SOUTHERN MORETON BAY ISLANDS

VISITOR GUIDE 2013

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WELCOME
TO THE SOUTHERN MORETON BAY ISLANDS

The tranquil islands of Lamb, Karragarra, Macleay and Russell lie in the protected waters of Southern Moreton Bay, only one hour from Brisbane.

Easily accessed by fast passenger ferry or vehicle ferry from Redland Bay, these delightful subtropical islands offer abundant natural attractions and a taste of an idyllic island lifestyle to visitors.

The islands have a rich history of Aboriginal heritage from the Quandamooka people, traditional owners of Moreton Bay and of European settlement dating from the 1860s.

With each island rich in its own character, you'll enjoy discovering the varied lifestyle quite different to the mainland. The fast ferries and vehicle ferries run regular services daily, so you can explore more than one island in a day or spend a few relaxing days in the one spot.

In the protected channels and waterways of Moreton Bay surrounding the Bay Islands, dolphins, turtles and dugongs can often be seen in the pristine waters. Here you'll find plentiful opportunities to enjoy safe swimming, snorkelling, boating and water sports such as kayaking.

The area is also well known as a perfect fishing spot, whether you have a small boat or just enjoy throwing in a line from the jetty. An abundance of species are found around the islands.

The four islands are rich in flora and fauna and edged with mangrove foreshores interspersed with sandy beaches. Bird lovers will be enthralled by the annual visits by migratory birds from Japan and China, as well as many non-migratory species.

The islands of Southern Moreton Bay are precious and fragile, so it is important that residents and visitors enjoy, protect and appreciate nature's gift. The friendly local communities are welcoming, whether you're visiting for the day or staying longer.

Most of the islands offer a range of accommodation options, ranging from charming B&Bs to fully self-contained houses. A variety of supermarkets, cafés and general stores cater for all your needs, or you can enjoy a meal at a local club.

Why not come for a few days? You'll find plenty to do or if you prefer, just take in the pleasures of "island life".

Brahminy Kite

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GETTING HERE

Passenger Ferry

Bay Island Transit operates fast and comfortable passenger ferry services to Russell, Macleay, Lamb and Karragarra Islands.

Ferries depart the Weinam Creek Marina, Banana Street, Redland Bay 7 days a week approximately every half hour. Tickets are available from the ticket office at the Redland Bay Marina.
For timetables, visit www.transitsystems.com.au/bayislands

Vehicle Ferry

Stradbroke Ferries operate regular vehicle ferries departing from 1 Weinam Street, Redland Bay 7 days a week. The travelling time from Redland Bay to Macleay Island is approximately 40 minutes or 60 minutes to Russell Island. Bookings are essential and can be made online at www.stradbrokeferries.com.au or by phoning (07) 3488 5300.

From Brisbane by Car

Travelling via the Pacific Highway, take the Vulture Street exit and continue along Vulture Street for 3km until you come to Cavendish Road. Turn right onto Cavendish Road and follow for 800m. Turn left at Old Cleveland Road and travel into Capalaba, where you can veer right onto Redland Bay Road. From Redland Bay Road, turn left onto Boundary Road and follow the signs via Victoria Point (Redland Bay Road) to the marina.

From Gold Coast by Car

Travel north along the Pacific Highway, and take the Cleveland/Beenleigh-Redland Bay Road Exit 30. Follow Beenleigh-Redland Bay Road for approximately 20km. Turn right into Gordon Road and follow the signs to the Weinam Creek Marina.

By Public Transport

If you are travelling from the Gold Coast, take a train to Central Station or Roma Street Station in Brisbane. The local Veolia bus (route 250) leaves from Stop 85 on Elizabeth Street in Brisbane and takes approximately 2 hours to the Redland Bay Marina.

Climate

The islands of Southern Moreton Bay boast a subtropical climate with moderate temperatures and sunshine almost all year round. Temperatures range from an average of 20 degrees Celsius in July to an average of 28 degrees in February.

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WELCOME TO MACLEAY ISLAND

MACLEAY IS A PEACEFUL ISLAND WITH A COUNTRY TOWN FEEL, WHERE THERE IS LITTLE PRETENTIOUSNESS, OPEN FRIENDLINESS, TRAFFIC MOVES AT A LEISURELY PACE, IMPRESSIVE BUSHLAND SHELTERS MYRIAD BIRDLIFE, AND MANY BEAUTIFUL HOMES OVERLOOK THE TRANQUIL WATERS OF MORETON BAY.

Historically, Macleay was one of the islands that provided Brisbane with valuable timbers and abundant supplies of mangos, avocados, citrus, pineapples and vegetables. The huge mango trees and citrus orchards that remain are testimony to the island's fertility.

Macleay Island has a community-spirited population of around 2,200 people from all walks of life and most parts of the world, who have brought with them an extensive range of skills and interests in areas such as art, pottery, writing and sculpting.

Macleay is just 15 minutes by fast passenger ferry from the mainland with all its hustle and bustle, and as you board the passenger ferries you will visibly relax and experience a sense of enjoyment in the knowledge that you are travelling to a quieter place. The trip itself through the calm and sheltered Southern Moreton Bay waters is also relaxing and it is not unusual to see turtles, dugongs or dolphins and sea birds.

Macleay Island is popular with day trippers, many of whom explore the island by car or bicycle. Popular activities include walking the Heritage Trail or just finding a peaceful spot to observe the birdlife, or to picnic, fish or swim. The beaches are tidal, so swimming is best within a couple of hours of high tide.

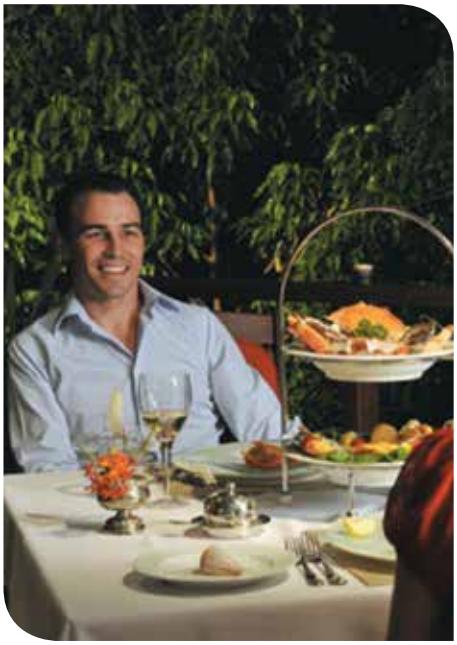
If you want to enjoy a relaxing short break or holiday, the island offers a range of delightful B&Bs and holiday houses to suit everyone's taste and budget. Some of these have the waters of Moreton Bay lapping at their doorstep, and with amazing views across the sparkling blue seas.

Any spot on the foreshore provides spectacular views across Moreton Bay to points such as North Stradbroke, Peel and Coochiemudlo Islands or to the mainland. Early mornings feature exquisite sunrises over Stradbroke Island and evenings provide spectacular sunsets to the west.

As well as enjoying the scenic attractions visitors can savour a range of culinary opportunities with restaurants, coffee shops and clubs providing a variety of cuisine that will tempt anyone's taste buds. The Art Gallery opens at weekends to exhibit the works of the many sculptors, painters, glass artists and potters who live on the islands.

Macleay Island is self-sufficient in many respects with all of the necessary supplies that you will need for a day trip or holiday available on the island. Each year there are a number of events held on the island which are enjoyed by both locals and visitors.

Macleay Island provides a treasured and relaxing lifestyle – visit us and experience the peace and tranquillity that the islanders have come to enjoy.



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MACLEAY ISLAND CLUBS

ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO EXPERIENCE THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND FRIENDLINESS MACLEAY IS KNOWN FOR IS AT EITHER OF THE ISLAND'S TWO CLUBS.

The Bay Islands Golf Club is a thriving club with a beautiful nine hole course that's popular with both locals and visitors. Visitors especially like the signature seventh hole, a left hand double dog leg over water for the second shot. Social golfers are also welcome.

The club has a full competition programme for players with a handicap and visitors are most welcome. Clubs and carts can be hired by pre-arrangement. The club also has a number of poker machines.

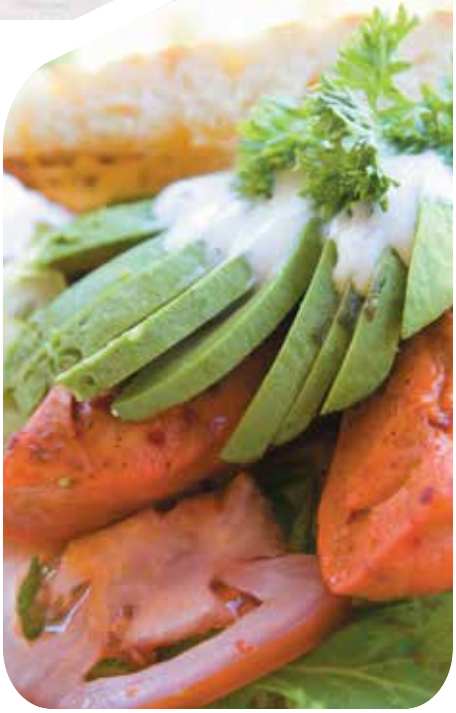
It's also a great place for a meal and is open for lunch daily except Monday or dinner Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights for players and guests. Don't miss live entertainment every Friday night from 6pm.

