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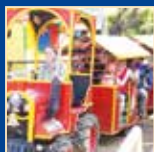
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ABORIGINAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT *and* WELCOME

Jingi Wahla, or welcome, to the Ballina Coast & Hinterland, the traditional Nyangbul Country of the Bundjalung nation.

Ballina Shire Council respectfully acknowledges the past and present Nyangbul Elders and pays its respects to their descendants as the traditional custodians of this land. Council also acknowledges that, as indigenous people, Nyangbul people hold a unique place in our shire.

Nyangbul custodianship of the Ballina Shire area dates back many thousands of generations. Together with all Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, the Nyangbul people are part of the oldest and continuing culture in the world.

The shire has important Bundjalung cultural heritage sites and areas that contribute to our unique history as a place. Heritage sites and areas remain important to the identity and culture of the shire's Aboriginal community today. Appreciating the importance of the historic and contemporary landscape to the shire's Aboriginal people enhances all our experience of the shire.

Council is committed to working with the shire's Aboriginal community representatives, including young people, to enhance the knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal history, heritage and culture. Aboriginal community members contribute to our shire in many ways and we all have optimism for a strong and respectful future together in our wonderful natural environment also known today as the Ballina Coast & Hinterland!

Our region is one characterised by great bio-diversity, with a laid back lifestyle and friendly, diverse communities. We extend a warm welcome for you to come and spend some time with us and discover why visitors, 'sea changers' and 'tree changers' flock to this area.

'Ballina' – believed to have been derived from the Aboriginal word 'Bullinah' meaning 'place of plenty or big stomach, plenty to eat'.



Newrybar

Knockrow

Lennox Head

Tintenbar

Wollongbar

Alstonville

Ballina

South Ballina

Wardell



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OUR REGION

- ▶ **LENNOX HEAD:** A mecca among surfers for its famous right hand surf break. Opposite the beach, along the main street, you'll find boutiques, funky cafés and restaurants and, just down the road, the tea-tree stained waters of Lake Ainsworth. *See page 82 for more information.*
- ▶ **BALLINA:** Centred on an island at the mouth of the Richmond River, Ballina is the social and commercial hub of the region, loved for its relaxed seaside location and mixture of both river and surf beaches. *See page 84 for more information.*
- ▶ **SOUTH BALLINA and VILLAGES:**
A serene spot for bird watching, fishing, beach horse riding, beach four wheel driving and long beach walks. Make your journey across the Richmond River on board the Burns Point vehicle ferry. *See page 88 for more information.*
- ▶ **WARDELL:** Upstream on the Richmond River, the village of Wardell is a great place to start a river journey on Tourist Drive 28. Wardell has historic timber buildings, including Mayley House (1910), and the most delicious bulging top pies. *See page 90 for more information.*
- ▶ **ALSTONVILLE:** This picturesque village town offers a great day out for curio hunters and culture buffs with its historic buildings, classic Australian architecture, antique shops, boutique stores, galleries and cafés. *See page 92 for more information.*
- ▶ **WOLLONGBAR:** Located just off the Bruxner Highway, the residential suburb of Wollongbar is home to a small shopping complex and tavern, the village connects many of the hinterland towns. *See page 92 for more information.*
- ▶ **TINTENBAR:** A small, historical, rural hamlet with a community hall, general store and French restaurant.
- ▶ **KNOCKKROW:** Home to The Macadamia Castle. Take the picturesque drive along Hinterland Way with views to the Pacific Ocean. *See page 96 for more information.*
- ▶ **NEWRYBAR:** A popular historic village filled with old world charm, great eateries and artisan shopping. *See page 96 for more information.*

BALLINA COAST *and* HINTERLAND HIGHLIGHTS



MAKE MEMORIES TO LAST A
LIFETIME – THERE IS SO MUCH
TO SEE & DO HERE ON THE
BALLINA COAST & HINTERLAND...



WHY THEY KEEP COMING BACK...

The Ballina Coast & Hinterland is a playground for beach lovers, surfers, boaties, anglers and eco-adventurers. Away from the coast, our hinterland is dotted with charming villages.

With lush subtropical rainforests, 32 kms of pristine, sandy beaches and crystal clear waterways, endless streams, lakes and estuaries and the vast reaches of the Richmond River, the Ballina Coast & Hinterland truly is a natural wonder.

The lifestyle is laid-back and friendly, the communities warm and welcoming and the experiences authentic and diverse. So come, join in the fun, and start discovering the Ballina Coast & Hinterland!

Here are some highlights that keep visitors coming back time and time again...

► WORLD HERITAGE LISTED ANCIENT GONDWANA RAINFORESTS

The Ballina Coast & Hinterland is within easy reach of the Northern Rivers' famous World Heritage listed National Parks, Nature Reserves and State Forests. Some which formed part of the ancient Gondwana Rainforest and are home to parts of the last remaining remnants of the Big Scrub rainforest that once blanketed the Northern Rivers.

Refer to page 28.

► SURF RESERVE

Lennox Point is a famous right hand point break and is also within a National Surf Reserve. Learn to surf with a local from one of the reputable surf schools so you can catch barrels like a pro, or simply relax on the headland and watch the local surfers, dolphins and whales (during the migration season). This is also a popular place for hang gliders and paragliders to launch and hover over the headland, taking in both coastal and hinterland views.

► ROCK POOLS

Explore the rock pools at Shelly Beach or Flat Rock and discover sea creatures and beautiful shells. These spots can also be good for swimming and snorkelling.

► FISH AND CHIPS

The region is synonymous with fresh local seafood. Catch it yourself or order your favourite dish from one of the great eateries.

With fresh seafood in your picnic basket visit one of the local picnic spots on the banks of the Richmond River at sunset and watch the fishing trawlers go out. *Refer to page 22.* Or savour freshly shucked oysters from the oyster shack and enjoy with a glass of wine.

► GREAT BULGING TOP PIE

With sweet and savoury options for everyone, stop in at the popular pie shop in Wardell; grab your favourite flavour and sit on the Jetty overlooking the Richmond River.

► THE LONGEST RAFT VOYAGE

Visit the Ballina Naval and Maritime Museum to view the original, world famous Las Balsas raft from the world's longest raft voyage crossing of the Pacific Ocean. In 1973 the Las Balsas sailed from Ecuador to Ballina. In recorded history, this is the only multiple raft crossing of the Pacific Ocean.

► COME CELEBRATE WITH US

Our exciting events will immerse you in the local culture and will make your heart warm to life in the Northern Rivers. *Refer to event listing pages 40-43.* We are known for our laidback lifestyle, sense of fun and breadth of quality special events and festivals which showcase our fresh seasonal produce, arts, local talent and much more. Spend time with us for an insight into how legendary life is on the Ballina Coast and Hinterland!

► LOCAL PRODUCE AND SPECIALITY SHOPPING

Twilight and farmers markets offer the opportunity to fill your basket with fresh seasonal produce. Weekend markets and independently owned speciality stores offer unique gift ideas, quirky treats and





personalised customer service. Make a day of it; starting with breakfast in Alstonville, morning tea in Ballina, lunch in Newrybar and a glass of wine, late afternoon, in Lennox. Plus don't forget the Northern Rivers Community Gallery for unique gifts and homewares and the Ballina Visitor Information Centre, for a large selection of gourmet produce, ideal for making your very own hampers.

► CATCH A VEHICLE FERRY

From Ballina, take the picturesque journey across the Richmond River to serene South Ballina on board the Burns Point vehicle ferry, to admire the waterways from a completely different perspective. Arrive at South Ballina and stroll along the South Ballina break wall to appreciate the views back over Ballina Island. *Refer to page 88.*

► BALLINA BASE MOTORCYCLE TOURING GUIDE

Take a ride through the hills and valleys around the Ballina Coast & Hinterland; returning to the Ballina Shire at the end of the day for dinner and drinks and a good night's rest before you head out again! Download your copy of the Ballina Base Motorcycle Touring Guide from discoverballina.com

► BEACH AND COASTAL HEADLAND WALKS

Long sunny afternoons during daylight savings are perfect for a walk on the beach, along the region's coastal headlands or out along the breakwall. If you're an early riser, take in the sunrise on a beautiful coastal walk and stop at the lookouts to watch whales (in season) when the east coast becomes a virtual whale highway. *For lookout locations refer to page 14.*

► SWIMMING SPOTS

The Ballina Coast is a favourite swimming destination for locals and visitors alike. From salt water to fresh water and swimming pools with slides, the region boasts many calm and sheltered spots to dip the toes or plunge into. *Visit the calm and sheltered spots listed on page 26.*



MAKE *the* RITE OF PASSAGE

Paddling the 9km lap of Ballina Island has become somewhat of a rite of passage for locals who launch from any one of Ballina's many boat ramps and use the connecting river and estuaries to circumnavigate the island. See dolphins playing in the open waters of the Richmond River, migratory birds wading across the sand flats of North Creek, and azure kingfishers darting through the sheltered environments of Fishery Creek and the North Creek Canal.

LOCAL TIP FROM SCOTT RAWSTORNE

Author of Global Paddler guidebooks and Ballina Shire resident.

WHY THEY MOVE HERE

Tree changers and sea changers flock to the Ballina Coast & Hinterland; and it's easy to see why. Mother Nature has blessed our region with clear water ways, white sandy beaches, rolling hills and valleys and many more beautiful natural features. These attributes are ideal for great day trips and small everyday adventures.

Palm Lake Resort in Ballina offers designer living for over 55's, with luxurious facilities that include everything you could possibly desire. The beautiful homes are close by and offer a sense of community. Here you will make friends for life.





OVER 55s DESIGNER LIVING

FIND YOURSELF HERE.



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BEACHES and WHALE WATCHING

Whether you're a toddler dipping your toes in for the first time, or a world-renowned surfer, our shire has over 32 kilometres of coastline to choose from, making it easy to find the ideal swimming or surfing spot. There are calm sandy beaches and shoals on the banks of the Richmond River, rising swells perfect for body boarding at one of our many beaches, or the occasional barrel rolling off North Wall. Also you cannot go past the world famous right hand surf break at Lennox Point.

LOOKOUT LOCATIONS

Our coastal lookouts offer amazing views of the Pacific Ocean and make for the perfect vantage point for watching the humpback whale migration that occurs annually from June through until October. *Refer to the maps towards the back of this guide.*

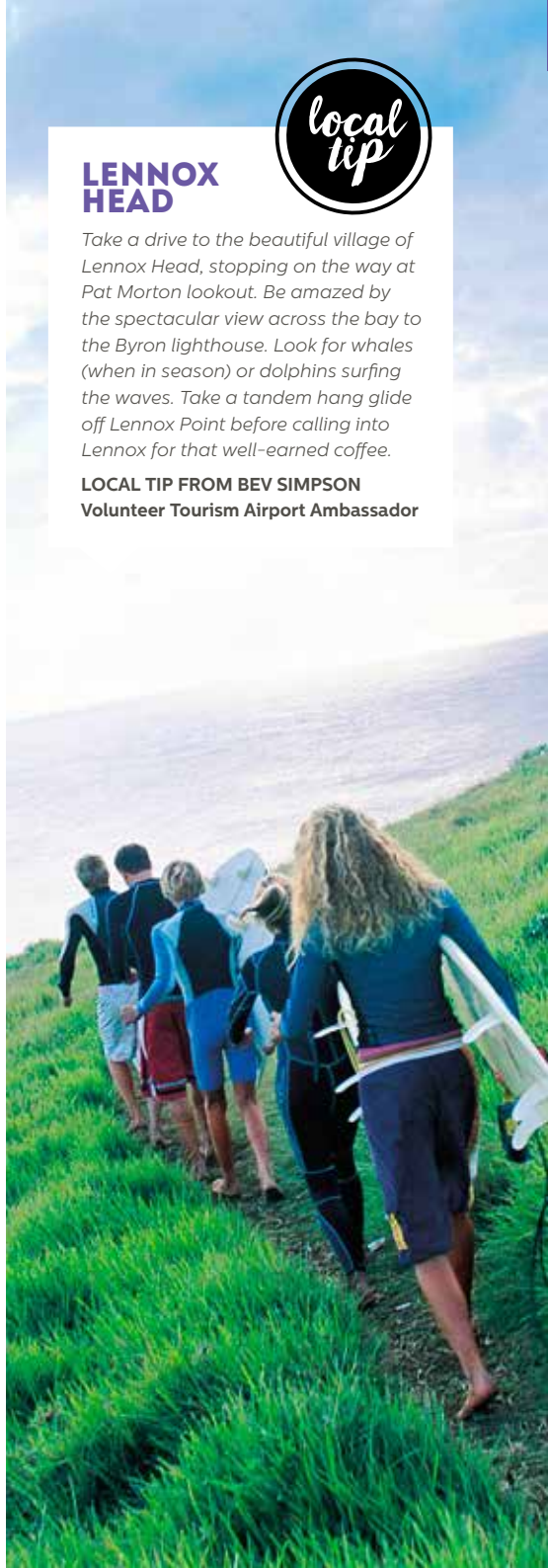
- ▶ South Ballina Breakwall, South Ballina
- ▶ North Wall, Ballina
- ▶ Ballina Head, East Ballina
(between Lighthouse and Shelly Beach)
- ▶ Black Head, East Ballina
- ▶ Boulders Beach Headland, Skennars Head
- ▶ Pat Morton Lookout, Lennox Head

LENNOX HEAD



Take a drive to the beautiful village of Lennox Head, stopping on the way at Pat Morton lookout. Be amazed by the spectacular view across the bay to the Byron lighthouse. Look for whales (when in season) or dolphins surfing the waves. Take a tandem hang glide off Lennox Point before calling into Lennox for that well-earned coffee.

