

# THE MACKAY REGION

Visitor Guide 2021





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# WELCOME TO THE MACKAY REGION

*A piece of paradise waiting just for you...*

The Mackay Region brings all the elements of nature and wildlife together. From picturesque beaches to lush rainforest, dusty outback roads to a vibrant city; you will enjoy a Nature Reserved experience like no other in our piece of paradise.

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# WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS

The Mackay Region is full of diverse wildlife, whether it's the wallabies and kangaroos on the beach, the platypus and birds in the rainforest, or the spectacular fish found in the creeks, dams and rivers...you won't have to search far for a wonderful wildlife experience.



## Top 6 Wildlife Encounters

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

Capture a quintessential Australian experience at sunrise when the wallabies and kangaroos come to feed on the shoreline at Casuarina Beach, Cape Hillsborough National Park. Best of all, this bucket-list experience is free!

**TIP:** Those who stay overnight at the tourist park overlooking the beach will get to experience wallabies and kangaroos relaxing at the park throughout the day.

### □ PLATYPUS IN THE WILD, BROKEN RIVER, EUNGELLA NATIONAL PARK

Broken River is touted as one of the best places in the world to spot a platypus! The tranquil, freshwater environment and the purpose-built platypus viewing platforms near the Visitor Information Centre and café are the perfect places to see these shy creatures when they rise to the surface.

**TIP:** Platypus have sensitive hearing and are easily disturbed. Sit quietly and watch for air bubbles rising to the surface of the water.

### □ DISCOVER DUGONG, CLAIRVIEW BEACH

The small coastal town of Clairview, famous for its fishing and crabbing, is also home to a protected sanctuary for the endangered dugong. These gentle sea creatures can be spotted from the beach or the boat.

**TIP:** Dugongs are more closely related to elephants than to whales or dolphins and can graze on up to 30 kilograms of seagrass per day.

### □ WHERE ARE THE WHALES?

Each year between June and November, you can catch a glimpse of humpback whales as they migrate north along Australia's eastern coastline. The purpose-built whale watching platform at Lamberts Beach is a great place to spot these magnificent creatures.

**TIP:** Enjoy a glimpse of the whales all year round at the Slade Point Water Tower at Lamberts Beach with a majestic, 18-metre-high whale painting.

### □ BRILLIANT BIRDLIFE

Mackay has some of the most diverse birdlife, thanks to the region's unique ecosystems. Close to the city, you'll find birdlife at the Kommo Toera Trail and The Mackay Region Botanic Gardens, while migratory shorebirds can be seen along Sandfly Creek Reserve, and the endemic Eungella Honeyeater in the rainforests of Eungella National Park.

**TIP:** St Lawrence Wetlands is home to over 100 different bird species and celebrates its birdlife with a special wetlands weekend in June.

### □ FISH ARE FLOURISHING

For world-class recreational fishing, look no further than The Mackay Region. 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.

*I have really loved exploring The Mackay Region. There is so much to discover. From going out mud crabbing with some friendly locals to being camped out high in the hinterland watching platypus swim in the creek. I have watched the sunrise with some friendly kangaroos and explored beautiful beaches. There really is such a huge diversity in the region and that's why I keep coming back.*

@SEANSCOTTPHOTOGRAPHY

**Main Photo:** The famous Cape Hillsborough Sunrise Wallaby Experience.

**From Far Left:** Platypus at Broken River, Eungella National Park; Blue tiger butterfly at Keswick Island; Koala near Moranbah; Whale watching from Lamberts Lookout.



# NATURE RESERVED

The Mackay Region is best known for its authentic nature experiences. Explore Australia's longest and oldest sub-tropical rainforest, swim in freshwater gorges, or enjoy quiet camping spots and uncrowded coastlines.



## Top Nature Experiences

Whether you're looking to escape the crowds and stay at a luxurious eco-retreat, want to get up close and personal with wallabies on the beach, or dive into the local culture, The Mackay Region has something for everyone! I was blown away by the variety of things to do on my visit and cannot wait to return!

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### ✓ NATIONAL PARKS

The Mackay Region is home to some of the most diverse national parks. From the lush green, mist-shrouded Eungella National Park to the rugged plains of Peak Range National Park, all the way to Cape Hillsborough, where rainforest meets the ocean. Bushwalking is popular throughout the region and varies from beginner five-minute circuits to three-to-five-day treks for the experienced walkers. See our top National Parks below.

**TIP:** Closer to the city, 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 spectacular waterfalls and large rock pools.

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

### □ ISLANDS AND BEACHES

Relax and unwind with a choice of 31 beaches in The Mackay Region. Enjoy fishing, swimming or stand-up paddle boarding in crystal-clear water along the uncrowded coastline. Hire a charter to take you further out to the surrounding islands where the fishing and serenity is 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 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.

