PEOPLE experienced a BARRIER TO HEALTH CARE ACCESS with COST BEING THE MAIN REASON at a rate of 3.4 per 100 people (NSW 2.5)

In 2014 3,316 PEOPLE experienced difficulty or COULDN’T GET TO PLACES WITH TRANSPORT at a rate of 4.1 per 100 people (NSW 4.3)

In 2016 74% OF HOUSES were able to ACCESS THE INTERNET (NSW 82.5%)

There are 3 ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICES and 3 PUBLIC HOSPITALS

38,183 patients presented to the Bulahdelah, Gloucester and Taree EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS in 2016-17, 23,667 were SEMI OR NON-URGENT PRESENTATIONS and could have been managed in general practice

DATA SOURCES

- Cancer Institute NSW. www.cancerinsititute.org.au
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