

# VISIT BURDEKIN



2023 – 2025  
VISITOR GUIDE



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# GETTING HERE

## Air

The closest commercial airport is located in Townsville and offers domestic flight services.

## Bus

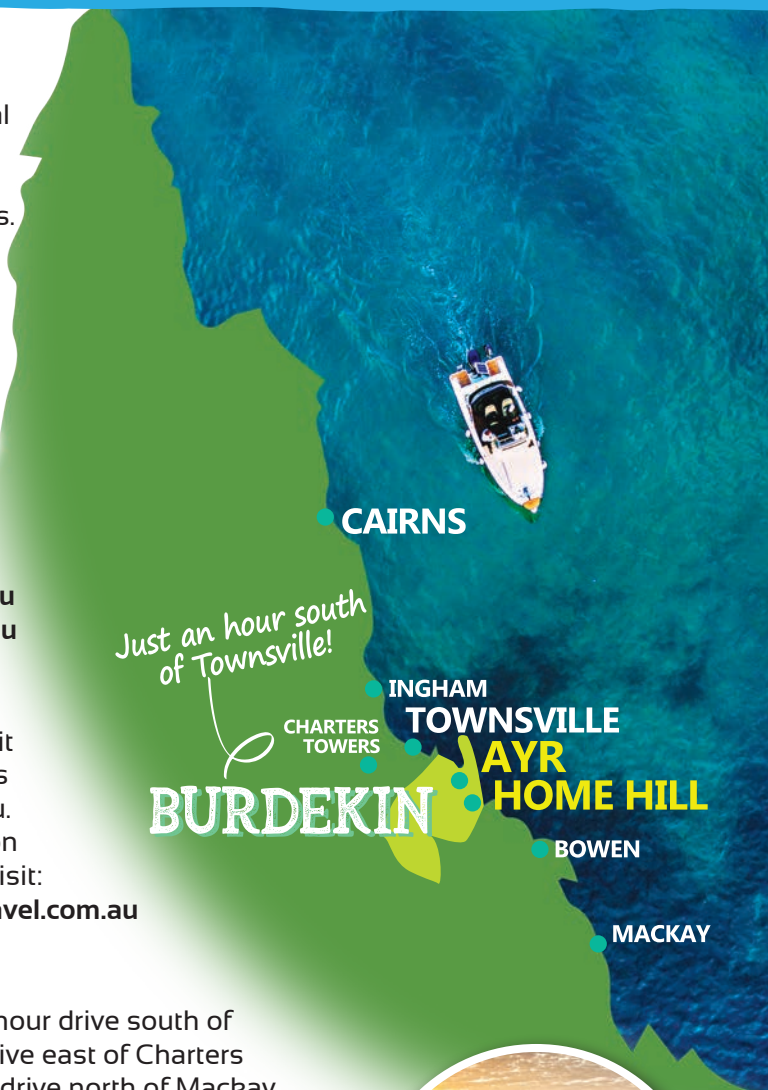
Coach services connect to both Ayr and Home Hill daily and provide north and southbound services. For more information on coach services and to book visit:  
[www.premierms.com.au](http://www.premierms.com.au)  
[www.greyhound.com.au](http://www.greyhound.com.au)

## Rail

Queensland Rail's Spirit of Queensland services Ayr, Home Hill and Giru. For more information on services and to book, visit:  
[www.queenslandrailtravel.com.au](http://www.queenslandrailtravel.com.au)

## Road

The Burdekin is a one hour drive south of Townsville, two hour drive east of Charters Towers or a three hour drive north of Mackay. Smaller communities surround the major towns of Ayr and Home Hill including Alva, Brandon, Clare, Dalbeg, Giru, Groper Creek, Jerona, Millaroo and Wunjunga. Roads to these towns are signposted from the Bruce Highway. Self-drive is a popular choice for travel in Queensland giving you the flexibility and accessibility to see it all.



Just an hour south  
of Townsville!

CAIRNS

INGHAM

CHARTERS  
TOWERS

TOWNSVILLE

AYR  
HOME HILL

BURDEKIN

BOWEN

MACKAY



# UP FOR UNEXPECTED

**The Burdekin** is located along the Queensland coastline between Bowen and Townsville and west to Dalbeg. The Burdekin, along with Hinchinbrook, Townsville, Magnetic Island, Palm Island and Charters Towers make up the Townsville North Queensland region, an emerging destination of choice amongst travellers.

**TOWNSVILLE**  
NORTH QUEENSLAND

**UP FOR**  
**UNEXPECTED**

The Townsville North Queensland region is transforming; continuing to grow and evolve, to boldly command the position as the capital of North Queensland. A quintessential tropical paradise with a thriving metropolis and renowned hub for sports and events.

Townsville is the big smoke of regional Queensland, and yet one of the North's best kept secrets, with an unrivalled power to surprise. Experience something new, different or familiar - but with a twist. Discover something you didn't know you were looking for and leave inspired with a fresh perspective.

To learn more about the Townsville North Queensland region, scan the QR code or check out [www.townsvillenorthqueensland.com.au](http://www.townsvillenorthqueensland.com.au)



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**32°C**

**AVERAGE SUMMER TEMP**



**25°C**

**AVERAGE WINTER TEMP**



**300 DAYS**

**OF SUNSHINE PER YEAR**



# WELCOME

*Welcome to the Burdekin, where unspoilt natural beauty meets a thriving rural community right on the doorstep of the Great Barrier Reef.*

From pristine beaches to boutique shopping, world-class fishing and unique cultural attractions, there is so much to discover.

Famous for its wealth of water, abundant sunshine and rich agriculture, the Burdekin is home to over 30km of unspoilt beaches perfect for walking, exploring, picnics, kitesurfing, fishing and more.

With several boat ramps positioned around the district providing access to creeks, rivers and estuaries as well as shoals and reefs situated just off the coast, boaties are spoilt for choice for their Burdekin fishing adventure.

For experienced divers, the SS Yongala shipwreck is located just 22km from Lynch's Beach at Alva. Rated one of the top dive sites in the world, it is one of the only places along the east coast of Australia where reef and estuary fish can be seen together along with numerous species of rays, turtles and corals.

The Burdekin boasts spectacular wetlands offering a diverse range of bird species that rival that of Kakadu National Park. The Burdekin is home to over 26 percent of bird species found in Australia.

The Burdekin offers great boutique shopping with an abundance of specialty stores offering fashion, homewares, giftware and more. The quaint cafes serve up great coffee and treats while the many restaurants, hotels and eateries provide a range of cuisines to suit everyone.

There are nine public parks in the region which make the perfect place for hours of entertainment for families and a place to relax in nature. Plantation Park in Ayr is a popular stop offering shady areas for picnics, access to the Juru Walk and the state-of-the-art Plantation Nature Play.

Enjoy panoramic views of the region from the top of Mount Inkerman which can be accessed by vehicle or by walking up the Mount Inkerman Nature Trail. Cool off in the newly built Burdekin Water Park located at the Burdekin Aquatic Centre in Ayr which features waterslides, buckets, sprays and play area to suit all ages.

When it comes time to find a place to lay your head, there are a number of accommodation options. For those who are self-contained and just passing through, the Home Hill Comfort Stop offers a free stopover for a maximum of two nights.

Where else in the world can you visit with 300 days of sunshine a year and an abundance of fresh water? Visit the Burdekin today and discover your very own adventure.

# FIND US ONLINE

## Visit Burdekin Website

For information on where to stay, things to do, what to see, upcoming events and to plan your trip, scan the QR code or check out



[www.visitburdekin.com.au](http://www.visitburdekin.com.au)

## My Community Directory

The Burdekin Community Directory is an online platform which showcases several local organisations, clubs and groups in the shire. To connect with essential community services in health, recreation, arts, culture and social support, scan the QR code or check out



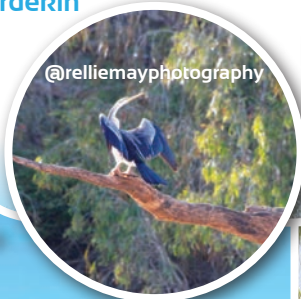
[www.mycommunitydirectory.com.au/Queensland/Burdekin](http://www.mycommunitydirectory.com.au/Queensland/Burdekin)

## Social Media

We love seeing all your snaps from around the Burdekin and hearing about your experiences in the region, so be sure to use **#visitburdekin** when uploading your photos to social media. There are some other tags you can also use to share the love across the region including:  
**#townsvillenorthqueensland**  
**#upforunexpected**  
**#thisisqueensland**  
**#seeaustralia**

Follow our social media channels for more travel inspiration:

**@VISITBURDEKIN**



# VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES

To talk to a local expert, obtain brochures and maps, experience the Yongala Dive Virtual Reality Experience or the Wilmar Virtual Mill Tour, be sure to call into one of the Burdekin's Visitor Information Centres.

