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# SOUTHERN GREAT BARRIER REEF

HOLIDAY PLANNER 2019/20



Bundaberg | Bargara | Agnes Water | Gladstone | Rockhampton | Yeppoon  
Lady Elliot Island | Lady Musgrave Island | Heron Island | Great Keppel Island  
Cania Gorge | Carnarvon Gorge | Sapphire Gemfields | Emerald | Capricorn Way  
Leichhardt Way | Pacific Coast Way | Australia's Country Way | Great Inland Way

 **Southern  
Great Barrier Reef**  
Queensland *Where great begins*

## Did you know?

The Southern Great Barrier Reef & Sandstone Wilderness is easily accessible by air, road, rail.

Bundaberg in the south is only four hours drive from the state's capital, and Rockhampton and Gladstone in the north and Emerald in the west are just over an hours flight. There is also good access to the region's western hinterland and Central Highlands via the major highways.

# Welcome

to the SOUTHERN GREAT BARRIER REEF

The Southern Great Barrier Reef – a bucket list destination unlike any other; millions of years in the making and built on the very best the Sunshine State has to offer.

Your journey starts just four hours north of Brisbane, with flavour country and never-ending seasonal produce; stretches inland to the sapphire-rich gemfields and sandstone wilderness; linked to the stunning coast by a chain of tropical islands atop Australia's greatest natural wonder.

Put simply, we're sun, sand and surf. We're paddock to plate, from fifth generation farmers to the new-age millennial tastemakers. We're history rediscovered. We're open spaces and endless possibilities.

**We are the Southern Great Barrier Reef... and we're waiting for you!**

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# YOUR *Bucket List*

A trip to the Southern Great Barrier Reef isn't complete without these experiences.

1

## TASTE THE SEASONAL PRODUCE

The region is where roadside honesty boxes, seafood straight off the boat & paddock to plate dining meet.

2

## EXPLORE SANDSTONE WILDERNESS

Visit the inland oasis where lush forests burst out of sandstone gorges.

3

## VISIT THE REEF ISLANDS

Explore picture perfect islands and coral reefs.

4

## DIVE IN & SNORKEL

Pull on your fins and mask to snorkel right off the beach and dive on world-class reef.

5

## SWIM WITH MARINE LOCALS

Say g'day to the cast of Finding Nemo: tropical fish, turtles, manta rays and more.

6

## EPIC ROAD TRIP

Jump in the car and explore the Country Way, Leichhardt Way, Capricorn Way and Great Inland Way.

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**REGION MAP**

**LEGEND**

-  Domestic Airports
-  Train Routes
- Touring Routes**
-  Pacific Coast Way
-  Great Inland Way
-  Australia's Country Way
-  Capricorn Way
-  Capricorn Coast Scenic Loop
-  Leichhardt Way

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# Annual Events

## JANUARY

Great Australia Day Beach Party (Yeppoon)  
Summer Solstice Light Spectacle (Capricorn Caves)

## FEBRUARY

Agnes Water Blues Roots and Rock Festival  
Reef to Beach Longboard Classic (Agnes Water)  
The Bundaberg Cup  
Cycle Fest International (Bundaberg)

## MARCH

Monto Race Day  
Crocodile Hatching (Koorana Crocodile Farm)

## APRIL

Festival of the Wind (Emu Park)  
Gladstone Harbour Festival  
Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race  
Central Highlands Easter Sunflower Festival  
Golden Mount Festival (Mount Morgan)  
Elders Country Music Campout (Boyne Valley)  
Boyne Tannum Hook Up  
Easter at Woodgate Beach

## MAY

Captain Cook 1770 Festival  
Gayndah Orange Festival  
Capricorn Coast Writers Festival (Yeppoon)  
Old Station Fly In & Heritage Show (Bi-annual, Raglan)  
Taste Bundaberg Festival  
Boyne Tannum Hook Up

## JUNE

Eco Fest (Gladstone)  
Mount Larcom Show  
Rockhampton Winter Racing Carnival  
Taste Bundaberg Festival

## JULY

Rockhampton River Festival  
Gold Rush Hill Sprint (Mount Morgan)  
Paradise Lagoons Campdraft (Rockhampton)  
Childers Festival  
Yeppoon Triathlon Festival  
Taste Bundaberg Festival

## AUGUST

Brisbane to Keppel Tropical Yacht Race  
Yeppoon Triathlon Festival  
Moore Park Beach Arts Festival  
Cane to Coral Fun Run (Bundaberg)  
Gemfest - Festival of Gems (Anakie)  
Village Festival (Yeppoon)  
Botanic to Bridge (Gladstone)  
Taste Bundaberg Festival  
Central Highlands Multicultural Festival (Emerald)

## SEPTEMBER

Challenge the Mountain (Rockhampton)  
Gladstone Multicultural Festival  
Emu Park Fishing Classic  
Heartland Festival (North Burnett Region)  
Capricorn Food & Wine Festival (Rockhampton)  
Monto Dairy Festival (Bi-annual)  
Under the Trees (Boyne Island)

## OCTOBER

Yeppoon Running Festival  
Woodgate Arts in Spring  
Under the Trees Music Festival (Boyne Island)  
Yeppoon Lions Tropical Pinefest (Yeppoon)  
Fitzroy Barra Bounty (Rockhampton)  
Lighthouse Festival (Burnett Heads)  
Capricorn Film Festival (Gladstone)  
Biggenden Rose Festival

## NOVEMBER

Great Barrier Reef Swim (Heron Island)  
Bundaberg Turtle Festival

## DECEMBER

One Hot Night Music Festival (Rockhampton)  
Rockin Rocky Music Festival (Rockhampton)  
Summer Solstice Light Spectacle (Capricorn Caves)

# Events

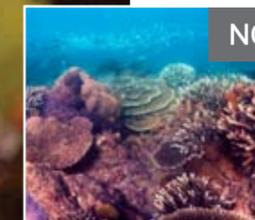
## BY NATURE

Whether it be crawling, flying, swimming, hatching, or breaching, the Southern Great Barrier Reef is always celebrating the wonders of nature...



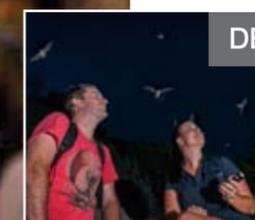
### NOV - MAR | TURTLE SEASON

See turtles laying their eggs & hatching on many of our beaches & islands. Ranger-guided tours are available at Mon Repos beach near Bargara.



### NOV - DEC | CORAL SPAWNING

A once a year phenomenon when corals reproduce. The timing is linked to the lunar cycle and water temperatures. Divers say it looks like an underwater snowstorm.



### DEC - FEB | BAT CLEFT TOURS

Home to 80% of Australia's breeding population of bent-wing bats, see the emergent flight of thousands of these tiny creatures from a cave at dusk on a ranger-guided tour.



### MAR - APR | MANTA RAY SEASON

Manta Ray can be seen all year around, however peak season is recommended for avid divers. Lady Elliot & Heron Islands are renown for these majestic creatures.



### JUN - SEPT | WHALE SEASON

Our waters are abundant with seasonal migrating whales. Whale Watching tours depart from Yeppoon, Town of 1770 and Bundaberg, however you can spot whales from many of our islands when in season.

# Islands

Should you need further proof that the Southern Great Barrier Reef really is 'where great begins', you need only to set foot on the warm, white sands of countless tropical islands scattered lovingly along the Central Queensland coastline.

## Great Keppel Island

Just 30 minutes from Yeppoon's Capricorn Coast, Great Keppel Island is where you quite literally have your pick of seventeen secluded white-sand beaches to snorkel, sail, dive, fish and swim 365 days a year.

Great Keppel Island's rugged interior is brimming with native flora and fauna and presents an interesting adventure for any happy snappers looking for the elusive rainbow bee-eater or olive-backed sunbird. The island is a popular hiking destination and there are a range of treks and trails weaving their way across the entire 1454 hectares for those wanting to get up close and personal with our feathered friends.

Stay the night or stay forever! Great Keppel Island offers a range of accommodation from tents, cabins and bungalows through to private waterfront beach houses. Ferries depart every day from Rosslyn Bay Harbour and a number of charters including full day cruises, sailing adventures and extended tour options are also available.

## Pumpkin Island

Pumpkin Island is a hidden gem in the Keppel group of islands. Located just a 30 minute boat transfer from Keppel Bay Marina, this tiny island - just six hectares in total - offers you eco-friendly self-catering units that are powered by the wind and the sun.

Snorkeling, Lady Musgrave Island



Heron Island

## Heron Island

It's here that the Southern Great Barrier Reef's well-earned reputation as one of Australia's premier dive destinations truly comes to the fore.

Heron Island Resort welcomes guests all year round, with regular transfers available by ferry, helicopter and seaplane. Fringed with white sand and aqua water, the island offers some of the world's best snorkel and dive sites just metres from the shore. Guests may also witness the circle of life continue when hundreds of green and loggerhead turtles return to breed and lay their eggs from September to March each year.

It's here, that the world's most renowned naturalist and film maker embarked on his 'last great road trip'. Almost 60 years ago, a young Sir David Attenborough first visited the Southern Great Barrier Reef and he still describes it as 'his most magical place on earth'. And if Sir David felt compelled to return, well, it might be high time you too paid a visit to the reef and discover the magic for yourself.

## Lady Musgrave Island

If cruising stunning coral in sun soaked waters alongside giant marine life is a holiday dream, then Lady Musgrave Island must be your next port of call.

The island is set on 3000 acres of living reef with a protected lagoon, making it a perfect spot for snorkelling, with day trips departing from the Port of Bundaberg and the Town of 1770.

Discover dense pisonia forest that grows atop this tiny coral cay and the extraordinary diversity of seabirds who call the island home. It is also one of the few islands anywhere along the entire Great Barrier Reef where you can swim, snorkel and dive by day and camp out by night.

## Lady Elliot Island

A short 25-minute flight from the Bundaberg Airport and you'll touch down on Lady Elliot Island; the southern-most island, first lady of the reef and literal gateway to the Southern Great Barrier Reef.

The original eco-resort opened in 1984, catering to day trippers and overnight guests and is as popular now as it was then, both above and below the surface. Lady Elliot is known the world over as the home of the majestic manta ray and to date researchers have identified more than 700 individual rays living and thriving in the surrounding waters. Snorkelling and glass bottom boat rides are highly recommended.

Flights to the island also depart from Hervey Bay, Gold Coast and Brisbane, making it an ideal way to experience the reef from the state's capital. So I guess the only question is, what are you waiting for...

Lady Elliot Island





# Beaches

With so many gorgeous beaches to choose from on the Southern Great Barrier Reef's 300 kilometre coastline, how do you go about finding the best one? Let us show you just the place...

Woodgate Beach is the southern-most beach in our list of favourites. Offering a stunning curve of white sand over 16 kilometres long and backed by a continuous sweep of shady she-oaks, Woodgate Beach offers calm waters, protected from strong swells by Fraser Island and the shallow seas here are home to dugongs and turtles.

Located at the mouth of the Elliott River, Elliott Heads offers sweeping white sand and blue waters, and is a haven for kite surfers and families alike.

A 15 minute drive from Bundaberg, nestled into the shores of Bargara's Coral Coast is Kellys Beach, a family favourite with calm waters and a pleasant reef where you can snorkel straight off the mainland.

Further north, the stretch of golden sand at Agnes Water boasts Queensland's most northerly surf beach and is a popular holiday destination for beach lovers, offering a huge range of accommodation to suit all travellers.

A short drive north is Agnes Water's sister, Town of 1770. With a lush foreshore and calm waters it's perfect for families or to try watersports such as kayaking or paddle boarding.

Back on the northern highway not far from Gladstone is Tannum Sands. Enjoy a day filled with sun and sand, or stroll the esplanade at this patrolled surf beach.

The sunny days and starry nights continue further north on the Capricorn Coast where the secluded beaches stand sentinel over the beautiful, island studded Keppel Bay. Yeppoon and Emu Park Main Beaches are great places to sculpt a sandcastle, swim in the surf and finish with a feed of fish and chips or if you want to escape the crowds, hit the coastal drive and find a beach all to yourself.

Not all of our great pieces of sand are on the mainland. Aqua waters, pristine silica sands and tropical island views; it's easy to see why Long Beach on Great Keppel Island has been voted number 14 in Australia's best beaches list. A short 30 minute ferry transfer from the mainland is all it takes to be transported to a tropical paradise.



# Turtles

The Southern Great Barrier Reef is famous for its turtles. You can witness them nesting on many of our beaches along the coast, spot one from a lookout or even be lucky enough to swim with one on the reef!..

If Master Splinter has taught us anything, it's that the tiniest of turtles can overcome insurmountable odds – around 1 in 1000 to be precise. And even if you're not familiar with the famous 'heroes in a half shell', you need only to visit the Southern Great Barrier Reef to witness one of nature's most inspiring sights.

Bundaberg's Mon Repos is home to the largest nesting population of loggerhead turtles in the entire South Pacific. Every year between November and March thousands return home to lay their eggs and give life to the next generation of gentle giants and Mon Repos offers the only Ranger-guided turtle encounter in Australia. You can also flip out with our flippered friends all along the coastline. Turtles nest the length of the Southern Great Barrier Reef coastline and there are many points on the mainland where turtles and their nests can be spotted on the countless beaches and from lookouts that grace our coast.

Most Southern Great Barrier Reef islands are turtle habitats and offer the chance to swim and snorkel alongside turtles for your opportunity to take that elusive turtle selfie!

Lady Elliot Island is home to the critically endangered Hawksbill sea turtle and, along with Heron Island and Lady Musgrave Island, is a turtle paradise for green and loggerhead turtles. Great Keppel and the surrounding islands are an important breeding rookery for the flatback turtles.

Now if that's not a reason to 'shell-e-brate', we don't know what is!



## LOCAL *Flavours*

A fellow foodie once famously wrote: "Life is too short for fake butter or fake people!" The good news is you'll find scant evidence of either across the Southern Great Barrier Reef.

Instead you'll find the beating heart of a regional food bowl where salt-of-the-earth farmers and primary producers are as colourful as their never-ending seasonal produce.

Just four hours' drive north of Brisbane and you're in flavour country. Bundaberg and the North Burnett are renowned for locally grown fruit and vegetables including avocados, strawberries, figs, macadamias, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, zucchinis and pumpkins.

The rich, red Central Queensland soil also produces some of the world's best citrus and ginger which is not only exported across the globe, but lovingly used in local dishes throughout the countless corner cafés and coffee shops, quiet pubs and bustling restaurants.

Explore the sugarcane-lined red dirt roads of the region, where roadside stalls boast an abundance of freshly-picked produce. Or take a tour for a behind-the-scenes look at the farms and drinks producers that populate the area.

Added to the abundance of produce from the land, Bundaberg has a great variety of locally caught seafood that is sure to be the highlight of any gourmet meal.

To wash it all down, the Southern Great Barrier Reef region has a choice of award-winning local spirits, ciders, wines, beers and liqueurs from the local producers scattered across the entire region, where daily cellar door and distillery tours and tastings are the perfect way to spend a day... or two or three!

If you have a hankering for fresh local seafood, then the Southern Great Barrier Reef is your oyster...



