



Sovereign Order Of  
**ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM**  
Knights Hospitaller c.1048

# AUSTRALIA

**Host Country for the Sovereign Council's  
Brisbane September 2024 Meeting**



The Order of  
Saint John of Jerusalem  
Knights Hospitaller  
THE GRAND PRIORY OF AUSTRALASIA

# Acknowledgement of Country



***In the spirit of reconciliation the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem Knights Hospitaller acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.***



***UNIQUELY AUSTRALIAN***





# Political Setting



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**Brisbane**

# A BIG Country



**Area: 7,688,287 km<sup>2</sup> (2,968,464 sq miles)**

- Accounts for 5% of World's land area
- World's sixth largest country
- World's largest Island
- World's smallest continental land mass

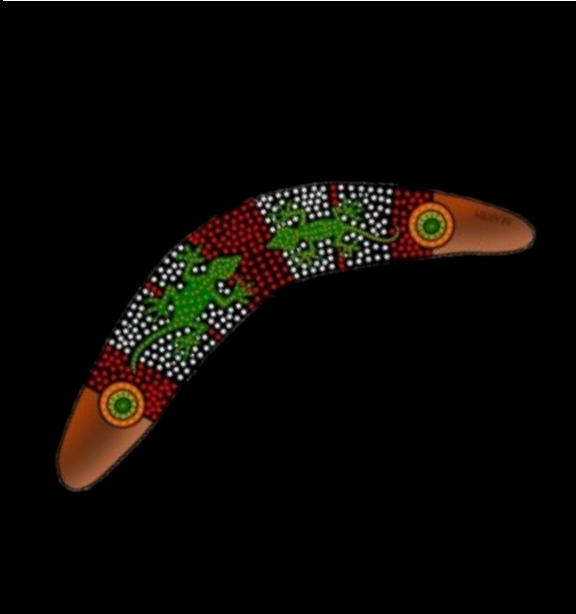
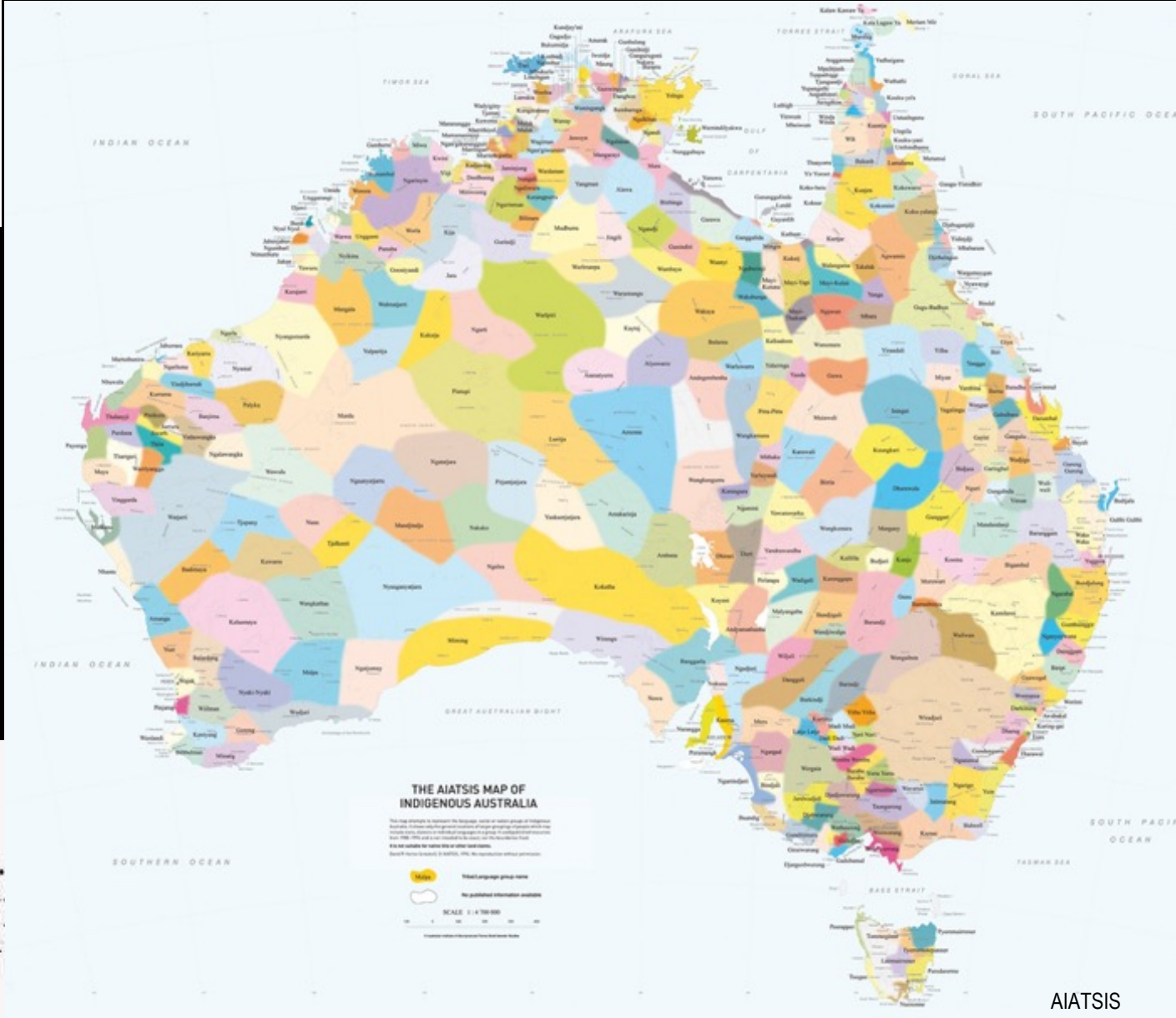


