



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land, the Gumbaynggirr Nation, and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to the Gumbaynggirr Elders past, present and emerging.

The Gumbaynggirr people were traditionally known as the 'sharing people'. This is because the pristine rivers, plentiful oceans and lush forests of their country provided so much that they commonly shared food and resources with people of other Indigenous Nations.

As you visit the Coffs Coast and share in the natural bounty of the Gumbaynggirr lands, we encourage you to listen, learn and respect the culture of the First Nations people.

A STATEMENT FROM THE ELDERS

Giinagay Ngiinda *How are you?*

Yaam Ngaya Gumbaynggirr Ngulungginyay I am a Gumbaynggirr Elder

Yaam nganyundi wajaarr This is my country

Darruyagay, biyambaygu Gumbaynggirr wajarr So be happy in Gumbaynggirr Country

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The Coffs Coast has several Visitor Information Outlets across the region where you can connect face-to-face, pick up some brochures, and find local recommendations.

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NSW'S FIRST ECO DESTINATION



In 2021 the Coffs Coast was globally recognised as an ECO Destination... celebrated for its commitment to balancing sustainable practices, community support and cultural understanding with first-class, nature-based visitor experiences.

Awarded by Ecotourism Australia, our ECO Destination certification is more than a certificate. For visitors, it's a green tick of approval, giving peace of mind that your holiday is not only good for you, but good for the environment too. It takes the hard work out of finding authentic and sustainable ecotourism and nature-based experiences.

The Coffs Coast is geographically unique, being the only place in NSW where the Great Dividing Range meets the Pacific Ocean. The region is also home to the Solitary Islands Marine Park,

abundant in tropical and sub-tropical marine life, plentiful in nature reserves, rich in flora and fauna and boasting sites of great significance to the Gumbaynggirr People.

Jetty Dive Centre

As you discover all the beautiful corners of the Coffs Coast, please be mindful of conservation and preservation. By being a responsible traveller, you help keep the many pristine places we share intact for generations to come.

From beach to bush, hinterland to harbour, we invite you to connect deeply, tread lightly... and discover our place of plenty.

Explore Our Eco Champions

As well as being an ECO Destination with an abundance of things to do in the great outdoors, the Coffs Coast is home to ten Ecotourism Australia-certified champions – and several more will be certified in coming months.

By choosing one of these ECO certified businesess or locations for your next adventure in nature, you can rest assured your rich experiences are having minimal impact on the environment and you're getting the real deal!

Wajaana Yaam Gumbaynggirr Adventure Tours:

Stand-up paddleboard tours led by Indigenous guides with strong ties to Gumbaynggirr Country. Connect to country through language, food and story.

Bruxner Flora Reserve: Located in Orara East State
Forest, the centerpiece is Sealy Lookout with the majestic
Forest Sky Pier. The Gumgali track is an indigenous
interpretive walk down to Korora Lookout with
unparalleled views of the Solitary Islands Marine Park.

Coffs Coast Mountain Retreat: Adult only, pet-friendly, accessibility accommodation offering private, tranquil spaces to unwind. Relax and enjoy the simple pleasures of the natural surroundings (along with a few luxuries of course).

Jetty Dive Centre: Swim with whales, dive with sharks and discover the awe-inspring Solitary Islands Marine Park. Local dive and marine environment experts and genuine PADI diving courses enhance the experience.

North Coast Regional Botanic Garden: Natural bushland, exotic species, rainforest and more! A variety of habitats, parkland and glasshouse linked together with wheelchair-accessible paths, boardwalks and experienced guides.

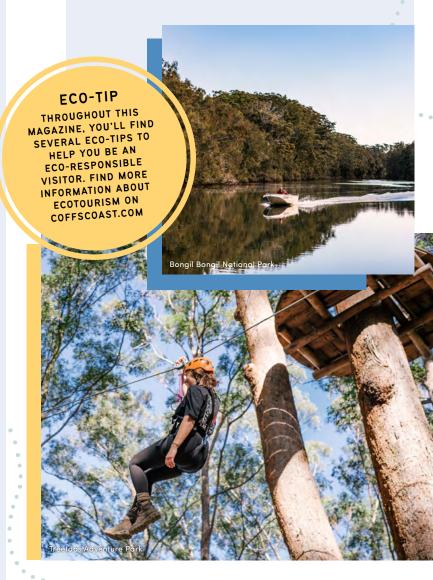
C-Change Adventures: Eco-tours on kayaks and stand-up paddleboards in several locations and whitewater kayaking on the Orara River. Guided by a marine and environmental scientist with a passion for local marine life, animals and Indigenous history.

Treetops Adventure Park: A ropes and ziplining experience in sublime natural habitat and with an abundance of local wildlife. Award-winning experience for kids and adults alike as they move through the rope courses and fly through the trees.

Solitary Islands Surf School: Learn to surf! The team teaches and guides people of all ages and skills to surf and ride the waves, encouraging confidence and connection with the ocean while having an enjoyable experience.

Mount Browne Cottage: This pet-friendly property is nestled against a tranquil rainforest setting just 10 minutes drive from Coffs Harbour with a cosy feel and lovely fireplace, perfect for a relaxing country holiday.

Bongil Bongil National Park: Only minutes from Coffs Harbour, this National Park is a splendid spot for fishing, hiking, mountain bike adventures and leisurely barbecues. Keep your eyes peeled as the park is also home to a large population of koalas.



Experience. Discover. Act.

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AMELIA MEHMET-GROHN

PRO-GOLFER

Amelia began her golf career at the age of 12 at Coffs Harbour Golf Club, and after 5 years study at Iowa State College, has returned as a professional golfer on the Australian tour. Only in her second year as a Pro, Amelia has played tournaments including The Athena, Australian Women's Classic and qualified for the 2023 Australian Open.

Coffs Coast is a golfers dream

We are so lucky on the Coffs Coast with the golf on offer, with 4 amazing courses, a driving range and lots of mini golf options for the younger golfers to enjoy.

Amelia is able to hone her skills on championship courses every day. From her home club of Coffs Harbour to the iconic Bonville International Golf Club voted Australia's Favourite Golf Course in Golf Australia Magazine's, Australia's 50 Favourite Golf Courses poll, 7 years in a row.

"Every day is a different challenge. I love the ups and downs of golf".

Offering Australia's best golfing experience, the championship course at Bonville has been challenging and excited golfers for over 3 decades. Set at the foot of the Great Dividing Range it's a serene, tranquil place to play. With Hole 18 being Amelia's favourite hole on the Coast.

Next up is **Sawtell Golf Club**, only 500m from the beautiful fig tree lined main street of Sawtell. It's a very social track, with some fun challenges.

Bonville International Golf Club

Amelia's home club of Coffs Harbour is an immaculate 27 hole championship course, with a friendliness that makes you feel right at home.

To the North, **Safety Beach Golf Club** is another great option for golfers of all levels, with a course featuring a vast array of native wildlife including a huge population of kangaroos.

Live it like a local

When not on the course, Amelia's favourite spot is the **Hub Cafe** down by the jetty, where you can grab a coffee and enjoy the views over the harbour. For drinks, food and a great place to hang out with friends, Amelia loves **King Tide Brewing** in the heart of Coffs and only round the corner from Coffs Golf Club, it's a great spot to relax after a hard day of golf.

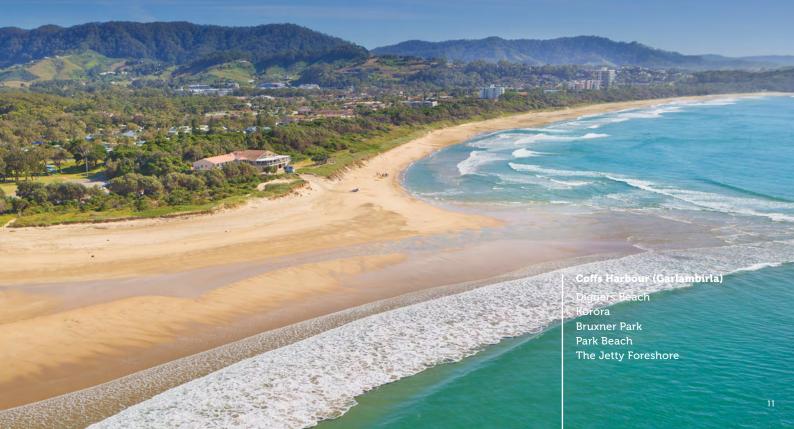
To hear more about Amelia's story visit coffscoast.com

AMELIA'S PRO GOLFING TIP

The greens in the Coffs area are grain greens, so look to the burnt side of the hole and that will help you know where the ball will gravitate to.



Pristine beaches, serene rainforests, stimulating eco adventures, immersive cultural experiences, coastal lifestyle and funky dining this place of plenty has so much to offer...



COFFS HARBOUR

ake a closer look at the Coffs Coast and you'll discover a bourgeoning ecotourism holiday destination with plenty to delight all your senses.

Swim, surf, walk, hike, bike, and glide your way across the diverse landscapes of the Coffs Coast. Immerse yourself in the local indigenous culture of the Gumbaynggirr people, modern art galleries and theatres. Explore unique boutiques and high-end fashion stores before refuelling at one of the many hip cafes, restaurants, breweries, and eateries where local produce, shines.

Plentiful History

First settled for logging red cedar timber, rich resources enticed settlers and gold miners to the region in the 1880s. Shipbuilders soon took advantage of the protected harbour, with the town taking on the namesake of shipwright John Korff. With its rich soil and ideal growing conditions, Coffs Harbour made its fortune in the 1920s from bananas. Today, Coffs Harbour is a thriving ecotourism destination that embraces its diverse culture and heritage while celebrating its natural beauty and enviable climate.

Memorable Microcosm

Coffs Harbour is geographically unique; the only place in NSW where the Great Dividing Range meets the Pacific Ocean. The perfect mix of pristine beaches, lush nature reserves, hinterland hideaways and bountiful marine and wildlife, the Coffs Coast is a natural microcosm waiting to be explored. This eco-wonderland is just a stone's throw from the thriving heart of the city.





Ready, Jetty, Go!

Start your Coffs Coast experience by visiting the iconic Jetty Beach. Delight in spotting the teeming marine life below, including turtles, rays, and resident dolphins. Indulge in local cuisine with the trendy jetty-set at the bustling food precinct before strolling past the enviable yachts moored at Coffs Harbour International Marina. Walk up magnificent Muttonbird Island, a sanctuary for nesting seabirds and home to incredible panoramic views of the coast.

Beach to Bush and Beyond

Head to Park Beach, a popular family destination for swimming, kayaking, fishing, and paddling and a great place to start the 10-kilometre Coffs Creek Loop, by foot or cycle. Dive into Solitary Islands Marine Park; a coveted destination for encountering protected marine life. Avid surfers seek out Diggers Beach, an idyllic stretch of sand and surf hotspot on the city's northern side. Meander up to the impressive Sealy Lookout Forest Sky Pier for picture-postcard views, walk the Gumgali Track with artworks telling the story of Gumgali, the black goanna, and soar through the forest canopy at the TreeTops Adventure Park.

Culture Meets Couture

Indulge in retail therapy at Coffs Central and Park Beach Plaza or seek out something more bespoke in one of the many independent boutiques and lifestyle stores. Discover hand-made treasures by local artisans and designers at one of the many markets. Explore the city's artistic attractions, with interactive tours, museums, galleries, laneway art, food and festivals, all celebrating Coffs' coastal culture.



TOP 5 NATURE ESCAPES

Love the outdoors? Here are some of our favourite ideas for experiencing the natural wonders in and around Coffs Harbour...

WALK MUTTONBIRD

Stroll along the northern break wall to Muttonbird Island, keeping an eye on the water to spot turtles and dolphins along the way. Then, take the steep walk over the island to the eastern lookout for unique views back over Coffs Harbour before visiting the island's fascinating Gumbaynggirr outdoor learning centre.

PEACE OUT IN THE BOTANIC GARDEN

Located in the heart of the city, the Coffs Harbour Botanic Garden is perfect for a picnic and relaxing walk. Set among 20 acres of lush plant life, you'll find exotic and native species and glasshouses containing rare displays of tropical plants.

CHANGE YOUR VIEWPOINT AT THE FOREST SKY PIER

No holiday in Coffs Harbour is complete without a visit to Forest Sky Pier and the award-winning Niigi Niigi Sealy Lookout Orara East State Forest. Stretching out from an escarpment 310m above Coffs Harbour city, this spectacular structure offers unparalleled coastal views of up to 100km to the south on a clear day. Adjacent to the lookout is a fully-accessible picnic shelter so you can sit, have a cuppa and enjoy the view..