Bundaberg Rum Visitor Experience



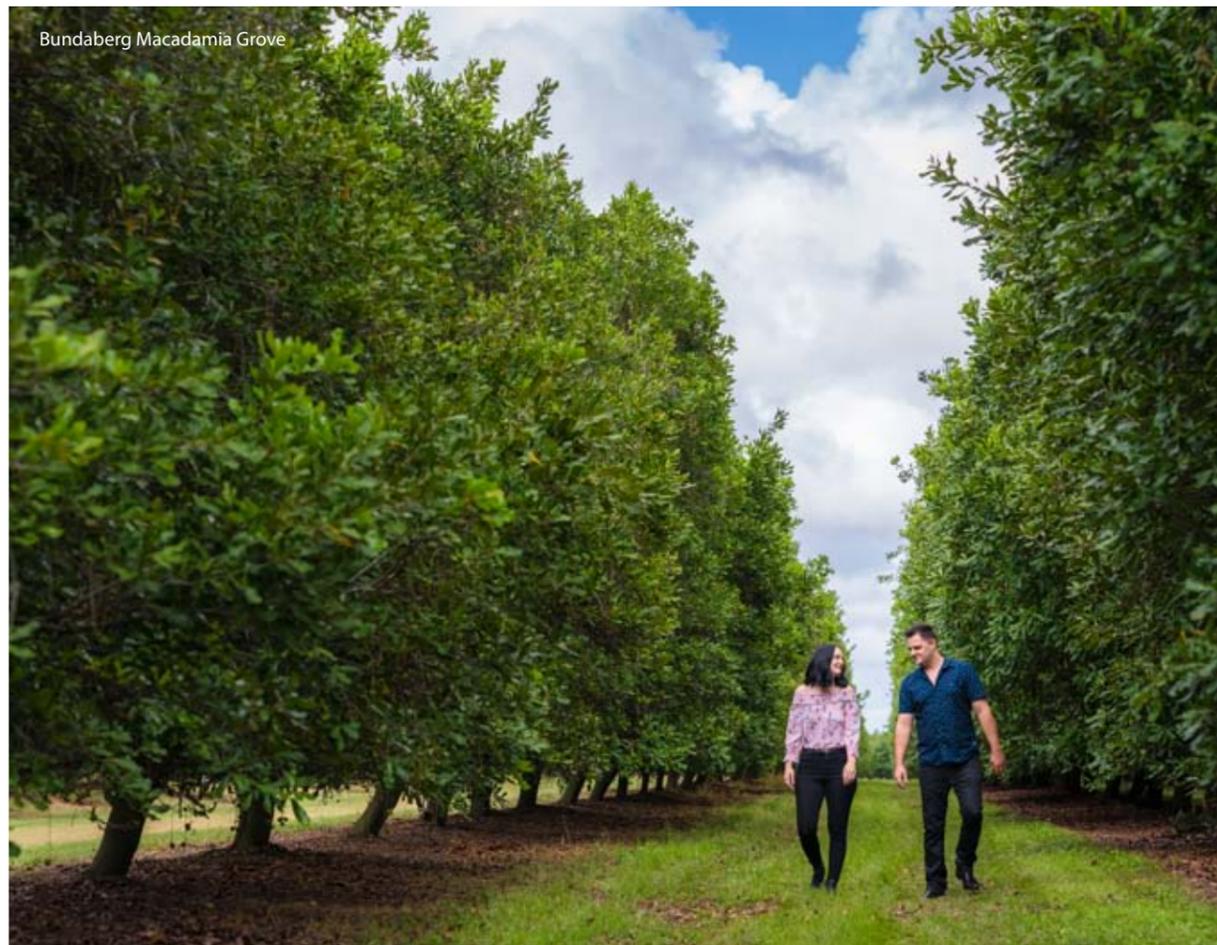
Windmill Cafe, Barga

## Food Festivals

**Heartland Festival**  
North Burnett Region  
September

**Taste Bundaberg Festival**  
Bundaberg Region  
May - August

**Capricorn Food & Wine Festival**  
Rockhampton  
September



Bundaberg Macadamia Grove

The Southern Great Barrier Reef spans hundreds of kilometres along the glorious Central Queensland coastline, so it's really no surprise that we are in a class of our own when it comes to premium seafood!

Gladstone and the Discovery Coast have become somewhat synonymous with the good ol' Aussie mud crab – so much so there's even a local footy team that bears the same name. But that's neither here nor there; what is here however is sustainable, locally caught seafood including sand crab, prawns, succulent scallops, bugs and oysters served fresh 365 days a year.

That trend continues up the coast to Keppel Bay where freshly caught reef fish are an everyday gourmet, ranging from red emperor and coral trout to bountiful beach and estuary species like bream, whiting and flathead. Yeppoon and the Capricorn Coast are also the heart of Queensland's \$80 million pineapple industry and our old fashioned country charm rings true with plenty of honesty boxes and rustic timber fruit stalls found at farm gates across the region.

Rockhampton is widely known as the Beef Capital of Australia and there are many pubs and restaurants serving the juiciest of steaks to support this claim. But we're not done yet, follow the Capricorn Highway west and you will discover yet another food bowl around the town of Emerald. Citrus, table grapes, corn, chickpeas, wheat and sunflowers are all grown in this region, but for something truly different try the freshwater Redclaw Crayfish, a local delight from nearby Lake Maraboon.

# Fishing & BOATING

The Southern Great Barrier Reef is quite simply the pinnacle of Australian angling, offering some of the most diverse and more importantly, accessible fishing destinations anywhere in the country. There are marinas in Bundaberg, Town of 1770, Gladstone and Yeppoon.

Most anglers are a little coy – to say the least – when discussing their favourite fishing holes, let alone inviting fellow fishermen into their fabled hotspots to try their luck. Here in Central Queensland, we're a little friendlier, a little more forthcoming, and a lot more serious about landing the big one.

If you prefer to wet a line offshore then prepare yourself. The Southern Great Barrier Reef is a maze of over 43 islands and in excess of 30 reefs, stretching from Lady Elliot Island in the south to the Keppel Island Group in the north. This world class fishery is home to amazing species such as Coral Trout, Red Emperor, Spanish Mackerel, Yellowfin Tuna, Marlin and Sailfish, not to mention it is also the departure point for the Swain Reef systems and others like Cato reef.

There are a number of charter operators with a wealth of local knowledge offering everything from day trips to week long deep sea fishing adventures.

For freshwater fishermen looking for the ultimate road trip, a few strategic stops along the bountiful Bass to Barra Trail will no doubt be your first port of call. The trail includes Bundaberg's Lake Monduran, where a world record barramundi was caught from a kayak; through to Lake Awoonga in the Gladstone Region. Lake Awoonga is the place to catch Barramundi with over 4 million released into the lake, the largest caught weighted in at 36kgs! Not only does it have plenty of barramundi, it is one of the few dams in Queensland to have been stocked with Mangrove Jack.

The lakes and weirs of the western Central Highlands region also offerer some lucrative Barramundi fishing. Be sure to mark Lake Maraboon and Bedford Weir on your 'must fish' list.



Fitzroy River, Rockhampton City



Bedford Weir



Keppel Bay

### *Did you know?*

The biggest barramundi EVER landed was caught at Lake Monduran near Bundaberg. Measuring 135cm and weighing in at a whopping 44 kilograms, it was caught by a fisherman on a kayak!

Rockhampton's famous Fitzroy River is a Net Free Zone and also popular for mangrove jack, black jew, king salmon and of course, the mighty barramundi. In fact more than 3,200 barra have been tagged and released in the past two decades.

The Keppel Islands and surrounding reefs are another Net Free Zone and have proved a haven for local delicacies including mackerel (spotties, doggies and spanish), coral trout, grassy sweetlip and tasty reds. Better yet, access to these reefs are less than half an hour from Rosslyn Bay Harbour and surrounding boat ramps in Yeppoon and Emu Park.

You also have your choice of inland estuaries including Coorooman Creek, Causeway Lake and Ross Creek for whiting, grunter, flathead and of course delicious mud crabs. Meanwhile headlands like Double Head and Five Rocks are great structures to hone in on if you fancy a feed of bream, cod or mackerel.

Gladstone is known as the Port City to the world with its large scale export terminals and it's here you can enjoy the best of both worlds. Have your choice of 20-plus reefs to fish offshore around the Bunker Group of Islands or snake your way through the mangrove-rich estuaries, including known hotspots like the Calliope and Boyne Rivers, the Narrows, Baffle Creek, Dawson River and Turkey Beach.

The Bundaberg region offers miles of river-to-reef fishing options including the Burnett River. Try for mackerel and tuna at the mouth of the Burnett, catch a feast of mudcrab and prawns at Rubyana Creek, or cast a line for larger lots along the picturesque depths through to Splitters Creek.

See you on the water. Remember good things come to those who 'bait!'

# Pacific Coast Way

The Pacific Coast Way links coastal havens, hinterland towns, and major cities all along the east coast, from the Gold Coast to Cairns.





Burrum Coast National Park - Banksia Track



Mammino Ice Cream

## Childers & Woodgate Beach

### Childers

Childers is the beating heart of the regional food bowl and can trace its well-earned reputation back to the 1800s, when it was little more than a sleepy sugar cane settlement with a big future.

The area is still famous for its old-world charm and a stroll through the certified National Trust Town is a throwback to Queensland's colonial past. Boasting more than 25 beautiful heritage-listed buildings, there is perhaps no more picturesque place to start than the historic Butcher Shop built circa 1896, before taking in the famous Palace Hotel, home to the local Visitor Information Centre, the Backpacker Memorial and the Childers Art Space (CHARTS).

Childers' present day produce is sure to whet your appetite for all the Southern Great Barrier Reef has to offer. The surrounding green hills and rich red soil produce some of the most sought after avocados and macadamias you will ever taste and rustic farm stalls speckle the roadside for miles. A number of award-winning wineries offer daily cellar door tours and tastings and every year, during the last weekend in July, these flourishing local flavours combine for the annual Childers Festival, where a grand old gathering of 40,000-plus people celebrating delicious food, live music and a thriving country culture.

The kids won't let you leave town without trying a famous Mammino Ice Cream – including the signature Red Dirt Jaffa Macadamia – and the Snakes Downunder Reptile Park & Zoo is well worth a visit.

### Woodgate Beach

When your appetite is well and truly sated, the stunning white beaches of the Bundaberg coastline are just half an hour away.

Woodgate Beach has been touted on TripAdvisor as 'Queensland's best kept secret' and who are we to disagree? The beach stretches 16 kilometres and is bordered by the Burrum National Park, where you'll find four-wheel-drive and hiking trails, hundreds of native bird species and mobs of grey kangaroos looking a little too relaxed! It's one of the few places where you can camp under stars, right on the beach, with the light lapping of the waves the only soundtrack to your stay. A range of motel accommodation, caravan parks and beach houses are also available for those extended holidays.

### Gin Gin

The garden town in Gin Gin is the gateway to the popular waters of Lake Monduran, the incredible Boolboonda Tunnel, and the Goodnight Scrub National Park.



Woodgate Beach



Indulge Cafe, Bundaberg



# Bundaberg

Bundaberg is a thriving city boasting the perfect mix of coastline and country; from funky beachside bars and cafés at beautiful Bargara, gourmet local produce of the iconic eateries and extensive farmgates, to the popular boutiques in the historical main street.

It is known world-wide as the home to iconic brands like Bundaberg Rum and Bundaberg Brewed Drinks, and is experiencing an explosion of artisan food and drink producers, maximising the region's rich agricultural heritage.

Those who've tasted a tippie of Bundaberg Rum in their time will already have an ornate appreciation of the Southern Great Barrier Reef, thanks to the iconic Aussie rum from whence it came.

Indeed the similarities are striking – both radiate a rugged yet refined quality; both are steeped in history with an eye to the future; and both can be enjoyed all year round! The traditional recipe has changed little in 125 years since the first batch of Bundaberg Rum was bottled, and the distillery is now a hugely popular tourist attraction.

The family-owned Bundaberg Brewed Drinks is home to traditionally made soft drinks that are sold in over 40 countries around the world. Take a tour in the brand new Barrel and taste all thirteen hand-crafted flavours.

Make sure you visit the impressive Hinkler Hall of Aviation to uncover the adventures of Bundaberg's favourite son. As a teenager, aviation pioneer Bert Hinkler famously flew his own hand-built gliders on Mon Repos Beach, which now bears witness to a whole new batch of curious youngsters, trying to make their own way in the big wide world. Mon Repos is home to the largest nesting population of loggerhead turtles in the Southern Hemisphere and every year thousands return home to lay their eggs. And it's just one of many must-sees for any wide-eyed visitor.

Bundaberg is the jump-off point for Lady Elliot and Lady Musgrave Islands, where you can immerse yourself in the underwater world of the reef and swim among the coral with turtles, manta rays and a cabaret of other sea creatures on day trips and overnight sojourns.

Bundaberg is timeless, on trend and unbelievably tasty. We guarantee you'll be back for another round!

## Did you know?

The Bundaberg region supplies 25% of Australia's fresh produce!



Bundy Food Tours



Bargara

*Did you know?*

At the Mon Repos Turtle Encounter, witness nesting season for mumma turtles from November to January each year, and see hatchlings scurry to the sea from January to March.



Windmill Cafe, Bargara

## Bargara & Coral Coast

### Bargara

Bargara is the largest of Bundaberg's coastal neighbours and is a beautiful blend of the Coral Coast's best qualities. Waterfront walks, farm fresh produce, temperate beaches and a variety of accommodation are just a few reasons why Bargara is etching itself on bucket lists worldwide... and it's all just 15 minutes from the Bundaberg CBD.

There are plenty of places to picnic along the foreshore, as well as beachside bars and cafés and a selection of surf and souvenir shops to ponder. You can even swim and snorkel the entire length of Kelly's Beach, from the tidal lagoon at the southern end to the northern basin sheltered by a manmade rock wall.

### Burnett Heads & Port of Bundaberg

The region's rich history continues at Burnett Heads where the old lighthouse stands testament to a bygone era dating back almost 150 years. Just upstream, the Port of Bundaberg is a real 'sweet spot' in every sense of the word – last year the Bundy Sugar Terminal exported more than 516,080 tonnes to world markets! And the favour goes both ways, it's also the main Port of Entry for yachts entering Australia. Its sheltered marinas and Customs facilities make it a popular first port of call.

You can pick up fresh seafood straight from the trawlers, enjoy a picnic of fish & chips, as well as climbing aboard day trip and charter vessels to the Reef from the Bundaberg Port Marina. Day trips to Lady Musgrave Island depart from the Bundaberg Port Marina daily.

Retired Australian naval ship the HMAS Tobruk is Australia's newest dive site having been scuttled off the coast of Bundaberg. Explore the ship as it populates with coral and marine life with a dive tour.

### Elliott Heads

Elliott Heads is a 10 minute drive to the south of Bargara and it's here where you can truly unwind, play by the currents and live by the tides. The local caravan park caters from couples to large groups and overlooks the beach. In fact it's the perfect place for those who want to do it all... or do absolutely nothing!

### Moore Park Beach

Moore Park Beach is a tiny township boasting a 20 kilometre stretch of sandy beach, perfect for every member of the family... Even the four-legged kind.

### Mon Repos – "Turtle Beach"

Located just seven kilometres from Bundaberg, Mon Repos beach is the largest nesting grounds of the endangered loggerhead turtle and home to the only Ranger-led turtle encounter in Australia. Every year from November to March, hundreds of turtles return and home to nest and lay their eggs after travelling thousands of kilometres across the wide blue yonder. But it's the fact they make it home at all that is perhaps most remarkable. Research shows a great number of loggerheads found at Mon Repos are over 80 years old and travel thousands of kilometres across the open ocean, avoiding predators and utilising the earth's magnetic field as a prehistoric GPS!

It is, you might say, nothing short of 'turtle-y' amazing!

Turtle puns aside, visitors can get up close and personal with thousands of baby hatchlings as they defy the odds and scramble towards the pristine waters of the Southern Great Barrier Reef, to forge their own path and continue the cycle of life.





Lookout, Town of 1770

### Did you know?

The little town of 1770 was named after the year in which Captain Cook first stepped ashore in the Endeavour.



Town of 1770

## Agnes Water & Discovery Coast

The picturesque seaside communities of Agnes Water and the Town of 1770 offer a diverse range of activities and experiences for your next holiday.

The area is known collectively as the Discovery Coast, and if you're lucky enough to 'discover' it for yourself, then you'll understand why.

For the adventure enthusiasts, Deepwater and Eurimbula National Park offer wilderness camping, hiking and 4WD tracks.

### Miriam Vale

The rustic Queenslanders lining the streets of Miriam Vale are a welcome for visitors and mark the gateway to the twin towns of the Discovery Coast.

Miriam Vale is known far and wide for some of the best crab sandwiches anywhere in Australia and has been serving them up for more than three decades. Although, if you need further proof, simply sneak a peek at the big, red crab, perched proudly on the service station roof.

