

# THE MACKAY REGION

Visitor Guide 2020



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## VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES



**Mackay Region Visitor Information Centre**  
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P: 07 4837 1228  
E: [bookings@mackayregion.com](mailto:bookings@mackayregion.com)  
Open: 9am – 5pm, 7 days (May to October)  
9am – 5pm Monday to Friday (November to April)  
9am – 3pm Saturday  
9am – 1pm Sunday



**Melba House Visitor Information Centre**  
Melba House, Eungella Road, Marian  
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E: [pvttda@pioneervalley.com.au](mailto:pvttda@pioneervalley.com.au)  
Open: 9am – 3pm, 7 days



**Mackay Visitor Information Centre**  
320 Nebo Road, Mackay (pre-Feb 2020)  
Bluewater Lagoon, Mackay (post-Feb 2020)  
P: 07 4837 1228  
E: [bookings@mackayregion.com](mailto:bookings@mackayregion.com)  
Open: 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday



**Broken River Visitor Information Centre**  
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P: 07 4958 4745  
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Open: 10am – 3pm, 7 days



**Clermont Historical Centre & Visitor Information Centre**  
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P: 07 4983 3311  
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Open: 9am – 3pm, Wednesday to Saturday (March to Dec)

# WELCOME TO THE MACKAY REGION

*A slice of Nature Reserved... just for you*

Experience unique wildlife within lush rainforest, explore rugged inland roads, fish world-renowned freshwater dams, or find a quiet stretch of sand at one of 31 beaches just minutes from a vibrant city hub. The Mackay Region has hundreds of must-do experiences that will have you wanting to stay a little longer...

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# EVENTS CALENDAR 2020

**JAN**

New Year's Eve Celebrations

Drag the Farmers Out of Drought

**APR**

ACA National Campdraft Finals at Nebo

Hillbilly Goats



Whitsundays Clipper Race Carnival

ANZAC Day Ceremonies



Mackay Turf Girl Race Day

Australia Day Celebrations & Awards

Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow

**FEB**

35th Annual Bridal Fair

2020 Water Polo QLD Country Championships

**MAY**

Great Barrier Reef Arena T20 Bash for Cash

Wintermoon Festival



Mackay Expo

Lamberts Beach Seafood and Wine Festival

Clermont Agricultural Show

Zach Mach Adventure Challenge

Nebo Rodeo



Mackay Airport Twilight City Run

Mackay Sports Expo and Sign On Day

Hello World Travel Expo

Anh Do – The Happiest Refugee

Mackay Italian Street Party

**MAR**

International Women's Day Lunch and Expo

**JUN**

St Lawrence Wetlands Weekend

State Open Rugby League Championships



AFLW – Gold Coast Suns vs Geelong

Mackay Marina Run

Whitsunday STEM Challenge



Middlemount Golf and Country Club Charity Golf Day

Mission Songs Project

Pioneer Valley Show

Great Whitehaven Beach Run

Mackay Show

Mackay Music Festival

<b>JUL</b>	Taylors Solicitors Mackay Cup	Mackay Festival of Arts	G&S Engineering Wine & Food Day	<b>OCT</b>	Sarina Ute Muster	Lamberts Beach Oyster Festival	Mackay PBR Invitational	
		DBCT Illuminate				Mack PopCon		
<b>AUG</b>		Sarina Beach Coconut Festival	Audi Hamilton Island Race Week	Sarina Show	<b>NOV</b>	Middlemount Fight Night	Moranbah Race Day	Airlie Beach Music Festival
Mechanos								
NQ's Rock'n Country	BBQ & Beer Festival		Clermont Gold and Coal Festival	Middlemount Races				
<b>SEP</b>	4U2 Concert	Motorcycle Beach Races at Grasree Beach	CQ Charity Campdraft Nebo	<b>DEC</b>				
		Etnies Rumble on the Reef		Carols at the Quay				
		River 2 Reef Ride		New Year's Eve River Party				
		Greenmount Heritage Fair						

\*Please note, events are true and accurate at time of printing, however may be subject to change.

# WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS

Rainforest abundant with birdlife and platypus, a beach full of wallabies and kangaroos and spectacular salt and freshwater fishing. You will be guaranteed to come face-to-face with diverse wildlife in their natural environment when you visit The Mackay Region.



## Did you know

Platypus are monotremes, meaning they are egg laying mammals.

The wallabies and kangaroos don't mind their photo taken, but it's important not to disturb them in their natural environment.



## Top 6 Wildlife Encounters

### ✓ PLATYPUS IN THE WILD, BROKEN RIVER – EUNGELLA NATIONAL PARK

Spot platypus in the wild at Broken River, a tranquil freshwater environment within Australia's longest stretch of sub-tropical rainforest, Eungella National Park.

Platypus viewing platforms alongside Broken River are prime positions to see these shy creatures when they rise to the surface.

**TIP:** The best times to see a platypus are dusk or early morning. Platypus have sensitive hearing and are easily disturbed. Sit quietly and watch the water surface for ripples.

### □ WALLABIES AT SUNRISE, CAPE HILLSBOROUGH NATIONAL PARK

It's the ultimate Aussie photo opportunity – a wallaby on the beach with the sun rising in the background. Cape Hillsborough National Park offers this amazing experience each morning for visitors and guests to the nearby tourist park, as the wallabies and kangaroos feed on the shoreline.

**TIP:** This experience is perfect for families who love nature. Those who choose to stay overnight at the tourist park overlooking the beach can find a number of wallabies and kangaroos relaxing throughout the day.

### □ DISCOVER DUGONGS, CLAIRVIEW BEACH

The small coastal town of Clairview, to the south of The Mackay Region, is home to these gentle sea creatures. The waters in the area are a protected sanctuary for this endangered marine mammal. You can spot dugong from the beach or in a boat.

**TIP:** Clairview is also famous for its fishing and crabbing. It's the only place you'll catch a glimpse of the ocean from the Bruce Highway between the Gold Coast and Bowen.

### □ WONDROUS WHALES

Each year between June and November, The Mackay Region is lucky enough to host the spectacular humpback whales as they migrate north along Australia's eastern coastline. The purpose-built whale watching platform at Lamberts Beach is the perfect spot to watch the whales playing off the coast.

**TIP:** Another popular spot to get a 180-degree view of the Coral Sea is from a pub on the top of the hill in Eimeo.

### □ BRILLIANT BIRDLIFE

Mackay is alive with vibrant birdlife thanks to the region's unique ecosystems. From the Kommo Toera Trail and Botanical Gardens in Mackay, to the migratory shorebirds along Sandfly Creek Reserve and the endemic Eungella Honeyeater on display in the rainforests of Eungella National Park, The Mackay Region is a must visit destination for bird lovers.

**TIP:** Head along to St Lawrence Wetlands, home to over a 100 different bird species. The area celebrates its birdlife every year with a special weekend in June.

### □ FANTASTIC FISHING

The Mackay Region is Australia's premier recreational fishing destination and known for 365 days a year for fishing. Within 45 minutes of Mackay, you can be fishing at a tropical reef, rainforest stream, blue water river, a sandy estuary or an inland dam.

**TIP:** Catch that legendary metre-plus Barramundi by hiring a fishing charter or try your luck at one of the inland dams.

**Main Photo:** Broken River at Eungella National Park is widely regarded as the best place in the world to spot wild platypus.

**From Far Left:** A migrating humpback whale; A Cape Hillsborough wallaby; Dugong feeding on seagrass at Clairview; Colourful rainbow lorikeets.

# NATURE RESERVED

The Mackay Region is best known for its diverse nature experiences; home to Australia's longest and oldest sub-tropical rainforest, freshwater gorges, quiet camping spots and uncrowded coastlines. You will be spoilt for choice if you are looking for authentic nature experiences in The Mackay Region.





## Top Nature Experiences

### ✓ BUSHWALKING

The national parks that are spread throughout The Mackay Region offer something for every level of bushwalker, whether it's the lush, green rainforest you crave or the rugged terrain in national parks that can only be accessed by 4WD. Bushwalks throughout the region vary from beginner five-minute circuits to three-to-five-day treks for the experienced walkers. See our top National Parks below.

**TIP:** For something a little lighter and closer to the City Centre, try the Kommo Toera trail at Slade Point or the Mackay Region Botanic Gardens on Lagoon Street.

### □ FINCH HATTON GORGE

Take a refreshing dip in the crystal-clear waters after bushwalking through rainforest at Finch Hatton Gorge. Visitors will love swimming at Araluen Cascades or the Wheel of Fire with their spectacular waterfalls and large rock pools.

**TIP:** Allocate enough time for exploring the Pioneer Valley while you visit Finch Hatton Gorge – there are some fantastic local cafes and eateries along the way and wonderful photo opportunities at the top of the Eungella Range!

### □ ISLANDS & BEACHES

With 31 unspoilt, pristine beaches to explore, you will never be disappointed at the variety of beaches in The Mackay Region. Fishing, swimming, kite boarding or stand up paddle boarding are popular sports. Charter boats can take you further out to the islands where the fishing and serenity are second-to-none.

## Top Parks in Mackay

### EUNGELLA NATIONAL PARK

Approximately 80 kilometres west of Mackay



Australia's longest stretch of sub-tropical rainforest and one of Queensland's most ecologically diverse parks with 860 plant species and a wonderful variety of wildlife.

### CAPE HILLSBOROUGH NATIONAL PARK

Approximately 50 kilometres north of Mackay



Dense rainforest meets the ocean in this ruggedly scenic park with rocky headlands covered in hoop pines and volcanic rock formations. Meet the friendly wildlife on the beach at sunrise each morning.

### CAPE PALMERSTON NATIONAL PARK

115 kilometres south-east of Mackay



This uncrowded coastline is best for 4WD enthusiasts, with windswept headlands, rainforest, swamp, sand dunes and beaches, along with the 344 metre Mount Funnel.

### HOMEVALE NATIONAL PARK

70 kilometres south-west of Mackay



Dramatic cliffs, peaks and spires, this park is set in a vast, dry landscape and protects open woodland, brigalow and key fossil locations.

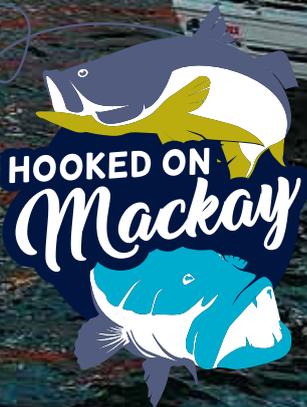
**Main Photo:** The Mackay Highlands Great Walk passing through Eungella National Park.

**Top Row:** The Mackay Region is home to kilometres of white sandy beaches; Cedar Grove Track, Eungella National Park; The Kommo Toera Trail at Slade Point is set amongst towering Melaleuca trees.

**Bottom Row:** Andrews Point Track, Cape Hillsborough National Park; Broken River, Eungella National Park.

# HOOKED ON MACKAY

The Mackay Region is Australia's premier fishing destination offering anglers the opportunity to tackle an abundance of iconic species across a range of picturesque locations. Whether you're out to catch your first fish, on a personalised fishing charter or a seasoned angler targeting that magical metre Barra, the opportunities are endless.



**HOOKED?**

The Mackay Region has a dedicated fishing platform full of useful information for anglers. Visit [www.hookedonmackay.com](http://www.hookedonmackay.com) or Hooked on Mackay on Facebook.

# Hooked? Top Fishing Destinations

## ☑ SEAFORTH NET-FREE ZONE

Three years since commercial net fishing was banned, the net-free zone from St Helens Beach to Cape Hillsborough has blossomed with fishing riches for the recreational angler. The variety of species to be caught here are practically endless, with favourites being jewfish, trevally and the jewel in the crown, the mighty barramundi.

## ☐ KINCHANT, TEEMBURRA & EUNGELLA DAMS

All located within 90 minutes of Mackay, the three freshwater impoundments in the Pioneer Valley are a must visit destination for anglers. Vast, open waters make Kinchant Dam one of Australia's most reliable sources for metre plus barramundi catches. Teemburra Dam offers a more challenging location, yet equally spectacular fishing. High up in the mountains you'll find Eungella Dam, famous for football sized sooty grunter.