HANG OUT AT THE HISTORICAL JETTY

A Coffs Harbour icon, 'The Jetty' was built in 1890 from local timber to accommodate cargo vessels. Now it's where locals congregate to fish, swim, stroll, watch the sunrise or dine on fish 'n' chips. With an accessible picnic area and cycling paths nearby, this area is a great place to enjoy a BBQ while the kids ride their scooters or play on the beach.

MAKE A SPLASH IN COFFS CREEK

Just five minutes from the city, Coffs Creek is an oasis for families who can safely paddle in its shallow turquoise waters. The creek and its mangrove forests can be easily accessed at several points, and are begging to be explored on a paddleboard or kayak.

CLARK WEBB

PROUD GUMBAYNGGIRR MAN

RR

Born and raised in Gumbaynggirr country, Clark established **Bularri Muurlay Nyanggan Aboriginal Corporation (BMNAC)** in 2010 with a simple but big dream to ensure that Aboriginal communities, and in particular young people, are two path strong – strong in culture and strong in education.

Language on Country

To achieve their goal of revitalising and re-imagining the education of Aboriginal children in the Coffs Coast region, BMNAC developed a collection of award-winning Aboriginal tourism businesses connecting visitors to language and culture (Wajaana Yaam Gumbaynggirr Adventure Tours and Giingan Cultural experience) and a popular cafe featuring native foods.

All profits from these tourism businesses are directly reinvested into the corporation, creating a long-term sustainable financial income stream for the development of BMNAC education programs.

NSW's First Australian/Aboriginal Language school

In 2022 Clark's dream was realised with the opening of NSW's first bilingual school of an Aboriginal language on the Coffs Coast.

Gumbaynggirr Giingana Freedom School focuses on Gumbaynggirr language and culture, offering quality teaching based on Gumbaynggirr values and philosophies, and strong community engagement. The school currently caters for approximately 50 students in kindergarten to year 4, and in 2024 will expand to include students in years 5 and 6.

The story of the school and its development was named in the top 3 of the prestigious 2023 Global Green Destinations Story Award for Culture and Tradition

Live it like a local

When not out on tour, Clark is most often found at home around Sapphire, surfing, fishing and cycling. His favourite spots include White Bluff headland; for views of Sapphire beach and Split Solitary Island and Red Rock - Ngaalgan; as a top spot for visitors to connect with land and sea.

To find out more about Clark's story visit coffscoast.com

CLARK'S TOP CULTURAL PICKS

- Muttonbird Island
- Red Rock & Yarrawarra Cultural Centre
- Sealy Lookout & the Orara State Forest
- Look at Me Now Headland





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With its beautiful rivers, forests, beaches, mountains, creeks, estuaries and floodplains, the land was so bountiful in food and resources that other Indigenous Nations traditionally knew the Gumbaynggirr people as the 'sharing people'.

The Gumbaynggirr people have a profound connection to their country, and there are numerous places where this deep spiritual connection continues.

Want to know more? Seek out these recommended experiences and activities during your visit so you can better understand and explore the richness of Gumbaynggirr culture...

GIINGAN GUMBAYNGGIRR CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

The multi award-winning Giingan Gumbaynggirr Cultural Experience is both fascinating and immersive. Begin the day with panoramic views over the vast Gumbaynggirr landscape from Forest Sky Pier at Sealy Lookout (Niigi Niigi). Traditional dance and a smoking ceremony follow before guests walk the scenic Gumgali Track.

The 400-metre trail tells an engaging Gumbaynggirr story about the black goanna (Gumgali). The experience is led by passionate, local Indigenous guides who see it as their responsibility and privilege to share their history, stories, traditions, and language with others. The different activities that make up this experience are an enriching blend of nature, culture and art.

GIIDANY MIIRLARL -MUTTONBIRD ISLAND

Once a ceremonial site, Muttonbird Island holds much significance to the Gumbayngirr people and remains a sacred place. The Gumbaynggirr people were historically the only ones permitted to venture onto the Island where they came to collect muttonbirds for food. The birds were protected by a giant moon-man guardian for the people's survival. In addition to the brilliant views of Coffs Harbour, the Solitary Islands and the Great Dividing Range from the Island, you can read the fascinating story at the award-winning Muttonbird Island outdoor learning space.

YARRAWARRA ABORIGINAL CULTURAL CENTRE

Located at Corindi Beach and surrounded by tranquil bushland, you'll find Yarrawarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre. Here guests can partake in an on-site cultural program and browse vibrant and captivating works from Indigenous artists. Wadjar Regional Indigenous Gallery displays creations from local artists and also represents talent from further afield. Join Gumbaynggirr Weaver, Lilly Clegg, on the first Sunday of every month and learn traditional basketry techniques under the shade of the big gum trees in the Happy Gathering Place.

WAJAANA YAAM GUMBAYNGGIRR ADVENTURE TOURS

The alluring waterways of the Coffs Coast reveal the region's rich Indigenous heritage. Take this opportunity to explore the meandering channels of the Solitary Islands Marine Park with the direct descendants of the world's first stand up paddleboarders.

Gliding through ecologically and culturally significant environments, including Coffs Creek and the estuaries of Moonee and Red Rock, these interactive paddling tours offer a unique way to discover stories and learn beautiful words from the Gumbaynggirr language. You'll also stop and try some bush foods along the way.



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'Must do' attractions and fun parks have enticed generations of holidaymakers to the region – and some excellent new additions round out the list for even more epic family fun!

Enjoy interactive encounters with fantastic creatures big and small such as dolphins, seals, butterflies, snakes and even dinosaurs.

Not to mention the thrills and spills to be had ice skating, water sliding or tobogganing.

If you prefer to dial it back a notch, perhaps an outdoor maze or miniature Dutch village, or learn to draw cartoons at the National Cartoon Gallery. With something for everyone, we encourage you to find your favourite.

FAMILY FUN & ATTRACTIONS



COFFS HARBOUR BUTTERFLY HOUSE

Brilliantly coloured butterflies, fluttering fairies and even dinosaurs on the move – what's not to love at The Butterfly House? For many visitors, the highlight is the hundreds of live butterflies housed in the indoor tropical glasshouse. But there's also laughter and confusion to be had in the Alice in Wonderland themed outdoor maze and many dinosaurs to meet (during the daily live re-animate dinosaur shows!). If fairy gardens, cool critters and busy bugs are more your style, then this muchloved family attraction is sure to delight.

THE BIG BANANA FUN PARK

Beyond the 'Big' bright and iconic fruit that remains one of Australia's most recognisable and best-loved landmarks is an assortment of activities for all the family. Choose from ice skating, tobogganing, laser tag, mini-golf, and the 4D Ride Simulator or make a day of it and try all the different offerings. The Big Banana Fun Park is home to other fantastic 'big' attractions such as the largest waterpark between Sydney and the Gold Coast and the Racer, the most sizeable slide of its kind in the country! Of course, no trip to the Big Banana is complete without taking the Plantation Tour, snapping your 'Big Thing' selfie or tasting a delicious choc-coated banana.

bringing countless smiles to people from around the globe for generations through their interactive and informative sessions with dolphins, seals and other animals. In addition to the exciting sessions that showcase clever marine creatures at their best, a visit to the Park is also an educational experience. The park staff aim to inspire people to act in the best interests of marine conservation. Guests can walk away from the funfilled visit with knowledge about different animal species, the Solitary Islands Marine Park, and the very important rescue and rehabilitation work of Dolphin Marine Conservation Park.



REPTILE WORLD

Having been welcomed to the Big Banana Fun Park in 2019, Steve McEwan and his crew bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to Steve McEwan's Reptile World. Passionate about reptiles since childhood, Steve loves sharing his love of animals with guests. Visitors can walk through educational displays and get up close and personal with pythons, lizards, turtles and more. Why not snuggle a snake or feed the resident croc for an unusual animal encounter? Reptile World delivers some terrific photo opportunities too.

THE CLOG BARN

One of the region's longest-running tourist attractions, immerse yourself in all things Dutch as you step into the unique family-run Clog Barn. Wander through the miniature village with its intricate, handmade buildings, windmills and garden railway before heading inside for a clog making demonstration.

The on-site shop is home to many goodies, including hand-painted delftware and other souvenirs. Next door, Big Oma's Coffee House offers traditional, delicious Dutch treats, with pancakes a specialty!

ACTIVE OR CHILLED

As well as all these popular attractions, the Coffs Coast offers lots of other activities the whole family will love. Head to iPlay Coffs Harbour in Coffs City Centre for ten-pin bowling with lights, music and action! Or challenge the crew to a putt-putt playoff at Coffs Coast Mini Golf on the magnificently landscaped 18-hole course. Right next door you'll find the House of Golf Driving Range. The undercover bays are equipped with speakers playing great tunes which adds to the fun atmosphere. For something more relaxed, catch the latest flicks and special screenings at Events Cinemas in Coffs or Majestic Cinemas in Sawtell.





Playgrounds You'll Love

There are lots of fabulous playgrounds on the Coffs Coast just waiting for families to enjoy. While the Coffs Jetty Foreshores is a favourite for locals and visitors, there are lots of others to try. Here's a selection:

Woolgoolga Beach Reserve

Playground on the beachfront, BBQs and space for ball games

Brelsford Park

Close to Coffs City Centre with a fantastic playground and skate park

Sapphire Beach Playground

Fying fox, BBQs, and lots of room to run around

West Coffs Playground and Dog Park

Great for all ages, plus fenced leash-free area for dogs

Boronia Park

Near Sawtell Beach and Bonville Creek, with BBQs, playground and picnic shelters

Diggers Beach Playground

Near the beach, structures and sculptures including a giant goanna to climb

Discover the handmade Minature Dutch Village

Discover the handmade Minature Dutch Village crafted by Thomas Hartsuyker over 35 years.



PLACE OF PLENTY

SHERWOOD ARCHERY

Located in the centre in Coffs Harbour, Sherwood Archery is a great all weather family activity. Archery requires concentration and focus, which can provide a sense of relaxation and mindfulness, encouraging you to unwind and de-stress. Try your hand at this ancient art, learn a new skill and create lasting memories.

ARTISAN CHEESE & COOKING SCHOOL

The Artisan Cheese & Cooking School provides an ideal setting for family and friends to reconnect while immersing themselves in a relaxed atmosphere and acquiring new culinary skills. Challenge yourself with a double brie cheesemaking class, or try your hand at making woodfired pizzas, pasta, burrata or gnocchi from scratch. With ample time to savor the experience, it offers the perfect opportunity to learn, bond, and enjoy.





over 30 years, watch the master confectioners at work and spoil yourself in their shop bursting with hand made sweets.

For a delightful sensory overload you won't forget, a visit to Carobana Confectionery in Korora is a must! One of the oldest attractions on the Coffs Coast, this family run business specialises in carob confectionaries, such as carob-coated banana, rocky road, coconut rough, rum and raisin fudge, ginger, nut brittles and their famous honeycomb.

SOLITARY ISLANDS AQUARIUM

The Solitary Islands Aquarium lets you dive in and explore the unique marine environment of the Coffs Coast through its aquariums, guided tours and interactive displays. Located at Southern Cross University's National Marine Science Centre, the aquarium aims to bring awareness and appreciation for our marine environment through education and science.

COFFS HARBOUR TRIKE & PRIVATE TOURS

Experience an exhilarating trike tour around the spectacular Coffs Coast on the back of a Boom Mustang Trike or get your group together and hop on their bus for a sensational sightseeing expedition. Choose from a range of tours or customise your own experience.

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ADVENTURES IN NATURE

Carving through the waves, galloping across creeks or cycling epic downhills – you'll find fantastic adventures in the heart of nature.

Boasting plenty of wild and wonderful National Parks and State Forests, it's no surprise that outdoor adventures top the list of things to do on the Coffs Coast.

These activities not only deliver fun and excitement in spades but take place in beautiful locations. Find yourself nestled in the eucalypts or beneath the ocean's surface in the Solitary Islands Marine Park, or within breathtaking pockets of green in

the hinterland or on long stretches of golden beaches. Your choices are many and varied, from mountain biking, surfing and horse riding to scuba diving, flying through the treetops and even swimming with whales. Step into nature's playground to discover the 'green, gold and blue' of the region for yourself.

SURFING LESSONS

One of the best ways to appreciate our pristine beaches is on a surfboard, enjoying the thrill of catching a wave. So whether you're seeking school holiday fun, trying the sport for the first time or wanting to master an advanced manoeuvre, local surf schools have you covered. Holidaying here presents the perfect opportunity for everyone in the family to learn. Plus, the variety of beaches means there's an ideal spot for any given day.

