



Introducing Our Practice

The establishment of Rutherford Medical Centre began on 21 January 1974 when Dr Sanjoy Chatterjee and Dr Sambhu Mukherjee opened their practice in Brooks Street Telarah.

Approximately two years later they needed to expand the practice, land was purchased at Rutherford Shopping Centre and a new purpose built practice was built.

After many years of successful practice together, Dr Rajiv Ahuja joined the team in June 2006. Dr Nagy Ghandour joined the practice at the beginning of 2014.

After over 40 years practicing together, in October 2014, Dr Sanjoy Chatterjee and Dr Sambhu Mukherjee retired from General Practice.

Dr Rajiv Ahuja continued the practice as Director and Dr Srikanth Sakrepatna joined the team upon their retirement. Dr Chau Tran joined in February 2017.



Our practice achieved Accreditation against the RACGP 5th Standards of General Practice and RACGP 5th Standards of Infection Control for the seventh time in December 2018. Accreditation is valid until March 2022.

The practice is fully computerised using Medical Director 3 and PracSoft 3 clinical software with a comprehensive back up system and IT support available.

Mission Statement

This practice strives to achieve the optimum level of patient care and understanding. We strive to provide our patients with a dependable patient to Doctor service whilst maintaining professionalism and empathy.

Practice Goals

The goals of the Doctors and staff of the Rutherford Medical Centre is to:

- Be known to have a reputation of providing patients care using best practice principles, up to date knowledge and technical advances.
- Provide services for patients incorporating awareness of individual health and social requirements.
- Provide respect and confidentiality for the patients to encourage good relationships between patients and practice.
- Provide safe working conditions for Doctors and staff through mutual respect and awareness of the individuality of personal and social requirements.
- Provide a flexible, family orientated environment for employees.
- Comply and exceed the RACGP 5th Edition Standards for General Practice.

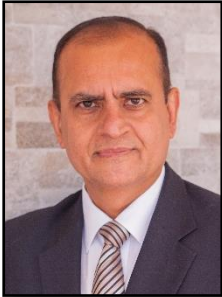
Practice Opening Hours

Monday to Friday	8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Sunday	Closed
Public Holidays	Closed

Patient Demographics

Active Patients 4381		Male	2169	Female	2212
0-9 Years	592	10-19 Years	621	20-29 Years	651
30-39 Years	611	40-49 Years	574	50-59 Years	480
60-69 Years	425	70-79 Years	300	80+ Years	127

Practice Team



Dr Rajiv Ahuja, General Practitioner & Director

Rajiv gained his Medicine degree at India University in 1984. Rajiv possesses an interest in Sports Medicine. In 2000, Rajiv, his wife, Varsha, and children, Pratik and Sakshi moved to Australia and began working at Maitland Hospital ED and gained FRACGP in 2006. Rajiv joined the practice in June 2006.



Dr Srikanth Sakrepatna, General Practitioner

Srikanth gained his Medicine degree at Bangalore University in India. Srikanth has a special interest in surgical procedures. In 2006, Srikanth moved to Australia. He joined our practice in October 2015.



Dr Nagy Ghandour, General Practitioner

Nagy gained his Medicine degree at Alexandria University, Egypt. Nagy joined the practice at the beginning of 2014 and became a Father of the Egyptian Orthodox Church in July 2016 and continues medicine part time.



Dr Chau Tran, General Practitioner

Preferring to be known as Mary, Mary gained her Medicine degree at Ho Chi Minh City University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Vietnam. In 2008 she studied Diploma of Endocrinology at University of Limoges, France. Mary joined our practice in February 2017.



Pratik Ahuja, Physiotherapist

Pratik joined our practice in 2017 and works one day a week providing physiotherapy services to our patients. Pratik has a special interest in sports physiotherapy.



Kerrie Lantry, Registered Nurse

Kerrie studied as a Registered Nurse at Newcastle University, graduating in 1993. Kerrie joined the practice in 2004. Kerrie is a registered immuniser and has completed her well womens training.



Michele Thomson, Registered Nurse

Michele is a highly experienced registered nurse that holds an exceptional level of professionalism and skill and sets an admirable benchmark for patient care. Michele joined our practice in 2015 and is a registered immuniser and has completed her well womens training.



