

INVEST IN HINCHINBROOK

Leading the way



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► MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Hinchinbrook Shire, nestled within the Herbert River flood plain, remains the sleeping giant of the economic potential of North Queensland.

The potential for development in many fields, including tourism and agriculture, is enormous given the pristine natural attractions and rich farming lands available.

Hinchinbrook Shire Council is focussed on driving the Shire's economic future through diversification and is actively pursuing business in growth sectors such as tourism, renewable energy and new sporting and recreational activities such as mountain biking, kayaking and hiking to name a few.

The Herbert is well known for its reliable rainfall enabling efficient cost effective crop production. Studies to capitalise upon better use of sugar cane fallow to facilitate a diverse range of horticultural crops in addition to sugar cane have been undertaken focusing on opportunities to capitalise upon better utilisation of rich cleared land, whilst at the same time improving soil health.

Our natural attractions are some of Australia's finest. In just under an hour of Ingham, the heart of Hinchinbrook Shire, one could be fishing on the Great Barrier Reef, snorkelling around the beautiful Palm Island Group reefs, crabbing in the world famous Hinchinbrook Channel, swimming in a crystal clear waterhole in the heart of a rainforest, or simply admiring the might of the world's highest single drop waterfall – Wallaman.

Our lifestyle, based on the attributes of our landscape, is second to none and is supported by a well-resourced medical and health industry and a healthy and safe rural educational system.

And all this within 60 minutes of Townsville the Capital of North Queensland.

Our Council is working hard for the future wealth and prosperity of our district and we welcome you to our district to be part of the adventure.

Kindest regards

Mayor Ramon Jayo



► OBJECTIVE

The Investment Prospectus aims to support and grow investment opportunities within the Hinchinbrook Shire. The benefits and opportunities for investing in all major pillars which include tourism, agribusiness, health care, real-estate, small business and aviation will be outlined. The Shire aims to attract new investments, support developed businesses and stimulate innovation across a range of business activity.

THE HINCHINBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL SEEKS TO:



Address the known needs and wants of our community in a manner that acknowledges and considers the intersection of social, economic, environmental and fiscal parameters;



Deliver services and activities that are valued by the community in a manner that is acceptable, affordable and sustainable; and



Provide our community with focused, strong and meaningful civic leadership.

► SCOPE

In Hinchinbrook we thrive on being pragmatic, resourceful and energetic with the most affordable developable land and affordable housing, which is boosted by a work/life balance.

Hinchinbrook Shire encompasses 2,810km², nestled within the Herbert River Valley, just over an hour's drive north from Townsville and 3 hours south of Cairns, Queensland. With a population of 10,687 people (as of 30 June 2020) it has a rich multicultural population, most of whom call the heart of the Shire - Ingham, home.

Surrounding the centre of the Shire are multiple townships of smaller density including Forrest Beach, Taylors Beach, Lucinda, Halifax, Dungeness, Trebonne and Toobanna. Our Shire boasts a variety of well developed employment sectors and established infrastructure and markets in agriculture, training, manufacturing and health care. Hinchinbrook Shire is a vibrant and entrepreneurial regional economy in which a collegiate approach is adopted.

We believe that every resident in Hinchinbrook Shire should have job opportunities, high standards of living, variety of consumer selection, services that add value and elevate the broader community. Business development in the private and public sectors is paramount to the life blood of the Hinchinbrook Shire economy and community. Council seeks to work directly with the private sector to assist, develop and nurture your business, to grow, provide jobs and to accelerate wealth.



► AUTHENTIC DESTINATION

The aspects that attract visitors to the Shire are the natural environment, authentic experiences, heritage and culture. These attributes make our district a special, distinctive region with engendered community pride.

The locals of Hinchinbrook come from a long line of pioneers and hard workers. They are resilient, entrepreneurial, creative, determined and accepting of change and growth.

With room to expand in the Hinchinbrook Shire, we have 70,000 hectares of cleared, flat and useable land. The Shire has a considerable amount of resources such as power, water, unique farm industries and quality farm produce. Value for money and affordability are key incentives for doing business within the Shire, with low barriers of entry in industrial, commercial and leasing or rental opportunities.