## Burdekin Gateway Visitor Information Centre

The Gateway Visitor Information Centre is located behind the Comfort Stop in Home Hill in the heritage listed Queensland Rail building. The Visitor Information Centre operates 7 days a week and includes an impressive collection of images which showcase the building of the Burdekin Bridge from 1947 to 1957.

📍 12 Railway Street, Home Hill

☎ 07 4782 8241

**Opening Hours:** Mon - Fri: 9am to 4pm  
Sat - Sun: 9am to 1pm

**Driver Reviver Site:** During opening hours

## Burdekin Visitor Information Centre

Located in the lush Plantation Park along the Bruce Highway, the Burdekin Visitor Information Centre in Ayr makes for the perfect stop on your road trip or visit to the Burdekin. The Visitor Information Centre is located next to public toilets, picnic tables, BBQ facilities and the Plantation Nature Play which is a great facility for kids.



**DRIVER  
REVIVER**

📍 Plantation Park,  
Bruce Highway, Ayr

☎ 07 4783 5988

**Opening Hours:**  
Mon - Fri: 9am to 4pm  
Sat - Sun: 9am to 1pm

**Driver Reviver Site:**  
During opening hours



# TOP 10 THINGS TO DO

## 1 Dive the SS Yongala

Escape the crowds and immerse yourself in an experience offered nowhere else on the Great Barrier Reef. Rated one of the top dive sites in the world, exploring the S.S. Yongala is a diving experience matched by few other places. The combination of the wreck's mysterious history and the vast amount of resident marine life make the Yongala a bucket list dive. Yongala Dive is a PADI 5 Star Dive Resort operating from Alva and offers the quickest access to the wreck.



## 2 Shop 'til you drop

The towns of Ayr, Home Hill and Brandon offer great boutique shopping that attracts people from all over the region who are looking for something unique. There is an abundance of specialty stores offering fashion, homewares and gift ideas that you won't find anywhere else.



## 3 Taste the Burdekin

The Burdekin is home to a variety of options for breakfast, lunch and dinner or a snack in between. Pop into one of the quaint cafes and grab a delicious coffee, enjoy quality pub meals at one of the many hotels, experience refined dining at a local restaurant or taste one of the many international cuisines on offer.





## 4 See it from the top

Rising dramatically from the vast surrounding landscapes, Mount Inkerman, south of Home Hill, offers an awe-inspiring view of the landscape below. Drive to the top or hike through the Mt Inkerman Nature Trail. There are two access points, one on the access road and the other near the Inkerman Shop.



## 5 Experience a cane fire

The Burdekin is one of the last regions in Australia to still predominately burn sugar cane before harvest. There is nothing quite like witnessing the raw power of a sugar cane paddock going up in flames. Visitors can witness a cane fire from June to November as farmers throughout the region burn their crops before harvesting. Alternatively, the first cane fire of the season event is part of the *Sweet Days Hot Nights Festival* at the Home Hill Showgrounds held at the end of May biennially.



# TOP 10 THINGS TO DO

## 6 Catch a barra

Drop a line in one of the Burdekin's many creeks or estuaries and catch a barramundi. Head to a local bait and tackle store or pick up a copy of the Visit Burdekin Fishing Guide for all the insider tips on where to catch the biggest barra. Be sure to check that barra season is open before you try joining the metre club.

## 7 Visit Wunjunga or Alva

With beach huts perched high on large granite boulders, sandy bays and views of Cape Upstart, Wunjunga is a popular place for picnics, camping and fishing. Visit Alva for stand-up paddle boarding, kitesurfing or just relaxing. With over 30km of unspoilt beaches in the Burdekin, there is plenty of room for everyone, even pets!



## 8 Immerse yourself in history and culture

The Burdekin tells tales of a captivating colonial past, of farming triumphs and community spirit. Walk Pioneer Avenue, visit the Ayr Nature Display, appreciate the public art murals and sculptures throughout Ayr and Home Hill or stop in at the Brandon Heritage Precinct.



## 9 Catch a show at the Burdekin Theatre

The Burdekin Theatre hosts a range of productions, concerts and gala events throughout the year.



## 10 Step back in time to World War II

Would you like to step into an old bunker and imagine what it would be like to be tasked with the job of detecting enemy planes? Well you can do just that at the Charlie's Hill WWII site located south of Home Hill.

For 101 things to do in the Burdekin, scan the QR code or check out



[www.visitburdekin.com.au/things-to-do](http://www.visitburdekin.com.au/things-to-do)



# EVENTS CALENDAR

March

**NQ FAST TRACK TALENT SHOWCASE**

April

**SHANE MUSPRATT CUP**  
Burdekin Junior Rugby League

May

**BURDEKIN JUNIOR EISTEDDFOD**

June

**BURDEKIN SHOW**



**BURDEKIN NETBALL JUNIOR CUP CARNIVAL**  
Burdekin Netball Association

**BURDEKIN GROWERS RACE DAY**  
Burdekin Race Club

**BURDEKIN RAGS TO RUNWAY**  
Burdekin Artisans



**EUGENE PAGOTTO MEMORIAL CANEFIELD ASHES**  
Home Hill Cricket Association



**BURDEKIN SUGAR RUSH**  
Burdekin Road Runners and Walkers

**SWEET DAYS HOT NIGHTS FESTIVAL (Biennial)**



**HOME HILL SUGAR BOWL**  
Home Hill Tennis Association

**ROTARY DUCK RACE**  
Ayr Rotary Club

August

**BURDEKIN  
ART SOCIETY  
ART EXHIBITION**

Burdekin  
Art Society

September

**BURDEKIN  
WATER  
FESTIVAL  
(Biennial)**

October

**SCOTTY'S  
MEMORIAL  
DERBY DAY**

Burdekin  
Race Club

November

**HOME HILL  
HARVEST  
FESTIVAL**

For specific dates  
and up to date  
information on the  
Burdekin's events,  
please scan the  
QR Code or visit

[www.visitburdekin.com.au/whats](http://www.visitburdekin.com.au/whats)



December

**BURDEKIN  
CHRISTMAS  
CAROLS**

\*Event dates and  
months subject  
to change



# SWEET DAYS HOT NIGHTS FESTIVAL

**The Burdekin**, nestled on the North Queensland coast, is the Sugar Cane Capital of Australia and is known for its rich agricultural and horticultural industries and diverse community of cultures which are all celebrated at the *Sweet Days Hot Nights Festival*.

The festival combines two iconic Burdekin events and a large range of associated events which make for an impressive line-up for all to enjoy whilst marking the start of the sugar cane harvesting season in the Burdekin.

The Burdekin Cultural Fair featuring First Fire celebrates the diversity of the region with a number of cultures coming together to provide an array of food, activities and entertainment for the whole family. The onstage performances will transport you across the world and the kids will be entertained for hours with interactive cultural activities and games.

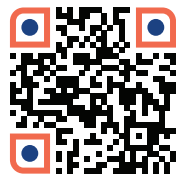
A highlight of the event is the lighting of the First Fire for the sugar cane crushing season! The Burdekin is one of the only regions in Australia that still burns sugar cane crops before harvesting. A cane fire is a unique experience as you hear the roar and crackling of the crop, smell the sweet essence of the burning sugar and feel the heat of the fire as it tears through the paddock.

The second headline event of the festival encompasses a family fun day alongside the intense competition of the Australian Hand Cane Cutting Championships. The championships are a true test of skill and endurance, bringing to life the back-breaking work of our forefathers who established the sugar cane industry in the Burdekin. Divided into age categories and team events, the competitors battle it out on the cane field for thousands of dollars in prize money and the title of the Australian Hand Cane Cutting Champion.

Spectators can enjoy the fun festival atmosphere with live music, food and market stalls, the Gudjuda Turtle Hospital display and a large range of free kid's activities including a jumping castle, animal farm, crafts, ATVs, mechanical bull and much more!

The festival is held biennially and will be back in May 2025.