If you enjoy a game of bowls then the Macleay Island Bowls Club is possibly the best situated bowls club in Queensland on the waterfront, featuring breathtaking views across Moreton Bay.

The club offers members, guests and visitors the opportunity to not only enjoy a game of bowls but also a meal or a cold drink at the licensed bar, plus it also has a number of poker machines.

Both clubs offer locals and visitors a courtesy bus pickup from either your accommodation or the ferry terminal; please contact the clubs in advance to arrange.

Tingira Boat Club is a licensed premise that is open from 6pm every Friday night for "Club Night". Members and visitors are welcome.



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Bay Islands Golf Club is located on Macleay Island and is a thriving boutique Club that offers Visitors and Members alike a fine welcome to play golf or just to meet island folk.

WEEKLY PROGRAMME

Tuesday mornings	Ladies day	**Friday till 1pm**	Chook run
Wednesday mornings	Mixed competition	**Friday evenings**	Members draw (be there to win) plus free entertainment
Thursday mornings	Bingo		
All other times	Social Golf	**Saturday mornings**	Mens/mixed competition

BISTRO OPENING

Lunch	Tuesday to Sunday	11:30am – 2:00pm	
Dinner	Thursday	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Roast Night only $10
Dinner	Friday & Saturday	6:00pm – 8:30pm	
Breakfast	Sunday	8:00am – 11:00am	$7.50
Lunch	Sunday	11:30am – 2:00pm	

Club house, bar and pokies open at 10:00am until close by management discretion. Free transfers from/to the jetty by arrangement.

Lot 2, Gordon Road, Macleay Island
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WELCOME TO RUSSELL ISLAND

THE LARGEST OF THE SOUTHERN MORETON BAY GROUP OF ISLANDS, RUSSELL ISLAND LIES BETWEEN THE MAINLAND AND NORTH STRADBROKE ISLAND.

The island is eight kilometres long and nearly three kilometres wide. Many residents have spectacular views down the length of the island and overlooking Canaipa Passage to North Stradbroke Island.

It's easily accessible from the mainland, only 20 minutes by fast water taxi from Redland Bay or you can bring your car on the regular daily vehicle ferry services.

Russell Island is blessed with beautiful views across Moreton Bay, as well as superb natural environments and birdlife, making it popular with nature lovers and locals alike. The island's wetlands each have their own character and extraordinary diversity of flora and fauna. Year-round there are always plenty of flowers and birds to discover and photograph.

Wildflowers and heath bloom in spring at Turtle Swamp and you'll also find one of only two patches of orange mangroves found in Moreton Bay on Russell Island. Parts of the island have been declared conservation areas and over the next few years a series of walking trails will be developed so that you can walk comfortably through these significant environmental areas. For more information visit www.russellislandwetlands.com.au or www.bayislandsconservation.org

Relaxing by the water is easy on the island. There are small pockets of beaches that are ideal for a swim or to throw in a fishing line, as well as some delightful picnic areas with BBQ facilities and grassy open areas.

The swimming enclosure, beach and picnic area adjacent to the jetty is another popular spot for visitors. Cafes and shops, including a bakery, newsagency, butcher, chemist, supermarket and garage, are located just a short walk from the jetty.

Russell Island offers a range of holiday options from charming B&B's to waterfront holiday houses or motel-style accommodation that is suitable for a short break or bring the family and stay for a week. There's plenty to do on the island or you can jump on a fast water taxi and do some day trips to any of the other three Southern Moreton Bay islands.

Island life is very different to the mainland, with no traffic jams and where you can drive or cycle at a leisurely pace while admiring the spectacular views. Don't miss the magnificent sunsets from the western side of the island with the mainland as the backdrop and early morning sunrises over nearby Stradbroke Island. Enjoy your taste of island life!

Beach Hibiscus

Kookaburra

Mosaic located at ferry terminal.

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BAY ISLAND NEWS

The Bay Island Newspaper is a central portal for news, events and business relating to the Moreton Bay Island and Redlands area. It is published from the Islands and therefore has a strong Island value. The publication supports truth and equality and serves to report from this perspective.

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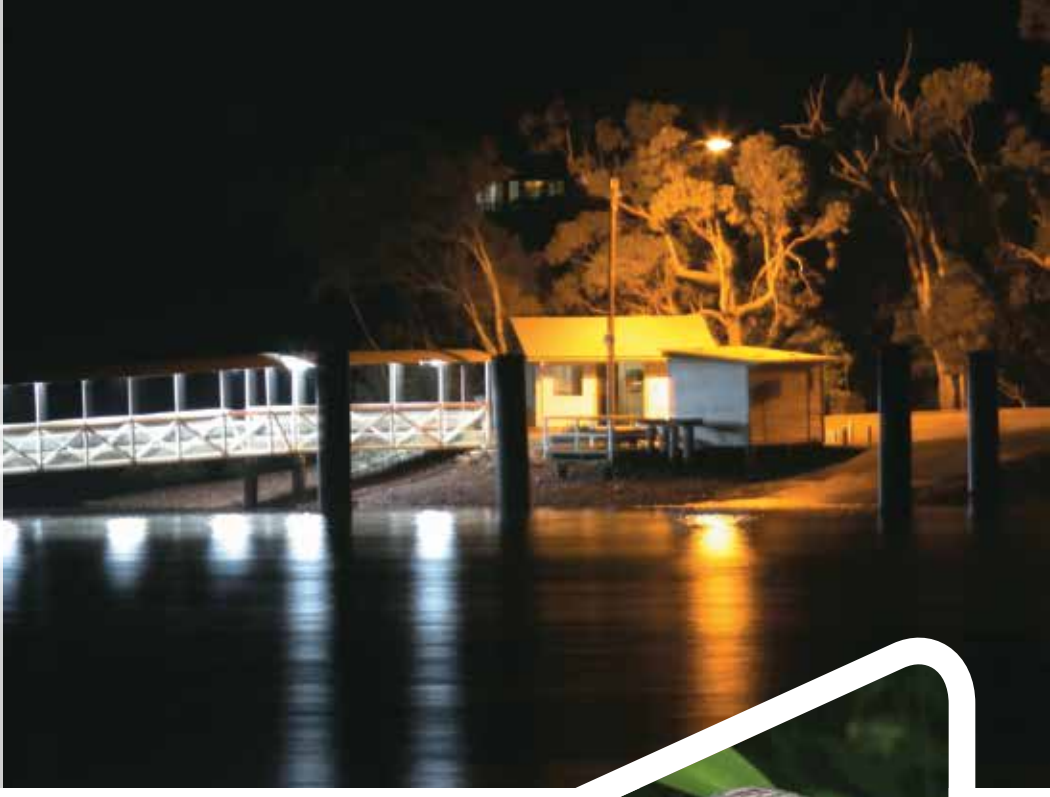
WELCOME TO LAMB ISLAND



KNOWN BY THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE OF MORETON BAY AS NGUDEROO, OR PAPERBARK TREES, LAMB ISLAND IS THE SECOND SMALLEST OF THE SOUTHERN MORETON BAY GROUP OF ISLANDS.

Although only two kilometres long one kilometre wide, and with a population of around 400 residents, this is a friendly island that has its own special character.

Whether you are visiting for a day trip, or staying for a few days the island is ideal for both. Day trippers can take a picnic lunch and head to Hine Lovell Park on the south eastern side of the island and only 1.5 kilometres from the jetty. There's a swimming enclosure that's perfect for a refreshing swim in the temperate bay waters. The park is also equipped with a BBQ, playground and toilets.

Lamb Island has a small general store, which is referred to by the locals as the kiosk, and is located where you come off the ferry. They sell a range of take away meals and general supplies.

Or if you'd prefer to join the friendly locals for a meal, the member's run Lamb Island Recreation Club has a welcoming atmosphere and serves meals mostly on weekends. A courteousy bus is also available.

The island is also noted for its prolific bird life and each year visitors come from all around Australia and overseas to spot one of the hundreds of bird species and in particular the curlew that can be found on the island.

At the island's northern end, you'll find the Pioneer Hall where the library is located. It's open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10am to 12 noon, and is well worth a visit to see the displays of local island memorabilia, which show the pride and passion the locals have for their history and community.

The displays show the island in its prime farming days when fruit and vegetables were grown and shipped by barge to the mainland, bound for the Brisbane markets. Dancing lessons are also held in the hall on Thursdays and Saturdays, and everyone is welcome.

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WELCOME TO KARRAGARRA ISLAND

KARRAGARRA IS THE SMALLEST OF THE FOUR ISLANDS, NESTLED BETWEEN RUSSELL AND MACLEAY. NOT SURPRISINGLY, ITS NATURAL BEAUTY SAW KARRA BEING ADVERTISED AS A DESIRABLE TOURIST DESTINATION MORE THAN 75 YEARS AGO, WHEN WEEKLY CRUISES BROUGHT VISITORS TO ITS SHORES.