► THE HINCHINBROOK WAY

The Hinchinbrook Way is a unique regional story voiced through locals, volunteers, businesses, marketing, experiences, photos, recipes, customer service and events. There are five themes reflected in 'The Hinchinbrook Way' logo; adventure, food, nature, art and culture.



These elements are a range of experiences, products and lifestyle choices that reflect 'The Hinchinbrook Way'. The Hinchinbrook Way brand aims to take visitors and locals on a journey that tells a story about the Hinchinbrook Shire and the unique lifestyle that it offers. Council believe that those who are involved with one or more themes start to gain an insight into the lifestyle and come to love The Hinchinbrook Way.



► METHODS OF ASSISTANCE

Council is committed to securing the attraction of new industry and innovative businesses to the region. Council seeks to attract investment that compliments and adds value to or significantly expands upon existing businesses to assist in the economic and employment growth. Council is interested in creating a healthy, sustainable, strong and growing business community. The Business Innovation Scheme provides a range of support for businesses wanting to grow and develop in the region. Council aims to assist with the development of new businesses in the Shire by offering the following support:

- > Delivering provisional statistical data for development;
- > Sourcing of information on the local business environment and connectivity industry networks;
- > The ability to waiver Council fees and charges in accordance with Council's policy under certain circumstances;
- > Rate relief strategies in accordance with Council's policy; and
- > Assistance for infrastructure contributions where there is major capital investment.

► STRATEGIC BENEFITS



CLIMATE

The Herbert River Valley maximum temperatures are recorded between 22.8°C and 35.6°C, and minimum temperatures tracked between 10.8°C and 24.2°C. The seasonal climate offers great potential for agriculture investments.



CONNECTIVITY

The Shire is located just over an hour's drive north of Townsville and three hours south from Cairns. There is direct airport access to the Shire with the Hinchinbrook Shire Aerodrome located approximately 1.5 kilometres south of Ingham CBD on the Bruce Highway. Alternatively, you can travel to the Shire via public transport such as buses or trains.



MAJOR PROJECTS

Council is preparing for an infrastructure and tourism boom by implementing catalyst projects for private sector investment into new commercial enterprises and enhanced tourism facilities.



WATER

Typical rainfall occurs from November to March with the region receiving on average 1,965mm per year. The clear seasonality of significant long-term annual rainfall assists growers to determine needs for crop cycles.



LIFESTYLE

The Shire is privileged to have a dedicated precinct championing the arts, culture, education and tourism that serves the community and encourages visitation year-round. The quintessential tropical Queensland experience is found in Hinchinbrook from wilderness, diverse cultural experiences, gourmet local food, history and world class fishing destinations.



HEALTH CARE

The region has the provision of 3 aged care facilities with 155 aged care beds and accompanying services. There are 3 dental practices, 2 private health care centres, disability and aged care support services and complementary health services. Hinchinbrook is also within close access to specialist doctors in Townsville.



SOIL

Studies commissioned by Council identified 47 soil types which are suitable for 20 different crops within the Shire. Sugar cane and cattle grazing are the most prevalent forms of agriculture production. However, with growers adapting to innovative models, crop rotation is becoming a significant trend.



TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Hinchinbrook has unparalleled technology gateways to directly access broader global economies, we are strategically placed with high speed NBN and wireless, to rapidly build a digital economy.



AFFORDABILITY

The average property price as of June 2020 was \$214,000 and rent is averaging \$250 per week. Ingham's property market offers great potential for those looking for an investment property or purchasing their forever home.



► COUNCIL PROJECTS

- > Dungeness Marine Access Upgrade
- > Silos – Grain in the Rain
- > Recycling Facilities
- > Cassady Creek Marine Boat Ramp Relocation
- > New Boat Ramp/Jetty Facilities at Forrest Beach
- > Dutton Street Bridge
- > Connectivity Infrastructure
- > Community Digital Collaboration Infrastructure

► KEY INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES

Responsive Local Government

Council's mission is to provide leadership in making locally responsive and informed decisions, delivering quality services and facilities to the Hinchinbrook Community.

Affordable Rates

Council is required to raise sufficient revenue to maintain general assets and provide services to the community including the costs of governance and administration of the Council. Council has adopted a system of differential rating to provide equity through recognising variation in land valuations in the same class of land, the level of services provided to that land, land use and relative valuations

between different types of land.

Council Rates and Charges are levied on a six-monthly basis for the periods 1 July to 31 December, and 1 January to 30 June.