LOCAL TIP FROM BEV SIMPSON
Volunteer Tourism Airport Ambassador



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must do
**NATURAL
COASTAL
ADVENTURES**



Grab a bucket & spade and build a sandcastle at one of the beaches



Kids will love finding sea creatures and shells in the rock pools of Shelly Beach or Flat Rock



Picnic at one of our coastal headlands



Enjoy a gentle fresh water swim at Lake Ainsworth or try stand up paddle boarding on the Richmond River or Shaws Bay



Take a surf lesson and meet fellow visitors from around the world



Walk the coastal track from Pat Morton Lookout and get to know the smaller bays of our coastline



Fish from South Ballina Beach, or the stretch all the way south to Evans Head where no 4WD permit is required



Pick up a NSW fishing licence from the Ballina Visitor Information Centre



Hire a tinny or BBQ boat on the banks of the Richmond and take to the waterways



Purchase a permit and four wheel drive on the white sands of Seven Mile Beach.

BEACH SAFETY

Stay safe and enjoy all our beaches have to offer. Follow our top ten tips for surf safety and always swim between the flags.

PATROLLED BEACHES

- ▶ **Lighthouse Beach, Ballina**
Patrolled: Easter, Spring & Christmas school holidays
- ▶ **Shelly Beach, East Ballina**
Patrolled: Easter, Spring & Christmas school holidays
- ▶ **Sharpes Beach, Skennars Head**
Patrolled: Easter, Spring & Christmas school holidays
- ▶ **Seven Mile Beach, Lennox Head**
Patrolled: Easter, Spring & Christmas school holidays

TOP TEN TIPS *for* SURF SAFETY

- ▶ Never swim or surf alone. Children should always be supervised
- ▶ Always swim or surf at places patrolled by lifesavers or lifeguards
- ▶ Swim between the red and yellow flags
- ▶ Never swim under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- ▶ If you get into trouble in the water, stay calm, signal for help, float and wait for assistance
- ▶ If you are unsure of surf conditions, ask a lifeguard or lifesaver
- ▶ Read and obey the signs on the beach, e.g. “no diving”, “no fishing”, “no surf craft”
- ▶ Never swim at night
- ▶ Never run and dive into the water, even if you have checked before, water conditions can change
- ▶ Never swim directly after a meal.





*Stay safe this season
& visit
MyBeachInfo.com.au*

MyBeachInfo provides current information on beach closures, openings and marine life sightings along the Ballina Shire coastline.

For further beach safety information telephone Lifeguard Coordinator Scott McCartney, on 0405 579 342 or visit beachsafe.org.au

PET FRIENDLY BEACHES

Some of our beaches allow dogs to play on the beach and get into the surf. Please note dogs are prohibited on all other beaches in the Ballina Shire.

- ▶ **Angels Beach, East Ballina** *Leash required*
- ▶ **Sharpes Beach, Skennars Head** (Southern end only when the surf patrol is in operation)
Leash required
- ▶ **Seven Mile Beach, Lennox Head**
(North of Lake Ainsworth to shire boundary)
Effective control
- ▶ **Ballina Spit, Ballina**
Off leash exercise area | Effective control
- ▶ **Patches Beach, South Ballina**
(500m to the north and 500m to the south of the access point)
Off leash exercise area | Effective control

4WDS and OUR BEACHES

SEVEN MILE BEACH 4WD PERMITS

Drive your 4WD vehicle along Seven Mile Beach to experience this secluded surf and fishing beach. Permits are available from the vending machine (card payments only) on Camp Drewe Road, Lennox Head opposite the Lennox Head/Alstonville Surf Life Saving Club.

4WD ACCESS

- ▶ **Seven Mile Beach**
Access: via Camp Drewe Road, Lennox Head
- ▶ **South Ballina**
Access: via South Ballina Beach Road or Patches Beach (obey all signage) all the way south to Evans Head (dependent on tides).
Contact Crown Lands Division for further information on 1300 886 235.

4WD SAFETY

- ▶ Maximum speed limit of 30 km/hr
- ▶ Slow to speed of 15 km/hr when in vicinity of other beach users
- ▶ All NSW road rules apply
- ▶ Towing of recreational implements is not permitted e.g. tyres
- ▶ No motorbikes, quad bikes or other motorised recreational vehicles
- ▶ Obey all signage
- ▶ No driving above the high tide water mark except for entry/exit access

THERE IS SO MUCH TO SEE *and* DO



DISCOVER WHY PEOPLE KEEP
COMING BACK TIME AND
TIME AGAIN TO ENJOY ALL
THAT THE BALLINA COAST &
HINTERLAND HAS TO OFFER



AMAZE 'n' PLACE

eat+play+think=fun

Open during the NSW school holidays, the whole family will have hours of fun at this unique attraction. Find the lookout tower, solve a maze quiz (for all ages), play with puzzles and enjoy an amazing coffee and family lunch.even feed the Alpacas.

Amaze 'n' Place is a *must* see attraction!

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Ballina Fair Shopping Centre,
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FAMILY FUN

Make memories that will last a lifetime! Cuddle a wombat, chill with a reptile, or enjoy a coffee and famous pancakes at **The Macadamia Castle**; admire the sculptures amongst the tea tree maze at **Thursday Plantation**; take a friend or the family for a round of golf at **Ballina Golf and Sports Club**, or try disc golf at Bicentennial Gardens nine basket course; visit our local galleries and museums to see amazing local art and learn about our heritage and culture; and during the school holidays continue on the maze trail with a visit to **Amaze n Place** and solve a plethora of puzzles.

Take in the spectacular coastline from Ballina's extensive cycleways; or get up above it all on a scenic flight with **Air T&G** or **Aussie Air Adventure Flights**; then ride a horse along the beach with **Tassiriki Ranch Beach Horse Riding**. Enjoy a leisurely cruise with Devonshire Tea on board **Richmond River Cruises**.



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HINTERLAND WONDERS



Take a scenic drive into the hinterland with a hire car from **Avis** or **Hertz** and discover the magical **Crystal Castle and Shambhala Gardens** with its Lotus Café, children's playground, enjoyable walks and extensive range of books, crystals and jewellery.

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Plantation**

treat yourself naturally

Thursday Plantation Tea Tree Centre is situated on Gallans Road Ballina NSW 2478 (1km North of the Airport)





ACTIVITIES *for* a RAINY DAY

The Northern Rivers is also referred to as the Rainbow Region and for good reason. Our lush sub-tropical climate means that showers and rain still often fall on even the sunniest of days. When the wet weather sets in, a different kind of magic settles over the hinterland and our valleys and hamlets become the perfect place to spend your days. Here is a list of things to keep you busy and entertained on a rainy day.

- Explore our hinterland villages on a self-guided tour of Tourist Drive 28 & 30. See pages 59 & 61 to hire a car from **Avis** or **Hertz**
- Get on the arts trail and browse the collection of works at the **Northern Rivers Community Gallery, Mackay Harrison Galleries** and **Sea Silks Gallery**, these are just a few to get you started
- Wet days are perfect for viewing Australia's largest ship model collection and relics of the Las Balsas raft voyage at the **Ballina Naval & Maritime Museum**
- Visit the historic **Ballina Manor** and be guided through this grand heritage listed building
- Check out communityspaces.com.au to see what's on at each of the community facilities in the Ballina area. From yoga classes to classic films and live events, there's a full program of activities on offer from our **Community Spaces**
- Our family oriented attractions can also be a good spot to keep the kids amused with wet weather about
- See the latest block buster movie at **Ballina Fair Cinemas**.



PLAYGROUND *and* PICNIC POSSIES

- **Bicentennial Gardens, Ballina**
Nine basket disc golf course
- **Commemoration Park, Ballina**
Riverfront location, playground, picnic tables, BBQ facilities
- **Fawcett Park, Ballina**
River front location, BBQ facilities, kids playground, close to cafés and shops
- **Fitzroy Park, Wardell** *Great shade, BBQ facilities, kids playground and tennis courts*
- **Lumley Park, Alstonville**
Great shade, BBQ facilities, next to tennis courts and famous for its bat colony
- **Missingham Park, Ballina**
River front location, BBQ, undercover kids playground and wheelchair friendly swing
- **Meldrum Park, Ballina** *River front location, BBQ facilities, kids playground*
- **Pop Denison Park, Ballina**
Bayside location, BBQ facilities, picnic tables
- **Ross Park, Lennox Head**
Beachfront location, kids playground, close to cafés and shops
- **Summerland House Farm, Alstonville**
Countryside location with picnic tables by the waterpark and playground (entry by donation)
- **Thursday Plantation, Ballina**
The open tea tree maze makes for a great natural play area
- **Victoria Park Nature Reserve, Alstonville**
Rainforest location with board walk, BBQ facilities, great wildlife watching (vehicle entry fee applies).

Refer to the maps towards the back of this guide.

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& shambhala gardens



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THE RICHMOND RIVER

The Richmond River is a dominant feature in the local natural landscape. For generation after generation it has continued to play a major role in the life of our local community; offering employment, recreation and rejuvenation.

The riverbanks have long been known as a place where people gather, to work and play, and this tradition continues today with the river providing a magical backdrop to major community events and twilight markets (during daylight savings).

There are excellent fishing spots along the river, its estuaries, the beaches and the break walls at the river mouth.

To find out where the fish are biting, drop into a local bait and tackle store or the Ballina Visitor Information Centre, where you can also purchase a NSW fishing licence.

BOAT RAMPS

- ▶ **Boatharbour Road, West Ballina**
Includes a fish cleaning table and tap
- ▶ **Brunswick Street, Ballina**
- ▶ **Burns Point Ferry Road, West Ballina**
- ▶ **Cawarra Street, Ballina**
- ▶ **Kingsford Smith Drive, Ballina**
- ▶ **Martin Street, Ballina**
- ▶ **River Street, Wardell**
- ▶ **Riverside Drive, West Ballina**
- ▶ **River Street and Emigrant Creek Lane, West Ballina**
Includes a fish cleaning table and tap
- ▶ **Seven Mile Beach, Lennox Head (southern end)**
Vehicles permitted for launching and loading boats, no parking on the beach.



TAKE IN THE SIGHTS

The banks of the Richmond River are one of my favourite places to sit on a picnic rug and take in the sights ...and a breath of fresh air! Late afternoons are best for watching the fishing trawlers heading out to sea and the sun setting over the river. You may even be fortunate enough to see the dolphins swimming.

LOCAL TIP FROM SUSAN POUPARD
Volunteer Tourism Airport Ambassador



RICHMOND RIVER CRUISES

Relax on board M.V. Richmond River Princess & enjoy Ballina from a new perspective

Enjoy a cruise on the magnificent Richmond River, taking in its stunning scenery and fascinating history on board M.V. Richmond River Princess.

Spot pods of dolphins swimming in the River and admire the scenery of the mangroves and wildlife. See the coastal town of Ballina and its pretty foreshore from a different perspective.

There is an informative commentary, relaxed surroundings and a delicious morning or afternoon Devonshire Tea with freshly baked scones with jam & cream served with tea and coffee. You may also enjoy a refreshing

beverage from our On-Board Licenced Bar. From July 1 2016 adults tickets are \$36 each & children 5-12 years are \$18 each. The Richmond River Princess is available for Private Charters. In warmer months, a Sunset Cruise by private charter is the best place to enjoy the spectacular sunsets on the river. Ask us about tailoring a cruise to suit your requirements. To book phone 1800 777 666 or 0427 699 317.

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CALMER SWIMMING SPOTS *for the KIDDIES*

- ▶ **The Serpentine**, on North Creek in Ballina, is an ideal spot for kids to splash with shelter from the sun and the waves
- ▶ The rock pools at **Shelly Beach**, are perfect for kids to explore
- ▶ The still, fresh water of **Lake Ainsworth** in Lennox Head is popular for swimming, stand up paddle boarding, sailing and canoeing
- ▶ **The Boat Channel** (just off Rutherford Street, Lennox Head's main beach) is another safe haven for swimming. On a high tide it's perfectly protected from the waves
- ▶ **Alstonville Pool** has three pools including a toddlers pool, learn to swim and a 50m Olympic pool, with water heated to 27°C during the swimming season
- ▶ **Ballina Pool and Waterslide** offers various pools to suit the whole family plus, has the added benefit of the ever popular old-school waterslide tower open during the school holidays and weekends (closed out of swimming season)
- ▶ **Shaws Bay** is a calm, salt water bay perfect for swimming and stand up paddle boarding.

Whether you choose to snorkel, fish, kayak, sail, take a river cruise or simply relax by one of the many riverside parks, make sure you take your time to discover the beauty of Ballina's magnificent waterways.

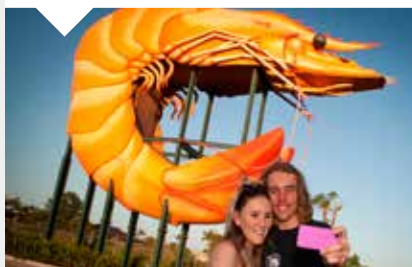
Rain, hail or shine, **Northern Rivers Seafood** will compliment your aquatic adventures with a mouth-watering catch of the day from their fabulous range of seafood.



THE BIG PRAWN

Originally unveiled in 1989, the Big Prawn was moved to its current location in 2013 where it was given a refresh and new tail

Weight: 35 tonne **Height:** 9 metres tall
Restoration cost: \$400,000 (2013)





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WORLD HERITAGE LISTED RAINFORESTS

World heritage listed national parks, rainforest remnants, waterfalls, nature reserves and state forests are within easy reach of the Ballina Coast & Hinterland...