**For more information and updates, please scan the QR Code, visit [www.sweetdayshotnights.com.au](http://www.sweetdayshotnights.com.au) or follow us on Facebook and Instagram @sweetdayshotnights**



CELEBRATING  
*Australia's Sugar Cane Capital*  
THE PEOPLE THE PRODUCE THE CULTURE

# Sweet Days HOT NIGHTS *festival*



**FRIDAY 30 - SATURDAY 31 MAY 2025**  
**HOME HILL SHOWGROUNDS**

Join us in the Burdekin for the HOTTEST Festival around!  
Enjoy the truly unique experience of witnessing a cane fire up close,  
celebrate the Burdekin's many cultures and step back in time as you  
watch the hand cane cutters battle it out for the title.  
Don't miss the excitement at the Home Hill Showgrounds for a weekend  
of family fun and entertainment!



@sweetdayshotnights  
@visitburdekin

Follow us on social media to keep up to date with the  
Sweet Days Hot Nights Festival and associated events



# TOWNS

## Ayr

One of the major towns in the Burdekin is Ayr which sits between Brandon and Home Hill on the north side of the Burdekin River. Ayr has a buzzing CBD with a number of great retail shops, supermarkets, chemists, gyms, hairdressers, beauty services, banks, cafes, restaurants and much more.

Ayr is home to the Burdekin Theatre, Burdekin Water Park, a number of parks and playgrounds, drive-in theatre and the Ayr Nature Display, just to name a few. Ayr is also home to the iconic Burdekin Water Festival which is one of the longest running festivals in Queensland which celebrates the region's abundance of water with a street parade and mardi gras.

## Home Hill

Situated on the southern side of the Burdekin Bridge is the town of Home Hill, which is home to many of the regions attractions, fascinating history and events. Mount Inkerman is located just south of Home Hill and makes for the perfect spot to take in the view of the town, surrounding cane fields, Cape Upstart and the Burdekin River.

Home Hill is alive with events all year round with the major ones including the legendary Burdekin Growers Race Day, *Sweet Days Hot Nights Festival*, many large sporting events and the Home Hill Harvest Festival.





## Brandon

Brandon is one of the most historic towns in the region. The Brandon Heritage Precinct is home to the restored St Patrick's Catholic Church, the former Brandon Railway Station, the Iron Works Brewery and the Burdekin Machinery Preservationists. The extensive display of sugar industry machinery is housed in the former Renown Theatre building.

There is also the John Tait Steam Gallery, the Alf Shand Blacksmith Shop and the Fielding Engine Shed. The most significant item on display is the 1911 Marshall Colonial tractor, which is the only one of its kind remaining in Australia.

## Giru

There are plenty of things to do in the town of Giru which is situated between Ayr and Townsville, just minutes off the highway. Giru is home to Invicta Mill, the Giru International Hotel and the Haughton River.

Cromarty Creek boat ramp is an eight-minute drive from Giru which offers access to the Haughton River and great fishing for Barramundi.

Ayr, CBD



# TOWNS

## Clare

Clare is situated half an hour west of Ayr and boasts a swimming pool, school, corner store and the Clare Club. Farmers in the Clare area produce sugar cane, horticulture crops and cattle.

## Dalbeg

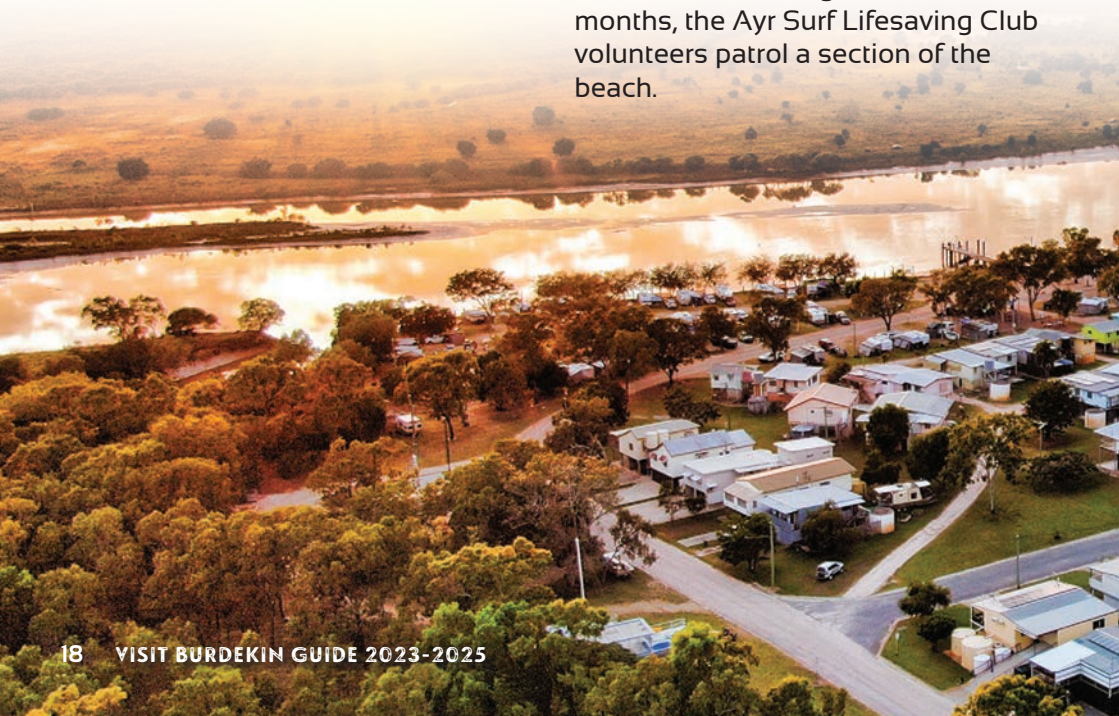
Dalbeg is situated on the banks of the Burdekin River. It is a small community which grows sugar cane, sandalwood trees and horticulture crops. On the drive to Dalbeg is Cornford Lookout which offers magnificent views of the Burdekin River.

## Millaroo

Millaroo, which fronts the Burdekin River, is a rural community which has a strong agricultural presence in sugar cane and horticulture. The town has a social club and a school which services the surrounding area.

## Alva

Alva is just 16km from Ayr and is home to the popular Lynch's Beach which is a great spot to fish, walk and relax with family and friends. The township is comprised of permanent residents, holiday and vacation homes and accommodation at Alva Beach Tourist Park. Alva Park offers BBQ facilities, a playground and a half basketball court as well as toilets and showers. During the summer months, the Ayr Surf Lifesaving Club volunteers patrol a section of the beach.



## Jerona

Jerona is just over half an hour's drive north of Ayr. The fishing township is home to a number of permanent residents and is surrounded by the Bowling Green Bay National Park. The picturesque town sits on the banks of Barratta Creek and offers excellent fishing and boat ramp facilities.

## Groper Creek

Groper Creek is located 17km from Home Hill yet is miles away from the stress of everyday life. The creek-side village is home to about 50 permanent residents and many weekend and holiday homes. Groper Creek features two boat ramps, a jetty, a new kids play park and the Groper Creek Caravan Park.

## Wunjunga

32km south of Home Hill is the small fishing village of Wunjunga. The best way to enjoy all that Wunjunga has to offer is by setting up a tent or caravan at Funny Dunny Park camping grounds. The small grounds offer limited short-stay camping for self-contained vehicles in return for \$5 per night.

Three Aboriginal middens are located at Wunjunga. They are a protected site significant to the region's traditional owners. Wunjunga Beach (Beachmount) features sandy beaches, rolling waves and excellent fishing.

### Groper Creek Township



# PARKS AND REST AREAS

Amenities  
BBQ  
Picnic Area  
Playground



**ALVA** Alva Park  
Sandowns Street

• • • • Half Basketball Court  
Soccer Net



**AYR** Anzac Memorial Park  
Macmillan Street

• • • • All Abilities Play Equipment  
Skate Park  
War Memorial

**Coutts Park**  
Beach Road

• • • • Half Basketball Court  
Gym Equipment

**Plantation Nature Play**  
Bruce Highway

• • • • All Abilities Play Equipment  
Walking Path  
Visitor Information  
Driver Reviver site

**BRANDON** Sandy Corner  
Bruce Highway

• •

**Spiller Street Park**  
Bruce Highway

• • • • Half Basketball Court  
War Memorial

**CLARE** Clare Pool Park  
School Road

• • •

**GIRU** Broлга Park  
Carey Street

• • • • Skate Park  
Half Basketball Court

**GROPER CREEK** Groper Creek Park  
Hinkson Esplanade

• • • • All Ages Play Equipment

**HOME HILL** Arch Dunn Memorial Park  
Tenth Street

• • • • War Memorial

**Ford Park**  
First Street

• • •

**Home Hill Comfort Stop**  
Eighth Avenue

• • •

**Burdekin Diorama/Lions Park**  
Bruce Highway

• • Diorama

**Lloyd Mann Park**  
Eighth Avenue

• Walking Path  
Artwork

**Watson's Green**  
Ninth Street

• Half Basketball Court  
Skate Park  
Ninja Course

**INKERMAN** Mt Inkerman  
Mt Inkerman Road

• • • Lookout

**WUNJUNGA** Funny Dunny Park  
Wunjunga Road

• • Campground  
Drop Toilet



# POOLS

## Burdekin Aquatic Centre

The Burdekin Aquatic Centre is located in Ayr and includes a 50m swimming pool, children's wading pool and water park. Both pools and water park have shade cover. The main pool is covered only at the shallow end. A lifeguard is on duty at all times the pool is operating and the kiosk is open serving snacks and drinks. The water park was opened in early 2023 and offers a one-of-a-kind design featuring equipment for all ages including slides, water play areas and a cane bin bucket.