## ☐ MACKAY MARINA & NORTHERN BEACHES

Catching whiting from the kilometres of unspoilt beaches, targeting barramundi in creeks or even tuna from the break wall – these are just some of the possibilities that exist for anglers at Mackay's Marina and Northern Beaches.

## ☐ PIONEER RIVER

Mackay's blue water Pioneer River is not only beautiful to look at but also offers some of the state's most exciting and accessible fishing. Recommended for the land-based angler, the Pioneer River features several easy to access spots that are perfect for the family. Bream, whiting and flathead are a popular catch here, so too are the famous barramundi and queenfish.

## ☐ ISAAC COAST

Renowned not only for their excellent fishing, but the beaches and mangroves of Cape Palmerston, St Lawrence and Clairview produce fantastic crabbing. Set your crab pots in the morning, head out and fish for Spanish mackerel during the day, then return for a delicious feed of big, juicy mud crabs.

## ☐ OFFSHORE ISLANDS & REEFS

Located at a relatively unexplored, yet spectacular part of the Great Barrier Reef, the islands and reefs off The Mackay Region are teeming with colourful reef species, and heart pumping pelagic and sports fish. Whether you're a stone's throw from the mainland, or hours offshore, the variety of fish species will have you coming back for more.

Main Photo: Fishing at Teemburra Dam.

## Fishing Bucket List



### **Barramundi** (left)

Our tip: Try live bait or soft plastics in the tidal creeks, then during closed season, switch to hard body lures in the freshwater impoundments.

### **Coral Trout** (right)

Our tip: Keep watching the sounder until you find coral or structure, then drop a soft plastic, jig or juicy piece of squid.



### **Sooty Grunter** (left)

Our tip: Head to Eungella Dam, and flick surface poppers, spinnerbaits or flies at the base of trees holding nesting birds.

### **Spanish Mackerel** (right)

Our tip: Watch for birds feeding on the surface, then fast retrieve or troll lures connected to a strong wire trace.



### **Whiting** (left)

Our tip: Whether it's in the creeks or off the beach, Whiting can't resist a well-presented worm on light tackle.

### **Mud Crab** (right)

Our tip: Know the local tides. Crabbing usually lends the best results when the tide runs are at their strongest.





# FAMILY FUN

The Mackay Region is an adventure playground for families, brimming with nature, wildlife and child-friendly destinations that will keep the whole family entertained.



## Top Spots for the Family

### **CABLE WAKEBOARDING & INFLATABLE PARK, WAKE HOUSE AUSTRALIA**

What do you get when you combine a state-of-the-art wakeboarding facility with a giant inflatable obstacle water park? Hours of fun for the whole family! Designed for a range of age groups and experience levels, the park is great for fun, fitness and relaxation.

### **SARINA SUGAR SHED, FIELD OF DREAMS PARKLANDS, SARINA**

Enjoy a close-up, interactive and highly engaging guided tour at this multi-award-winning facility. Based in the heart of sugar cane country, the Sugar Shed provides an educational and enjoyable insight into the region's sugar cane history. Watch how sugar is extracted from cane and taste a range of sweet delights and liqueurs made on site.

### **BLUEWATER LAGOON, RIVER STREET, MACKAY**

With three tiered lagoons, a 19.5 metre water slide and interactive children's water playground with drop bucket, this facility is one of the most popular spots for families. It has a cafe, barbecue facilities and lifeguards patrolling during opening hours.

### **MACKAY REGIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS, LAGOON STREET, MACKAY**

Enjoy over three kilometres of scenic tracks and boardwalks overlooking a beautiful lagoon. The Botanic Gardens has plenty of educational features based on the flora and fauna found within the park, as well as an elevated cafe with delicious food.

### **SUGAR BOWL MACKAY, NORRIS ROAD, ANDERGROVE**

This multi-sports facility has a new, state-of-the-art skate park featuring a three-metre competition bowl, intermediate bowl and street run, making it perfect for all ages and

experience levels. The park also has a multi-sports court, grassed play area, climbing wall and ping pong areas.

### **INDOOR GO-KARTING, SIDETRAX MACKAY**

If the kids spent the entire trip up complaining about your driving, show them who's boss with a race at the Sidetrax Entertainment Hub. This indoor go-kart circuit is a great way to burn some rubber, and more importantly some energy.

### **QUEENS PARK, GOLDSMITH STREET, EAST MACKAY**

Try the region's biggest and best playground, with colourful, custom built 7.5 metre skywalk towers nestled within the trees. Queens Park is home to many local festivals and events, with plenty of picnic space. Don't miss the Orchid House, featuring a large collection of stunning orchids.

### **WHALE WATCHING, LAMBERTS BEACH LOOKOUT, SLADE POINT**

A state-of-the-art, child-friendly whale watching platform overlooks stunning Lamberts Beach. It's a popular spot to watch migrating whales as they breach and play off the coast of Mackay, or visit the landmark Water Tower, painted by local artists.

### **FRECKLE FARM TOURS, ETON**

A rare up-close-and-personal farm tour provides a learning experience for young and old. This family-run farm produces healthy, nutritious and tasty food using pasture-based, chemical-free methods. The kids will love the hay trailer ride and farm animals.

### **FINCH HATTON GORGE, EUNGELLA NATIONAL PARK**

Cool off in the crystal-clear waters of Finch Hatton Gorge after a bush walk through the rainforest. Popular swimming spots are Araluen Cascades or Wheel of Fire boasting spectacular waterfalls, making it a perfect spot for a family picnic.



**Main Photo:** Family camping at Broken River Bush Camp.

**Top Row:** Cable Skiing at Wake House Australia; Sarina Sugar Shed; Sidetrax Mackay.

**Bottom Row:** Freckle Farm tours; Getting airborne at Wake House Australia; Araluen Falls at Finch Hatton Gorge.



# LOCAL FLAVOURS & CULTURE

Taste and experience the incredible local heritage, culture and flavours of The Mackay Region. Spectacular public art, true paddock to plate dining experiences and a rich heritage combine to form a culture like no other.

## Mackay's Signature Cuisine

*Award-winning, succulent, fresh and local. The Mackay Region offers a plethora of options for the fussiest of foodies.*

The region offers something for every tastebud, from fancy seafood restaurants at the Marina, to hidden cafes in the rainforest, beachfront dining, healthy espresso and ice-cream bars and trendy inner-city dining experiences.

Go inland for a mix of history and old-fashioned hospitality or pack a ready-made platter for a picnic at one of the many waterholes along the way.



# Flavour

## ☑ FOOD FESTIVALS

The Mackay Region love to celebrate food with a range of festivals occurring annually around the region.

- *BBQ & Beer Festival – Harrup Park – August*
- *Lamberts Beach Seafood & Wine Festival – May*
- *Jayco Mackay Italian Street Party – May*
- *Global Grooves Cultural Festival – October*

## ☐ BREW

Get hands-on experience in the brewing process and choose from over 200 brews, including the famous Mackay Lager, at a micro-brewery in Paget.

## ☐ FARMERS MARKETS

The Greater Whitsunday Farmers Market is held every Wednesday at the Bluewater Quay in the City Centre and showcases local, fresh and seasonal produce from farmers within the Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday Regions.

## ☐ AWARD-WINNING ATTRACTIONS

The Sarina Sugar Shed is Australia's only miniature sugar mill and distillery, making award-winning rums, liqueurs and a range of sauces, chutneys and sweet treats.

**Main Photo:** Tasty treats at 9th Lane Grind.

**Top Left:** Waffles in the rainforest.

**Bottom Left:** Family picnic platter from Plattered Up.

**Top Right:** The heritage-listed Nebo Hotel.



# Art

## ☑ ARTSPACE MACKAY

One of the largest regional art galleries, Artspace Mackay features local, national and international collections, as well as workshops for children.

## ☐ PUBLIC ART

Discover over 100 public art pieces on permanent display through Mackay's City Centre, laneways and along the Bluewater Trail overlooking the Pioneer River.

Be amazed at the talented and playful work of 16 local artists and five visiting artists at Mackay's 5th Lane in the City Centre. Download the Zappar app and experience the artwork interactively.

Standing at 18 metres high, the Slade Point Water Tower sits on the headland of Lamberts Beach and is a colourful whale-themed feature painted by a local artist.

Clermont also offers a magnificent mural on its old railway station (which was constructed in 1884). Painted on the railway carriages are murals of the activities which made Clermont prosperous.

## ☐ HANDMADE MARKETS

There are various homemade art and craft markets held throughout the year, celebrating the talent of local artisans. Whether it be baby clothing and accessories, paintings, clay or other artwork, The Mackay Region is home to many talented artisans.

# Heritage

## ☑ CLERMONT HISTORICAL CENTRE

Learn about the town's rich history involving gold rushes, copper mines, shearers, stockmen and squatters.

## ☐ MACKAY HERITAGE WALK

Enjoy a self-guided tour through Mackay's City Centre passing art-deco buildings and learning about flooding events.

## ☐ MELBA HOUSE

Home of the famous Opera singer Dame Nellie Melba, the 1882 home is now a historical museum and Visitor Information Centre in Marian.

## ☐ NEBO MUSEUM

Situated in an old police station, this museum is a fascinating collection of relics celebrating the pioneers of the past.

## ☐ GREENMOUNT HOMESTEAD

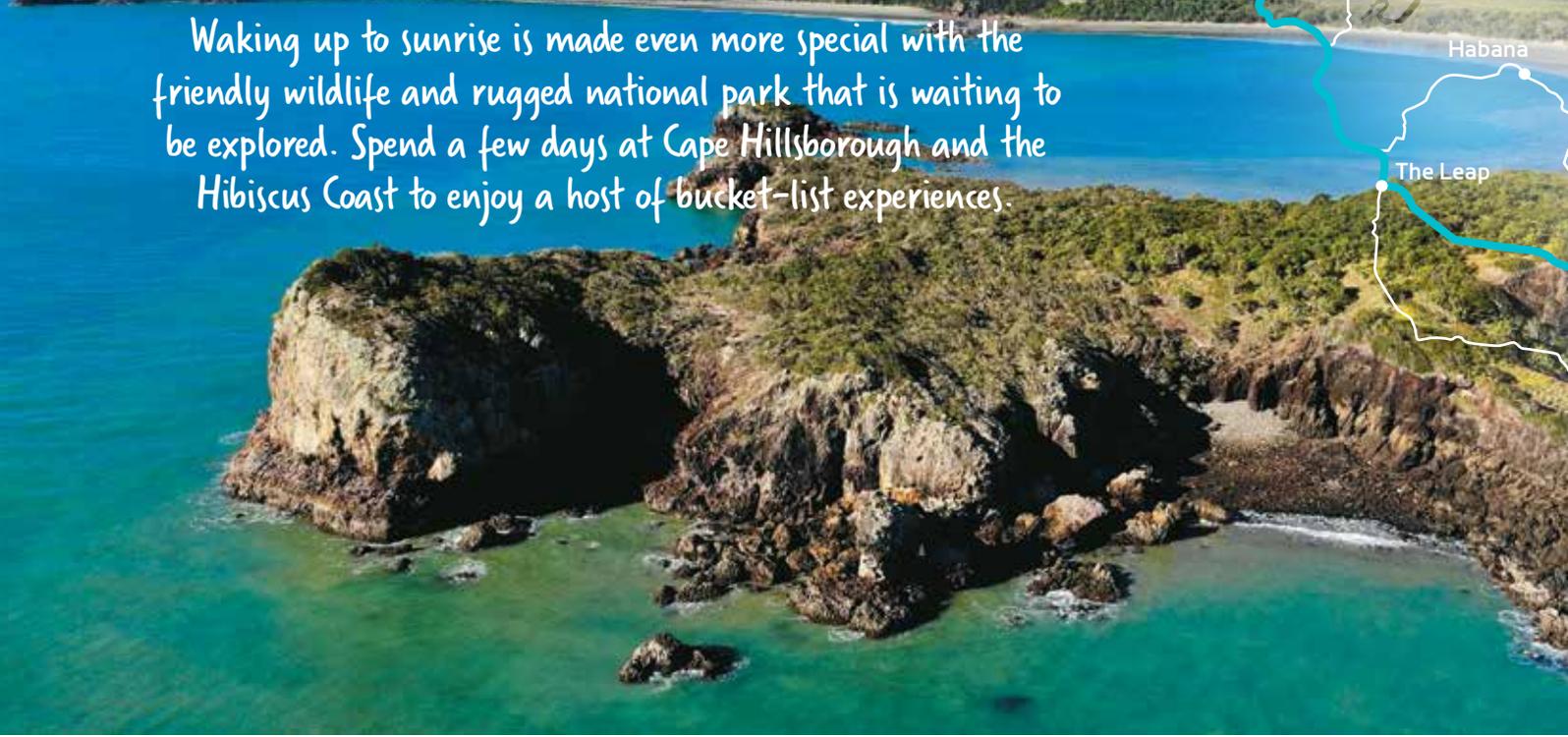
A heritage-listed homestead featuring more than 20,000 items dating back to the early 1900s.