From Sawtell to Diggers, Emerald to Arrawarra, local experts deliver a memorable surfing experience. You can't go wrong with **Solitary Islands Surf School, Sawtell Surf School** and **Lee Winkler's Surf School.**







CYCLING ADVENTURES

For everything from bike hire to action-packed mountain biking and picturesque trail rides, getting around on two wheels is a top way to take in the natural beauty of the Coffs Coast. For the more adventurous rider, The Woolgoolga Mountain Bike Club operates seven purpose built gravity trails within the Wedding Bells State Forest. Mountain bike enthusiasts can expect everything from beginner to advanced trails, and each has a different style. Trails include the Boogie Man, Dirt Serpent, Super Bowl, Blind Collab and Bangers & Mash!



TREETOPS ADVENTURE PARK

Release your inner Tarzan as you climb, weave and fly though the treetops. The Treetops Adventure Park is eco-friendly and built amidst the beautiful canopy of gum trees in the Orara East State Forest. You really do feel wonderfully connected to nature, making your way through the self-guided rope courses. There are more than 100 elevated obstacles to choose from, including rope ladders, cargo nets, wobbly bridges and zip lines. Several course options are available and even the littlies (3 years and up) can get involved. TreeTops delivers exhilaration a-plenty and a great sense of accomplishment, too.



JETTY DIVE

Be sure to venture offshore during your stay to get a better understanding of the amazing Solitary Islands Marine Park. Spanning 70km of glorious coastline, the Marine Park is home to an incredible diversity of fish, animal and coral species. Jetty Dive offers snorkelling, diving and whale watching trips. They are also one of very few operators in NSW licensed for the Swimming with Whales experience. Being in the water gives guests an incredible opportunity to connect with the curious and majestic humpback whales that grace our coastline between June and October every year. With a range of scuba diving courses also available, now is the perfect time to get certified.

HORSE RIDING

Combine the beautiful scenery of the hinterland and coast with an unforgettable family outing at HWH Stables. Choose from a variety of rides, along the picturesque Boambee Beach (expect a horseback dip in the ocean!) or through the delightful creeks and trails of the Orara Valley. Whether you're a talented equestrian or riding for the first time. Chris from HWH will find a trusty steed for you. Glenreagh, about 30 minutes north west of Coffs, is home to the lovely horses of Abbotsford Park. Follow the lead of the local kids, who head here for pony walks, trail rides, private lessons or holiday camps. They cater for all abilities. Valery Trails offers excellent riding opportunities for all ages and skill levels, including an accredited Riding for the Disabled program. Experience a ride through the spectacular rainforests with a friendly and qualified instructor.



MATT SPARRIUS

ECO-ADVENTURER



Matt's love for the natural environment is evident in his tours – taking time to show paddlers how to search for yabbies, taste native bush tucker as well as spot some amazing sea life. C-Change Adventures is now also an **Ecotourism certified business**.

"While working towards Ecotourism certification, I rediscovered my love of sharing and educating visitors about the amazing ecology of the Coffs Coast waterways."

So much to discover

The Coffs Coast is surrounded by a rich tapestry of waterways to explore. From creeks and rivers, to estuaries and the open ocean. The uniqueness of the mountains meeting the sea creates an abundance of opportunities to get out on the water.

The Boambee Creek estuary is full of wildlife and local history. From schools of whiting and bream to flat heads and stingrays, you may even be lucky enough to spot seahorses hanging on to the reeds. Above water sea eagles and ospreys, even the odd kingfisher can be spotted along the creek.

To find out more about Matt's story visit coffscoast.com

A life on the water

Looking for a lifestyle change for his family, Matt moved to the Coffs Coast more than ten years ago. He knew he wanted to be close to the water after developing a love for kayaking when he was only 4 years old. Matt initially pursued his passion through a degree in Marine & Environmental Science. More recently this has turned into a career in watersport instruction and touring with his business $\bf C$ -Change Adventures. Since his move Matt has led more than 5,000 people on paddling tours around the Coffs Coast and beyond.

"Getting on the water is a great opportunity to disconnect, you can leave the phone and technology at home! It's the perfect way to reconnect as a family and with the environment."



MATT'S TOP PICKS FOR THE SOUTHERN BEACHES

- SUP and Kayak paddling on Boambee Creek
- 4WD self drive adventure on Boambee Beach
- Picnic in Bongil Bongil Creek
- A stroll along Sawtell Main Street
- Sunset at Sawtell Headland

Make sure to stay safe when out on the water.

Check for patrolled beaches, swim between the flags and wear a life vest when out paddling or boating.

Southern Beaches



SOUTHERN BEACHES

xperience everything the locals love about the Southern beaches, from welcoming the sunrise over the ocean, drifting along local creeks against a bushland backdrop, taking a dip in the protected rockpool to enjoying fine dining under a canopy of trees. Satisfy your senses in the south.

There's a reason locals call Sawtell the 'Jewel of the South'. With its chic lifestyle boutiques and vibrant café and restaurant scene, Sawtell epitomises relaxed coastal luxe.

Everything is on the menu in Sawtell, from international cuisine honouring local produce, to cool cafes and trendy brewhouses featuring fine wines, ales, and cocktails.

Enjoy a meal from The Kiosk with a side of million-dollar views at Sawtell Surf Life Saving Club; one of the most impressive vistas of the Coffs Coast. Stop for a chat with the locals as they share the secrets of Sawtell and must do experiences.

Coastal Charm

Sawtell's First Avenue is your go-to destination for seaside-chic cafes showcasing local produce, boutique shopping at its finest, and kicking back under the dappled shade of the Moreton Bay figs as you watch the world go by. Effortlessly switch from sea-change to tree-change by heading to the hinterland for plenty of exploring and immersive experiences amongst the nature reserves. You'll soon appreciate why Sawtell and the Southern Beaches has been a holiday favourite for generations.

Family Faves

Leave the car and easily explore the area on foot. Enjoy a picnic or BBQ lunch at nearby Boronia Park; a pleasant, shaded spot with easy access to the beach and creek. Step back in time at the retro-riffic, art deco Sawtell Cinema, which features current and independent films year-round. Follow the locals to the popular rockpool at Bonville Headland – a brilliant way to chillout or get active with some laps. Bask amongst the natural backdrop of the estuary, ocean, and lush Bongil Bongil National Park. A quick car trip will take you to one of the Coffs Coast most loved and quirky attractions, The Coffs Harbour Butterfly House.



A Natural Escape

Boambee Beach stretches from the southern corner of Coffs' Jetty Foreshores to the mouth of the Creek, making it popular for fishing and 4WDing. With five kilometres of leash-free freedom, the four-legged family members can also enjoy a seaside escape.

During the migration months of May-November, head to the Boambee Headland Lookout to spot whales and enjoy unrivalled 360-degree views of the coastline and Sawtell village year-round.

Take a day trip to the rainforests of Bongil Bongil National Park for hiking and mountain bike trails, cool waterways, abundant wildlife including koalas, and countless creekside picnic spots.



TOP 5 NATURE ESCAPES

Do as the locals do - feast on take-away fish 'n' chips while you take in the lovely surrounds from Bonville headland with the Sawtell rock pool or Boambee Bay.

BOAMBEE GLEE

With its pristine waters leading to the ocean, Boambee Creek Reserve is a day-tripper's delight. Grab yourself a scenic spot and kick back while the kids splash safely in the shallows, or cruise with the gentle current. Pack the stand-up paddleboard or hire a canoe or kayak for on water frivolity. Enjoy a picnic or try your luck catching your lunch (or buy it from the on-site kiosk, if the fish aren't biting!).

HEAD TO THE HEADLAND

Head south along Sawtell's main beach until you arrive at the beautiful Bonville Headland, where sweeping views of the creek and beach await. Stop to watch the waves roll in or try to spot a whale during whale season. The Rock Pool is easily accessible from here, as is Bonville Pine Creek estuary and Bongil Bongil National Park. Dine as the locals do, enjoying takeaway fish n chips on the grassy knoll of the Headland.

SURFS UP, SOUTHSIDE

The headlands, estuaries and beaches of Sawtell have diverse conditions for surfers of all abilities. Sawtell Island at the southern end of the main beach offers long, rolling waves perfect for longboarders, beginners, and those keen to learn through lessons held here. Experienced surfers will gravitate toward Main Beach for

the swell in front of the surf club, or 'Trapdoors' at the river mouth at Boambee Headland. 'Southies', past the rockpool at Bonville Headland, is the break of choice when strong northerly winds blow.

ON YA BIKE

Mountain bikers of all skill levels travel to converge at Bonville's Pine Creek State Forest its the twists, turns and tribulations of the local trails. Renowned for its family-friendly riding through a rainforest landscape, 'Cows with Guns' is a great introductory trail – The faster you go the harder it gets! For the more experienced, the 10km Sawmill Loop will test your skills as you navigate the windy, luge-style single track.

WHILE AWAY

Bongil Bongil means "a place where one stays a long time because of the abundance of food" in the traditional Gumbaynggirr language, referring to the rich variety of flora and fauna found locally. The bushland and waterways of the Bongil Bongil National Park are a haven for wildlife and perfect for recreational activities like fishing, mountain biking, walking, and paddling (try the 10km paddling route along Pine Creek). Pack a rod and try your luck from the pontoon or try to spy a snoozing koala.

COASTA

A leisurely morning stroll, an all-day walk, or a more challenging multi-day adventure – this scenic 60 kilometre stretch of trails along the Coffs Coast can be anything you want!

Like a string of glittering jewels, the coastline's trails across golden beaches, rocky headlands, and lush rainforests link together, forming the **Solitary Islands Coastal Walk**. This iconic walking experience, one of the most picturesque on the east coast of Australia, runs the length of the protected Solitary Islands Marine Park.

The walk starts in the north at **Red Rock** and heads south along glorious sandy beaches and across the vast headlands at **Woolgoolga** and **Emerald Beach**. Passing through **Sapphire** and **Diggers** beaches and onto **Macauleys Headland**, it continues along the sands of Park Beach to the **Coffs Harbour International Marina** and **Jetty Foreshores**. Then further south past **Corambirra Point** along **Boambee Beach** before concluding in the gorgeous village of **Sawtell**.

With abundant wildlife and a kaleidoscope of landscapes along the way, the Solitary Islands Coastal Walk is simply spectacular.

SAFETY MESSAGE

- Check weather forecasts for low tide as there are some creek crossings
- $oxed{oldsymbol{arphi}}$ Wear protective clothing and be sunsafe
- ✓ Swim at patrolled beaches
- ★ The bridge at Moonee is closed for maintenance.



it easy to stop for a coffee and meal or find accommodation for the evening and recharge for the next day.

for the entire walk. Beyond Coffs Harbour, several coastal villages along the trail make

Highlights of the Walk

With clearly marked pathways, choose any location along the coast to dip in and out of the trail – tick them all off over several visits:

Red Rock - Striking rock formations and the crystal-clear estuary for swimming and kayaking

Corindi Beach - Known for prolific birdlife and pandanus trees

Arrawarra - Ancient Aboriginal stone fish traps and surfers riding the long point break

Woolgoolga Headland - This location is ideal to observe humpback whales at play

Emerald Beach - Look at Me Now Headland has a large mob of kangaroos and the Dammerels history walk

Moonee Beach - Creek and estuary, a spot favoured by locals as a family picnic location

Charlesworth Bay – Home of the Solitary Islands Aquarium and White Bluff headland littoral rainforest

Jetty Beach - Enjoy protected beach walking, Muttonbird Island and historic Coffs Harbour timber jetty **Boambee Beach** - Walk the long beach and cross over Boambee Creek on the railway bridge

Boambee Bay – Swim, kayak or paddleboard in the safe waters of the estuary

Sawtell - Memorial Rock Pool and Bongil Bongil National Park with koalas and littoral rainforest



The Lighthouse will guide you

Look for the lighthouse track markers to guide you. There are around 200 markers along the route, including signs with maps at key access points.

More information visit: coffscoast.com/SICW

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FOUR WATERFRONT HOLIDAY PARKS





There are few places that present the incredible diversity of accommodation the Coffs Coast offers. From beachside bungalows and cosy hinterland retreats to comfortable resorts and laid-back holiday parks, this region leaves holidaymakers spoiled for choice when it comes to places to stay.

Many families make the annual pilgrimage to one of the Coffs Coast's exceptional holiday parks for quality time together.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION



Options include centrally located parks with endless facilities such as swimming pools and games rooms. Or choose campgrounds with easy access to the region's beautiful beaches, forests and waterways.

Those looking to treat themselves will find large resorts with beaches at the doorstep, day spas and golf courses, all located close to the action of Coffs Harbour. These popular resorts often include award-winning restaurants and bars along with everything else you need for a comfortable and relaxing stay. Alternatively, many private retreats deliver a high-end experience with the added benefit of seclusion.

