

ballina

coast & hinterland



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There is no place quite like the Ballina Coast & Hinterland with lush subtropical rainforests, 32kms of pristine sandy beaches and crystal-clear waterways including the vast reaches of the Richmond River, the Ballina Coast & Hinterland truly is a natural wonder. The lifestyle in the regions towns and villages is laidback and friendly, the experiences are authentic and diverse so come join in the fun and start discovering...it's so easy to get here yet so hard to leave.

GETTING HERE

is easy

BY AIR

The Ballina Byron Gateway Airport (BBGA) offers direct services between Sydney, Melbourne and Newcastle with Jetstar, Virgin Australia, Rex, Fly Pelican providing up to 58 flights per week.

The BBGA is less than a five minute drive from the Ballina CBD. BBGA also offer the option to charter private aircraft into our port, as the aerodrome can operate the lighting system around the clock. For private charter the services of aircraft marshalling, ground handling, refueling etc. are available upon request.

For further information visit
ballinabyronairport.com.au

Flying times from BBGA to:

Sydney 1hr 15 mins

Melbourne 2hrs

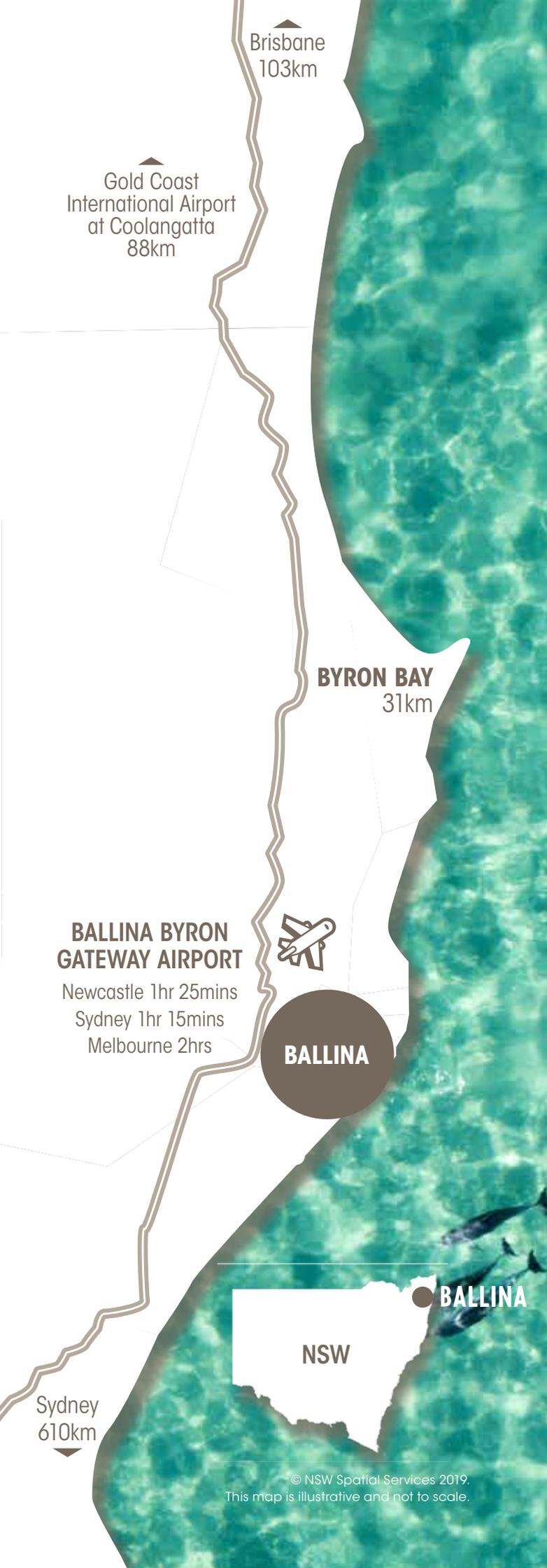
Newcastle 1hr 20mins

The **Gold Coast Airport** at Coolangatta, is located a 55 minute drive to the centre of Ballina. The Gold Coast Airport provides direct flights to 11 Australian destinations including: Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne, Newcastle, Adelaide, Cairns, Launceston, Perth, Hobart, Townsville and Rockhampton. These flights are serviced by Jetstar, Virgin, Tiger Air, Qantas and Jet Go. International destinations with direct flights from the Gold Coast Airport include Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, New Zealand, Fiji and Hong Kong.