GONDWANA

Some of this rainforest formed part of the ancient Gondwana rainforest of the Australian World Heritage area. Highlights include the natural beauty and the opportunity to spot rare plants and animals. Featured opposite and over page are some of Northern River's major parks and reserves.



CAMPING



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WORLD HERITAGE
AREA



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ACCESS



ENTRY FEES



VIEW POINT



WHALE WATCHING

BORDER RANGES NATIONAL PARK



Highlights: Pinnacle lookout – offering views of Wollumbin and all the way to the coast.

Activities: Explore tall forests, waterfalls and gorges on the walking track network. The spectacular Tweed Scenic Drive (unsealed, but suitable for 2WD when dry) loops from Murwillumbah to Kyogle and Lismore. There's car-based camping at Sheep Station Creek (suitable for caravans; accessible toilets) or Forest Tops (short walk from carpark) and opportunities for extended backpack camping treks. Camping fees apply.

Access: 38km west of Murwillumbah off Summerland Way or Kyogle Road. Unsealed roads. Vehicle entry fees apply.

BROADWATER NATIONAL PARK



Highlights: Former World War II lookout offers views over the coastline and large sand dunes

Activities: The picnic area and lookout off the Broadwater – Evans Head Road provides views of the park's diverse vegetation.

Access: 3km north of Evans Head via the Broadwater – Evans Head Road.

BROKEN HEAD NATURE RESERVE



Highlights: Three Sisters walking track including Indigenous interpretive signage

Activities: Take the track from Broken Head caravan park along the cliff-top to Kings Beach. Enjoy the view or stop for a swim.

Access: 4km south of Byron Bay off the Coast Road.

BUNDJALUNG NATIONAL PARK



Highlights: Paddling Jerusalem Creek and the Esk River

Activities: The beach (unpatrolled) suits surfing and fishing while the Esk River and Jerusalem Creek are popular for canoeing and swimming. 4WD beach access is available from Shark Bay (unsealed roads to camping area but suitable for

2WD). There's car-based camping at Black Rocks and camping, caravan and cabin accommodation at Woody Head – facilities include hot showers. Camping fees apply.

Access: 50km south of Ballina take The Gap Road or 60km north of Grafton off the Pacific Highway on Iluka Road. Vehicle entry fees apply.

CAPE BYRON MARINE PARK

Cape Byron Marine Park covers approximately 22 000 hectares from Brunswick Heads in the north to Lennox Head in the south. It includes the seabed and extends seaward from the mean high water mark to the 3 nautical mile limit of State waters. Use of the resources is regulated through the Cape Byron Marine Park Zoning Plan which aims to conserve marine biodiversity while allowing sustainable recreational and commercial activities.

CAPE BYRON STATE CONSERVATION AREA



Highlights: From the top of the lighthouse enjoy majestic views from mainland Australia's most easterly point over the coast and to Julian Rocks.

Activities: The magnificent cliff-top walking track winds its way through diverse plant communities, offering panoramic views of the ocean and Northern Rivers hinterland. You can tour Cape Byron Lighthouse and even stay the night in the lighthouse keeper's quarters. Walkways and toilets are wheelchair accessible, though inside the lighthouse and other buildings are not.

Access: 2km east of Byron Bay along Lighthouse Road. Vehicle entry fees apply to Cape Byron Lighthouse and Tallow Beach and The Pass car parks.

TUCKI TUCKI NATURE RESERVE

Highlights: Spot koala's in their natural habitat

Access: 16kms south of Lismore on Wyrallah Road

NIGHTCAP NATIONAL PARK



Highlights: Minyon Falls with its 100m rock face waterfall

Activities: The picnic area near the remarkable 100m Minyon Falls provides a great start to the



Photo: Hamilton Lund, Destination NSW

30km Minyon Drive (unsealed). There is a range of short to medium tracks for the experienced walker or you can take the shaded 1.4km return walk from the Terania Creek picnic area (accessible by unsealed roads) to breathtaking Protestors Falls (swimming not permitted). No fires are permitted in the park – portable fuel stoves only.

Access: 35km north of Lismore. Whian Whian Forest Drive (unsealed) is off the Lismore – Mullumbimby Road.

RICHMOND RIVER NATURE RESERVE

Highlights: Walk along the South Ballina Break Wall and spot marine life including dolphins and whales

Access: South Ballina Beach Road, South Ballina.

VICTORIA PARK NATURE RESERVE



Highlights: One of the last remaining remnants of the Big Scrub rainforest which once blanketed the Northern Rivers

Activities: Take an easy stroll along the boardwalk and enjoy the animals that inhabit the rainforest. Facilities include a cooking area, gas barbeques, toilets and picnic tables.

Access: 7km south of Alstonville on the Wardell Rd. Vehicle entry fees apply.

WHIAN WHIAN STATE CONSERVATION AREA



Highlights: Rainforest mountain biking trails (own equipment necessary)

Activities: Camp or picnic at Rummery Park and enjoy a short walk up Boggy Creek to Minyon Falls within Nightcap National Park.

Access: 35km north of Lismore via Minyon Drive off the Lismore – Mullumbimby road.

WOLLUMBIN NATIONAL PARK

(formerly Mt Warning National Park)



Highlights: Wollumbin has Indigenous cultural significance and is an ancient, dormant volcano

Activities: Under Bundjalung law, only certain people can climb Wollumbin, so we encourage visitors to respect their heritage. The track is a steep 9km return trip, with a challenging scramble at the top. As an alternative, enjoy a stroll along the 200m Lyrebird Track or a picnic at Korumbryn picnic area.

Access: 12km south west of Murwillumbah off Kyogle Road.

TAKE IN *the* SPECTACULAR COASTLINE

Ballina's shared paths and cycleways offer a leisurely stroll, or cycle with the chance to explore the river and ocean foreshores. North Wall is perfect for dolphin and pelican watching and also the spectacular sight of fishing trawlers cruising out for their evening catch. It's even more breathtaking at sunset!



TRY *these* WALKS

► HISTORIC TRAILS

(visit discoverballina.com to download your brochure)

Alstonville Heritage Trail
Walkabout Wardell
Lennox Head Heritage Trail
Norton Street Heritage Trail, Ballina

► HISTORIC BALLINA WATERFRONT

Fawcett Park to North Wall

Follows the Richmond River at Ballina.

Go to see dolphins feeding and the sunset over the Richmond River. This trail will allow you to explore Ballina's European history in connection to the river.

Allow: 1 hour each way

► COASTAL BEACH AND HEADLAND TRACK

Pat Morton Lookout to Ballina

Enjoy the rugged coastal landscape that follows the headlands and sandy beaches.

Allow: 3.5 hours each way

► COASTAL FOOTPATH

Pat Morton Lookout to Lake Ainsworth

Lennox Head

Go for the spectacular views.

Allow: 1 hour each way



NORTH WALL

A highlight is being accompanied by dolphins for the full length of the walk. On this same walk I saw a turtle feeding in the Richmond River.

LOCAL TIP FROM NANETTE JACK
Volunteer Tourism Ambassador





our **UNIQUE ABORIGINAL HERITAGE**



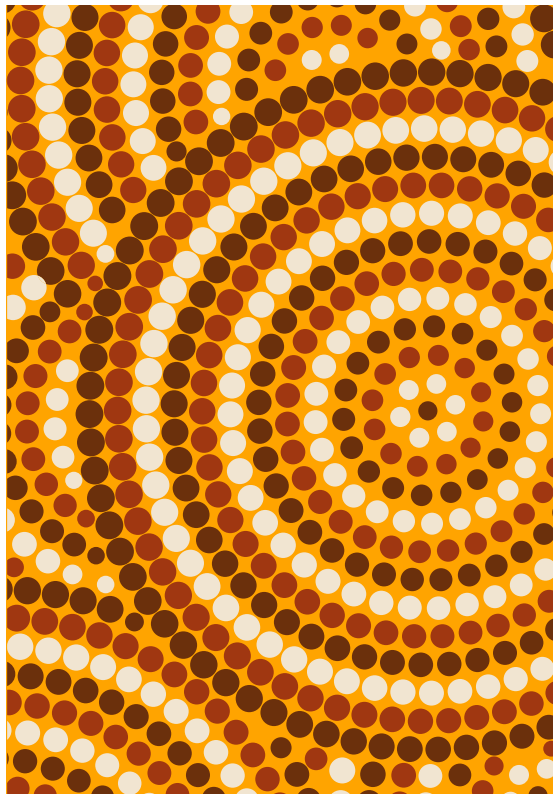
**NYANGBUL COUNTRY DATES BACK
THOUSANDS OF GENERATIONS
AND THIS UNIQUE CULTURAL
HERITAGE IS CELEBRATED IN THE
BALLINA SHIRE**

The shire has important Bundjalung cultural heritage sites and areas that contribute to our unique history as a place. Heritage sites and areas remain important to the identity and culture of the shire's Aboriginal community today. Appreciating the importance of the historic and contemporary landscape to the shire's Aboriginal people enhances all our experience of the shire.

RECONCILIATION TUNNEL MURALS

BLACK HEAD ANGELS BEACH, BALLINA

Aboriginal murals in the Reconciliation Tunnel at Angels Beach depict the story of the Three Brothers – Yarbiri, Mamoon and Burrung who were the ancestral founders of the Bundjalung Nation. The murals portray scenes from the customary lives of the original inhabitants of the beach whose direct descendants are now Traditional Custodians.





EAST BALLINA ABORIGINAL PLACE

Find out more about our local Aboriginal heritage through the interpretive material located along the East Ballina Aboriginal Place section of the Coastal Recreational Path which traverses 6 kms of the Ballina shire's coastline. The path contains interpretive signage recognising the Aboriginal cultural values of this iconic coastline. The trail head begins at Angels Beach, East Ballina and stretches North to Sharpes Beach. This location takes in part of the recently declared East Ballina Aboriginal Place, under the *NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*. An unformalised path continues to Pat Morton Lookout at Lennox Head.

LENNOX HEAD ABORIGINAL AREA

The Lennox Head Aboriginal Area, located within the village of Lennox Head is a reserve approximately 0.3 hectares in size and was gazetted in 1972 to protect the cultural heritage values of the Ceremonial Ring. The Aboriginal Area is located within the area covered by the Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council.

The Ceremonial Ring was a special place used by the Bundjalung Aboriginal people to initiate boys of the tribe. The Ceremonial Ring consists of a raised ring on sandy ground and is among one of the best preserved coastal ceremonial grounds in NSW.

The Ceremonial Ring is of significant cultural heritage value to the local Aboriginal community. It is also listed on the Register of the National Estate.

The soils within the Aboriginal Area are erosion prone if disturbed.

Ceremonial Rings on sandy soils are fragile and we request visitors respect the sensitivity of the site. In addition, for cultural reasons it is inappropriate for visitors to walk over the Ceremonial Ring.

Source: National Parks and Wildlife Service



EUROPEAN HISTORY *in* THE BALLINA SHIRE

THE BALLINA SHIRE HAS A WEALTH OF HISTORICAL EUROPEAN AND SETTLER SITES TO EXPLORE



OUR BEGINNINGS

Cedar getting families were among the first Europeans to settle on the Richmond River at Ballina in 1842. Within a few years, Ballina had become a small centre known as Richmond Heads that serviced smaller cedar settlements along the tributaries of the river. As the number of camps in the area grew, more settlers came including storekeepers and shipwrights, teachers, clergy and farmers.

Timber was also an important industry through the closing decades of the nineteenth century. With the ready availability of timber, weatherboard houses became a characteristic of the rural and urban landscape. Some good examples of timber housing remain in the shire today.

If you are looking for information about your family tree, visit the **Richmond Tweed Family History Society's** research room in Las Balsas Plaza, Ballina. It contains books, journals and CDs of local, national and overseas data.



BALLINA NAVAL & MARITIME MUSEUM

Take a voyage of discovery

Ballina Naval & Maritime Museum is home to the Las Balsas Raft from the 1973 Trans Pacific expedition as well as exhibits of significant pieces from the North Coast's and the nation's, naval & maritime history. Open 7 days from 9am - 4pm (except Xmas and Good Friday). Buses, group bookings and schools welcome.

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Premier cultural hub

Northern Rivers Community Gallery (NRCG) is a premier cultural hub of the Northern Rivers region. Enjoy a diverse range of local and touring exhibitions & public programs throughout the year. Find a unique hand-made gift in the Gallery shop and enjoy breakfast or lunch in the Gallery Café with indoor and outdoor seating. Open Wed-Fri 10:00-4:00 & weekends 9:30-2:30.

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Visit the galleries websites for the latest exhibition information.



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Renowned artists' work in one gallery

David Mackay Harrison accepts requests for original private & corporate art commissions. He has an extensive portfolio of commission artworks in both painting and sculpture. David is represented in galleries throughout Australia and across the globe. To view his full collection & other artists' work, visit his East Ballina Galleries. Open Wed - Sat 11am until 5pm. Other times by appointment.

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ART GALLERIES

Our region is renowned for its creative minds and artisans that take residence in our communities, drawing inspiration from the natural landforms and the built surrounds, their handiworks offer great diversity and a wealth of artistic and cultural material, which make great souvenirs and unique local gifts.

Our thriving arts community includes **Mackay Harrison Galleries**, **Northern Rivers Community Gallery (NRCC)** and **Sea Silks Gallery**. They feature everything from hand-crafted jewellery to paintings, porcelain, bronze sculptures, glass works, books, silk and wearable art. There are also some great pop up art galleries and local studios.

David Mackay Harrison's work in bronze sculpting continues a 6000 year old tradition of art bronze casting, while using twentieth century technology to bring the crafter's art to life.