Just one street back from the highway is the green heart of town, where the heritage-listed fig tree stands silent guard over the popular parklands, an obligatory stop for the children (and the children at heart).

### Agnes Water

Grab your surf board and get ready to get active at Agnes Water. Boasting the state's most northern surf beach, the town is a haven for watersports like surfing, kayaking and stand up paddle boarding.

Not surprisingly, Agnes Water is fast becoming a regular stop for travellers, thanks to the rugged coastline, pumping surf break and the ever popular Agnes Blues, Roots and Rock Festival.

Don't miss the opportunity for a magical adventure along the Paperbark Forest Boardwalk. This specially designed track takes you into the heart of a very special forest, penetrating thick lush undergrowth and wetlands, not to mention hundreds of paperbark trees.

### The Town of 1770

The Town of 1770 is the birthplace of Queensland, where every May, Captain Cook's historical landing, recreated in detail at the Captain Cook 1770 Festival. Today, you can fill your days with coastal pleasures before watching the sun set over the ocean, only on offer in a handful of east coast locations.

The calm blue waterways call for early morning swims and paddle boarding - and it seems even the animals can't keep away! Keep an eye out for dolphins and beautiful birdlife.

The Town of 1770 is also the gateway for day trips to Lady Musgrave Island and Fitzroy Reef.

### Lady Musgrave Island

Lady Musgrave Island is the only coral island on the Great Barrier Reef with a navigable lagoon. Over eight kilometres in circumference, this unique cay truly has it all - reef, island, beautifully coloured corals, marine life, flora, fauna, and of course, turtles.

Scuba divers may come face to face with manta rays or moray eels, and snorkellers will discover giant rainbow coloured fish or coral trout. Swimming and snorkelling inside the lagoon offers calm, crystal clear water - like swimming in a giant aquarium!

Day trips depart regularly from the Town of 1770, the closest access point to Lady Musgrave Island, as well as from Bundaberg.



Paperbark Forest Boardwalk



Mount Larcom Climb



Gladstone City CBD

## Gladstone City & Surrounds

### Gladstone

Nowhere will you find a more eclectic example of Queensland's qualities than Gladstone. This dynamic city offers a range of entertainment, a wide variety of restaurants and bars, and a local history to boot with countless colonial buildings through the CBD.

Venture up to one of the prominent lookouts at Auckland Point or Round Hill, both offering 360 degree panoramic views of the City, Harbour, Islands and the magnificent Mount Larcom, the landmark that drew Lieutenant Matthew Flinders into the Gladstone Harbour.

The Gladstone Marina continues to attract people to the city from around the globe. It's also from here at the Marina, that local ferry services offer direct passage to tropical islands waiting patiently off the coast.

### Boyne Island & Tannum Sands

The picturesque coastal communities of Boyne Island and Tannum Sands embody a relaxed coastal lifestyle, superb beaches, riverside walkways, parklands and recreational activities.

Enjoy a day filled with sun, sand and salt at Tannum Sands patrolled surf beach. Along the millennium esplanade, the Beach Arts Music Markets are held here on the first Saturday of every month and are a must see whilst in the area.

Each year, the region plays host to Australia's biggest family fishing competition, the Boyne Tannum Hookup, which sees fishing enthusiasts travelling from far and wide to join in on the action.

### Boyne Valley

The mighty Boyne Valley is only an hour's drive from Gladstone and made up of four small communities (Nagoorin, Ubobo, Builyan and Many Peaks), which have withstood the test of time.

If you're looking to get off the usual touring route, enjoy some authentic country hospitality and learn about the hard work and determination of early settlers, the valley won't disappoint.

The Boyne Valley comes alive each year with the Country Music Campout - enjoy a weekend of campfire jamming, good company and live music.

### Lake Awoonga

Back on the highway, if you're looking for a place to splash, fish or relax, Lake Awoonga is a nature lover's paradise.

Spectacular lake and mountain views, picturesque waterfalls, walking paths, barbecue area and playground are all part of what's on offer.

The lake is well stocked with barra, saratoga and sea mullet, and has earned a reputation as one of the best impound freshwater fishing spots in Australia.

Not a keen angler? Why not slip into the cool waters for a relaxing dip, kayak or try your hand at stand-up paddle boarding.

This area is home to a thriving array of native animals, both by day and night like the Whiptail or pretty-face wallaby, Yellow-Bellied Glider or Grey-headed Flying Fox. You might even spot a Koala so look up!

Millennium Esplanade, Tannum Sands



## Heron Island

Boasting some of the best scuba diving and snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef, Heron Island offers a unique experience where you can truly immerse yourself in the beauty of nature.

Among the music of seabirds, tracks of turtles and clouds of multi-coloured fish, the feeling that you're a guest of nature itself is inescapable.

Surrounded by 24 square kilometres of reef, the island is home to resident population of over 5,000 green and loggerhead turtles - with many more returning each year during turtle season.

Heron Island Resort welcomes guests all year round, with regular transfers available by ferry, seaplane and helicopter, departing from Gladstone.

## North West Island

This hidden gem of the Southern Great Barrier Reef welcomes self-sufficient campers to enjoy an untouched paradise. As the second largest coral cay in the Great Barrier Reef, the island offers opportunities for bushwalking, nature study, reef walking, diving and snorkelling.

Fishing is also quite popular on the island, but visitors are requested to limit their fishing and to abide by authorised fishing zones.

Access to the island is by private boat or ferry transfer direct from the Gladstone Marina.

Your remote island adventure is only a permit away from reality!

## Quoin, Facing & Curtis Islands

Gladstone Harbour is dotted with islands, and Quoin Island is just two kilometres from the Gladstone coastline. The island is home to the region's only turtle rehabilitation centre and features a fully refurbished resort which is available to book exclusively for functions.

Facing Island is renowned for its long sandy beaches and has 35 designated camping areas, perfect for those who have 4WD's, a fishing rod, or those who simply want to relax.

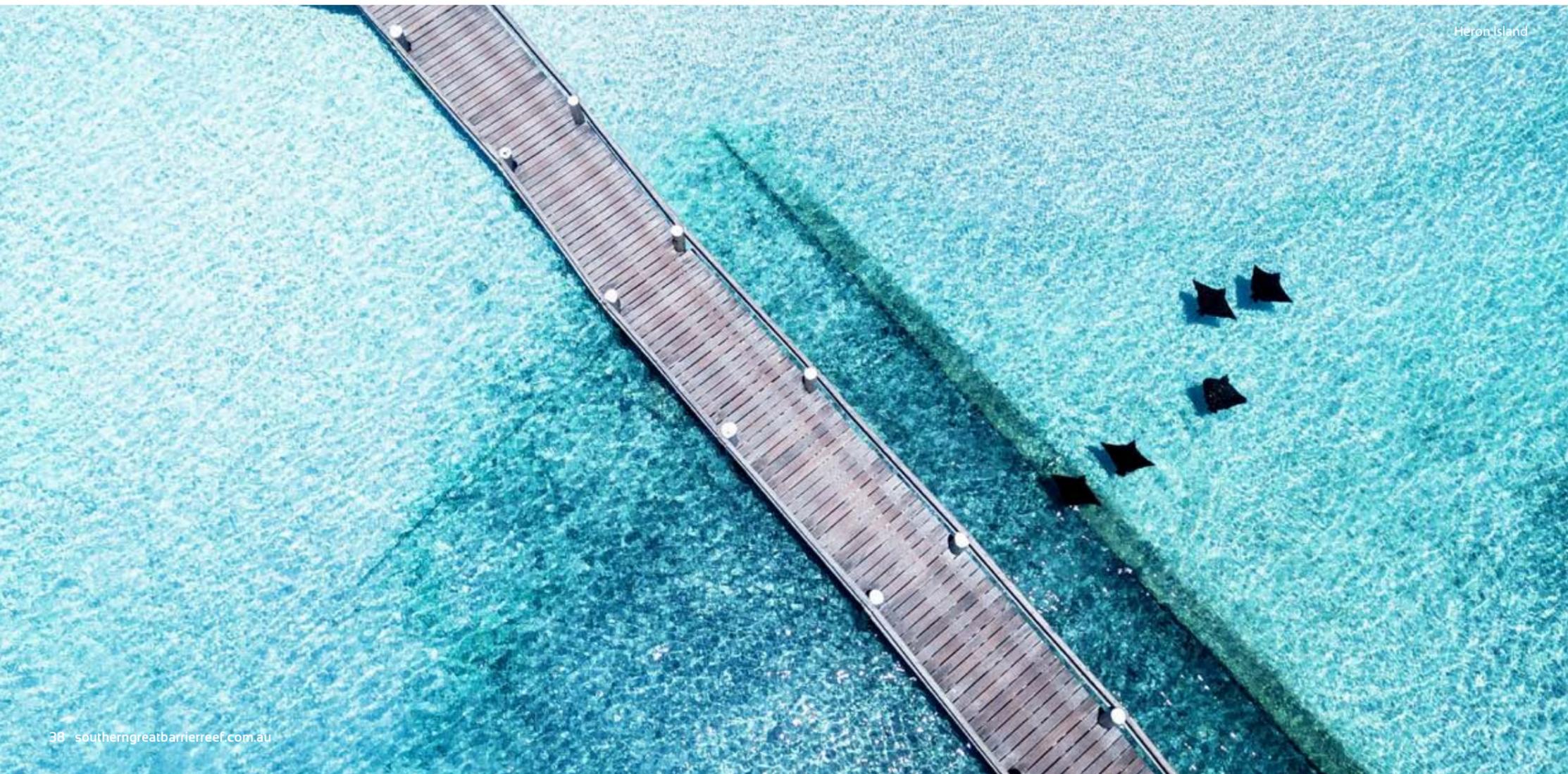
Curtis Island offers stunning unspoilt beaches, intimate north-facing bays, sparkling ocean, wilderness, as well as an outback-style cattle station.

There are 20 unpowered sites available at South end, Curtis Island.

Heron Island



Heron Island





Historic Quay Street, Rockhampton City



Nurim Circuit Elevated Boardwalk

# Rockhampton Region

## Rockhampton

The Beef City of Rockhampton is booming; a modern throwback to the heydays of Queensland's colonial past, offering all your cosmopolitan conveniences in a contemporary riverside setting.

There are plenty of places to keep the kids occupied including the newly redeveloped Riverbank Precinct, the beautiful Botanic Gardens and Zoo, which is proudly home to more than 70 species of native and exotic animals, and a must do for families is a visit to the recently opened Kershaw Gardens Central Precinct - Playground and Water Play area!

And when the sun sets on the mighty Fitzroy River, premium dining can be found along the heritage-listed streets, with some of the best steak houses, restaurants, pubs, clubs and cocktail bars found anywhere in regional Queensland.

Rockhampton is the heart of the Fitzroy Basin, Australia's second largest river system, and bordered by the brooding Berserker Ranges, ultimately delivering the best of both worlds for outdoor and adventure buffs.

Visitors to Mt Archer National Park can now enjoy outstanding views of Rockhampton from the new Nurim Circuit Elevated Boardwalk extending 25 metres outward and 7.5 metres high on

the mountain top. Mount Archer offers a hearty combination of hiking and mountain bike trails overlooking the city.

The Fitzroy River is a popular playground for water skiers and fishermen chasing the elusive barramundi and is the site of many colourful festivals and events, celebrations of live music, delicious food and local culture.

The Southern Great Barrier Reef prides itself on quintessential Queensland heritage and you simply can't experience the Rockhampton of today, without an appreciation of days' past. Once upon a time, Rockhampton was Australia's northernmost city and even touted as the future state capital, thanks largely to the region's thriving resource and beef industries, which continue today.

In fact you need only look out the window when driving into town for proof of our pastoral pedigree, with six iconic bull statues standing proud throughout the city, and an undercover rodeo arena with live bull rides every Friday night to boot.

With direct flights from Brisbane, as well as first class road and rail connectivity, there's really no point reading about it... It's time to experience the Beef Capital for yourself!

## Mount Morgan

Any tale tracing Rockhampton's fortunes must also make mention of the legacy left behind by the nearby Mount Morgan Gold Mine which, at its peak, was once believed to be the single richest gold mine in the world!

The exquisite heritage-listed sandstone buildings lining Quay Street Rockhampton are a stunning testament to the mine's 'golden years' of production, a trip to the Mount Morgan Historical Museum and Mount Morgan Railway Museum also offer a rare glimpse back in time.

## The Caves

Located just north of Rockhampton, The Caves township is home to some of the most spectacular caves in Queensland. The most famous of these caves systems is the award winning Capricorn Caves.

The nearby Mount Etna Caves National Park is home to eighty percent of Australia's breeding population of female bent-wing bats and from December to February, ranger-guided tours are offered to see the spectacular nightly emergence of over 100,000 bats from their roost. This is one of the few places in the world where you can witness this spectacle.

Great Western Hotel, Rockhampton





Yeppoon Esplanade & Lagoon



Boutique Shopping, Yeppoon

## Yeppoon, Capricorn Coast & Islands

The Capricorn Coast is paradise. Stretching from Stange Bay to Keppel Sands, it is populated by a series of coastal communities ranging from fishing havens, rainforest retreats, scenic lookouts and friendly seaside villages.

### Yeppoon

Yeppoon is the heart of the Capricorn Coast and access point to the Southern Great Barrier Reef. Yeppoon is the holiday accommodation hub, service centre and cultural scene for the Capricorn Coast area. Meander down Yeppoon's main street or stroll the esplanade to browse beach-chic boutiques and surf stores and keep an eye out for one of the many new street art murals adorning local walls.

The Capricorn Coast also delivers with ease when it comes to sourcing a fine feed. Tantalise the tastebuds with a selection of local flavours when dining out, with specialty produce like premium export quality beef, seafood, tropical produce is often on the menu and there is a wide range of restaurants, cafes and clubs catering to a range of tastes and budgets.

Families are well catered for in Yeppoon, with the foreshore also boasting the fantastic 'Keppel Kraken' zero depth water park, open daily. Completed in 2018, the new lagoon pool at the southern end

of Yeppoon Main Beach offers year round swimming, along with a children's play area and dining areas.

Yeppoon has a strong reputation as a producer of tropical and exotic fruits (mangoes, pineapples, lychees) and is home to some of the largest producing pineapple farms in the State. The annual Yeppoon Lions Tropical Pinefest, held every October, is a celebration of the region's history as a pineapple producing area.

### Emu Park

On the southern end of the Capricorn Coast, Emu Park is coastal chill personified, complemented by green leafy parks, sandy beaches and rugged headlands.

It's also home to arguably the most impressive war memorial found anywhere in regional Australia, a stunning sandstone and cast-iron monument, gatehouse museum and timber boardwalk. It culminates in a viewing deck which sits just below the iconic Singing Ship monument, commissioned in 1970 to commemorate the bicentenary of Captain Cook's first voyage to Australia.

### Byfield

And if you're hankering for more of a tree change than a sea change, well we know just the place, where the rainforest meets the reef!

Byfield State Forest is hectares of rugged granite peaks, deep-water creeks and camping areas set amongst lush sub-tropical rainforest. It's the only place in the world you'll find the Byfield Fern, and a firm favourite of nature lovers from near and far. The small village of Byfield offers retreats and cabin style accommodation options, while the resident artisans ensure you can also enjoy a little retail therapy while you're here!

Byfield National Park is only accessibly by 4WD and is a favourite weekend getaway for locals and visitors alike. Here visitors will discover one of the largest parabolic sand dunes in Australia. These beaches boast a good surf break, and there are plenty of bays and creeks to throw in a line.



Waterpark Creek, Byfield State Forest

When you set foot on one of the Keppel Bay Islands you will feel as though you have stepped onto an island paradise where the 'squeaky-clean' white sand flows between your toes and the ocean sparkles before your eyes. With the protection of fringing reef, the waters surrounding the Keppel Islands are amazingly calm, making it perfect for all types of watersports such as snorkelling, paddle boarding, water-skiing and tubing.

## Great Keppel Island

It answers all of the "What do you look for on an island getaway" questions with ease: crystal blue waters, white sand, coral reefs and palm trees...tick, tick, tick and tick. But Great Keppel Island is more than just an island to tick and flick off your destination list.