For further information visit
goldcoastairport.com.au

BY ROAD

The Pacific Highway upgrade project has been completed to the north, making the journey from Ballina to Brisbane a two hour drive. Daily coach services are available via air conditioned coaches with Greyhound and Premier between Sydney and Brisbane.



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IT'S ALL ABOUT *location, location, location*



We invite your business event to the Ballina Coast & Hinterland - experience its unique natural environment, laid back lifestyle and perfect location.

CLIMATE

Mild winters and balmy summer temperatures are a constant topic of conversation at weekend barbeques. The Ballina Coast & Hinterland subtropical climate is perfect for enjoying the outdoors all year round.

Month	Mean Maximum Temperature	Mean Minimum Temperature
<i>January</i>	28.2	19.7
<i>February</i>	27.9	19.5
<i>March</i>	27.0	18.2
<i>April</i>	24.9	15.3
<i>May</i>	22.4	12.1
<i>June</i>	20.3	12.1
<i>July</i>	19.9	8.6
<i>August</i>	21.3	8.8
<i>September</i>	23.5	11.4
<i>October</i>	24.9	14.0
<i>November</i>	26.2	16.5
<i>December</i>	27.4	18.2

MAJOR POPULATION CENTRES

our towns and villages

BALLINA

Centered on an island at the mouth of the Richmond River, Ballina is the social and commercial hub of the region. Loved for its relaxed riverside and seaside location and mixture of both river and surf beaches. The town has blossomed into a beauty with café culture, international dining and a family friendly atmosphere. Its endless waterways and pristine beaches offer some of the best recreation in the region.

LENNOX HEAD

A friendly beach village just 10 minutes north of Ballina and 20 minutes south of Byron. Set alongside stunning Seven Mile Beach, you'll find boutiques, restaurants and funky cafes all serving great local food and coffee. Lennox also boasts the fresh-water tea tree Lake Ainsworth and a shared path and cycle way from the centre of town to the spectacular view from Pat Morton Lookout that continues the whole way to Ballina's town centre.

ALSTONVILLE

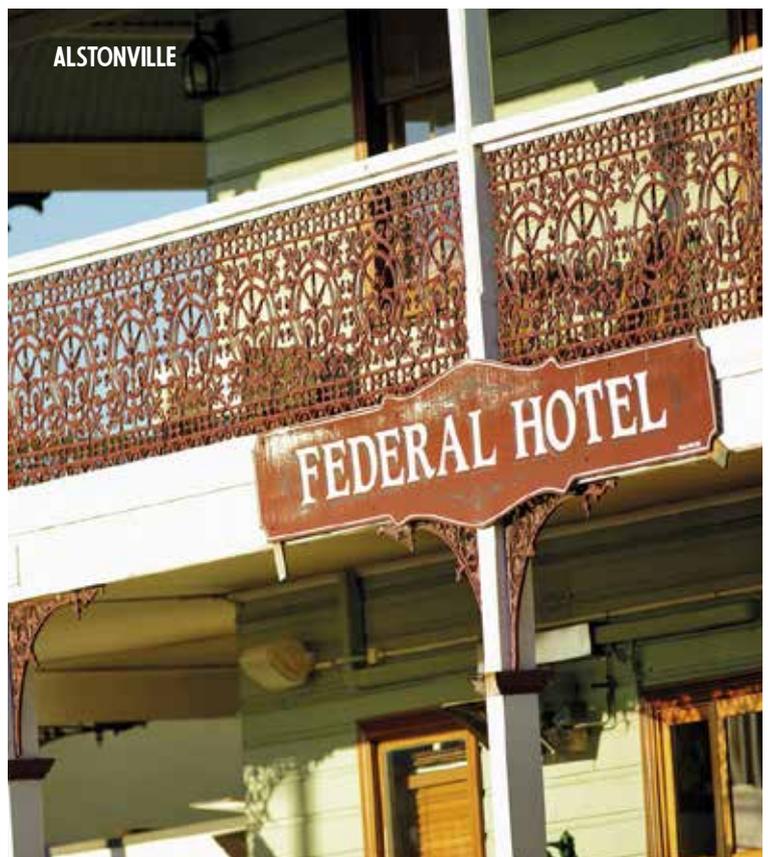
This picturesque village in Ballina's hinterland is just a 15 minute drive from Ballina's town centre. Known for its wide streets, heritage buildings and beautiful gardens, it provides plenty of hidden gems to discover and offers a great day out. Find cosy cafes and unique stores, farm product, boutique stores and rainforest walks nearby.