View a collection of David's fabulous bronze sculptures and paintings, as well as other fine artworks by a variety of talented artists when you visit the **Mackay Harrison Galleries**. This artist is often in residence to give his firsthand knowledge. The beauty of this Ballina master craftsman's work is evident as soon as you lay eyes on one of his pieces.

BRING OUT THE ARTIST IN YOU!

The **NRCC** is housed in a charming heritage building, built in 1927 as the original council chambers for Ballina Municipal Council. In 2007 the building was renovated to house the gallery and a cafe. The combination of art and food, with options for indoor and outdoor dining makes for a wonderful outing for the whole family. The Gallery offers monthly exhibitions of local and touring artwork and interactive programs and workshops for kids and adults.

Silk is the perfect medium to capture the underwater marine life that abounds in our region. Try a silk painting workshop with **Sea Silks Gallery**; they are a great way to relax and learn a new skill.



MUST DO CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Peruse the art and purchase a unique local gift from the **Northern Rivers Community Gallery**, **Mackay Harrison Galleries** and **Sea Silks Gallery**
- ▶ Take a free guided tour of the **Ballina Manor Boutique Hotel**, a former girls' boarding school where each guest room is individually furnished with period antique furniture. Tours available from 10am until 5pm daily
- ▶ Visit the Jingi Wahla **Reconciliation Tunnel Murals** and the culturally significant Black Head lookout
- ▶ View Digby Moran's "*Someone's Always Watching You*" **public art** on the, River Street Woolworths building
- ▶ Heritage listed, **Crawford House Museum** is a restored Federation era weatherboard house, a good example of vernacular timber housing of historic significance to the region
- ▶ Visit **Watts Cottage Museum**, in memory of Lionel Watts, founder of the charity *House with No Steps*. The museum features the history of Summerland House Farm. Contained within is also a theatre and information about Alstonville
- ▶ The **Ballina Naval and Maritime Museum** is home to the Las Balsas Raft from the 1973 Trans Pacific expedition as well as exhibits of significant pieces from the North Coast's and the nation's, naval and maritime history. They house the largest model ship collection in Australia.



The Northern Rivers has the largest, per capita, creative industries population outside of a capital city. You will find so many things to join in and be a part of right across the wider region. For a comprehensive list of what is happening culturally, visit discoverballina.com



PARK LANE THEATRE'S CLASSIC *and* CULT FILM PROGRAM

Enjoy the events and live shows on offer at the **Park Lane Theatre**, an exciting new premiere venue within the Lennox Community Centre. The auditorium was repurposed in 2015 to become a venue of choice for live performances, theatre, bands and large scale community events.

Park Lane Theatre features a great range of audio visual, lighting, flooring and seating to suit a wide range of events.

Park Lane Theatre delivers a monthly film program. Catch the latest classical or cult film screening at this community space.



For a full list of what's on across the shire's community spaces visit
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COMMUNITY SPACES

Event and meeting spaces for hire

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WHAT'S ON AROUND *the* REGION



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must do



Discover the spirit of the Northern Rivers at a weekend market



Watch the young guns carve the waves at a junior surfing event



Find unique and rare collectors pieces at an Antique, Garden or Craft Fair



Checkout the springtime blooms at an Orchid Show



Visit one of our many galleries for art themed events



Watch headlining artists in Ballina's main street or other free venues during the Coastal Country Music Festival



Compete in the prawn shelling competition at the Ballina Prawn Festival



Indulge yourself at the Ballina Fine Wine & Food Festival



Celebrate the local surf culture and the flavours of the region at the Love Lennox Festival



Experience the thrill of a country racing carnival



Cheer to a spectacular rodeo in Alstonville



Take in a classic movie, live music or touring show at the Park Lane Theatre, Lennox Head



LOCAL FESTIVALS

I'm passionate about music so I love kicking back at the music festivals in my own backyard. My next favourite thing is food and our region has some of the highest quality local produce so I never miss the food and wine festivals and local weekly markets. There's a special vibe you get at all the local festivals and events that just makes you smile! I just love living in Paradise!

LOCAL TIP FROM SANDY STAR
Local Radio Announcer



BALLINA COASTAL COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Coastal Country Music Festival is a free event over the June long weekend

Mark the June long weekend on your calendar and book your accommodation now! This highly successful annual festival has attracted many country music fans to Ballina as well as providing locals with a signature event which they are proud to call their own.

Featuring over 30 artists, with Tania Kernaghan and Brothers 3 as festival ambassadors in 2016, it's easy to see why the festival is so popular.

It will be a weekend full of fun for all the family including the iconic Great Duck Race on the beautiful Richmond River. Added to

this at least seven venues will be hosting free entertainment, a Street Stage will be providing headline and favourite artists.

Food and market stalls will be in abundance. Here you will find buskers galore. Held throughout venues across the town centre of Ballina.

The 2016 Coastal Country Music Festival dates are Friday 10 June through until Sunday 12 June inclusive. Get set to rock at this free event.

A Community Project of the Rotary Club of Ballina
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ballinacountrymusic.com



CALENDAR of EVENTS

Listed here is just a sample of what's on.
For more information on the dates, venue and activities on offer check out our website at discoverballina.com

► JANUARY

Australia Day Celebrations Lennox Head
Show & Shine North Coast Street Machines Ballina
The Great Eastern Fly In Evans Head
Festival of the Fish & Chips Brunswick Heads

► FEBRUARY

Alstonville Rodeo Alstonville

► MARCH

Blues, Brews & BBQ Grafton
Alstonville Wollongbar Fun Run Challenge
Alstonville–Wollongbar
Byron Bay Bluesfest Tyagarah
Maclean Highland Gathering Maclean

► APRIL

Carnivale Italiano Nimbin
Crankfest Evans Head
Anzac Day Celebrations All regions
Mardi Grass Nimbin

► MAY

Billy Cart Derby Bangalow
Beef Meets Reef Evans Head
Rotary Antiques & Collectables Fair
Alstonville–Wollongbar
Mothers Day Classic Ballina
Our Kids Family Day Out Ballina
Ballina Orchid Show Ballina
Beef Week Casino
Lismore Gemfest Lismore
Byron Bay Ocean Swim Classic Byron Bay
Byron Bay Triathlon Byron Bay
Ballina Coastal Charity Walk Ballina

► JUNE

Love Lennox Festival Lennox Head
Ballina Coastal Country Music Festival Ballina
Lantern Parade Lismore
Cooly Rocks On Festival Tweed Heads
Primex Field Days Casino
Old & Gold Festival Brunswick Heads



► JULY

Skullcandy Oz Grom Surf Festival Lennox Head
Ballina Fine Wine & Food Festival Ballina
Evans Head Fishing Classic Evans Head
Naidoc Week All regions
4WD Camping, Caravan & Marine Show Lismore
Splendour in the Grass Byron Bay
Brunswick Hot Rod Show Brunswick Heads

► AUGUST

Lions Club Annual Fun Run Walk Ballina
Ballina Orchid Show Ballina
Byron Bay Writers Festival Byron Bay
Quota Club Annual Craft & Garden Fair Alstonville
Seafood Bowls Carnival Evans Head
Longboard Classic Lennox Head
Rainbow Region Dragon Boat Regatta Ballina
Tweed Valley Banana Festival Murwillimbah

► SEPTEMBER

Ballina Cup Day Ballina
Sample Food Festival Bangalow
Tyalgum Festival of Classical Music Tyalgum
North Coast Fishing Bonanza Ballina

► OCTOBER

Alstonville Agricultural Show Alstonville
Byron Bay International Film Festival Byron Bay
Byron Bay Lighthouse Run Byron Bay
North Coast National Show Lismore
Jacaranda Festival Grafton
Evans Head Longboard Classic Evans Head

► NOVEMBER

Ballina Prawn Festival Ballina
Fair Go Skateboarding Competition Ballina
Relay for Life Ballina
Bangalow Show Bangalow
Tweed River Festival Tweed Heads
Mullum Music Festival Mullumbimby
Murwillumbah Show Murwillumbah
Yamba Rod Run Yamba

► DECEMBER

Boxing Day Races Ballina
Carols Night Lennox Head
Carols Night Ballina
Summerland Series Ballina
Tropical Fruits New Year's Eve Party Lismore
New Year's Eve Family Festival Alstonville
The Falls Music & Art Festival Byron Bay

SKATE COMP



Grab the kids and your skate gear and get along to one of the region's skate parks in Ballina or Lennox Head to practice for the Fair Go Skateboarding Competition held each November as part of the Ballina Prawn Festival.

SHOPPING AROUND *the* REGION



YOUR VISIT WILL BE
COMPLETE WITH SOME
RETAIL THERAPY IN OUR
ECLECTIC MIX OF UNIQUE AND
LOCALLY OPERATED STORES



must do



Invest in the latest trendy streetwear from **BTown Collective** in both Lennox Head and Ballina



Grab a quick bite to eat and catch the latest movies all at the convenient location of Ballina Fair



Visit Alstonville's federation style Main Street for curios and collectables



Pick up a new bikini from one of the regions surf stores





RETAIL THERAPY

Ballina's River Street precinct is a delightful blend of unique shops, boutiques, cafes and delis. The Ballina Fair Shopping Centre offers fantastic variety with over 50 specialty stores in air conditioned comfort all on a single level, with undercover parking onsite and outdoor undercover dining piazza.

For the latest fashion, the friendly staff at B Town Collective in Ballina's River Street or Ballina Street Lennox Head will help you find something you feel good about from their extensive range of local and morally ethical brands.

Lennox Head also offers a colourful mix of independent boutiques and stores with a strong café culture. While up on the plateau, Alstonville boasts collectables, jewellery and locally owned clothing and knick knack stores plus fabulous eateries. Newrybar is home to a trendy label fashion store and a treasure trove of curiosities.





MARKET CALENDAR

THE PLATEAU MARKET	<i>2nd Sunday</i>	Alstonville Showgrounds
ALSTONVILLE FARMERS MARKET	<i>Every Sat (8am - 12pm)</i>	Bugden Lane Carpark
BALLINA	<i>3rd Sunday</i>	Canal Road
BALLINA FARMERS MARKET	<i>Every Sun (6am - 12pm)</i>	Missingham Park
BANGALOW	<i>4th Sunday</i>	Bangalow Showground
BANGALOW FARMERS MARKET	<i>every Saturday (7 - 11am)</i>	Behind Bangalow Pub
BRUNSWICK HEADS	<i>1st Saturday (7:30am - 2pm)</i>	Memorial Park
BYRON BAY	<i>1st Sunday (8am - 2pm)</i>	Butler Street Reserve
BYRON FLEA MARKET	<i>2nd Saturday</i>	Gilmore Crescent
BYRON FARMERS MARKETS	<i>Every Thurs (8 - 11am)</i>	Butler St Reserve
CORAKI RIVERSIDE MARKET	<i>3rd Saturday</i>	Riverside Park
EVANS HEAD	<i>4th Saturday</i>	Park St Recreation Reserve
KYOGLE	<i>2nd Saturday</i>	Kyogle Memorial Hall
KYOGLE FARMERS MARKETS	<i>Every Sat (8am - 12pm)</i>	Stratheden Street
KYOGLE BAZAAR MARKET	<i>4th Sunday (8am - 2pm)</i>	Anzac Drive Amphitheatre
LENNOX HEAD	<i>2nd & 5th Sunday</i>	Williams Reserve
LISMORE CAR BOOT	<i>1st & 3rd Sunday</i>	Lismore Shopping Square
LISMORE FARMERS MARKET	<i>Every Sat (8 - 12pm)</i>	Lismore Showground
LISMORE HANDMADE MARKET	<i>1st Saturday</i>	Northern Rivers Conservatorium
LISMORE ORGANIC MARKET	<i>Every Tues (7 - 11am)</i>	Lismore Showground
LISMORE PRODUCE MARKET	<i>Every Thursday (3:30 - 7pm)</i>	Magellan Street
MULLUMBIMBY	<i>3rd Saturday</i>	Stuart Street
MULLUMBIMBY FARMERS MARKET	<i>Every Friday (7 - 11am)</i>	Mullumbimby Showground
MURWILLUMBAH	<i>4th Sunday</i>	Murwillumbah Showground
NIMBIN	<i>4th & 5th Sunday</i>	Community Centre
NIMBIN MARKET	<i>Every Wednesday (3 - 6pm)</i>	Next to Green Bank
NORTH COAST VILLAGE MARKET	<i>1st Sunday</i>	Cnr Crane & Cherry Streets, Ballina
RAINBOW REGION ORGANIC MARKET	<i>Every Tuesday (7 - 11am)</i>	Lismore Showground
THE CHANNON	<i>2nd Sunday</i>	Coronation Park
WOODBURN MARKET	<i>2nd Saturday</i>	Riverside Park

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- Thai on High



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Our attractions and accommodation properties have some fantastic dining options as well. Enjoy a meal at **Thursday Plantation** while you learn the history of tea tree production. The **Macadamia Castle** will fill up the entire family. Enjoy the famous pancakes or the casual and delicious food, or purchase local fine food from the gift shop.

All meals at **The Lotus Café**, set within Crystal Castle, are garnished with edible flowers. Feed the alpacas and then feed the family at **Amaze n Place** with their selection of gourmet salads, divine desserts and great coffee. All far too delicious to share!

FRESH LOCAL PRODUCE

The Ballina Coast & Hinterland is renowned for macadamia nuts, coffee, dairy products, beef, bush tucker, bananas and much more. Some of the region's finest dining establishments offer gourmet cuisine using the freshest produce sourced locally from across the Northern Rivers.

Ballina is synonymous with fresh local seafood just as fresh and delicious as you can reel in yourself. Indulge in today's catch from one of the fresh seafood outlets or one of the great takeaway stores dotted along the coast.