Utility Charges

Water services in reticulated service areas is based on full cost pricing model to recover the cost of the service including overheads and an appropriate return.

Water charges consists of two components: a consumption charge based upon the ratepayer's usage of water on a per kilolitre basis, and a base charge which varies depending on the use of the particular land.



Sewerage charges are levied on a unit basis and are priced to recover the costs of constructing, maintaining and managing the sewered areas of the Shire. The number of units are based on a scale and apply to particular premises provided with sewerage or premises where Council has agreed to accept sewerage.

A kerbside refuse collection of the equivalent of one 240 litre garbage bin per week and one 240 litre recycling bin per fortnight is provided to occupied land used for residential purpose in the defined waste collection area.

Separate Charges

A Waste Management Levy is charged to assist Council to manage refuse tips including remediation costs, refuse transfer stations, green waste processing and the attendant environmental considerations implemented to meet environmental licensing and control standards.

Virtual Waste Vouchers

Every household within Hinchinbrook Shire is entitled to four domestic virtual waste vouchers each financial year. These vouchers can be used at one of Council's two resource recovery centres, and allows residents to dispose of up to four loads of Domestic Waste or Green Waste per

year free of charge. To take advantage of this offer, take your domestic general or green waste, in a vehicle with a payload not exceeding one tonne, and weight of the waste not exceeding 500kg per load per voucher, to the Warrens Hill or Halifax waste facility with your drivers licence or some form of documentation that clearly displays your name and place of residence.

Council Initiatives

TIMELY RATES PAYMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME

Council offers an incentive in the form of a cash prize draw to encourage and reward ratepayers for paying their rates on time and in full.

Eligible ratepayers are automatically entered into a draw to win \$2,000 which can be spent in up to five local businesses of their choice.

Prizes can only be won by private and commercial ratepayers. Properties owned by Local, State, and Federal Government Departments and/or Agencies are not eligible to win the Rates Payment Incentive Scheme.





▶ KEY INDUSTRIES

Council has identified key industries that are providing opportunities for investment due to an increase in growth and current resources. It is expected that these key industries will assist in driving an increase in the Shire's population, economy and visitation statistics.

Agriculture

Agricultural production is an essential contributor to Australia's economy and is often a key industry for rural and regional areas. Studies suggest that 90.8 percent of the Shire's total agricultural output was sugar cane. This commodity generated approximately \$116,281,794, following by livestock with a value of \$11,022,899 from 2015 to 2016 (appendix 2). However, other sectors such as nuts, vegetables, fruits and seafood are increasing in investment growth due to the changing farming systems of beef and sugar cane (Economy.id., 2020). Crop rotation gives those who are in the sugar cane industry the opportunity to improve soil health and utilise existing cane growing land to produce alternative products. This transition gives those who are in the agriculture industry a competitive advantage and an opportunity for growth (McMillan & Poole 2019).

Investment opportunities may include:

- > Sugar cane;
- > Pumpkins;
- > Melons;
- > Beans;
- > Avocados;
- > Capsicums;
- > Chillies;
- > Lychees;
- > Cattle grazing;
- > Corn; and
- > Mangoes;
- > Grains.
- > Rice;

Tourism and Events

In the past five years the Hinchinbrook tourism sector has experienced rapid growth with 33 percent annual average visitation growth and 60 percent increase in visitor expenditure from 2012 to 2017. The Hinchinbrook region is home to several annual events such as Australian Italian Festival, Maraka Festival, Tasman Turtle, Ingham Sugar City Rodeo, Races, Ingham Show and Markets. Hinchinbrook is home to many tourism products such as Wallaman Falls, Jourama Falls, Hinchinbrook Islands, the Great Barrier Reef, Lucinda Jetty and so much more. These products provide our visitors with a unique experience and continues to attract growth in visitation annually.

The Shire is supported by Council and state-based tourism bodies such as Townsville Enterprise Limited (TEL), Tourism Tropical North Queensland (TTNQ) and Tropical Coast Tourism (TCT). These tourism organisations provide businesses with critical knowledge to understanding current trends in the market.