Today, Karra, as it's affectionately known by locals, remains a delightful destination for picnickers and nature lovers. It's the only island without any shops at all, creating a 'getaway from it all' feeling as soon as you arrive.

Packing your favourite food and drinks into a hamper is a great way to prepare for a relaxing day on Karragarra. Close to the jetty, you can enjoy the very popular white sandy beach with its swimming enclosure, free electric BBQs, shaded picnic tables, playground and toilets.

The enclosure has a sandy bottom but is tidal, so check the charts to make sure you can enjoy swimming. This beach is ideal for children, and for kayakers and boaties to set down, while past the barge ramp to the west is a good family fishing spot.

Wander the shoreline and you will find small sandy beaches in between the extensive areas of mangroves. Walking the whole island will take less than an hour and reward you with stunning and ever changing vistas from Mt Cotton, to the Gold Coast hinterland, and the other three islands. With so much to take in, nature photographers and bird watchers can easily spend the whole day strolling the island.

On the left hand side of the jetty as you arrive, you can see the last goods trolley used on Karragarra - a sign of former times. Prior to 1999, each island used large timber trolleys on railway lines to move goods and island produce for the Brisbane markets to and from the ferries. In the 1960s, the regular '100 mile cruise of Moreton Bay' even stopped at Karra for day trippers to buy fresh fruit salad and vegetables.

You can still spot the early farmhouse of the Noyes' on the Esplanade along with mango trees planted in 1896.

The island's population of around 170 people has a strong sense of community and takes pride in retaining the peaceful island lifestyle and unspoilt beauty. An enthusiastic community holds numerous events, including the colourful Blessing of the Fleet in April and the fun-filled Sea Market on the Sunday of the October long weekend. Just check the jetty noticeboards to find out what other events the locals have organised.

The Motor Vessel MIRIMAR leaves Hayles' Wharf, North Quay ... for KARRAGARRA ISLAND every Thursday, 9am. A cruise through the Islands. Fares: 4/, child 2/.

Courier-Mail, Monday 4th November, 1935.

BAY ISLANDS TRANSIT

Bay Islands Transit offers a safe, comfortable Fast Passenger Ferry service to the Southern Moreton Bay Islands. Eco-friendly jet boats depart every half hour from Redland Bay to Russell, Macleay, Karragarra and Lamb Islands.

The Southern Moreton Bay Islands offer a diversity of experiences starting with your ferry trip over, where you may even spot a dolphin along the way. The Islands are an ideal destination for cycling, a beach picnic, or lunch at one of the several clubs and cafes. There is also an opportunity to enjoy a game of bowls or a round of golf.

Bicycles can be taken on board subject to loading and pets can be transported, provided they are muzzled or caged. Bookings are not required for the passenger ferry.

Departs Weinam Creek Marina, Banana Street, Redland Bay.
For further information and timetables
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STRADBROKE FERRIES

Stradbroke Ferries operates vehicle ferry services to the Southern Moreton Bay Islands of Russell, Macleay, Karragarra and Lamb. The Redland Bay terminal is located on Weinam Street.

At the departure terminal is the reservations office, where the friendly staff can answer any questions that you may have. A range of information brochures about the islands is also available. Services depart daily and can transport a number of vehicles on each vessel. The vehicle ferry is a pleasant one hour trip across the bay.

The Bay Islands are the perfect spot for a family day out or a short break away. There are a range of accommodation options available to suit everyone.

Bookings are required for all vehicle ferry transfers.

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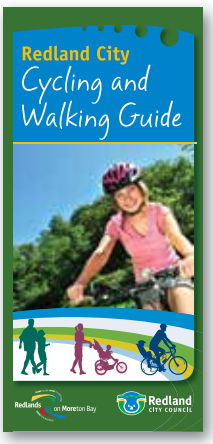
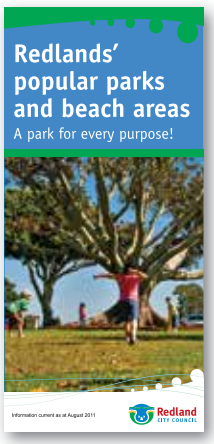
The Southern Moreton Bay Islands, including Macleay, Russell, Lamb and Karragarra, offer a visitor experience that is ideal for those seeking an escape from everyday life, with an emerging arts culture and a range of soft adventure activities and accommodation.





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MORETON BAY AND ISLANDS

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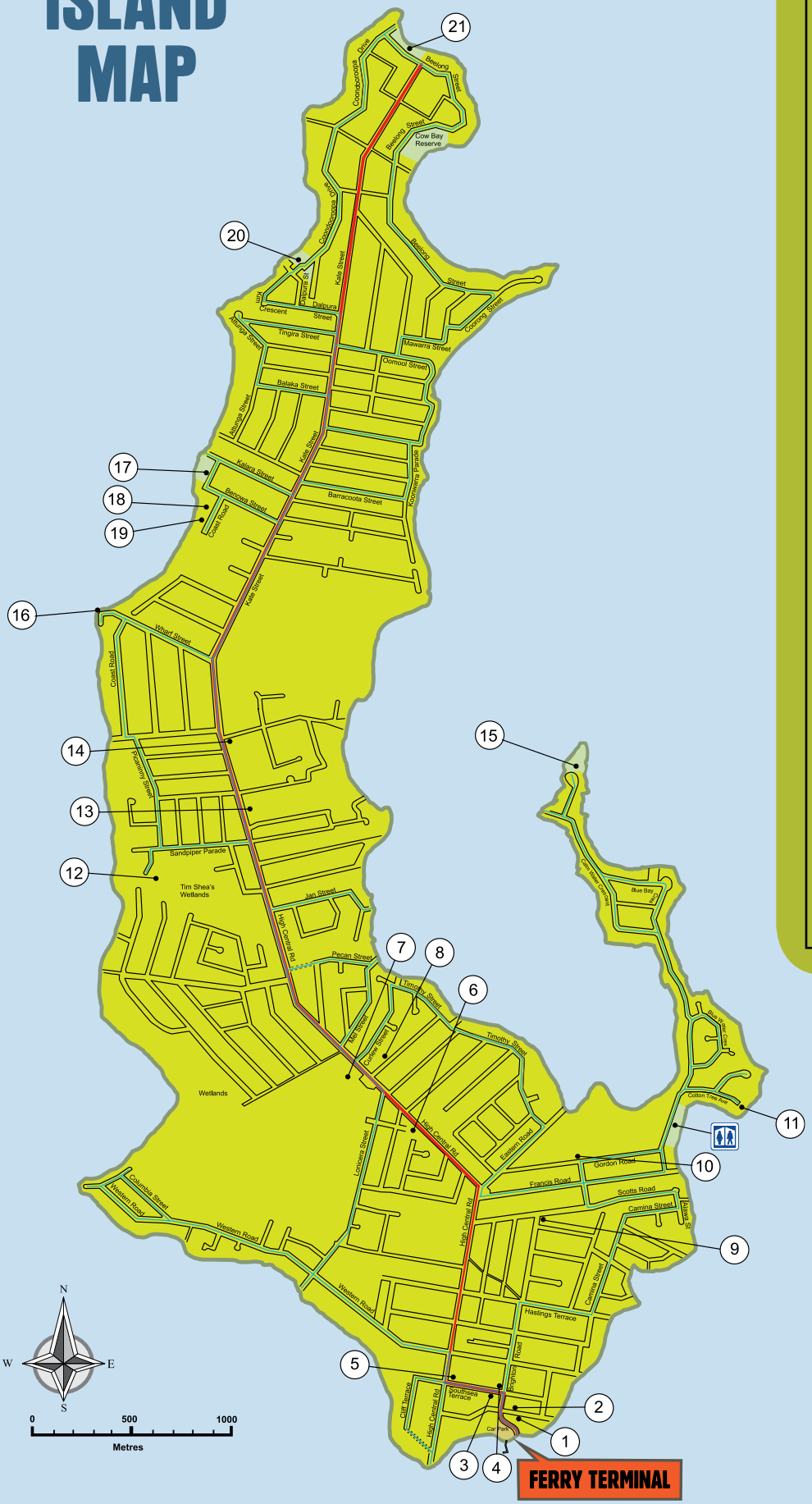
MACLEAY ISLAND MAP



