



C2K BIKE RIDE 2021 - HANDBOOK



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To date the event has raised and distributed in excess of \$1,145,000. Beneficiaries include: Cairns School of Distance Education, Primary Schools – Mt Garnet, Mt Surprise, Georgetown, Croydon, Normanton and Karumba as well as child care centres, sports associations and more.

The event's success is largely dependent on an enthusiastic group of volunteers. These volunteers work hard – before, during and after the event – to give you a great cycling holiday, so make sure you thank them. And, THANK YOU too, for coming on 'our' ride!



Our Mission Statement

By raising funds and riding from Cairns to Karumba we connect students in Far North Queensland with educational opportunities. We have skilled people who lead teams to sustain a well organised ride through spectacular country side. Multiple options are available to make this ride a unique and personalised event that connects ride participants to each community along the road. The Cairns to Karumba Bike Ride is an opportunity to provide riders, supporters and volunteers with a life enriching experience.

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THE CAIRNS TO KARUMBA BIKE RIDE

Why we ride.

Maybe you are after the challenge or adventure, by experiencing the longest event ride in Australia? Or is it that the 780km C2K bike ride is 24 years long-standing and travels through 5 Shires east to west across the base of Cape York? Or is it the spirit of giving to families and children for their education?

The country it traverses includes the lush rainforest of Cairns and the Tablelands and beautiful savannah lands of Australia's deep outback. If it's the cause that strikes a chord in you, you'll be pedalling away to raise money for the education and health of Aussie bush kids, which you will meet along the way.

This ride belongs to all the families living in the outback on isolated properties across the Cape York Peninsula and Gulf Savannah country, whose kids learn through distance education.

The ride has now raised in excess of \$1,145,000!

No doubt you'll discover the C2K to be a darn good time, so expect loads of entertainment and friendships made along the way. The ride caters to those choosing the road as well as the dirt bashers, who are up for experiencing some true grit.

Whatever has brought you on-board, the reality is that the C2K is an iconic 'must-do' ride, and a fantastic week away from the maddening crowds. No need to worry about cooking meals, transporting luggage (if on your own) or navigating from town to town because all your needs are taken care of by our merry band of volunteers.

Each day the Catering Crew dish up three delicious meals and you are provided with showers, fresh air, outback skies and exquisite sunsets. You're on holidays, so make the most of it and enjoy!

In the following pages you will find information on everything you need to know about the event including: a training schedule, what to bring, a rundown of each day, bike routes and campsite services, some important rules, what you can expect and much more.

Who participates?

The C2K Bike Ride experience has been enjoyed by a diverse range of people from both local and regional North Queensland, those from interstate as well as international participants from England, Germany, Ireland, Holland, Japan, New Zealand, Canada and U.S.A. Many return each year to relive the adventure. You may come along to ride, to support a rider or to volunteer.

Welcome to Riders!



The ride caters for road riders as well as mountain bike riders of all levels of fitness.

On the road packs range from fast riders to social riders. The overriding factor is the spirit with which everyone takes part - coming together to form a cohesive, supportive and encouraging group. You will leave with a list of new friends and riding buddies as a unique and strong sense of camaraderie forms over the week. We look forward to building on these experiences and to enjoying the sunset over the Gulf of Carpentaria with you on the 2nd of July 2021.

Any moderately fit person is capable of undertaking the Cairns to Karumba ride. Remember you can ride as much, or as little as you choose. If you are not an 'uphill battler', a vehicle will transport you up the taxing Kuranda Range (15km). Apart from the Herberton (5km) and Newcastle Ranges (15km) the ride is pretty much smooth pedalling.

You should know your cycling skills and capabilities. If you become tired take a lift and don't be offended if you happen to be asked to ride in the support vehicle for awhile. This may be for your own wellbeing and the safety of all riders.

The dirt riders have heaps of fun and experience some true grit. The riding is casual but there is a wide range of capabilities among the group and we are mindful of the group and the individual skill levels.

Welcome to Support Crew

If you've joined the ride as a support person to a rider or group, your role is immensely important and appreciated by your 'team'. It is hard work riding in the midday sun, so when the dust settles as riders pull into camp, there is nothing like the reward of sinking into a chair, a cup of tea or tinny ready by your side and a platter of goodies to munch on! Your job is to support them in doing the hard yards to ensure their journey is as easy and comfortable as possible.

The support Role Includes:

- Team Gofer – scouting out the night's camp grounds and facilities- picking a good spot;
- Camp Co-ordinator – setting up the 'team' camp – tents, fold up table, chairs, tarps etc;
- Mess Person - ensuring drinks are on the ice, billies boiled and snicky snacks abundantly available;
- Grounds Person – packing up and clean up camp, disposing of garbage so camp grounds can be left as they were found;

If you need to dump Blackwater, refer to sites on the last page of this handbook.