East-West = 4,000km ( 2,500 miles)  
North-South = 3,200 km (2,000 miles)



Population: 26 million

# Australia's First Peoples



World's oldest surviving culture



Map of Indigenous Australia (showing language, social or nation groups)

# Australia's Unique Wildlife



Go Ahead Tours

**Kangaroo**



Go Ahead Tours

**Dingo**



Go Ahead Tours

**Koala**



# Australia's Unique Wildlife



**Wombat**

Encyclopedia Britannica



**Platypus**

Encyclopedia Britannica



**Crocodile**

Live Science



**Cassowary**

WordPress.com



**Emu**

Encyclopedia Britannica

# Australia's Unique Vegetation



Native Wild Flowers

Alpine Forest



Eucalypt Open Forest

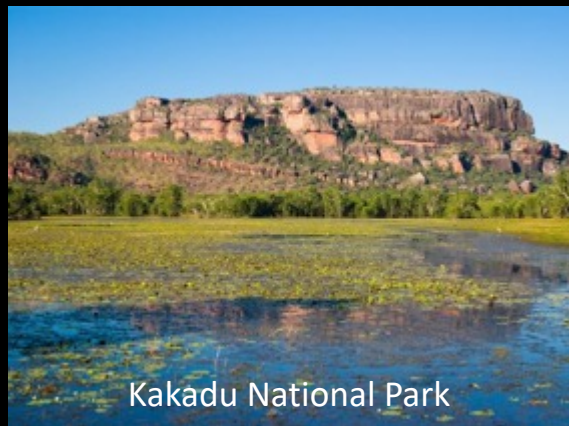


Australian Arid Lands  
(Desert)

