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Welcome to the Central Coast

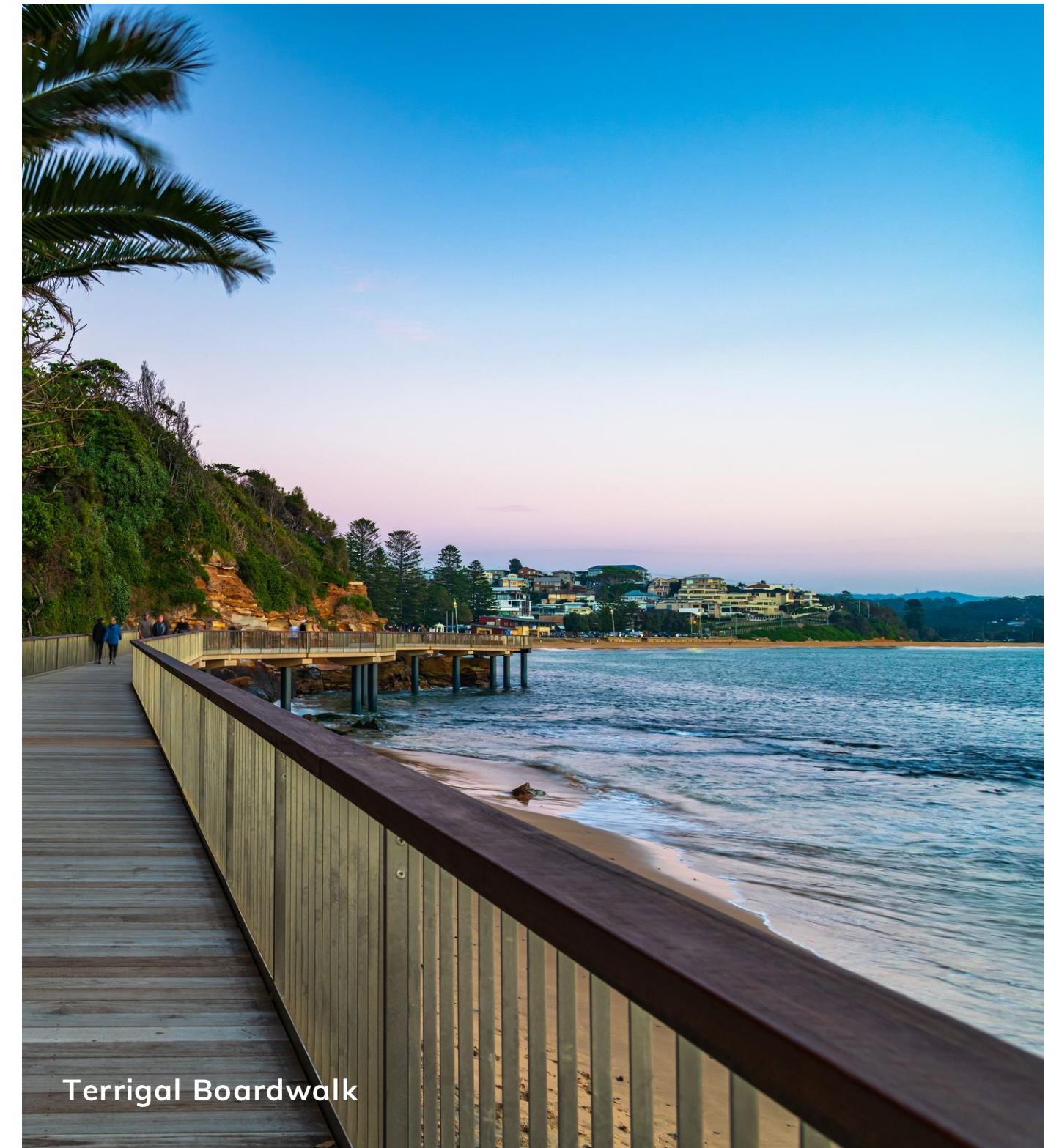
Information for Skilled Migrants

Long Jetty, NSW

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Terrigal Boardwalk

The Central Coast Region

Situated just 90 minutes' drive north of Sydney and south of Newcastle, the Central Coast is home to 40+ beaches, beautiful lakes, National Parks and thriving hospitality venues.