Northern Rivers Seafood, on the River Street entrance to the town of Ballina, is a favourite with locals. Here you will find a mix of fresh local and imported seafood and they will cook it to perfection for you while you wait.

Learn more about our region's produce at **Summerland House Farm**, a working macadamia and avocado property set in the hills of the Alstonville plateau. The onsite grocer is stocked full of regional artisan products while the



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WINING and DINING

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Their staff has superior food and wine knowledge and have developed a striking wine list. All this is matched with exceptional service. The restaurant also offers an affordable degustation experience. It's a must do Northern Rivers' food experience!

Watch the sunset from one of the eateries on the banks of the Richmond River. At **The Point Café, Bar & Restaurant** located under the Ramada Hotel & Suites you can sip on a cocktail and enjoy a scrumptious local feast. Happy Hour here is always made a little happier if the dolphins put on a show while you are watching the sun setting over the glistening Richmond River.

For delicious Italian food bursting with flavour and an extensive menu **La Cucina Di Vino** is a popular choice amongst locals. The friendly staff provide efficient service and the wine list matches the great food. This restaurant is located in the Ramada precinct.

Enjoy uninterrupted river views and a tantalising meal by award winning chef Blake Seymour at the **Ballina RSL Club**. The Club is a blend of restaurant, brasserie and bistro ... all rolled into one with a vast selection of culinary treats from gourmet cuisine to wholesome and hearty family favourites and lots of fresh, delicious and affordable choices. That's not all that's on offer; the Club often has some of the best entertainment acts to travel through this region.

The **Cherry Street Sports Club** has alfresco facilities and a coffee shop with affordable dining for the whole family. The outdoor playground will keep the kids entertained while the young at heart can enjoy barefoot bowls on the green or some of the many activities on offer.

The **Asian Green Restaurant** elegantly resides within the **Ballina Golf & Sports Club** and offers spectacular views overlooking the beautiful greens and gardens.



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Flours Restaurant, within Comfort Inn All Seasons Motel, serves modern European cuisine and offers a cocktail lounge. While the restaurant located within **Ballina Island Motor Inn** offers superb seafood dishes and decadent desserts with views over the pool. Watch this space as the new management have fantastic plans to turn this into a foodie haven. Both properties also cater for conferences, special events and weddings or intimate dinners.

If dining in historic buildings tickles your tastebuds, then prepare to savour the flavour at **Ballina Manor's Restaurant, BMR on Norton** and eat in the dining room of the old girls boarding school.



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For more historic venues head north to the village of Newrybar and discover Australia's oldest bakery. The old bakery is located behind the café which is set in an early 1900s cottage. This award winning restaurant called **Harvest** now also includes a cafe, function space and a gourmet deli all serving fresh local and organic produce. This is well worth a day trip to indulge, especially on weekends when Sourdough Saturday and Sourdough Sunday deliver a mouth-watering spread of pastries fresh out of the historic, wood fired oven. Enjoy scrumptious goodies such as salted caramel doughnuts, baguettes and all kinds of other treats.

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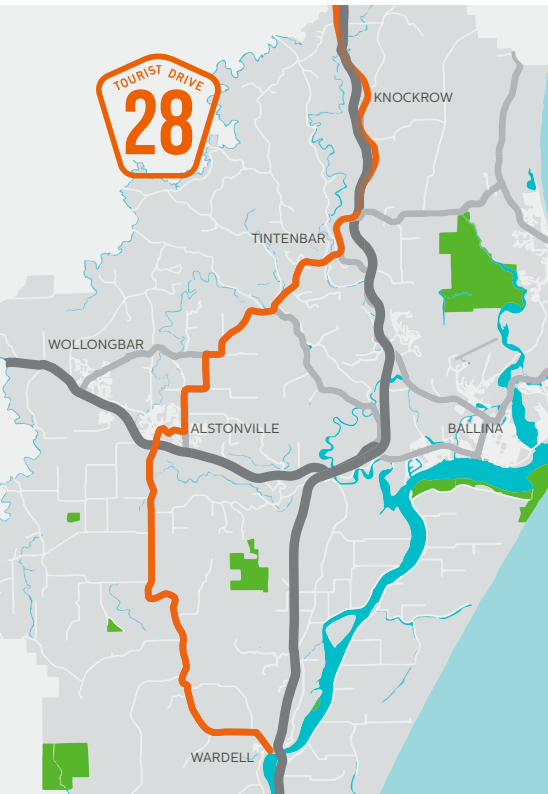


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25 Norton Street, Ballina
- ▶ **Ballina Naval & Maritime Museum**
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- ▶ **Ballina Waterfront Heritage Trail**
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- ▶ **Missingham Skate Park**
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- ▶ **Richmond River** Ballina
- ▶ **North Wall** Lighthouse Parade, Ballina
- ▶ **Lighthouse Beach** Compton Drive, Ballina
- ▶ **Shelly Beach** Shelly Beach Road, Ballina
- ▶ **Flat Rock** Flat Rock Road, Ballina
- ▶ **Pat Morton Lookout**
The Coast Road, Lennox Head
- ▶ **Cape Byron Marine Park** Lennox Head
- ▶ **Lennox Head Town Centre**
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Flat Rock Tent Park, between Ballina and Lennox Head enjoys a secluded beach front location, and offers unpowered sites only. The park has a kiosk and an amenities block. Flat Rock is part of the National Surf Reserve which stretches north to Lennox Head and was dedicated for its instrumental development of surf culture.



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North Coast Holiday Parks Ballina Central

opposite the Richmond River, has easy access to a boat ramp, fish cleaning table and is a leisurely stroll into town. The park itself has a dump point and camp kitchen. This park is the closest to Ballina's main street.

North Coast Holiday Parks Lake Ainsworth has a range of cabins, powered and unpowered sites and is right across from the banks of Lake Ainsworth, and just across the road from Seven Mile Beach. The park has a modern camp kitchen and dump point onsite. It's within an easy stroll to the cosmopolitan main street of Lennox.

North Coast Holiday Parks Shaws Bay, on the north side of Missingham Bridge, is right on the rivers' edge and has cabins, unpowered and powered sites perfect for families or couples with its great access to the shared paths and cycleways network and is walking distance to Lighthouse Beach.



Ballina Lakeside Holiday Park



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Ramada Hotel & Suites, Ballina's newest property, has 115 stylish rooms, stunning views of the Richmond River, and conference facilities. The Point Restaurant and Bar caters for all meals and is a great spot for watching the sunset each afternoon.



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Comfort Inn All Seasons is centrally located along Ballina's River Street and is walking distance to the town's many attractions. Family rooms | executive rooms | spa suites | standard rooms with king or queen beds | resort style pool | guest laundry | bbq's | wireless broadband | Austar | airconditioned rooms | conference & function facilities.

301 River Street, Ballina NSW Australia
E reservations@ballinacomfortinn.com
T 02 6686 2922
comfortinnballina.com



MOTELS *and* LODGES

At the quiet end of town and with easy access to shops and attractions **Avlon Gardens Motel** offers spacious deluxe, executive spa and family units perfect for families or couples.

The **Comfort Inn All Seasons** offers 4-star motel accommodation with an in-house restaurant, called Fleurs, renowned with the locals. They also have onsite conference facilities.

Santa Fe Motel & Holiday Units offers comfortable accommodation and friendly, old fashioned service in Lennox Head. It is a short stroll to Seven Mile Beach and walking distance to the shops, eateries and recreational activities of Lennox Head.

Set on over two acres surrounded by coastal rainforest, rugged cliffs and pristine beaches, **Dunes on Shelly Beach** caters for all occasions.



BALLINA WATERFRONT VILLAGE

Four star riverfront park

Ballina Waterfront Village & Tourist Park provides powered sites, a dump point, onsite cabins (linen provided), a pool, BBQ, camp kitchen, laundry with exceptionally clean and well maintained amenities. All sites have sullage, sewerage, power, town water and can accommodate large vans and RV's. Adjacent to the park is a boat ramp. Enjoy the position along the river banks.

586 River Street, Ballina NSW Australia
T 02 6686 2984 M 0411 461 212
E ballinawaterfront@gmail.com.au



DUNES ON SHELLY BEACH

Conferences Retreats Weddings

Situated on a headland overlooking Angel's and Shelly Beaches, Dunes on Shelly Beach is a popular venue for all your conference, camp and retreat needs. We also specialise in weddings. Stunning views, privacy and a variety of menu options make this venue an easy choice. Accommodation onsite. An easy stroll to the beach via picturesque access tracks.

70 Shelly Beach Road, East Ballina, NSW
E enquiries@dunesonshelly.com.au
T 02 6686 9014
dunesonshelly.com.au



HINTERLAND HIDEAWAYS

In the heart of the hinterland **Eltham Hotel** offers four spacious guest rooms each with a queen bed and private ensuite. The rooms face onto the pub's front veranda, where you can admire the country views from the second story.

Relax in picturesque surroundings at **Pines on the Plateau**, it's the perfect place for a romantic getaway. Located in a beautiful rural setting high on the hinterland plateau, the property contains two beautifully appointed self-contained lodges offering total privacy for that well deserved escape. Indulge and relax from the private verandas which offer stunning panoramic views over the lush subtropical gardens and enjoy the delights of the breakfast hamper delivered to your lodge.

Horse lovers will treasure **Tassiriki Ranch Holiday Cabins** at South Ballina Beach. This is the perfect place to enjoy an escape with your horse or the Ranch's horses. There's parking for floats, also ask about leaving your horse for longer if you're looking to travel further afield.

Stay at the **Macadamia Castle Keeper's Cottage** and the kids will have a ball. The cottage has a front lawn, outdoor seating and, during operating hours, you can venture into the park from the cottage gate.



Make the most of your stay, call 1800 777 666 or visit discoverballina.com



PINES ON THE PLATEAU

Spectacular hinterland views

Located in a private, peaceful rural setting

- ♥ Boutique property with 2 beautifully appointed self-contained lodges set in lush subtropical gardens.
- ♥ Panoramic rural views.
- ♥ Daily, weekly or extended stays.

Away from everyone...close to everything.

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Enjoy a great aussie
beach holiday at the
Ballina Beach Village

*Where whales and
dolphins come to play*

PET FRIENDLY YEAR ROUND

The Ballina Beach Village is pet friendly year round. Rules apply.

4WHEEL DRIVE BEACH ACCESS

No permit required – can drive 30kms to Evans Head.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

FAMILY FUN TIME

We are known for our fabulous family fun festival during school holidays and long weekends including Fluro Kidz Disco, fire dancers, African drumming, Kidz Klub, Kidz Party Zone, Magic Shows, Kidz Comedy shows, Reptile show, flying trapeze, circus school and much more.

CAFE, KIOSK, RESTAURANT

Everything you need right on site.

**3 LARGE AMENITIES BLOCKS, 2
LAUNDROMATS, LARGE CAMP KITCHEN,
BAIT, TACKLE, FISHING LICENCES, FISH
CLEANING TABLE, DUMP POINT.**

GROUP EVENTS OUR SPECIALITY

Whether you have a family reunion, fishing club, church group, soccer camp, yoga retreat, school camp or other wonderful event we can cater and accommodate you. Email our event manager on groups@ballinabeachvillage.com.au

FAMILY FUN

We are a family destination 1.5 hours from the Gold Coast and 2 hours from Brisbane. Bring your dog, your rod, grandma and grandpa too!