All support vehicles are expected to depart camp sites

before the riding packs. This is for safety of all riders as it reduces the amount of vehicles trying to overtake packs and manouver around riders while on the road.

Your team needs you, but it isn't all hard work. You'll have plenty of time to explore the outback haunts, chat to locals, get to know fellow bike ride support persons / volunteers have a laugh and yarn over a cuppa.

Welcome to Volunteers!

Each year the ride organisers rely on approximately 60 volunteers to keep the wheels turning on this wonder-



ful ride. We need kitchen crew, escort drivers, truck drivers, entertainment coordinator, communications personnel, photographers, logistics crew, drink station attendants, kids club coordinator, massage therapists....and the list goes on.

Thank you to our volunteers for donating your time and expertise in making this ride possible. The volunteer coordinator will be available to guide you on the responsibilities of the various roles.

Before registering for a volunteer role, please contact helena@c2kbikeride.com.au for role allocation.

IMPORTANT POINTS

Remember to keep up your hydration and food intake during the day. Dehydration can cause headaches, tiredness, poor judgment & affect your riding ability. If you think you are getting dehydrated, or if the support or medic staff think you are dehydrated or in poor riding condition, please take their advice and have a rest in a support vehicle. There will be more good riding ahead.

We also have our own medic and first aid kits as well as paramedics, nurses and doctors among our riders.

Dirt riders may have to ride some parts on the road and it will be necessary to ride as a formal Pack. When advised to ride in Pack formation, follow your lead and rear vehicle instructions. There will be radios on riders

within the Pack also who will relay any necessary information.

A bus will be transporting riders between sections. Please limit your daypack, if you bring one, to something small and basic – and an old towel to sit on. The support vehicles will carry your lunch, refreshments, fruit and snacks. There will be eskies and some fridges in support vehicles. Bring some money though.

DIRT RIDERS

Loading trailers is your own responsibility. When it comes time to load – do your own – plus a bit more. Less time loading = More time riding!



PRE-RIDE BRIEFING - MEET & GREET [FRIDAY 25TH OF JUNE]

Friday 25th of June prior to the ride, a pre-ride 'Meet and Greet' will be held at the Pullman Cairns international Hotel. Registrations check-in plus jersey collection will take place between 4.00-6.00pm. Dinner options will be available at the hotel. The briefing takes place from 7.00-8.00pm.

The briefing is compulsory, **PLEASE ENSURE YOU ATTEND.**

The ride organisers will alert you to all the last minute detailed preparations for the ride and answer any questions you may have. You will also be able to collect your ride jersey, ride drink bottle, your wrist band for meals and meet your pack leaders. Unsupported road riders will need to bring along the bulk of their luggage to place in the luggage truck. A small day bag can be given to the escort driver on the morning of the first day.

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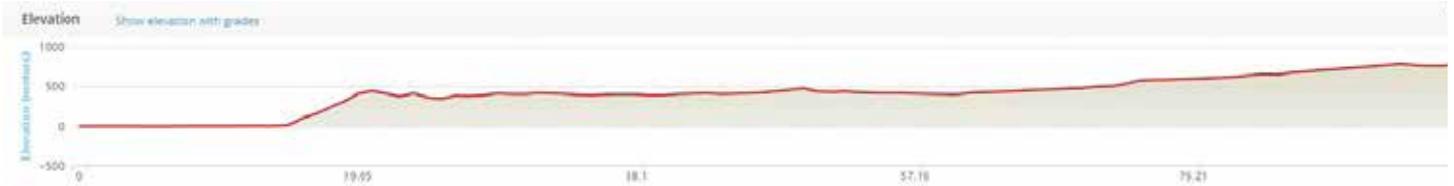
The starting point for all riders on the first day is the Lagoon Carpark. From there all riders will be escorted by Sergeant Waugh and his team to Smithfield at the base of the Kuranda Range. The Kuranda Range segment is unsupported, ie no escort vehicles or pack riding; you are on your own!

You need to be an experienced Range Rider to take this segment on. For those keen to save their legs for the rest of the journey, a vehicle is available to transport you and bike from Smithfield up the range to Kuranda.

The dirt riders will ride with the group for the first 5kms out of Cairns before being transported to the 'Dirt'. Dirt riders will meet their bus behind the tennis courts in Lake Street.