## Did you know

A list of Museums throughout the region can be found on the Mackay and Isaac Regional Councils' websites.

# CAPE HILLSBOROUGH & HIBISCUS COAST

Waking up to sunrise is made even more special with the friendly wildlife and rugged national park that is waiting to be explored. Spend a few days at Cape Hillsborough and the Hibiscus Coast to enjoy a host of bucket-list experiences.



## WILDLIFE

While the wallabies and kangaroos are undoubtedly the stars of the show each morning at sunrise, there are over 140 avian, 25 reptile, 22 mammal and 8 amphibian species that make Cape Hillsborough special.

Staying at Cape Hillsborough Nature Tourist Park opposite the beach will provide the best opportunity to witness the wallabies and kangaroos feeding on the beach at sunrise.

The various bush walks will also give visitors the chance to witness the spectacular Blue Tiger Butterflies, especially in the cooler months.

Turtles can also be seen within the waters surrounding the national park and are more prevalent during nesting season between September to February.

## NATURE

Embark on several hikes around the area and enjoy spectacular views of the surrounding national park.

### *The Diversity Boardwalk (easy) 1.2 kilometre return*

Featuring melaleuca woodland, mangrove and open eucalyptus forest and vine thicket, the first 300 metres of the track is accessible to wheelchairs and strollers.

### *Yuibera Plant Trail (easy) 1.2 kilometre return*

Walk or drive along the gravel road to Hidden Valley to learn more about the Yuibera people's traditional use of plants in the area.

### *Beachcomber Cove Track (moderate) 2.2 kilometre return*

Start from the northern end of Cape Hillsborough picnic area and pass through open eucalyptus forest and remnant rainforest with hoop pines, ferns and vines to Beachcomber Cove, featuring amazing views from the lookout. At low tide, return to Cape Hillsborough picnic area along the beach.

### *Andrews Point Track (moderate to difficult) 5.2 kilometre return or 2.8 kilometre return via beach*

Follow the beach to reach the start of the track. After climbing

numerous steps, you will be rewarded with spectacular views from several lookouts. At low tide, walk to Wedge Island or return to the picnic area along the beach.

## FISHING

With the net-free fishing zones off the coast of Cape Hillsborough, the opportunity to hook a great catch is possible all year round. Anglers need to ensure they know the zones before fishing in the area, as it is part of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

## HISTORY

The Yuibera people lived in the Cape Hillsborough area for thousands of years and signs of their special connection to the area are still present. Mount Mandurana, commonly referred to as 'The Leap', was the scene of a dramatic conflict between European settlers and Indigenous inhabitants. Visit the large sculpture on the Bruce Highway to learn more about the story.



## Surrounding Beach Hubs

**SMALLEYS BEACH** is a popular spot for both camping and fishing, and for those who love the simplicity of nature.

**HALLIDAY BAY** is home to a resort with a golf course and restaurant on the beach, and also boasts a popular swimming enclosure.

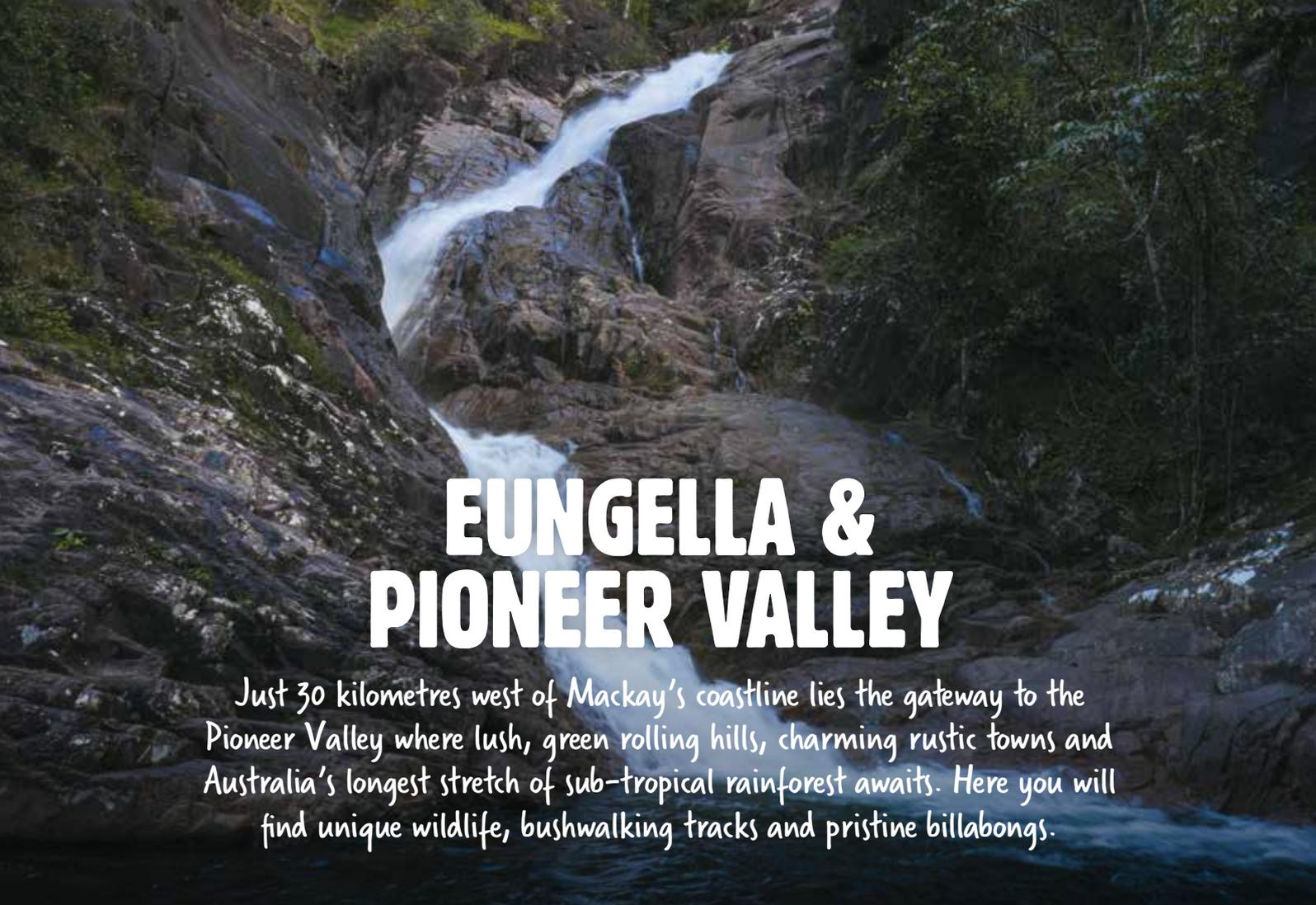
**BALL BAY** is known for its beachside fishing with great shells and a pretty beach.

**SEAFORTH** is a small coastal community fringed by a beautiful beach. Nearby creeks provide some of the best fishing in the region, with a fantastic boat ramp providing easy access to Newry Islands National Park.

**Main Photo:** Wedge Island and Cape Hillsborough.

**Right – clockwise from Top:** Cape Hillsborough Sunrise Wallaby Experience; The Hibiscus Coast produces excellent fishing; Twin Beach Lookout at Cape Hillsborough; The waterpark at Cape Hillsborough Nature Tourist Park; The rockpools of Wedge Island.





# EUNGELLA & PIONEER VALLEY

Just 30 kilometres west of Mackay's coastline lies the gateway to the Pioneer Valley where lush, green rolling hills, charming rustic towns and Australia's longest stretch of sub-tropical rainforest awaits. Here you will find unique wildlife, bushwalking tracks and pristine billabongs.

## Travelling up the Valley

### ☑ **MARIAN**

Marian was once home to the world-famous, early 20th century opera singer, Dame Nellie Melba. Find out more about her life at the Melba House Visitor Information Centre on arrival to Marian.

### ☐ **MIRANI**

A Recreational Vehicle (RV) friendly accredited town, Mirani offers low-cost accommodation, a friendly pub and the popular swimming spot at Platypus Beach, making it the perfect place to stop for the night.

### ☐ **PINNACLE**

Try a renowned Pinnacle Pie or a hearty crumbed steak fit to feed a family from the popular pub. Teemurra Dam is also nearby and is stocked with sooty grunter and barramundi.

### ☐ **FINCH HATTON GORGE**

Enjoy the charm of the Finch Hatton township before immersing yourself

in nature at Finch Hatton Gorge, part of Eungella National Park. Take a guided rainforest tour, zipline through the trees or experience a once-in-a-lifetime scuba diving experience with the chance to spot platypus.

At Finch Hatton Gorge you will find incredible bushwalks to beautiful waterfalls, surrounded by sheer cliffs and cascades. Cool down with a swim at one (or both) of the popular swimming holes, Araluen Cascades and the Wheel of Fire.

On the way out of Finch Hatton Gorge, treat your tastebuds to tantalising food at one of the cafes in the rainforest or stay the night to fully experience this wondrous location.

### ☐ **EUNGELLA NATIONAL PARK**

Enjoy epic views as you travel up the winding Eungella Range and take in the clear mountain air from the 1930s Chalet, which offers delicious meals for breakfast, lunch

and dinner, as well as hang gliding facilities for the experienced flyer.

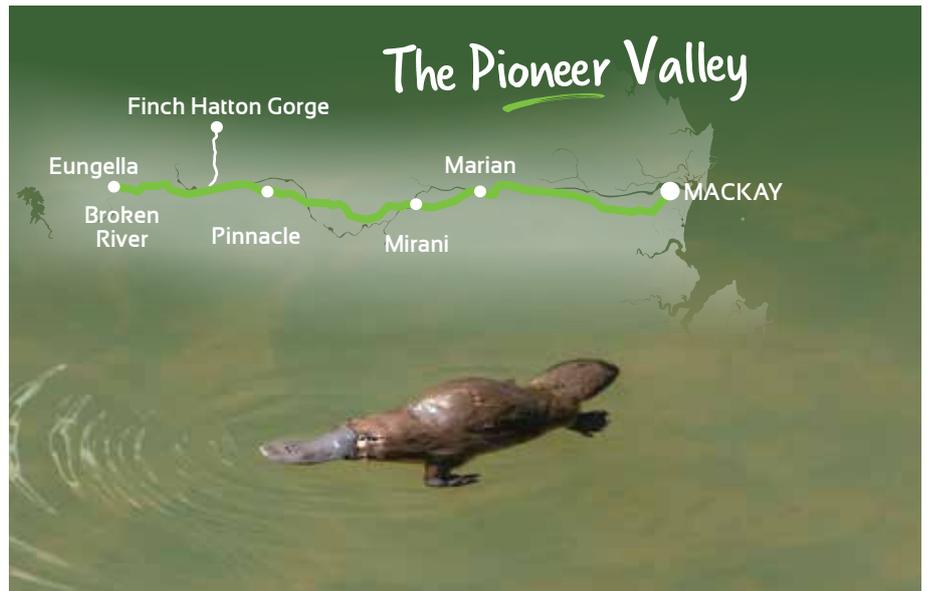
Further along, the Sky Window Circuit is a short walk (wheelchair and pram-friendly) boasting views of the entire Pioneer Valley region below.