You'll find plenty of charming hideaways in the hinterland, serving as an excellent base for exploring surrounding National Parks, hiking trails and waterfalls. Make the most of their private facilities – sitting in a jacuzzi whilst gazing out at rolling hills or sipping wine in front of a roaring fire.

COFFS COAST MOUNTAIN RETREAT

Journey into the rolling hills and forests of the hinterland to find the stunning Coffs Coast Mountain Retreat, close by the small village of Lowanna. The Eco Certified retreat encompasses two luxury cabins, each with its own jacuzzi, BBQ, fire pit, wi-fi, Netflix and more. The cabins are pet-friendly and wheelchair accessible. Adults-only.

This is a place to let go of the hustle and embrace the solitude and tranquillity provided by the beautiful natural environment surrounding the retreat. The delightful cabins are ideally positioned to explore the National Parks, waterfalls and bushwalking trails that make this region so special.

OBSERVATORY HOLIDAY APARTMENTS

Located in Coffs Harbour's jetty area amongst the vibrant atmosphere of restaurants and bars, boutique shopping and the popular Jetty markets every Sunday. Spend your day exploring the beach, marina, coastal headlands and sampling some of the local eateries.

The fully self-contained apartments have east facing balconies that offer spectacular views of the harbour and foreshore. There are several apartment options that cater for families and couples with 1, 2 or 3 bedrooms. Start your day early with a walk along the Jetty Marina and up Muttonbird Island.

BIG 4 PARK BEACH HOLIDAY PARK

Every year, families flock to Park Beach Holiday Park to enjoy a quintessential holiday park experience with added perks. Its proximity to popular attractions, cafes and Park Beach means you'll barely need to use the car! Kids will be easily entertained – from the swimming pool, water slides, jumping pillow and interactive playground to free wi-fi, Kids Club and games room – leaving you to kick back and relax. Keep active with scenic walks to nearby Muttonbird Island, the letty Foreshores and Macauleys Headland.



OCEAN SWIMMING



We're lucky to have a great selection of seasonally patrolled beaches, with Park Beach in Coffs Harbour patrolled every day of the year by Council Lifeguards and volunteer lifesavers.

To ensure you enjoy your visit to the beach and stay safe, swim between the red and yellow flags to ensure the lifeguards will be watching out for you. If you are not sure about the beach conditions check with a lifeguard, who will point you to a safe swimming position.

Many of our creeks and estuaries are tidal so please be careful when you are swimming in any of our waterways, particularly when there is an outgoing tide.

Most importantly, have fun and never swim alone.

Connect online

Visit the Lifeguard Team's Facebook page for the latest updates on beach conditions and tips for keeping safe around the water.

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Lifeguards Top Tips

- Always swim between the red and yellow flags
- Read the safety signs
- Ask a Lifeguard for safety advice
- Swim with a friend
- If you need help, float, stay calm and raise one arm to attract attention.

We advise that you check if the beach you are planning to visit is patrolled.

Search 'patrolled beaches' at coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au

Patrolled Beaches Guide

Year Round Patrol

• Park Beach

Seasonal Patrol Only

- Jetty Beach (has a wheelchair accessible beach mat as well as two beach wheelchairs)
- Sawtell Beach
- Woolgoolga Beach
- Diggers Beach
- Emerald Beach
- Darlington / Lorikeet Holiday Parks (near Arrawarra)
- Red Rock



JETTY DIVE LEARN TO DIVE AT THE SOLITARY ISLANDS MARINE PARK!

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- Spacious 10m & 12m covered boats with toilets



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WATER WONDERLAND

The Coffs Coast is home to the **spectacular Solitary Islands Marine Park** – a unique marine environment that **can be experienced in countless ways.**



Spanning some 70km of glorious coastline, it encompasses estuaries, headlands, beaches, submerged reefs and five offshore islands. Here is where the warm waters of the East Australian current meet cooler waters from the south, resulting in a rich diversity of fish and coral species (over 850 fish species alone). It's also home to the world's highest density of anemones and anemonefish.

Scuba Diving & Snorkelling

With the Solitary Islands Marine Park home to such diverse habitats, there is much to explore and discover beneath the surface. Here, species co-exist in remarkable ways and divers and snorkellers can observe tropical, subtropical and temperate species in the same marine environment. Sting rays, turtles, grey nurse sharks, blue gropers and giant cuttlefish are just some of the many marine creatures that divers and snorkellers see regularly. While there are locations suitable for shore dives, most divers prefer to venture offshore to experience the wondrous marine life.

Whale Watching

Each year from June to October thousands of whales grace our coastal waters making the Coffs Coast an ideal location for the whole family to enjoy these inquisitive giants. Humpbacks are most commonly seen but they are occasionally accompanied by their rarer relatives – Southern Right, Sperm and Minke whales. Humpbacks habitually turn on a show, surface-slapping their fins, spy-hopping and breaching, making the annual whale migration a wonderful spectacle. Observe these amazing creatures from vantage points such as our vast headlands or better still, book a tour offshore with one of the Coffs-based operators.

Swimming With Whales

Of course, it's a thrill to see these magnificent mammals from a boat or headland but to swim underwater with them is something for the bucket-list. Coffs Harbour's own Jetty Dive is one of very few operators in Australia licenced to offer this activity. They were the first in NSW to deliver a sustainable, ecofocussed and non-invasive experience. Hear the unique sounds and songs of humpbacks and watch these elegant creatures up close and personal – all 40 tonnes of them. For those with an adventurous spirit, swimming with whales is a must!

Fishing

With miles of beaches and headlands a-plenty, it's easy to find a peaceful patch to throw in a line but for something a little more action-packed, head offshore with one of the charter operators. This section of NSW is considered to have some of the best offshore fishing in the country with game species such as marlin, tuna, wahoo and mackerel targeted. Estuarine species like bream, whiting and flathead can be found at Boambee Creek, and the foreshores of Moonee are also great for young anglers. Korora and Sapphire are recommended for more experienced fishers.

Surfing

Local favourite spots include Arrawarra to the north, with a long right-hand point break, great for long boarders and learners. Nearby, Emerald Beach is one of the more popular beaches for families who love to surf together and Moonee Beach is best in small south east swells. For the more accomplished surfers, Macauleys closer to town often delivers high performance waves, as does Gallows. Sawtell Island is a well-protected break to the south of Coffs. The Coffs region is also home to a number of reputable surf schools for those new to the sport or for those simply wanting to brush up on their moves.



with the gorgeous estuaries of Boambee,

Moonee and Red Rock also popular.



CHRIS FRASER

ARTISAN PRODUCER

Award winning spirits

Woolgoolga is home to boutique spirits distiller, **Critters Distillery**. The

brainchild of Chris, who following an 18-year long crafting passion, opened the small-batch distillery.

Critters is focused on sustainably crafting artisan spirits, inspired by Australia's rich environment.

"We pride ourselves on utilising locally sourced native Australian ingredients like Davidson Plum, Finger Lime, Lemon and Aniseed Myrtle, Rosella flower and organic Juniper. By supporting and working alongside Australian farmers, we can provide customers with full traceability from 'paddock to glass'. It's what makes our gins and vodka so special."

The cellar doors are open to the public, offering opportunities to sample the spirits alongside artisan tasting plates, making it a great way to spend an afternoon.

Entrepreneurial spirit

It's the connection to the land and local food, and the focus on reducing waste which has seen a growing number of Coffs Coast entrepreneurs take on the challenge of also becoming artisan producers.

Paul and Nada Gibbons started **Wild Berry Wines** on the Coffs Coast after noticing too many fresh blueberries were wasted during the selection process. Now they collect these blueberries that would usually be surplus and make them into a beautiful and easy drinking wine.

Bite Food & Art Tours owner and guide Awia Markey has seen the region explode with food and beverage entrepreneurs in recent years making for exciting and diverse tour experiences for her customers. "I'm a food lover and through my foodie research for tours, I've discovered our area continues to offer fantastic produce, passionate suppliers, and low food miles."

A long lunch hosted by Awia at **Wyld Oak Café** highlighted local producers including Catherine Scarborough, founder of **Catherine's Black Garlic**. Catherine lives in the Orara Valley where she creates Black Garlic products with a rich, creamy texture that can be spread on bread like butter. Another favourite was Dave Ricko, AKA **Chocolate Dr**, who is a Coffs Harbour chocolatier who loves to experiment with what he calls 'enhanced chocolate'. From chai flavoured white chocolate, Kraken flavoured dark chocolate, or chocolate bars containing Lion's Mane Mushroom, Dave's kitchen is full of new chocolate ideas and inspirations.

To find out more about Chris and his distillery visit coffscoast.com

MORE ARTISAN PRODUCERS TO DISCOVER

- Emerald Island Distillery Harbourside Markets every Sunday
- Pandora's Plate Dehydrated fruits, nuts and seed mixes at Kaleidoscope in Coffs Central
- Athol Glen Turmeric Small batch tea mixes, Harbourside Markets every Sunday
- Coffs Coast Honey Local honey at Coffs Coast Growers Markets every Thursday in Coffs City Centre
- Gut Instinct Kombucha at various cafés and delis across the Coffs Coast



Northern Beaches

Whether it's the enviable village lifestyle of Woolgoolga or its nearby nature wonders, you'll go wild for 'Woopi' and the Northern Beaches of the Coffs Coast.



NORTHERN BEACHES

dyllic beaches, commanding headlands, abundant nature reserves and laid-back beachside communities are all here in the Northern Beaches. Renowned for fabulous food festivals, friendly locals, relaxed cafes, and bars (great for obligatory post-surf burgers) and excellent surf breaks, 'Woopi' serves up something for everyone.

Begin your Solitary Islands Coast Walk here. The 60-kilometre trail traverses through villages, beaches, National Parks, and lookouts to deliver sublime coastal views.

Rock On

The seaside village of Red Rock is the most northerly point of the Coffs Coast. Positioned at the mouth of Corindi River and with Yuraygir National Park to the north, Red Rock has long attracted outdoor enthusiasts seeking it out its magnificent headland, crystalclear estuary, and outstanding surf beach. Fishing, gliding along on the current, rockpool fun, canoeing, boating, and enjoying the riverside reserve make Red Rock a family favourite.

Woopi-do

The largest town in the Northern Beaches area is Woolgoolga, affectionately called 'Woopi' by the locals. This welcoming, beachside hamlet is renowned for its protected, family-friendly beach, perfect for learning to surf. Parallel to Woopi's shoreline in you'll find Beach and Market streets, perfect for strolling and people watching. Dine at some of its renowned cafes or eateries or pick up a keepsake from one of its bespoke boutiques selling anything and everything from beach-chic home décor, lifestyle fashion, to surfboards and the latest swimwear. Seek out some of the smaller villages that make up the Northern Beaches, all with their own unique vibe.

A Passage to India

Woopi is culturally rich, with the Punjabi / Sikh community an intrinsic part of the local community. Home to Australia's first Sikh temple, Woolgoolga forms one of the early chapters of Indian migration to Australia, as banana farm labourers and their families moved to the area.





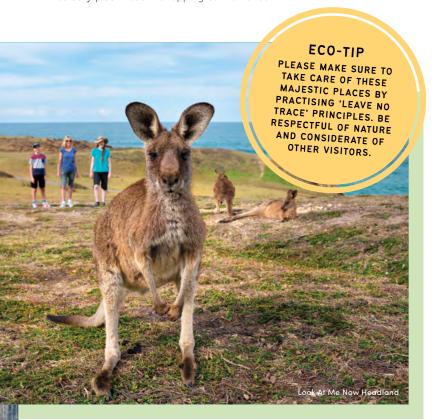
Experience the Punjabi culture with a visit to one of the two Gurdwaras (temples) or the Sikh Heritage Museum. Time your visit to coincide with the annual Curryfest in Spring for a taste of India by the seaside.

Fifteen-plus beaches

Take your pick of beaches on the northern side of Woopi, including Mullaway, Arrawarra, and Corindi. You'll discover equally fabulous at spots around Sandy Beach, Hearns Lake, and Emerald Beach.

Emerald Beach is a true gem, with three beautiful beaches and a handful of delicious eateries on the menu. Rattle Restaurant is the perfect choice, serving up tasty meals with sparkling ocean views.

The southern end of Moonee Beach offers the best of both worlds; a gorgeous beach break accessed via a tree-lined stroll from the estuary plus modern shopping convenience.



TOP 5 NATURE ESCAPES

For natural experiences in the picturesque Northern Beaches area, try this stunning selection.

ROCK REFLECTIONS

The striking headland looms large with the tranquil waters of Corindi River on one side and a patrolled surf beach on the other. The ancient rock formation, made from red quartz, is thought to be 300 million years old. It is considered a sacred site and place of reflection for the Gumbaynggirr people.