Investment opportunities may include:

- > Nature guided tours;
- > Local food cooking classes;
- > Bird watching guided tours;
- > Visitor accommodation;
- > Transport providers;
- > Bike trail guided tours;
- > Recreational equipment hire;
- > Boat transfers to Islands;
- > Cultural guided tours;
- > Event planners; and
- > Airbnb.
- > Major / regional events



Small Businesses

Small businesses usually employ less than 20 people and include new ventures, franchises or purchasing pre-existing businesses. The owners and managers tend to make decisions and have close control of business operations. Council has identified small businesses within the Shire as cafes, restaurants, pubs, retail clothing stores, gift stores and hair and beauty salons. Many of these small businesses, operate by reflecting the culture and history of the Shire with their range of local products.

Investment opportunities may include:

- > Restaurants;
- > Gift stores;
- > Retail stores;
- > Beauty salons;
- > Homeware stores;
- > Entertainment facilities;
- > Children's retail stores;
- > Professional services; and
- > Manufacturing.

Health Services

Boasting an affordable and enviable tropical lifestyle, Hinchinbrook Shire:

- > Ranked as Queensland's number one retirement destination in 2017; and
- > Ranked in the top 5% in Local Government Areas in Australia for access to GP health services.

Hinchinbrook is primed for investors to be able to grow and capitalise on these assets and the over 55 market potential with investment in Senior Lifestyle residential choice, services and activities. From investing in small business services and care that allow seniors to remain in their homes for longer.

Investment opportunities may include:

- > Aged care services;
- > General construction;
- > Disability services;
- > Health retail services;
- > Medical specialists; and
- > Home care providers.



Hinchinbrook has a regional hospital, a 28-bed facility including emergency and general surgery. Ingham Health Service is open 24/7 with specialists providing cardiology, orthopaedic, new birthing, immunisation dental, mental health, weekly ultrasounds, pathology sample collection and emergency.



The Shire has 155 aged care beds within facilities such as Blue Care Ingham Bluehaven Aged Care Facility, Palms Aged Care Service and Canossa Home. These facilities aim to provide the highest quality of care and services. Seniors are offered Meals on Wheels - a Not for Profit volunteer organisation.

Education and Early Learning

A well-educated community will increase productivity, drive innovation and support our transition to a stronger and more diversified economy. The Hinchinbrook community and businesses have identified a significant gap in the ability to access locally delivered tertiary training and education that aligns with the trades and industries that operate within the Hinchinbrook Shire, with the demand for locally delivered training far exceeding the supply. Furthermore, it has been identified that a similar gap exists within the early learning services available in the region, with demand exceeding supply and significant waiting lists to access these services.

Investment opportunities may include:

- > Tertiary training facilities
- > Early Learning services



Affordable Real Estate

The median price for homes listed within the Hinchinbrook Shire is \$214,000. While the average price for rent is \$250 per week for a three bedroom home. According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 48.4 percent of residents own their house outright, this is quite significant compared to the rest of the State. Out of Queensland's total population, 28.5 percent own their house outright. While 22.7 percent of Hinchinbrook's population own their house with a mortgage, 24.4 percent are renting (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2019).

As of June 2020 it was recorded that the Shire's most common area to call home is Ingham with a total of 2,018 properties with only 74 vacant lots. Followed by Forrest Beach, Lucinda, Halifax, Taylors Beach and Macknade.

Future buyers see the potential in many homes for investment purposes, renovations or to settle. Hinchinbrook's real estate industry can be considered fairly competitive and a good opportunity compared to the rest of the State. There is nowhere on the east coast of Australia that provides the combination of exceptional real estate value and stunning natural surrounds, all within an hour of a regional city – Townsville. The affordability of the region provides the opportunity to live on the door step of some of the World's best natural attractions.

Investment opportunities may include:

- > Investment properties;
- > Cattle grazing;
- > Small businesses;
- > Other agricultural productions; and
- > Sugar cane production.

Aviation

The Hinchinbrook Shire Aerodrome is located about two kilometres south of Ingham, directly off the Bruce Highway. Council own and operate the Aerodrome and therefore manage the terminal building, carpark, internal access roads, runway, taxiways, aprons, visual aids, and all serviced land at the airport. Operations that are currently undertaken at the Aerodrome include charters, crop spraying, tourism, aviation training, emergency assist and aircraft maintenance.

