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Who wins?

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Acknowledge the Turrbal & Yuggera people

UCRH is a collaborating Centre between:



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Southern Cross
University



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OF WOLLONGONG
AUSTRALIA

UCRH North Coast?

15 UDRH's - rural health training & workforce development

3 campuses – Murwillumbah, Lismore, Grafton

23 universities

20 disciplines

2018

> 4300 weeks of placement

> 832 students



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Immersive service-learning

- *Not necessarily the traditional ratio of 1:1 student to discipline-specific professional*
- Service outcomes for host organisations & clients
- More than meets curriculum needs
- Contemporary practice
- Inter-professionalism experiences
- Theory into practice
- Community engagement

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Work-Ready Placements

800 students (non-traditional placements)

50 community sites

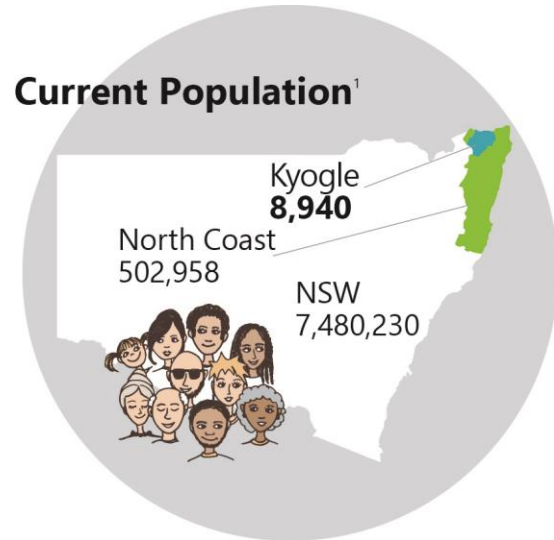
- public schools
- Preschools
- long day care
- aged care facilities
- student-led clinics
- not-for-profit organisations & social care agencies

13 local communities (disadvantaged, limited access and services)

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KYOGLE township, NSW



Median Age

Kyogle	North Coast	NSW
50	47	38

Aboriginal Population

Kyogle	North Coast	NSW
4.3%	5.0%	2.9%

Children & Infants (0-14)

Kyogle	North Coast	NSW
16.3%	17.1%	18.5%

Older People (65+)

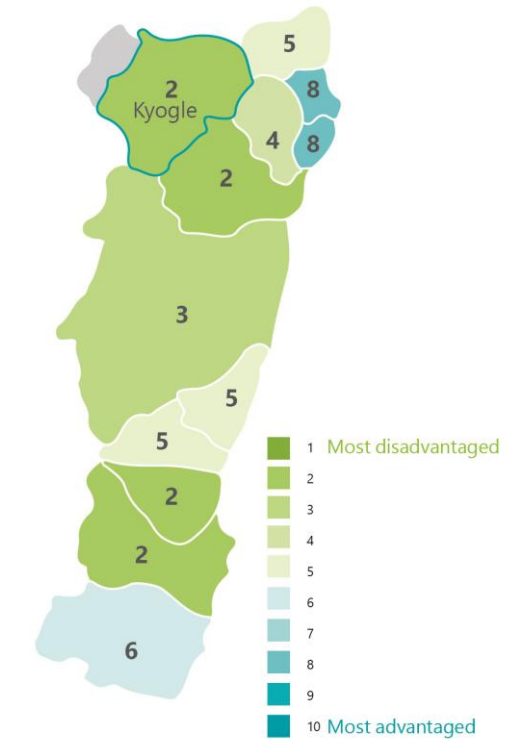
Kyogle	North Coast	NSW
23.0%	23.7%	16.3%

Allied Health Services

	Kyogle	North Coast	NSW
Health Professionals - FTE per 1,000 population¹⁴			
ATSI ¹⁵ Health Practitioners	0.00	0.02	0.01
Chiropractors	0.00	0.16	0.19
Chinese Medicine Practitioners	0.00	0.15	0.18
Dental Practitioners	0.00	0.7	0.77
Medical Radiation Practitioners	0.00	0.51	0.52
Nurses and Midwives	6.66	12.44	10.83
Occupational Therapists	0.00	0.51	0.54
Optometrists	0.00	0.16	0.2
Osteopaths	0.00	0.14	0.06
Pharmacists	0.44	0.79	0.92
Physiotherapists	0.44	0.82	0.89
Podiatrists	0.00	0.15	0.15
Psychologists	0.63	0.82	0.96

Socio-Economic Disadvantage¹

According to the 2016 Socio-Economic Index of Disadvantage, Kyogle LGA has been identified as an area of socio-economic disadvantage.