Great Keppel Island has arguably the best beaches of any Great Barrier Reef island, safe swimming and water temperatures that entice at any time of year; but the real kicker is that if you wish, you can enjoy all of this in virtual isolation and be back on the mainland in a mere 30 minutes!

From tents, cabins and bungalows, through to private beach houses skirting the water's edge, there is plenty of options to choose from. The island's scenic Bar and Bistro is home to uncomplicated menus reflecting the relaxed atmosphere of Great Keppel.

The island is approximately 1454 hectares in size and an interior rich with native flora and fauna, all waiting for you to explore. Ninety percent of the island is bushland so it's a bird watcher's paradise, with over 90 species of birds identified, living amongst many different habitats. Bushwalking tracks disperse trekkers around the island to pristine beaches, or spectacular lookouts. Dolphins are often seen close to the main beaches during winter months and whales have started to become frequent visitors to the bay on their yearly migration. Brush tail possums are numerous, as well as blue-tongue lizards and goannas.

## Pumpkin Island

Pumpkin Island is a hidden secret. Located just a 30 minute boat transfer from Keppel Bay Marina and totaling just 6.1 hectares (450 metres long and just 150 metres wide at the widest point), the island is nestled in sheltered Keppel Bay, and surrounded by the Keppel group of islands (just south of North Keppel Island). The privately-owned island offers visitors eco-friendly accommodation in five self-contained and self-catering beach cottages. Wind and solar power provide electricity on the island, and freshly filtered rainwater provides drinking water for guests.

## Ferries, Day Cruises & Sailing

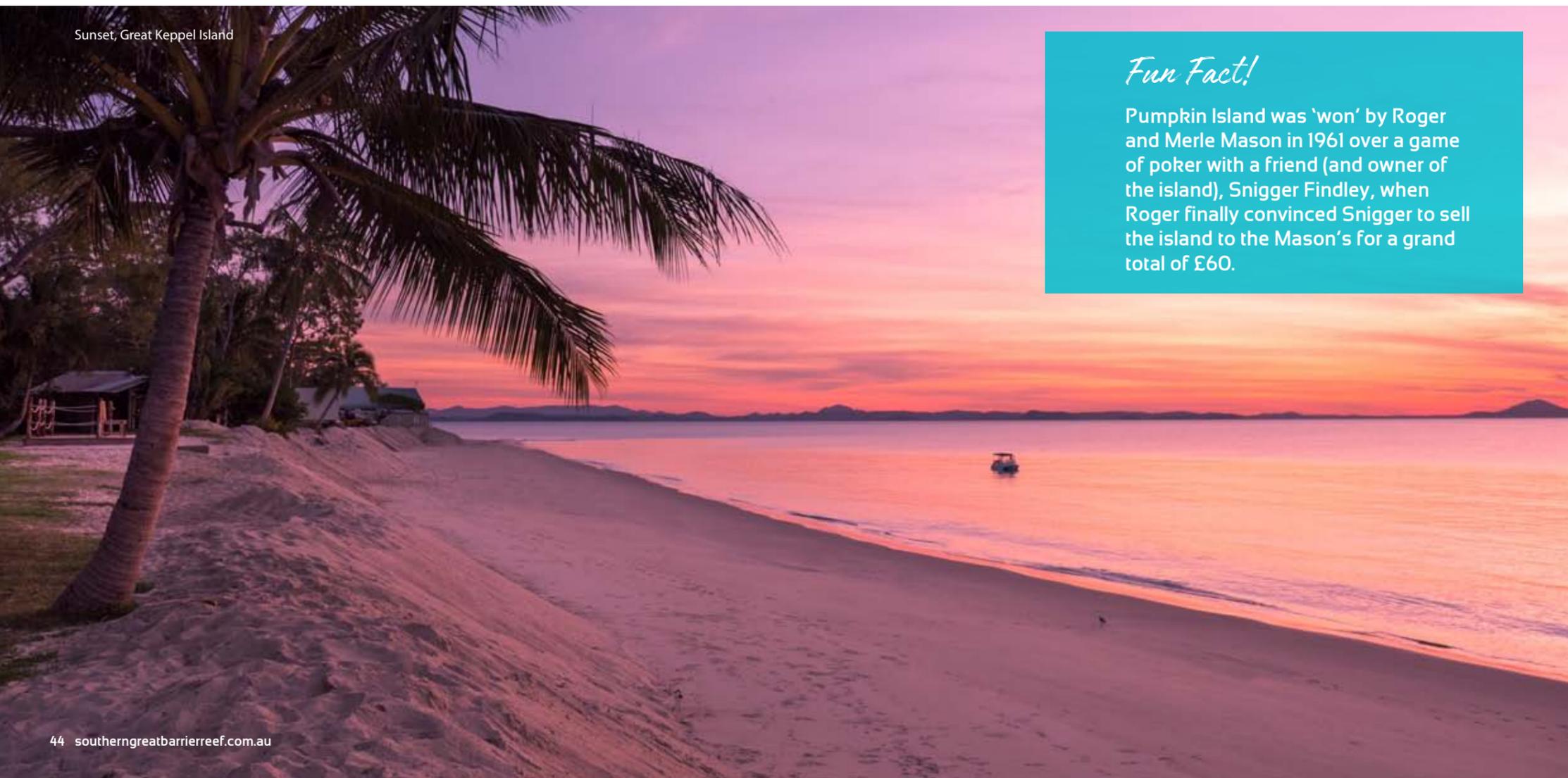
Ferries depart every day to Great Keppel Island. A number of charters, full day cruises, whale watching (seasonal), sailing adventures, and extended tour options are also available from Keppel Bay Marina and Rosslyn Bay Harbour. The climate and location are a perfect mix for sailing adventures.

## Camping in Marine Parks

Camping is allowed in the Keppel Bay Islands National Park, including North Keppel Island, Humpy Island, Middle Island, Miall Island, Conical Island, Divided Island and Pelican Island. Camping permits are available online or from a local Visitor Information Centre.



Sunset, Great Keppel Island



### *Fun Fact!*

Pumpkin Island was 'won' by Roger and Merle Mason in 1961 over a game of poker with a friend (and owner of the island), Snigger Findley, when Roger finally convinced Snigger to sell the island to the Mason's for a grand total of £60.

Pumpkin Island



# Australia's Country Way

Australia's Country Way guides you to the delights and treasures that pepper the countryside of the Great Dividing Range. From Sydney to Rockhampton, winding roads reveal sweeping vistas, seasonal produce and welcoming hospitality.





Kroombit Tops National Park



Mount Morgan

Australia's Country Way starts life south of the border, snaking its way from Sydney through the southern half of the Sunshine State, but it's on the back roads of Central Queensland, where city streetscapes give way to western sunsets that it truly comes to life.

The Country Way is as much about savouring the journey as it is reaching your destination and **Gayndah** is the first stop to start satisfying those culinary curiosities. It lays claim to being the oldest town in Queensland and with good reason; sheep and mining brought settlers to the area in 1849, but it was the rich red soils and year round sunshine that established Gayndah as the heart of Queensland's citrus industry, and that combination of old world charm and farm fresh produce is still very much alive and well.

A number of heritage-listed buildings line the streets including Mellors Drapery – one of the few buildings in Australia which still uses a flying fox to deal with transactions – while the nearby Art Gallery and Museum help paint a vivid picture of the region's rich history.

It's also home to the Gayndah Orange Festival – the state's self-proclaimed 'oldest, boldest and golddest' celebration of local produce and culture – and this year will mark its 60th birthday.

In nearby **Mundubbera** – just half an hour west – one local industry is working to ensure the entire region remains at the forefront of Queensland's thriving agricultural industry. 'Bugs for Bugs' produce

predatory bugs for crops and agriculture, cutting down on the need for chemical sprays.

In addition to the local historical museum and Meeting Place of the Waters Mural, Munduberra is also home to 'Enormous Ellendale' – a giant mandarin that takes pride of place on Queensland's list of colossal icons. Auburn National Park, where the Auburn, Boyne and Burnett Rivers meet, is close by and is a popular stop for campers.

The A3 Highway continues onward to **Eidsvold** where the RM Williams Bush Learning Centre stands testament to the genuine pioneering spirit, character and courage of Queensland's country folk. The centre pays tribute to the man himself, who rose from swaggie to self-made millionaire and retired to his Rockybar property just outside the town itself. It's a must for any visitor on Australia's Country Way and is also home to an Art Gallery and Visitor Information Centre. Eidsvold is a centre of Central Queensland heritage including the local museum and Archer Homestead, which has remained almost untouched for over 100 years.

And if it's history you're after, Aboriginal artwork splashed across the towering sandstone walls of Monto's **Cania Gorge**, details a way of life that's remained unchanged for almost 20,000 years. These days the Sandstone Wilderness is a hugely popular bushwalking destination with a number of picturesque hikes ranging from beginner to experienced. **Monto** can trace its roots

back to the 1920s when pioneering families established thriving cattle and timber industries, but more recently it's the rugged natural surroundings of Cania Dam and Kalpowar State Forest that have well and truly put the region on the map.

From here your iconic road trip will take you to **Kroombit Tops National Park**, where the spectacular hinterland views showcase the rugged natural beauty of the Coral Coast. Kroombit is one of the last bastions of truly primitive wilderness; it's the only known home of the critically endangered Kroombit Tinkerfrog and the final resting place of a World War II B-24D Liberator bomber which went down on a rainy night in 1945. Camping sites are available and there is a raft of four-wheel drive tracks to explore.

Now it's only fitting that your trip ends in the town that gave birth to modern Central Queensland. **Mount Morgan** was once home to the richest gold mine in the world and is rumoured 'to have paid the national debt twice over'. The once thriving boom town with no less than 27 pubs is now a charming reminder of days past nestled quietly on the Dee River. Stunning colonial buildings are lovingly scattered throughout the town.

For those looking for the ultimate road trip, Australia's Country Way is calling... and now you must go.



# Leichhardt Way

Set off on a modern day adventure as you 'blaze a trail' along the fully sealed Leichhardt Way. Together with the adjoining Newell Highway, the Leichhardt links Australia's second largest city, Melbourne, through Queensland's border town, Goondiwindi and onto the charismatic heart of the Capricorn Coast, Yeppoon. Follow in the tracks of the intrepid explorer, Ludwig Leichhardt, along this inland route named in his honour.



# Great Inland Way

The Great Inland way starts in Sydney and takes in much of central New South Wales before reaching the Queensland border at Hebel. The Queensland leg of the Great Inland Way road trip extends 1863 kilometres from Outback Queensland to the Coral Sea.





Moss Garden, Carnarvon Gorge

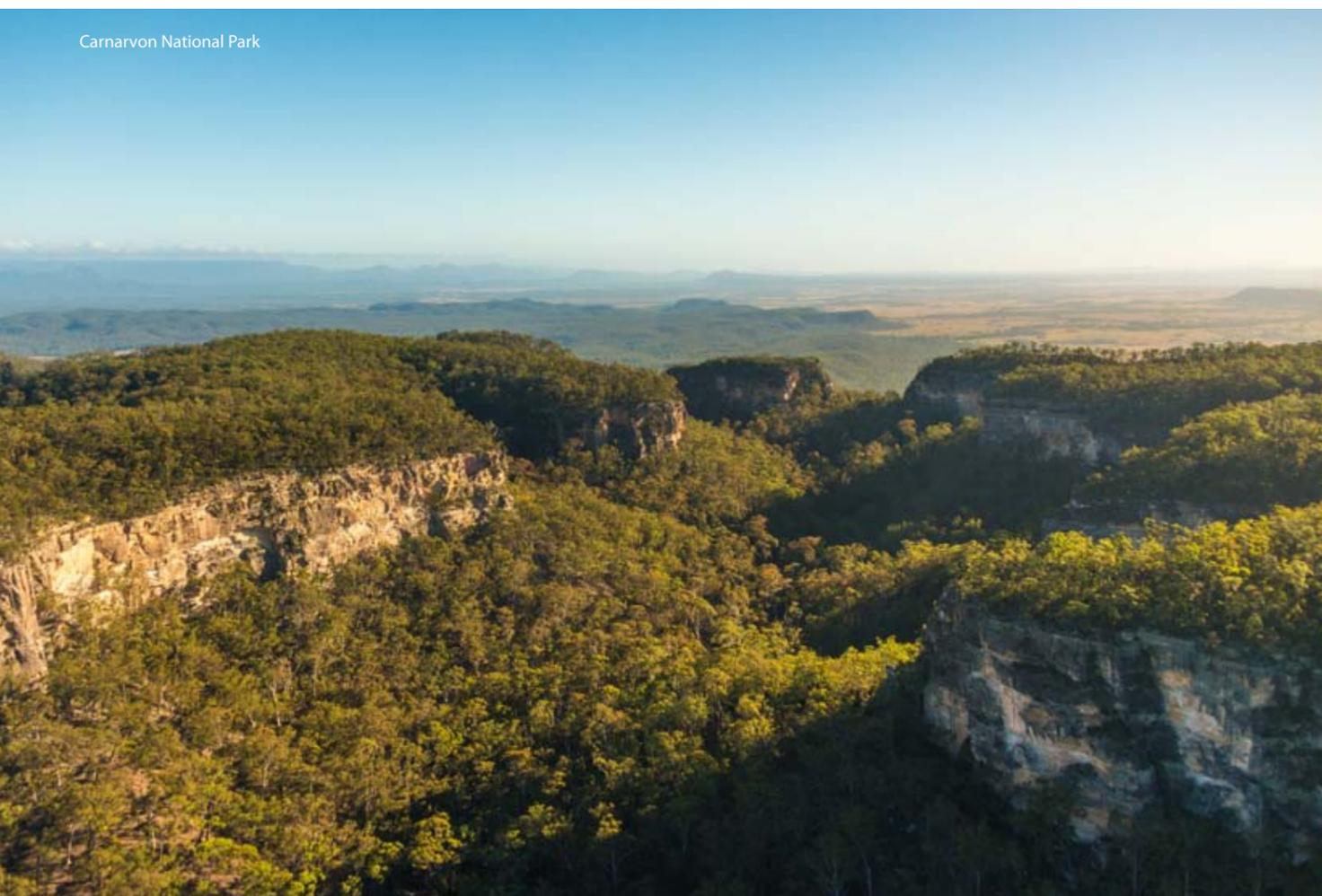
### *Did you know?*

The Carnarvon National Park is a watershed for Australia's two largest river systems. The Warrego and Maranoa Rivers run south to join the Murray/Darling and the Nogoia and Comet Rivers run east to join the Fitzroy.



Lake Nugga Nugga

Carnarvon National Park



It's the subtle simplicity of Australia's Great Inland Way that sets it apart from other 'conventional' touring routes. There are no surplus superlatives to describe it and what you see is very much what you get.

The Great Inland Way delves deep into Central Queensland's iconic interior and is indeed one of the Sunshine State's 'great' road trips.

It stretches exactly 1863 kilometres from Sydney through to Cairns, and any traveller who has experienced the rugged majesty of Carnarvon Gorge knows full well it is worth every second behind the wheel.

The **Carnarvon National Park** and surrounding area has been revered by the traditional owners since the dreamtime; Aboriginal art dating back tens of thousands of years is etched across the towering sandstone walls and local tales tell of the rainbow serpents that still live in the water flowing through Carnarvon Creek. The gorge itself can best be described as a subtropical oasis hidden in the rugged Central Highland ranges – the sandy brown and golden orange of the soft sandstone stands in stark contrast to the vibrant green plant life including prehistoric cycads and fan palms. The area has become a hiking mecca for bushwalkers and

nature lovers from far and wide, thanks to the 27 kilometres of hiking trails winding their way through to natural pools, Aboriginal art sites and smaller surrounding gorges. More than 170 species of birds make it a popular stop for bird watchers and a variety of accommodation is available depending on the time of year.