### 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.

### 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.

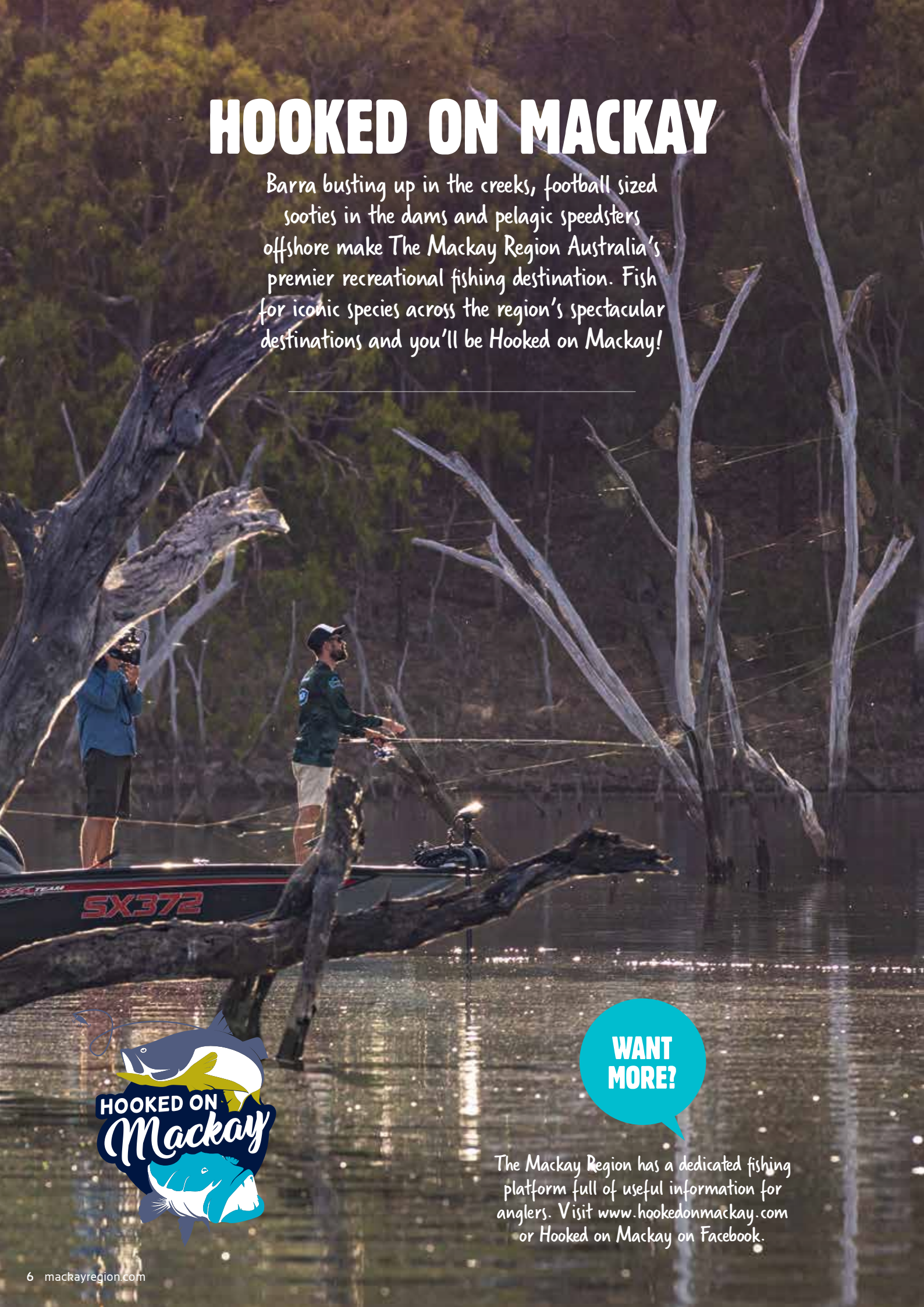
**Main Photo:** Araluen Falls at Finch Hatton Gorge.

**Top Row:** Hiking to the Gemini Peaks; 4WD exploring through Cape Palmerston; Platypus spotting at Broken River, Eungella National Park.

**Bottom Row:** Kommo Toera Trail; The lush rainforests of Eungella National Park.

# HOOKED ON MACKAY

Barra busting up in the creeks, football sized sooties in the dams and pelagic speedsters offshore make The Mackay Region Australia's premier recreational fishing destination. Fish for iconic species across the region's spectacular destinations and you'll be Hooked on Mackay!



**WANT  
MORE?**

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 Options



## INSHORE RIVERS & CREEKS

The mangrove-lined creeks of The Mackay Region create bountiful fish habitats. Nowhere is this more evident than the net-free zone that stretches from St Helens Beach to Cape Hillsborough. This net-free zone and the many creek systems around Mackay are a bonanza for recreational anglers, offering a practically endless list of exciting fish species. Dreaming of catching that magical metre barramundi? Mackay is your destination.



## FRESHWATER IMPOUNDMENTS

Spectacular freshwater fishing exists right across The Mackay Region. Located within 90 minutes of Mackay are three freshwater impoundments. Kinchant and Teemburra Dams are famed for their barramundi, whilst Eungella Dam is home to monster sooty grunter. Theresa Creek Dam near Clermont is also stocked. The strike of a sooty grunter always brings anglers back for more.



## LAND-BASED FISHING

No boat? No worries! The Mackay Region offers lots of possibilities for the land-based angler. The region's 31 beaches, the marina, and several jetties along the Pioneer River all allow easy access for anglers to target anything from bream to barracuda. Heading into the freshwater, the fantastic fishing doesn't stop, with sooty grunter and even saratoga to be found.

*I love travelling and fishing in Australia and with my job I get to fish up and down the East Coast.*

*I always find myself, however, gravitating to The Mackay Region, particularly Teemburra and Eungella dams. Not only is the fishing for barramundi and sooty grunter amazing, these are also some of the most picturesque lakes in the country.*

**DEAN SILVESTER,  
AUSTRALIAN FISHING  
CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER**



## OFFSHORE ISLANDS AND REEFS

The picturesque series of islands and coral reefs found off Mackay's coast present exciting opportunities for anglers. Viable tactics include chasing bait balls for the pursuing mackerels and tuna, retrieving poppers across reefs for big pelagics and jigging for the monsters of the deep. The sheer variety of species on offer makes the offshore fishing from Mackay world class.



## CRABBING

It's not just the fish that are plentiful in The Mackay Region's creeks and rivers, there's also an abundance of crustaceans. Mud and blue swimmer crabs are a common catch up and down the region's coastline with prime spots being the creeks at Seaforth, Eimeo and Clairview. Inland, the red claw crayfish can be caught from dams in The Isaac Region.

**Main Photo:** The Australian Fishing Championships taking place at Eungella Dam.

# FAMILY FUN

The Mackay Region is perfect for families, offering incredible nature and wildlife experiences and state-of-the-art recreational facilities guaranteed to bring out the inner child in everyone.

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## Top Spots for the Family

### ☑ **WAKE HOUSE AUSTRALIA**

This state-of-the-art wake boarding facility caters to a range of age groups and experience levels. With live music and events, it's the perfect mix of fun, fitness and relaxation.