The newly built kiosk and main entry to the Burdekin Aquatic Centre is now located on the corner of MacMillan and Pool Streets.



## Home Hill Swimming Pool

The Home Hill Swimming Pool is located on Eleventh Avenue and consists of a 50.3m swimming pool and a separate children's wading pool. Both pools have shade cover. The main pool is covered only at the shallow end. A lifeguard is on duty at all times the pool is operating and the kiosk is open serving snacks and drinks.



# FISHING AND BOATING

The fishing and boating in the **Burdekin** is second to none with numerous creek systems, offshore reefs and an abundance of fish.

## Boat Ramps

There are 8 public boat ramps in the Burdekin Shire which provide access to fantastic fishing locations both inshore and offshore.

**Cromarty Boat Ramp** leads into the Houghton River in Giru which is famous for barramundi fishing but also delivers catches of whiting and flathead, grunter, mangrove jack and bream.

**Barramundi Creek Boat Ramp** also known as Morris's Creek is situated 43.6km north of Ayr.

**Barratta Creek Boat Ramp** provides access to Bowling Green Bay. The Barrattas area delivers good fishing from the boat ramp or by boat in the creek system and is locally known as a mud crab hot spot.

**Ocean Creek Boat Ramp** can be a great spot to chase barramundi, mangrove jack and mud crabs and provides the best access to offshore fishing.

**Plantation Creek Boat Ramp** is located 13km from Ayr and delivers catches of whiting, bream and flathead.



**Hell Hole Boat Ramp** at Rita Island can deliver good catches of whiting, bream and mangrove jack. The boat ramp is 22km from Ayr and is the best access by boat into the mouth of the Burdekin River from Ayr.



**Wallace Creek Boat Ramp** is located 20.2km from Home Hill and offers the same opportunities as the Groper Creek boat ramp and is also a commercial net free creek.



**Groper Creek Boat Ramp** is one of the best fishing locations in the Burdekin and is located 17km from Home Hill. This boat ramp provides access to the Burdekin River from Home Hill as well as Wallace Creek and offshore fishing locations. Groper Creek is net free from commercial fishing and provides catches of species such as barramundi, mangrove jack, whiting, grunter, bream and prawns.



**Molongle Creek Boat Ramp** is located in the Whitsunday Shire, 45km south of Home Hill, but is a popular launch point for locals and visitors looking to access Cape Upstart by boat.



# DON'T HAVE A BOAT?

*Throughout the region there are plenty of land based options that provide great fishing.*

**Groper Creek** has a jetty which makes it a perfect place to wet a line or throw out a cast net for prawns.



**Lynch's Beach** at Alva is the place to go fishing for flathead, whiting, grunter, salmon and barramundi. Four-wheel drive vehicles are permitted access onto the beach which makes it easier to get to your favourite fishing spot.



**Wunjunga Beach** (Beachmount), is a fisherman's paradise. Access by four-wheel drive vehicle or by foot can be found at access points along Wunjunga Road and at the end of the Wunjunga township.



The **Burdekin River**

flows for more than 700km from its source to the ocean east of Ayr. It is known to deliver good numbers of barramundi among other species depending on whether you are fishing in the fresh or salt water part of the river. There are several entry points to the Burdekin River on both Ayr and Home Hill sides.





# ICE, BAIT & TACKLE SHOPS

- About Town Bait and Tackle Ayr
- BCF Ayr
- Intersport Ayr

Please observe the area's fishing restrictions and regulations at all times.

For information about zoning, bag limits and sizes, scan the QR code or visit [www.daf.qld.gov.au](http://www.daf.qld.gov.au)

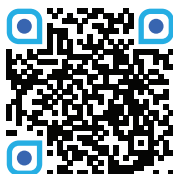


Marine stingers are encountered in the warm tropical waters along the Burdekin coastline. They are most prevalent during warmer months from November to May.



Saltwater and estuarine crocodiles inhabit wetlands, rivers and coastal areas in the Burdekin. Exercise caution when fishing near waterways. Do not approach these animals.

For more information on fishing in the Burdekin, scan the QR code to download the **Visit Burdekin Fishing Guide**



# Boat Ramps



**1 CROMARTY CREEK**  
(HAUGHTON RIVER)



**2 BARRAMUNDI CREEK**  
(MORRIS' CREEK)



**3 BARRATTA CREEK**



**4 OCEAN CREEK**



**5 PLANTATION CREEK**



**6 HELL HOLE**



**7 GROPER CREEK**



**8 WALLACE CREEK**



Access to boat ramps is via unsealed roads, with the exception of Groper Creek.

## COMMERCIAL NET-FREE AREAS



**GROPER CREEK**  
**WALLACE CREEK**  
**PHILLIPS CREEK**  
**HAUGHTON RIVER**

Commercial fishing in these areas is strictly prohibited.

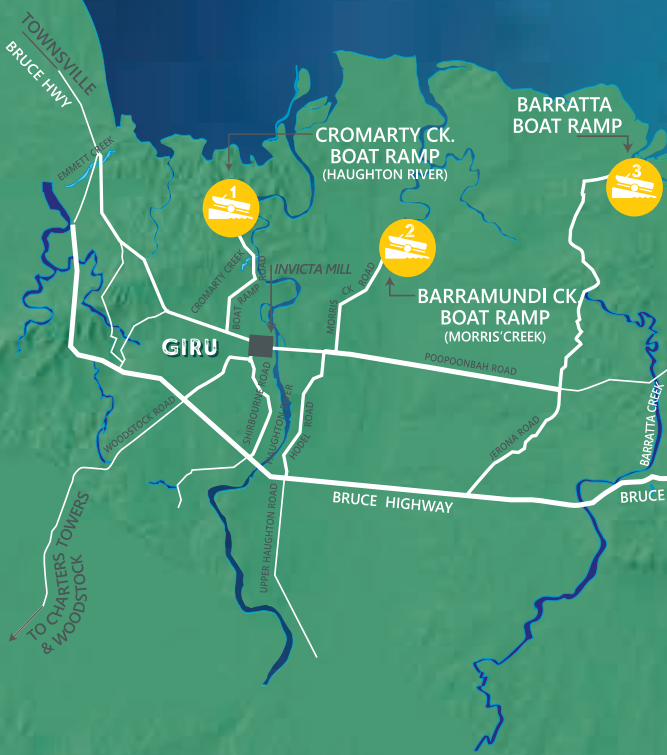
## FISHING SHOALS

**7 MILE SHOAL** S 19° 24' 31.3"  
6.9NM OFF OCEAN CK E 147° 35' 30.2"

**10 MILE SHOAL** S 19° 21' 18.6"  
9.7NM OFF OCEAN CK E 147° 36' 42.1"

**12 MILE SHOAL** S 19° 20' 06.8"  
11NM OFF OCEAN CK E 147° 37' 18.3"

# BOWLING GREEN BAY



## DISTANCES TO BOAT RAMPS

### AYR

- 1 Cromarty Creek (48.7km)
- 2 Barramundi Creek/Morris' (43.6km)
- 3 Barratta Creek (42.7km)
- 4 Ocean Creek (13.1km)
- 5 Plantation Creek (13.8km)
- 6 Hell Hole (22.5km)

### HOME HILL

- 7 Groper Creek (14.2km)
- 8 Wallace Creek (20.2km)



Please observe the area's fishing restrictions and regulations at all times. For information about zoning and bag limits visit [www.daf.qld.gov.au](http://www.daf.qld.gov.au).



Marine stingers are encountered in the warm tropical waters along the Burdekin coastline. They are most prevalent during warmer months from November to May.



Saltwater and estuarine crocodiles inhabit wetlands, rivers and coastal areas. Exercise caution when fishing near waterways. Do not approach these animals.