NEWRYBAR

Instantly fall in love with this historic jewel in Ballina's hinterland just 15 minutes from Ballina. This one-street town with just a few historic houses, shops, a café, deli and historic bakery is like something out of a romantic movie. The charm, character and beauty of this village is a destination in its own right. Surrounded by macadamia and coffee plantations that welcome visitors. It is also a conferencing hot spot with dining venues that cater for business groups and special occasions, to add a very special touch to any itinerary.

SURROUNDING TOWNS

Explore the quieter country villages and towns like Byron Bay and Nimbin within close proximity.

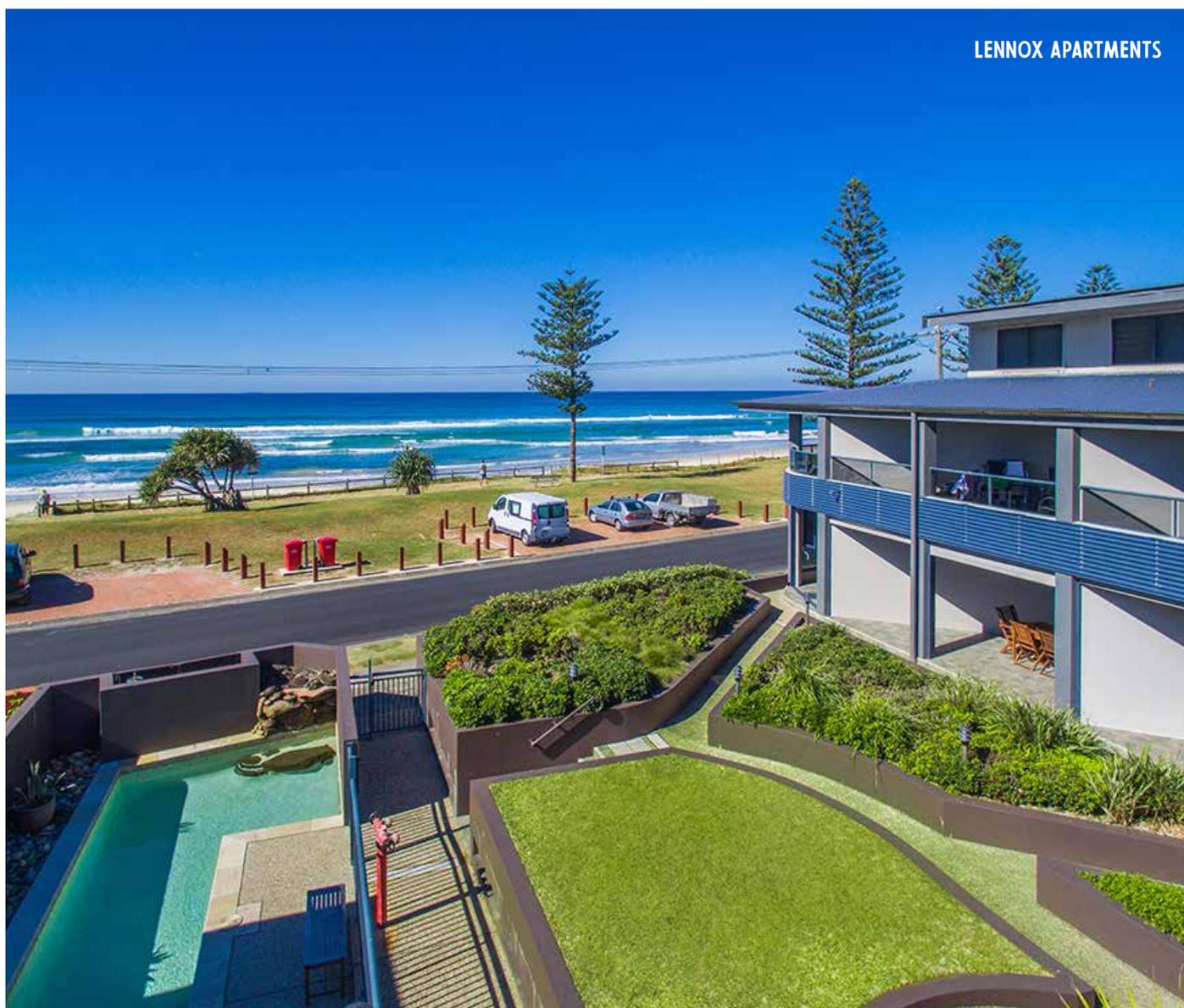


ACCOMMODATION

relax, rest and recharge

The Ballina Coast & Hinterland offers a multitude of value for money, three and four star accommodation options. Many of the accommodation properties are centrally located in Ballina, or within easy reach in nearby Lennox Head, Alstonville and the hinterland.

ACCOMMODATION	BALLINA COAST & HINTERLAND	
	Number	Rooms
Apartments - serviced	5	107
Bed and Breakfasts	2	5
Caravans, Cabins and Camping	11	132