Continue on to Broken River where you can visit the Visitor Information Centre or go platypus spotting from the special viewing platforms.

Eungella National Park is perfect for the nature-lovers with 860 plant species, 230 bird species and plenty of walking tracks. Stay a night in the rainforest and experience the spotlighting tours to see nocturnal animals.

Enjoy a blend of Austrian and Australian cuisine for breakfast or lunch at a cafe overlooking platypus waters.

Stay a little further west at Eungella Dam for an off-the-beaten track experience and fantastic fishing.



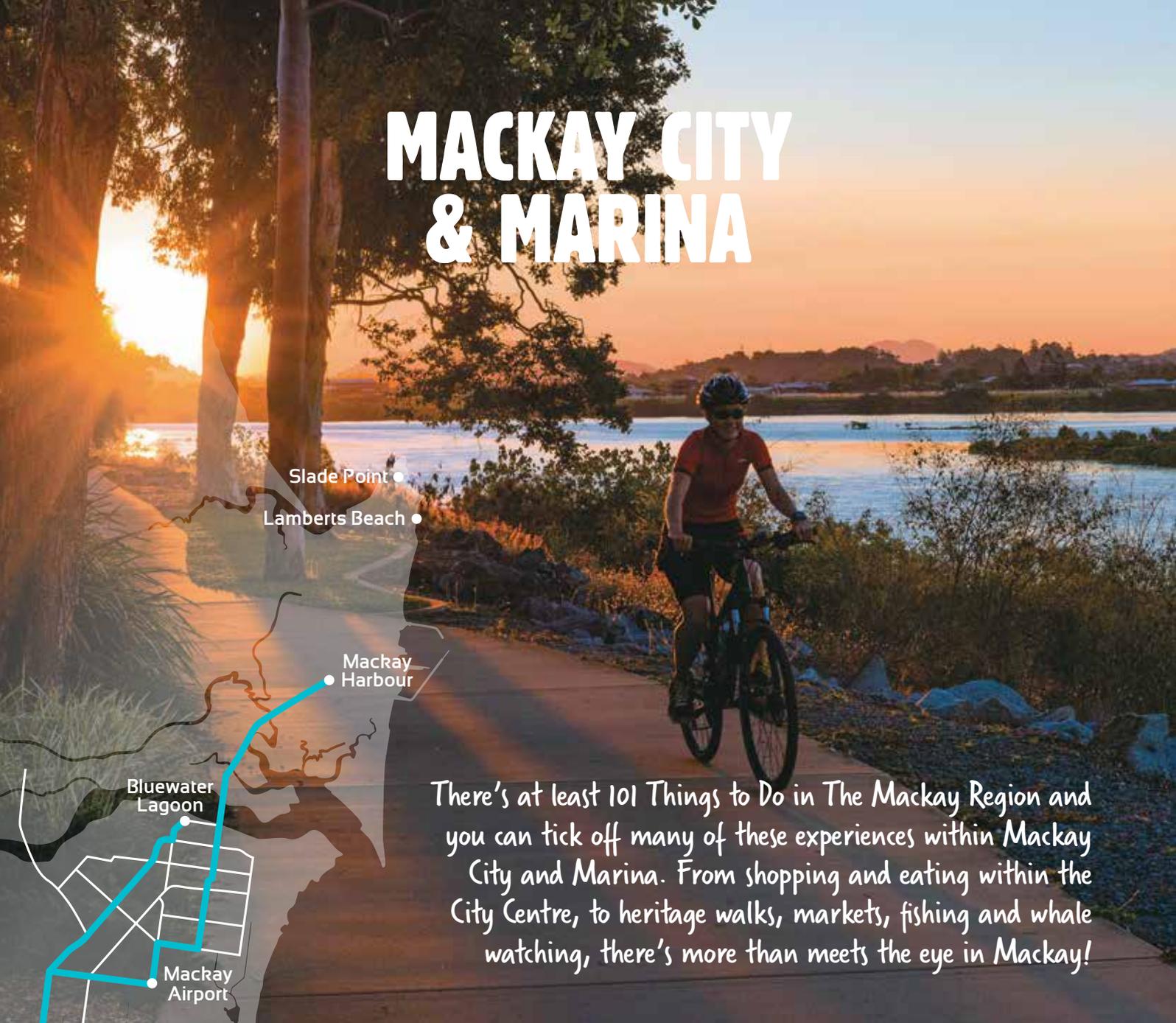
## EUNGELLA

(pronounced: yung-gella)  
means 'land of the  
cloud', named by its  
Indigenous inhabitants.

**Main Photo:** Wheel of Fire at Finch Hatton Gorge.

**Clockwise from Top Right:** Platypus at Broken River; Platypus watching at Broken River; Camping at Kinchant Dam; Platypus Beach at Mirani; The scenic drive up the Pioneer Valley; Sky Window Lookout; Eungella is home to kilometres of hiking tracks.

# MACKAY CITY & MARINA



Slade Point ●  
Lamberts Beach ●

Mackay Harbour ●

Bluewater Lagoon ●

Mackay Airport ●

There's at least 101 Things to Do in The Mackay Region and you can tick off many of these experiences within Mackay City and Marina. From shopping and eating within the City Centre, to heritage walks, markets, fishing and whale watching, there's more than meets the eye in Mackay!





**EXPLORE**

Mackay’s City Centre boasts art-deco inspired buildings, extensive public art displays and funky laneway murals. If you love fresh air and great views, try a walk or bike ride along the Bluewater Trail or step back in time with a self-guided Heritage Walk. The whole family will love the Orchid House at nearby Queens Park, the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens or the Bluewater Lagoon for a splash.

Meanwhile the Mackay Marina offers a village bustling with activity from eateries to shops, townhouses and apartments and a 500-metre breakwater where the fishing is fantastic!

**WINE & DINE**

A buzzing food scene along Wood and Victoria Streets will have you spoilt for choice when it comes to food and drink – no matter what time of the night or day. There’s also the chance to enjoy the spectacular views of the blue river with a host of eateries along River Street.

You can get some of the freshest seafood from the Mackay Marina or enjoy good old-fashioned fish and chips beside the Lighthouse amongst a flock of seagulls. There’s also a great mix of cuisine, including Thai.

**SHOP**

Browse fashion boutiques or funky gift and homeware stores in the City Centre, while nearby Caneland Central offers over 100 specialty and service stores, making it the largest in the region.

**PLAY**

Make a splash at the popular Bluewater Lagoon featuring three swimming lagoons, water park and slides. Queens Park not only offers a unique Orchid House but also one of the biggest (and highest) playgrounds in the region which is a favourite amongst the young ones. In North Mackay a multi-million-dollar skate facility, the Mackay Sugar Bowl, will provide endless amounts of fun for the whole family.

**STAY**

Choose an inner-city hotel, family tourist park, holiday apartment or luxury hotel on the waterfront, the Mackay City Centre and Marina offers accommodation for every budget.

**FISH**

The Mackay Bluewater Trail offers plenty of great spots to throw in a line, or try the fishing platform on the Bluewater Quay. The Mackay Breakwater offers a chance to catch a reef fish of giant proportions with the back-up plan of takeaway seafood from the nearby cafes.

**Main Photo:** Cycling through the Bluewater Trail.

**Top Row:** Lamberts Lookout is popular for whale watching; Slade Point Water Tower; Mackay Marina Lighthouse.

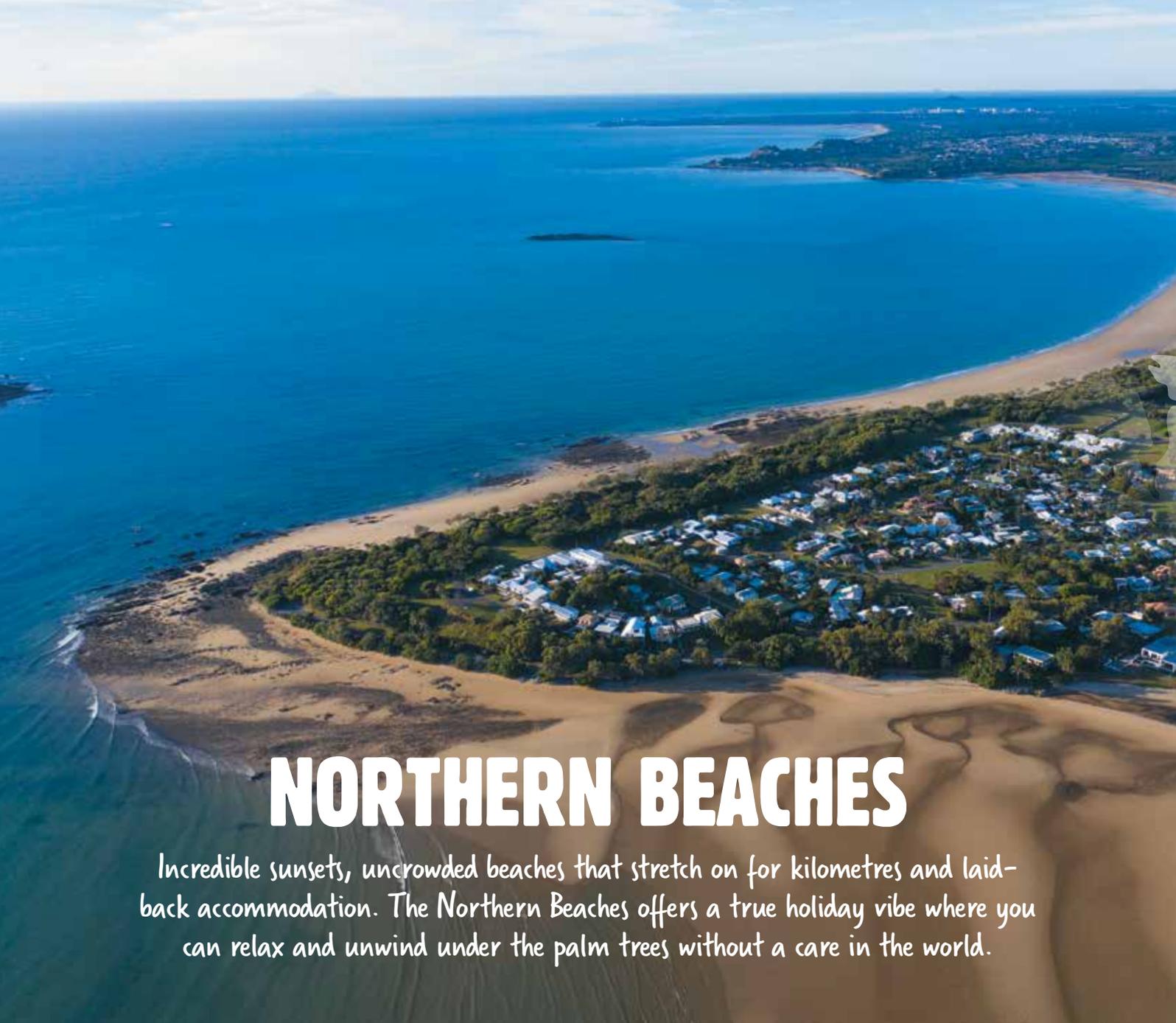
**Bottom Row:** Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens; Fantastic City Centre shopping; Bluewater Lagoon.

*Did you know?*

The Pioneer River is one of Queensland’s only blue water rivers. The Mackay Marina has been twice named Marina of the Year.

**MUST SEE:** Just a short drive from the Marina is Slade Point and Lamberts Beach where you will find the Kommo Toera Trail, a unique wetland ecosystem with diverse wildlife and plant habitats, surrounded by Melaleuca trees.