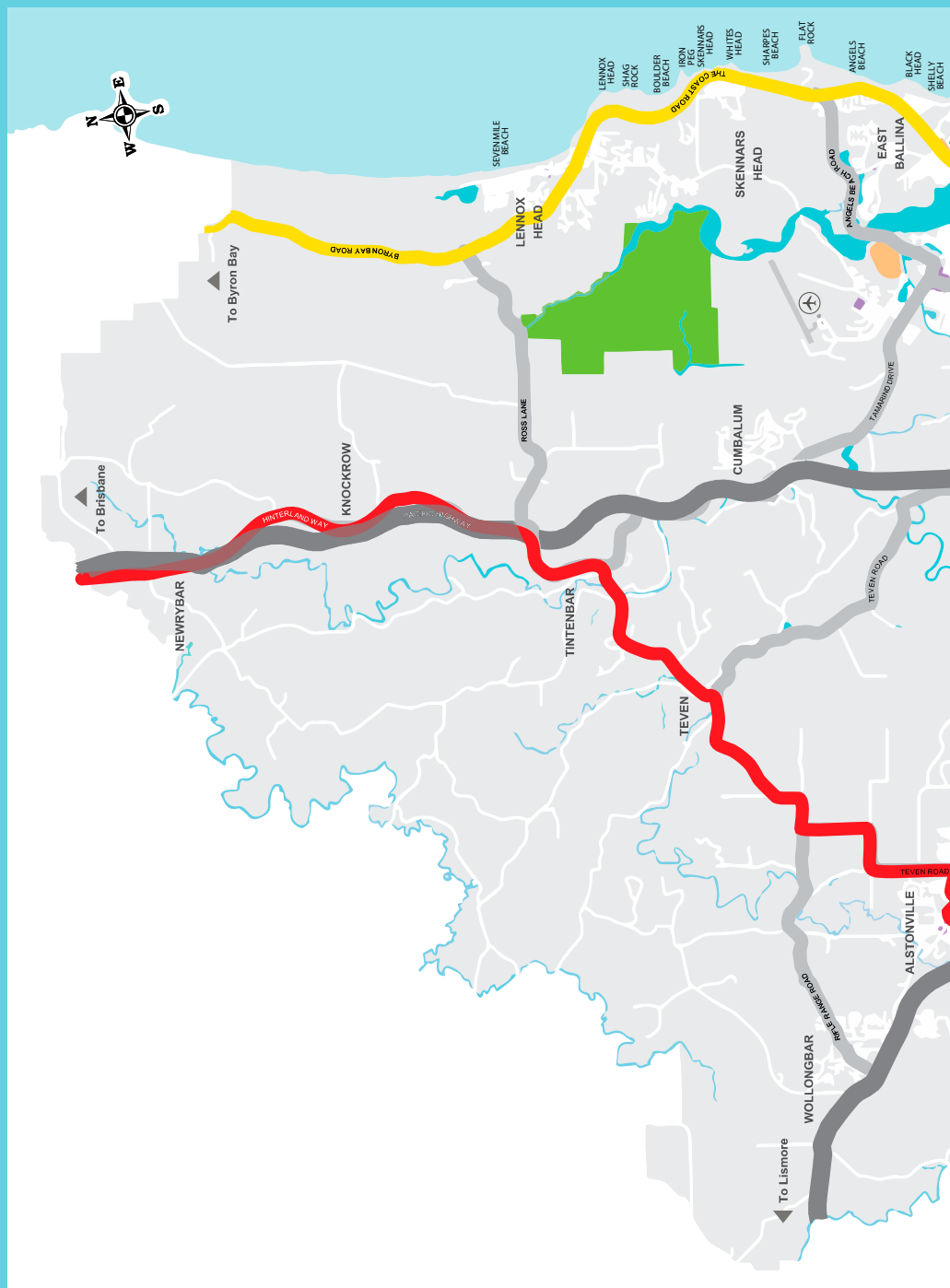


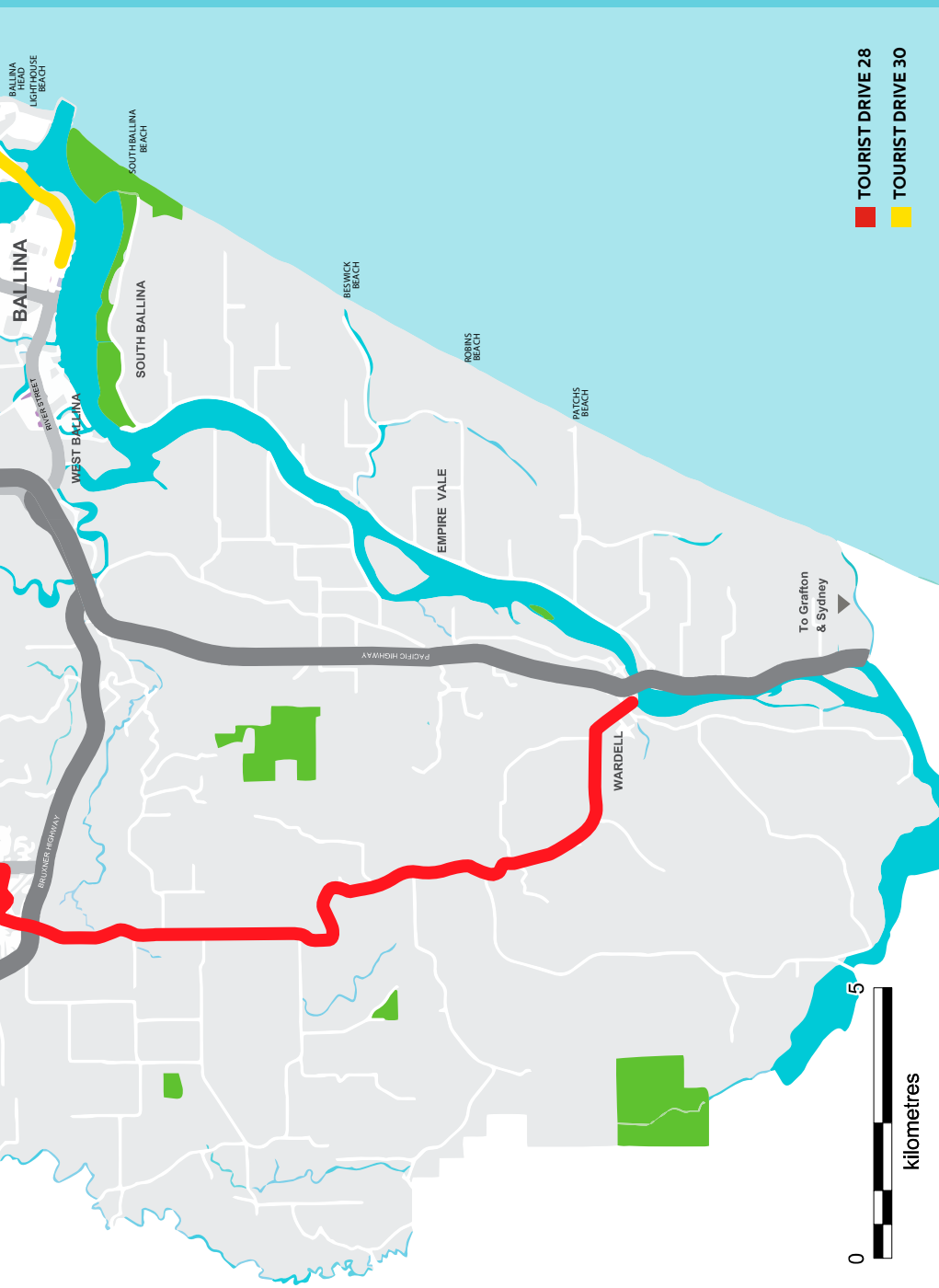
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TOWNS and VILLAGES

OUR SHIRE

There is no place in the world like the Ballina Coast & Hinterland. We are sometimes described as a region of villages; each with its own distinctive style and character. Here we have included the major towns and villages throughout the Ballina Coast & Hinterland. To assist with understanding the shire's geography, we have presented the information in this guide in a geographically clockwise order, beginning on the northern end of the coast at Lennox Head and travelling south to Ballina, South Ballina then inland to Wardell, up on the Plateau to Alstonville and Wollongbar and throughout the hinterland to Tintenbar, Knockrow, Newrybar and Byron Bay.

POPULATION STATISTICS	
Alstonville	5835
Ballina	8612
Lennox Head	6651
Other Ballina Shire	20 906
TOTAL	42 004

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016





























	Mean Min Temp (°C)	Mean Max Temp (°C)	Mean Rain Fall (mm)	Mean No. Days Rain
Jan	28.2	19.7	182.3	10.8
Feb	27.9	19.5	204.3	12.3
Mar	27.0	18.2	209.7	14.0
Apr	24.9	15.3	194.6	12.0
May	22.4	12.1	168.4	11.8
Jun	20.3	12.1	195.3	10.4
Jul	19.9	8.6	117.4	9.1
Aug	21.3	8.8	83.9	7.2
Sep	23.5	11.4	62.4	6.1
Oct	24.9	14.0	97.0	8.6
Nov	26.2	16.5	125.1	9.8
Dec	27.4	18.2	138.3	9.8
Annual			1769.0	121.9

Source: Bureau of Meteorology 2016



MAPS LEGEND

This legend applies to all maps on the subsequent pages.

 MEDICAL CENTRE	 PLACE OF WORSHIP	 BOWLING CLUB
 INFORMATION	 PUBLIC HALL	 GALLERY
 POST OFFICE	 PUBLIC LIBRARY	 BOAT RAMP
 SWIMMING POOL	 EMERGENCY	 THE BIG PRAWN
 AIRPORT	 POLICE	 NATIONAL PARK
 GOLF COURSE	 VEHICLE FERRY	 SHOPPING PRECINCT
 MUSEUM	 CEMETERY	 MARINA
 TRAFFIC LIGHTS	 PATROLLED BEACHES	 BALLINA RACECOURSE
 LOOKOUT	 PICNIC AREA	 CARAVAN & CAMPING GROUNDS
 ROUNDABOUT		

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LENNOX HEAD

Laid-back Lennox Head is a leisurely and very scenic 12 minute drive north of Ballina. It's a mecca among surfers for its famous right hand break called Lennox Point; one of the top ten surf breaks in Australia. Along the main street of Lennox you'll find boutiques, galleries, funky cafés and gourmet restaurants and just down the road, the tea-tree stained fresh water of Lake Ainsworth.

Lennox Headland also offers a beachfront paved pathway from the township of Lennox Head and a coastal walking track to the southern beaches from Pat Morton Lookout. Enjoy the elevated panoramic views over the township and beyond to Cape Byron. Here you can learn more about the Lennox Head National Surf Reserve, dedicated for the quality waves which were inspirational to the development of modern surfing and equipment. This surf reserve stretches from Flat Rock in the south to the Lennox Head/Alstonville Surf Club in the north.

LAKE AINSWORTH



Plunge into the therapeutic tea tree infused waters of Lake Ainsworth; it is an exhilarating experience to swim between the salty ocean and the fresh water lake. Come at sunrise or sunset for the added ambience when the water glistens. The lake is located at the northern end of Pacific Parade and is complimented with wonderful barbeque and picnic facilities. The calm waters make it a great swimming spot for all ages and perfect for kayaking, paddling, sailing or simply just relaxing.

LOCAL TIP FROM ANDREW BLAIN
Radio Presenter, 101.9 Paradise FM

must do



Surf the famous right hand point break, Lennox Point



Plunge into the therapeutic waters of Lake Ainsworth



Cycle the scenic path to Lennox Headland



Throw a frisbee in one of the beachfront parks or playgrounds



Watch hang and paragliders cruising above Pat Morton Lookout



Kick back and enjoy a locally made ice-cream overlooking Seven Mile Beach



Keep active at the Lennox Skate Park



Enjoy activities and events at the Lennox Community Centre and Park Lane Theatre



Take the self-guided Lennox Head Heritage Trail to explore Lennox's history



From the northern end of Camp Drewe Road in Lennox Head take a stroll through the coastal heath



BALLINA

Centred on an island, at the mouth of the Richmond River lies Ballina, the commercial and cultural heart of the area. Ballina has a rich naval and maritime history and was also an important settlement along the Richmond River for cedar getters. Today Ballina is a bustling centre where you can enjoy all the modern conveniences of a cosmopolitan town, plus escape to the beach or river.

Admire the outdoor public art along the riverfront where you will find sculpture works by locals Joe Stark and Frank Miles. On the Lance Ferris Wharf rests a pelican sculpture by Frank Miles which was created in memory of the late Lance Ferris, founder of Australian Sea Bird Rescue.



BALLINA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Unique local gifts and souvenirs

Your special someone deserves a unique local gift. With a great range of souvenirs, local produce, arts and crafts the Ballina Visitor Information Centre is a must visit for stocking up on souvenirs, gifts and hampers. Choose from indulgent local gift ware, natural cosmetics, handmade craftware, jewellery and scrumptious gourmet produce. Gift hampers can be made to order. Open 9am until 5pm | 7 days a week.

6 River Street, Ballina NSW Australia
 T 1800 777 666
 E balinfo@ballina.nsw.gov.au
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CYCLE PATHS

Ballina has a good network of cycle paths. Enjoy the mostly flat 11.5 km Ballina Loop with great views over the river, ocean and creek. There are plenty of great cafés to stop for a breather or treat yourself to an ice-cream along the riverfront while you spot dolphins.

LOCAL TIP FROM PAULINE BIRCH
Volunteer Airport Ambassador



must do



Have your photo taken with the Big Prawn



Float your boat from one of Ballina's boat ramps



Enjoy a Devonshire Tea aboard a river cruise



Try a round of subtropical golf



Grab a copy of the Paddlers Guide to NSW from the Visitor Information Centre and explore the waterways



Enjoy a coffee and discover amazing local art at the Northern Rivers Community Gallery



Shop until you cannot carry anymore in the air-conditioned comfort of the Ballina Fair Shopping Centre



Take a ferry (in your car!) to South Ballina Beach



Explore our history at the Maritime Museum



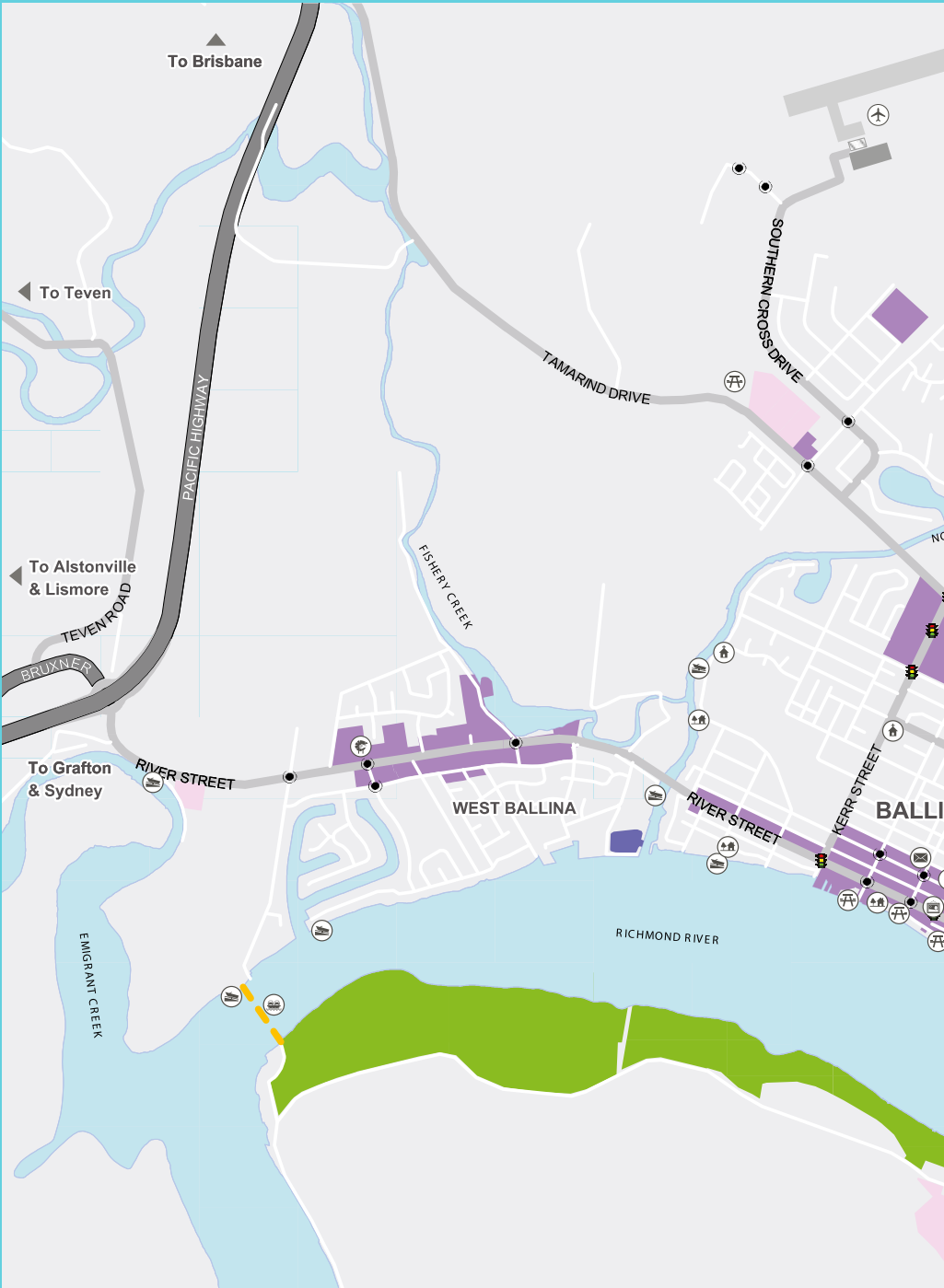
Stock up on fresh seafood and pick your picnic possie along the riverfront