Tropical Rainforest



# Australia's World Heritage Sites



Kakadu National Park



Ningaloo Coast



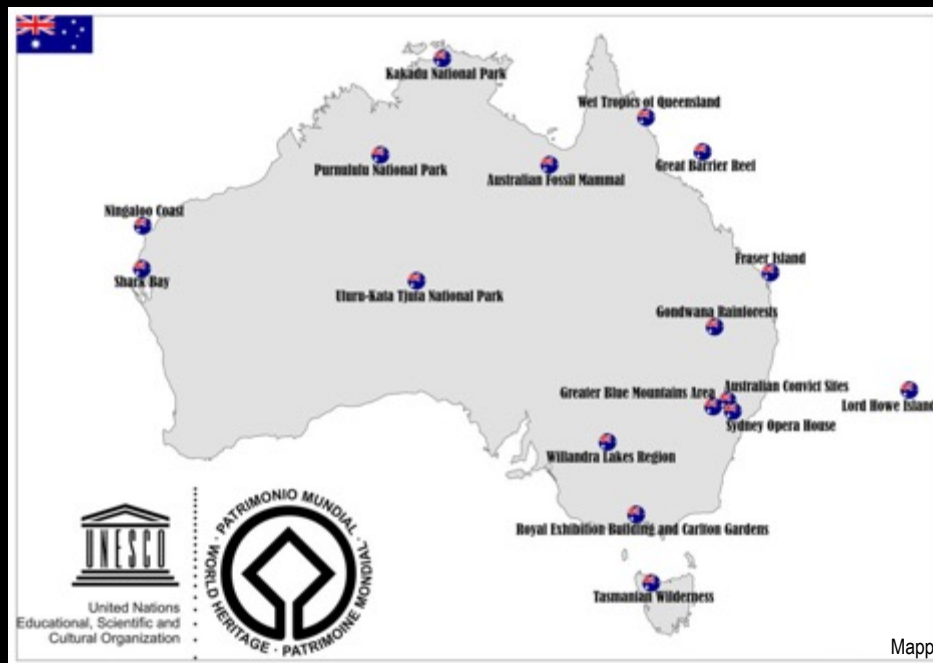
Willandra Lakes Region



Australian Convict Sites



Royal Exhibition Building

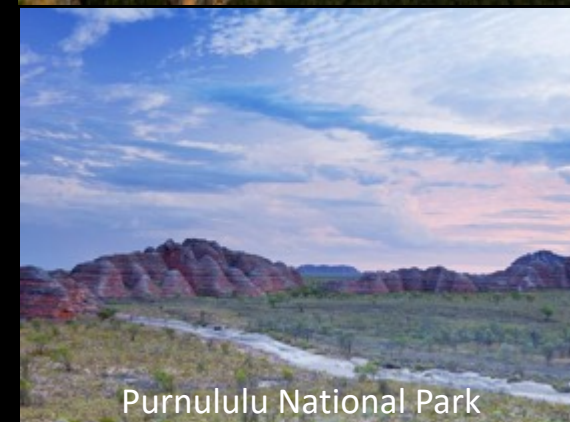


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Australia: 20 World Heritage Sites including 2 in Antarctica (4 cultural, 12 natural and 4 mixed sites)



Blue Mountains



Purnululu National Park



Heard & McDonald Islands



# Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park

## The many faces of Uluru



Pinterest



# Sydney Opera House



The Fact Site



PBS



BCC News



Vivid Sydney



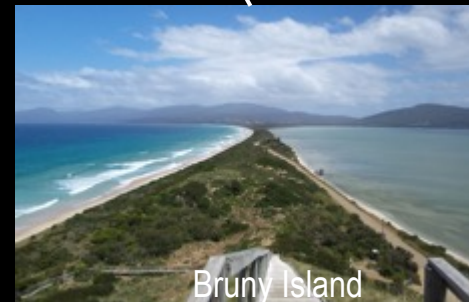
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# Great Barrier Reef