UNCOVER A SKELETON OF THE SEA

Wander along Woopi's Main Beach to find the remnants of Buster; a 310-tonne timber 'barquentine' sailing vessel almost 40 metres in length that washed ashore in 1893. While much of the wreck is usually buried beneath the sand, big seas reveal more of the ship's weathered, wooden bones.

WAVE AT A WHALE

Woolgoolga Headland is ideal for spotting whales during their annual migration, and to experience their iconic 'fin slap' wave. With its expansive, coastal views in all directions, the headland features walking trails including a loop track and a path along the Solitary Islands

Coastal Walk. The kids will delight in the headland's base with its large rockpools, perfect for rock hopping.

OVER THE MOONEE

With the shallows of Moonee Creek to wade in, a generous grassy area shaded by pandanus trees on the shoreline, and coastal rainforest with plenty of wildlife nearby, Moonee Beach Nature Reserve is the perfect place for picnics and group gatherings. The reserve is a sanctuary for endangered bats who roost in seaside caves and threatened and rare plant species growing on the exposed headlands.

LOOK AT ME

The confident name says it all. Look At Me Now Headland has justifiably earned bragging rights as one of the Coffs Coasts most striking viewpoints. Known for its resident kangaroos lazing in the sun, miles of Moonee Beach to the south, the secluded Serenity Bay and the phenomenal ocean and island views— the panoramic view from the headland shows Mother Nature in her finest form.



DAEL WULFF

SURFER

Surfing Coffs' Northern Beaches

Having grown up by the coast, an inherent love for the water began at an early age for local surfer Dael. It wasn't until a move to the Coffs Coast 14 years ago that she first tried surfing however, with it fast becoming a sporting passion. As an active member of local **Woolgoolga Boardriders Club**, Dael can be found out in the surf pretty much every day that conditions permit.

"There's nothing quite like the physical and mental weightlessness you feel when you are out in the surf".

The enjoyment of surfing for Dael comes from the need to be present and in the moment. There are so many great surfing spots on the Coffs Coast, with a beach suited for every wind direction and swell type, there's almost always a perfect spot for a surf whatever the conditions.

Woolgoolga is a great surf spot for beginners to advanced

Woolgoolga main beach is great for beginners, protected by the headland, it's a popular spot for those who are keen to give surfing a try. Ecotourism certified **Solitary Islands Surf School** offers both group and private lessons on main beach, Emerald Beach, and at popular Sawtell beach. For a more advanced wave, Woolgoolga back beach hits the spot. A local favourite on a northwesterly wind.

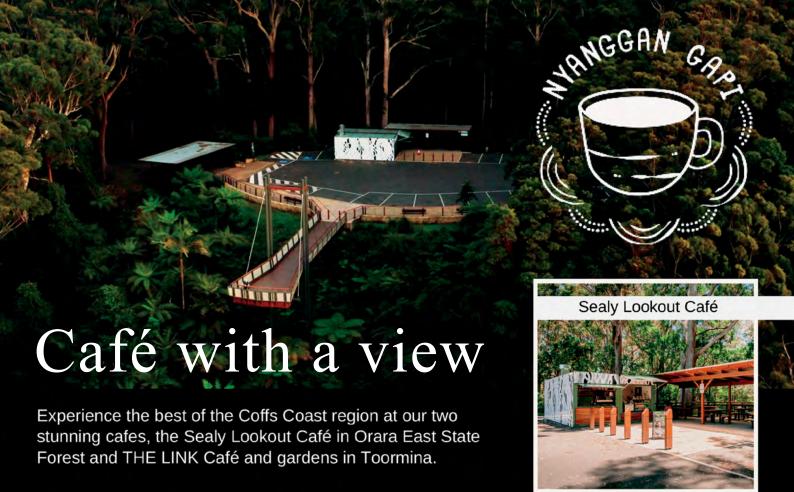
Where you'll find Dael

"I love starting the day with a surf and before heading to Tango Juice Bar for one of their famed Acai bowls. When not in the ocean, a favourite local trail is Woolgoolga Creek Falls, a 3.6km walk through subtropical rainforest featuring five creek crossings each way making for a great nature adventure!"

To find out more about Dael's story visit coffscoast.com

TOP SURF BEACHES ON THE COFFS COAST (from north to south)

- Arrawarra Beach
- Woolgoolga Main or Back Beach (depending on wind)
- Emerald Beach
- Diggers Beach (northern end)
- North Wall (Park Beach South)
- Gallows Beach
- Sawtell Beach (Sailors Bay on southern side of headland)



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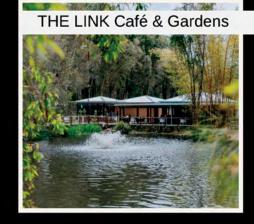
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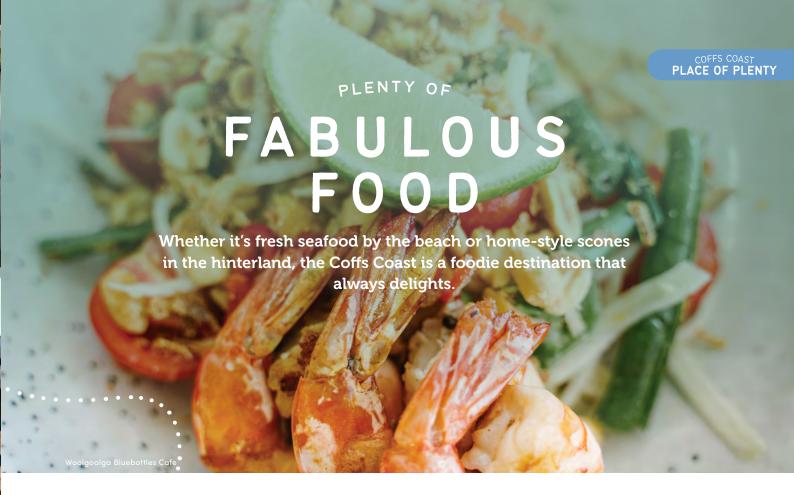
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Renowned for high-quality produce, passionate and skilled local chefs, cooks, brewers, artisans, restaurateurs and vignerons transform the local bounty of land and sea. You'll find dining delights in all corners of the Coffs Coast. Cruise through this tasting list for just some of the many great places to eat and drink.

START THE DAY RIGHT – For breakfast and brunch, you can't go wrong anywhere on the Coffs Coast. In Sawtell try Split Cafe, The Kiosk or Cafe Treeo. Around Coffs Harbour check

out Pansabella, Old Johns and Supply Cafe.

And further north try The Beach House, Black

Apple or Bluebottles Café.

SUPERB SEAFOOD – Renowned for pristine waters, you'll find local award-winning seafood served as delicious fish 'n' chips, all along the Coffs Coast. Jump into White Salt in Woolgoolga, or Fries On The Side in Sawtell. The Coffs Harbour Fishermen's Co-op at the marina, or check out Seasalt at Woolgoolga and Coffs Jetty, and Seasalt Fishmongers in Toormina.

<u>SPICE IT UP</u> – We are spoilt for choice when it comes to flavours from around the world. In Coffs try Ootoya Japanese, Hungry Bears

for Korean delights and Filipino dishes at Pig θ Khai. Get extra spicy at Woopi Tandoori Nights, enjoy Caribbean cuisine at Voodoo's 101 or Mana Chinta Ethiopian restaurant at the Jetty or Lime Mexican Sawtell.

SPECIAL MENUS – Gluten-free, dairy-free, vegan and vegetarian options are fast finding their way onto Coffs Coast restaurant menus. In Coffs try The Green Galley and The Happy Frog for plant-based goodness, or Raw Bar for vegan sweets and savoury treats. Or check out the creative dishes from Ground Earth Café in Woolgoolga and Morty's Joint in Sawtell.

Local Food Favourites

Many of our region's cafes, bars and restaurants prioritise fresh local produce on their seasonal menus, catering to an ever-expanding food scene. Here are some to explore...



SHEARWATER RESTAURANT

From its unbeatable position nestled beside Coffs Creek, Shearwater introduces diners to the novelty of watching paddle boarders drift by and spotting fish in the creek while they dine. The staff serve up delectable modern Australian cuisine and an excellent range of cocktails.

IDLE IN CAFÉ

Tucked away in the hinterland town of Nana Glen, this rustic gem bursting with character is the perfect place to fuel up for a day of exploring the surrounding National Parks. Devour home-baked scones ('The best in Coffs!') before checking out the collection of motorcycle memorabilia.



LA HACIENDA 101

Head to Woolgoolga for authentic Mexican dishes and heaps of fun in this bright new addition on the Northern Beaches. They offer a large range of vegan, vegetarian and gluten free options plus an extensive cocktail, Cerveza and Tequila menu.

COFFS HARBOUR SURF CLUB BAR & RESTAURANT

A champion of local food, the Surf Club Bar & Restaurant team start with the freshest ingredients for their famous seafood chowder to delicious, decadent cakes. Grab a healthy or indulgent breakfast, or make a booking to enjoy lunch while gazing at the ocean

LATITUDE 30

Located at the Coffs Harbour marina, Latitude 30's hallmark is the freshest, local seafood, prepared by a renowned chef, and paired with an impressive wine list. Try the classic ceviche or feast on a delicious seafood platter. Ocean views create a beautiful backdrop to this fine dining experience.





THE HILLTOP STORE

A husband and wife team of awardwinning chefs has transformed Sawtell's historic general store into a buzzing café. Known as a go-to spot for morning coffee, The Hilltop Store is also one of the best places on the coast to sample creative local cuisine.

RATTLE

The go-to venue offering beachfront dining with up beat and warm ambience. Enjoy one of their signature cocktails featuring local distillers and native ingredients whilst you graze on dishes from their modern Australian share style menu.

Plenty of Places to Enjoy a Drink

A drink with friends

When the sun goes down (or even when it's still up!) here are some favourite spots to catch up over a cocktail, a craft brew, a boutique wine or a decadent cocktail:



Coffs Harbour

Dark Arts Café & Bar Element Bar King Tide Brewing The Pier Hotel Jetty Beach House Grazzi Papi The Hoey Moey The Coast Hotel



Sawtell

Bar Que Sera The Athletic Club The Spare Room Morty's Joint



Woolgoolga

La Hecienda 101 Sam's Place Sunset Room Woopi Woopi Brewing Co. Critters Distillery

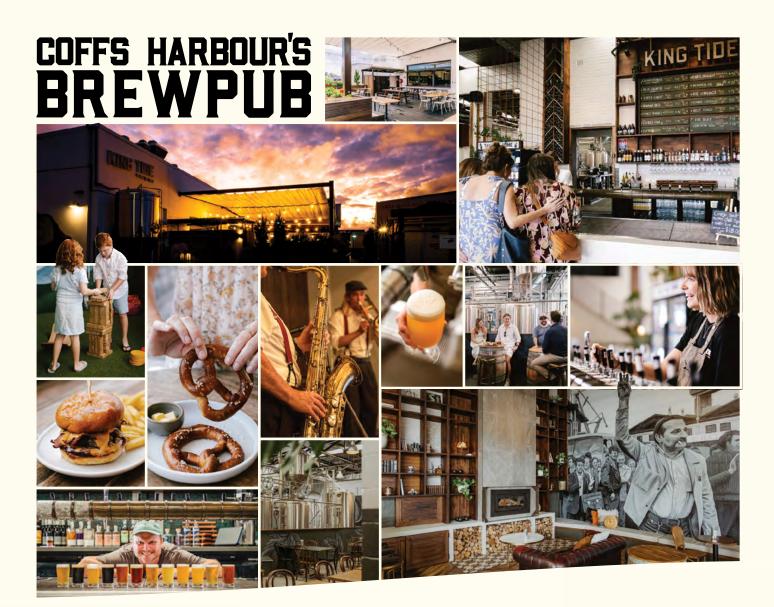


Family Friendly Pubs

When the kids are around, these places meet all your needs – great food, great atmosphere and great fun for all the family!

Amble Inn Corindi Coramba Hotel Moonee Beach Hotel Seaview Tavern Woolgoolga Toormina Hotel Sawtell Hotel Plantation Hotel





LOCAL BREWS DELICIOUS FOOD FAMILY FRIENDLY





FABULOUS FOOD & DRINK

CRITTERS DISTILLERY

Woolgoolga's Critters Distillery is a bespoke operation producing high-quality vodka and gin with personality and passion. Critters is one of the few Australian distilleries that produce spirits from scratch. They also repurpose any waste materials to remain as sustainable as possible.

Enjoy the Distillery Experience to learn how their spirits are created using Australian wheat and locally sourced sugar and botanicals. Then view the state-of-the-art equipment for the fermenting process, and taste delicious cocktails paired with local foods. Finish your visit by treating yourself to a bottle or two to take home.