Hotel	1	115
Hotel - Boutique	2	38
Motel	18	307
Resort	1	46



CONFERENCE facilities

BALLINA SURF CLUB

RAMADA BALLINA

Located on the riverfront in the heart of Ballina. Offers function spaces and accommodation with 115 rooms. Catering for most small to medium-sized conferences and events, the hotel features four dedicated meeting spaces designed and equipped to deliver an optimum environment for up to 140 guests.

THE ISLANDER RESORT

Set on 3 acres just minutes to beaches, shopping and attractions. This 40 room facility with onsite conference centre can cater for business events for 10 to 100 delegates.

QUALITY HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE

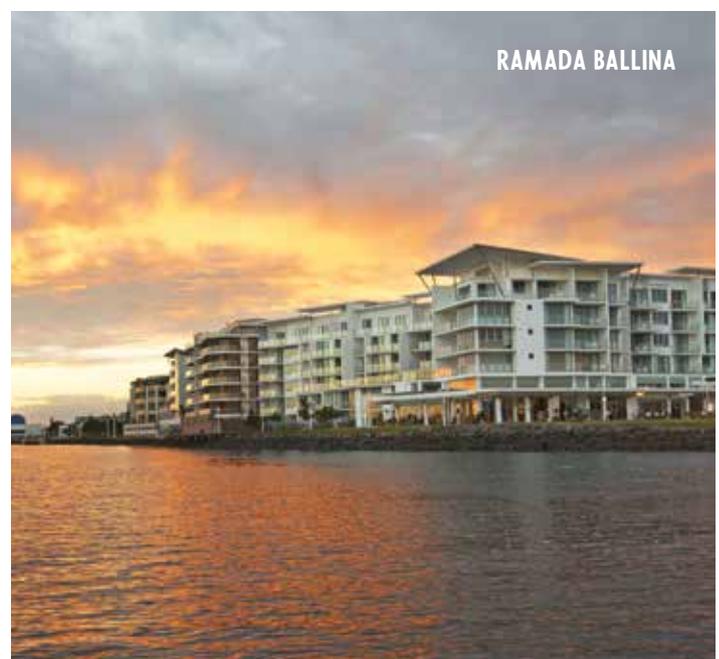
Offers 4 star hotel accommodation, 46 rooms with conference and function facilities located just opposite stunning Lighthouse Beach adjoining the walkways along the Richmond river that meander into nearby Ballina.

BALLINA RSL CLUB

Offers the very best in facilities for up to 500 guests overlooking the Richmond River in the heart of Ballina. With three well-appointed conference and function rooms catering for all occasions.