# Islands of Australia



# Great Australian Train Journeys



**The Ghan (54hrs)**



**Spirit of Queensland (24hrs)**



**The Indian Pacific (65hrs)**



**The Southern Spirit (57hrs)**





Floriade

Involved Canberra



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# AUSTRALIA IN SPRING



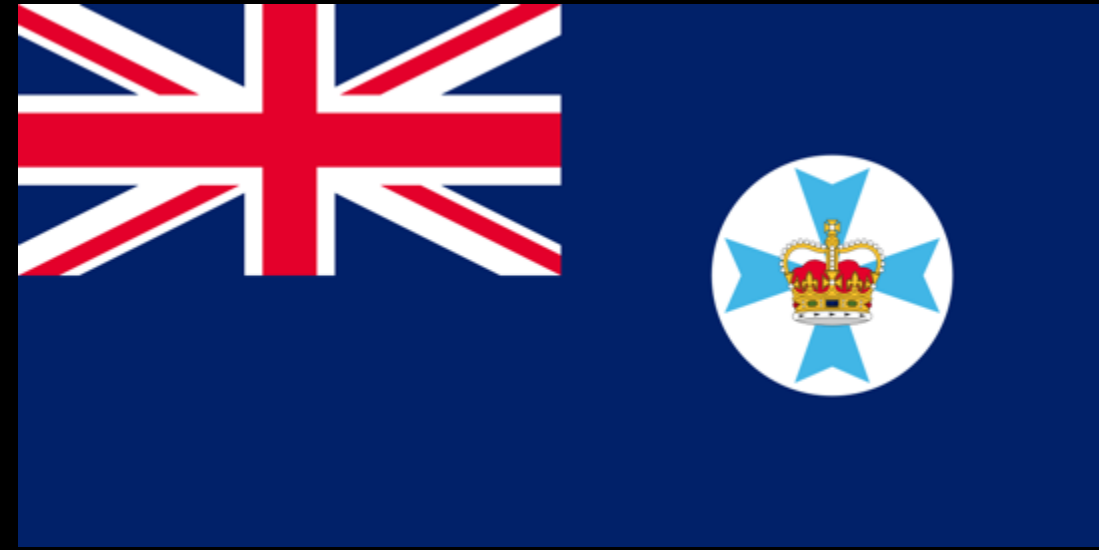
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Aussie Specialist Program



Dreamstime.com



# ***QUEENSLAND: THE SUNSHINE STATE***



# Some of the Best of the Sunshine State



**Visit Tropical Far North Queensland**



**Island Hop the Whitsundays (including the Great Barrier Reef)**



**Visit the Wet tropics (Daintree National Park)**



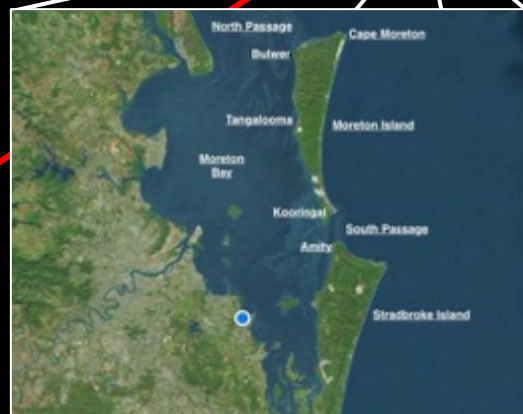
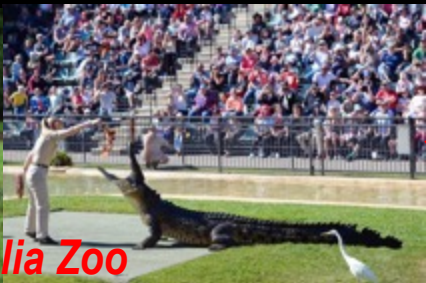
**Four-Wheel Drive & Fish Fraser Island**



**Beach Fishing  
K'Gari - Fraser Island  
Ep - 132**



**Australia Zoo**



**Whale Watching & Fishing - Hervey Bay**



**Binna Burra**



**Visit Moreton Bay & Islands (Quandamooka Country)**



**Vibrant Towns Of The Scenic Rim**

**Scenic Rim**

Sources: Planetware.com; You Tube; Croc Tours; Delicious.com; Travel Blog; Hervey Bay Fly & Sportfishing; Destination Gold Coast; John Mongard