FISHERMEN'S CO-OPERATIVE

The Coffs Harbour Fishermen's Co-op, situated at the International Marina, has been reflective of a vibrant working harbour for generations. The co-op is probably best known for its awardwinning snapper and prawns, and supplies locally caught seafood to restaurants around the region.

If fresh, delicious seafood sounds enticing, then the Fishermen's Co-op presents a tasting opportunity you won't want to miss.



ARTISTI COFFEE ROASTERY & ESPRESSO BAR

Delve into the fascinating world of coffee at Artisti, conveniently located between Coffs Harbour and Sawtell. View the roasting facilities and warehouse while sampling the vast selection of blends and single origins that are roasted in-house.

Friendly, expert baristas are on hand to share their knowledge and love of great coffee. Visitors can browse the broad range of coffee-related accessories and purchase products directly from the source.



BITE FOOD & ART TOURS

Bite Food & Art Tours provide unique experiences for visitors who love food. Choose from walking tours that fuse art and food in the Coffs City Centre or create your own custom experience that combines the best of the beach, hinterland and city. With wineries, cafes, coffee roasteries, restaurants, farms and seafood outlets abounding, the choices are endless. Grab a group of friends and book into the bi-annual Coffs Coast Long Lunch.



KING TIDE BREWING

A brewpub of fabulous design in the heart of Coffs Harbour is making waves in the local craft beer scene. With locally inspired brews, such as Look at Me Now and AquaJet. This social venue is the place to relax with friends and enjoy a fresh quality beer while dining on delicious food from their Europeaninspired menu.

WOOPI BREWING CO

A local's favourite craft brewery that celebrates and connects with the community in a family-friendly environment that reflects the local beach culture lifestyle. The chilled-out venue offers a welcoming vibe with delicious cold beer, great food, and live music.

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Visiting and supporting community markets is a fantastic way to get to know the locals and the places they call home. From fresh, seasonal produce to beautiful handcrafted gifts and even a touch of Bollywood, the markets of the Coffs Coast deliver plenty of variety.

Markets present a wonderful opportunity to shop sustainably and support local, mindful producers and businesses by buying homegrown and handmade products. Here are some of our favourites:

Thursday in the heart of the city, just opposite Coffs Central shopping centre. This market celebrates local produce and is all about the 'paddock to plate' experience. Spend your time chatting to a farmer or enjoy browsing the diverse offerings from local honey, beautiful blooms, handcrafted items and more.

Harbourside Market is a makers and growers market held weekly at the beautiful Jetty Foreshores. This vibrant and popular market is the perfect way to kick off your Sunday morning. And with a philosophy of ethically and locally made goods, you'll be buying for all the right reasons. These markets showcase everything from jewellery, fresh produce, plants and clothing, to beauty products, furniture and homewares.

Twilight Food Market is on every Friday evening at Park Beach Reserve during daylight saving months. This market centres around food, glorious food with flavours from all corners of the globe. It's very much a family-friendly event – even the pooch can join in! Sitting back under the stars by Coffs Creek with tasty delights and live music playing is just the ticket to welcome the weekend.

Made with Love Market is dedicated to boutique handmade goods. Up to 100 stalls showcase an incredible range of items from local artisans, makers and food producers, all of which are handcrafted from the heart. Held four times throughout the year in Coffs Harbour, you'll be sure to find many memorable and unique gifts.

Coramba Village Market offers the beauty of the hinterland along with a visit to the charming historical village of Coramba, just 15 minutes west of Coffs. Stalls at the monthly market showcase produce of the Orara Valley and focus on eco-friendly, repurposed, homegrown and homemade.

Woolgoolga Markets are a regular weekend feature at this seaside village about 20 minutes north of Coffs Harbour. Whether you are looking for a special gift, clothing or bric-a-brac, the monthly Woolgoolga Beach Market will have you covered – fresh and fabulous!

For colour, fun, delicious food and live music, be sure to check out the twice-monthly **Bollywood Beach Market**. The concept behind these markets honours the local community, with Woolgoolga being home to Australia's largest Sikh / Punjabi population.

Check out all the details, dates & locations for lots of local markets on coffscoast.com

RELAX &RENEW

A holiday escape is the perfect time to **make your** wellbeing a priority. Whether you prefer to be pampered with luxury beauty treatments or explore experiences to rebalance your mind and rejuvenate your body, the Coffs Coast has it in abundance.



If you're looking to find your 'zen' in the middle of the Coffs City Centre check out **The Sol Collective.** This studio is a place of wellness, creativity and connection, located in an inner city, industrial space, converted from a 1950's upholstery warehouse. The



team are passionate about serving locals and visitors through yoga, mediation and other holistic services. Here you'll find the smiling faces of dedicated teachers and students, and classes ranging from traditional yoga and mat pilates to guided meditation and sacred disco dance.

Treat Yourself

The caring therapists at Sawtell's **Figtree Day Spa** offer quality time with yourself to enjoy integrated beauty treatments, sauna therapy, remedial massage or yin yoga. For the ultimate experience, start with a sauna to detox. Then indulge in two hours of blissful relaxation, including a sugarscrub massage, personalised facial, and meditation session.

Located inside Coffs Central, **Endota Spa** specialises in luxurious skin treatment packages and certified organic facial and body treatments. The experienced staff are committed to providing the highest standards of professional treatments in a haven where you can relax and unwind from the stresses of everyday life.

SPACE TO REFLECT & RECONNECT

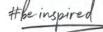
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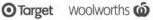
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TIME TO SHOP

If you love a bit of 'retail therapy' and enjoy the thrill of uncovering treasures while on holiday, seek out local boutiques and eclectic goods for a unique shopping experience.





There are several precincts across the Coffs Coast where you can spend a lovely day browsing, buying and relaxing with a coffee. From beautiful stores highlighting sustainable and eco-friendly products to modern centres with well-known brands, the Coffs Coast offers an exciting and varied range of retailers.

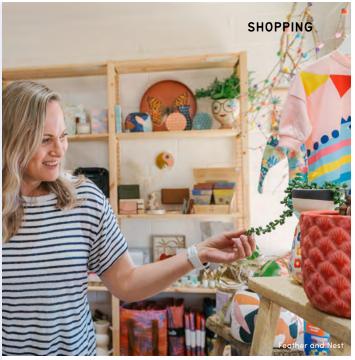
City Centre Arcades & Laneways

Venture into the arcades and laneways along Harbour Drive, in Coffs Harbour's CBD. Here you'll find many of the city's most stylish boutiques and unique stores – plus an abundance of cafes and restaurants to refuel during your expedition.

Some favourite stores in the area include fashion boutiques Tallow & Tide, Uptown Local and Nik & She. Pop into Chalkies Skateshop for the latest skate gear or Coopers Surf if the beach is more your style. Red Sparrow Tea Company sells a wonderful range of loose leaf teas, cups, pots and accessories. You can always find great gift ideas at Love & Kisses plus locally made and designed jewellery, pottery, art and craft at Kaleidoscope.







Under the Figtrees in Sawtell

Sawtell's buzzy cafe strip, First Avenue is home to some lovely boutiques selling locally designed jewellery, homewares, shoes and clothing amongst well-known brands. Find fashion at First Avenue Boutique, Brooke George and Miss Minnies. Pick up a beautiful bunch at Flowers on First. And be swept away by the past at Bella Cosa Antiques – just to mention a few!

Beachside Chic in Woolgoolga

Woolgoolga reveals an increasingly diverse range of locally owned boutiques presenting everything from ethically-produced lifestyle clothing to beautiful homewares and surfwear, plus excellent cafes and specialist Asian and Indian grocery stores. 'Must dos' include Feather & Nest, Botanicus, That Beach Shop, Lalu Lalu, Natural Elements Store. XS Surf and Eco Threads.

All Under One Roof

The Coffs Coast boasts several large modern shopping centres featuring popular 'big brands' and many excellent specialty shops. From north to south in the region, these centres include **Moonee Market** at Moonee Beach, **Park Beach Plaza** and **Coffs Central** in Coffs Harbour, and **Toormina Gardens** close to Sawtell

ALYSON PEARSON

CONTEMPORARY ARTIST

Creative leader Alyson
Pearson, more commonly
known as **Alykat Creative**, is a
contemporary artist and designer with
a large following on the Coffs Coast.
Having grown up in the region, Alyson
takes much of her creative inspiration
from her local surroundings and
childhood memories of days spent
walking Coffs Creek and the headlands.

Joyful Australia-Inspired Murals

Alyson is known for her playful artwork, often with a focus on modern Australiana and whimsical animals. Her art combines illustrations with fun digital elements evoking a sense of happy-wonder.

Alyson's latest mural project 'Adventures of Little Muttonbird Island' is an 8 metre installation in the corridors of the Paediatric Emergency Department at **Coffs Harbour Health Campus**. A calming, uplifting and delightful scene aimed to inspire the imagination of young patients and their visitors.

Street Art & Creative Spaces

Alyson is an integral part of our vibrant creative community, having helped create a Melbourne-style laneway in the heart of **Coffs City Centre. Park Avenue Lane** features a street art collection, showcasing the



There are many more creative hubs to be found along the Coffs Coast.

Kaleidoscope, found in Coffs Central, showcases the works of Coffs Coast makers and creatives. From pottery to handmade jewellery, art and fashion; this unique retail outlet celebrates local artists, supported with creative art events and exhibitions. Yarrila Arts and Museum (YAM) has recently opened with a new permanent exhibition exploring the history and identity of the Coffs Coast through themes of place, community and

Live it like a local

"My favourite way to spend a day starts with an early morning walk up Muttonbird Island for views that never disappoint, followed by a coffee stop at Old Johns, before heading to The Mudroom to browse the latest goodies from local makers. Happy Frog is my go-to for a delicious and healthy lunch, a perfect spot to stop after exploring the local street art nearby."

belonging, with Gumbaynggirr culture at its heart.

For something a little different, the Coffs Creek walk is a personal favourite of Alyson's. "Having grown up opposite the creek, it is a place of sanctuary and inspiration for me plus there are public artworks to be spotted along the way."

To find out more about Aylson's story visit coffscoast.com



"one has no cause to be bored"





Yaamanga Around here, installation views

Yarrila Arts and Museum (YAM) is reshaping arts and culture in Coffs Harbour. With *Yaamanga Around here* as its centerpiece and a dynamic exhibition program including art, social history, and natural history, YAM will illuminate and inspire all who visit.

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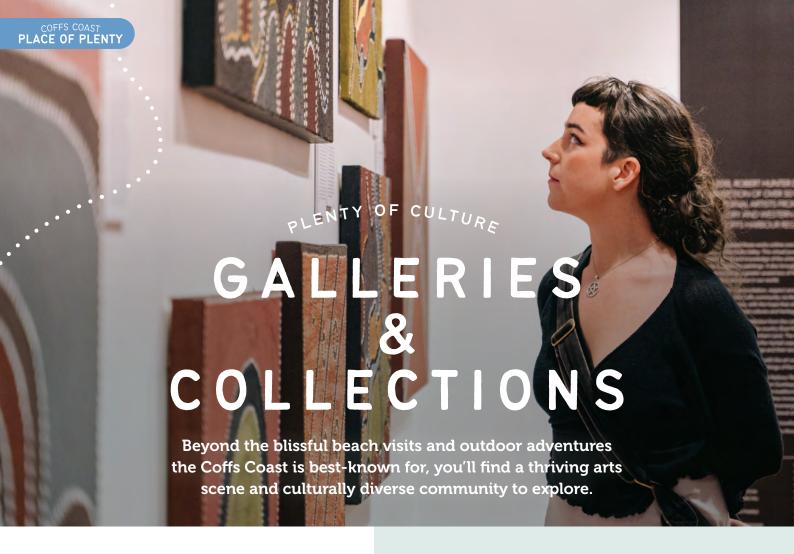
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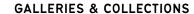




The region's vibrant creative sector is reflected in a vast range of offerings when it comes to galleries, heritage collections, theatre, film festivals and exhibits. From the one-of-a-kind cartoon gallery, to a museum dedicated to Sikh heritage or quirky pop-up spaces highlighting talented locals, there's a Coffs Coast arts destination to suit all ages and interests.

SIKH HERITAGE MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA

Opposite the grand Guru Nanak Sikh Temple in Woolgoolga's River Street, this museum was established in 2019 and is dedicated to Sikh heritage. It aims to encourage a better understanding of Sikh traditions, history, spirituality and identity. Step inside for an insight into how the first Sikhs came to call Woolgoolga home in the 1890s and immerse yourself in this fascinating culture. The collection also details the vital role the Sikh people played in our ANZAC history, celebrates Victoria Cross recipients, and displays musical instruments and weaponry such as spears, shields and swords.