**BOAT RAMPS**

- Barramundi Creek
- Barratta Creek
- Cromarty Creek
- Groper Creek
- Hell Hole Creek
- Ocean Creek
- Wallace Creek

**BEACH LAUNCH**

- Alva
- Wunjunga

**CAMPING FACILITIES**

- Groper Creek PRIVATE CAMPGROUND
- Wunjunga
- Alva PRIVATE CAMPGROUND

**BURDEKIN CLIMATE DATA**

The Burdekin experiences a tropical savannah climate with hot, humid summers and warm winters. A wet season with heavy monsoonal downpours runs from November to March with a relatively dry season from April to October.

Like most of North Queensland, the Burdekin is prone to tropical cyclones, usually forming between November and April.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
MAX °C	32	32	31	30	28	26	25	27	28	30	31	32
MIN °C	22	22	21	19	16	13	12	13	15	18	20	22
Rainfall (mm)	257	255	176	60	36	29	18	15	18	23	45	109

Source: Bureau of Meteorology

# BEACHES AND BEYOND

From adrenaline pumping Lynch's Beach to wondrous Wunjunga, the **Burdekin** has two main beaches each offering unique and different experiences.

## Lynch's Beach

Lynch's Beach at Alva, 20 minutes drive from Ayr, offers a relaxed location providing the perfect setting to unwind and explore at your own leisure.

At low tide, the beach makes for excellent exploring with hundreds of soldier crabs, endless shells and an abundance of bird life. Outer sand bars create an inshore lagoon that is popular among kitesurfers and paddleboarders on weekends. The beach is also a hotspot for fishing, with many anglers bringing in decent catches to show off.

Four-wheel drive vehicles are permitted on the beach with access points at the causeway and down Yongala Drive. Suitable vehicles can also launch their boats from the beach while larger boats require tractors for launching which is a unique site to see.

On weekends during the summer months, the beach is patrolled by volunteers of the Ayr Surf Lifesaving Club at the beach access in front of the Surf Lifesaving Club. Care needs to be taken if swimming due to changeable conditions, marine stingers and other marine life. If you are unsure on where to swim at the beach or the conditions, please approach the patrolling lifeguards before going in the water.

## Wunjunga Beach

For those wanting to experience a truly secluded beach, Wunjunga Beach (Beachmount) is an absolute must.

Wunjunga features 14km of coastline perfect for four-wheel driving, picnics, fishing and walks along the beach. Wunjunga is accessed by a bitumen and dirt road which travels through a cattle property and is a haven for local wildlife.

It is not recommended to swim at this beach due to marine stingers and other marine life.



# S.S. YONGALA

The **S.S. Yongala** was a 110m passenger and cargo ship that sank off Cape Bowling Green on 23 March 1911, with the loss of all 122 people on board. This tragic event remains one of Australia's worst maritime disasters.

A Navy vessel identified a possible 'wreck' in a mine-sweeping mission in 1947, but it was never followed up. The ship lay undiscovered for almost 50 years, until it was finally positively identified in 1958.

Yongala Dive, based at Alva, is a PADI 5 Star Dive Resort which offers the fastest way to get to the wreck. Diving the wreck is an experience matched by few other places on the planet. You'll come face-to-face with a prolific amount of marine life including giant gropers, enormous marble rays, schools of barracuda, eagle rays, turtles, sea snakes, bull sharks and more.



Whether it's learning about one of the oldest living societies on the planet or catching a flick at one of the last drive-in theatres in Queensland, the Burdekin offers a diverse range of cultural experiences.

## Gudjuda Reference Group

The **Gudjuda Reference Group** honours the cultural heritage of the Bindal traditional owners of the land. The Burdekin is part of the Birrigubba nation which includes Bindal land from north of the Burdekin River to Townsville and Juru land from south of the Burdekin River to Bowen. The **Juru Walk** at the southern end of Plantation Park, provides an important bond to the Burdekin's Aboriginal history. A bush tucker garden was planted alongside the walk and features more than 30 species of plants.

Plantation Park is also home to a 60m carpet snake sculpture, **Gubulla Munda**, which was built by the Gudjuda Reference Group in 2004 to celebrate and promote indigenous culture. The sculpture marks the significance of the site as a traditional burial ground. Across from the sculpture is the **Gudjuda Deck Café** which offers great food and beverages and Aboriginal artworks inside.



# Burdekin Art Trail

In addition to **Gubulla Munda**, the Burdekin is home to a number of art sculptures and murals across the district. Follow the **Burdekin Art Trail** map to experience all of the incredible art the Burdekin has to offer and learn about the stories along the way.

Follow the **Burdekin Art Trail** by scanning the QR code.



## Burdekin Theatre

The **Burdekin Theatre** is the home of arts and entertainment in the Burdekin region playing host to a diverse range of live performances, conferences, meetings, seminars, weddings, exhibitions and many other events. The proscenium arch theatre was built in 1982 and features several artworks around the grounds including the **Living Lagoon** water feature at the Queen Street entrance.

Check out what's on at the Burdekin Theatre by scanning the QR code or go to [www.burdekintheatre.com.au](http://www.burdekintheatre.com.au)



## Libraries

Library membership is free to all Queensland residents with identification. Library members have access to a free Library Members Wi-Fi network and one hour's free library computer access per day.

International and interstate visitors are offered a visitor membership that requires proof of identity and current residency, as well as a \$25 non-refundable fee.

Visitor members have the same computer and Wi-Fi privileges as ordinary members.



### Burdekin Library

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### Home Hill Branch Library

📍 77-79 Ninth Avenue, Home Hill

## Stardust Drive-In Theatre

For those who want to 'drive' back in time, a trip to one of the of the last remaining drive-in-theatres is a must for your visit. The **Stardust Drive-In Theatre**, located in Ayr, offers a great family outing with a double feature on Friday and Saturday evenings on the big screen. An indoor cinema offers showings during the week and on weekends. Nestled inside is also a **fairy garden**, **mini golf course** and the famous **Silver Screens 'n Coffee Beans Café**.







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# HISTORY

The **Burdekin** tells tales of a captivating past of farming triumphs and community spirit. The history of the Burdekin has been shaped by agriculture, wars and natural disasters, but the region would not be what it is today without the pioneers who pushed on and had a vision of what a rich region the Burdekin could become.

The Burdekin's rich history has resulted in a number of heritage-listed and restored buildings. In the Ayr CBD, there is the iconic Town Clock, Council Chambers, Ayr Post Office and Court House. There is also the Masonic Building, Ayr State High School and just north in Brandon, the former St Patrick's Catholic Church which now (having been relocated) forms part of the **Brandon Heritage Precinct**.

In Home Hill, there is the Home Hill Powerhouse which was the largest powerhouse in North Queensland when it was built in 1922.

## Brandon Heritage Precinct

Brandon is home to many of the machines that helped develop the Burdekin region into what it is today. The **Brandon Heritage Precinct** is home to the **Burdekin Machinery Preservationists** and features a display of old farm machinery, stationary engines, tractors and cars which have been restored to working condition.



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## Silver Link Interpretive Display

The **Silver Link Interpretive Display** at the Home Hill Visitor Information Centre houses many photos depicting the history of the region and the construction of the Burdekin Bridge.

## Pioneer Avenue

The **Pioneer Avenue** plaques in Home Hill tell the story of the region's pioneering families. The plaques sit under the shady paperbark trees in the main street, Eighth Avenue, Bruce Highway.

## Burdekin Lions Diorama

The **Burdekin Lions Diorama** near the Burdekin Bridge in Home Hill offers a great insight into the region's early sugar history. The Diorama includes the John Drysdale Memorial which is a tribute to the man who developed stability in the region.



Interested in history?  
Check out the Ayr and Home Hill Heritage Walks here.

## Charlie's Hill WWII Site

Just 8km south of Home Hill is the **Charlie's Hill WWII site**. The No 211 Radar Station was one of twenty radar installations along the North Queensland coastline which operated to give an early warning of approaching enemy aircraft during World War II.



# SHOPPING

Retail therapy is a must during your trip to the Burdekin with an impressive range of shops to explore.

There are plenty of places in the Burdekin that can attend to your every need – from a pedicure to camping gear and everything in between.

For those who are looking for unique pieces for your wardrobe or home, the Burdekin offers wonderful boutique shopping. With a small number of chain stores in the region, most of the shopping is made up of individual businesses offering an assortment of clothing, homewares and accessories from boutique labels.