Sheree Hill, Practice Manager

Sheree began working at the practice in 2000. She has completed Certificate 3 in Business (Administration), Certificate 4 in Health Supports Services (Supervision), Certificate 4 in Accounting and Certificate 4 in Medical Practice Assisting and has successfully led the practice through Accreditation six times.



Abbey Edwards, Receptionist

Abbey joined our team in 2010 and has completed Certificate 3 in Business Administration



Zoey Matheson, Receptionist

Zoey joined our team in 2015 and has completed Certificate 3 and 4 in Business Administration.



Angela Coulson, Receptionist

Angela began working at the practice in 2017

Local Area

Rutherford falls within the jurisdiction of Maitland City Council. Maitland City Council governs a large area, mostly within serviceability area of our practice.

Maitland, East Maitland, Telarah, Rutherford, Aberglasslyn, Farley, Gillieston Heights, Cliftleigh, Lochinvar, Windella, Maitland Vale, Bolwarra, Lorn, Ashtonfield, Metford, Tenambit, Thornton, Rathluba, Morpeth.

Population in Maitland in 2016 was 476,654.

Rutherford Medical Centre is located within the Rutherford Shopping Centre.

The Rutherford Shopping Centre provides the following facilities:

- Douglas Hanly Moir Pathology
- Amcal Max Pharmacy
- Priceline Pharmacy
- Aldi
- Woolworths
- Coles
- Rutherford Community Centre
- Rutherford Library
- Australia Post
- Greater Bank
- Newcastle Permanent Building Society
- Commonwealth Bank
- Maitland Mutual
- Bakeries
- Hairdressers
- Beauticians
- Clothing Stores
- Pacific Smiles Dental
- NIB Eye Care
- Newsagency
- Cafes
- KFC
- Pizza Hut
- Dominos
- McDonalds (nearby)
- Oportos (nearby)

Schools

The local area has many schools, both private and public, that are well known within the region for their performance, all within close proximity to Rutherford.

- Rutherford Public School
- Telarah Public School
- St Pauls Primary School, Rutherford
- St Patricks Primary School, Lochinvar
- Rutherford High School
- All Saints St Josephs Campus, Lochinvar
- All Saints St Peters Campus, Maitland
- Hunter Valley Grammar School, East Maitland
- Maitland Christian School, Metford
- Maitland TAFE
- Newcastle University

Hospitals

Maitland District Hospital is within 2km of the practice and provides Emergency Care, GP Access After Hours Clinic, Gynaecology, Obstetrics/Midwifery, Paediatrics, Orthopaedics, Physiotherapy, Mental Health, Renal Dialysis, Operation Suites.

Maitland Private Hospital is located approximately 15 minutes from the practice. For more information, view their website <https://maitlandprivatehospital.com.au/>

Specialists

There are many public and private specialists located within the Maitland district covering all facets of medicine.

- Gastroenterology
- Urology
- Cardiology
- Gynaecology
- Obstetrics
- General Surgeons
- General Physicians
- Orthopaedics
- Paediatrics
- Neurology
- Endocrinology
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Hearing Australia
- Skin Cancer Clinic
- Plastic Surgery
- Community Services

Major Retail Stores

Harvey Norman, Officeworks, Domayne, Woolworths, Coles, Aldi, IGA, Fantastic Furniture, Spotlight, Bunnings, Nick Scali, Toys R Us, Anaconda, Amart Furniture, Autobarn, Repco, Supercheap Auto, Pillowtalk, Adairs, Sheridan, Plush, K Mart, Big W, Good Guys, Bing Lee, Clothing Outlets

Locality

Hunter Expressway – approximately 15 minutes to Kurri Kurri exit, 13km

Sydney – approximately two hours from Central Station, 170km

Newcastle – approximately 40 minutes, 38km

Cessnock/Pokolbin (wineries) – approximately 20 minutes, 28km

Port Stephens (Nelson Bay) – approximately one hour, 80km

Lake Macquarie – approximately one hour, 60km

Central Coast – approximately 45 minutes, 90km

Transport

Airport

Newcastle Airport is located at Williamtown, approximately 40 minutes from Rutherford. It is a large airport with many flights arriving and departing daily by several major named and smaller airline carriers. There are several daily connections to Sydney, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Canberra and Melbourne.