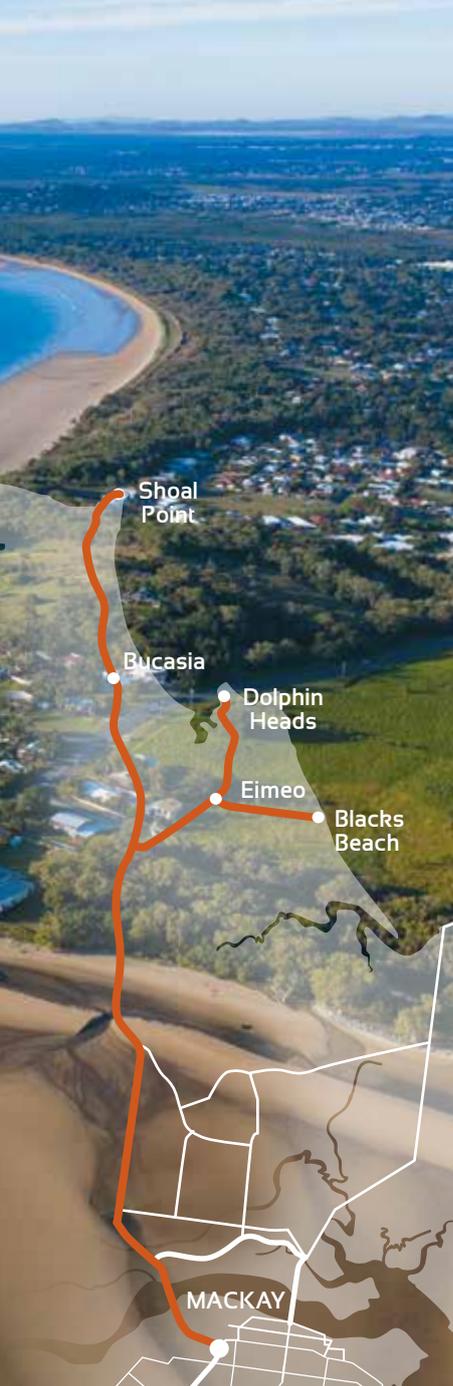
Continue on to Lamberts Beach to see the Slade Point Water Tower as well as the purpose-built Whale Watching Platform offering magnificent views over the Coral Sea. Go between June and November for a chance to spot migrating whales.



# NORTHERN BEACHES

*Incredible sunsets, uncrowded beaches that stretch on for kilometres and laid-back accommodation. The Northern Beaches offers a true holiday vibe where you can relax and unwind under the palm trees without a care in the world.*





Fishing at Blacks Beach

**BLACKS BEACH**

Considered the longest stretch of beach in Mackay, Blacks Beach offers around six kilometres of pure golden sand to explore. With friendly beachside accommodation, simply grab a book and relax under the palm trees. Or try your luck fishing near the creek mouth at the southern end.

the hill with 'million dollar views' or watch the sun go down at the popular Sunset Bay, touted by local photographers as one of the best spots in the region to capture sunset.

**BUCASIA BEACH**

Enjoy a drive or walk along the picturesque esplanade, with plenty of room and great facilities including picnic tables, playgrounds and amenities. Bucasia Beach is also a popular spot for fishing, with a nearby boat ramp for boats or simply throw a line in from the sand.

**DOLPHIN HEADS**

A popular spot for photographs, Dolphin Heads is a pretty headland with a family-friendly resort offering accommodation, recreation activities and cocktails by the pool with live music.

**SHOAL POINT**

The furthest beach along the Mackay-Bucasia Road, Shoal Point Beach is one you won't want to miss! This picture-perfect beach has sand that stretches for hundreds of metres at low tide and provides easy access to Green Island. The picnic area is a popular place for families to gather, featuring children's playground, barbecue, toilets and showers.

**EIMEO BEACH**

Popular for swimming, Eimeo Beach is patrolled during summer by lifeguards and is a great place for families with a children's playground and barbecue facilities along the esplanade. Travel through the canopy of heritage-listed mango trees to the historic pub on

**Main Photo:** Mackay's Northern Beaches.

**Top Row:** The 6km long Blacks Beach; Family fun at Dolphin Heads; Stunning views from Eimeo Pacific Hotel.

**Bottom Row:** The heritage-listed drive through Mango Avenue; Sunset Bay richly deserves its name; Shoal Point Beach and Green Island.

## 101 Things to Do

Did you know that there are 101 Things to Do (and counting!) in The Mackay Region? The list comprises all things adventure, relaxation, romance, beaches, rainforests, sunsets, fishing, eating and more! Check them out at [www.mackayregion.com/101things](http://www.mackayregion.com/101things)

## How to get there

From Mackay City Centre, head north on the Bruce Highway and turn right onto the Mackay-Bucasia Road. Continue to the Eimeo Road roundabout where you can turn right to head to Blacks Beach, Dolphin Heads or Eimeo, or continue straight ahead to visit Bucasia Beach or Shoal Point.



The Sarina Field of Dreams Parklands

# CAPE PALMERSTON, SARINA & SURROUNDS

It's the unassuming coastal towns to the south of Mackay that has visitors returning year after year to experience the balmy breezes, uncrowded beaches and friendly small-town vibes of Cape Palmerston, Sarina and surrounding beaches.

## ☑ CAPE PALMERSTON NATIONAL PARK

An uncrowded, undeveloped coastline with windswept headlands, rainforest, swamps and sand dunes, Cape Palmerston National Park is approximately 115 kilometres south-east of Mackay and a 4WD-enthusiasts' paradise.

The massive 7,200-hectare park protects a diverse range of flora and fauna, making it a great spot for those who love to immerse themselves in nature. The distinctive Mount Funnel stands at 344 metres high and offers breathtaking views towards the Northumberland Islands.

There are basic camping facilities at Windmill Bay and Cape Creek camping areas, while bush camping is also permitted in the fore dunes of the eastern beach.

## ☐ FIELD OF DREAMS PARKLANDS

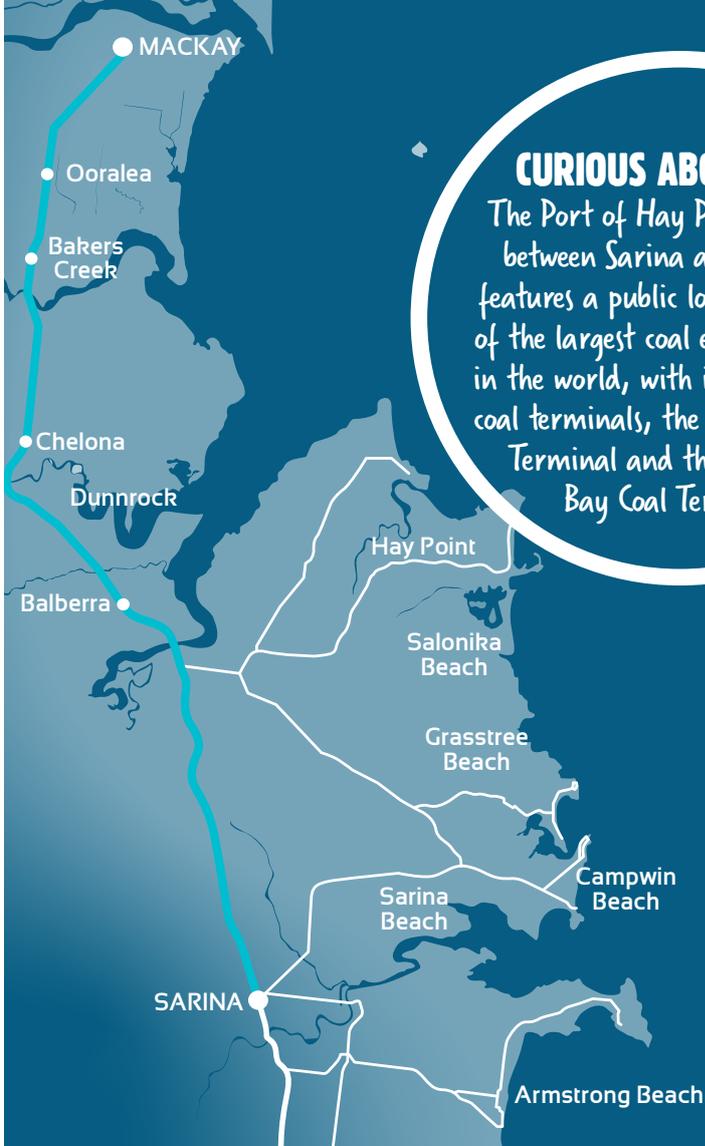
This historical and educational hub, just off the Bruce Highway, provides the perfect place to recharge the batteries and plan a fun-filled adventure within The Mackay Region. Along with the Visitor Information Centre and Sarina Sugar Shed, the Field of Dreams is home to the Sarina Museum which holds several collections and artefacts from the region's

agricultural and mining history. The equally impressive Sarina Tourist Arts & Craft Centre features collections from talented local artisans and community groups.

## ☐ VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Known as the 'gateway to The Mackay Region', visitors will receive a warm welcome on entry into Sarina, at the state-of-the-art Mackay Region Visitor Information Centre.

The Centre is based in the original 1950s Railway Station and is equipped with the latest



**CURIOUS ABOUT COAL**  
 The Port of Hay Point, halfway between Sarina and Mackay, features a public lookout over one of the largest coal exporting ports in the world, with its two separate coal terminals, the Hay Point Coal Terminal and the Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal.



Cape Palmerston is a true nature reserved experience

technology for visitors to research their travels, book tours or accommodation and receive advice from staff.

**THE SARINA SUGAR SHED**

This multi-award-winning attraction is Australia's only miniature sugar mill and distillery. Tours are an educational and interactive way to learn about the region's sugar cane industry, its pioneers and the process of extracting sugar from cane. See and taste a range of sweet delights unique to the Sugar Shed like fairy floss, rum, speciality liqueurs, chutneys, sauces, fudge and more.

**Top Beaches**

**ARMSTRONG BEACH**

A picturesque stretch of coastline, visit Freshwater Point which was aptly named by Captain Cook in 1770 while he was searching for fresh water.

**SARINA BEACH**

Fringed by an esplanade with park and barbecue facilities, Sarina Beach has sweeping golden sand, gentle waves and is popular for nesting turtles. Nearby accommodation and restaurants make it a great spot to rest for a few days.

**GRASSTREE BEACH**

With a wonderful beachside vibe, sweeping trees and a nice shallow bay for swimming, there are plenty of public facilities at Grasstree Beach, making it a great destination for a day trip.

**CAMPWIN BEACH**

This beach shares the same stretch of coastline as Sarina Beach with Leeper Reef and adjoining rock flats separating them at low tide. Oysters and mussels can be found on the rocks and it's a popular spot for fishing.

**SALONIKA BEACH**

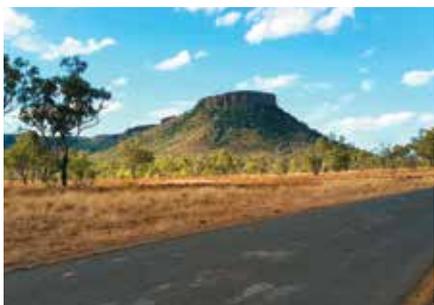
A two-kilometre stretch of beach which is ideal for swimming and relaxing with views of Victor Island, just offshore. The area is well-preserved resulting in plenty of wildlife including black cockatoos, sea eagles and bush turkeys.

Cape Palmerston



# ISAAC INLAND

The Isaac Region provides an outback experience full of country hospitality, interesting history and untouched nature. Head inland, slow down and enjoy the serenity.





**✓ THE MINING TRAIL**

The Isaac Region is full of history and charm; made up of some of the oldest mining towns in Australia including Clermont and Nebo, and the newer Moranbah.

Follow the Mining Trail on a 300-kilometre unique self-drive from Mackay to Clermont, which will introduce you to wide, beautiful landscapes, historic towns, vibrant mining communities, and impressive man-made works.

**Nebo**

This cattle-grazing town features a heritage-listed pub built in 1862 and the historic Nebo Museum.

The annual Nebo Rodeo is the region's largest event, attracting competitors and viewers from across the country. It's been touted as one of the best rodeo events in Australia!

**TIP:** Visit the nearby abandoned mining town of Mount Britton (approximately a 35-minute drive north-east of Nebo), founded in 1880.

**Moranbah**

Featuring new and modern facilities, Moranbah was created specifically for miners and their families. Enjoy the newly refurbished town centre with water feature, children's play area and a place for adults to enjoy coffee.