ROUTE INFORMATION STAGE 1 - SATURDAY JUNE 26TH [CAIRNS TO TOLGA - 94KM]



Your meal wrist band must be worn.
Having your name on your back/helmet/bike is a handy way for people to get to know you.

6.00 – 6.15am, assemble at Lagoon Car park.

START LINE - All riders leave at 6.30am. The ride will commence once organisers are sure all riders, support crew and volunteers have correctly completed all required forms, been issued ID tags and all official vehicles/volunteers are in place.

Dirt riders will join Road riders for the first 5km before being transported to the 'Dirt'.

Lunch - No packed lunch needed



DIRT RIDERS

Dirty Boys join Rugged Roadies for the first 5km before being transported to the 'Dirt' to Davies Creek, giving plenty of encouragement as we pass the Roadies along the way.

Fun Pack: (50km)

- Ride out from Davies Creek passing through the 'food bowl' of Far North Queensland. The adventure covers varying terrain and gradients.

Fast pack: (80km)

- Venturing South through Davies Creek Mountain Park and onwards into rugged, forested landscapes before heading out over farmland to Tolga.

Both Packs are scheduled to arrive at Tolga Racecourse for a late lunch at around 2:30pm

All riders to wash down bikes

RUGGED ROADIES

The Kuranda Range is a 15km uphill ride with a 7% gradient.

First Stop – Kuranda. Four packs of riders are formed and proceed to Kuranda for a Coffee Break. Then continue to Mareeba Aerodrome for lunch.

Lunch stop at Mareeba is provided by the Mareeba Lions Club. Gold coin donation for the club is appreciated. After lunch, riders will proceed to Tolga for the night.

5.30pm Meeting

1. Escort Drivers / Pack Leaders
2. Drink Stop Crew

DINNER / CAMPING

Overnight camping at Tolga Race Course for Roadies and Dirty Boys

Dinner 6.00pm – Meal wrist band must be worn

Night conditions may be cool and possibly damp or even wet, so come prepared. Overnight camping will be at the Tolga Race Course. Camps can be set up under the trees or under cover. For those who choose to camp close to the kitchen be aware that the catering crew set up for breakfast from 4am.

EVENING ACTIVITIES

The Goldsworthy Crew

Photos - share on social media and use the hashtag

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Wally Awards tonight



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ROUTE INFORMATION

STAGE 2 - SUNDAY JUNE 27TH [TOLGA TO MT GARNET - 105KM]



Your meal wrist band must be worn.

Breakfast - 6.30 am

Departure time is dictated by visibility on the road. Approx departure will be at 8.00am, from front gates of the race course.

Lunch - Dirt riders only to pack lunch

RUGGED ROADIES

Drink stops, every 20kms.

Lunch stop at Ravenshoe Town Hall. Followed by

Queen & King of the Mountain Presentations.

The route from Tolga to Mt Garnet follows the Herberton Range. The range is a 5km (uphill section) ride, with the town of Herberton itself also offering some vertical challenges. The incline is steeper than the Kuranda Range and once again the sections through the first 30-40 km are very challenging. The weather here is generally cool and damp. From Herberton the riders then commence the leg to Ravenshoe - the highest town above sea level in Queensland. We have lunch in Ravenshoe at the local town hall. Following lunch all packs reform and proceed to Mt Garnet.

KOM & QOM will be selected.

5.30pm Meetings

1. Escort Drivers / Pack Leaders
2. Drink Stop Crew



DIRT RIDERS

Both Packs combine to ride out of Tolga Racecourse to Atherton, from there:

Fun Pack (60km)

- Ride the Historical Rail line through to Herberton.
- Bus to Woodleigh Station then a loop ride of around 30km, ride on to Innot Hot Springs for refreshments, bus to Mt Garnet

Fast Pack (80km + options)

- Mt Baldy Ridge and on to Herberton. Silver Valley Road to Woodleigh Station. Time dependant options from Woodleigh Station to Innot Hot Springs. Bus to Mt Garnet

All riders to remove, then wash down, reload and secure bikes on trailers ready for bus departure the following morning.

DINNER / CAMPING

Dinner at 6.00 pm - Meal wrist band must be worn

Camp for the night is at the Mt Garnet Traveller's Park about 2km on the other side of the town. Monique is the park manager, please take the time to say hello. She will be around to help us all get settled. The kitchen crew will set up our camp. It is cool and sometimes breezy on this night, so make sure you rug up. It is State of Origin night, we will have a big screen set up for the game.