Road

Rutherford is situated on the New England Highway. The New England Highway is connected to the M1 Pacific Motorway to Sydney and Pacific Highway to Northern NSW.

Train

CityRail operates many trains daily from Telarah Station, within 1km of the Rutherford Medical Centre. The major connecting station is at Maitland, within 2km of Rutherford. Trains connect at least hourly to Newcastle, Sydney and beyond. Countrylink travels via Maitland whilst on its Australia wide voyages.

Bus

Hunter Valley Buses operate within the Maitland area with several bus stops around the Rutherford Shopping Centre, known as Hillview Street on routes. Long distance bus travel is also available departing from Maitland.

Family Entertainment

- Reading Cinemas
- Heddon Greta Drive In
- Gravity X Trampoline Centre
- Inflatable World
- Super Strike Tenpin Bowling
- Flip Out Trampoline Centre
- Maitland Pool
- Maitland Park
- Hunter Valley Zoo
- Oakvale Farm & Fauna World
- Shark & Ray Centre
- Maitland Gaol Tour
- Hunter Valley Gardens

Restaurants, Pubs & Clubs

- Fratelli Roma
- Maneeya Thai
- Icky Sticky Patisserie
- The Whistler
- George & Dragon Restaurant
- Petersen's Champagne House
- Amanda's on the Edge
- Leaves & Fishes
- Goldfish Hunter Valley
- The Deck Café
- Restaurant Eighty Eight
- Potters Brewery
- Bradford Hotel
- East Maitland Bowling Club

Local Tourist Attractions

Cessnock/Pokolbin Wineries

The Hunter Valley is Australia's oldest and one of its most well known wine regions.

The region is the home of many big name wine makers including McGuigans, Tyrells, Petersen's Champagne and Tempus Two.



The Hunter Valley Gardens are renowned for its spectacular garden display, the biggest display in Australia, over 60 acres of waterfalls, trails, scene landscapes, themes and gardens, shopping village and picnic area.



The region has over 120 wineries, 60 restaurants, 160 accommodation venues and many activities including wine tours, wine tasting, cooking classes, hot air ballooning, skydiving, aqua golf, boutique shopping and helicopter joy flights.

The region houses many attractions; Hunter Valley Gardens, Greg Norman's Vintage Golf Course, Cypress Lakes Resort, Concerts at Hope Estate and Tempus Two, Day On The Green at Bimbagen Estate, Blue Tongue Brewery and Potters Brewery.



Local Tourist Attractions

Port Stephens

Port Stephens is a large region comprising of many well known areas, the main being Nelson Bay. The area is known for its pristine beaches, whale watching, dolphin cruises and white sandy beaches.



Stockton sand dunes covers many kilometres offering fun activities including sand safaris, quad bike tours, 4WD adventures and the shipwreck of the Sygna.

Port Stephens houses many resorts including Shoal Bay Resort and Spa, Pacific Blue Resort and The Anchorage.



Activities for the family in area include Oakvale Farm and Fauna World where you can interact and feed the various animals. Australia Shark & Ray Centre where you can swim, interact with and feed sharks within a controlled environment.

Fighter World offers a look into the world of the Australian Defence Force. Hunter Regional Botanic Gardens is the perfect place for a nice relaxing stroll.

Local Tourist Attractions

Barrington Tops

There are four main areas offering access to the diverse beauty of the forest of the Barrington Tops region.

The experience of each is different and a single visit can grant only a glimpse of the depth and complexity of these natural wonderlands.



Barrington Tops is the habitat of an enormous diversity of animal and plant life.

More than fifty plants and animals of the Barringtons are listed as rare, threatened or endangered.



Local Tourist Attractions

Newcastle

Newcastle is the central hub of the Hunter Valley. It is best known for its coal port and is home to arguably Australia's best beaches.



Newcastle Foreshore is a spectacularly beautiful area for dining, strolling and enjoying family time. The beaches offer excellent summer entertainment and King Edward Park offers picturesque views.