Little house in Australia



Dreamstime.com



Queensland

# ***QUEENSLAND IN SPRING***



Delicious



TripAdvisor



Flickr



Boobook Ecotours



Queensland Tourism



Go55s

# ***THE QUEENSLAND “OUTBACK”***



Queensland Country Life



Outback Queensland



FORTY MILE, QUEENSLAND  
PINNARENDI STATION STAY  
& CAFÉ

WIKICAMPS AUSTRALIA

YouTube

# Average September Weather

The best times to visit Australia:

- September to November
- March to May

The weather is neither too hot nor too cold that makes it perfect to have a walk around Australia.

<https://www.thomascook.in/international-tourism/best-...>

	Average Maximum daytime temperature	Average Minimum nighttime temperature	Average Number of Raindays
Queensland	24°C (75°F)	16°C (61°F)	3 days
Brisbane	24°C (75°F)	14°C (57°F)	4 days

***September is often considered the best month to visit as the climate is perfect and water temperatures are ideal for swimming, snorkelling and exploring the spectacular Great Barrier Reef.***

<https://www.travelonline.com/islands/best-time-to-vis>

# SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND REGION



Toowoomba

Skypics



Sunshine Coast

Savills Australia



Brisbane

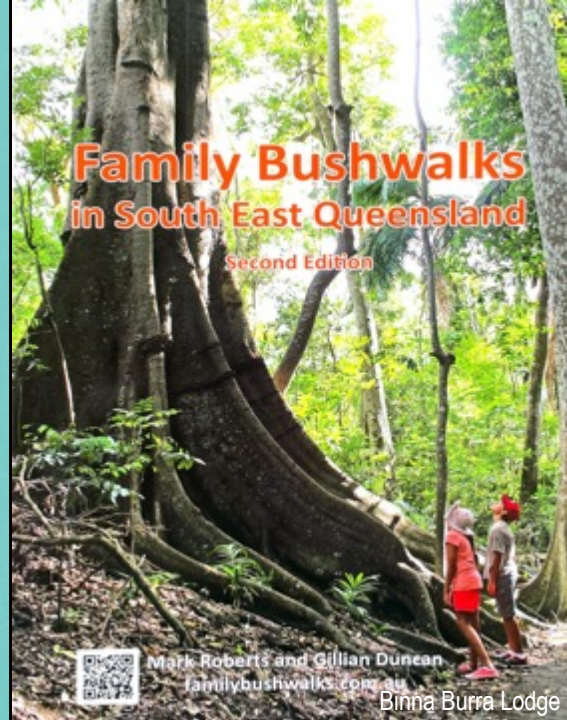
PlanetWare



Gold Coast