- One of Australia's most popular coastal destinations.
- Includes major localities and towns such as Gosford, Wyong, Terrigal, Woy Woy and The Entrance.
- The third-largest urban area in New South Wales and the ninth-largest urban area in Australia.
- Humid, subtropical climate, with warm, humid summers and mild winters.



FIRST WEEK IN AUSTRALIA – IMPORTANT TASKS

- Open a bank account
- Apply for a Tax File Number (TFN) & Superannuation
- Apply for a driver's licence or ID card
- Enrol with Medicare
- Obtain private Health Insurance
- Enrol children in school



Open a Bank Account



Income such as salary, wages and government benefits are usually paid into a bank account in your name. Debit cards are used for both cash withdrawals and everyday transactions.

There are many banks, building societies and credit unions to choose from. It is often easiest to visit a branch of your chosen bank in person, where they can guide on account choices and identity documents required.

For information on how to open a bank account in Australia as a non-resident [CLICK HERE](#)



Tax and superannuation



All workers in Australia are required to pay income tax and also have the right to superannuation payments from their employer.

Before beginning any work, you need to apply for a Tax File Number (TFN) and create a superannuation account.

Tax is automatically deducted by your employer (rates vary).

Superannuation is automatically contributed by your employer as a percentage of your gross income.

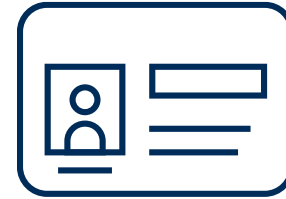
Learn more about tax [HERE](#)

Learn about Superannuation Funds [HERE](#)

For help call Australian Taxation Office 132 861



Apply for a driver's licence or NSW Photo Card



To drive in Australia a current drivers licence is required as well as your car must be registered.

In NSW, licenses and registrations are granted by Service NSW

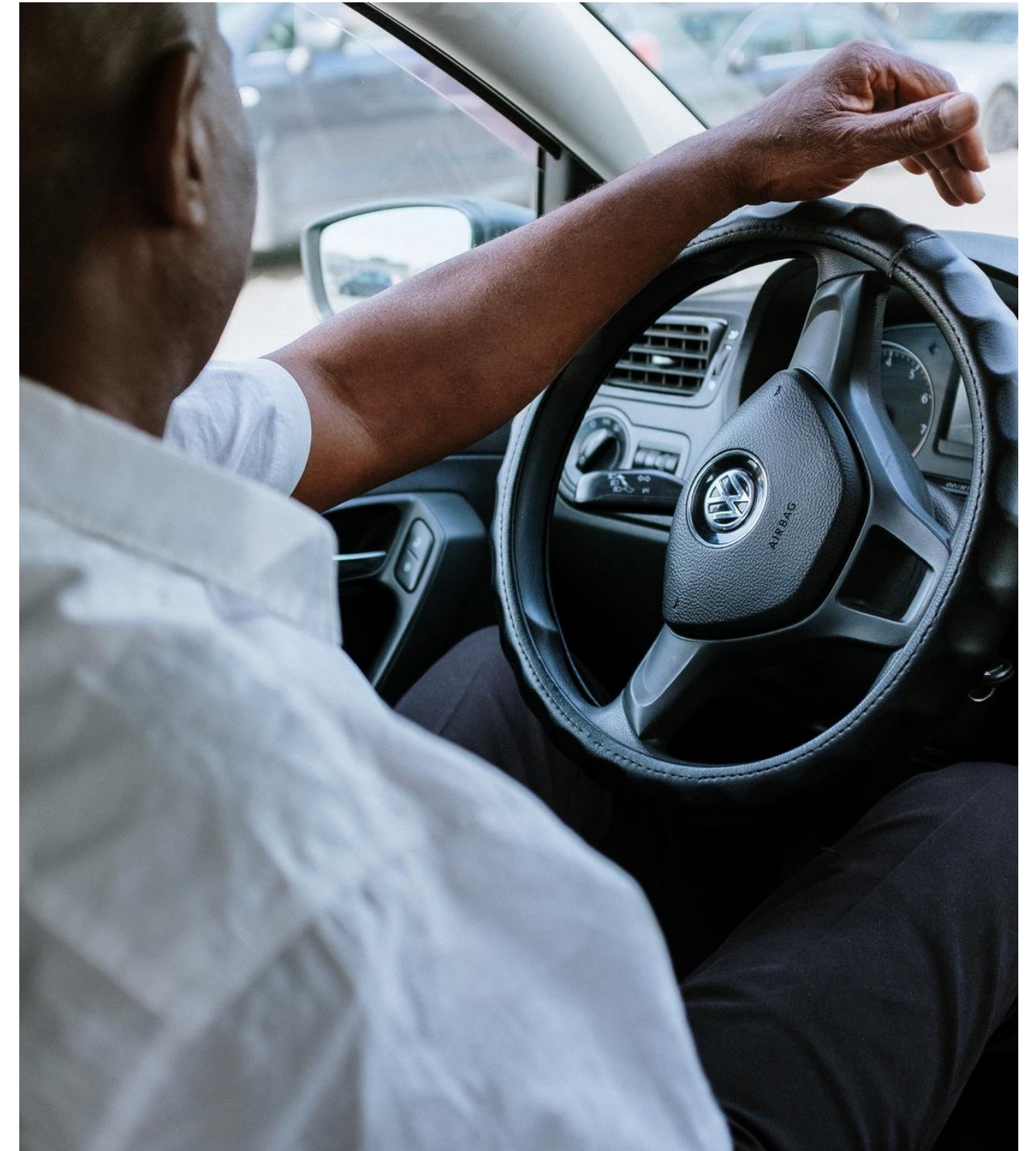
Overseas licence holders can drive in NSW for up to 3 months upon arrival. It must be translated in English and currently valid. Depending on your country of origin and age , you may need to pass a Driver Knowledge Test or a practical driving test to gain a NSW licence.