Woolgoolga Sikh Heritage Museum of Australia

COFFS HARBOUR REGIONAL CONSERVATORIUM

The Con is the region's hub for classical music. As well as showcasing local students, the venue hosts many performances, including the popular Sunday Concert Series which brings outstanding musicians from around the country to perform.

NATIONAL CARTOON GALLERY

A unique experience that is sure to make you smile, The National Cartoon Gallery is Australia's first and only exhibition space dedicated to cartoons and cartooning. Formerly known as The Bunker Gallery, collections are housed in an authentic World War II bunker. This has been converted to a modern, larger exhibition space that also includes a theatrette and restaurant.

National Cartoon Gallery

Housing the largest private collection of contemporary cartoons in the southern hemisphere, you can also enjoy curated and touring exhibitions. Or time your visit with a workshop, performance, film night or event regularly hosted here. The gallery hosts Cartoon Chef drawing workshops and is also well-known for its Annual Rotary Cartoon Awards.

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Nesting Needles

Ph: 0400 055 989 - Coramba

Open Studio

Ph: 0432 447 727 - Coffs Harbour

Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance

Ph: 02 6658 1315 - Coffs Harbour

Sawtell Art Gallery

Ph: 02 6658 6477 - Sawtell

The Art Factory

Ph: 02 6658 0300 - Coffs Harbour

Wadjar Gallery

Ph: 02 6640 7104 - Corindi Beach

Woolgoolga Art Gallery

Ph: 02 6654 1054 - Woolgoolga

Yarilla Arts and Museum museum (YAM) is now open at Yarrila Place in the heart of Coffs Harbour. Featuring exhibitions across four galleries, Gumbaynggirr inspired stories and art trail, along with Coffs Coast history and artefacts.







In 15 minutes you could be on top of the world!

Forest Sky Pier at Sealy Lookout/Niigi Niigi has breathtaking views from the mountains to the sea. Take a leisurely stroll to Korora Lookout and immerse yourself in the Gumbaynggirr Dreaming story of Gumgali, the black goanna. Walking tracks take you through the lush rainforest of the Orara East State Forest or visit our picnic areas nestled in the cool shade of the forest canopy. And if you're feeling energetic, book ahead for a treetop adventure.

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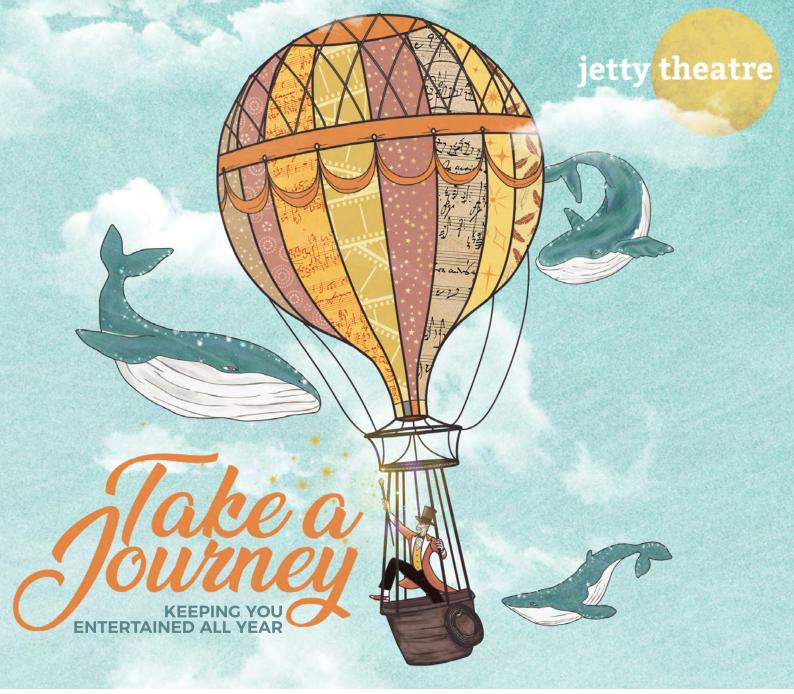


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BINDARRI NATIONAL PARK

Get your boots on for some quality hiking through pockets of lush subtropical rainforest, old-growth forests and towering eucalypts. Options range from the easy 1km **Bangalore Falls** walk to the 26km Plateau Circuit Loop. Bindarri is also home to a series of spectacular waterfalls, including the rugged Bangalore Falls. You'll find great swimming spots throughout the park – try out the one at the **Bindarray Picnic Area**. 4WD exploration is also possible with experienced drivers opting to tackle the 80km Orara Escarpment touring route from Coffs Harbour.



SHERWOOD NATURE RESERVE

Cross creeks and wander through sub-tropical rainforest at **Woolgoolga Falls Walking Track**. Just a short drive or cycle west of Woolgoolga township, this small-scale adventure is fantastic for kids, with a picnic area at the beginning, several shallow water crossings, well-maintained tracks and a waterfall at the end!



Stroll along the paved pathway at **Look At Me Now Headland** for panoramic ocean views and a closer look at the many eastern grey kangaroos that make their home on the headland. At the southern end of the reserve, enjoy the waters of **Moonee Creek**.



ULIDARRA NATIONAL PARK

Riverside picnics at **Bucca Bucca Creek**, the challenging 3.2km End Peak walk, and adventure activities such as mountain biking, 4WDing and birdwatching – or exploring diverse wildlife habitats where you can spot koalas, owls and bats, among others. The park also borders the **Bruxner Park Flora Reserve**, renowned for unrivalled views of the region's landscapes and seemingly endless Pacific Ocean.

BONGIL BONGIL NATIONAL PARK

This coastal location south of Coffs Harbour is home to open beaches, sweeping views and peaceful streams. For an unforgettable family outing in a forest setting, explore the 80kms of the **Muurlay Baamgala** cycle trails. Alternatively, choose to picnic along the banks of Bonville Creek, SUP boarding and kayaking along the tranquil **Pine Creek**.



DORRIGO NATIONAL PARK

The World Heritage listed park provides the setting for the ultimate nature discovery. Spend the day exploring the **Gondwana Rainforest** that has been millions of years in the making. Popular rainforest walking tracks include Wonga Walk to Crystal Falls, Rosewood Creek to Coachwood Falls and Red Cedar Falls. All walks start at the Dorrigo Rainforest Centre and Skywalk Lookout.

KIRI BIGGS

MOUNTAIN BIKER

After living away from the region for several years it was the natural beauty of the Coffs Coast that brought Kiri and her family back. Her love of mountain biking was sparked when she started to ride after a recovery from a back injury 5 years ago.

"Mountain biking lifts your mood.

You can ride with family and friends and be immersed in nature – I just love it!"

Kiri is now an integral part of the **Woolgoolga Mountain Bike Club**. "Our club is awesome. We are so lucky to have our passionate volunteers who help in all areas to keep the MTB zone running sweet. Families, guys, groms, teens and women are all part of our wonderful MTB community."

Coffs Coast State Forest Trails

There are currently 11 mountain bike trails in Wedding Bells State Forest offering differing levels of difficulty. Similar to skiing, the trails are colour graded to enable riders to select trails based on their own ability. Some of these are fully adaptive trails suitable for riders of adapted mountain bikes.

With a new trail underway and a new skills park to enable beginners to build and learn new skills coming soon, there is so much to explore. **Woolgoogla**Mountain Biking Club play host to many race events and social rides throughout the year.

Further south on the Coffs Coast there are trails in Pine Creek State Forest and in the hinterland around Coramba.

Get on your (mountain) bike

The trails are easily accessed via the state forests and can be found on the trailforks app. Although a 4WD is not required it can be recommended if you plan on driving in wet conditions. The trails can also be accessed easily by driving to Sherwood Creek Forest Road and then riding to the top.

Where you'll find Kiri

"When we're not out exploring trails on our bikes, our family loves spending time in the water at Moonee Creek or exploring the cliffs and waterfalls in Sherwood Creek Forest"

To find out more about Kiri's story visit coffscoast.com

MTB AND CYCLING TRAILS

- The Sawmill Pine Creek State Forest, Bonville
- Cows With Guns Pine Creek State Forest, Bonville
- Mt Coramba Downhill Mount Coramba Rd, Karangi
- Wedding Bells MBT Network Sherwood Creek Rd, Woolgoolga
- Coffs Creek Loop Start at Coffs City Centre or Park Beach
- Woolgoolga Coastal Loop From Woolgoolga Beach Reserve





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YVONNE EVERETT

WALKER, EXPLORER AND AUTHOR

A relative newcomer to the Coffs
Coast, Yvonne arrived with a love of
bushwalking and a goal to find at least
15 good walks in the region. Her love
of the outdoors has seen her exploring
hundreds of trails across all corners of the
region over the past 4 years.

The result - Yvonne has now mapped over 200 walks, created a dedicated trails website (coffstrails.com), and published walking and 4WD guidebooks - a must have for all visitors keen to explore the region's coastline, hinterland, rainforests and National Parks.

Walks and trails for all

From the 1km culturally rich Gumgali Track sharing a Gumbaynggirr dreaming story through art, to a 60km multi-day hike covering beaches, headlands, rainforests, creek crossings and beachside towns, the Coffs Coast has so many great trails to choose from. Yvonne is often out and about looking for the best coastal views, exploring a quiet nature reserve, or just getting a physical workout in the fresh air.

YVONNE'S TOP TRAILS

- For unbegtable views Tuckers Nob
- For headland strolls or a multi day hike Solitary Islands Coastal Walk
- For families Sealy Lookout and Red Rock



Bindarri National Park

"My personal favourite is the challenging Grade-5 Tuckers Nob Devos Trail in the Bindarri National Park. It's a 13-km trail through rainforest to a spectacular lookout, not to be missed!"

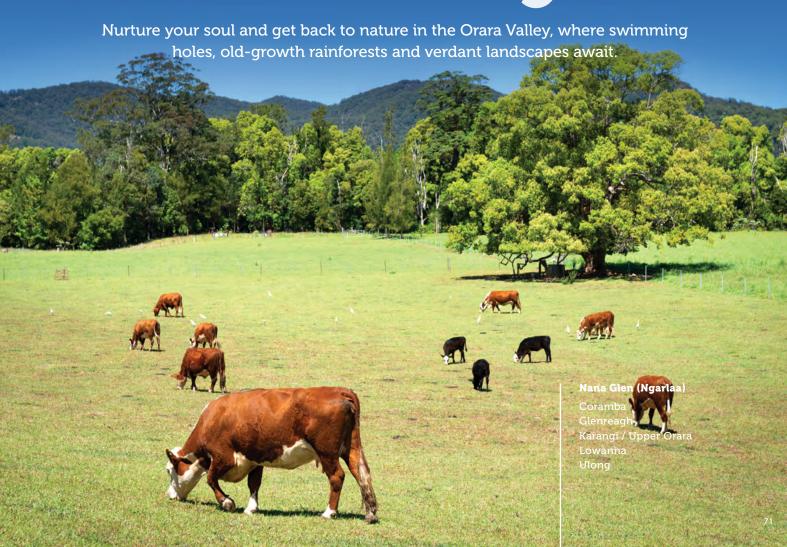
From creeks and freshwater swimming holes to natural waterfalls and escarpment, the Bindarri National Park in **Upper Orara** has it all. Wallabies, koalas, platypus, turtles, frogs, an abundance of birds, and several rare species live in this 'biodiversity hotspot'.

Where you'll find Yvonne

When not writing her next trail guide, you'll find Yvonne out exploring the trails of the Coffs Coast either by foot or 4WD, or a combination of the two. Yvonne's top tip for hiking, after packing the essentials, is to stop by **Peach & Wolf Bakery** in Coffs Harbour to pick up a well-deserved treat to enjoy when you reach the peak of your trail.

To find out more about Yvonne's story visit coffscoast.com

Orara Valley



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ecreted away in the Coffs Coast hinterland, the Orara Valley is a pleasure-seekers paradise where waterfalls, forest trails and quaint country pubs lure travellers seeking something different.

Leave the seaside in your wake with a quintessential country drive through lush mountains and charming country towns on the Orara Valley Tourist Trail. The valley entices lovers of the great outdoors to come play in an unspoiled natural wonderland, just a short distance from the city.