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RUSSELL ISLAND MAP

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KARRAGARRA ISLAND MAP

LAMB ISLAND MAP

- CLARK'S POINT FORESHORE 2.5km (8)
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- CLUB, TENNIS COURT, COMMUNITY GROUP FACILITY, & PIONEER HALL, LIBRARY 2km (6)
- TRACTOR POINT (Ian Ward Park) 2km (5)
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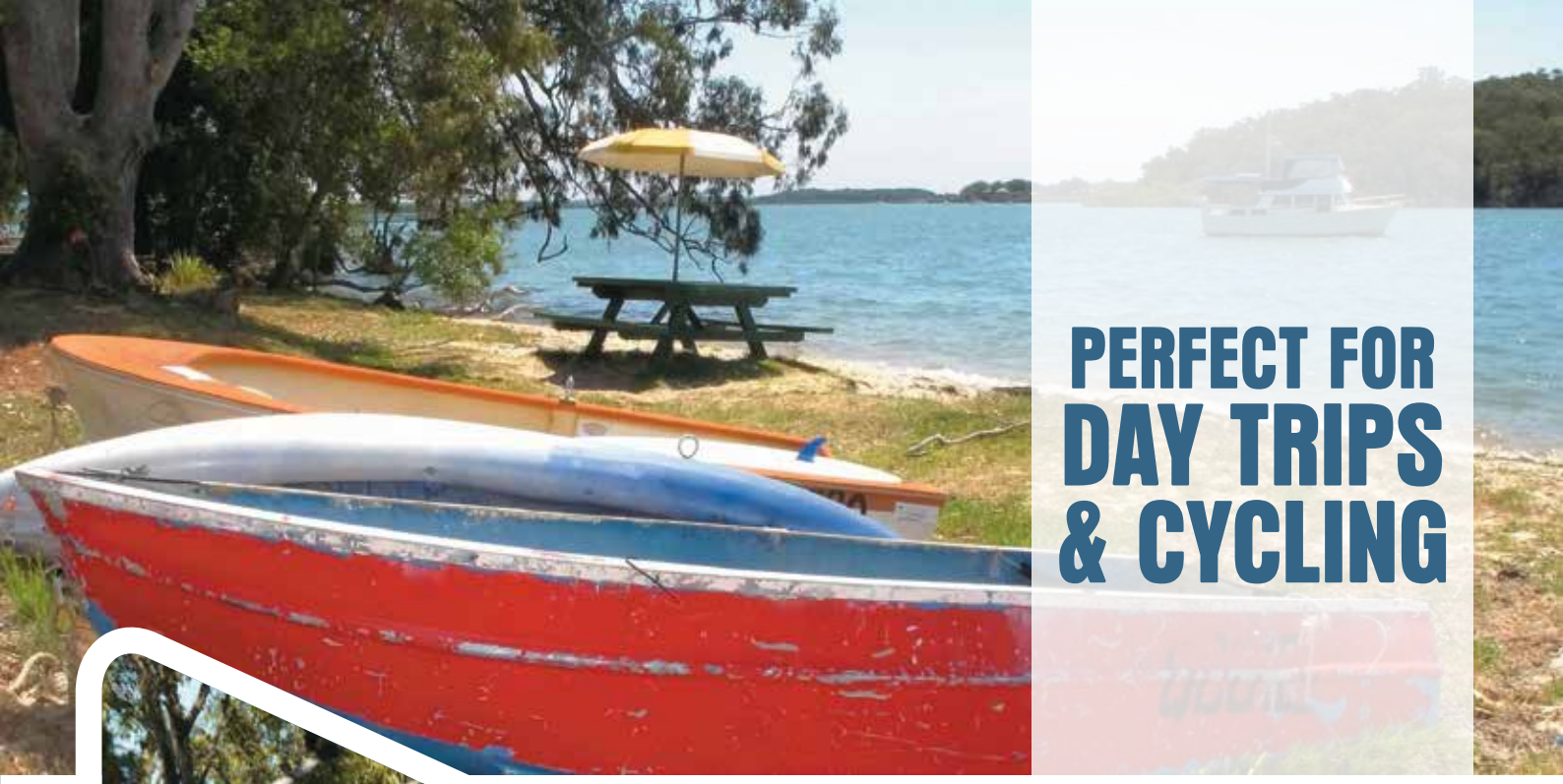
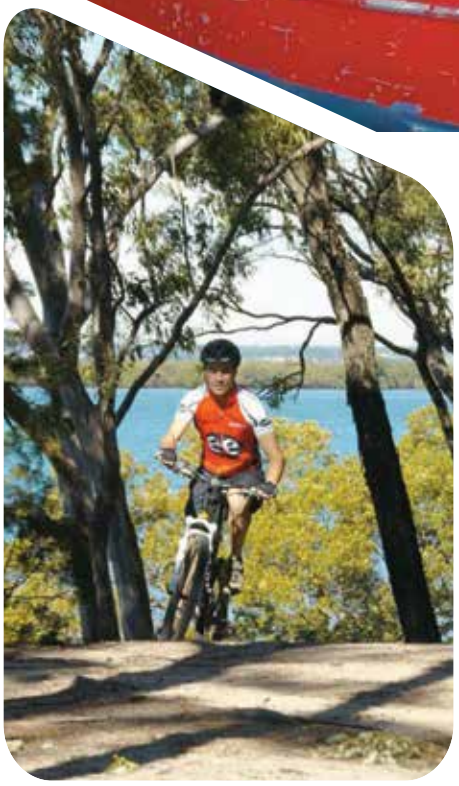


PERFECT FOR DAY TRIPS & CYCLING



THE SOUTHERN MORETON BAY ISLANDS ARE CUSTOM-MADE FOR DAY TRIPS AND EQUALLY SUITED TO BIKE RIDERS KEEN TO EXPLORE THE DIVERSE LANDSCAPE.

Your starting point is Redland Bay, only 50 minutes' drive from either Brisbane or the Gold Coast. If you plan to just island hop for the day, the water taxis are the best option. Or if you decide to take your bike, you can travel on either the water taxi or vehicle ferry.

Most of the boats' first stop is Karragarra Island, which doesn't have any shops so remember to take supplies with you. This island has one of the prettiest beaches of the group and is located right next to the ferry terminal. With BBQs, picnic tables and toilet facilities, it's an ideal starting point. On a hot day the swimming enclosure is perfect to cool off. As the island is very small it takes under half an hour to ride around.

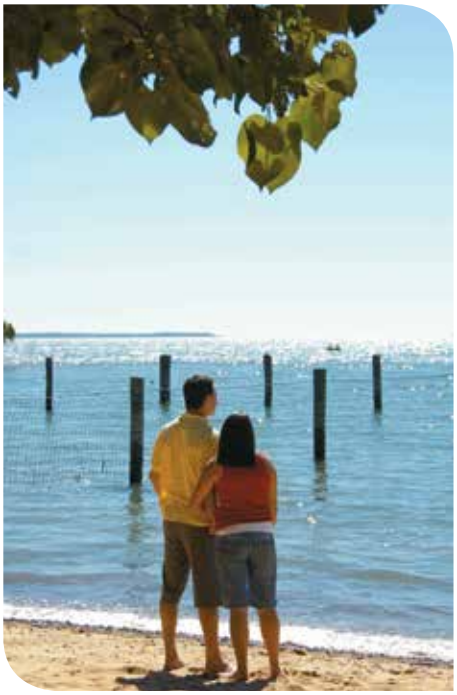
Next stop is Macleay Island which has a delightful café and variety of shops only a five minute walk from the terminal. The other option is to contact one of the clubs prior to arrival to arrange to be picked up to enjoy lunch with the friendly locals.

If you're taking your bike, the 6km designated walking/cycling track will take you from one end of the island to the other. Along the way there's a number of shops where you can stop for a cold drink or a bite to eat. The track brings you out at Pat's Point which features a swimming enclosure, children's playground, picnic tables and magnificent views across to North Stradbroke Island.

Lamb Island is the second smallest of the group and although not large, is perfect for a walking tour or short bike ride. Remember that the only shop is located near the ferry terminal. The secluded and well shaded JK Hine Park is only 1.5km from the ferry and offers a swimming enclosure, BBQs, picnic tables and playground.

Russell Island is popular with riding enthusiasts who don't mind undulating terrain and several hill climbs. Although there are sealed roads on all of the islands, they are often narrow and don't have a shoulder for cyclists so care must be taken. There's a number of shops, cafés and a bakery all within 200 metres of the ferry terminal.

Or if you really want to explore one island thoroughly, why not take your car and spend the day enjoying the scenery, environment and discover for yourself why so many people love calling these beautiful islands home.



NATURE ADVENTURES

CONNECT WITH NATURE - DISCOVER THE GEMS OF THE ISLANDS

Humans need to connect with nature, even if for just a short time. Research now shows what our instincts 'know': contact with the natural world is important to our health and well being.

The islands have a remarkable number of different habitats in very compact areas nestled among conservation and protection zones in the Moreton Bay National Marine Park. This means it is easy to see and enjoy lots of birds, wildflowers, insects, and sea creatures. It is the ideal place for adults and children to become inspired and refreshed by the wonders of nature, at no cost.

Counting, recording by photo or drawing and writing can be a great way to really notice and discover the fascinating wildlife of the islands.

Each adventure raises lots of questions about the lives of the creatures and plants and can easily be altered to suit everyone on your 'expedition team'. They are just starting points for having a great time outdoors with children of all ages.

1. Find evidence of at least 3 different birds living near you – e.g. feathers, egg shells, foot prints, nests etc. Be a forensic nature 'detective' and find out who they belong to.

2. Discover the feeding trails of the red triangle slug in 3 different locations.

Australia's largest native land slug lives on these islands. The cream coloured slug with a red triangle feeds at night but their wiggly feeding trails are easily spotted on smooth bark gums and surfaces such as tin sheds and rainwater tanks.

3. Listen for 5 different birds calling, try to see where they are perched and note what time of the day they call the most. Repeat over a couple of days at the same time.