Day visits are also an enjoyable option for those who have decided to spend a few days in nearby **Rolleston** – a quaint country town with a colourful past. It was once the last bastion for notorious cattle duffers James and Patrick Kenniff, who are widely recognised as the last of Australia's legendary bushrangers. This pioneering spirit is on show for all to see at Beazley Park where the historic Boundary Riders Hut now sits after being restored and resited to its current location.

For happy snappers looking for the ultimate inspiration, a visit to **Lake Nuga Nuga** is a must for any photographic itinerary. The still water is perfect for canoeing and kayaking during the day while the brilliant sunsets, flowering water lillies and twisted timber make for spectacular subjects as the sun goes down. Camping is available on site although a 4WD is highly recommended.

And when you've had your photography fill, set a course for **Springsure** and the beautiful natural springs and waterways for which it's named. Nestled under Mount Zamia and spectacular Virgin Rock, the town was once a welcome wagon stop between Rockhampton and the Barcoo country and the relics of Springsure's rugged colonial past are part of its charm today. The heritage-listed hospital was built way back in 1868 while the Cairdbeign Homestead and Old Rainworth Fort provide a rare glimpse back in time. The Staircase Range Cutting, built in 1905 by Chinese labour, pays tribute to the early wagon trails and is also well worth a visit.

Springsure's Minerva Hills National Park offers a totally different landscape to other parks in the region, and has some rewarding walks and great lookouts perfect to watch the sun rise.

Onward now to **Emerald**, the link between the reef and the outback, and the gateway to the Sapphire Gemfields, one of the richest in the Southern Hemisphere. It's here you'll find the largest Van Gogh sunflower painting in the world, reaching skywards for 25 metres. Emerald is the unofficial capital of the Central Highlands and indeed the Central Queensland coal industry. But more

importantly, it's a sought-after destination for travellers thanks to the modern facilities, thriving dining precinct and close proximity to the red claw-rich Lake Maraboon. Big barramundi are also regularly reeled in from the depths and free electric and wood-fired barbecues are available.

The entire Central Highlands is steeped in tradition, and nowhere is that more evident than **Capella**. One of the town's many colourful pole murals commemorates the placing of emu feathers in hats of the Aussie Light Horse Brigade, which began right here in Central Queensland during the Great Shearers Strike of 1891, when Capella was little more than a grazing settlement. Today it's a colonial icon and home to the largest restored shingle roofed station homestead in Australia. The Peak Downs Homestead was built in 1869 from pit sawn spotted gum and is a tribute to 19th century carpentry. The Gordon Downs Woolshed also boasts a comprehensive collection of tractors and machinery used to establish the local grain industry following WWII.

But again, don't take our word for it. Hit the road and discover for yourself just how 'great' the Inland Way can be!



Light Horse Monument, Capella

*Did you know?*

Springsure is 322 metres (1057 feet) above sea level and is one of the few inland towns to have a "sea breeze".



Minerva Hills National Park, Springsure



The Big Easel, Emerald

# Capricorn Way

## HOME TO THE 'DIG THE TROPIC' GEO TRAIL

The Capricorn Way links the Southern Great Barrier Reef with the Queensland Outback. Follow the self-drive touring trail "Dig the Tropic" to uncover the history of Australia – from the Jurassic era to the present day. Explore ancient limestone caverns at Capricorn Caves, visit Mount Morgan; home to one of the world's richest gold mines, discover Thundereggs at Mount Hay and fossick for gems on the Sapphire Gemfields.





Blackdown Tableland National Park



County life at Myella Farm Stay



Capricorn Caves



Mount Hay Thunder-Eggs

Very few places can proudly boast of being the perfect contradiction, where your surroundings feel strangely foreign yet distinctly familiar. But then again, very few places compare to the Southern Great Barrier Reef.

It's where the outback meets the reef and has done for millions of years. And it's here that Central Queensland's prehistoric past comes to life all over again!

Dig the Tropic follows the Tropic of Capricorn and is the only known trail of its kind anywhere in the world. Here you create your own self-drive itinerary, taking in 15 unique tourism destinations along the way that give new meaning to the land down under!

Just north of Rockhampton, the township of The Caves is home to some of the most spectacular and geologically significant caves in Queensland. Discovered by the Olsen family in 1881, **Capricorn Caves** are the state's oldest running tourist attraction. Originally formed from an ancient coral reef over 400 million years ago, the above-ground limestone caves form huge chambers adorned with stalactites and harbouring rare ferns and elusive, tiny insectivorous bats. A wide range of guided experiences have been developed at this multi-award winning ecotourism attraction with something for all ages, abilities and interests with wheelchair accessible cave tours, adventure challenges and a Journey of Discovery.

**Mt Hay** is home to the famous Central Queensland thundereggs – stunning crystalline formations that occur when gas bubbles

in molten lava solidify on cooling producing stunning natural designs, with designer names to boot like 'Hot Lips' and 'Fairy House'. Guided fossicking tours are run on demand and the Mt Hay gift shop also stocks a large range of semiprecious gems, cut and polished on site, as well as internationally renowned Aradon Fine Pewter. Caravan and camping facilities are available and pets are welcome.

For a change of pace, deviate from the highway (and the Dig the Tropic Trail) and head south towards **Baralaba** where you can enjoy a farm stay experience on a nearby cattle station, Myella Farm Stay.

Back on the Capricorn Way and the Dig the Tropic Trail heads west to **Blackdown Tableland National Park** where some of the most picturesque natural rock formations found anywhere in Queensland rise boldly above the surrounding plains. It's the traditional home of the Ghungalu people and ancient Aboriginal art adorns the colossal boulders that have stood silently in place since the Dreamtime.

Unique plant communities thrive in the cooler climates and are visible from a range of natural lookouts, while the seasonal water holes are a welcome reward after hiking the myriad of local bushwalks. Camping is available at the Munall Campground and the 19 kilometre loop road is best explored by four-wheel drive.

A little further west, Central Queensland's reputation as Australia's engine room is on show for all to see and it starts in air-conditioned comfort. Coal was first discovered in **Blackwater** way back in 1845, when Ludwig Leichhardt was meandering his way around the Central Highlands en route to the Northern Territory, although it was more than a century later that the town really started to develop.

Today Blackwater gives visitors an unparalleled look at the Australian coal industry, from the size and scale to new technologies and the future of fossil fuels. And for the adventurous, guided tours are available where you can get down and dirty on a real mine site and witness firsthand Queensland's premier industry in action.

Next stop is the tiny town of **Comet**. Named after the Comet River which runs close to the township, the river itself was named by explorer, Ludwig Leichhardt during his first expedition through Central Queensland after observing 'a fine comet in a small clear spot of the western sky' in 1844 (later known as Halley's Comet).

In 1873, Archibald John Richardson unknowingly changed the course of Central Queensland's history, when he stumbled upon sapphire deposits in the rocky soil near Sapphire Retreats Creek. Fast forward almost 146 years later and the **Sapphire Gemfields**, just 45 minutes west of Emerald, are home to the largest gemfields in the Southern Hemisphere. The small settlements of Anakie, Rubyvale, Sapphire and the Willows are teeming with semi-precious stones of all shapes and sizes including sapphires and rubies... you just have to know where to look!

A visit to the Sapphire Gemfields is exciting for all ages. Guided underground mine tours are available or why not tag-along on a digging tour; book a self-drive fossicking tour complete with maps and mining equipment or try your luck at a fossicking park and sift through a bucket of sapphire wash keeping an eye out for the motherload. Or to really guarantee yourself a sapphire, pop into one of the local galleries and marvel at the exquisite jewellery.

The opportunities are endless, but the **Dig the Tropic Trail** doesn't stop there – keep heading west into dinosaur country, where you can discover an abundance of dinosaur fossils around Longreach, Winton and Boulia. Ladies and gentlemen, it's time to explore the underground!



Rubyvale Gem Gallery



Miners Heritage Walk-In Mine

*Did you know?*

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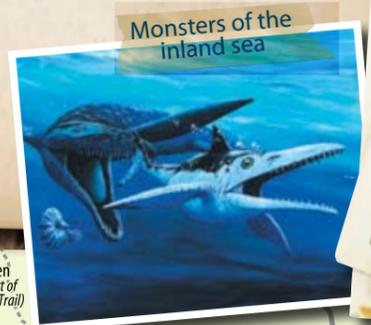
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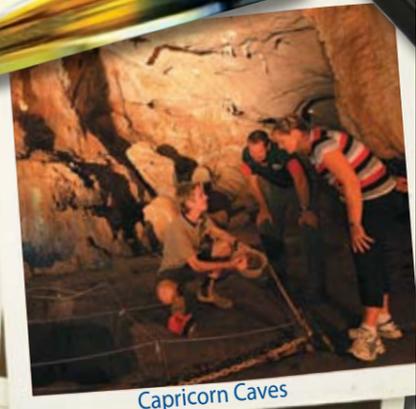
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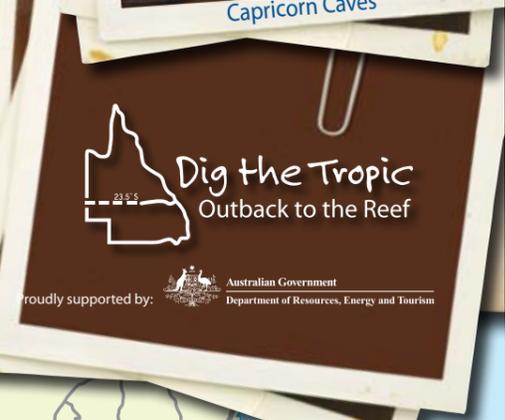
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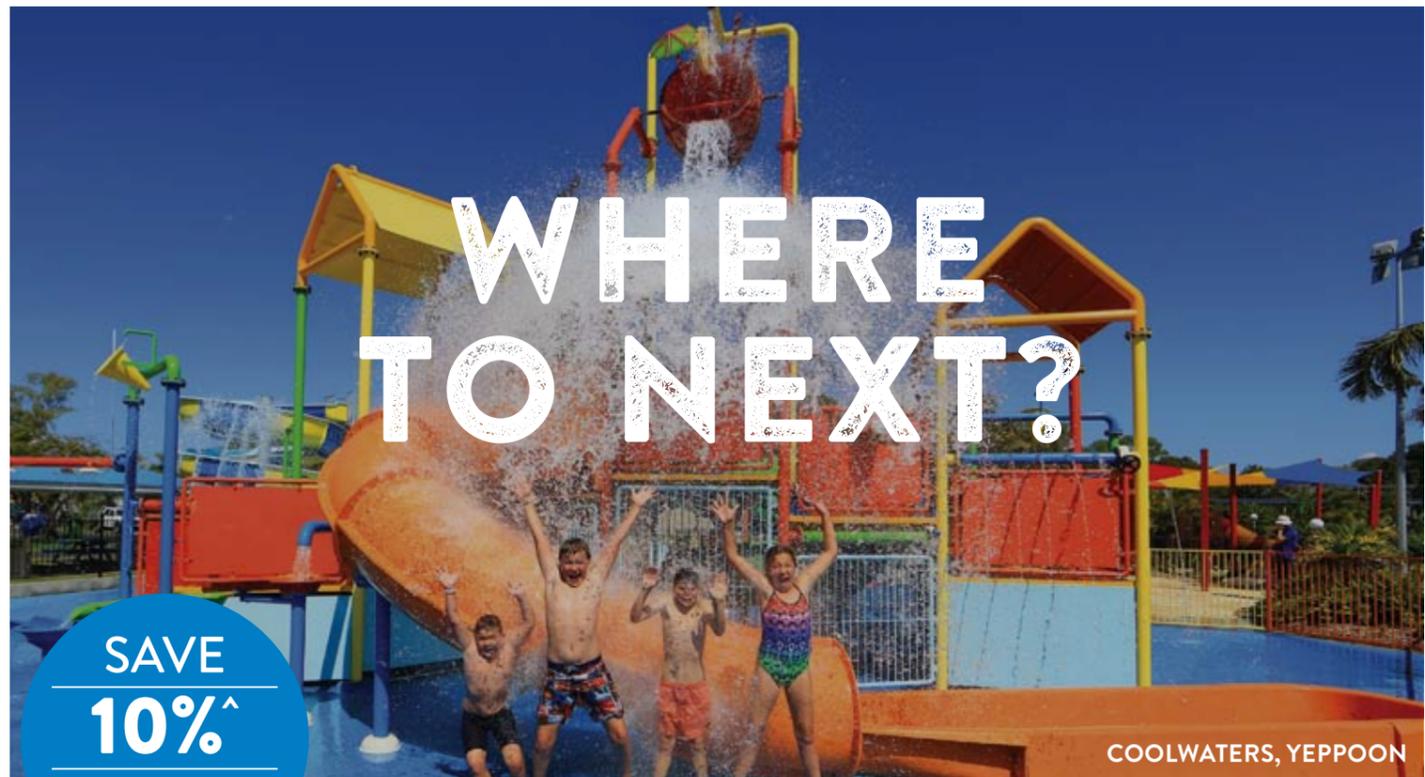
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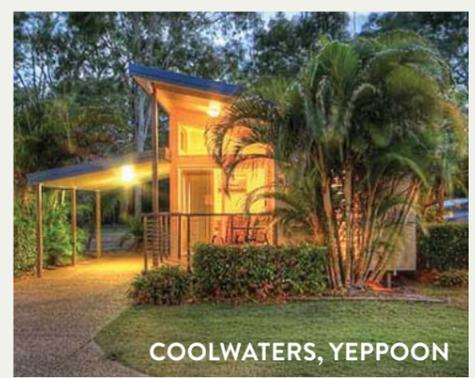
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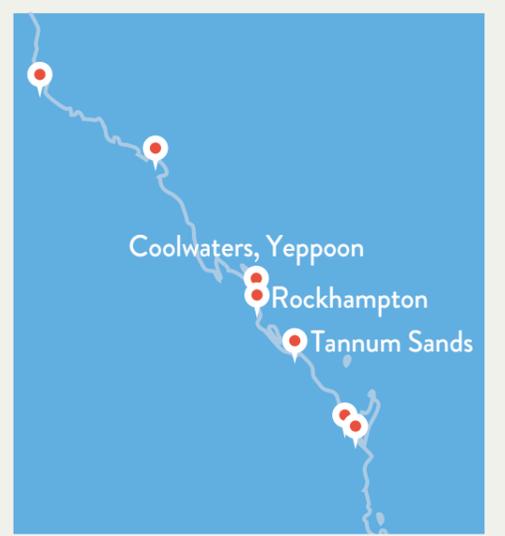


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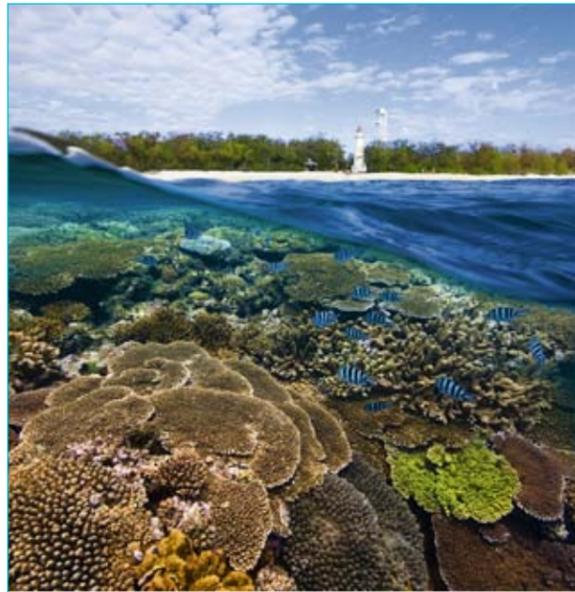


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Lady Elliot is a coral cay located on the southern tip of Australia's iconic Great Barrier Reef, 80kms north-east of Bundaberg, nestled between Fraser Island and Lady Musgrave Island. The Island is situated within a highly protected 'Green Zone' of the Marine National Park and is a sanctuary for over 1,200 species of marine life. Lady Elliot is regarded as one of the best diving and snorkelling locations on the Great Barrier Reef and is renowned for its healthy coral reef and abundance of turtles, manta rays, reef sharks and the entire cast of 'Finding Nemo'.