Find out more about overseas licenses. [HERE](#)

Find out more about car registration [HERE](#)

Service NSW also allow you to apply for a Photo Card

Find out more about Photo Cards [HERE](#)



Enrol with Medicare



Medicare is Australia's universal healthcare system.

It helps with some of the costs of seeing a doctor (bulk billing), hospital visits and getting medicines, it does not cover all medical costs.

To access Medicare in Australia certain criteria must be met.

To apply, you will need to provide a number of different documents, depending on your circumstances.

Find out more about Medicare [HERE](#)

Or visit a Medicare Service Centre [HERE](#)



Enrol Children in School



In NSW children must be enrolled in school by their 6th birthday.

There is a choice between public schools which are run by the government and are zoned or private / independent schools, some of which are linked to religions.

To find your nearest public school visit [HERE](#)

To find a private / independent school on the Central Coast visit [HERE](#)

Prior to school, children aged under 6 years can attend childcare.

For more information visit [HERE](#)



LIVING ON THE CENTRAL COAST

- Housing
- Employment
- Work Rights & Entitlements



Finding a home

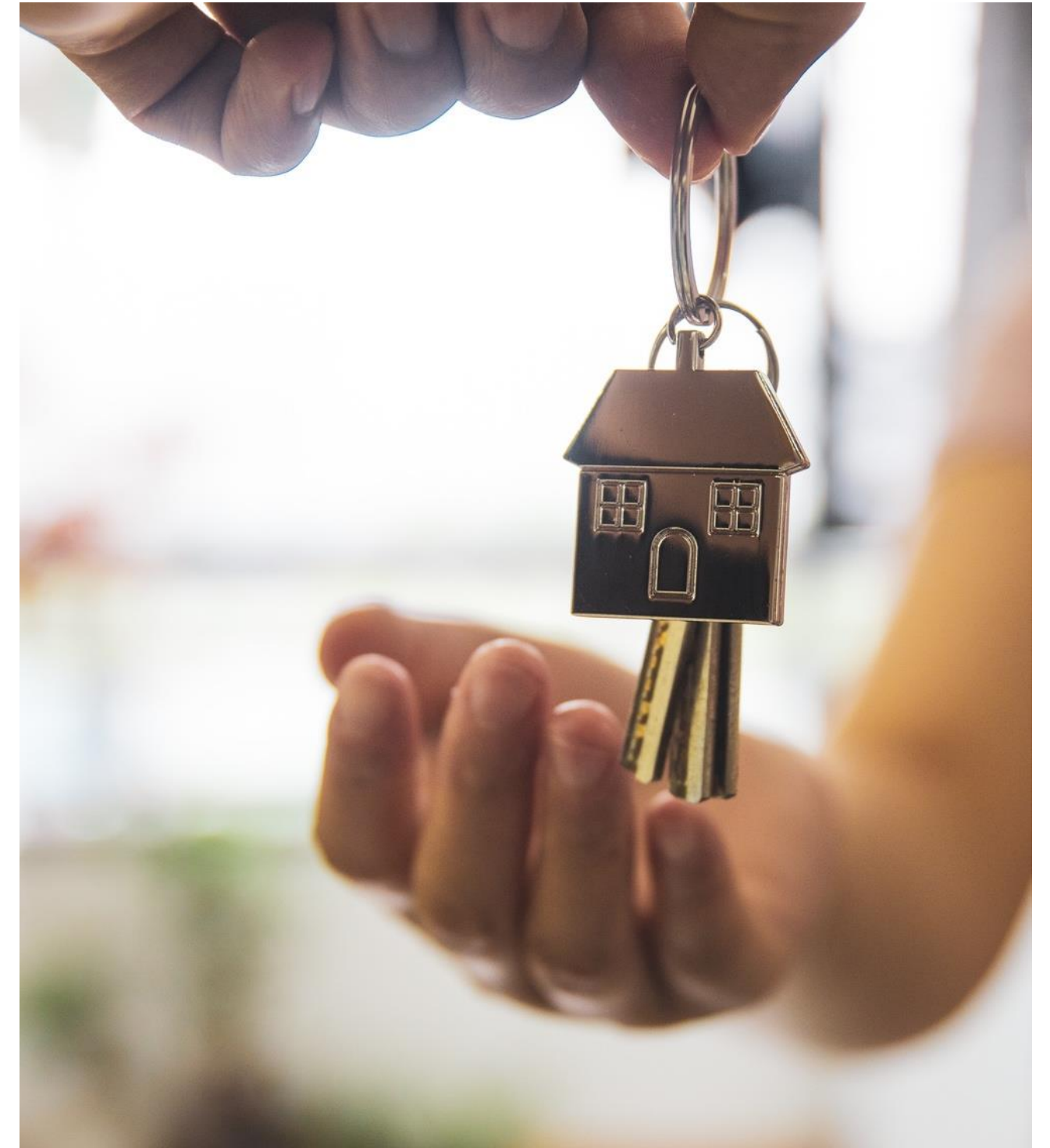


Websites like [Domain](#) and realestate.com.au can help you to search for properties to rent or buy.

Information and advice about tenants legal rights and obligations can be found [HERE](#)

Website like [Airbnb](#), [Stayz](#), [Booking.com](#) can help you search for temporary accommodation.