4. Lift some rocks at different places on the shoreline and see how many creatures are living there, remember to replace their home gently. Are any living on the rock itself?

There are at least 9 different types of shore crabs around the islands along with snails, limpets and molluscs.

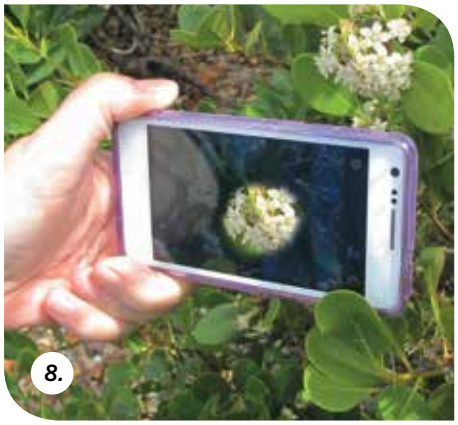
5. Take a torch and go spotlighting at night. Walk slowly and quietly to spot curlews, mopoke owls, tawny frogmouths, bandicoots, slugs, bats, cane toads and more. How many different creatures are out feeding at night?

6. Find at least 3 different coloured fungi and 3 of different shapes.

The large areas of undisturbed bush are a haven for a huge variety of fungi. Keep a look out for some of the world's most spectacular and interesting species, like the starfish stinkhorn which has a strong smell of bad meat to attract flies. This is a good adventure after a period of rain.

7. Find an area of 'knee bone' (orange mangrove) and stilt mangrove forests on the shoreline and write or draw stories about the creatures that could live and play in this strange land.

8. Photograph (e.g. using a mobile phone) or draw the flowers/seeds of mangroves. Try to find the one (River mangrove) that has white salt crystals on its leaves. How many different types of mangroves can you discover?

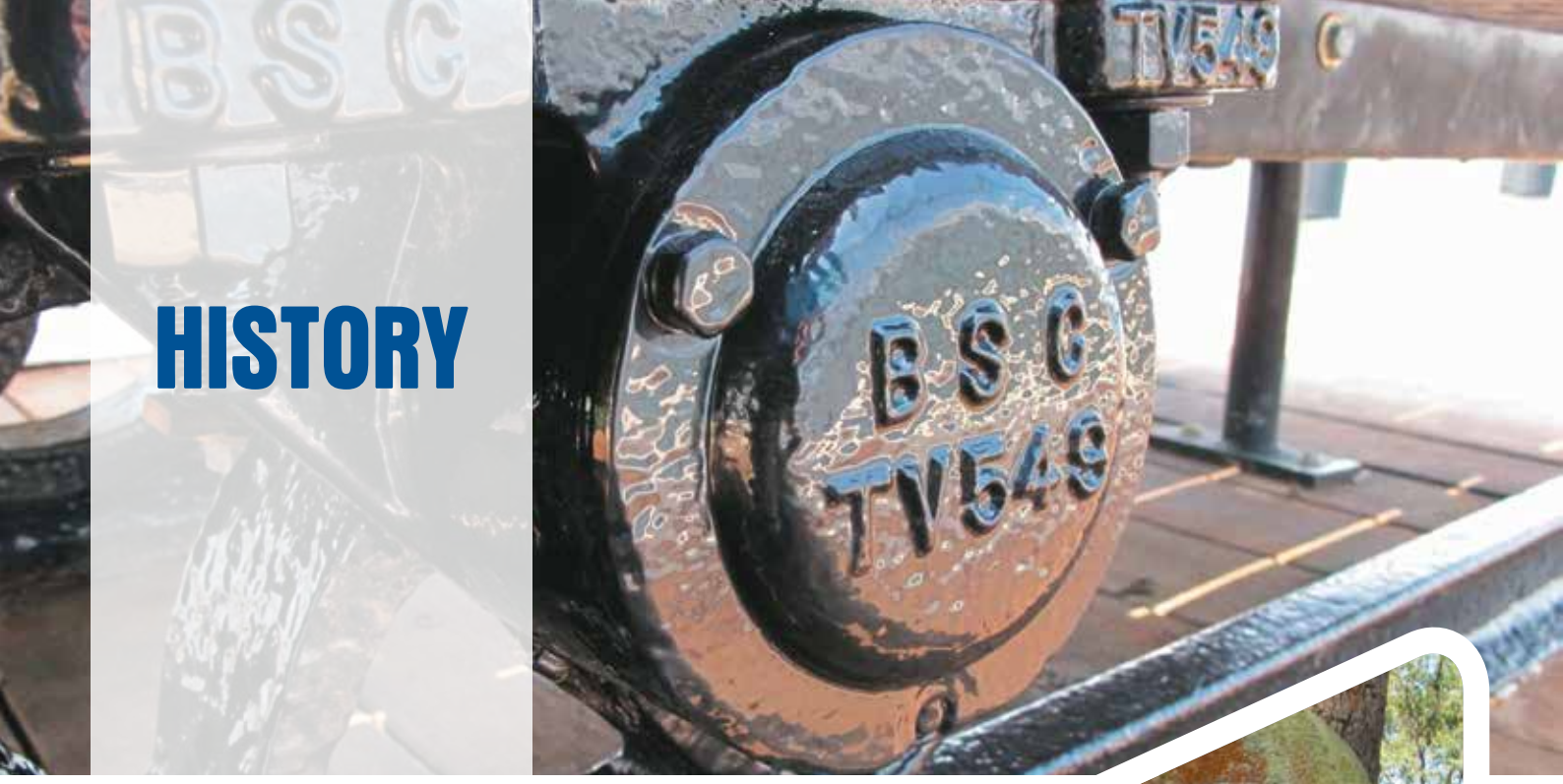


9. Find out if there are more female than male harlequin bugs on the beach hibiscus.

Beach hibiscus has a large yellow/orange flower and is found along the shoreline. The males are blue and red and the females are orange and green. They go through 5 stages after they hatch – try to find bugs at different stages. This one is guarding her eggs.

10. Go for a butterfly adventure. Count how many you see and notice which plants they prefer to rest and feed on. Are they the same colour? How far above the ground are they? Can you see any caterpillars on that plant?

HISTORY



THE ISLANDS OF RUSSELL, KARRAGARRA, LAMB AND MACLEAY ARE KNOWN COLLECTIVELY AS THE SOUTHERN MORETON BAY ISLANDS. THEY ARE BEDROCK ISLANDS COMPOSED OF ROCK UP TO 300 MILLION YEARS OLD. FOR MUCH OF THIS TIME, THE ISLANDS WERE PART OF THE MAINLAND - A RIDGE OF MINOR HILLS WHICH EXTENDED TO THE EASTERN SIDE OF STRADBROKE ISLAND.

The region has a rich Indigenous history. In centuries past, Moreton Bay supported several Aboriginal tribes, who called the area Quandamooka. The many midden sites on the islands, including Corroboree Park and Point Perrebinpa, Macleay Island; and Canaipa Point, Russell Island indicate that there was abundant shellfish as a food source over many years.

In the 1820s, the islands provided timber, oysters and fish for the Brisbane Penal Colony. After 1842, when Brisbane and its surrounds were opened up to free settlement, primary industries such as timber cutting, fishing and oyster farming continued to flourish here and were important to the economic development of South East Queensland.

Until the early 1970s, fruit and vegetable production and fishing supported the small island communities. As well, island farms were part of the "salad bowl" of the Redlands that provided fruit and vegetables for the mainland and southern states.

In the early years, the islands' isolation and complete lack of facilities created a strong community spirit – of hard work, self-help, volunteering and caring for others. The islands became a place of refuge for returned servicemen and the world-weary, providing a peaceful bushland home for those who eschewed suburbia.

Subdivisions began in the late 1960s, and in 1973, the Redland Shire Council (now Redland City Council) was granted control of the Bay Islands by the State Government.

This same year saw the introduction of the first fast water taxi service which changed the lives of locals. Prior to this, islanders working on the mainland could only return home on weekends. In recent years, the island demographic has been transformed by professionals, business people, artists and writers who've chosen to retire or work from here. This has created a much broader socio-economic base than in the past. Those who choose to live here accept the challenges of living on an island. Many are passionate about this special place, enjoying the bush environment by the sea, vibrant community spirit and laid-back atmosphere of island life.

ARTISTS, ARTISANS & PERSONALITIES

WITH SUCH A SPECTACULAR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND WILDLIFE, IT'S NOT SURPRISING THE SOUTHERN MORETON BAY ISLANDS HAVE ATTRACTED A VIBRANT ARTISTIC COMMUNITY WHICH THRIVES IN SUCH A BEAUTIFUL SETTING.

Like artists and poets all over the world, they are inspired by the region's combination of coastal eco systems, wildlife habitats, waterways and lagoons, as well as the migratory birds from Japan and China who return year after year. All of this and more is located right here on the Southern Moreton Bay Islands.

Today these quaint island destinations are home to hundreds of artists, writers, musicians and personalities, all living within their small communities that are fostering and encouraging the impulse to create and achieve.

Through these groups of talented individuals, the Macleay Island Arts Complex was established and many local artists, sculptors and potters, some internationally recognised, display their work there. The islands are also fortunate to have a number of musicians who support local events and activities with performances.