We operate a 43 room low-key Eco Resort on Lady Elliot Island which strives to provide guests with a genuine eco-tourism experience.

Guests can enjoy a day-trip or stay for a few days to explore this incredible marine eco-system. Scenic flights to Lady Elliot Island depart daily from Bundaberg (flights also depart from Hervey Bay/Fraser Coast, Brisbane and the Gold Coast).

#### Features

- Over 1200 species of marine life
- Scenic flights depart daily
- National Award Winner for Eco-Tourism
- Guided and Self-Guided tours available
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 W: bundabergregion.org

Book your accommodation, tours and National Park permits with a dedicated Holiday Experience Specialist.

Our accredited Visitor Information Centre in Bundaberg has local products, gifts and souvenirs available for purchase.

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PALACE BUILDING, 72 CHURCHILL STREET  
 P: 1300 722 099  
 W: bundabergregion.org



### Gin Gin Visitor Information Centre

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## Bundaberg Rum Visitor Experience

HILLS STREET, BUNDABERG  
P: 07 4131 2999  
W: [bundabergrum.com.au/distillery](http://bundabergrum.com.au/distillery)

Since 1888 when the Bundaberg Distilling Company was born, millions of litres of Australia's iconic Bundaberg Rum have been aged to perfection at the iconic Distillery. Now, following an \$8.5M upgrade, you can explore the Distillery for yourself through a range of one-of-a-kind tour options, including:

- The Distillery Experience: Explore the inner workings of the rum-making process with one of the expert distillery guides and discover where the magic happens. Learn about molasses, fermentation, distillation as well as some of the 'secrets' behind maturation and crafting the world's best rum in the Barrelhouse.
- Blend Your Own Rum Experience: Spend time with a blending expert as you pour straight from the barrel and create your very own Bundaberg Rum blend. Using five rums never before released to the public, that have been aged in ex-sherry, bourbon, scotch, port and heavy charred American oak barrels – there is something to suit every palate. When complete, you get to take home two personalised bottles – one to keep and one to enjoy.

### TOUR TIMES

Distillery Experience tours run on the hour every hour from:

- Monday – Friday: 10am-3pm
- Saturday – Sunday & Public Holidays: 10am – 2pm
- Please call for Blend Your Own Rum Experience bookings.

### RETAIL STORE OPENING HOURS

- Monday-Friday: 10am-5pm.
- Saturday-Sunday & Public Holidays: 10am-4pm
- Closed Good Friday and Christmas Day.



## Kalki Moon

22 COMMERCIAL STREET, BUNDABERG  
P: 07 4151 0396  
W: [kalkimoon.com](http://kalkimoon.com)

Born out of the Bundaberg cane fields Kalki Moon is the regions multi award winning Artisan Distillery. Founded by Master Distiller Rick Prosser, Kalki Moon is a family owned and operated company focusing on small batch premium beverages at an affordable price.

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Open to the public 6 days from Tuesday to Sunday with guided mini tours & tastings as well as a lovely air-conditioned cellar door for purchases of their award-winning range which include Gin / Vodka / Liqueurs and in future their small batch Rum.

### Features

- Family owned and operated
- Multi award winning distillery
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BLOMFIELD STREET, MIRIAM VALE  
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W: gladstoneregion.info



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SPRINGS ROAD, AGNES WATER  
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W: gladstoneregion.info



### Agnes Water & Town of 1770 Visitor Information Centre

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### Agnes Water Beach Club

3 AGNES ST, AGNES WATER  
 P: 07 4974 7355  
 W: agneswaterbeachclub.com.au

Relax in Agnes Water's best located resort. Fully self-contained 1 and 2 bedroom apartments located in the heart of Agnes Water. After you arrive at the Beach Club you can park your car. You may not need that again as most things are close walking distance. Forget the shoes, barefoot or thongs are standard dress code here.

You won't need a watch you are now on Agnes time. Things move a little slower here. Take a deep breathe of the fresh salt air and feel your worries and stress fade away. The Beach Club's large balconies have deck chairs for you to laze the day away. The beach is a short 2 minute leisurely walk away. If you do feel energetic there is the pool or otherwise just soak in the spa. Fully self-contained 1 and 2 bedroom apartments

#### Features

- Located in the heart of Agnes Water
- All rooms fully Air-conditioned with large balconies and private BBQ
- Foxtel
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### Deepwater National Park

Discover the magic of Deepwater National Park - an unspoilt coastal landscape with long sandy beaches, freshwater creeks and great fishing. Jump in your 4WD and take a scenic drive through eucalypt woodlands.

DEEPWATER NATIONAL PARK, AGNES WATER  
 P: 07 4902 1533  
 W: gladstoneregion.info



### Agnes Water Beach

Agnes Water beach is an unspoilt haven and Queensland's most northern surf beach. This beach is famous for its picturesque surrounds, surfing, kitesurfing and standup paddle boarding.

AGNES STREET, AGNES WATER  
 P: 07 4902 1533  
 W: gladstoneregion.info



### Eurimbula National Park

Eurimbula National Park is paradise for bushwalkers, boaties and anglers with its diverse range of landscapes - see sandy beaches, spectacular headlands and eucalypt woodlands.

EURIMBULA NATIONAL PARK, AGNES WATER  
 P: 07 4902 1533  
 W: gladstoneregion.info



1770 LARC! TOURS



Experience the.... **LARC!**



### Paradise Tour

7 hour full day, guided tour in our iconic pink amphibious vessels to Bustard Head Lightstation and sandboarding.



### Afternoon Cruise

1 hour guided LARC! tour experience, offered daily.



### LARC + Lunch!

2 hour cruise around Bustard Bay with a relaxed picnic lunch.



### Goolimbil Walkabout

2 hour cultural tour of tasting, exploring and learning with our indigenous guide and LARC! skipper.

**BOOKINGS 07 4974 9422** *1770larctours.com.au*



### Mercure Gladstone

CNR WOOD AND BELL STREET, GLADSTONE  
 P: 07 4979 8200  
 W: mercuregladstone.com.au

Come and stay at the regions leading hotel, Mercure Gladstone.

The 4.5 star Award winning hotel has a number of luxury room categories suitable for a single traveller, couple or family. With three dining options available, ranging from a casual snack within the Members bar, an all you can eat Buffet within Encore or for a little more intimacy dine in our Italian ala Carte Pacino's restaurant, there is something available for all taste buds. Otherwise just relax in the room and organise Room Service.

For the active guest the 24 hour Fitness Centre will certainly provide the necessary workout to raise a sweat. Ample undercover car parking as well as enough off street parking to park the caravan or boat for the night.

For those travelling on to Heron Island, please speak to the Reception team upon making the reservation about access to transfers to the Marina/airport.

#### Features

- Award Winning Hotel
- Minutes from Gladstone CBD
- Adjoins the Yaralla Sports Club
- 24 hour access to Fitness Centre
- Refurbished Conference rooms
- WiFi Access



### Metro Hotel & Apartments

The Metro Hotel and Apartments is located in the centre of Gladstone's dining and entertainment district, offering spacious apartments with kitchen, laundry and balconies. Free WiFi for all guests.

22-24 ROSEBERRY STREET, GLADSTONE  
 P: 07 4972 4711  
 W: metrohotels.com.au



### Kroombit Tops National Park

Take a trip out to Kroombit Tops National Park and visit the remains of a World War II Liberator Bomber aircraft 'Beautiful Betsy'. Test your 4WD skills with a self-guided drive in the Boyne Valley.

KROOMBIT TOPS NATIONAL PARK  
 P: 07 4972 9000  
 W: gladstoneregion.info



### Mount Larcom Climb

Take up the challenge and climb Gladstone's prominent landmark, Mount Larcom. The reward is a spectacular 360-degree view of the Gladstone area, rural hinterland and the harbour.

59 WILSON ROAD, TARGINNIE  
 P: 07 4972 9000  
 W: gladstoneregion.info

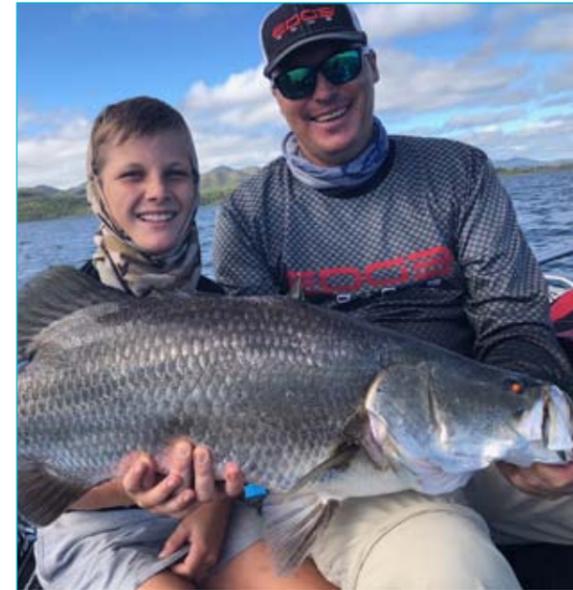


### Under the Trees Festival

JACARANDA DRIVE, BOYNE ISLAND Q 4680  
 P: 07 4972 4000  
 W: underthetrees.com.au

Under The Trees is a laid back music and arts festival located 'under the trees' in Boyne Island. It is a community owned and organised Festival, entirely run and built by volunteers. There are two music stages, street theatre performance, high quality community art that showpieces the local lifestyle, two bars and multiple food stalls. Interstate and local acts will perform a mix of genres ranging from blues, funk, rock and reggae to deliver a great outdoor festival experience for all ages!

2019 Festival Date: 21st September



### Gladstone Area Water Board Recreation Areas

136 GOONDOON STREET, GLADSTONE  
 P: 07 4976 3000  
 W: gawb.qld.gov.au

#### Lake Awoonga Recreational Area and Boynedale Bush Camp

The Gladstone Area Water Board is proud to offer these two great recreational facilities free for the community.

The Lake Awoonga Recreational Area is just a short drive from Gladstone or Boyne Island / Tannum Sands. Take in the stunning views of Mt Castletower while enjoying a picnic, wood fired BBQ, bush walk or water activities.

Lake Awoonga is a stocked impoundment, with fishing permitted year-round. Please note that domestic animals are not permitted in the recreational area.

The Boynedale Bush Camp is 26km west of Calliope, near the town of Nagoorin. A basic facility, the bush camp is free for camping for up to seven days within a thirty-day period.

Please note that there is no electricity supply, rubbish bins or potable water available so campers must be self-sufficient. Dogs are permitted on leash at the camp.



### Boyne Tannum Hookup

BRAY PARK - BOYNE ISLAND  
 E: enquiries@boynetannumhookup.com.au  
 W: boynetannumhookup.com.au

#### AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST FAMILY FISHING COMPETITION

Be a part of the Boyne Tannum HookUp - held annually over the May long weekend at Boyne Island. With over \$250,000 worth of prizes, the event attracts thousands of registered fishing competitors and visitors to the area. This is one of the Gladstone regions most professional and prestigious events. The Boyne Tannum HookUp is a not-for-profit organisation that acts as a platform for a number of charities to raise money across the region. This is a weekend worth seeing - we hope to see you there!



### Discovery Parks - Tannum Sands

Tannum Sands is an oasis with multi-coloured sunsets and year-round warm climes. For holiday makers searching for true relaxation, then Discovery Parks - Tannum Sands is the place to unwind.

MILLENNIUM ESPLANADE, TANNUM SANDS  
 P: 07 4973 7201  
 W: discoveryparks.com.au



### Millenium Esplanade

Get active on over 15kms of pathway known as 'The Turtle Way' that winds along the coastline. The esplanade is dotted with shady play areas, barbecue facilities and shower blocks.

MILLENNIUM ESPLANADE, TANNUM SANDS  
 P: 07 4972 9000  
 W: gladstoneregion.info



### Australia By Seaplane

Australia by Seaplane operates daily over the Southern Great Barrier Reef. We provide a safe and enjoyable experience in our high-wing aircraft which enables you to enjoy an unobstructed view of the spectacular region.

31 AERODROME ROAD, GLADSTONE  
 P: 0419 669 575  
 W: australiabyseaplane.com.au



## Visit Curtis Island

Curtis Ferry Services lands at South End, a small village on the south-eastern tip of Curtis Island.

South End has a number of units and holiday homes available for rent. Capricorn Lodge (phone 07 4972 0222) has accommodation and a licensed bar as well as food, fuel, ice, and bait. Beyond South End township, vehicle access on the island is by 4WD only.

### Camping in Curtis Island National Park

Curtis Island offers a combination of stunning scenery and nature-based experiences including unspoilt beaches, calm north-facing bays, wilderness, and wetlands.

Rugged and isolated, Curtis Island's windswept coastline, long beaches and sweeping sand dunes provide solitude for adventurous campers. Bush camping under coastal Sheoaks with easy beach access, 4wd. No facilities.

**There are several designated camping areas, visit: [qpws.usedirect.com](http://qpws.usedirect.com)** within the national park. You will require a permit from Queensland National Parks & Wildlife Service.

### Activities

**Wildlife Spotting | Hiking**

## Visit Facing Island

Curtis Ferry Services lands at Farmers Point, a small settlement on the north-western tip of Facing Island.

The island has long, pristine sandy beaches and is perfect for fishing, surfing, exploring the bushland and coastline, or simply relaxing. Vehicle access on Facing Island is by 4WD only.

### Activities

**Fishing | Four Wheel Driving**

### Camping

The camping area is approximately 2km from the ferry drop-off point and is suitable for self-sufficient campers.

- 32 unpowered sites (composting toilets provided)
- Wood and charcoal fires not permitted
- Gas or kerosene cookers permitted
- Low-noise generators permitted 7am-10pm
- Dogs permitted but must be under control at all times

## North West Island Reef Camping



Curtis Ferry Services will help you escape to the second largest coral cay in the Great Barrier Reef, the beautiful North West Island, where the campground is right on the reef.

Enjoy lazy days on the beach, snorkelling amongst the coral gardens, diving the reef, fishing the deep or kayaking the reef flats.



*“Live the experience”*



215 Alf O'Rourke Drive, Gladstone Marina,  
Gladstone 4680 | [info@curtisferryservices.com.au](mailto:info@curtisferryservices.com.au)  
**07 4972 6990**



North West Island is located in the Capricorn Bunker groups which consists of 22 reefs and 16 coral cays and home of the Great 8.



# Discover Heron Island

## The Great Barrier Reef on your doorstep

- Travel to Heron Island, departing Gladstone marina, by Heron Islander catamaran (2 hrs) helicopter (30 mins) or seaplane (25 mins)
- Step right off the sand and onto the reef
- Snorkel and dive over 20 world famous sites
- Witness turtles nesting from October and hatching season from January to May



Located right on the Great Barrier Reef, Heron Island is a true coral cay, offering spectacular snorkelling and diving. With sugar-white sands, crystal clear waters and acres of brilliant coral with colourful marine life, Heron Island will take your breath away. The waters around Heron Island are teeming with reef fish, turtles, manta rays and an endless variety of marine creatures and spectacular corals.

Perfect for a family holiday or romantic couples escape, Heron Island boasts an award winning restaurant, bar, day spa, pool, fully equipped dive centre and more.

Contact your local travel specialist  
or Heron Island reservations on 1800 875 343



# GREAT KEPPEL ISLAND

## HIDEAWAY



### Your island hideaway...

Great Keppel Island is a short 30 minute ferry transfer from Yeppoon and arguably has the best beaches of any Great Barrier Reef island with fantastic year round swimming.

The island is home to 17 pristine white-sand beaches and an interior rich with native flora and fauna. If you enjoy a leisurely bush walk, chances are you'll find a beach all to yourself!

Great Keppel Island Hideaway welcomes guests to share their barefoot island paradise, an authentic locally owned Island resort, situated on the Southern Great Barrier Reef.

### Bar & Bistro

Offering a fully licensed bar and bistro, you're sure to enjoy the casual atmosphere and spectacular views.

- Open 7 days from 8am until late
- Serving Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- Island day guests welcome

### Stay & Unwind

Great Keppel Island Hideaway offers a variety of relaxed island accommodation to suit every traveller.