www.goldcoastaustralia.com

# South East Queensland Lifestyle Trails





# Regional Museums in SEQ



# National Parks in SEQ



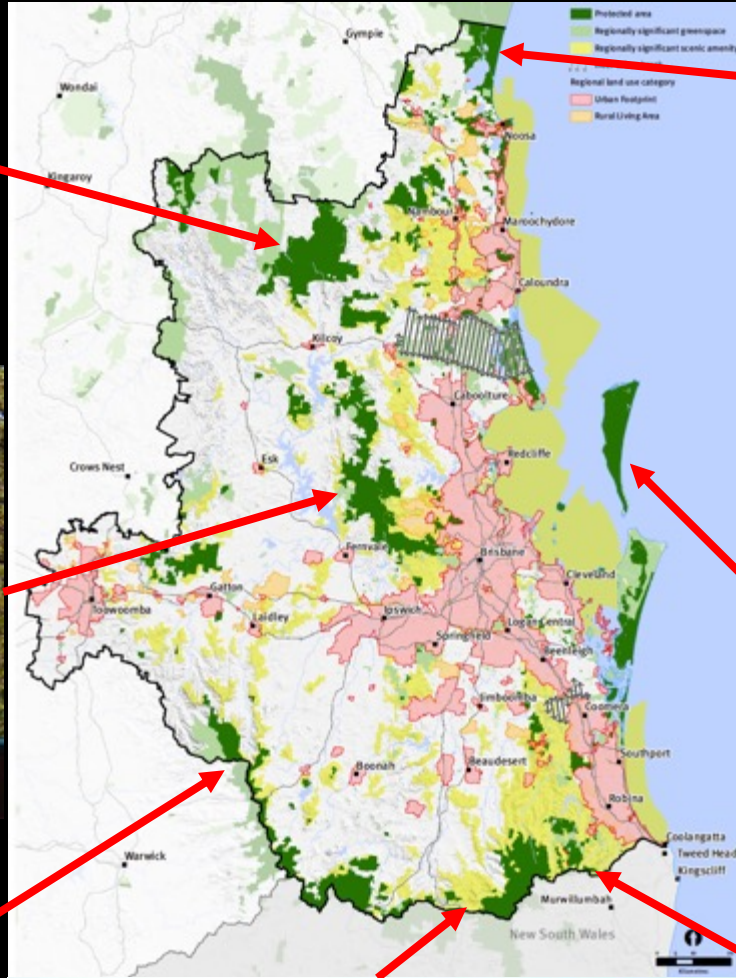
**Conondale National Park** SCRC



**Noosa National Park** Aust Tourist Guide



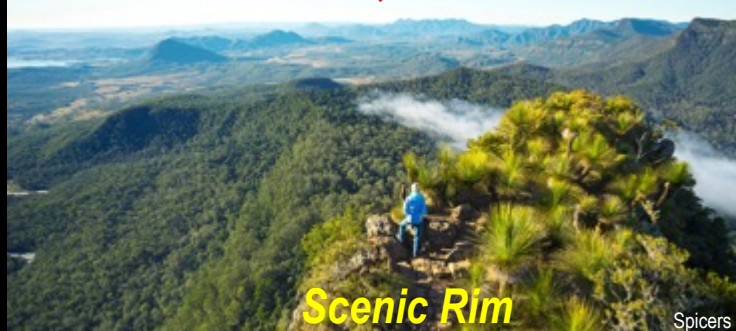
**D'Aguiar National Park** DEH



**Moreton Island National Park** Expedia



**Main Range National Park** DEH



**Scenic Rim** Spicers



**Lamington National Park** Courier Mail



*Quandamooka Festival*

Arts Queensland



*Riverfire*

Brisbane Festival

# *SEPTEMBER EVENTS IN SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND*



*Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers*

Families Magazine



*The Brisbane Festival*

West End magazine



***SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND:  
THE OLYMPIC CITIES OF 2032***



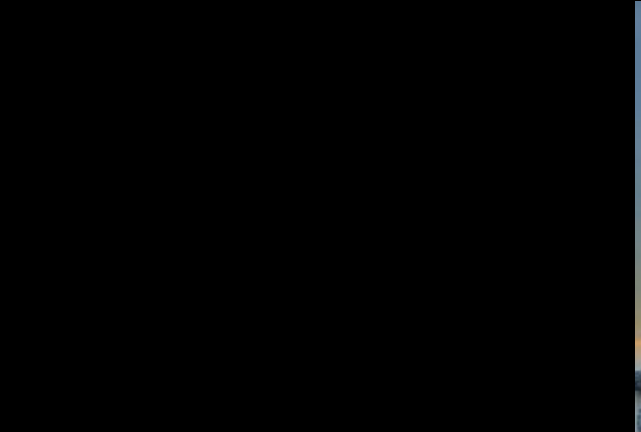
# 2022: Beginning of SEQs Green & Gold Decade





# ***BRISBANE: THE HOST CITY***





# ***BRISBANE: THE RIVER CITY***



# Stop Press



**Greater Brisbane has 79 per cent of people living in populated suburbs with more than 20 per cent tree cover**

2021 National Artificial Intelligence data analysis of tree cover rankings across Australia's capital cities and residential areas.