Macleay Island has the "Dead Parrot Society" which was formed as a social get together. The solidarity, laughter, poetry reading, shared painting techniques and storytelling on the first Wednesday of every month is enjoyed by everyone who participates.

Russell Island has also formed the Russell Island Art Group which meets every Friday between 9am and 3pm to enjoy the sharing of both community spirit as well as artistic talent.

Visitors are welcome and you are sure to leave with a wonderful insight into how such a beautiful environment inspires many artistic souls.

MARINE LIFE

THE SOUTHERN MORETON BAY ISLANDS LIE WITHIN THE SPECTACULAR WATERS OF THE MORETON BAY MARINE PARK.

It's the only place in the world where you'll find turtles and dugongs, so close to a major city.

Covering an area of 3,400 square km, the marine park protects a vast array of marine habitats, plants and animals, making it a very special place to experience.

The waterways around the group of islands provide extensive tidal flats and mangroves that shelter and protect fish, birds and other wildlife. This habitat is very significant as roosting sites for local wildlife and migratory birds.

The sea grass beds provide lush feeding grounds for dugongs and turtles and vital breeding areas for fish and other crustaceans.

DOLPHINS

The Moreton Bay Marine Park is home to two types of dolphin species - the Bottlenose and Indo-Pacific Humpback dolphins. They enjoy the area's variety of good foraging habitats such as seagrass beds, mudflats and mangroves.

Dolphins are very social mammals and are often found in smaller subgroups known as pods. The pod's structure differs according to the dolphin species, age and location. It's very common for one bull to guard many cows and calves.

The Bottlenose dolphin is the largest and has a short, stout beak marked with a crease where it meets the forehead.

The Indo-Pacific Humpback dolphin can grow to about 2.7 metres in length with a long and cylindrical beak. They can often be seen alone, or in small groups of up to six.

DUGONGS

Moreton Bay is well known as one of the few places in the world where large numbers of dugongs can be found. There are believed to be 850 to 1000 Dugongs who call the Moreton Bay area home.

Dugongs have very specialised dietary needs as they feed almost exclusively on certain types of seagrass, using sensitive bristles covering their upper lip to find and grasp the plant. They also supplement their vegetarian diet with invertebrate animals such as polychaete worms, sea squid and shellfish.

Dugongs have a rounded head with small eyes and a large snout and generally live for 70 years or longer. The age of a dugong is estimated by counting growth layers in its tusks, like measuring rings on a tree.

TURTLES

Green and Loggerhead turtles inhabit the sub-tropical waters of Moreton Bay which provides them with an abundance of feeding grounds.

The Green turtle has an olive-green shell and a small head compared to the size of its body. They are long-living, taking up to 50 years to reach maturity with the females only breeding every two to eight years. Young turtles feed on tiny marine animals, while adults are known to favour algae, seagrass and mangrove fruits.

The Loggerhead turtle is dark brown in colour and when mature will reach a length of 90 to 110cm. They live between 45 to 65 years and are considered an endangered species. Loggerhead turtles are carnivorous, feeding mostly on shellfish, crabs and jellyfish.

When boating in Moreton Bay please travel slowly to protect marine animals and ensure their survival for years to come.

Turtle

Dugong

Prawns

PRAWNS

Prawns are invertebrates that live in sediment amongst the mangrove roots. These swimming crustaceans have a head, tail and five pairs each of swimming and walking legs.

Prawns have an external shell which they shed periodically to enable them to grow. They are also able to change colour, depending on their habitat and the time of day.

The best way to catch prawns is with a cast net which you can buy from a boat and tackle shop.

BLUE JELLYFISH

The blue blubber (Catosytylus Mosaicus) is the most common jellyfish found in Moreton Bay.

The name represents their beautiful blue colour with a dome-shaped bell that can grow to a diameter of up to 35cm.

You can often see them in dense swarms when travelling on the ferry across Southern Moreton Bay as they usually swim just below the water's surface.

At times you can also find the blue blubber washed up on the beaches of the islands. Although they usually don't cause a serious sting, if stung wash the area with cold water and seek medical advice if required.

OYSTERS

The life cycle of an oyster begins when eggs and sperm are shed into the water and fertilisation takes place. After two to three weeks the larvae settle and attach themselves to a surface where they continue to grow.

The rocky outcrops and estuaries around the Southern Moreton Bay provide the perfect habitat for oysters to fatten, as do the clean, clear waters of the bay.

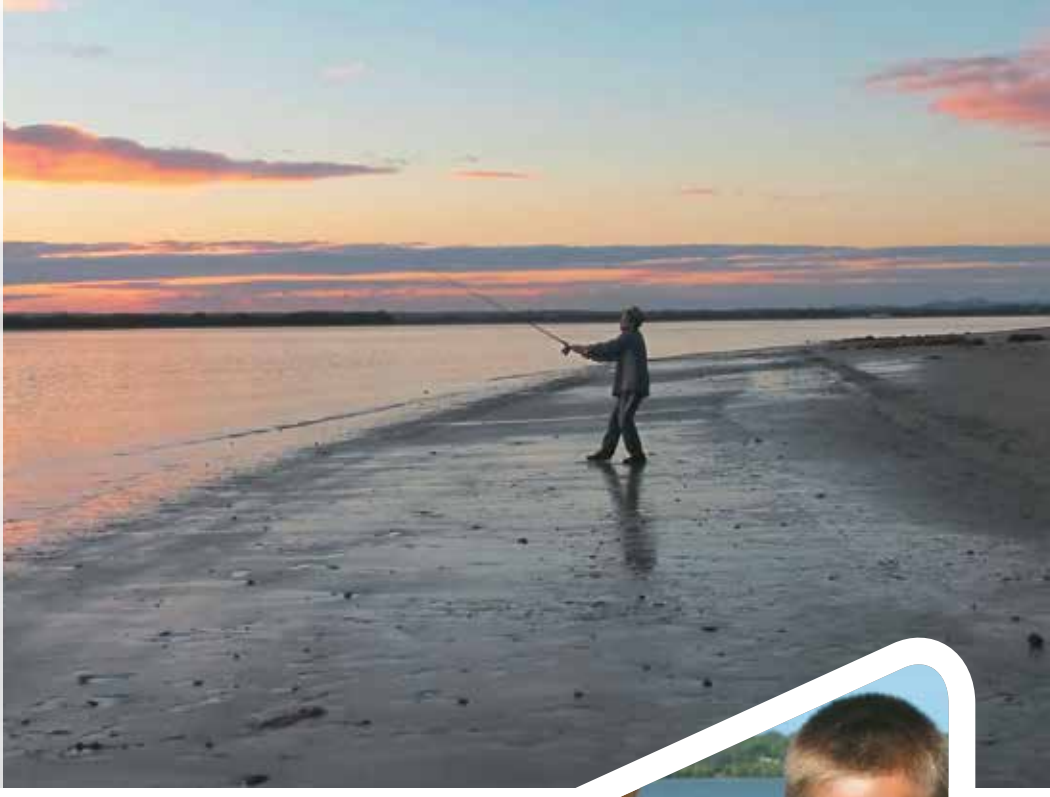
Oysters are filler feeders and predominately live on phytoplankton. They are generally large enough to eat in two to three years.

Oysters are "shucked "open with a special knife and can be eaten fresh or cooked.

Oysters

Jellyfish

FISHING & BOATING



MORETON BAY HAS ALWAYS BEEN A FAVOURITE FISHING DESTINATION FOR NOT ONLY THE LOCALS BUT FOR MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE A PASSION FOR FISHING.

A number of species are found in the bay, and depending on the time of year you can catch snapper, squire, flathead, whiting (great in winter), bream, tailor and sometimes tuna and mackerel.

Fish isn't the only seafood that's popular. At times there's a plentiful supply of mud and sand crabs. Remember that conditions apply to the number of crab pots one person can have and more importantly, that female crabs (known as a jenny) can't be taken. Prawns are also caught throughout Moreton Bay.

Some still like to fish based on moon phases and tides, which can greatly improve your chances of catching a few. Some locals advise the week before the full moon and about two to three days after, seem to be the best time to fish.

Sean, from Moreton Bay Charters, recommends using fresh bait or if you're using hard body lures or soft plastics, try to use something that imitates the local bait fish in the area.

If you don't have a boat, that's not a problem as the jetties or foreshore of the four islands are still popular fishing spots and a great place to take the kids to throw in a line.

Weather plays a big part in fishing trips, and although the Southern Moreton Bay Islands provide sheltered waters you should never under estimate the strong tidal currents or winds that can change very quickly.

When you decide to go fishing it's important that you inform others of your plans. Always let friends or family know where you are going and when you will be back.

SAILING

THE WATERWAYS AROUND THE SOUTHERN MORETON BAY ISLANDS ARE PERFECT FOR SAILING AS THEY OFFER A RANGE OF SAFE AND PROTECTED ANCHORAGES CLOSE TO SHORE AND SOME OF THE ISLANDS PROVIDE FACILITIES TO RESTOCK YOUR PROVISIONS.