### ☐ **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.

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

Enjoy an 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 tasty insight into the region's sugar cane history.

### ☐ **FOREST FLYING**

This eco-tourism experience offers views of the Finch Hatton Gorge rainforest from a unique angle, travelling 340 metres through the rainforest canopy on a flying fox 25 metres above ground.

### ☐ **BREDI'S WILD FARM**

Come face-to-face with some of Australia's most iconic animals from koalas to crocodiles, wombats, kangaroos and emus. Idyllically located on a 175 acre property, Bredi's Wild Farm is north of Mackay at Bloomsbury.

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

This facility is one of the most popular spots for families. Enjoy three lagoon areas, a 19.5 metre water slide, waterfalls and playground. It also has a café, barbecue facilities and lifeguards patrolling during opening hours.

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

With more than three kilometres of scenic tracks and boardwalks overlooking a beautiful lagoon, the Botanic Gardens is full of spectacular flora and fauna, running waterfalls and streams, and an elevated café.

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

A multi-sports facility with a state-of-the-art skate park featuring three-metre competition bowl, intermediate bowl and street run. The park also has a multi-sports court, grassed play area, climbing wall and ping pong areas.

### ☐ **FRECKLE FARM TOURS, ETON**

This family-run farm not only produces healthy, nutritious and tasty food using pasture-based, chemical-free methods but it's also home to the happiest cows, pigs, chickens, sheep, horses and dogs who you'll meet during farm tours.

The Mackay Region has so much to offer for families. With our family focus on the outdoors and wildlife experiences and reef to rainforest adventures, kids can run joyfully wild and get back to nature. I can't wait to come back.

**ELISA ELWIN,  
OUT & ABOUT WITH KIDS**

**Main Photo:** Platypus Beach at Mirani.

**Top Row:** Fast paced fun at Sidetrax Mackay; Sweet surprises at the Sarina Sugar Shed; Crocodile displays at Bredi's Wild Farm.

**Bottom Row:** Getting airborne at Wake House Australia; Forest Flying rainforest ziplining.

## Make time to...

Visit one of Australia's largest orchid displays, **The Orchid House**, built in 1988. The surrounding parkland at Queens Park has excellent playgrounds and facilities for families.





# LOCAL FLAVOURS

Award-winning, succulent, fresh and local; The Mackay Region focuses on authentic paddock-to-plate experiences from bush dining in the country, to fresh seafood beside the sea, and trendy cafés in the city.



## ✔ MEET LOCAL FARMERS

Buy fresh and seasonal produce direct from local farmers at the Greater Whitsunday Farmers Markets every Wednesday at the Bluewater Quay in the City Centre.

## ☐ SWEET BERRIES

Enjoy the fruits of your labour when you visit Ballantynes Strawberry Farm in picturesque Cameron's Pocket, just north of Mackay. Kids will love picking their own juicy strawberries during the months of June to September, while blueberries are an option on weekends from October to January. The Farm's café opens for homemade scones, crepes, coffee, ice cream, jams and chutneys.

## ☐ 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.

## ☐ GOURMET BUSH TUCKER

Passionate chef Nik Flack and his team present an exquisite and fascinating degustation dining experience at The Flackyard Restaurant, located in the Pioneer Valley. Indulge in awe-inspiring local produce, unique beverages and Australian native foods sourced from Aboriginal-owned businesses and communities.

## ☐ 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.

**Main Photo:** Australian native cuisine from The Flackyard Restaurant.

**Top Left:** Desserts from Salt Café at Dolphin Heads Resort.

**Bottom Left:** Zarby's Café at Mount Ossa.



# CULTURE

The Mackay Region celebrates a rich and colourful history and culture, from some of Australia's oldest gold mining towns in The Isaac Region, to self-guided tours of Mackay's inner-city art-deco buildings.

## Top Spots for Art

### ✓ CEDAR GALLERY

This art and timber gallery is surrounded by rolling green hills in picturesque Broken River. Cedar Gallery tours run Friday through to Sunday on the hour from 11am giving visitors an insight into local art, Eungella history as well as great food and drink. Bookings are essential.

### □ 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.

### □ 5<sup>TH</sup> LANE

Marvel at the creativity of local and visiting artists at Mackay's 5th Lane in the City Centre. Download the Zappar app and experience the artwork interactively.

### □ CLERMONT RAILWAY STATION

Take a step back in time and enjoy the magnificent mural painted on the railway carriages of the old railway station in Clermont, constructed in 1884.