**TIP:** Follow the one-kilometre Federation Walk at Moranbah's entrance to the town's Big Red Rhino Bucket.

**Clermont**

Clermont retains much of its colourful history, rich in drama and laced with tragedy. Visit the Clermont Historical Centres to hear about the region's interesting past, discover the 1916 Flood Memorial, an eerie reminder of one of Australia's worst floods, and visit Hoods Lagoon with its abundant birdlife and poignant war memorial.

**TIP:** Fossick at Clermont's General Permission Area and try your luck at striking gold.

**□ TOP NATURE EXPERIENCES**

**Wolfgang Peak**

One of the most popular peaks of the Peak Range National Park is Wolfgang Peak, standing at 572 metres high. The Peak is part of the world's longest continental volcanic chain, the Cosgrove Hotspot, which stretches almost 2000 kilometres along the east coast of Australia. The Peak takes approximately one hour to climb. Look out for giant St Andrews spiders near the summit, as well as a colony of bats in a small cave.

**Lord's Table Mountain**

Take in the sweeping views of Lord's Table Mountain (standing at 320 metres high) with its flat-topped plateau. The mountain was named by Ludwig Leichhardt in 1845. There's a picnic table and rest area at the scenic base.

**Lake Elphinstone**

This lake is one of the region's best natural highlights and is a popular spot to set up camp, try fishing, bushwalking, kayaking or water sports. Lake Elphinstone has toilets, showers, a boat ramp and picnic tables and offers bird-watching and wildlife encounters.

**FACT:** European maps suggest Lake Elphinstone was a meeting point for Indigenous tribes. Rock art paintings are known to exist at nearby Burton Downs.

**Theresa Creek Dam**

Located 22 kilometres south-west of Clermont, this dam is popular for skiing, swimming, fishing, camping or a scenic lunch at the kiosk.

## About the Region

The Isaac Region encompasses 58,862 square kilometres of fertile plains, rich soils and Bowen Basin coal mines together with the beautiful beaches along the coast.

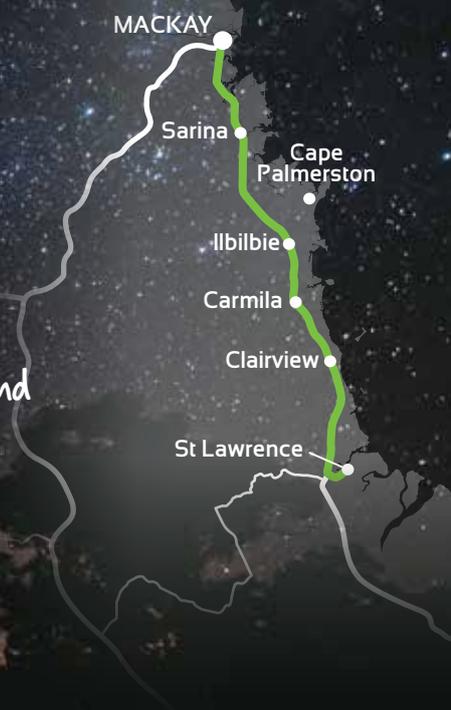
**Main Photo:** Wolfgang Peak.

**Top Row:** Hoods Lagoon at Clermont; Theresa Creek Dam; Views from caves inside Wolfgang Peak.

**Bottom Row:** Lord's Table Mountain; Lake Elphinstone; Middlemount Races.

# ISAAC COAST

The Isaac Coast is home to rustic beachside communities nestled along a relatively undeveloped yet accessible stretch of shoreline, and features a host of interesting wildlife.



## DID YOU KNOW?

The tiny town of St Lawrence supplies Sydney Fish Market with 5% of its total mud crab each year.

Clairview's remoteness makes it a gem for night photography

## ✓ ST LAWRENCE

The town may be small, but it is big on attractions, featuring a heritage-listed Anglican Church built in 1898, and cemetery graves dating back to the mid-1800s. The St Lawrence Wetlands are a drawcard for nature lovers. The area has abundant birdlife, with 92 bird species recorded including nationally threatened waterbirds.

Visitors can enjoy camping at the St Lawrence Recreation Grounds with views to the wetlands or drive up the Connors Range to Schneider's Inn Lookout to experience panoramic views of the wetlands, coastline and islands.

## □ CLAIRVIEW

A palm tree-lined stretch of golden sand makes Clairview the perfect spot to pull up for a few days, weeks or even months!

Famous for its crabbing and fishing, Clairview is also home to a protected sanctuary for dugongs, an endangered marine mammal. You may be lucky enough to see one from the beach.

The boat ramp provides easy access for a day on the water, or relax at one of the many beachside picnic spots and look out for some of the many turtles in the area.

## □ CARMILA

A blend of beachfront bliss mixed with country character, Carmila's main industry is cane growing with harvesting season between May and November.

Carmila Beach is an unspoilt paradise and offers a nearby convenient three-day rest and camping area. Access to the camp ground is along one kilometre of dirt track and the last 300 metres are

sandy and narrow. Facilities include toilets, barbecues, picnic tables and boat ramps.

Hike or take a 4WD excursion to Flaggy Rock Bluff for breathtaking 360-degree ocean and rural views.

## □ GREENHILL & ILBILBIE

These idyllic locations have wonderful views of the ocean and surrounding districts. There's onshore, estuary and offshore fishing near local reefs and islands and plenty of bushland for keen walkers to take advantage of magnificent views.

Visit Yarrowonga and Notch Point Reserves to go camping, fishing and crabbing. Turtles nest on local beaches from October to January.

Access to Cape Palmerston National Park (Page 22 – 23) is via Greenhill Road for 4WDs only.

# EXPERIENCES

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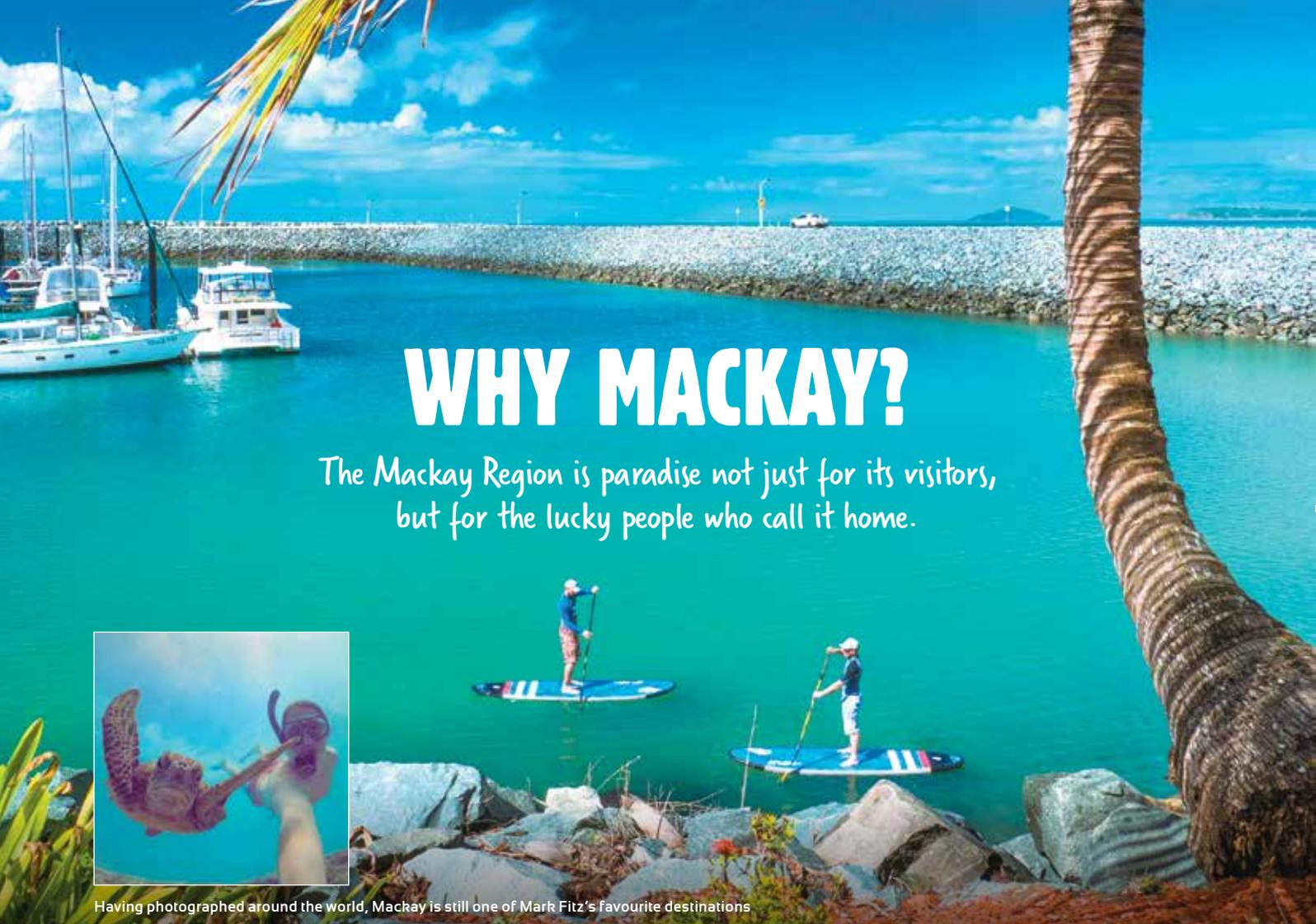
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# WHY MACKAY?

The Mackay Region is paradise not just for its visitors, but for the lucky people who call it home.



Having photographed around the world, Mackay is still one of Mark Fitz's favourite destinations

Mackay's Mark Fitz is a photographer, travel writer and social media influencer who has photographed some of the most spectacular locations in the world. From swimming with reef sharks and rays in French Polynesia or night time snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef, Mark has seen and filmed it all! But he says Mackay is the perfect base to satisfy his love for nature and adventure.

### **How long have you lived in Mackay?**

I've lived in Mackay for 4 years. We have a house in Bucasia which we love!

### **Did Mackay have any influence over you starting your photography career?**

Yes, the very first Instameet I attended was here in Mackay and Garry Norris was the headline Instagrammer. He's a fantastic photographer and even better person and it was great to chat and pick up lots of photography tips.

### **What makes Mackay such a great place to live?**

I love being outside and exploring the great outdoors and Mackay has so much to offer for those that love getting out amongst nature. From our beautiful beaches and stunning islands to the magical mountains, rainforests,

waterfalls and creeks, there's a huge range of spots in the region to visit. Throw into the mix the world-famous kangaroos and wallabies at Cape Hillsborough, the turtles that nest and hatch on our beaches during the summer months and the whales that swim past our shores during winter and I think we're pretty lucky to live in such a beautiful region.

### **Where would be your Top 5 places to visit in Mackay?**

- 1. Cape Hillsborough** – with the famous kangaroos and wallabies at sunrise followed by exploring the national park lookouts and walking tracks (it's easy to spend a few days here!)
- 2. Seaforth** – one of my favourite beaches in the region is here. Just 5 minutes up the road are North and South Redcliff Islands and you can even walk to them at low tide. The views at the top of North Redcliff Island are amazing and it's a great place to spot turtles and whales during winter.
- 3. Finch Hatton** – the perfect spot for a cool, refreshing dip in summer.
- 4. Cape Palmerston** – fun 4WD tracks and great fishing just off the beach.

**5. Keswick Island** – great snorkelling at the reef at the end of the airport runway, so many top beaches and the views from the lookouts around the island are incredible.

### **What does the perfect weekend in The Mackay Region look like?**

Start the day with sunrise at Bucasia Beach, then it's time to jump in the car and head to Finch Hatton for a quick dip at the waterfalls. From there it's onto the Eungella Chalet for lunch and a walk amongst the rainforest and hopefully spot a platypus or two at Broken River. Head back down the mountain with a quick stop in at the Pinnacle Hotel for their world-famous Pinnacle pies and then head to the Eimeo pub for a well-deserved cold beer!

Day Two would start at Cape Hillsborough to see the kangaroos and wallabies at sunrise, followed by a short drive to Seaforth and a walk out to North and South Redcliff Islands. I'd then head back into town for lunch at the marina and then along to Lamberts beach lookout to spot some whales before finishing up with fish and chips on the beach at Bucasia!