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**Hotels and Pubs** are a popular choice amongst locals and visitors alike with up to 7 pubs across the shire located in Ayr, Brandon, Clare, Giru and Home Hill, all offering the classic favourites with their own individual twists.

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Ayr is home to a selection of unique **restaurants** if you are looking for something special during your stay, with most specialising in local produce.

Paying homage to the diversity of the Burdekin, you will find a number of **international cuisines** on offer if you are looking for something different. Restaurants and takeaway outlets include Chinese, Indian, Turkish, and Japanese inspired dishes.

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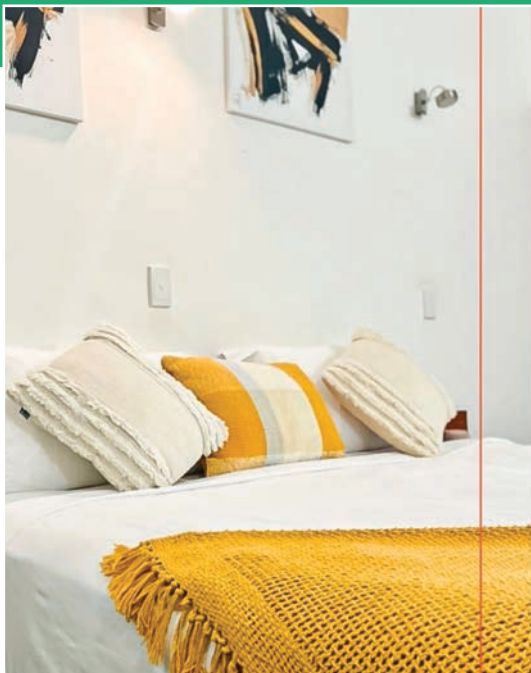
If you are looking for some nightlife during your stay in the Burdekin, there are several options for you to consider.

Families can enjoy a fun evening out at the **Burdekin Bowl** which offers tenpin bowling in a buzzing and vibrant setting. You could also spend your night catching the latest movie either under the stars or indoors at **Stardust Drive-In Theatre** or the **Galaxy Cinema**.

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## Mount Inkerman

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## Juru Walk

Juru Walk is a walking trail developed in partnership with the local Shire Council and the Gudjuda Reference Group and is located at the southern end of Plantation Park, Ayr. Juru Walk showcases the cultural importance of Plantation Park and provides a 'learning space' for the Burdekin community. Local primary schools participate in cultural events delivered by the Gudjuda Reference Group and Traditional Owners to increase awareness of Aboriginal cultural heritage.



## Burdekin River Bridge Walk

The Burdekin Bridge, affectionately referred to as the SilverLink, is the district's best known landmark – it also offers a fantastic walk along the pedestrian walkway. Visitors wanting to experience the walk will need to pull off the highway on the north side of the bridge, find a park near the stairs and walk up to the bridge access from there. The bridge is 1.1km long and in 2010 was recognised as a National Engineering Heritage Landmark.



## Burdekin Be Active Trails

The Burdekin Be Active Trails in Ayr and Home Hill promote improving your health through physical activity and maps out walks of 1km to 5km throughout both towns. The trails are an all-access, all-hours exercise path complete with rest stations, activity stations and water points. To access the maps please scan the QR Code.



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## Sugar

Widely known as Australia's Sugar Cane Capital, the Burdekin produces about one quarter of Australia's total sugar production. The district produces about 8 million tonnes of sugar cane annually, from which 1.2 million tonnes of raw sugar is produced at the region's four large-scale mills generating an annual output of over \$2.5 billion. The crushing season typically runs from June to November, with the mills operating 24 hours, seven days a week. You will notice Wilmar's cane trains (locos) running around the clock at this time of year, transporting bins of sugar cane to the mills and returning empty bins back to the cane siding. The Burdekin is also one of the last places in Australia to burn the sugar cane crop before harvesting. Farmers set fire to their paddock prior to harvesting to remove the excess leaves from the sugar cane stalk which makes the crop more efficient to harvest.

## Horticulture

The region's fertile soil, mild winter conditions and an abundance of water means it is possible to grow just about anything which is why it is known as Australia's food bowl. About 3400ha of the region is dedicated to horticulture crops such as achacha, capsicums, mangoes, melons, pumpkins, zucchini and more.



## Renewable Energy

The Burdekin is fortunate to be recognised as having high levels of solar irradiation. This, combined with 300 days of sunshine a year and large areas of flat terrain, make the area perfect for large scale solar power developments.



# HEALTH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

The **Burdekin** region is serviced by two hospitals and a number of medical facilities.

The region's main hospital is located on Chippendale Street in Ayr and features an emergency department. A second hospital located in Home Hill does not have an emergency department.

There are a number of doctors, surgeries, chemists, optometrists, and health services throughout the region. In Ayr, the local chemists are open Saturday morning and work on a roster to open on Sundays.

Regis Aged Care has facilities in Ayr and Home Hill, catering for all care requirements.

## Emergency Numbers

Ambulance, Police, Fire call **000**

### Administration & General Enquiries:

State Emergency Services (SES):

☎ **132 500**

Burdekin Shire Council:

☎ **4783 9800**

Weather and Warnings:

☎ **1300 659 219**

Cyclone Warnings:

☎ **1300 659 212**

Department of Transport and Main Roads:

☎ **13 19 40**



**Guardian**  
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Saturday 8am to 12pm  
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Mon-Fri: 8:30am-5:30pm

Saturday: 8:30am-12:30pm

Sunday: 9:00am-12:00pm (As Rostered)

#### Specialists in:

Sleep Apnoea - Home Health Equipment - Webster Packs - Vaccinations

**Ayr**  
**Amcal+**

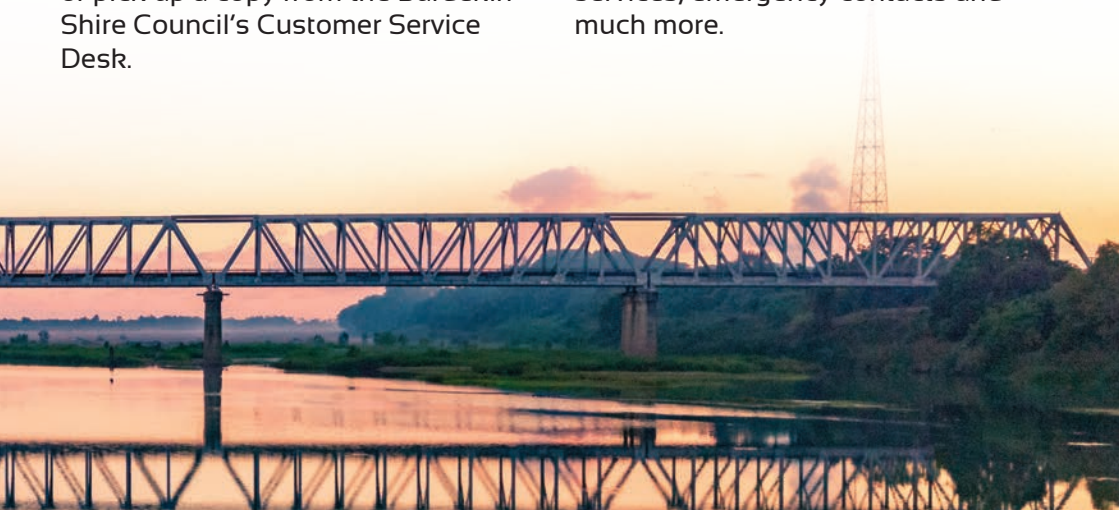


# BURDEKIN DISASTER INFORMATION

Whilst the **Burdekin** is a wonderful place to live and visit, there is a serious side to North Queensland which is heightened over summer with potential risks for natural disasters such as cyclones and flooding. It is important you are aware of these risks and know where to find information and resources relative to the local area.

The Burdekin Shire Council has an Emergency Action Guide where you will find important information on potential disasters. This will assist your family to prepare before, during and after disasters. You can locate this guide on the Council Website or pick up a copy from the Burdekin Shire Council's Customer Service Desk.

Additionally, you should familiarise yourself with Council's Disaster Dashboard. The dashboard contains essential and up to date information on emergency news, road conditions, weather warnings, power outages, school closures, river heights, waste services, emergency contacts and much more.



The image displays the Burdekin Disaster Dashboard interface. On the left, a desktop view shows the dashboard with the following statistics:

Category	Count
Emergency News	0
Road Conditions	14
Weather Warnings	4
Power Outages	2

Below the statistics are links for: Water Conditions, Sewerage Conditions, Waste Services, Emergency Contacts, Emergency Action Guide, and Opt-in Notifications. The desktop view also shows the current weather: Now: 20°C, Feels like: 21.4°C.