## Top Spots for Heritage

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

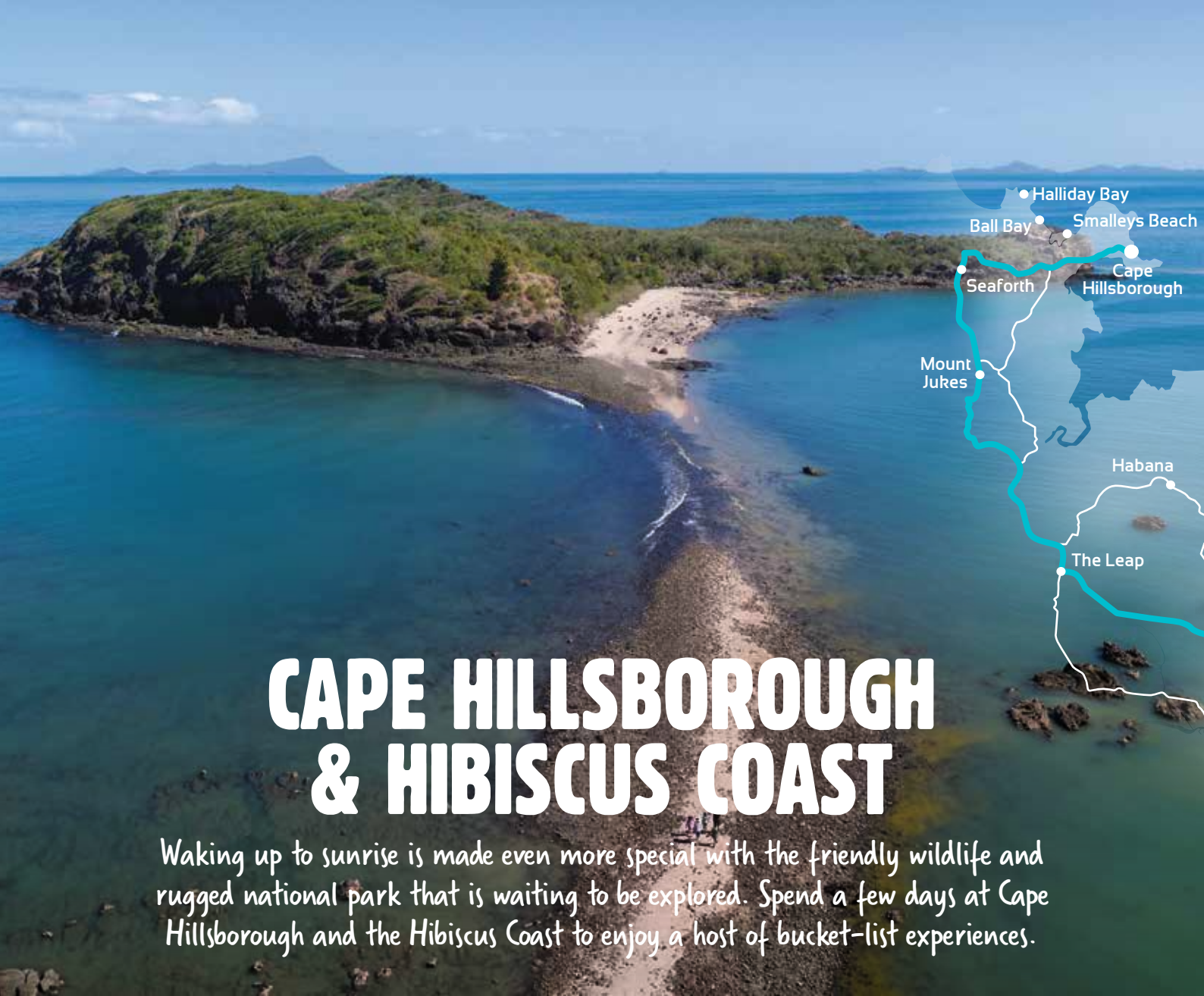
**MACKAY CITY & HERITAGE WALK** Enjoy a self-guided tour of Mackay's City Centre and Waterfront Heritage Discovery Trail using your smartphone or tablet via Mackay Regional Council's website.

**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.

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

Main Photo: Art displays at Mackay's 5th Lane.

Top Right: The Clermont Historical Centre.



# 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.

## BEAUTIFUL BUSHWALKS

The various bushwalks within Cape Hillsborough National Park gives visitors the chance to witness a host of unique Australian wildlife, from spectacular Blue Tiger Butterflies in the cooler months, to Flatback and Green Turtles in the surrounding waters.

### **The Diversity Boardwalk** *(easy) 1.2 kilometres 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 kilometres 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 kilometres 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 kilometres return or 2.8 kilometres 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.

## 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 peoples. Visit the large sculpture on the Bruce Highway to learn more.

## Did you know?

There are over 140 avian, 25 reptile, 22 mammal and 8 amphibian species that make Cape Hillsborough special.



## Four Ways to Enjoy Cape Hillsborough & Hibiscus Coast

**SUNRISE WALLABY EXPERIENCE** Wake up early and enjoy a spectacular beach sunrise with Australia's iconic wallabies and kangaroos.

**WEDGE ISLAND ROCKPOOLS** Accessible during low tide from Cape Hillsborough, Wedge Island is home to stunning rockpools.

**SEAFORTH NET-FREE FISHING ZONES** Target a wide variety of fish species in the beautiful waters comprising the net-free fishing zone surrounding Seaforth.

**HIBISCUS COAST** Set up the tent or caravan and enjoy the sights and experiences that make up the stunning Hibiscus Coast.



**Main Photo:** Wedge Island can be accessed from Cape Hillsborough at low tide.

**Right – clockwise from Top:** Seaforth Beach; Cape Hillsborough's walking tracks; Halliday Bay golf course and swimming enclosure; Seaforth's net-free zone barramundi; Kangaroo at sunrise at Cape Hillsborough.



# EUNGELLA & PIONEER VALLEY

*The Pioneer Valley is home to spectacular scenery and Australia's longest stretch of sub-tropical rainforest. Here you will find unique wildlife, bushwalking tracks and pristine billabongs.*

## Four Ways to Enjoy Eungella & the Pioneer Valley

### FINCH HATTON GORGE

This secluded rainforest experience will awaken the body and soul with incredible bushwalks and beautiful waterfalls, surrounded by sheer cliffs and lush greenery.

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 cafés in the rainforest or stay the night to fully experience this wondrous location.

### PLATYPUS SPOTTING

The viewing decks at Broken River are regarded as some of the most reliable places in the world to see platypus in the wild.

Morning and evening are the best times to see platypus but you can enjoy the area anytime of the day with a Visitor Information Centre showcasing local artwork and a café run by an Austrian chef which offers an alfresco dining experience, great coffee and the famous Yodel Burger.

### EUNGELLA TREE ARCH

Enjoy epic views as you travel up the winding Eungella Range and take in the clear mountain air.

The Sky Window Circuit is great for young and old (wheelchair and pram-friendly) and boasts views of the entire Pioneer Valley region below. It's also the entry point to a deeper rainforest hike along the edge of the Eungella Range, where you can find the strangler fig Tree Arch.

### CAMPING & FISHING AT EUNGELLA DAM

Situated in Mackay's mountain range, Eungella Dam is famed for its breathtaking scenery, fishing and camping.

This scenic lake is fringed by rainforest and stocked with sooty grunter, cod and barramundi. It's accessible by regular vehicles but the last portion of road is unsealed where the landscape changes from rainforest to high country farms.