**GET ON THE TRAIL**

# PUBLIC ART

GIVING A VOICE TO OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES' CULTURE, HISTORY AND ENVIRONMENT



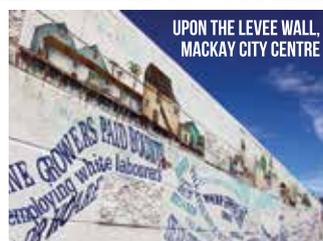
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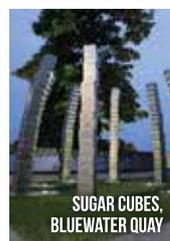
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## OUR PUBLIC ART SHARES OUR REGION'S STORIES

With over 100 public artworks and projects across the Mackay region - discover the **Fifth Lane Project, City Centre Art Walk, Bluewater Trail** and the **Slade Point Water Tower**.



# WHERE TO NEXT?

*Surrounded by piercing blue waters, there's an array of things to see and do within The Whitsundays region.*

Whether you're soaking up the sun on one of the spectacular Bowen beaches, delving into the history of the region in Proserpine, exploring our outback heart in Collinsville, immersing yourself in the tropical island paradises of the Whitsunday Islands or throwing yourself into the resort town of Airlie Beach, there is something for everyone in this incredibly diverse region.

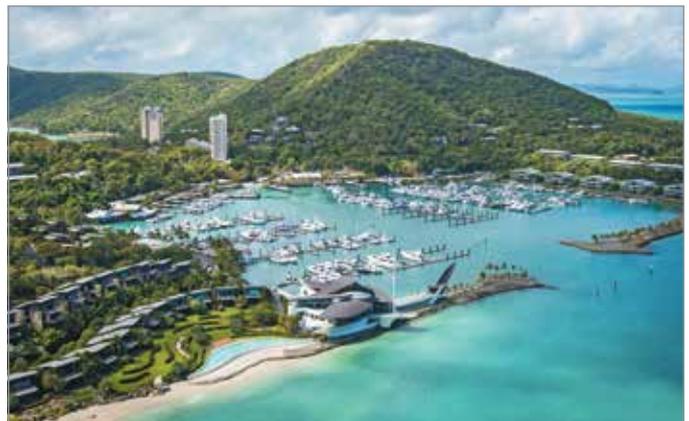
The Whitsundays is the ideal hub from which to enjoy all that the Great Barrier Reef has to offer. From diving and snorkelling, to a scenic flight, to sailing, you can enjoy the Great Barrier Reef and Whitsunday Islands from above, below and in between. The Whitsundays is quite literally situated in the Heart of the Great Barrier Reef. Heart Reef is a beautiful composition of coral that has naturally formed into the shape of a heart and located within Hardy Reef off the Whitsundays. The region is also home to award-winning Whitehaven Beach. Pure, white, silica sand glistens along this 7km stretch of stunning beach, the jewel in the region's crown.

The Whitsundays is home to a number of Great Barrier Reef firsts with a series of underwater sculptures dotted throughout the marine park. The region is also home to an Australian-first, underwater accommodation on the Great Barrier Reef with floor-to-ceiling views of tropical marine life living below.

The range of accommodation and food/wine experiences for holidaymakers to enjoy is diverse and suits all budgets. From Airlie Beach's 'eat street' the Esplanade, to five-star dining on island resorts, visitors' taste buds tingle their entire holiday. Luxury resorts, hotels, motels, caravan parks and backpacker accommodation are on offer to suit all budgets. The Whitsundays now has seven island resorts open on five islands.

Day spas, rainforest walks, sailing trips, swimming, snorkelling, relaxing or exploring – the range of activities is endless and will satisfy the most active traveller. The hardest part is deciding!

No matter what experience you desire from your tropical paradise holiday, The Whitsundays has it all.



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Don't forget to ask about our 'Exclusive Locals Rates'!



**Main Photo:** The famous Heart Reef.

**Inset (left):** Hill Inlet, Whitehaven Beach.

**Inset (right):** Green sea turtle.

# PLANNING YOUR TRIP

- 24 hour reception
- Low Numbers
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CQUniversity Mackay is home to two campus locations including one in the City and the other at Ooralea. With state-of-the-art facilities, both campuses provide students with all of their study needs, from computer and nursing laboratories to a training restaurant, hairdressing and beauty salons, recording studios and video-conference rooms to name a few. The University also offers on-site student accommodation that is close to classes and boasts internet facilities in rooms. CQUni Mackay provides students with a wide choice of study options with more than 300 courses to choose from – from certificates and TAFE trades to undergraduate degrees and post-graduate qualifications.



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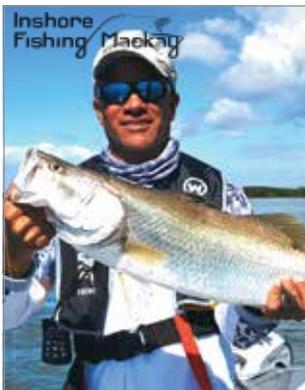
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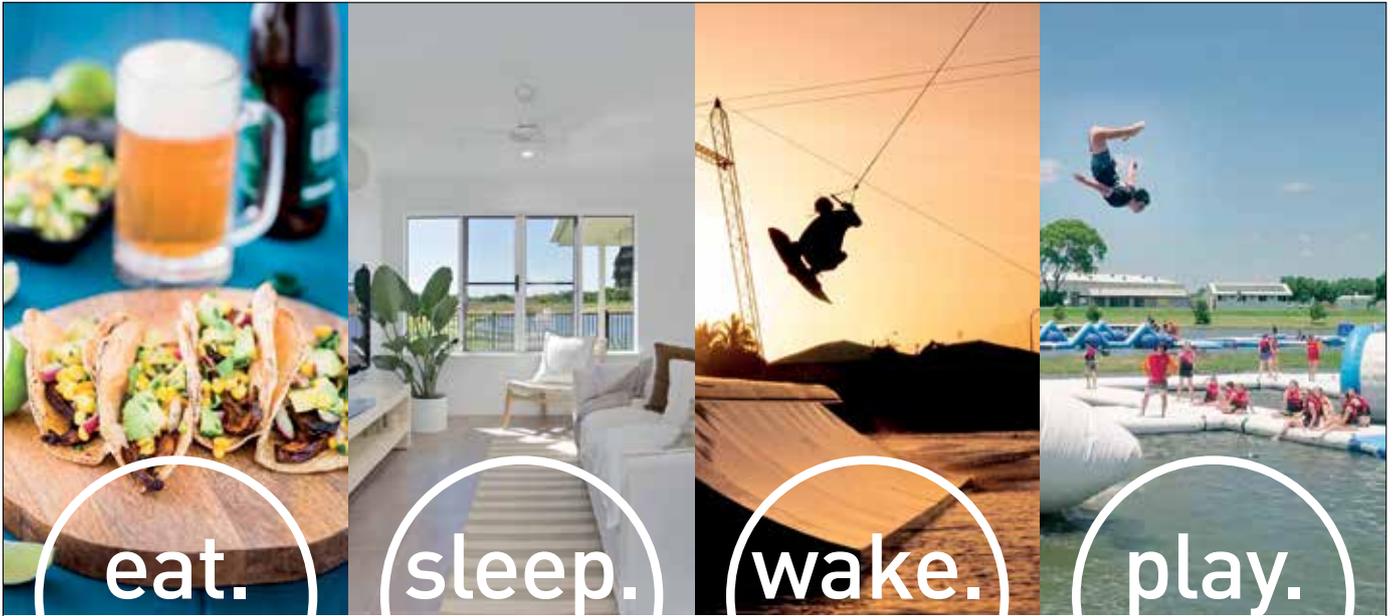
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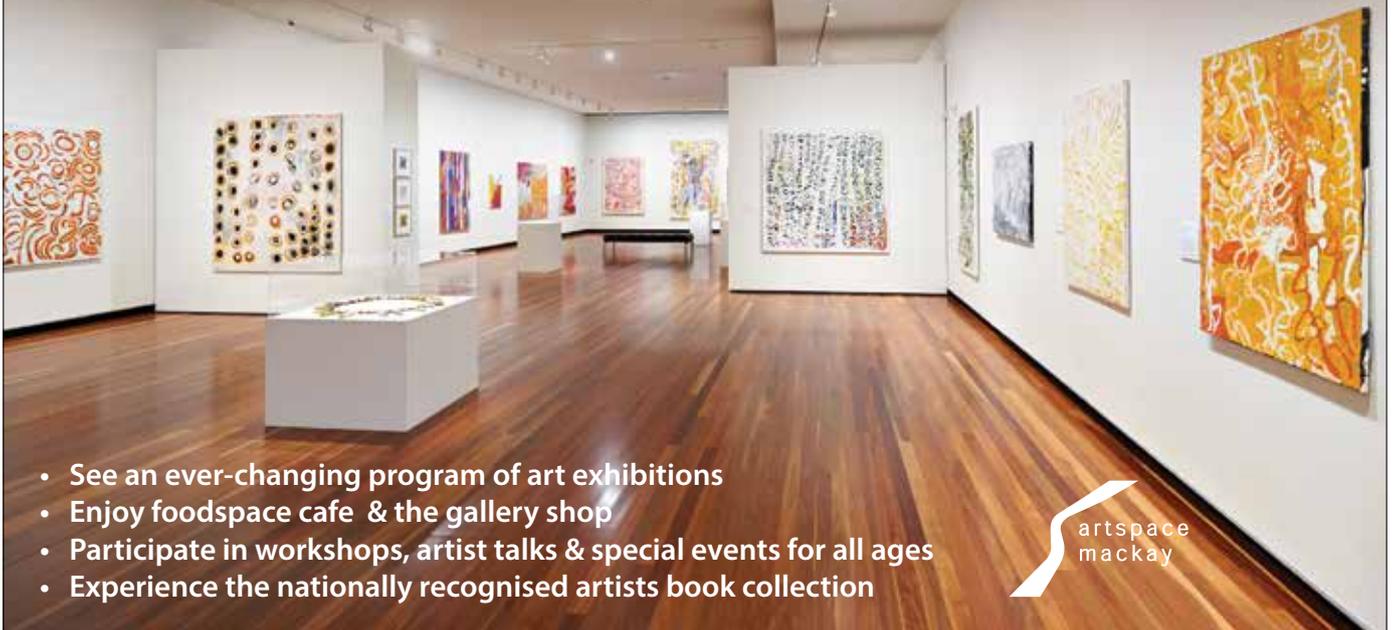
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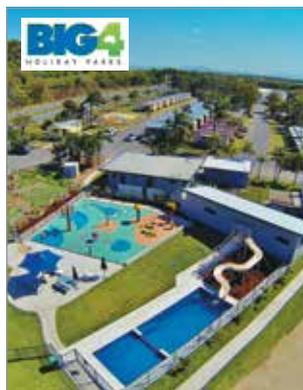


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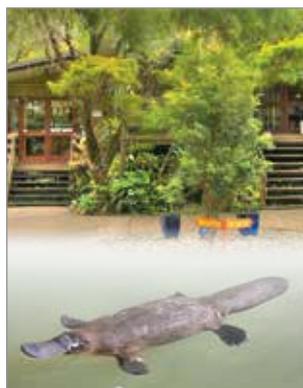


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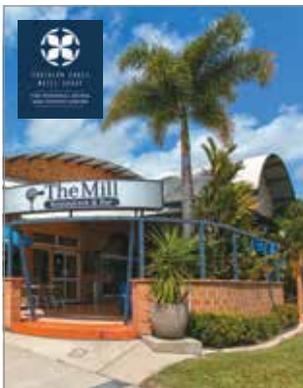