Investment opportunities may include:

- > Dedicated aviation paint shop;
- > Aircraft sales and distribution;
- > Aircraft component part manufacturer;
- > Avionics manufacturer/repairer;
- > Charters for fly in fly out (FIFO);
- > Remotely piloted aircraft / drones
- > Education, training and recruitment
- > Maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO);
- > Research and development;
- > Aircraft decals supplier; and
- > Aero plastics manufacturer/supplier.



CONNECTIVITY AND TRANSPORT

Port Facilities

The Port of Lucinda exports raw sugar produced in the Hinchinbrook district. The jetty is the longest of its kind in the southern hemisphere, extending 5.6 kilometres out to sea and following the curvature of the earth. Sugar takes approximately 22 minutes to travel from the onshore storage to the ship loader (Tourism & Events Queensland, 2020). The Port is managed by Port of Townsville and operated by Queensland Sugar Limited.

Airport

Townsville Airport is approximately an hour and 20-minute drive from the heart of Hinchinbrook, Ingham. Townsville is a domestic and international airport that welcomes more than 1.6 million passengers annually. This is the 11th busiest airport in Australia, servicing passengers travelling for tourism, defence, resource industry and business purposes (Queensland Airport Limited, 2019). There are a variety of transfer services available to local businesses within Hinchinbrook Shire.

Furthermore, the Hinchinbrook Shire Aerodrome is located about 1.5kms south of the Ingham township on the Bruce Highway. The Airport has Local, Regional, Seated, Pilot Activated Lighting, refuelling facilities and hangar facilities. Hinchinbrook Shire Council also supported Townsville Enterprise Limited in the Queensland Regional Development Initiative for the Ingham In-Flight project. Any enquiries in relation to the Hinchinbrook Shire Aerodrome facilities can be made to the Aerodrome Reporting Officer.

Rail

Hinchinbrook Shire is easily accessible via railway services. Ingham Railway Station is located on the North Coast line in Queensland. The station has one platform, with a passing loop opposite the platform. The station has facilities that include: ramp access, toilets, hearing loop, help phone, short term parking and waiting areas. The Shire is served by the Spirit of Queensland service (Queensland Rail Limited, 2020).

- > Departing Brisbane and Townsville five times weekly; and
- > Departing Cairns five times weekly.

Roads

The Shire is conveniently accessible from Northern or Southern regions via the Bruce Highway. Council looks after the majority of roads within the local government area, including suburban roads with the exception of highways which are controlled by the Queensland Government. The Queensland Government Department of Transport and Main Roads maintains and controls the following highways and roads:

- > Bruce Highway;
- > Ingham – Abergowrie Road;
- > Stone River Road;
- > Ingham – Halifax – Bemerside Road;
- > Halifax – Lucinda Point Road; and
- > Ingham – Forrest Beach Road.



► SERVICES

Health, Aged Care and Disability Support

Hinchinbrook is home to a regional hospital, a 28-bed inpatient facility with an accident/emergency and general surgery service. The hospital provides the community with services including immunisations, well-women's clinics, pathology-sample collection, basic radiography, weekly ultrasounds, pharmaceuticals and ante-natal/post-natal care. It also provides outreach services including respiratory medicine, mental health, paediatrics, surgery and endoscopy, with referral mechanisms in place.

The region has the provision of 3 aged care facilities with 155 aged care beds and accompanying services. There are 3 dental practices, 2 private health care centres, disability, aged care support services and complementary health services.

Education and Training



The region boasts 16 schools consisting of primary and secondary (independent, catholic and public), as well as 3 early childhood education facilities, 3 care services and various home day care services. Furthermore there are various extra curricular activities for the youth such as cultural dance, music and sports clubs.

Conveniently located in the township of Ingham is the TAFE Queensland campus. The campus offers easy access to restaurants, cafes, shops and facilities. Introductory and advanced courses are offered with the campus providing state-of-the-art video conferencing facilities. These facilities assist those who are studying externally (TAFE Queensland, 2020).

Financial

Hinchinbrook is serviced by a number of major banks that support the community in terms of financial planning, home loans, personal loans, insurance, bank accounts and credit cards. In addition, there are numerous businesses to provide the community with services related to investments, accounting, taxation, auditing, financial and legal advice and bookkeeping.