Perfect for sailing, the waterways around the Southern Moreton Bay Islands offer a range of safe and protected anchorages close to shore and some islands provide facilities for restocking provisions.

The islands are also home to several sailing clubs as sailing enthusiasts have discovered the perfect environment to enjoy their passion.

Tingira Boat Club on Macleay Island was started in 1982 and was then known as the Tingira Sailing Club. Membership is now open to all boating enthusiasts, boat owner or not, and they welcome all boat types.

Amongst the regular activities, they enjoy boating picnics at selected locations around Moreton Bay, and boating weekends away. The licensed club premises are open for dinner on Club Night every Friday from 6pm, where members and visitors are welcome.

The club fleet of Vagabonds and kayaks is available for members; non-members may attend up to three times as a trial before joining the club. A fleet of six Vagabonds is available for sail instruction and fun races. Sunday sailing is held on days when the weather and tides are suitable.

Karragarra Yacht Club was established 22 years ago and you don't need to own a boat to become a member. The club hosts around four functions a year, including the Karragarra Yacht Sail Past and Blessing of the Fleet.

The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron has a private facility at Canaipa on the north eastern tip of Russell Island. It is part of the club's sporting facilities and is only available for use by full club members.

There are also members of the Queensland Wooden Boat Association now living on the islands who enjoy a regular sail. Although this is just a small and informal group, they share the passion of owning a wooden boat. So whether you own a boat or just enjoy getting out on the water, you're sure to find fellow boating enthusiasts in this beautiful part of the bay.

BEAUTIFUL BIRDLIFE

Whistling Kite

THE SOUTHERN MORETON BAY ISLANDS ARE A BIRD WATCHING PARADISE. EVEN BEFORE YOU ARRIVE, YOU'LL PROBABLY SEE CORMORANTS, SEA EAGLES AND TERNS ON THE TRIP FROM THE MAINLAND.

The islands are free of foxes, so birds such as the delightful Bush Stone-Curlew flourish, even though they are disappearing on the mainland.

It's easy to miss noticing the Curlews as they are well camouflaged and stand still like a statue, looking just like a garden ornament. They generally feed at night and have a unique eerie wailing call.

You'll also hear the eagle-like cry of the Whistling Kite as it soars looking for thermals to gain height. Another magnificent bird of prey often seen is the Brahminy Kite. Featuring a striking chestnut brown body with white head and breast, it's often seen soaring along the shorelines and mudflats looking for prey.

The beautiful Pale-headed Rosella is a joy to spot, usually they are in pairs. If you're lucky, you may see a flock of Black Swans on one of the many island bays.

A rare sight is the Glossy Black Cockatoo. They are fussy eaters and only eat the cones of the Casuarina tree, or Whispering She-Oak, of which there are many on the islands. If you do see a Glossy Black, or other rare birds or animals, we would like to know: you can report sightings on our website www.bayislandsconservation.org, via the Sightings menu.

Moreton Bay is an important site in the East Asian-Australasian shorebird network for migratory wading birds. The shores of Southern Moreton Bay Islands play a significant role in this network with approximately 50,000 migratory wading birds depending on the feeding grounds (mudflats) here.

The waders migrate here from their breeding grounds in the Arctic or sub-Arctic regions of Siberia, northern China and Alaska – an incredible journey of 12,000km crossing 20 countries on their flight path, stopping along the way to feed and rest.

There are about 36 species including Eastern Curlews, Bar Tailed Godwits and Whimbrels. The smallest of these amazing birds, the Red Necked Stint can fit into the palm of your hand.

The mangroves around the island shores provide night and high tide roosting while during the day the birds feed continuously on low tide to gain as much body weight as possible for the long return journey to their northern breeding grounds. Some species are known to stay for up to a year if they are too young to breed or the adult birds are not strong enough to continue their journey.

Pale Headed Rosella

Scarlet Honey Eater

Bar Tailed Godwit

FLORA & FAUNA

Fidler Crab

Mangrove Flower

THE GROUP'S LONG SHORELINES AND DIVERSITY OF BUSHLAND PROVIDE AN ABUNDANT HABITAT FOR ANIMALS AND PLANTS.

Depending on the tides, season and time of day, you can spot everything from golden spiny ants to Brahminy Kites nesting in giant scribbly gums. There's such a variety of flora and fauna, you can take in new sights and sounds almost every day.

The islands are located in an internationally declared RAMSAR site, (one of around 2000 Wetlands of International Importance world-wide) and see an influx of migratory birds from Siberia in December.

MANGROVES

The shores of all four islands are surrounded by mangrove forests. A mangrove is a woody flowering plant that grows in the intertidal areas between the sea and land. Eight species are found within the Moreton Bay Marine Park. The plants grow well in salt water, although salt is not essential for their survival. They provide an important food chain from the litter of their leaves, fruit and flowers, which benefit crabs, fish, small animals, birds and even fungi.

CRABS

At low tide you can find colonies of fiddler crabs among the mangroves and soldier crabs marching in lines on some of the sandy beaches.

Fiddler crabs have holes in the mud amongst the mangroves. Their name comes from the males that have one enormous claw and a tiny one for feeding. It often looks like they are scraping the small claw along the edge of the large one, like a violinist.

INSECTS: BEES AND BUGS AND OTHERS

You can often see European and native bees on the same plant. The stingless native bees are tiny, travel only 100 to 500 metres from their hive and are great pollinators. Native bee hives are found in decayed sections of trees and have very small entrance holes, sometimes surrounded by wax. Jewel bugs, shield bugs, assassin bugs, dragon flies, butterflies and spiders such as golden orb weavers, can all be found easily with a little searching and observation.

RUSSELL ISLAND WETLANDS

Russell Island has four significant conservation areas, covering a third of the Island. These are Whistling Kite, Turtle Swamp Wetlands, Melomy and Watermouse Wetlands.

Keep an eye out for native orchids and native irises as well as the edible plants like warrigal greens and samphire. Russell Island is a particularly good place to see wildflowers in spring. Grass trees, pink flowering bloodwoods, scribbly gums and melaleucas are common on the islands and a great food source for birds and insects. The soothing sound of the breeze in she-oaks (casuarinas) is ever present along the shorelines. They have separate male and female trees with tiny bright red flowers in winter.
Visit www.russellislandwetlands.com.au

BUSHCARE ON MACLEAY ISLAND

There are two Bushcare sites on the island, the Littoral Rainforest area and the Cotton Tree site. Both sites are very significant with a variety of native plants, which continue to provide a safe habitat for small birds, reptiles and marsupials. Many casuarina torulosa have been planted as this is a good pioneer plant and the food tree for the rare glossy black cockatoo.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Blessing of the Fleet

MARCH 2013

Tingira Boat Club's Oysters & Jazz Festival, Macleay Island:
Late February or early March (depending upon Fresh oyster season). Contact Secretary, Peter Fox Ph: 07 3409 5055;
E: pfox54@bigpond.com

Macleay Island Arts Complex Annual Pottery Exhibition:
Easter Holidays (28 March to 2 April 2013).
Ph: 0423 146 238

Karragarra Yacht Sail Past & Blessing of the Fleet:
All Yacht Clubs welcome to attend. Food and entertainment available. No cover charge.
Karragarra Island Beach
Ph: 07 3409 4575 or 07 3409 5327

Inter Island Tug of War

APRIL 2013

Macleay Island Canoe Race:
1st event of the 'Pacific Ocean Series';
Sunday 28 April 2013. Contact Neville Prosser;
Ph: 07 3409 5341
E: Neville@thehavengallery.com.au
(Race begins 10.30am at Tingira Boat Club)

SEPTEMBER 2013

'Artists at Work':
Last week of September 2013.
Also over the Easter weekend, 28 March to 1 April 2013. Progress Hall, Macleay Island.
Contact Ted Upton (wood sculptor)
Ph: 07 3409 5441

JUNE 2013

Inter Island Tug of War:
Sunday 9 June 2013. Contact Col Scoble, Macleay Island. Ph: 07 3409 5332

OCTOBER 2013

Brian Calvert Memorial Sailing Event:
Sunday 6 October 2013 Contact; Tingira Boat Club Secretary, Peter Fox.
Ph: 07 3409 5055;
E: pfox54@bigpond.com

Macleay Island Arts Complex 32nd Annual Art Exhibition:
Sept/Oct School Holidays 2013.
Ph: 0423 146 238

Karragarra Sea Markets:
An initiative of the Karragarra Island Progress Association Inc. Markets held beside the sea.
Ph: 07 3409 1154

Camels at Karragarra Sea Markets

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Ambulance/Police/Fire
Phone: 000

Ambulance – Macleay Island
High Central Road, Macleay Island
Phone: (07) 3409 4179

Ambulance – Russell Island
High Street, Russell Island
NO NUMBER FOUND AS YET

Bush Fire Brigade
The Esplanade, Lamb Island
Phone: (07) 3409 1011
CAN NOT CONTACT TO CONFIRM

Fire & Rescue – Russell Island
Phone: 0408 077 188

Police – Macleay Island
11 Pelican Street, Macleay Island
Phone: (07) 3409 4722

Police – Russell Island
28 High Street, Russell Island
Phone: (07) 3409 1244

CHURCH SERVICES

Bay Islands Seventh Day Adventist Church
154 Canaipa Road, Russell Island
Phone: 0423 229 739