Newcastle's working harbour is one of the busiest with a minimum of twenty ships waiting offshore at any one time.

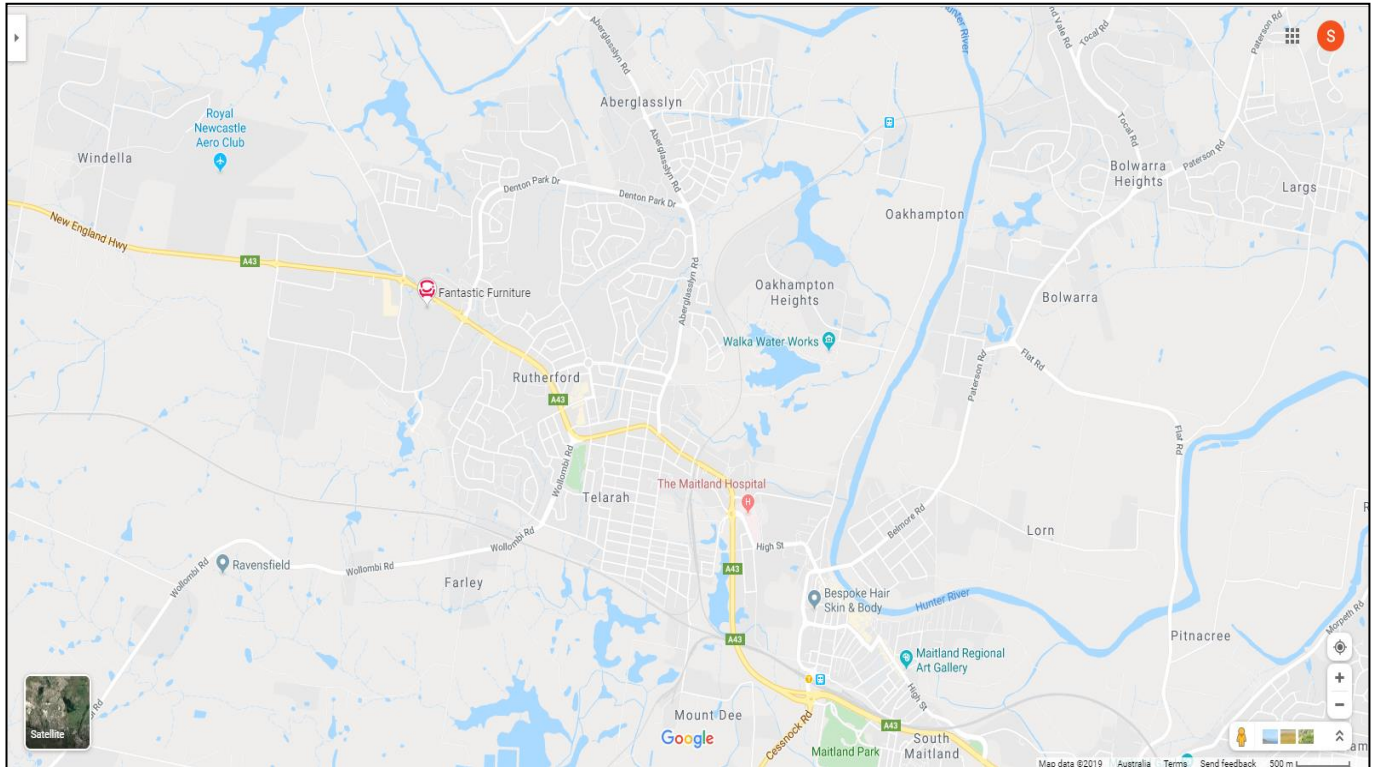


The Newcastle Knights call Newcastle home. The Knights supporters are famous Australia wide for their patriotism.

Newcastle offers great takeaway, casual and fine dining, fabulous shopping and a business district all within its picturesque surrounds.