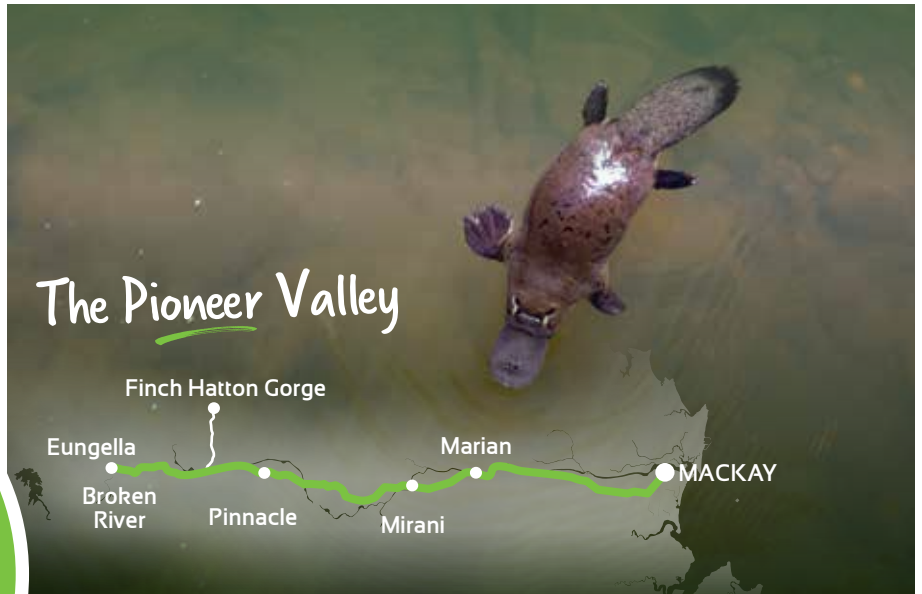
With plenty of space to spread out, Eungella Dam is the perfect spot to forget your worries and enjoy nature at its finest. Facilities include showers, toilets, barbecue and picnic tables.





**Make time to...**

Discover the heritage-listed Greenmount Homestead at Walkerston, with over 20,000 historical items depicting the life of the early settlers.



**Did you know?**

The small Pioneer Valley towns of Walkerston, Marian, Mirani (RV Friendly Town™), and Pinnacle have unique and charming characteristics and are well worth a visit.



**Main Photo:** Views of the Pioneer Valley from Eungella's Sky Window lookout.

**Clockwise from Top Right:** Platypus at Broken River; Travelling the Eungella Range; Dumbleton Weir is a great spot for fishing; Eungella Tree Arch; Finch Hatton's Wheel of Fire.

# MACKAY CITY & MARINA

With one of Queensland's only blue water rivers as the backdrop, the Mackay City offers spectacular scenery, superb shopping and culinary delights, while the Mackay Marina is renowned for fantastic fishing and a great place to enjoy a drink.



## Four Ways to Enjoy Mackay City

### ✔ VISIT THE INFO KIOSK

The new Mackay Visitor Information Kiosk was officially opened in 2020 and is situated at the entrance to Mackay's biggest recreation facility, The Bluewater Lagoon, where you can enjoy three swimming pools, water slides and a café.

The Visitor Information Kiosk is operated by informed volunteers, is stocked with brochures and unique memorabilia, and features a large TV display with travel-related information 24/7.

### □ SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

Soak up the tropical streetscapes and enjoy endless shopping. The Mackay City Centre offers boutique clothing, toy and giftware stores while nearby Caneland Central has over 100 speciality and service stores, making it Mackay's largest shopping centre.

**TIP:** Visit [mackaycitycentre.com.au](http://mackaycitycentre.com.au) for a complete directory of Mackay City Centre businesses from food to retail, hair and beauty, professional services and health and wellbeing.

### □ GET ACTIVE

From art-deco inspired buildings to public art displays and funky laneway murals, the Mackay City Centre has many nooks and crannies to explore on foot. You can even take a self-guided Mackay City Centre and Waterfront Heritage Discovery Trail walk using your smartphone or tablet.

The Bluewater Trail, which begins at the Botanic Gardens, follows the blue Pioneer River along to the popular Bluewater Lagoon, and continues to the Bluewater Quay. A new 2.6 kilometre pathway connecting the Bluewater Quay to the Mackay Marina provides a seamless pathway from the city to the beach.

Mackay Regional Council also run a free Active in the City program with free classes including Zumba, Tai Chi and Pilates.

### □ WINE & DINE

The City Centre is a foodie's dream, serving up everything from fine dining restaurants to trendy artisanal eateries. Choose from Mexican, Indian, Italian, Asian, Cuban or Aussie culinary delights. Walk through the main streets and be spoilt for choice when it comes to food and drink.



**Main Photo:** The Mackay Marina is located north-east of the city.

**Top Row:** The blue waters of the Pioneer River; Bluewater Lagoon; Art displays in the Mackay City Centre.

**Bottom Row:** Delicious food from Mackay's restaurants; Mackay Visitor Information Kiosk.

## The Mackay Marina

Overlooking incredible turquoise water, the Mackay Marina has twice been named Marina of the Year and is Queensland's only marina to qualify for Fish-Friendly Status.