CAMP DREWE

A conference facility with accommodation in dorm style rooms for up to 96 people. Set amongst native heath vegetation, walking distance to surf beaches and Lake Ainsworth.



SUMMERLAND FARM

A 238 acre property offering modern facilities for events of all sizes. Surround yourself with beautiful country views, warm hospitality and several options for indoor and outdoor spaces, including break out options.

MACADAMIA CASTLE

Set on 6 acres between Ballina and Byron Bay, The Macadamia Castle offers an indoor air-conditioned conference room with views of the animal park or an outdoor covered BBQ area and tiered seating alongside the duck pond. Catering for events of up to 150 people.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Ballina Shire Council operates several community facilities in the Ballina Shire. There are a variety of spaces, from small interview rooms to a spacious event venue seating 550 people, along with a new state-of-the-art indoor sports centre that are available for hire at competitive rates. For details visit communityspaces.com.au

ATTRACTIONS

must see and do

There are many attractions, activities and unique experiences to entertain your delegates and their families. Explore the pristine Pacific beaches and fertile valleys meandering around the region's rivers, National Parks and rainforest, wildlife and waterfalls. Combine all this with a rich culture – the arts, entertainment, festivals, home-grown design and a flourishing food and dining scene – here we share some of our knowledge and insights.



CRYSTAL CASTLE

Home of the largest natural crystals in the world, tranquil Shambhala gardens, sacred statues, World Peace Stupa, daily crystal and meditation workshops.



BEACHES AND WATERWAYS

A playground for beach lovers, surfers, boaties, anglers and eco-adventurers with 32kms of pristine sandy beaches, secluded tidal bays, rivers and a fresh water lake.



AUSTRALIAN SEABIRD RESCUE

A coastal education and marine wildlife rescue centre. Private tours available to see how they care for sick and injured sea turtles, pelicans, shorebirds and seabird species.



MACADAMIA CASTLE

More than an animal park with daily shows and animal feeding, the Castle offers function facilities, onsite café and unique animal encounters.



BALLINA NAVAL AND MARITIME MUSEUM

Step back in time and see what life was like in the busy port of Ballina. Great for everyone and fun for the family.



SUMMERLAND HOUSE FARM

A working avocado and macadamia plantation, where you can taste and enjoy local produce at their café onsite. Also offer function space for conferencing and events.



KOALA HOSPITAL

See the work of volunteers in caring for the welfare and rehabilitation of our local koala population. Get up close to koala's and learn all about these fascinating animals.



NATURAL WONDERS

Killen & Minyon Waterfalls, National Parks, Rainforest Reserves and Nature Walks. Visit discoverballina.com for details.



COASTAL RECREATIONAL PATH

ACTIVITIES



BREWERY TOUR

A behind-the-scenes look at craft breweries and distilleries with Behind the Barrel. Meet the makers, see their operations and of course enjoy their craft with beer and spirit tastings.



TEAM BUILDING EVENTS

Available through Camp Drewe or the Department of Sport and Recreation at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head.



SURF LESSONS

Learn to surf from one of our reputable surf schools that operate in Lennox Head and Ballina.



NINJA FUN

Functional movement classes, training, overcoming obstacles and challenges under the guidance of local Ninja guru.



RIVER AND OCEAN CRUISING

Jaw dropping whale encounters (May-Oct). Cruise alongside pods of dolphins, or choose a sunset river cruise – it's all possible with Out of the Blue Adventures.



HORSE RIDING

Forest and beach riding offers a unique and thrilling experience to enjoy the beauty of the area.



GOLF

Ballina Golf Club features easy walking, lush fairways, 328 greens and shady trees or tee off at Teven Valley Golf Course, a 9 hole course amongst the trees in the hinterland.



PADDLE

Kayak or stand up paddle board on the river or in the quiet and safe surrounds of Shaws Bay or tea tree Lake Ainsworth.



ART CLASSES

Home to creative souls that will inspire your creative side, workshops and group classes available in silk painting, paper making, playing with clay and more!