In the center, a QR code is provided for mobile access. To the right, a smartphone displays the dashboard with the text "BURDEKIN DISASTER DASHBOARD" and the phone number "4783 9800". A speech bubble above the QR code says "OPT-IN for notifications".

disaster.burdekin.qld.gov.au

# TOWN OF AYR

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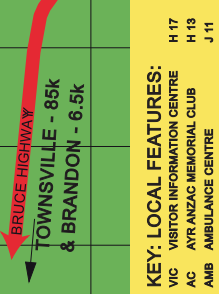
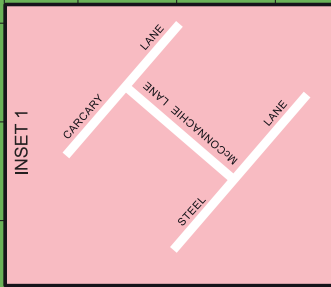
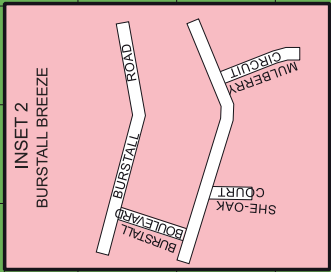
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M	PARKSIDE MOTEL	I 13
M	AYR MAX MOTEL	G 11
M	TROPICAL CITY MOTOR INN	I 15
M	AYR TRAVELLERS MOTEL	H 16
BP	AYR ACCOMMODATION SOLUTIONS I 14	
BP	AYR BACKPACKERS	I 13
CP	DISCOVERY PARKS - AYR	L 14
CP	CASCADES CARAVAN PARK	H 15

**KEY: SCHOOLS/PRESCHOOLS: - "S"**

AYR STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL	H 16
AYR STATE HIGH SCHOOL	J 14/15
EAST AYR STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL	L 10
BURDEKIN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL	K 11
ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL	H 13
BURDEKIN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE	L 13
BURDEKIN SCHOOL	J 16
AYR COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN	J 16
BIG BIRDS NEST - CHILD CARE	K 16
LILLIE'S CUBBY HOUSE - CHILD CARE	G 12
BRIGHT HORIZONS AYR - CHILD CARE	H 13

**KEY: HOTELS: - "H"**

KALAMIA HOTEL	J 13
COUTTS COMMERCIAL HOTEL	J 14
QUEENS HOTEL	I 14
AYR HOTEL	I 14
NATIONAL HOTEL	G 13





- J 11 HOSP HOSPITAL
- J 16 AR ARMY RESERVE DEPOT
- G 19 DT STARBUCK DRIVE IN THEATRE
- H 13 BC BOWLING CLUB
- H 16 BB BASKETBALL COURTS
- M 9 BCH BROTHERS CLUB HOUSE
- J 13 PH POPULIN'S HALL
- M 6 BOC BOCC CLUB
- I 16 BSC BURDEKIN SHIRE COUNCIL
- I 14 BT BURDEKIN THEATRE AND LIBRARY
- K 15 CH SELECTABILITY
- I 14 CWA COUNTRY WOMENS ASSOCIATION
- J 13 FS FIRE STATION
- J 15 MS MEN'S SHED
- J 11 MC MEDICAL CENTRE
- I 15 ML MASONIC HALL
- I 14 NC NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE
- H 14 ND AYR NATURE DISPLAY
- M 7 JSG JUNIOR SOCCER GROUND
- H 15 HFA REGIS AGED CARE
- H 15 P RAILWAY STREET PARK
- M 15 P VICTORIA STREET PARK
- I 15 P ANZAC PARK/TOILETS
- K 9 P COULTS PARK/TOILETS
- H 17/18 P PLANTATION PARK/TOILETS
- I 14 PO POST OFFICE
- I 16 PS POLICE STATION & COURT HOUSE
- G 14 R RAILWAY STATION
- E 10 RU RUGBY UNION GROUNDS
- I 15 RL RUGBY LEAGUE GROUNDS
- I 16 TF TOUCH FOOTBALL GROUNDS
- L 8 SG SOCCER GROUNDS
- H 16 SP SWIMMING POOL & WATER PARK
- I 14 TC TOWN CLOCK
- I 16 TN TENNIS COURTS
- I 16 BWA BURDEKIN WOODCRAFTS ASSOC.
- I 14 TT BUS STOP/OAR PARK/TOILETS
- K 13 WT WATER TOWER
- I 14 BCA BURDEKIN COMMUNITY ASSOC.
- HI 14 BN BLUE CARE / RESPIRE
- H 16 PCYC POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUB
- K 16 GCO GOLF COURSE

- KEY: CHURCHES: - \*C**
- L 7 BAPTIST CHURCH
  - M 8 BURDEKIN COMMUNITY CHURCH
  - H 13 CATHOLIC CHURCH
  - G 11 CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTRE
  - L 7 JEHOWA'S WITNESS TEMPLE
  - I 15 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
  - H 14 UNiting CHURCH
  - I 13 SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
  - J 14 ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH



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# TOWN OF ALVA

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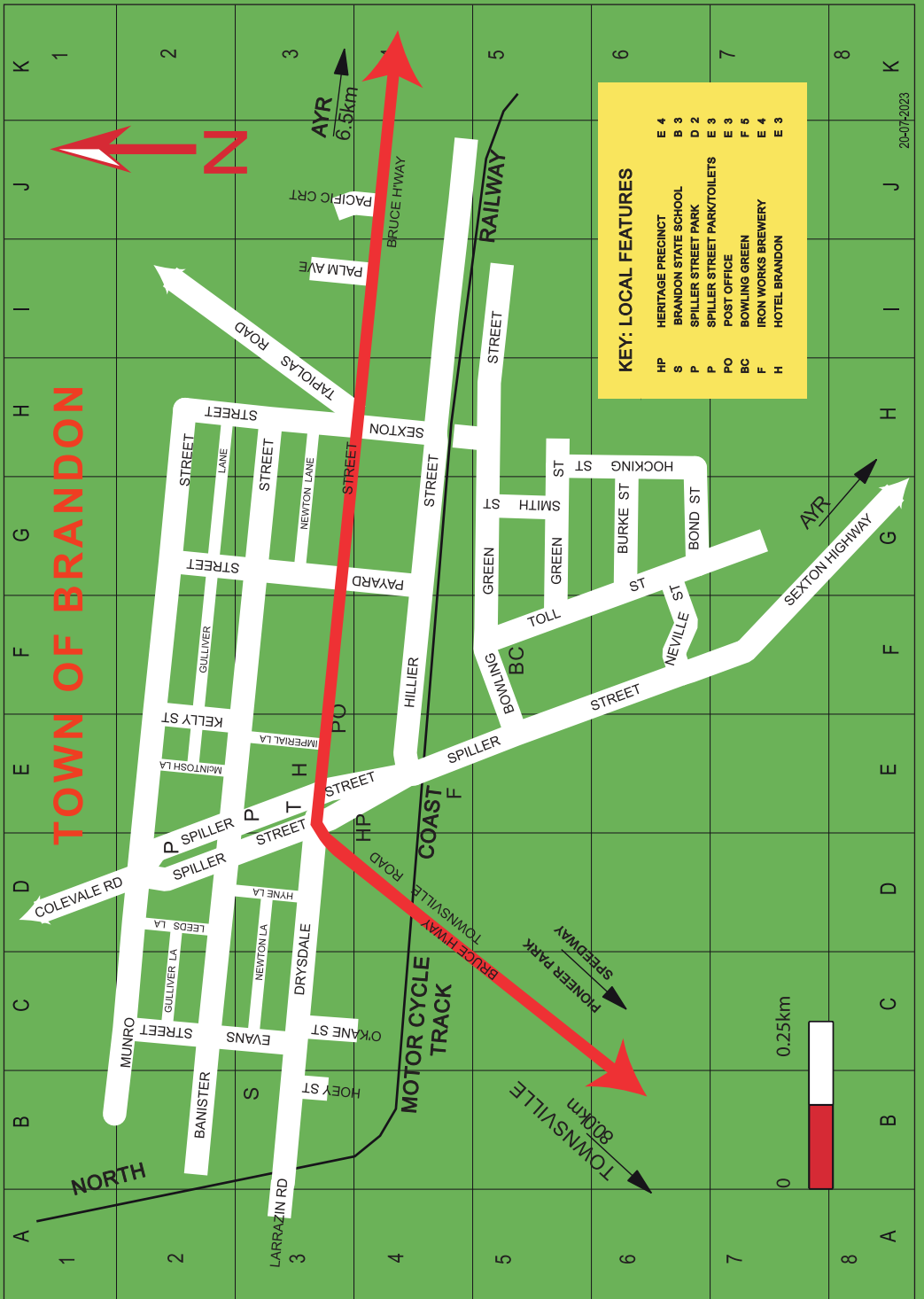