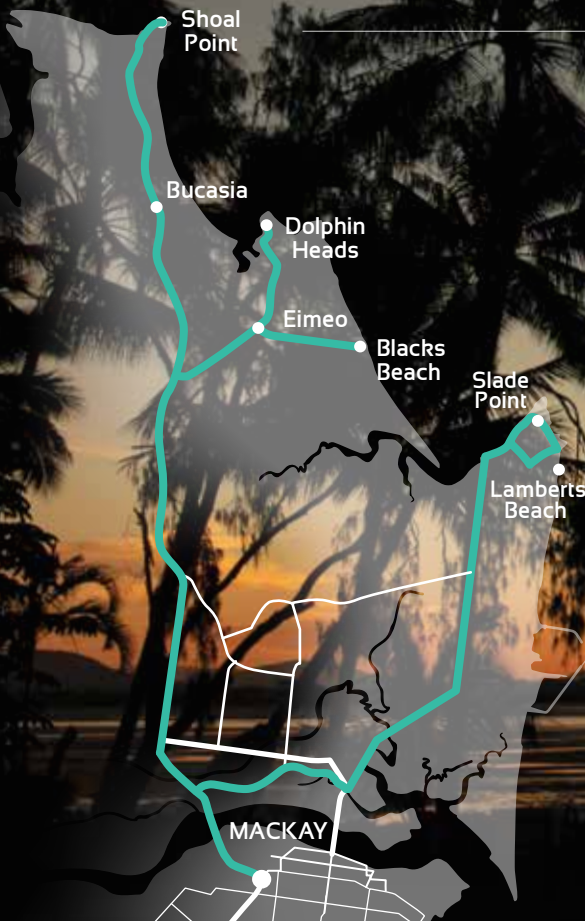
The precinct features accommodation, food and drink, shops and services and has over 400 berths for all types of vessels.

Enjoy fresh seafood with a cold drink, go fishing off the 500-metre-long breakwater or head east and hit the fully-patrolled Harbour Beach with its playground and Surf Club facilities.

Don't miss the popular Mackay Marina Run in June, a signature event on the Mackay sporting calendar.

# NORTHERN BEACHES

The coastline to the north of Mackay offers a true holiday vibe with palm-fringed beaches, friendly accommodation and a relaxed tropical lifestyle perfect for every traveller wanting to unwind.



## Serene Sunsets

Watch the sun go down at Sunset Bay, nearby Eimeo Beach, touted by local photographers as one of the best spots in the region to capture sunset.



### ☑ LAMBERTS BEACH

This best-kept secret is bringing visitors from far and wide thanks to a purpose-built Whale Watching Platform with magnificent views over the Coral Sea. Visit the Slade Point Water Tower and stay for lunch at the Seabreeze Hotel overlooking Lamberts Beach.

There's a number of short walks in the area, including the Kommo Toera Trail in Slade Point which offers a unique wetland ecosystem with diverse wildlife and plant habitats, surrounded by melaleuca trees.

### ☐ BLACKS BEACH

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

### ☐ BUCASIA BEACH

Enjoy a drive or walk along the picturesque esplanade, with 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 you can 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, recreational activities and cocktails by the pool with live music.

### ☐ EIMEO BEACH

Eimeo Beach is patrolled during summer by lifeguards. The esplanade features children's playground, barbecue facilities and lots of shade along the beachfront to enjoy. Travel through the canopy of heritage-listed mango trees to the historic pub on the hill with 'million dollar views' or enjoy live music, food and drinks under the stars at the Eimeo Surf Lifesaving Club on Friday nights.

### ☐ 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. Drive up O'Brien Esplanade to the top of the hill for epic views over the Coral Sea or spend time at the park with children's playground, barbecue, toilets and showers.

**Main Photo:** Sunset Bay at Eimeo.

**Top Row:** Eimeo Beach and Dolphin Heads; Mango Avenue at Eimeo; The Slade Point Water Tower.

**Bottom Row:** Fishing at Mackay's Northern Beaches; Kite surfing at Blacks Beach.



## Skaters Delight

The kids will love the youth hub on Camilleri Street, Blacks Beach featuring skate park and pump track, half basketball court and hit-up wall, as well as a playground and boardwalk through a beautiful nature reserve. There's also an off-leash dog park.



# CAPE PALMERSTON, SARINA & SURROUNDS

Award-winning attractions, quiet coastal towns and a diverse national park makes Cape Palmerston, Sarina and surrounds a unique getaway for visitors looking to escape the hustle and bustle of city life.

## Cape Palmerston National Park

Explore this diverse national park with rocky headlands, mangroves, swamps and sand dunes. Cape Palmerston National Park is a massive 7,200-hectare park which protects a diverse range of flora and fauna and is home to the distinctive 344-metre Mount Funnel.

Nature enthusiasts will love the beaches and birdwatching, fishing and crabbing. Take on a 4WD adventure through Cape Palmerston National Park and enjoy the diversity of the environment from sandy beaches to rainforest. Find a slice of paradise and set up camp along the eastern beach or stay the night at Windmill Bay or Cape Creek camping areas.

Cape Palmerston Holiday Park welcomes caravans, RVs, motorhomes and campers to enjoy spacious sites, great facilities and the natural beauty of the area.

**TIP:** *Get up early and watch the sun rise over the ocean or enjoy the sun setting over Mt Funnel*

## Sarina

### FIELD OF DREAMS PARKLANDS

This historical and educational hub, just off the Bruce Highway, boasts award-winning attractions and gives visitors the perfect vantage point to plan the holiday of a lifetime in The Mackay Region and beyond.

Comprising the Visitor Information Centre, Sarina Sugar Shed, the Field of Dreams is also home to the Sarina Museum which holds several collections and artefacts from the region's historical past. The equally impressive Sarina Tourist Arts & Craft Centre displays pieces from talented local artisans and community groups.

### VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Winning Silver at the Queensland Tourism Awards, the state-of-the-art Mackay Region Visitor Information Centre is based in the original 1950s railway station. Equipped with the latest technology and interactive displays, visitors can receive advice on travel, tours and accommodation to plan the perfect Mackay Region itinerary.