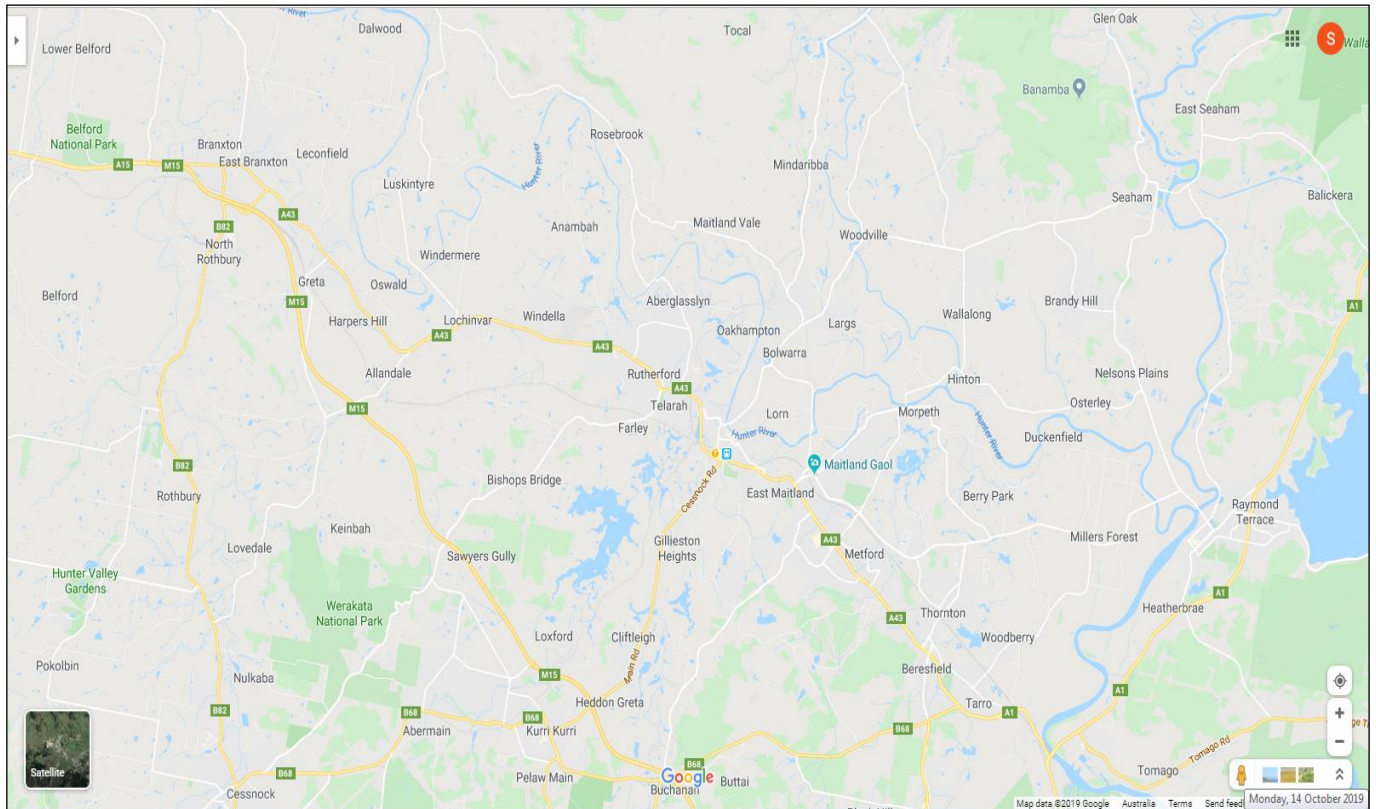
Newcastle's beauty really is something not to be missed.

Rutherford Map



This is the local map of Rutherford area and shows the proximity of the surgery to Maitland Hospital.

Local Area Map



Rutherford is located with Maitland City Council. The Rutherford area is currently known to be one of the biggest areas of growth within NSW.

There are several residential areas of development underway within a 15 minute radius of Rutherford: Heritage Parc at Rutherford, Wallis Creek at Gillieston Heights, Ravensfield Estate at Farley, Radford Park at Branxton, St Helena's at Lochinvar, Wyndham Ridge at Greta, Huntlee, Cliftleigh Meadows at Cliftleigh, Chisholm, Harvest at Thornton, Wirraway at Thornton and Hillview Estate at Louth Park.