Short-term Accommodation

Visitors fall in love with the Hinchinbrook region. There's mighty waterfalls, peaceful rainforests, blissful natural swimming holes, cultural cuisines and an abundance of history to discover. Hinchinbrook is the ideal holiday destination for the day or to stay. The region has a wide variety of short-term accommodation to cater to the needs of all visitors. The accommodation options include:

- > Hotels and motels;
- > Caravan parks;
- > RV camping;
- > Fishing lodges;
- > Bed and breakfast;
- > Farm stays;
- > Holiday homes; and
- > Luxury escapes.



► LIFESTYLE, EVENTS, ATTRACTIONS AND FACILITIES

Lifestyle

Demographers estimate that of the 350,000 Australians per year who talk about making a tree/sea change, 20% make it happen. Of those who do make the change, 80% are delighted with the change and wish they had made the tree/sea change sooner.

The Shire is privileged to have a dedicated precinct championing the arts, culture, education and tourism that serves the community and encourages visitation year around. This is complemented by auxiliary parks throughout the region housing a variety of facilities from walking trails to children's specialty playground equipment. The region is also blessed with abundant natural resources which provide a leisure playground from sport fishing and adventure through to passive pursuits of tranquil walks in tamed wetlands and wild rainforests.

Bound by World Heritage rainforests, the Great Barrier Reef and a diversity of geography in between. The Shire is unique in that it encompasses beach and rainforest environments within close proximity, for a rich, rewarding experience in liveability and leisure. Hinchinbrook is the place to invest in your recreational pursuits.

Events

The Hinchinbrook region has a number of annual events supporting a strong tourism economy. These events include Australian Italian Festival, Maraka Festival, Ingham Sugar City Rodeo, Ingham Show, market days, races, and many more. Council works closely with community groups to ensure the Hinchinbrook region has access to a wide variety of events through the Community Activity Grants program, enabling community events of all sizes to have access to funding and support from Council. This program annually injects approximately \$150,000 directly into local events.

Council hosts a range of events for the local community including Australia Day, ANZAC Day, Christmas in Hinchinbrook, and Seniors Week. Along with major celebrations, Council is focused on delivering valuable event programs through the Hinchinbrook Shire Library for Under 5's, school holidays, youth week, as well as health events to get community members active.



ATTRACTIONS

A LUSH DIVERSITY OF TROPICAL RAINFOREST HOUSING GIANT WATERFALLS AND SWIMMING HOLES, WETLANDS TEEMING WITH WILDLIFE AND RIVER SYSTEMS THAT EBB AND FLOW AS SPECTACULARLY AS THE SEASONS; ALL SHOWCASING NATURE AT ITS BEST. THE MAJOR ATTRACTIONS OF HINCHINBROOK SHIRE INCLUDE:



WALLAMAN FALLS

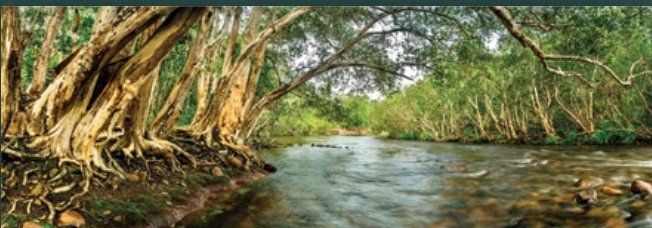
Plunging 268m, Wallaman Falls is Australia's highest single drop waterfall. Viewing its sheer size and tranquillity is easily accessible from the lookout.

ZOE FALLS

Immerse yourself into the calm infinity pools of Zoe Falls. Gaze out across rich tropical rainforests, mountain peaks, long white beach and deep turquoise sea.

THORSBORNE TRAIL

Hinchinbrook Island's rugged Thorsborne Trail is one of the World's best multi-day walking experiences.



BROADWATER

Surrounded by shady trees, Broadwater's cool waters provide the perfect destination for a refreshing dip.

THE HERBERT RIVER

From the Atherton Tablelands, the river flows east 150km through the Herbert River Gorge and out across floodplains providing fertility for Hinchinbrook's farmers.

PORT OF LUCINDA

An engineering masterpiece, the bulk sugar terminal has the Southern Hemisphere's longest service jetty (5.76 km), supported by over 660 pylons.

JOURAMA FALLS

A perfect destination for campers, photographers and bird lovers. For swimmers, swimming holes and streams border the campgrounds for the perfect escape.