**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.

## □ SARINA SURROUNDS

The coastline south of Mackay is the perfect escape for a daytrip or overnight stay. Try fishing from the beach, a picnic lunch, or just enjoy the serenity at one of the many beach hubs surrounding Sarina:

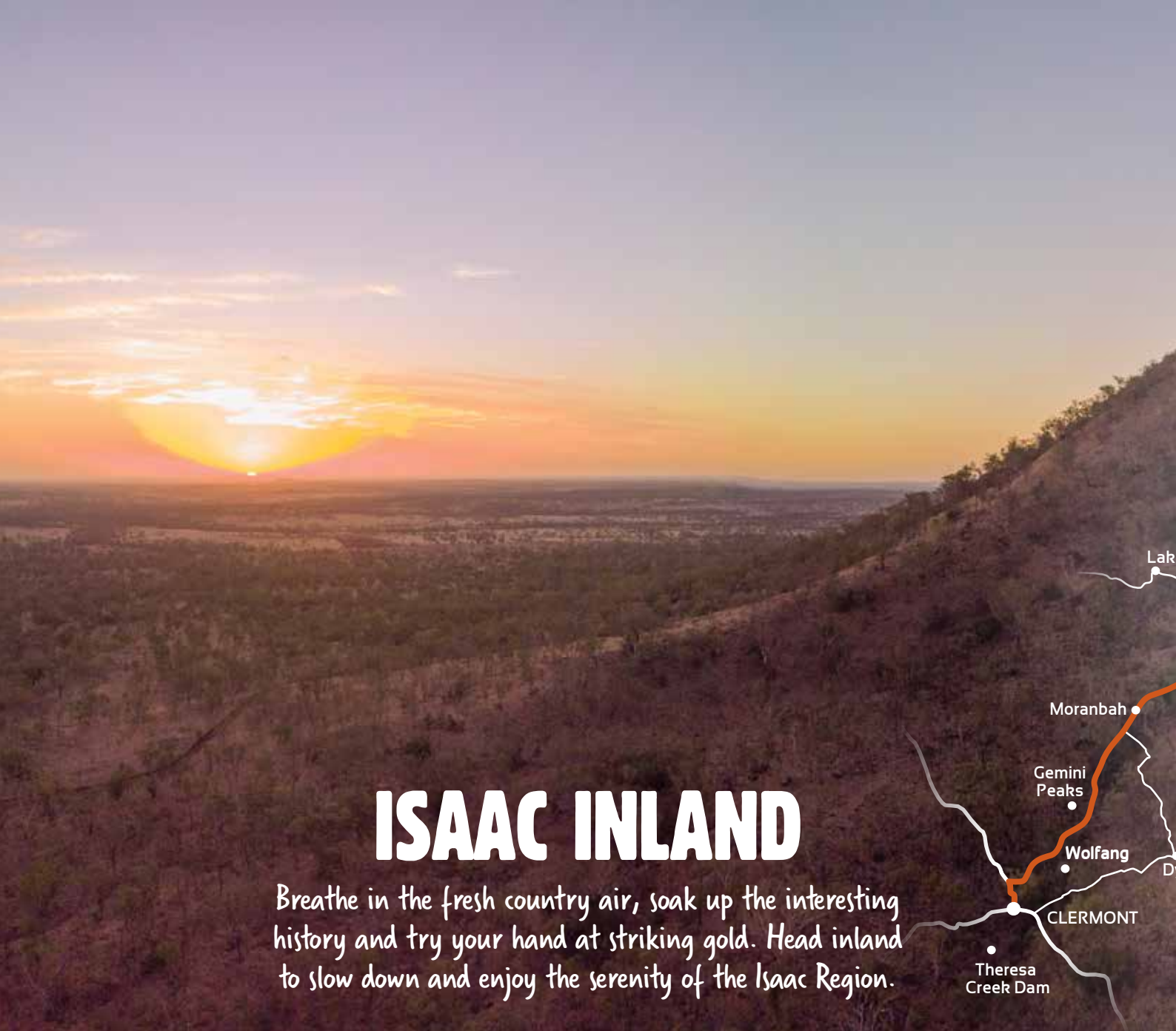
- Armstrong Beach
- Sarina Beach
- Campwin Beach
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**Main Photo:** Kangaroos at Cape Palmerston with Mount Funnel in the background.

**Inset:** Plan your holiday at The Mackay Region Visitor Information Centre, located at the Field of Dreams; Visit the award-winning Sarina Sugar Shed and taste a range of sweet delights like fairy floss, rum, liqueurs, fudge and more.



Cape Palmerston



# ISAAC INLAND

Breathe in the fresh country air, soak up the interesting history and try your hand at striking gold. Head inland to slow down and enjoy the serenity of the Isaac Region.





## Four Ways to Enjoy Isaac Inland

### ☑ GEMINI PEAKS

Gemini Peaks form part of the Cosgrove Hotspot, the world's largest continental volcanic chain. Gemini Peaks is located within the Peak Range National Park which consists of four sections; Wolfgang Peak, Eastern Peak, Lord's Table Mountain and Gemini Mountains.

### ☐ CLERMONT HISTORICAL CENTRE

This interactive historical centre contains information and artefacts related to the area's rich and diverse history. Relive stories of courage and tragedy with the Flood of Memories Exhibition and visit the Piano in the Tree – an eerie reminder of the height of the water during one of Australia's worst floods. Other items on display include historical mining machinery, Clermont's original Fire Brigade truck and vintage cars.

### ☐ GOLD PROSPECTING

Try your hand at striking gold in Queensland's most accessible goldfields surrounding Clermont. With 11 General Permission Areas available, there's plenty of places to try your luck.

Visit the abandoned mining town of Mount Britton (approximately a 35-minute drive north-east of Nebo), founded in 1880. While the buildings are long gone, the old grid of streets are dotted with interpretive signage that retains a sense of what once existed. Explore the old mining relics and visit the nearby pioneers' cemetery.

### ☐ THERESA CREEK DAM

Located south-west of Clermont, this large outback oasis is ideal for swimming, camping, fishing and water skiing. Enjoy a day trip with lunch at the kiosk or stay overnight for the full experience.



### Did you know?

It is estimated that more than 7,380 kilograms of gold was recovered in the Clermont Goldfields between 1861 and 1901.

**Main Photo:** Lord's Table Mountain.

**Top Row:** Theresa Creek Dam; Kangaroos at Middlemount; Wolfgang Peak.

**Bottom Row:** Gold prospecting at Clermont; The Gemini Peaks.

## While you're here...

The Isaac Region is made up of new and old mining towns. Spend a few days exploring the entire region to discover a world of history, charm and prosperity.

**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!

**MORANBAH** Featuring new and modern facilities, Moranbah was created specifically for miners and their families. Enjoy the modern-day 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.