Websites like [Flatmates](#) and [Flatmate Finders](#) can help you find shared accommodation.



Seeking employment



Job websites make searching for Job easy in the one place:

- [Seek](#)
- [CareerOne](#)
- [Indeed](#)
- [Workforce Australia](#)

Employment agencies provide support for people looking for work.

Find a local employment agency [HERE](#)



Work Rights & Entitlements



Employers engaging foreign workers must comply with both Australian workplace laws and immigration laws.

Visit [FairWork](https://www.fairwork.gov.au) to find out more about:

- Permission to work with certain visas.
- Pay and conditions.
- Tax and superannuation.
- Tools and resources.



SUPPORT SERVICES

There are a number of migrant support services available to support you as you settle into your new life:

[Multicultural NSW](#)

This website can help you find your way as you settle in NSW with information and services for every part of your life.

[Mosaic Multicultural Connections](#)

Supports people to settle into Australia and assists people from multicultural backgrounds to actively engage with the communities where they live.

[Adult Migrant English Program \(AMEP\)](#)

A free service to help eligible migrants and humanitarian entrants with low English levels to improve their English language skills and settle into Australia.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE CENTRAL COAST

For more comprehensive information on the Central Coast region
read RDA Central Coast's

'MOVING TO THE CENTRAL COAST' – Your Welcome Guide



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