BIKING AROUND

Bike hire to self-explore the Coastal Recreational Path and Aboriginal Cultural Ways or cycling tours available with Lifecycles Travel.



FOOD *and beverages*

Create your own food trail or have the team at the Ballina Visitor Information Centre design one for you. From fresh local seafood to home grown coffee, rainforest foods, fresh produce and macadamias, the Ballina Coast & Hinterland is heaven for lovers of quality, fresh produce and unique artisan products. With rich volcanic soils and sub-tropical climate – there is not much we don't produce.



PECAN ORCHARD

Lunch under the trees in a pecan orchard at Eltham Valley Pantry or in the converted farmhouse. Known for its local produce and house made delights, including pecan pie!

SEAFOOD

Ballina is home of the big prawn and boasts a booming fresh seafood industry. Enjoy seafood straight from the trawlers at Ballina Fishermen's Co-op and at Northern Rivers Seafood.

ZENTVELDS COFFEE PLANTATION & ROASTERY

Visit a local coffee plantation, see how coffee is grown and roasted and enjoy a barista made coffee while enjoying views of the hinterland.

CAPE BYRON DISTILLERY

Rainforest gin made locally, with unique facility set above the rainforest, see how it's made, tastings and tours available.

DUCK CREEK MACADAMIAS

Visit a local plantation and sample Australia's native nut coated in chocolate or spiced up with wasabi!

HARVEST RESTAURANT, HISTORIC BAKERY & DELI

A unique destination in its own right in the village of Newrybar. Edible gardens that supply the restaurant - caters for larger groups, special occasions or a casual get together.

SEVEN MILE BREWERY

Australian Summer Ale made locally in Ballina with tours, function space and dining options available.

DINING OPTIONS

Contact Ballina Tourism on **1800 777 666** or at **discover@ballina.nsw.gov.au** for advice on venues for group dinners, special occasion and unique experiences.



EVENTS

something for everyone

Our region's diversity is celebrated through its events. Here we reveal some of our local favourites. Let's not forget signature events like the Byron Bay Bluesfest and Byron Writers Festival that draw many visitors to the Ballina Coast & Hinterland as well.

For further information visit discoverballina.com.au



HARVEST FOOD FESTIVAL

early May



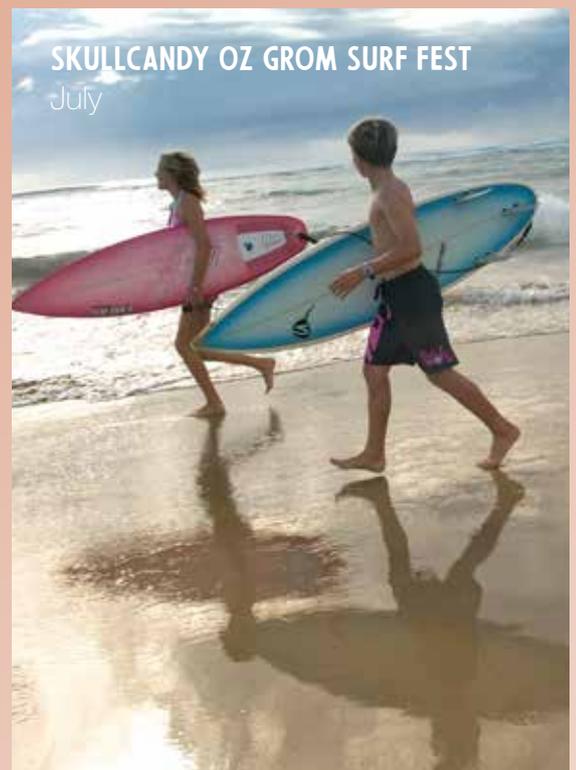
LOVE LENNOX FESTIVAL

early June



LISMORE LANTERN PARADE

June



SKULLCANDY OZ GROM SURF FEST

July

Ballina Hinterland
Saturday, June 23

CRAFT AND GARDEN FAIR
last weekend in August



SAMPLE FOOD FESTIVAL
early September



ALSTONVILLE AGRICULTURAL SHOW
October



BALLINA FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL
October



BALLINA COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL
late October



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