Adventure Playground

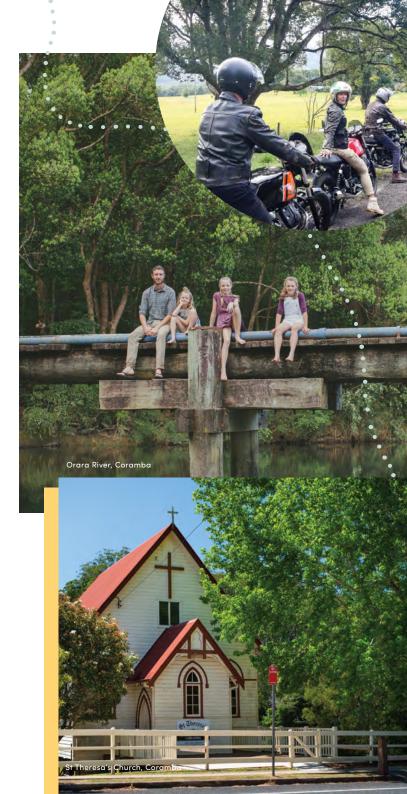
The Orara River is a mecca for watersport enthusiasts of all abilities. Here, you'll find gentle paddling loops through to rapids for keen kayakers who like an adrenaline rush. Wet a line and try your luck catching bass or perch. Mount Coramba Downhill Trails will challenge the cycle skills of mountain bikers, while 4WD enthusiasts can take on the rugged 80km round trip on the Orara Escarpment Route, through remote eucalypts and subtropical rainforests. The valley boasts ample scenic bushwalking trails to amble through, too.

Country Cuteness Overload

Follow the Orara Valley Tourist Trail past banana and blueberry plantations and dairy farms, to historical Coramba, brimming with country hospitality. Take a self-guided heritage tour around the village, before experiencing its cute cafes and restaurants. For something more substantial, enjoy a homestyle pub meal complete with undulating country views at the Coramba Hotel's family-friendly beer garden. Experience the last remaining spot of subtropical lowland rainforest along the Orara River in the nearby Coramba Nature Reserve.

Ponies to Platypuses

Stop at Karangi Dam for a picnic or book a trail ride with one of the local tour operators to experience this spectacular region by horseback. Go west to explore the magnificent Bindarri and Ulidarra National Parks complete with craggy mountain ravines, stunning waterfalls, and secluded swimming holes where platypus hide out. Enjoy the country hospitality of the Ulong and Lowanna communities at their local cafes – perfect for a stopover when exploring the nearby Bindarri National Park. Ferroequinologists (aka train fans) will want to visit the beautifully restored Lowanna Railway Station, too.





Waterholes for Every Man and His Dog

Nestled in the valley's picturesque pastures, the historic village of Nana Glen is certainly somewhere to Crowe about. Visit nearby Glenreagh, the oldest town in the Orara Valley, where a giant Golden Dog statue guards the popular hotel. The nearby Sherwood Nature Reserve features an untouched tract of forest filled with waterholes and cascades just waiting to be discovered.



TOP 5 NATURE ESCAPES

The Orara Valley rewards visitors who venture off the beaten track with plenty of natural immersive experiences.

TOWERING GIANTS

Roam through rare remnants of native forest, beneath a canopy of old-growth trees. Hear the soft coos of resident wompoo fruit doves, or listen for their telltale sound of fruit falling onto the forest floor below.

Spot a potaroo or two as you approach the river before cooling down at the sublime swimming hole near Hartley's Bridge.

CHASE WATERFALLS

Bindarri National Park is a natural playground offering 4WD routes, mountain bike trails, walking tracks and idyllic picnicking and swimming spots. Experience the imposing Bangalore Falls and waterfall views from the easily accessible lookout. Watch the headwaters of Urumbilum River cascade over the Great Escarpment, producing a series of spectacular waterfalls down the craggy mountain gorge.

GET TWITCHY

Ulidarra National Park is a twitcher's utopia – birdwatching being one of the many things to do in this natural haven, home to 125 different bird species including threatened species such as glossy blackcockatoos, brown treecreepers, barred cuckoo-shrikes, black bitterns, barking and powerful owls. It is also home to koalas, dingoes, mammals, reptiles, frogs and fish.

GO SKY HIGH

Head to the Forest Sky Pier at Sealy Lookout in the Orara East State Forest for heavenly 180-degree coastal views.
Learn about the Gumbaynggirr people through Giingan Gumbaynggirr Cultural Experience Tours. Trek the unique Gumagli Track as it reveals the story of the Black Goanna, through sculpture, art, and sound. For a truly treetop experience, 'monkey about' with TreeTop Adventures.

PICTURE PERFECT

Test your photography skills against a myriad of natural backdrops, including bushland, farmland and nature reserves. Grab a pic of historical locations, heritage buildings, landscapes, flaura and fauna. Snap some of the small village secrets in Karangi, Fridays Creek, Coramba, Dairyville, Ulong, Lowanna and Nana Glen. Capture the beauty of the Orara Valley in its best light, morning, noon and night.



BILLIE-JO PORTER

SINGER/SONGWRITER

Rising Country Music Star

Known for her authentic, fun and unique style, Billie-Jo Porter is a rising star in the world of country music and hugely popular local Coffs Coast talent

She recently made waves as a top ten grand finalist in the **Toyota Star Maker Competition 2022.** With her debut self-titled album landing the number 4 spot in the **ARIA Australian Country Music charts** in the first week of launch. An accomplished singer and songwriter, her collaborations with other emerging Australian artists have also earned her a spot in the Spotify streaming millionaire club. Billie-Jo's career to date has seen her support established artists as well as performing at major festivals including **Tamworth Country Music Festival** and **Bello Winter Music Festival**.

Locally Billie-Jo can be found singing across the Coffs Coast at larger live music venues such as C.ex Coffs and The Hoey Moey through to more intimate venues such as the Coramba Hotel and Woolgoolga Brewing Co. She can also be found at a range of local events including headlining at the Twilight Markets in summer.

"When I'm not gigging, I love to support other local talent by checking out Dark Arts Weekend Sessions and Hoey Moey Sunday arvo sessions."

The Coffs Coast has a thriving live music scene, with large venues including **C.ex Coffs International Stadium** which played host to **Elton John** in recent years. Alongside the permanent venues, Coffs Coast is home to a wide range of music festivals including **Summersalt**, **Storyland**, **BananaFest** and many more cultural and food related events such as **Woolgoolga CurryFest** and the **Sawtell Chilli Festival**.

The vibrant arts and music scene is a real drawcard for visitors to the Coffs Coast. There's a thriving creative community, collaborative songwriting opportunities and a smorgasbord of local musical talent - the Coffs Coast is the perfect spot to grow musically.

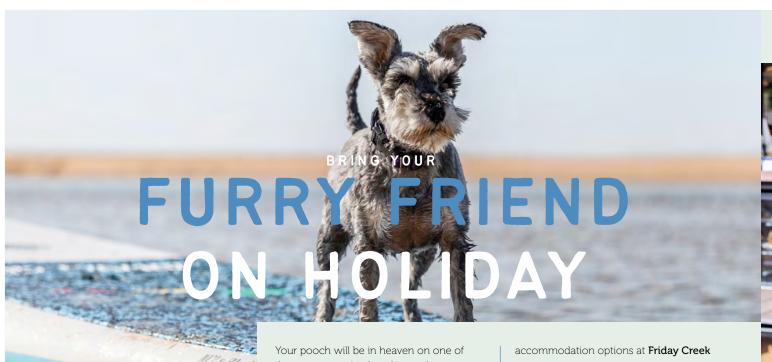
To find out more about Billie-Jo's story visit coffscoast.com

"Creative inspiration is everywhere you look in Coffs, from barefoot sunrise beach walks to markets full of locally made creations and musical sunset sessions. Creativity is alive and kicking all along the Coffs Coast!"

LIVE MUSIC. COOD TIMES.



THE COFFS COAST'S PREMIERE VENUES FOR GREAT FOOD, LIVE MUSIC & GOOD TIMES.



The days of leaving your pet behind while you go on holiday are over. Exploring with furry friends in tow has never been easier!

Discover an evergrowing list of Coffs Coast attractions, accommodation options, beaches, parks and cafes for you and your animals to enjoy. Your pooch will be in heaven on one of the many stunning beaches and reserves. Certain areas are designated for dogs on leads while in others, dogs are allowed off-lead, as long as they are under direct supervision. Run, walk or play with your dog on the golden sand at Arrawarra Beach in the north, Sawtell Beach a little further south, Korora Beach and Sapphire Beach in the centre and many others in between.

If your pup is especially energetic, why not grab its leash, hop on a bike and explore the **Coffs Creek and Harbour Loop** together. The 12 to 24 kilometre trail is a mix of road, bike path, dirt and boardwalks and will take you through a variety of landscapes including wetlands, beaches and reserves.

Stay at one of the many pet friendly accommodation options close to the beach, Paramount on Jarret and Marilyn's. For Caravanners check-in to the Reflections Holiday Park at Moonee Beach, Woolgoolga Lakeside Holiday Park and Sapphire Beach Holiday Park. For a relaxing tranquil stay with bush walking activities head out to the hinterland with

accommodation options at Friday Creek
Retreat, Mount Browne Cottage and Coffs
Coast Mountain Retreat.

Check-in to the popular Reflections Holiday Parks Moonee Beach, one of the many contemporary pet-friendly accommodation options on offer. Surrounded by the tranquil Moonee Creek, the Moonee Beach Reserve and Green Bluff headland, you'll struggle to decide on what to do first. Swimming, surfing, boating and bushwalking top the list in this nature lover's paradise. Dogs on leashes can have fun in the sun too!

From here, head a little further west to the Bruxner Park Flora Reserve in the Orara East State Forest and you'll find the magnificent Sealy Lookout, home to the award-winning Forest Sky Pier. Humans aren't the only ones who enjoy stunning views up and down the Coffs Coast. Your furry friend is encouraged to take in the expansive vista as well. Don't forget to pick up after your pet!

PET-FRIENDLY HOLIDAYS



Pet-friendly Restaurants

Enjoy alfresco dining with your pooch at over 20 restaurants, bars & breweries across the Coffs Coast. We encourage you to book ahead and notify the venue you are bringing a dog so they can ensure a table for you in the dog-friendly area.

Coffs Harbour

Café Agua Breakwall Café Coffs Harbour Fishermen's Co-op Dark Arts Café Ernie's Kitchen Element Bar Go Banana's Cafe Jetty Beach House King Tide Brewing Latitude 30 Mamagoto Tin Donkey The Happy Frog Twenty 46 Urban Espresso

Southern Beaches

Café Treeo Lime Mexican Restaurant Toormina Hotel

Northern Beaches

Beachouse Café Moonee Beach Hotel The Black Apple Ground Earth Stef Beachstone Sammie's Dog Cafe & Spa

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Coramba General Store

Pet-friendly Shopping

The ground floor of Coffs Central Shopping Centre is now dog friendly. All well-behaved dogs, regardless of breed, are welcome. Just keep your furry friend on leash and keep an eye out for paw-print decals on shop windows to see which shops welcome dogs. When in the centre make sure you drop into Maggie's Pet Co. – a one-stop shop for pet owners with pet food, grooming products, leashes, beds, accessories and more!

Pet-friendly Attractions

The Clog Barn
Orara East State Forest
Glenreagh Recreation Ground
C-Change Adventures
Harbourside Markets
City Centre Sunday Market
City Centre and lower level Coffs
Central
Boambee Creek Reserve
Woolgoolga Headland walk
Coffs Coast Growers Market
Coffs Harbour Jetty and Foreshores
Northern and Southern Breakwalls

For Pet Friendly beaches, parks & more ideas visit coffscoast.com.au/ pet-friendly

COFFS



Some of our favourite annual events include: the colour and spice of Woolgoolga Curryfest and Sawtell Chilli Festival; the Australian Ladies Golf Classic drawing players from around the country; Screenwave International Film Festival (SWIFF) – the largest event of its kind in regional NSW; Coffs Harbour Buskers & Comedy Festival; and the OzTag Junior and Senior NSW and National competitions – held at the C.ex Coffs International Stadium

Coffs Coast has played host to major events such as Big Bash League Cricket, NRL Premiership, FFA A-League, the Tag World Cup, as well as attracting fans from around the country to see Elton John on his Farewell Yellow Brick Road Tour.

Find out more about what's on at coffscoast.com.au/events

IS EVENTS

From colourful **community and cultural happenings** to **top-flight sporting competitions** and music festivals, Coffs Coast's reputation as a home for outstanding events is legendary – scoring the region an internationally acclaimed **World Festival & Event City Award** five years running!





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Gumbaynggirr Cultural Experiences

Explore the richness of the world's oldest continuing culture with our Gumbaynggirr cultural experiences.

Led by knowledgeable and engaging Aboriginal guides, embark on a journey through the pristine waters of the Solitary Islands Marine Park with our stand-up paddle tour or discover the beautiful Orara East State Forest on a bush walking tour.

Join us for an unforgettable experience of nature and culture through the stunning land and seascapes of the Coffs Coast.

Book your experience today!





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