



# SCAVENGER HUNT RATHMINES

Explore the area marked on the map to find the answer to each question. Then use those answers to solve the mystery phrase.

**HAVE FUN**

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- Plane-themed playground
- Rathmines Catalina Memorial
- By the lake

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**MORE TO SEE & DO**

- Dobell House at Wangi Wangi
- The Wangi Owl Art Trail
- Wangi Circuit Walking Track

- Catalina War Memorial
- Boulder
- Scooter Track
- Play Area
- Rathmines Park Playground
- 1st Rathmines Scout Hall
- Rest & Relaxation Sign
- Rathmines Theatre, nawayiba
- The Billy Boy Sign
- Basketball Court

## SCAVENGER HUNT

While you're searching keep your eyes open! How many items can you find?

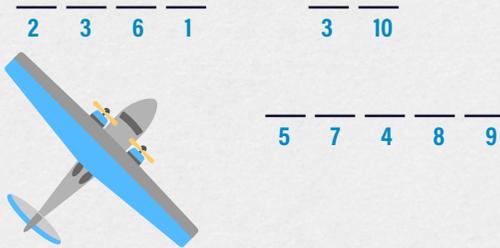
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Playground | <input type="checkbox"/> Plane      | <input type="checkbox"/> Flower   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bike |

GOOD LUCK!



# CAN YOU SOLVE THE MYSTERY PHRASE?

Lake Macquarie was considered an ideal location for Rathmines RAAF due to its large...



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## PLAN YOUR VISIT

There's plenty to see and do in Lake Macquarie. Here are our top picks.



## WHERE TO STAY

Lake Mac Holiday Parks provide a range of accommodation with plenty of facilities to keep the family busy.



## EXPLORE THE AREA MARKED ON THE MAP TO FIND THE ANSWER TO EACH QUESTION. THEN USE THOSE ANSWERS TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY PHRASE.



Welcome to Rathmines, the former site of the RAAF Catalina Air Base which operated from 1939 to 1960. This location was home to a fleet of 14 Catalina sea planes and almost 3000 officers and other ranks at its peak, making it the largest flying boat base in Australia. These seaplanes played a pivotal role in Australia's defensive operations in the Southwest Pacific during World War II.

- Start the scavenger hunt at the *Rathmines Catalina Memorial*. This memorial is dedicated to those who served at the *RAAF Rathmines* and to all associated with flying boats and seaplanes. What part of an airplane is on top of the memorial?
- Look for the large boulder behind the memorial. You'll find a plaque on it. What was this area officially named by the Mayor of Lake Macquarie on 29 September 2007?
- Cross the road safely with an adult and head to the playground area and the large learn to ride/scooter area. Look for the red shaded area on the scooter track. What is written in large white letters on the ground? It refers to the items necessary for plane operations like fuel and spare parts.
- What colour is the large slide in the play area near the learn to ride/scooter track?
- Venture to the plane-themed playground area near the lake. The Catalinas housed at RAAF Rathmines were large airplanes dubbed the *Flying Boats*. Read the main sign on the playground. How many signs are there around the playground which mark out the actual size of the Catalina flying boat?
- Find the Rathmines Scout Hall building near the playground. Look for the white sign on the wall facing the lake. It says "*Be Prepared...*" What follows that sentence?  !
- Walk back down to the lakeshore and follow the path past the playground and find the *Rest and Recreation* sign. This sign explains how military personnel could rest and unwind from their jobs. Located nearby is a building that was once used as a picture theatre and gymnasium. What is this building called now? It's marked 06 on the map on the Rest and Recreation sign.
- Watch out for cars and bikes in this area and then head northwest towards that building and locate the *Wandakalua* sign near the entrance. The Awabakal name for this building is *nawayiba*? What does this mean?
- Check for cars, then cross the road safely with an adult and head towards *Rathmines Youth Hub* which includes a skate park, pump track and a half-basketball court. Locate '*The Billy Boy*' sign. This artwork was painted by a renowned Australian artist and three-time recipient of the *Archibald Prize* who resided in nearby Wangi Wangi. He painted this portrait while he worked at the Rathmines RAAF base in 1943. What is the artist's name?
- If you head to the basketball court, you'll see a name of a military unit on the ground near the basketball hoop. The colour refers to the dark paint they used on the Catalinas to hide the large, slow flying boats during night missions. What is the name of the unit?