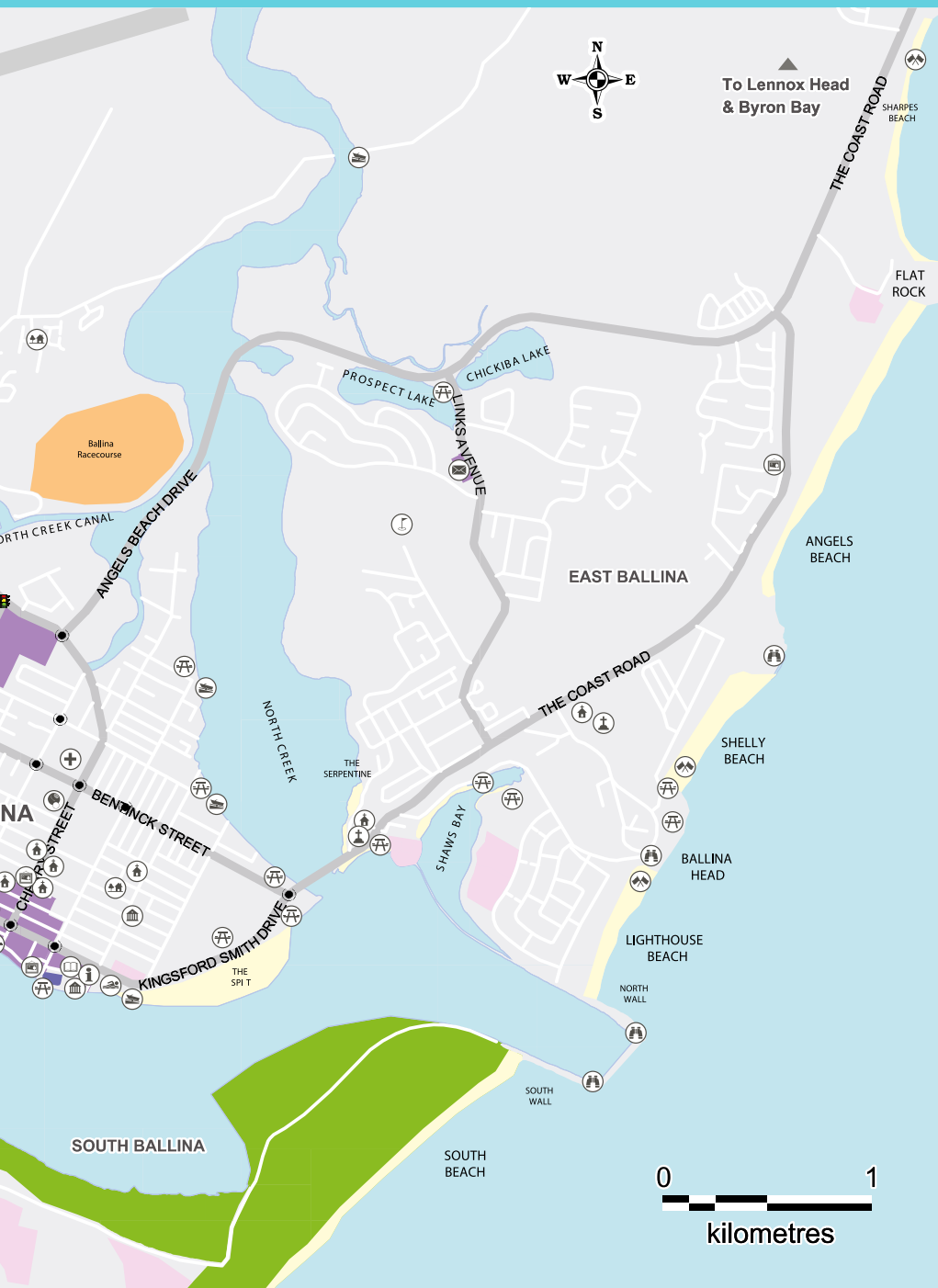
Try out the region's competition size skate park at Missingham Park



Have a game of disc golf at the nine basket course in Bicentennial Gardens



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SOUTH BALLINA

South Ballina is well worth a visit for a true breath of fresh air!

Take the picturesque journey on-board the Burns Point vehicle Ferry across the Richmond River between Ballina and South Ballina via Burns Point Ferry Road (small fees apply) to explore the serenity that South Ballina and the Richmond River Nature Reserve offers. Near the mouth of the Richmond River, Mobbs Bay is a deep indentation in the south bank, protected by the South Ballina break wall. This is a great spot for bird watching with the reserve containing mangrove, saltmarsh, coastal heath, paperbark swamp and littoral rainforest elements. It's home to many species of birds including the pied oyster catcher.

Stroll the South Ballina break wall and admire the view back over Ballina Island to the north.

Fishing at South Ballina is another popular past time with two informal dirt boat ramps at Mobbs Bay providing access to the Richmond River. Please note commercial fishing within the reserve is prohibited.

Four wheel drive enthusiasts can access the stretch of coastline and drive south towards Evans Head from South Ballina Beach Road or Patches Beach Road (no permit required contact Crown Lands Division for further information 1300 886 235).

Tassiriki Ranch offers escorted beach horse riding on the vast expanse of South Ballina Beach where you can ride right beside the glistening ocean. It's the stuff postcards are made of!

South Ballina offers many recreational opportunities (including kayaking). Stay in a campground or cabin and grab a bite to eat from the South Ballina Beach Kiosk.



SOUTH BOUND

Stop in at Empire Vale (a locality at South Ballina) where I recommend mailing a postcard from Australia's smallest post office situated right by the river bank. Here at Empire Vale, make lasting memories with a horse ride along the secluded South Ballina beach.

LOCAL TIP FROM MICHAEL MOYE
Volunteer Airport Ambassador



TASSIRIKI RANCH BEACH HORSE RIDING & HOLIDAY CABINS

An experience of a lifetime

Horse lovers will treasure Tassiriki Ranch Beach Horse Riding & Holiday Cabins at South Ballina. All rider abilities are catered for with rides alongside the ocean. It's relaxed, peaceful, romantic and full of fun! The Ranch allows horses & owners to share a holiday and there's parking for floats as you can even bring your own horse.

249 Moylans Lane, Empire Vale NSW
E sales@tassirikiranch.com.au
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beachhorseriding.com.au







BLACKWALL BUGLE

The Blackwall Bugle is a bi-monthly e-publication produced by the Wardell community. It features all the latest information on local events plus interesting local stories and historical articles.

To download the latest edition simply Google 'Blackwall Bugle' in your favourite web browser.

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WARDELL

Upstream on the Richmond River, the river village of Wardell is a great place to get off the highway and begin a scenic drive. The quaint leafy main street of Wardell, Richmond Street, offers essential services including a pub and takeaway store with sweet and savoury bulging top pies plus a fashion and beauty store. The village also has a park, tennis courts, playgrounds, boat ramps, jetty with wharf, nursery, sport and recreation centre and a golf course.

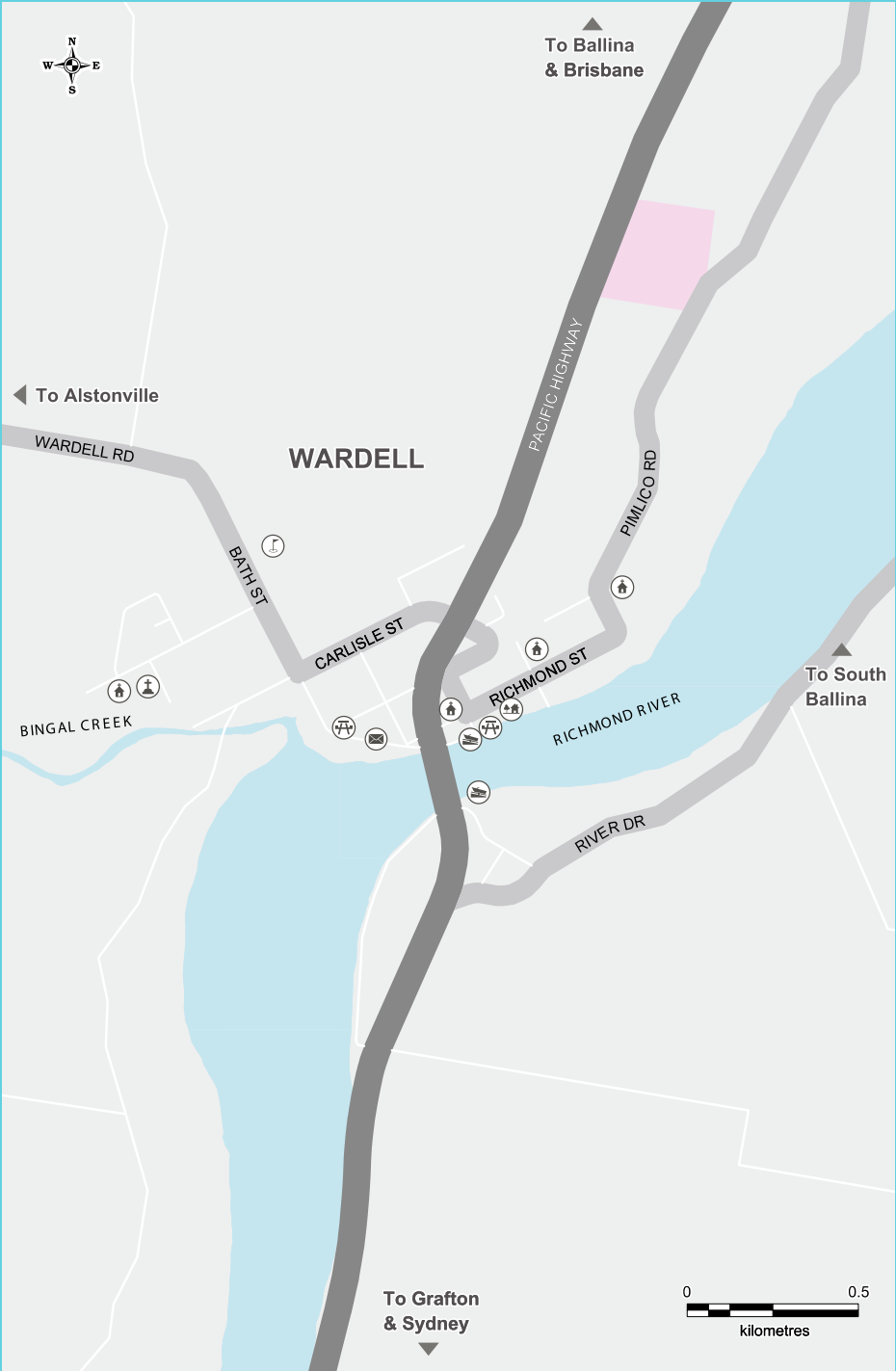
Wardell is now split by the Pacific Highway and the river. Wardell is known for its landmark lift span bridge which was built to allow access for the ferries and barges that were used to transport Australian red cedar and sugar cane throughout the 1800s.

In its heyday and extending through to the first 100 years after settlement, the Richmond River was an important transport route for the region. The settlement became an important sawmilling centre for the timber industry and later for sugar cane milling. In the 1850's the cedar-getter's settlement was known as Blackwall which was established as a river port on the Richmond River. Bingall Creek was another of the former names for Wardell.

The small village boasts a number of heritage listed timber buildings dating from the closing of the heyday of the timber industry. Buildings include Mayley House (1910), Wardell Police Station (1898), Post Office (1927), Uniting Church (1905) Catholic Convent (1912), Presbytery (1904), and the 'little [convent] school' (1913) and other twentieth century constructions.