KEY: LOCAL FEATURES	
AYR SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB	F 8
ALVA BEACH PARK	D 6
ALVA REST AREA/LOOKOUT	I 8
ALVA BEACH TOURIST PARK	D 12
YONGALA DIVE	D 13
BEACH ACCESS	E 2



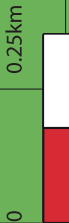


# TOWN OF BRANDON



**KEY: LOCAL FEATURES**

HP	HERITAGE PRECINCT	E 4
S	BRANDON STATE SCHOOL	B 3
P	SPILLER STREET PARK	D 2
P	SPILLER STREET PARKTOILETS	E 3
PO	POST OFFICE	E 3
BC	BOWLING GREEN	F 5
F	IRON WORKS BREWERY	E 4
H	HOTEL BRANDON	E 3



AYR  
6.5km

TOWNSVILLE  
800km

AYR

# TOWN OF HOME HILL



**KEY: HOTELS/ACCOMMODATION:**

H	MALPASS HOTEL	H 10
H	BURDEKIN MOTOR INN	J 21
CP	MICHELLE'S CARAVAN PARK	G 16
CP	HOME HILL CARAVAN PARK	K 16
CP	SHOWGROUNDS CARAVAN PARK	I 21

**KEY: LOCAL FEATURES**

VIC	VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE	I 10
R	RAILWAY STATION	I 10
AMB	AMBULANCE CENTRE	J 10
BC	BOWLING CLUB	I 10
NB	NETBALL COURTS	K 17
MH	MEMORIAL HALL	J 10
FS	FIRE STATION	J 10
RB	ROCK SHOP	G 10
WA	WAGONS AGED CARE	I 13
P	FORD PARK/TOILETS	K 22
P	LIONS PARK/ TOILETS	C 9
P	JACK HINCHON PARK	I 10
CS	COMFORT STOP	I 10
P	LLOYD HANN GARDENS	H 10
P	TWELFTH "A" AVENUE PARK	I 11
P	MEMORIAL PARK	I 10
P	ARCH DUNN MEMORIAL PARK	J 10
P	WATSON'S GREEN	I 17
P	RSL PARK	L 10
P	TENTH AVENUE PARK	L 10
P	APEX PARK	Q 10
PO	POST OFFICE	I 10
PS	POLICE STATION	H 10
SP	SWIMMING POOL	L 17
TN	TENNIS COURTS	M 21
WT	WATER TOWER	F 10
SES	STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE	J 10
SH	SCOUTS HUT	L 10
BB	BRASS BAND HUT	J 10
LD	LIONS DIORAMA	B 8
SG	SHOW GROUNDS	I 21
RC	RACECOURSE	L 22
C	CEMETERY	O 17

● ROUNDABOUTS

**KEY: SCHOOLS/PRESCHOOLS: - "S"**

	HOME HILL STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL	K 11
	HOME HILL STATE HIGH SCHOOL	N 10
	ST. COLMAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL	J 10
	BURDEKIN T.A.F.E. COLLEGE	F 10
	GENIUS CHILD CARE	J 11
	HOME HILL COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN	J 10

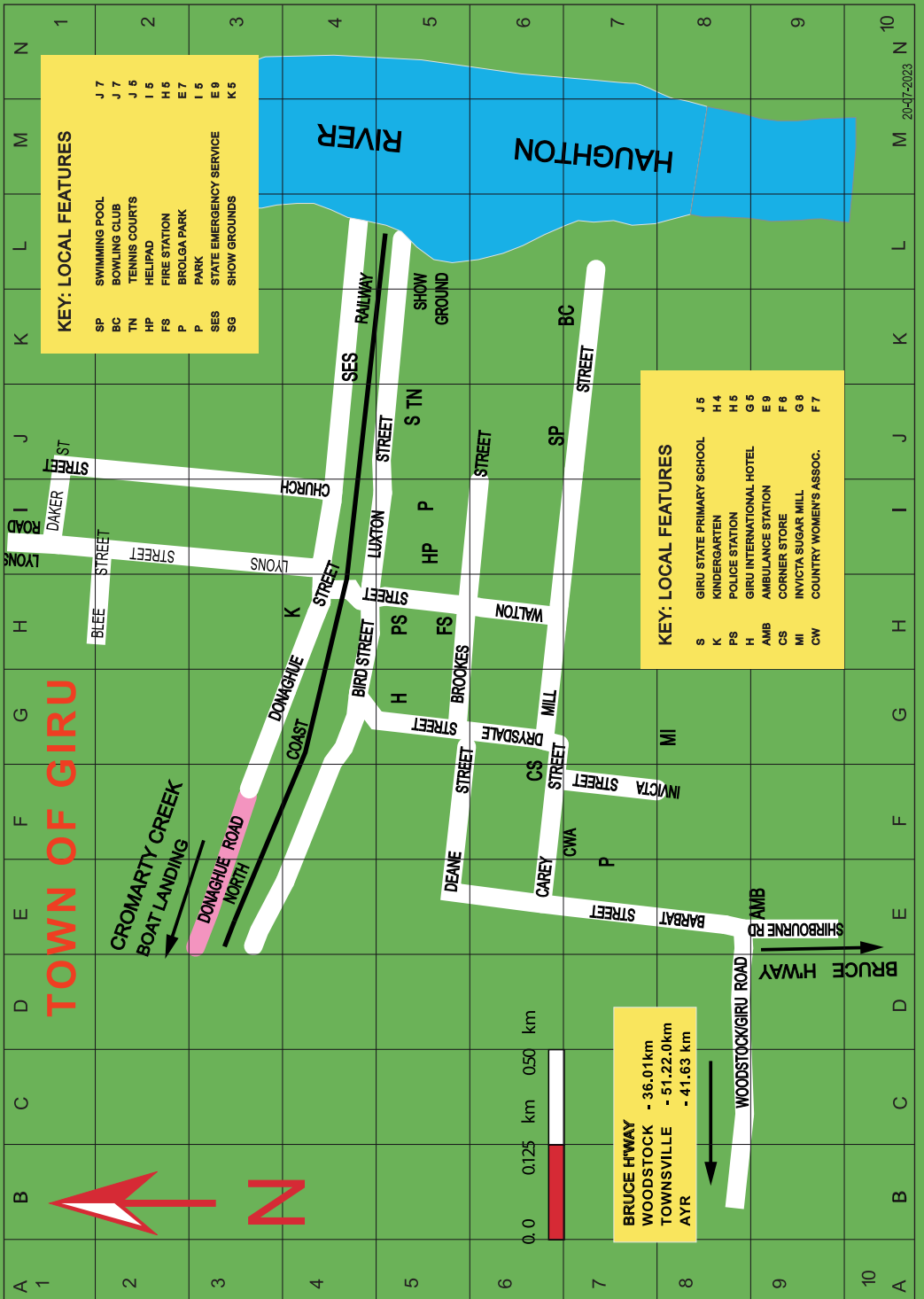
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	CATHOLIC CHURCH	J 10
	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	J 17
	UNITING CHURCH	H 10
	ANGLICAN CHURCH	H 14
	SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH	L 10
	GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH	K 21
	APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF QUEENSLAND	F 10



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# TOWN OF GIRU



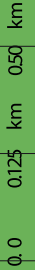
**KEY: LOCAL FEATURES**

SP	SWIMMING POOL	J 7
BC	BOWLING CLUB	J 7
TN	TENNIS COURTS	J 5
HP	HELIPAD	I 5
FS	FIRE STATION	H 6
P	BROLGA PARK	E 7
P	PARK	I 5
SES	STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE	E 9
SG	SHOW GROUNDS	K 5

**KEY: LOCAL FEATURES**

S	GIRU STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL	J 5
K	KINDERGARTEN	H 4
PS	POLICE STATION	H 5
H	GIRU INTERNATIONAL HOTEL	G 5
AMB	AMBULANCE STATION	E 9
CS	CORNER STORE	F 6
MI	INVICTA SUGAR MILL	G 8
CW	COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOC.	F 7

**BRUCE HWAY**  
 WOODSTOCK - 36.01km  
 TOWNSVILLE - 51.22.0km  
 AYR - 41.63 km





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