**LAKE ELPHINSTONE** This lake is one of the region's best natural highlights and is a popular spot to set up camp, fish, bushwalk or kayak. Lake Elphinstone has toilets, showers, a boat ramp and picnic tables and offers birdwatching 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.



# ISAAC COAST

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



## ✓ ST LAWRENCE

The town may be small, but it is big on attractions, featuring a heritage-listed Anglican Church built in 1898 and cemetery 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 beachside picnic spots and view turtles swimming 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. 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 20 – 21) is via Greenhill Road for 4WDs only.

Main Photo: The beach at Clairview is the perfect relaxation spot.

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When it comes to travel advice, who best to ask than Mackay-born Karen Jacobsen (aka Siri), who has found herself back where she grew up.

**Tell us about your association with The Mackay Region?** I was born in Mackay, as was my Mother and her family. In fact, my Great Grandfather was Mayor of Mackay. I went to North Mackay Primary and North Mackay High School and left to go to Uni when I was 17.

**What are some of your fondest memories of the region?** Visiting the Whitsundays on the Three Island Royleen Cruise was a huge highlight when I was growing up. As a Girl Guide I visited Eungella, and had many fun times at the playground at the harbour. As I was in love with the arts, the Theatre Royal lives in infamy for me, and it was amazing to see photos of the building in the green room at the MECC.

**Now that you are situated back in the region, what have you been impressed by?** It's been incredible to feel so welcome here. I'm in love with the tropical plants and of course the majestic sugar cane.

**What kind of changes have you seen?** The development in Mackay is astounding. The entire area between Mount Pleasant Shopping Centre and the Ron Camm bridge was sugar cane fields when I was growing up, as well as the harbour development. The Marina is striking.

**What have you enjoyed about living in the region so far?** We absolutely love waking up and looking out at the Coral Sea and the boats. We've been back and forth from the Whitsundays to Mackay a number of times and the landscape makes my heart happy. Palm trees, sugar cane fields, the sunshine and walking along the boardwalk at Airlie Beach are all divine.

**Where is your favourite place in the world?** For a long time I have had a love affair with Hawaii, but the Whitsundays, in particular Hayman Island has been my dream location since childhood. We've had the pleasure of spending an extended period on Hamilton Island and look forward to more time there in the future. Perhaps our dream of Hawaii has recalculated to the Whitsundays.

**What are your plans for travelling in the future?** Our home currently sits like a time capsule in the centre of Manhattan. We will be here for as long as it takes to make sense to go back, whether that's a year or more or much more than we imagine. We feel very connected to this region and plan to spend significant time here every year, but like most of us during this worldwide pandemic crisis, we are recalculating.

## Find out more

Karen Jacobsen is an entertainer, singer, motivational speaker, voice-over artist and songwriter. Find out more at [thegpsgirl.com](http://thegpsgirl.com)

**Main Photo:** The Marina Lighthouse.

**Inset:** Karen has travelled around the world but still calls Mackay home.

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<b>JUL</b>	Party in the Park	Grasree Beach Motorbike Races	Mackay Bluewater Fling Scottish Festival	<b>OCT</b>	Global Grooves	North Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships	
							
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Clermont Battle of the Mines							
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				Carols at the Quay			
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# WHERE TO NEXT?

*The Whitsundays, located in the Heart of the Great Barrier Reef, is a world-class destination with some of the most spectacular scenery you'll ever find.*



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**Main Photo:** Snorkelling the Whitsunday's coral reefs.



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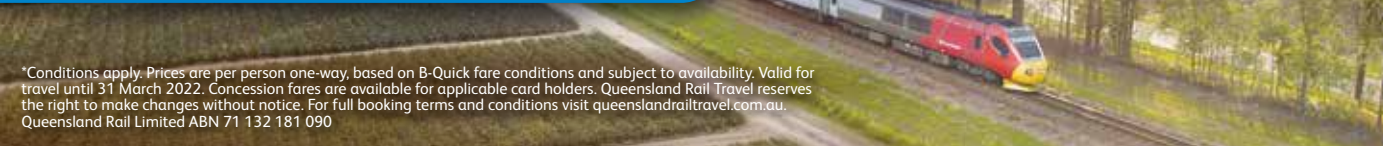
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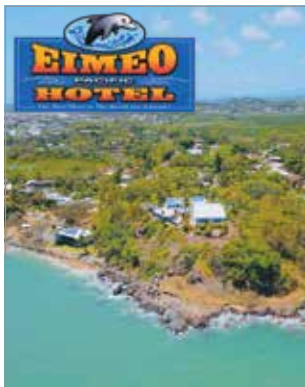


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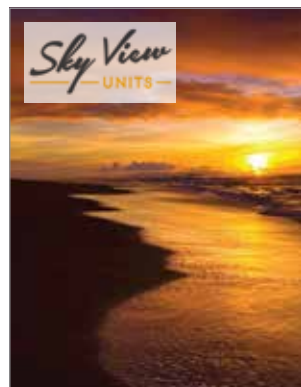


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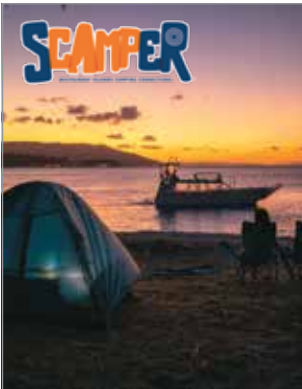
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## NEW LOCATION

### 1. MACKAY VISITOR INFORMATION KIOSK



Located at Bluewater Lagoon, Matsuura Drive.  
Please check [mackayregion.com](http://mackayregion.com) for opening hours.  
Pop in to have all your travel enquiries answered & to check out our merchandise.  
Please note, 320 Nebo Rd has now closed.

### 2. MACKAY REGION VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Located at Sarina Field of Dreams  
Open 9am to 2pm every day  
Dump Ezy dump point, bins, toilets, free coffee & tea, charging station, WIFI, barbecue facilities, caravan parking plus more.





### 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.