MULLIGAN FALLS

Set high above the beach, with a deep inviting waterhole, Mulligan Falls is an ideal half day trip.



HINCHINBROOK ISLAND

Australia's largest island National Park... jagged tropical peaks brood amongst clouds, towering over an ancient rainforest clad coastline and long white sandy beaches.

GREAT BARRIER REEF

The World's largest living structure is only 35km from Hinchinbrook Shire's coastline. Renowned for snorkelling, diving and whale watching experiences.

PELORUS ISLAND

Separated by a narrow channel to the north of Orpheus Island is the perfect base camp to explore nearby reefs.



ORPHEUS ISLAND

A paradise for nature lovers; home to over 1,000 different vibrant and colourful marine species.

MUNGALLA STATION

A multi-award winning Indigenous enterprise - this is Australia's most accessible authentic Indigenous experience, tourism destination and cattle station.

SNAPSHOT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

HINCHINBROOK SHIRE LIBRARY

Nourish your love of reading while relaxing in our modern library overlooking beautiful lagoons. The Hinchinbrook Shire Library boasts regular activities for children, informative computer classes and friendly, knowledgeable staff that will assist with your research needs

HALIFAX LIBRARY

Halifax library provides traditional library resources as well as electronic resources featuring an online catalogue, e-books and e-magazines, online databases, free WiFi access, and computers for use within the library.



MINI MILITARY MUSEUM

The collection showcases a compilation of published works, periodicals, military records, photographs, writings, ephemera and artefacts sharing the history of The Kennedy Regiment.

TYTO REGIONAL ART GALLERY

Marvel at the latest Regional Art Gallery exhibition with the contemporary space showcasing local artisans and craft enthusiasts through an annual programme and retail outlet.

HINCHINBROOK VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

A fully accredited Information Centre and is your one stop shop for travel information, brochures and maps. Staffed by friendly and knowledgeable locals, pop in and let the team help you to experience the stunning Hinchinbrook region.

HINCHINBROOK AQUATIC CENTRE

The local aquatic centre features lush green grounds with three partly shaded pools; the 25 metre heated pool, 50 metre and toddler pool.



HINCHINBROOK COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTRE

Empowers our community through inclusive social support to meet the needs of individuals, families and community groups.







CONTACT

The Hinchinbrook Shire Council offers several services to new and existing businesses:

- > Council incentives (based on criteria) are available for businesses relocating or setting up in Hinchinbrook;
- > Facilitate planning processes through a guided pre-application meeting with the Planning and Development Department;
- > Assistance with commercial real estate identification through Council's relationships with local commercial real estate agencies and advisory firms;
- > Strong partnerships with State-based Government;
- > Identification of relevant State and Federal Government grants and assistance with applications; and
- > Supporting business growth through coordination of training, workshops, networking events, relevant marketing assistance and supporting improved business sustainability.

Hinchinbrook Shire Council is a member of Townsville Enterprise Limited (TEL) which is an organisation that supports their members to stimulate employment, growth and investment in the tourism and infrastructure industries. The opportunities that TEL provide benefit the business operators of the Shire. In addition, Hinchinbrook business operators are supported by the Hinchinbrook Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Tourism Inc. This not-for-profit organisation strives to facilitate and create economic opportunities for their members and the broader business community.

To discuss investment opportunities within the Shire, please contact Hinchinbrook Shire Council:

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REGIONAL MAP

- ... Dirt Road
- Road
- ... Walking Track
- Bruce Highway
- Hinchinbrook Way Drive
- ... Ferry Route
- Toilets
- Picnic Area
- BBQ
- Golf Club
- Wi-Fi
- Hiking
- Camping

- Caravan / Camper Trailer / Caravan Sites
- Information
- Lookout
- Parking
- Swimming
- Passenger Ferry
- Diving
- Whale Watching
- Hospital
- Medical Centre
- Accommodation
- Supermarkets
- RV

- Cinema
- Petrol Station
- Library
- Playground
- Boat Ramp
- Airport
- Art Gallery
- Post Office
- Bird Watching
- Bowling
- Church
- Police
- Tennis

- Railway Station
- Museum
- Mountain Range
- Activity Node

Hinchinbrook Way EXPERIENCES

- ADVENTURE
- CULTURE
- NATURE
- FOOD
- INDUSTRY

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