**Beachfront Cabins**

**Island Cabins**

**Garden Rooms**

**A-Frame and Hideaway House**

**Family Rooms (shared amenities)**

### Tour & Activities

Great Keppel is the perfect place to do nothing, but if you are feeling energetic, there's no shortage of activities...

Jet ski tours | **Kayak tours** | Stand up Paddle boarding | **Fishing tours** | Snorkel **Tube rides** | Water skiing | **Coral Cruises & Sunset Cruises** | Bush walking | + **More**

### Getting Here

Ferries depart the mainland daily to Great Keppel Island with Keppel Konnections.



Accommodation bookings:  
Great Keppel Island Hideaway

**07 4939 2050**



Island transfer bookings:  
Keppel Konnections  
Keppel Bay Marina (Red Jetty)

**0484 241 505**

[keppelkonnections.com.au](http://keppelkonnections.com.au)



[WWW.GREATKEPPELISLANDHIDEAWAY.COM.AU](http://WWW.GREATKEPPELISLANDHIDEAWAY.COM.AU)



# Cruise Great Keppel Island



  
**PUMPKIN** *Island*  
SOUTHERN GREAT BARRIER REEF



One of Australia's best-kept secrets, Pumpkin Island is nestled in the Southern Great Barrier Reef's Keppel Group of islands 14 kilometres off the coast of Yeppoon. A private Island that offers barefoot seclusion for couples, families or groups.

This tiny gem – just six hectares in total – offers you eco-friendly accommodation for up to 34 guests in 7 self-catering units that are powered by wind and the sun. All offer private decks and barbeques overlooking the sunset.

There is so much to do on this little island treasure. The wildlife will delight you; see dolphins, turtles and whales in season. Fish the rich waters, snorkel or experience the coral reefs from a glass bottom kayak or stand up paddle board, harvest your own oysters off the rocks or simply wander the secluded beaches.

For further information or to make a reservation visit:  
[www.pumpkinisland.com.au](http://www.pumpkinisland.com.au)



Freedom Fast Cats provides the ultimate reef experience at **Great Keppel Island** on the Southern Great Barrier Reef.

Join the experienced crew for a memorable day exploring some of the most pristine beaches and unspoilt habitats the reef has to offer.

Guaranteed to be a highlight of your visit to the Capricorn Coast!

- Ferry Transfers
- Glass Bottom Boat Tours
- Snorkelling Tours
- Boom-netting
- Lunch Cruises
- Water Taxi for Island Drop Offs
- Whale Watching (seasonal)

Servicing the Capricorn Coast for over 20 years.

**- PIER ONE -**  
**John Howes Drive**  
**Rosslyn Bay Harbour**  
**YEPPOON**  
**OPERATING 7 DAYS**



**07 4933 6888**  
[freedomfastcats.com](http://freedomfastcats.com)  
Email: [info@freedomfastcats.com](mailto:info@freedomfastcats.com)



### Funtastic Cruises

KEPPEL BAY MARINA - RED PIER  
P: 0438 909 502  
W: [funtasticcruises.com](http://funtasticcruises.com)

DAY CRUISE - SUNSET CRUISE - PRIVATE CHARTER

Sail the Keppel Islands. Discover Island Coral Coves on your 18m - 60ft Catamaran. As the largest Sailing Cat' in the Keppels this yacht provides you with total comfort. Swim, snorkel, paddle board or glass bottom kayak the Southern Barrier Reef. Throw in a line, do some Whale watching or just relax on the deck with a drink. Our fully inclusive trips incorporate all activities, drinks and food. You can take a day trip or watch the Sunset on board our Sunset Cruise. Organise a private trip with friends or work colleges. Ask us about our amazing deals and join us for a wonderful time aboard that you'll never forget.



### Great Keppel Island Holiday Village

The Village is the perfect place to relax & enjoy island life - swimming, snorkelling, bush walks & white sandy beaches. Self-contained houses, ensuite cabins & glamping tents. Linen & snorkelling equipment provided.

80 ESPLANADE, GREAT KEPPEL ISLAND  
P: 07 4939 8655  
W: [gkiholidayvillage.com.au](http://gkiholidayvillage.com.au)



### Great Keppel Island Hideaway

Offering a variety of relaxed island accommodation to suit every traveller and with a fully licensed bar and bistro, you're sure to enjoy the casual atmosphere and spectacular views. Ferries depart Yeppoon daily with Keppel Konnections.

GREAT KEPPEL ISLAND  
P: 07 4939 2050  
W: [greatkeppelislandhideaway.com.au](http://greatkeppelislandhideaway.com.au)



### Bushwalking - Great Keppel Island

The island is home to 17 beaches and an interior rich with native flora waiting to be explored. Most of the island is bushland and there are several bush tracks to untouched, pristine beaches and spectacular lookouts. Tracks subject to weather & erosion.

SELF-GUIDED WALKING MAP AVAILABLE  
P: 1800 675 785  
W: [capricornholidays.com.au](http://capricornholidays.com.au)



### Yeppoon Lagoon

LAGOON PLACE, YEPPON  
P: 1800 675 785  
W: [capricornholidays.com.au](http://capricornholidays.com.au)

The Yeppoon Lagoon is the jewel in the crown of the Yeppoon foreshore precinct. The 2500 square-metre resort style lagoon pool is located right on the beach front and includes a shallow children's play area, an informal lap swimming area and a swim-up infinity edge with stunning views over the Keppel Islands.

The surrounding parklands include barbecues and shades areas great for picnics or a relaxing way to while away an afternoon with stunning views under the tropical foliage.

Entry to the Lagoon is free and is patrolled Monday to Sunday including Public Holidays.

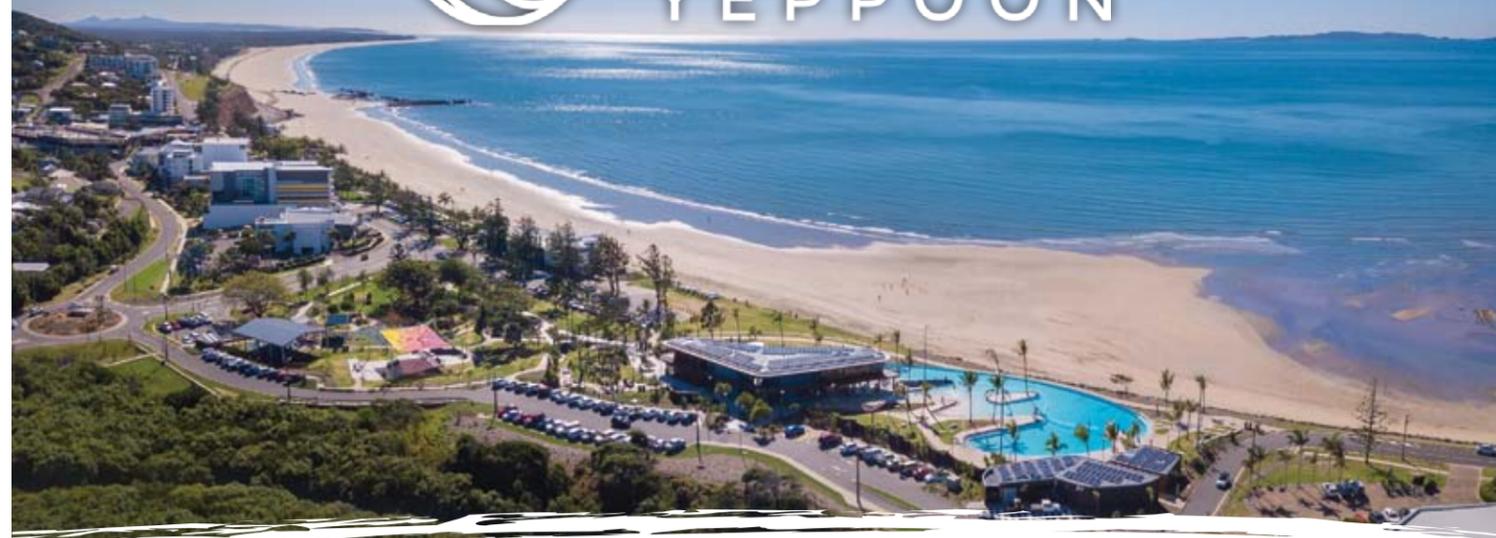


### Keppel Kracken

ANZAC PARADE, YEPPON  
P: 1800 675 785  
W: [capricornholidays.com.au](http://capricornholidays.com.au)

Taking pride of place on the Yeppoon Foreshore, the Keppel Kracken is a water play feature quite unlike any other. With a mythical sea creature centrepiece and set against the spectacular backdrop of Keppel Bay, visitors will experience a host of interactive elements including water cannons, jets and a unique umbrella bucket - the only one of its kind in Queensland - the Keppel Kracken is guaranteed fun for the whole family.

OPEN 6 DAYS A WEEK  
Summer - (Oct - April) - 9am to 8pm  
Winter - (May - Sept) - 9am to 6pm  
(Closed Tuesday for maintenance except in school holidays)



STAY YEPPON is the Capricorn Coast's largest provider of luxury apartment accommodation. Our complexes are located in the most sought after beachfront locations in Yeppoon and all offer unrivalled views of Keppel Bay and the Southern Great Barrier Reef.



### ECHELON APARTMENTS ★★★★★

Located beachfront on the Esplanade, in the heart of Yeppoon, Echelon is an ideal choice for both families and couples to relax and enjoy the tropical ambience. Fully self contained 1, 2 & 3 bedroom options. Spacious open plan living and dining areas extend onto your own private balcony.

- Rooftop Pool & BBQ area
- Spectacular views
- Walk to kids water play area & Lagoon
- Free WiFi, Foxtel & Parking
- Cafes & retail arcade onsite

18-22 Anzac Parade  
Yeppoon, Queensland  
P: 07 4939 0900  
w: [echelonyeppoon.com.au](http://echelonyeppoon.com.au)



### SALT APARTMENTS ★★★★★

Yeppoon's newest accommodation! Situated beachfront on the Esplanade and overlooking the foreshore, SALT features 1 & 2 bedroom apartments and a 3 bedroom penthouse apartment, all ocean views. A perfect location for your next family holiday or corporate event.

- 2 Resort Pools & Gymnasium
- Walk to kids water play area & Lagoon
- Conference & Function rooms
- Free WiFi, Foxtel & Parking
- Restaurant & Cafe onsite

32 - 34 Anzac Parade  
Yeppoon, Queensland  
P: 07 4925 2200  
w: [saltyeppoon.com.au](http://saltyeppoon.com.au)



### BEACHES ON LAMMERMOOR ★★★★★

Ideally located on Lammermoor Beach, Beaches on Lammermoor offers families and groups the opportunity to relax and enjoy life. Offering 1,2 & 3 bedroom fully self-contained apartments with large balconies and only a stone's throw to Keppel Bay Marina and Island ferry departures.

- Lagoon style pool
- BBQ and outdoor dining facilities
- Large Balconies
- Free WiFi, Foxtel & Parking
- Popular wedding location

96 - 98 Scenic Highway  
Yeppoon, Queensland  
P: 07 4913 8300  
w: [beachesonlammermoor.com.au](http://beachesonlammermoor.com.au)





### Rainforest Ranch

76 YAXLEYS ROAD, BYFIELD  
P: 0447 555 186  
W: rainforestranch.com.au

Rainforest Ranch Wilderness Retreat features 6 beautifully appointed self contained spacious cabins set in beautiful rainforest. A great location surrounded by the spectacular Byfield National Park, makes it easy for you to explore all the park has to offer. These private Luxury Cabins make Rainforest Ranch "THE PERFECT GETAWAY". All cabins have a King Size bed and are fully screened for your comfort. All have reverse cycle air conditioning. You can take a dip in the Rock Pool or relax in the Spa. When it's too cold for the pool, each cabin has its own log fire to keep you warm during cold winter nights, as well as fire pits where you can enjoy sitting around an open fire. The Ranch Bar & Grill provides a great range of food options that allow guests to enjoy Breakfast & Dinner daily as well as a drink or two. Lunch is also available on weekends & holidays. Our Live Music makes for a great Sunday Session starting from 12 pm every week. We cater for Group Bookings and Functions such as Parties, Anniversaries, Team Building & Weddings. Some CAMPING is also available.

#### Features

- 6 Fully Screened and Air Conditioned Cabins
- Enjoy the wonders of the Rainforest
- Individual Verandas with Electric BBQ
- Gateway to Byfield National Park & Five Rocks
- Wood fires and outdoor fire pits
- Great dining at The Ranch Bar & Grill
- PET FRIENDLY - Visit our website for details



### Byfield State Forest

The area offers a number of day walks, which are great options for warmer days especially when they end at a cool swimming hole. Upper Stony, Water Park Creek & Red Rock are available camping areas and all have adjoining day-use areas with facilities.

BYFIELD ROAD, BYFIELD  
P: 1800 675 785  
W: capricornholidays.com.au



### Cooberie Park Wildlife Sanctuary

Cuddle a Koala, hold a Snake or Parrot, and hand feed Kangaroos! Over 300 animals to see. Animal show at 1pm daily. BBQ area and Pool. Bring a picnic or have a BBQ. Open 7 days. 10am - 3pm. We are only 15 min drive north from Yeppoon Main Beach.

9 STONES ROAD, YEPPON  
P: 07 4939 7590  
W: cooberiepark.com.au



### Rosslyn Bay Resort

Located in the heart of Rosslyn Bay, directly opposite the beach, walking distance to Great Keppel Island ferry services and The Waterline Restaurant. Amazing sea views from most of our studio rooms, spa bungalows and 2 bedroom apartments.

VIN E JONES MEMORIAL DRIVE, ROSSLYN BAY  
P: 07 4933 6333  
W: rosslynbayresort.com.au



### The Waterline Restaurant

1 WATERLINE WAY, ROSSLYN BAY  
P: 07 4933 6244  
W: thewaterline.com.au

Located on the deck of Keppel Bay Marina, The Waterline Restaurant boasts the only uninterrupted waterfront view on the Capricorn Coast. Proudly showcasing the best fresh, local seafood and award-winning Banana Station Beef sourced from their own cattle properties in Queensland. Enjoy alfresco dining for breakfast, lunch or dinner where the reef meets the beef; followed by a stroll on the marina docks.

All Day Dining from 7am 7days | Evening Dining Wed-Sun



### NRMA Capricorn Yeppoon Holiday Park

WILDIN WAY, MULAMBIN  
P: 07 4933 6144  
W: nrmayeppoon.com.au

Just 15 minutes south of Yeppoon, you're all set for family fun in the tropics in the Southern Great Barrier Reef on the Capricorn Coast.

Our facilities include a pool, waterslide, outdoor cinema, camp kitchen, bouncing pillow, BBQs and so much more. With accommodation options to suit all budgets, you'll find the perfect one for you. Choose from 2 bedroom villas, 3 bedroom cottages, studios, group lodges, powered and unpowered sites – and that's just the beginning.



### Discovery Parks - Coolwaters

Perfectly positioned against the breathtaking backdrop of the Capricorn Coast, Discovery Parks - Coolwaters, Yeppoon is the perfect holiday destination. Boasting a range of water sports for all ages from the resort style pool to the 5 water slides.

760 SCENIC HIGHWAY, KINKA BEACH  
P: 07 4939 6102  
W: discoveryparks.com.au



### Poinciana Tourist Park

Relax and enjoy our tropical surroundings. Close to beaches, shops and tourist activities. Caravan, camping sites and self-contained Cabins. Pet friendly.

9 SCENIC HIGHWAY, COOEE BAY YEPPON  
P: 07 4939 1601  
W: poincianatouristpark.com.au



### Causeway Caravan Park

Shady lakeside location south of Yeppoon. Offering Air Conditioned cabins, powered tent and large motorhome sites. Shop with gas, ice and boats are available for hire. Pets on application.