EVENING ACTIVITIES

State of Origin

Photos - share on social media and use the hashtag #C2KBikeRide

Wally Awards





ROUTE INFORMATION

STAGE 3 - MONDAY JUNE 28TH [MT GARNET TO MT SURPRISE - 113KM]



Your meal wrist band must be worn.
 Breakfast - 6.30 am / Ride Briefing – 6.45 am
 Don't pack lunch for road or dirt ride
Lunch - Dirt & Roadies do not Pack Lunch

RUGGED ROADIES

- Packs 4 -departs at 8.00am
- Packs 3 departs at 8.10am
- Pack 2 departs at 8.20am
- Pack 1 departs at 8.30am
- Drink stops approximately every 20 kms.
- Lunch stop at 40 Mile Scrub.

A few km's from 40 Mile Scrub a few children will join the last pack and ride in with the riders, be sure to cheer them on as it is a big challenge for them that they look forward to each year. There are eco-toilets at the 40 Mile Scrub, please take care with the grass and garden areas. At the 40 Mile Scrub we have a magnificent morning tea/lunch. Please bring a donation to thank the lovely families that produce this food for us. Narrow bitumen and rough edges, coupled with increasing contact with road trains and other large road vehicles keep the need for traffic awareness at a premium, following the 40 Mile Scrub turnoff onto the Gulf Development Road. The conditions then level out and the road makes a gradual descent with improved road surface.

5.30pm Meetings

1. Escort Drivers / Pack Leaders
2. Drinks Stop Crew

DINNER / CAMPING

- Dinner at 6.00 pm

The night time stop is at the Bedrock Tourist Park on the right hand side of the highway. If you want some sleep at night don't go too close to the kitchen or bar area.



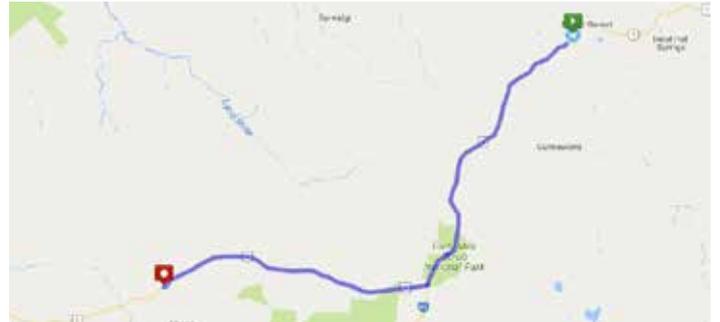
EVENING ACTIVITIES

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Wally Awards

No Talent Quest - After dinner, at the camp kitchen. Packs nominate one or more participant to entertain and be judged. dirt riders must nominate at least 4. Volunteers and supporters must also nominate.

Everyone is invited and urged to become involved. Over past years this has become a favourite stop over with plenty of enjoyment for all and great support from the locals. Prizes for the winner & runner up.



DIRT RIDERS

All riders to depart by Bus

Fun Pack (60km)

• Bus stops at the junction of Ootan Rd and Gingerella Fossilbrook Road. Ride South on Gingerella Fossilbrook Road. Join Fast Pack for Lunch at Fossilbrook Creek crossing.

Fast Pack (80km)

• Alight bus approx. 11km along Ootan Road and commence riding adventure on Ootan Road before turning left onto Gingerella Fossilbrook Road. Join Fun Pack for Lunch at Fossilbrook Creek crossing.

All riders to ride on to Springfield Station Homestead where will meet the buses for the short journey on to Bedrock Village Caravan Park at Mount Surprise.

All riders to wash down bikes



ROUTE INFORMATION

STAGE 4 - TUESDAY JUNE 29TH [MT SURPRISE TO GEORGETOWN - 94KM]



Your meal wrist band must be worn.
 Breakfast - 6.30 am
Lunch - Dirt & Roadies to pack lunch

RUGGED ROADIES

SUPER HERO DAY.

Make sure you have your superhero outfits on for the judges to check before you depart.

Pack 4 departs at 8.00 am

Pack 3 departs at 8.10 am

Pack 2 departs at 8.20 am

Pack 1 departs at 8.30 am

- Drink stops every 20 kms.
- Lunch stop at the Newcastle Range lookout.

5.30pm Meetings

1. Escort Drivers / Pack Leaders
2. Drinks Stop Crew

Along this road care needs to be taken with narrow bitumen, rough edges, potholes, cattle grids and traffic with plenty of chances to meet a road train face to face. The countryside is now quite dry, however there is some spectacular scenery at the top of the range - this is Savannah country. The Newcastle Range is a 15km uphill section, which has an initial steep climb and then a more gentle descent on the other side. Don't get complacent; through the Newcastle Range there are some lovely new sections of road, but there are still some sections where the bitumen is very rough and broken. There often are cattle on the road – BEWARE!