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Kyogle
Participants

NORTH COAST
3,372

7.4%
of respondents identified as ABORIGINAL or TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER

14.8%
of respondents identified as LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, QUEER, TRANSGENDER, NON-BINARY OR WITH A DIFFERENT GENDER OR SEXUAL IDENTITY

21.7%
of respondents said they wouldn't be able to get \$2,000 for something important within a WEEK

33.6%
of respondents had PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE

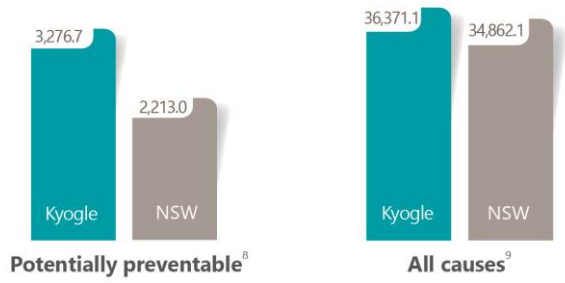
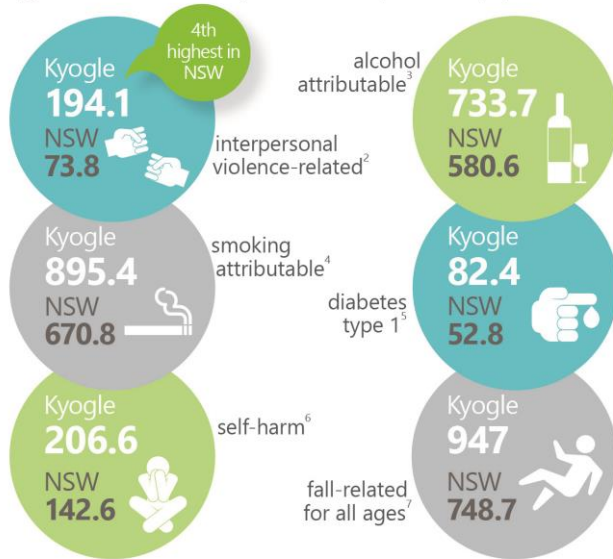
17.4%
of respondents were BORN OVERSEAS

5.7%
of respondents were AGED between 15-24 YEARS

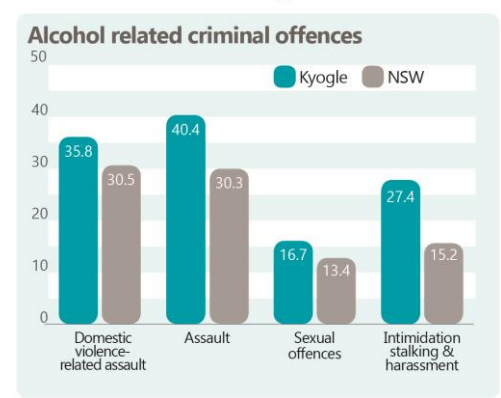
27.9%
of respondents were AGED 65 YEARS or over

14.2%
of respondents WORKED 35 or more HOURS a week

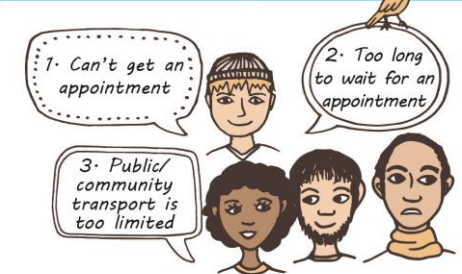
Higher Rates of Hospitalisation per 100,000 population



Alcohol and other drugs¹³



41.8% of respondents said it was difficult to access a Doctor (GP)



47.4% of respondents said it was difficult to access Allied Health Professionals*

Difficult to access	Kyogle	North Coast
1 Psychologist	38.0%	29.6%
2 Dentist	32.0%	38.1%
3 Optometrist	27.2%	14.1%
4 Social Worker	18.5%	10.0%
5 Nurse	16.6%	7.7%

Top 3 Challenges:
 1. Distance of travel - 71.7%
 2. Cost - 52.8%
 3. Lack of Specialists - 50.7%