Source: The Fifth Estate, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021



**Brisbane named Australia's Greenest City**



# Public Transport



Courier Mail



Research Gate  
Gold Coast



Alamy



The Weekend Edition

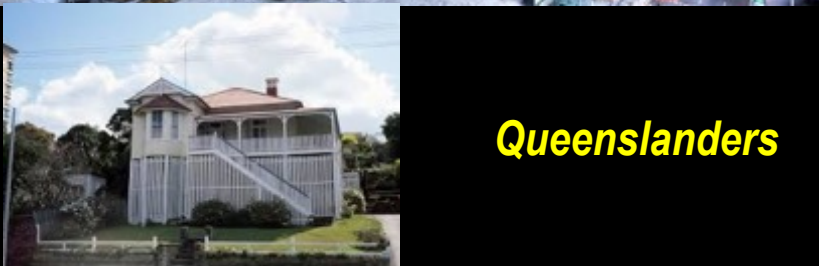


Brisbane City Council



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# Brisbane's Heritage Architecture



# Brisbane's Contemporary Architecture



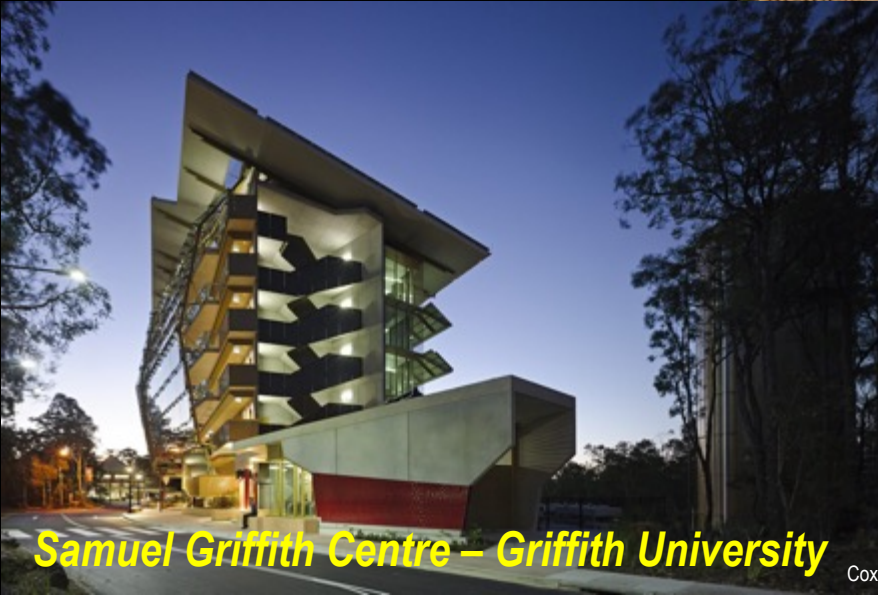
**Queensland Gallery of Modern Art**

Architectus



**Queensland Children's Hospital**

PIKist



**Samuel Griffith Centre – Griffith University**

Cox



**Contemporary Queenslander**

Bespoke Constructions



**Queensland Performing Arts Centre**

Organ Historical Trust of Australia

# Inner City Brisbane Cathedrals & Churches



Catholic leader



Organ Historical Trust of Australia

## St Stephen's Catholic Cathedral



St Stephen's



## Albert Street Uniting Church

## St John's Anglican Cathedral



Brisbane Living Heritage

# Public Museums & Galleries



*Queensland Museum*

YouTube



*Queensland Art Gallery*

Dreamstime.com



*Queensland Gallery of Modern Art*

Bautrip



# Brisbane Places



**City Botanical Gardens**

Quensland



**Southbank**

Amora Hotels



**West End**

Flickr



**Mount Coot-Tha**

YouTube



**Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium**

Wikipedia

**Mount Coot-Tha Botanical Gardens**



**Tropical Display Dome**

BCC



**Chinatown Fortitude Valley**

Families Magazine



**Queen Street Mall**

Wikimedia Commons



**Roma Street Parklands**

Flickr



**City Hall**

Bridgewater



# ***TOOWOOMBA: THE GARDEN CITY***

Ross Garden's Tours

TripAdvisor



Families Magazine

Concrete Playground