11 CAUSEWAY ESPLANADE, CAUSEWAY LAKE  
P: 07 4933 6356  
W: causewaycaravanpark.com.au



### Villa Mar Colina

34 ADELAIDE STREET, YEPPON  
P: 07 4939 3177  
W: villamarcolina.com.au

Situated high on Yeppoon's Bluff Point, Villa Mar Colina features 15 beautifully appointed Mediterranean style, fully self contained one, two and three bedroom villas, with individual private garages. Boasting million dollar views across Keppel Bay, lush tropical gardens and a stunning illusion pool, Villa Mar Colina has all you need for a relaxing getaway. Just 150 metres from Yeppoon's foreshore precinct, great shopping and superb restaurants, Villa Mar Colina is your place to stay on the Capricorn Coast.



### Fisherman's Beach Holiday Park

Fisherman's Beach Holiday Park is perfectly situated on the beach, yet walking distance to Emu Park town centre. Offering the perfect base to explore the Keppel Bay Islands and providing all your caravan, camping and accommodation needs.

67 PATTISON STREET, EMU PARK  
P: 07 4939 6202  
W: fishermansbeachhp.com.au



### The Coast Motel

4 star modern spacious rooms. Free Foxtel, Free WiFi. Breakfast cooked to order beside the pool. Next to family friendly Capricorn Tavern. Disabled access.

52 SCENIC HIGHWAY, YEPPON  
P: 07 4930 2325  
W: thecoastmotel.com.au



### Sail Inn Motel

Located in the heart of Yeppoon's CBD. Easy walking distance to restaurants, shops and the beach. Accommodating singles to families. All basics covered plus Foxtel and free Wi-Fi. TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence 2018.

19 JAMES ST, YEPPON  
P: 07 4939 1130  
W: sailinn.com.au



# AN ENTERTAINMENT ICON

Established in 1862, Rockhampton's iconic Great Western Hotel has a rich history, to the extent it is today a national tourist destination. With four bars, beer garden, award winning 'Bullhead Steakhouse', air-conditioned gaming saloon and undercover entertainment venue, the Great Western Hotel is unrivalled, and often referred to as 'Australia's Most Unique Pub'.

The venue is renowned for bringing adrenalin pumping events to the region, such as **rodeo, professional bull riding and indoor motocross, along with many headline music acts**. The Hotel is a 'bucket list' destination where visitors can experience the unique atmosphere of the hotel itself and the rodeo and music arena!



**BULLRIDING**  
EVERY WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY NIGHT!

**FREE COURTESY BUS**

PICTURED: LEE KERNAGHAN LIVE IN THE ARENA



## Archer Park Rail Museum

51-87 DENISON STREET, ROCKHAMPTON  
P: 07 4922 2774  
W: [qldrailheritage.com/archerpark](http://qldrailheritage.com/archerpark)

*Home of the world's only working Purrey Steam Tram!*  
Archer Park Rail Museum is located in Denison St, Rockhampton, which is famous for the Northern railway line running down the centre of this street. The Museum has a wide variety of Rail and Tram exhibits that have been collected from a variety of sources. Through the revolutionary Digital Soundscape, experience the sound effects of a steam train pulling in at the station and eavesdrop on the conversations of passengers and railway workers, who are depicted by the statues in the Museum and on the Platform. One of the station's most popular exhibits is the fully restored Purrey Steam Tram, believed to be the only operational one of its kind in the world. Built in 1899 the Archer Park Railway Station building was Heritage Listed in the 1960's it has been operated as a rail museum since 1999.

### Features

- Ride the Purrey Steam Tram on Sundays – 10am-1pm (February to November)
- C17 Steam Locomotive and 1614 English Electric Diesel Locomotive
- Heritage Railway Carriages JCS 1007 & Special Car 434
- Souvenirs available
- Air-Conditioned Refreshment Room
- Open 10am-3pm Monday to Thursday and Sunday 9am-1pm



## Saleyards Distillery

52 GLADSTONE RD, ALLENSTOWN  
P: 0422 400 464  
W: [saleyardsdistillery.com](http://saleyardsdistillery.com)

Housed in one of Rockhampton's most historic hotels is the Saleyard's Distillery. It is Central Queensland's first and only distillery, producing spiced rum and world award winning gins. Guests can immerse themselves in the full experience by taking a free tour and tasting with the distillers. The Distillery bar offers rotating taps of locally brewed beers and has an impressive range of unique cocktails inspired by the region's seasonal produce. Relax in the leafy beer garden as you take in the tropics of Capricorn.



## FLOW Centre

CNR DENHAM & EAST STREETS ROCKHAMPTON  
P: 07 4999 2800  
W: [fba.org.au/flow](http://fba.org.au/flow)

Looking for something fun, free and interactive to do in Rockhampton? Explore Fitzroy Basin Association's educational FLOW Centre. Take a tour around the Fitzroy region and discover unique plants and animals in air-conditioned comfort. Learn about the effects we have on our environment and how you can work towards a more sustainable future. There's plenty of activities for children and adults.

Check out our website for bookings and upcoming events.



### Korte's Resort

984 YAAMBA RD, NORTH ROCKHAMPTON  
 P: 07 4936 3153  
 W: kortes.com.au

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### Mount Archer National Park

Visitors can now enjoy outstanding views of Rockhampton from the new Nurim Circuit Elevated Boardwalk extending 25 metres outward and 7.5 metres high on the mountain top. Mount Archer offers a picnic area and a number of bushwalking trails.

PILBEAM DRIVE, ROCKHAMPTON  
 P: 1800 675 785  
 W: capricornholidays.com.au



### Discovery Parks - Rockhampton

Discovery Parks - Rockhampton boasts 10 acres of landscaped gardens and views of majestic Mount Archer. When you arrive, enjoy a bush walk or take the kids to our new water park that features a splash pad for the toddlers.

394 YAAMBA RD, NORTH ROCKHAMPTON  
 P: 07 4926 3822  
 W: discoveryparks.com.au



### Henderson Park Farm Retreat

Working beef cattle property 30 minutes north of Rockhampton. Accommodation for up to 33 people in self contained cabins, well appointed ensuite rooms and gorgeous original homestead. Enjoy tours, wildlife, bushwalking. Pet friendly, wheelchair accessible.

88 CH BARRETT'S ROAD, BARMOYA  
 P: 07 4934 2794  
 W: hendersonpark.com.au



### Dreamtime Cultural Centre

30 acres of natural bushland on Ancient Tribal Sites - Central Queensland's largest Aboriginal cultural centre. Open Monday to Friday 10am - 3:30pm. Guided tours from 10:30am

703-751 YAAMBA RD, PARKHURST  
 P: 07 4936 1655  
 W: dreamtimecentre.com.au



### Bat Cleft Tour

Experience the rush of thousands of tiny bats flashing past you at dusk during the ranger-guided tours. Little bent-wing bats fly out from their roost providing a spectacular natural show. Tours operate December to February on Mon, Fri & Sat evenings. Bookings Essential.

MOUNT ETNA NATIONAL PARK  
 P: 07 4936 0570 (QLD Parks & Wildlife Service)  
 W: capricornholidays.com.au



### Rockhampton Serviced Apartments

Rockhampton Serviced Apartments are ideal for families, corporate travellers or holiday makers. Located in the heart of Rockhampton, the Apartments provide relaxed and comfortable accommodations within easy walking distance of the city centre.

128 DENHAM STREET, ROCKHAMPTON  
 P: 07 4922 9222  
 W: rockhampton servicedapartments.com.au



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### Mt Hay Gemstone Tourist Park

3665 CAPRICORN HIGHWAY, WYCARBAH  
 P: 07 4934 7183  
 W: mthaygems.com.au

Located 30 minutes west of Rockhampton at the foot of an extinct volcano, Mt. Hay is home to the famous, 120-million-year-old Thundereggs and Rainforest Jasper. Here, visitors can experience the thrill of fossicking for their own unique treasures. Keep what you find - includes some free cutting. View the Aradon Fine Pewter Factory, browse the gift shop or stay awhile in the caravan park and campground. Pets welcome. Admission to the park is free however fees apply to activities (enclosed footwear required).

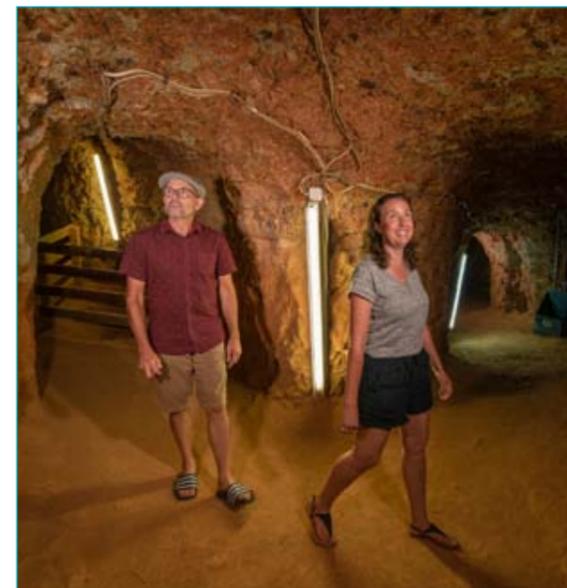


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 P: 07 4998 1290  
 W: myella.com

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### Miners Heritage

97 HERITAGE ROAD, RUBYVALE  
 P: 07 4985 4444  
 W: minersheritage.com.au

Australia's largest underground sapphire mine tour... Visit Miners Heritage Walk-In Mine and discover the amazing world of sapphires. Guided mine tours depart from 9.15am, we will take you 15 metres underground and through 440 metres of hand dug tunnels (min 2 people per tour).

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### Central Highlands - Linking the Reef to the Outback

3 CLERMONT STREET, EMERALD  
 P: 07 4982 4142  
 W: centralhighlands.com.au

Discover, explore and relax as you experience the diverse Central Highlands.

**CARNARVON GORGE:** Connect with nature, recharge and be captivated by the aboriginal culture and unique wildlife, as you wander the majestic gorge system.

**SAPPHIRE GEMFIELDS:** Try your luck fossicking, go deep underground with a guided mine tour or spoil yourself at one of the gem galleries.

**EMERALD & LAKE MARABOON:** Restock and refresh in Emerald before heading to Lake Maraboon to throw in a line or red claw pot.

**SPRINGSURE & MINERVA HILLS NP:** Immerse yourself in the local aboriginal culture and pioneer history of Springsure. Pack a picnic and visit Minerva Hills for panoramic views of the surrounding countryside.

**CAPELLA & PEAK RANGE:** Step back in time with Capella's pioneer history and enjoy great drives around the picturesque Peak Range.

**BLACKWATER & BLACKDOWN TABLELAND NP:** Visit a working coal mine and be awestruck by its size. Blackdown Tableland offers spectacular views, bushwalks, swimming holes and 4WDing.

Download the 2019/20 Visitor Guide and Touring Map from our website.

Central Highlands, *More than you expect*



### Gemfest - Festival of Gems

ALAN KING MEMORIAL PARK, ANAKIE  
 P: 07 4985 4375  
 W: gemfest.com.au

Gemfest - Festival of Gems is an annual four day event that celebrates and showcases the high quality sapphires of the Sapphire Gemfields in the Highlands of Central Queensland.

Held in Anakie 8-11 August 2019 with local, national and international traders providing a glittering array of all earth's treasures - precious and semi-precious gems and jewellery, crystals, fossils and be part of the great 'stake a claim' treasure hunt. There's street theatre and stage entertainment - workshops - demonstrations plus activities and exhibitions throughout the four townships.

Future Dates - 6-9 August, 2020 & 12-15 August, 2021



### Capella Pioneer Village

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CNR GREGORY HWY & WALSH ST, CAPELLA  
 P: 07 4984 9425  
 W: capella.com.au/capella-pioneer-village



### Carnarvon Great Walk

Set within Carnarvon Gorge National Park —this is a walking adventure not to be missed. Load up your pack and explore the far reaches over 6-7 days. Travel through the gorge, and up and around the plateaus, spurs and ridgelines that form Central Queensland's highest country.

CARNARVON GORGE VISITOR AREA  
 P: 07 4982 4142 (Visitor Information Centre)  
 W: parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/carnarvon-great-walk



### Blackdown Tableland NP

Rising high above the surrounding plains, this National Park protects deep gorges, spectacular lookouts and scenic waterfalls. 2WD accessible however road is not suitable for caravans. Camping permits are required. Toilets, fireplaces & picnic tables are provided.

LOCATED 180KM WEST OF ROCKHAMPTON  
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## Getting Here...

Queensland's Southern Great Barrier Reef is easily accessible by road, rail, air and sea.

From	To	Travel Time by Road	Kms Travelled
Brisbane	Bundaberg	4 hours 40 mins	368kms
Brisbane	Gladstone	6 hours 45 mins	531kms
Brisbane	Rockhampton	7 hours 50 mins	632kms
Brisbane	Emerald	1 hour 25 mins (air)	656kms
Bundaberg	Agnes Water/1770	1 hour 45 mins	122kms
Gladstone	Agnes Water/1770	1 hour 45 mins	125kms
Gladstone	Rockhampton	1 hour 25 mins	108kms
Rockhampton	Emerald	3 hours 15 mins	270kms
Emerald	Rubyvale	51 mins	61kms
Emerald	Carnarvon Gorge	3 hours 50 mins	288kms
Carnarvon Gorge	Cania Gorge	5 hours 15 mins	398kms
Cania Gorge	Agnes Water/1770	3 hours 15 mins	181kms

## Temperature Guide

		Celsius	Fahrenheit
Summer	Dec – Feb	21 – 38°	69 – 100°
Autumn	Mar – May	12 – 35°	53 – 95°
Winter	Jun – Aug	8 – 27°	46 – 80°
Spring	Sep – Nov	12 – 30°	53 – 86°

\*Temperature ranges are approximate averages only.

## Visitor Information Centres

**i** Bundaberg Information Centre  
36 Avenue Street, Bundaberg  
Ph: 1300 722 099  
info@bundabergregion.org

**i** Gin Gin Information Centre  
Mulgrave Street, Gin Gin

**i** Childers Information Centre  
Palace Building  
72 Churchill Street, Childers

**i** RM Williams Australian Bush Leaning Centre & Visitor Information  
23767 Gayndah - Monto Road, Eidsvold

**i** Gladstone Visitor Information Centre  
Marina Ferry Terminal  
72 Bryan Jordan Drive  
Ph: 07 4972 9000  
gladstonevic@gapdl.com.au

**i** Agnes Water / Town of 1770  
Visitor Information Centre  
71 Springs Road  
Ph: 07 4902 1533  
agneswatervic@gapdl.com.au

**i** Tropic of Capricorn Spire  
Visitor Information Centre  
176 Gladstone Road, Rockhampton  
Ph: 07 4936 8000

**i** Rockhampton Heritage Village  
Boundary Road, Parkhurst

**i** Capricorn Coast  
Visitor Information Centre  
Ross Creek Roundabout, Yeppoon  
Ph: 1800 675 785  
yeppoon@capricorntourism.com.au

**i** Central Highlands  
Visitor Information Centre  
3 Clermont Street, Emerald  
Ph: 07 4982 4142  
emerald@chdc.com.au

**i** Blackwater International Coal Centre  
Capricorn Way, Blackwater

**i** Federation Woolshed  
Information Centre  
Gregory Highway, Springsure

**i** Duaringa Historical &  
Tourism Centre  
Mackenzie Park  
Capricorn Way, Duaringa

## Road

See inside our guide for great driving options to visit the Southern Great Barrier Reef Region.

## Air

QantasLink flies from Brisbane to Bundaberg, Gladstone, Rockhampton, and Emerald.

Visit [www.qantas.com.au](http://www.qantas.com.au).

Virgin Blue flies from Brisbane to Rockhampton, Gladstone, Bundaberg and Emerald. Visit [www.virginblue.com.au](http://www.virginblue.com.au).

## Rail

Spirit of Queensland travels between Brisbane and Cairns with five\* services per week.

Tilt Train departs Brisbane daily for Bundaberg, or to Gladstone and Rockhampton six days per week.

Spirit of the Outback departs Brisbane twice weekly for Longreach (via Rockhampton).

\*For timetables and more information visit [www.queenslandrailtravel.com.au](http://www.queenslandrailtravel.com.au) or phone 1300 783 553

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