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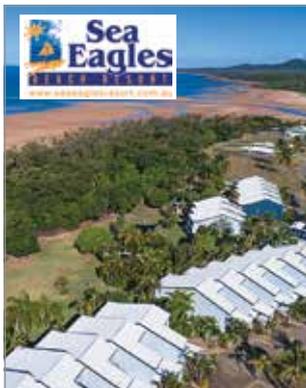
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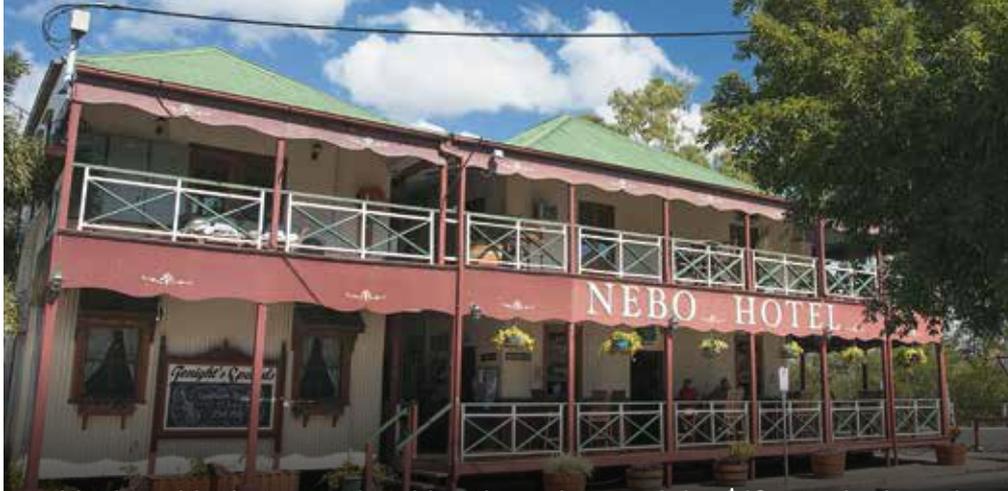
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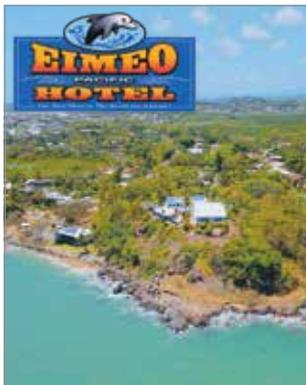


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### Windmill Motel and Reception Centre

www.southerncrossmotelgroup.  
com.au/motels/qld/mackay-  
accommodation/windmill-motel-and-  
events-centre  
+61 (0) 4944 3344

## Tours and Attractions

### Cloudbreak Lowlines

www.lowlinecattleqld.com.au  
+61 (0) 74958 4601

### Cruise Whitsundays

www.cruisewhitsundays.com  
+61 (0) 7 4846 7000

### Explore Whitsundays

www.explorewhitsundays.com  
+61 (0) 7 4946 4999

### Finch Hatton Gallery

www.finchhattongallery.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 437 558 145

### Freckle Farm

www.frecklefarm.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4954 1724

### Inshore Fishing Mackay

www.facebook.com/Inshore-Fishing-  
Mackay  
+61 (0) 457 254 740

### Mackay Aqua Park

www.wakehouse.com.au/play  
+61 1300 500 261

### Mackay Entertainment &

Convention Centre  
www.mecc.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4961 9777

### Mackay Historical Society & Museum

www.mackayhistory.org  
+61 (0) 7 4953 0002

### Mackay Marina Run

www.mackaymarinarun.com  
+61 (0) 417 203 530

### Museum of Tropical Queensland

www.mtq.qm.qld.gov.au  
+61 (0) 7 4726 0600

### Ocean Rafting

www.oceanrafting.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4946 6848

### Paronella Park

www.paronellapark.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4065 0000

### Red Cat Adventure Tours

www.redcatadventures.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4946 4444

### Reeforest Adventure Tours

www.reeforest.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4959 8360

### Sarina Arts & Crafts

www.sarinainformation.  
wordpress.com  
+61 (0) 7 4956 2251



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## **Sarina Golf Club**

www.sarinagolfclub.com  
+61 (0) 7 4956 1761

## **Sarina Sugar Shed**

www.sarinasugarshed.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4943 2801

## **That Sapphire Place**

www.harringtonsaustrian  
gemstones.com  
+61 (0) 7 4954 0011

## **Wake House Australia**

www.wakehouse.com.au  
+61 1300 500 261

## **Whitsunday Crocodile Safari**

www.crocodilesafari.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4948 3310

## **Whitsunday Jetski Tours**

www.jetskitour.com.au  
+61 (0) 459 538 754

## **Whitsunday Sailing Adventures**

www.whitsundayssailingadventures.  
com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4940 2000

## **Shopping, Dining & Nightlife**

### **9th Lane Grind**

www.facebook.com/9thlanegrind  
+61 (0) 428 897 861

### **Austral Hotel**

www.theaustralhotel.com  
+61 (0) 7 4951 3288

### **Breakwater Bar & Restaurant**

www.breakwaterrestaurant.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4955 4950

### **Bushman's Bakery**

www.bushmansbakery.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4953 4500

### **Caneland Central**

www.canelandcentral.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4944 7111

### **Eimeo Pacific Hotel**

www.eimeohotel.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4954 6106

### **Eungella Chalet**

www.eungellachallet.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4958 4509

### **Goanna Brewing**

www.goannabrewing.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4914 2661

### **Harrup Park Country Club**

www.harruppark.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4944 0000

### **Little Antonios Kitchen**

www.facebook.com/  
littleantonioskitchen/  
+61 (0) 7 4954 8926

### **Mackay Reef Fish Supplies**

www.mackayreeffish.com  
+61 (0) 7 4957 6497

## **Magpies Sporting Club Inc**

www.magpiesmackay.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4965 6100

## **Nebo Hotel**

www.nebohotel.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4950 5102

## **Organic & Natural Store**

www.organicfoodmackay.com  
+61 (0) 7 4954 0820

## **Pinnacle Family Hotel**

www.facebook.com/Pinnacle-  
Family-Hotel  
+61 (0) 7 4958 5207

## **Plattered Up**

www.platteredup.com.au  
+61 (0) 409 051 246

## **Platypus Lodge Restaurant & Café**

www.facebook.com/  
platypuslodgerestaurant  
+61 (0) 7 4958 4785

## **Sorbello's Italian Restaurant**

www.sorbellos.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4957 8300

## **The Dispensary**

www.nefood.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4951 3456

## **The Old Station Teahouse**

www.facebook.com/  
theoldstationteahouse  
+61 (0) 7 4959 0528

## **Twenty50 Nice Cream**

www.twenty50nicecream.com  
+61 (0) 7 3495 7342

## **Zarby's Café**

www.zarbyscafe.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4958 8003

## **Media**

### **Channel Seven**

www.7news.com.au/news/qld  
+61 (0) 7 4963 0777

### **Chant Studios**

www.chantstudio.com.au  
+61 (0) 418 395 328

### **Core Publishing & Events Pty Ltd**

www.corelife.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4945 4429

### **The Daily Mercury**

www.dailymercury.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4957 0444

### **Southern Cross Austereo**

www.southerncrossaustereo.com.au  
+61(0) 7 4953 5353

## **Other / General Services**

### **BB Print**

www.bbprint.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4957 6588

### **Bennett Partners**

www.bennettpartners.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4951 1455

## **BFX Furniture**

www.bfx.com.au  
1300 866 522

## **Black Owl Design**

www.blackowldesign.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4942 8994

## **Clean Feeling**

www.cleanfeeling.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4998 5250

## **Conservation Volunteers Australia**

www.conservationvolunteers.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4951 0933

## **CQUniversity**

www.cqu.edu.au  
13 27 86

## **DR Tourism**

www.dr tourism.com.au  
+61 (0) 427 531 278

## **Eungella Business Group**

www.eungella.com.au

## **Events by Ramona**

www.eventsbyramona.com.au  
+61 (0) 403 237 728

## **Extrastaff**

www.extrastaff.com.au  
+61 1300 662 511

## **Gallagher Insurance Brokers**

www.aig.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4852 1100

## **Helloworld**

www.helloworld.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4969 3600

## **Institute of Tourism**

**Leadership Australia**  
www.tourismleadership.com.au  
+61 (0) 427 531 278

## **Isaac Regional Council**

www.isaac.qld.gov.au  
1300 472 227

## **Jayco Mackay**

www.jaycomackay.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4942 1292

## **Kelly Legal**

www.kellylegal.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4911 0500

## **Lets Do Something.com.au**

www.letsdosomething.com.au

## **Linked Group Services Pty Ltd**

www.linked.net.au  
+61 (0) 7 4998 5300

## **Mackay & District Australian South Sea Islander Association Inc.**

www.facebook.com/  
assih heritageorganisationmackay  
+61 (0) 476 978 927

## **Mackay Airport**

www.mackayairport.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4957 0201

## **Mackay & District Italian Assoc.**

www.mackayitalian.com  
+61 (0) 428 316 924

## **Mackay North State High School**

www.macknortshs.eq.edu.au/Pages/  
default.aspx  
+61 (0) 7 4963 1666

## **Mackay Region Chamber of Commerce**

www.mackayregionchamber.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4953 1603

## **Mackay Regional Council**

www.mackay.qld.gov.au  
+61 1300 622 529

## **Mackay Transit Coaches (MTC)**

www.mackaytransit.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4957 3330

## **Mackay Whitsunday Taxi**

www.mackaytaxi.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4944 4999

## **Mark Fitz Photography**

www.markfitz.com.au  
+61 (0) 409 503 974

## **MOE Office Products Depot**

www.moeopd.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4969 3333

## **Payne Print**

www.payneprint.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4957 4288

## **P. Comino & Sons**

www.pcominoandsons.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 49 57 4370

## **Pioneer Valley Show Society**

www.facebook.com/  
pioneervalleyshow  
+61 (0) 7 4958 3162

## **Porters Mitre 10**

www.porterscando.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4967 3333

## **Qantas**

www.qantas.com/Mackay  
+61 13 13 13

## **Queensland Rail**

www.queenslandrailtravel.com.au  
1300 131 722

## **Redfox Corporation**

www.redfoxcorp.com.au  
+ 61 (0) 7 4951 7777

## **EFEX**

www.efex.com.au  
+61 (0) 4842 8100

## **Torgas**

www.torgas.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4759 0000

## **Tourism and Events Queensland**

www.teq.queensland.com  
+61 (0) 7 3535 3535

## **TranTech Computers**

www.trantech.com.au  
+61 (0) 7 4837 1201



### MAP LEGEND

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  Airport     |  Lookout     |  Bicycle Tracks |  Camp Ground |
|  Restrooms   |  Swimming    |  Hiking Trails  |  Wildlife    |
|  Shopping    |  Playground  |  Fishing        |  Caravan     |
|  Wifi Access |  Golf Course |  Boat Ramp      |  Dump Point  |

## GETTING HERE

### By Air

Mackay Airport is serviced by major carriers Virgin Australia, Qantas and Jetstar.

Moranbah Airport is serviced by Virgin Australia and Qantas.

Short and long-term car parking is available at both airports.

### By Rail

Queensland Rail travels to and from Mackay, with the train station located near Paget, 5 kilometres south of the City Centre.

### By Road

Major coach operators include Mackay in their scheduled services from destinations throughout Queensland.

CLIMATE	Temperature (°Celsius)	Temperature (°Fahrenheit)
Summer (Dec – Feb)	23 – 30	73 – 86
Autumn (Mar – May)	20 – 27	68 – 81
Winter (Jun – Aug)	14 – 22	57 – 72
Spring (Sep – Nov)	20 – 28	68 – 82

\*Temperature ranges are approximate averages only.

Source: [www.bom.gov.au/climate](http://www.bom.gov.au/climate) from Mackay Aero Station

## GETTING AROUND

### By Taxi

Call 131 008 or look for the taxi ranks within the city centre, at local shopping centres or at the Mackay Airport.

### By Uber

Uber operates in Mackay, check the app for more details.

### By Bus

Mackay Transit Coaches operate a public bus schedule to most areas in The Mackay Region.

### Tour Services

Contact your nearest Visitor Information Centre for local tour recommendations.

## SWIMMING

Marine stingers can be present in the ocean, with high-risk season being October to May. Observe warning signs, wear protective stinger swimwear and swim between the flags at patrolled beaches. Estuarine crocodiles may also inhabit some waterways so always follow safety signage.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The drive time to Mackay from Cairns is approximately 8.5 hours and from Brisbane is approximately 11 hours.

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