# Natural Attractions





# Cultural Attractions



**Toowoomba City Hall**

Wikipedia



**Cobb+Co Museum**

queensland.com



**Spring Bluff Railway Station**

Flickrriver



**Royal Bull's Head Inn**

DEH



**Highfields Pioneer Village**

Back to the Bush Festival



# ***SUNSHINE COAST: THE "MOST LOVED DESTINATION IN THE WORLD"\****



\* Sunshine Coast is officially the 'Most Loved Destination in the World' according to the Tourism Sentiment Index (TSI), based on votes by 1.6 billion travellers from across the globe (Source: [visitsunshine coast.com](http://visitsunshinecoast.com))

# Sunshine Coast Beaches



# Sunshine Coast Hinterland



Red Bridge Motor Inn



Maleny Trail



Bli Bli House



Big4

An aerial photograph of the Gold Coast, Australia, showing a long stretch of sandy beach with waves crashing onto the shore. The city skyline is visible in the background, featuring several prominent skyscrapers under a clear blue sky. The text 'THE GOLD COAST: AUSTRALIA'S FAVOURITE PLAYGROUND' is overlaid in large, bold, yellow letters across the center of the image.

***THE GOLD COAST: AUSTRALIA'S  
FAVOURITE PLAYGROUND***

# Surf, Sand & Sunshine



Klook



YouTube



The Urban List



The Guardian



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# The Green behind the Gold



YouTube



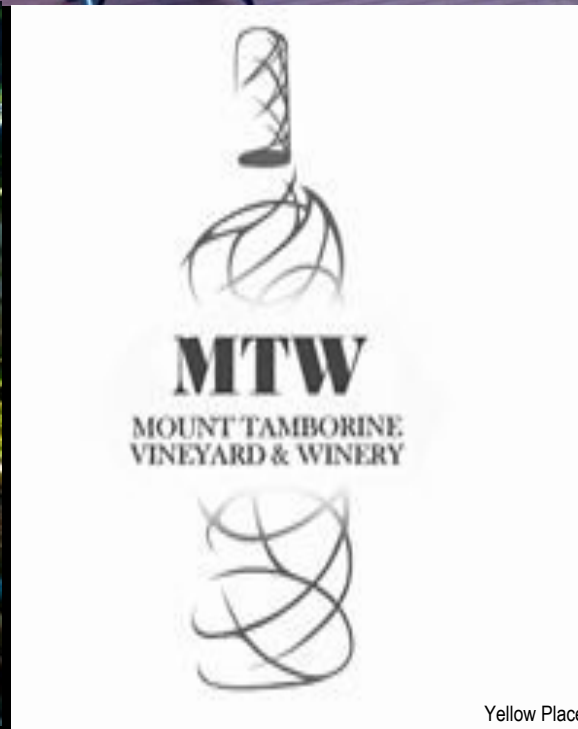
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Inside Gold Coast



Q.NPWS



Yellow Place



airbnb



# THE **BIG** **AUSTRALIA** Bucket List

**Have you got your Oz 'Bucket List' for 2024?**

[Bigaustraliabucketlist.com](http://Bigaustraliabucketlist.com)



**WE LOOK FORWARD TO EXTENDING  
TO YOU A HUGE AUSSIE WELCOME  
TO BRISBANE IN 2024!**



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