Download a copy of *Wardell Walkabout* before you leave home from discoverballina.com



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ALSTONVILLE and WOLLONGBAR 'THE PLATEAU'



The Plateau, as it's locally known, makes for a great day trip and the opportunity to explore the lush hinterland with green rolling hills and grazing pastures.

ALSTONVILLE

Fourteen kilometres inland of Ballina, Alstonville is a great spot for curio hunters and culture buffs with its historic buildings, classic Australian federation architecture, antique shops, boutique stores, galleries, cafés and much more.

Throughout the surrounding plateau are subtropical parks and gardens with the iconic Tibouchina blossoms showing their brilliant display of violet purple flowers in late summer and autumn.

Alstonville's historic Crawford House was built in 1910 for William Ambrose Crawford and his bride Olive. Today it's the home of the Alstonville Plateau Historical Society Archive and Museum and is open Fridays from 10am-4pm, Sundays 1-4pm or by appointment by calling 02 6628 1829. It is heritage listed by the National Trust and Ballina Shire Council and is part of the Alstonville Heritage Walk that takes

in a number of heritage listed buildings including the (old) Post Office (1888), the Alstonville Police Station (1903), the old Butter Factory (1900), the Federal Hotel (1901), St Bartholomew's Anglican Church (1915) and the former Bank of New South Wales (1923).

WOLLONGBAR

Wollongbar is a peaceful village surrounded by rich farmlands. With its sub-tropical climate, Wollongbar is renowned for its variety of fruits, rolling hills and stunning landscape.

Located just off the Bruxner Highway, Wollongbar features a small shopping complex and tavern. Wollongbar is also home to the award winning TAFE Nightcap Restaurant, a training facility for aspiring chefs.



Download a copy of the *Alstonville Heritage Trail* from discoverballina.com



CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

In 2015 Alstonville celebrated 150 years since the first European settlement; the area was chosen for its wealth of big red cedar trees and rich red soils for farming.

LOCAL TIP FROM JAN AITKEN
Volunteer Tourism Ambassador



ALSTONVILLE WOLLONGBAR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Take a scenic drive to the hinterland to discover Alstonville & Wollongbar.

Visit picturesque Alstonville, known as the historic town on the Plateau, and Wollongbar, known as the friendly town on the Plateau.

Nestled above Ballina, bordered by macadamia plantations with lush green rolling hills and other fruit orchards, the Plateau offers amazing views.

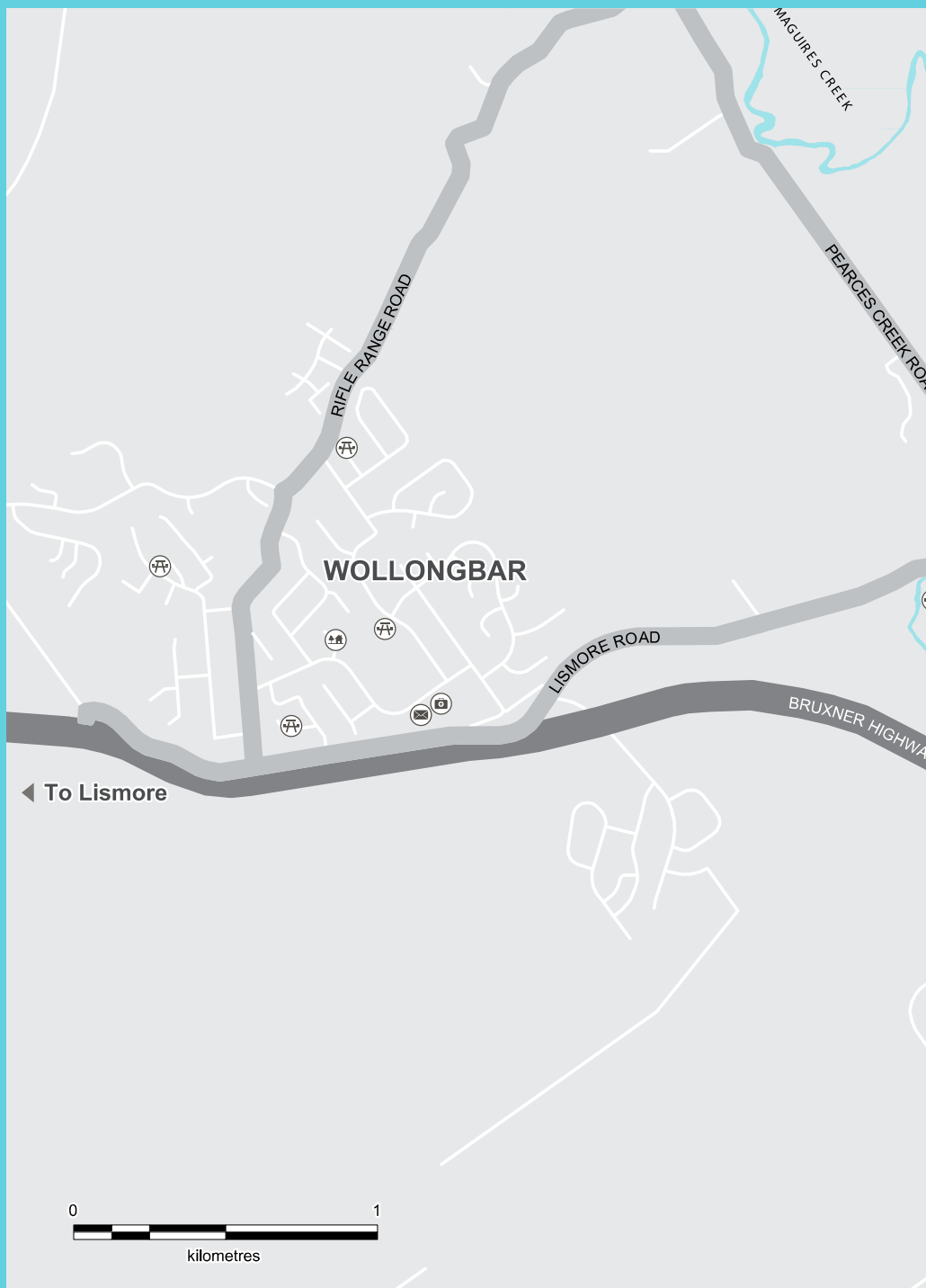
These two villages have so much to offer. You will fall in love with the heritage, quaint cafes, eateries, unique shopping experience and friendly faces.

Alstonville's Main Street is lined with independently operated stores and boutiques and has excellent choice.

Located just off the Bruxner Highway, Wollongbar features a small shopping complex and tavern. There is always something to do up on the Plateau!

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alstonvillewollongbar.com.au





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VILLAGE LIFE

Affectionately known as the Hinterland, the villages surrounding Ballina provide the opportunity to meander peaceful country roads and fill your picnic basket with fresh local delights direct from the farm gate stalls.

We enjoy rich, fertile farmlands and an idyllic climate, where our natural produce is second to none. This abundance is showcased in many of our award-winning cafés and restaurants. Dotted throughout the hinterland you will also find great general stores and quirky antique shops to pop into and say hello to the friendly, welcoming locals.

A quaint little hamlet nestled in the hinterland north west of Lennox Head, Newrybar is home to the historic, and Australia's oldest, bakery, which incorporates an award-winning eatery. Next door houses a glorious deli filled with delicious treats, while across the road you'll find endless treasures at the antique store with the adage "old is beautiful". Also don't miss the quirky, new collective store of local creatives who have set up shop across the road from **Harvest**.

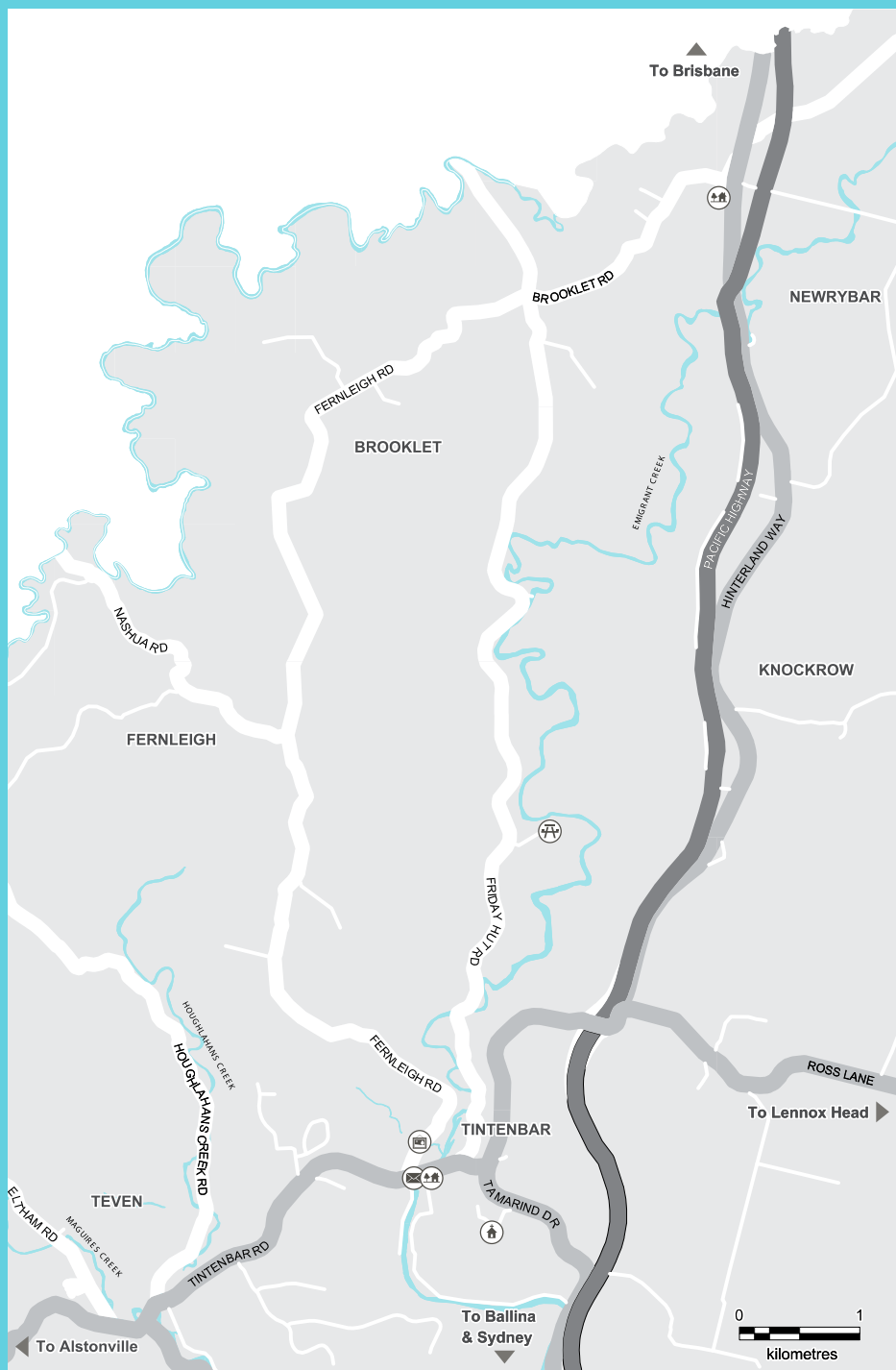
Another great outing, just south of Newrybar is Knockrow; home to **The Macadamia Castle**. Kids and adults alike love stopping in at the Castle for hot roasted macadamia nuts, pancakes, coffee, gifts and of course the animal park with all of its activities. *Refer to page 2 for more information.*

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FRIDAY HUT ROAD

Take a scenic drive along Friday Hut Road and pick up fresh produce from the farm gate stalls. Stop in at Killen Falls to enjoy a rainforest walk and a picnic near the waterfall. Please note swimming is prohibited at Killen Falls.





DRIVING *and* FLIGHT TIMES

► FLYING TIMES TO BALLINA FROM...

Sydney	1 hr 15 mins
Melbourne	2 hrs
Newcastle	1 hr 20 mins

► KMS TO BALLINA FROM...

(measured from Ballina Visitor Information Centre, 6 River Street, Ballina)

Alstonville	14
Brisbane	187
Byron Bay	30
Coffs Harbour	211
Evans Head	39
Grafton	133
Lennox Head	11
Lismore	35
Maclean	90
Yamba	98
Melbourne (via Hume Highway)	1613
Murwillumbah	74
Newcastle	601
Nimbin	64
Surfers Paradise	117
Sydney	746
Tweed Heads	88
Coolangatta	90



ASK *a* LOCAL

Ask a local for inspiration on the Ballina Coast & Hinterland.


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Connect with the team at the Ballina Visitor Information Centre to keep up to date with local tourism news, hot deals, upcoming events and more!

Ballina Visitor Information Centre


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Open 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm

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Visitor Information Centre
80 Jonson Street,
Byron Bay
02 6680 8558
visitbyron.com

CASINO

Visitor Information Centre
86 Centre Street,
Casino
02 6662 3566
visitrichmondvalley.com.au

CLARENCE VALLEY

Visitor Information Centre
Cnr Spring Street & Pacific
Highway, South Grafton
and Pacific Hwy Maclean
02 6643 0800
myclarencevalley.com.au

LISMORE

Visitor Information Centre
Cnr Ballina Road & Molesworth
Street, Lismore
1300 369 795
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KYOGLE

Visitor Information Centre
Summerland Way, Kyogle
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MURWILLUMBAH

Visitor Information Centre
Alma Street & Tweed Valley Way,
Murwillumbah
02 6672 1340
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NIMBIN

Visitor Information Centre
46 Cullen Street,
Nimbin
02 6689 1388
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TWEED HEADS

Visitor Information Centre
Cnr Wharf & Bay Streets,
Tweed Heads
1800 674 414
destinationtweed.com.au