Holy Advent Anglican Church
Macleay Island
Phone: (07) 3409 4246

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Macleay Island
Phone: (07) 3409 4814 or
0409 639 247

Macleay Island Family Community Church
Held at Community Centre, Southsea Terrace,
Macleay Island
Phone: 0427 077 883

Russell Island Community Church
Alison Crescent, Russell Island
Phone: 0401 567 895
CONFIRMED BY PHONE W/ HT

St. Peters Anglican Church
25-27 High Street, Russell Island
Phone: (07) 3409 1434 or (07) 3409 1126

Volunteer Marine Rescue
Victoria Point
Ph: 07 3207 8717

Coast Guard
Banana Street
Redland Bay
Ph: 07 3206 7777

COMMUNITY

Macleay Island Community Centre
Southsea Terrace, Macleay Island
Phone: (07) 3409 4222

Public Hall
1 Alison Crescent, Russell Island
Phone: 0418 182 648

Public Hall
125 Lucas Drive, Lamb Island
Phone: (07) 3409 5229 or
0429 099 215

Russell Island Community Centre
55 Jackson Road, Russell Island
Phone: (07) 3409 1177

Health & Wellbeing
Bay Islands Medical Service
Alison Crescent, Russell Island
Phone: (07) 3409 1151

Bay Islands Medical Service
Russell Terrace, Macleay Island
Phone: (07) 3409 5434

Russell Island Pharmacy
29 High Street, Russell Island
Phone: (07) 3409 1366

GENERAL SERVICES

Russell Island State School
38-64 High Street, Russell Island
Phone: (07) 3400 9333

Bay Island Designs
Phone: (07) 3409 5358

Bay Island Early Learning & Care
172 High Central Road, Macleay Island
Phone: (07) 3409 4433
Bay Island News
Phone: (07) 3409 4882

Bay Islands Veterinary Service
49 Southsea Terrace, Macleay Island
Phone: (07) 3409 4962
Emergency: 0407 771 330

Bendigo Bank
Russell Island Pharmacy
High Street, Russell Island
Phone: (07) 3409 1366

Canaipa Shops
29 High Street, Russell Island

Curlew Cove (Bay Island Children's Inclusion)
1 Curlew Street, Macleay Island
Phone: (07) 3409 4433

IGA – Russell Island
29 High Street, Russell Island
Phone: (07) 3409 2777

Macleay Island Gifts & Stationery (Post Office)
Shop 2 / 36 Southsea Terrace, Macleay Island
Phone: (07) 3409 5959

Macleay Island State School
145-155 High Central Road, Macleay Island
Phone: (07) 3400 8333

Post Office – Russell Island
69 High Street, Russell Island
Phone: (07) 3409 1910

Redlands Visitor Information Centre
17 Runnymede Road, Capalaba
Phone: 1300 667 386

REAL ESTATE AGENTS

First National Real Estate
29 High Central Road, Macleay Island
Phone: (07) 3409 5013

Ray White Russell Island
13 High Street, Russell Island
Phone: (07) 3409 2000

T. Barclay Real Estate
Shop 1 / 36 Southsea Terrace, Macleay Island
Phone: (07) 3409 4500

CLUBS / GROUPS

Bay Islands Golf Club
2 Gordon Road, Macleay Island
Phone: (07) 3409 5299

Karragarra Island Ratepayers
& Residents Association
Phone (07) 3409 1652

Karragarra Island Progress Association
Phone: (07) 3409 1154

Lamb Island Recreation Club
Lucas Drive, Lamb Island
Phone: (07) 3409 5832

Macleay Island Bowls Club
29 Benowa Street, Macleay Island
Phone: (07) 3409 5364

Macleay Island Lions Club Inc.
PO Box 1016, Macleay Island
Phone: (07) 3409 5930

Macleay Island Progress Association
Phone: (07) 3409 4801

Macleay Island Guides
Phone: (07) 3409 5820

Russell Island RSL Sub Branch Inc.
9 Anzac Drive, Russell Island
Phone: (07) 3409 1372

Russell Island Bowls Club
71 Jackson Road, Russell Island
Phone: (07) 3409 1330

Bay Islands Conservation Inc.
www.bayislandsconservation.org
Ph. 0400 166 661

SMBI Forum
www.smbiforum.org.au

The Bay Islands Men's Shed
30 Scotts Road
Macleay Island.
0410315250 or e: june.kant@gmail.com

Karragarra Yacht Club
Ph: 07 3409 4575
E: kycsecretary@yahoo.com.au

Tingira Boat Club
Ph: 07 3409 5055
E: pfox54@bigpond.com

ACTIVITIES & ATTRACTIONS

Ballroom Dance Classes
Phone: 0424 099 059

Macleay Island Arts Complex Inc.
95 – 97 Coast Road, Macleay Island
Phone: (07) 3409 4100

The SMBI Museum
55A Jackson Road, Russell Island
Phone: (07) 3409 1451

YMCA Russell Island Pool
High Street, Russell Island
Phone: (07) 3409 1503
After Hours: 0428 795 951

Yoga on Macleay
29 Wirralee Street, Macleay Island
Phone: 0437 876 813

TRANSPORT

Bay Islands Transit
8 Outlook Crescent, Russell Island
Phone: (07) 3409 1145

Blue Bus
Russell & Macleay Bus Service
Phone: (07) 3820 7815

Macleay Island Taxi Service
109 Beelong Street, Macleay Island
Phone: 0418 734 741

Russell Island Taxi Service
Phone: 0408 785 218 or 0408 785 555

Stradbroke Ferries
1 Weinam Street, Redland Bay
Phone: (07) 3488 5300

ACCOMMODATION

Holiday Accommodation Lamb Island
Phone: (07) 3409 4575

Macleay Island Accommodation
Phone: (07) 3409 4838

Russell Island Motor Inn
20 High Street, Russell Island
Phone: (07) 3409 1399

Sunset Waters
Macleay Island
Phone: 0425 714 753

The Love Shack
Russell Island
Phone: 0415 577 243

Yarrandabbi Dreaming B&B Retreat
& Curlew Cove Apartment
10-14 Weeroona Ave, Macleay Island
Phone: (07) 3409 4200

FOOD OUTLETS

Black Pearl Café
29 High Street, Russell Island
Phone: (07) 3409 2211

Russell Island Bakery
29 High Street, Russell Island
Phone: (07) 3409 2006

The Naked Fisherman
Shop 1 / 308 High Central Road,
Macleay Island
Phone: (07) 3409 4514

Karragarra	Lamb	Macleay	Russell	
X		X	X	Ambulance
	X	X	X	ATM
		X		Bait & Tackle Shop
			X	Banking
X	X	X	X	BBQs
	X	X	X	Bed & Breakfast
		X	X	Bottle Shop
		X	X	Butcher
		X	X	Café / Restaurant
				Camping
		X	X	Chemist
		X		Child Care
X	X	X	X	Children's Playground
		X	X	Churches
	X	X	X	Clubs
		X		Dentist
		X	X	Doctor
	X	X	X	EFTPOS
		X	X	Garage / Fuel
	X	X	X	Holiday Houses
		X		Hotel
		X	X	LPG (BBQ only)
			X	Motel
		X	X	Police
		X	X	Post Office
		X	X	Primary School
X	X	X	X	Public Telephone
X	X	X	X	Public Toilets
X	X	X	X	Swimming Enclosure
			X	Swimming pool
	X	X	X	Supermarket
	X		X	Tennis Courts
	X	X	X	Take-Away
			X	Vet

SUNSHINE COAST 90km
BRISBANE AIRPORT
BRISBANE CITY CENTRE
MORETON BAY
Moreton Island
Amity
Point Lookout
REDLAND
North Stradbroke Island
Dunwich
33km
30km
Cleveland
Capalaba
BRISBANE
IPSWICH 40km
Victoria Point
Redland Bay
LOGAN CITY
GOLD COAST 44km
SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN
SOUTH PASSAGE
CORAL SEA
AMITY POINT CAMPING AREA
FLINDERS BEACH CAMPING AREA
4WD BEACH ACCESS PERMIT REQUIRED
THANKFUL REST CAMPING AREA
ADDER ROCK CAMPING AREA
CYLINDER BEACH CAMPING AREA
Point Lookout
POINT LOOKOUT SURF CLUB
4WD BEACH ACCESS PERMIT REQUIRED
MORETON BAY (QUANDAMOOKA)
RAINBOW CHANNEL
Peel Island (Turkrooar)
Dunwich
Ferry terminal
Cleveland
Cassim Island
Sandy Island
Passenger ferry service
Passenger & vehicle ferry service
MORETON BAY MARINE PARK
CITY OF REDLAND
NORTH STRADBROKE ISLAND
Yarraman Mine
Enterprise Mine
Ibis Rehabilitation
Gordon Rehabilitation
(Minjerribah)
Russell Island
Macleay Island
Karragarra Island
Lamb (Nguderoo) Island
Pannikin Island
Coochiemudlo Island
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