DIRT RIDERS

Both packs will ride out of Bedrock Village, (in Super Hero regalia!), for the short trip to Mount Surprise Station Homestead. Ride along O'Briens Creek Road to O'Brien's Creek. Ride cross country from O'Brien's Creek to Oorallat Station. From Oorallat Station:

Fun Pack (Total for day ~64km)

- Bus to Routh. Ride to Routh Gorge for enjoy lunch and swim. Ride back to Kennedy Highway. Bus to Georgetown (Option to ride road to town)

Fast Pack (Total for day ~75km)

- Ride Oorallat Street to the Kennedy Highway. Bus to Routh. Ride to Routh Gorge for enjoy lunch and swim. Ride back to Kennedy Highway. Bus to Georgetown (Option to ride road to town)

All riders to wash down bikes prior to loading and securing them on trailers ready for bus departure the following morning.

Wash away the day's dust – and let's get to town for the annual 'CARDZILLA Calcutta' at the pub.

DINNER / CAMPING

- Dinner at 6.30 pm

Overnight camping at Georgetown Rodeo Grounds which are located on the north western edge of the town. Here again you will need to put up your tents. There are shower and toilet facilities at the grounds. Laundry facilities are located at the 2 caravan parks in Georgetown, but in order to use them PLEASE OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM THE MANAGERS.

EVENING ACTIVITIES

Photos - share on social media and use the hashtag #C2KBikeRide

4.00pm – Rider activities at Wenaru Pub

5.00pm – CARDZILLA Calcutta Race at Georgetown (2 heats plus a final). Each pack puts up a rider to race.

Night Activities – Karaoke at Camp & Wally Awards





ROUTE INFORMATION

STAGE 5 - WEDNESDAY JUNE 30TH [GEORGETOWN TO CROYDON - 146KM]



Your meal wrist band must be worn.
 Breakfast - 6.00 am / Ride Briefing – 6.30 am
 Pack eating utensils only
Lunch - Dirt riders only to pack lunch



RUGGED ROADIES

PASSIONS OF PARADISE SILLY SOCK DAY - put on your silliest socks and judging will begin. Winner will be announced in Croydon.

Pack 4 departs at 7.00 am	5.30pm Meetings
Pack 3 departs at 7.10 am	1.Escort Drivers / Pack Leaders 2.Drinks Stop Crew
Pack 2 departs at 7.20 am	
Pack 1 departs at 7.30 am	

- Drink stops approximately every 20 kms.
 - A long day, so conserve your energy and use the rotations to get the most out of your day!
 - Lunch stop at the Gilbert River. Pasta lunch provided by the locals. Please bring a donation as some have travelled 200kms to be there. Make sure you pack eating utensils in the escort/support vehicles.
- Georgetown to Croydon has a lunch stop at the Gilbert River. This is a hot, dry stop, so it is advisable to have a good shade hat or brolly organised. Along the section of the ride between the Gilbert and Croydon, there are some stretches of newer bitumen, which are wider and in reasonable condition, but only in reasonably short stretches. The afternoon ride is long and hot through dry Savannah land. Plenty of water and electrolytes are essential to prevent dehydration.

DIRT RIDERS

PASSIONS OF PARADISE SILLY SOCK DAY - put on your silliest socks and judging will begin. Winner will be announced in Croydon.

- All riders to depart by Bus
- Alight Bus at Mount Turner Road. Ride Mount Turner Road to Mount Turner Station (~45km).
 - Lunch at Mount Turner Station
 - Ride back out on Mount Turner Road to meet the Busses. Load and secure all bikes on the trailers. The busses then take all riders to Alehvale Station where there are three options:
 1. If you have a Savannalander Train Ticket you **must** remain on the bus for transport to Croydon Railway Station.
 2. All other riders are welcome to join in a ride (~35km) through to the Croydon Rodeo Ground
 3. Any riders wishing to relax can remain on the bus and head straight to Croydon Rodeo Ground
- All riders to wash down bikes; those who take the bus to Croydon must remove their bikes and washdown in the evening.**

DINNER / CAMPING

- Dinner at 6.30 pm
- Overnight camping at Croydon Rodeo Grounds which is on the northern outskirts of town. You will be able to follow the signs once you are in town. The local shire council sets up a large fire at the rodeo grounds. So, time to kick back, relax and join in some camp fire singalong.
- Gulflander Train trip -from 5-6.30pm. Meet at the Railway Station at 4.50pm or at the Croydon Rodeo Grounds (if you need a lift) at 4.30pm.

EVENING ACTIVITIES

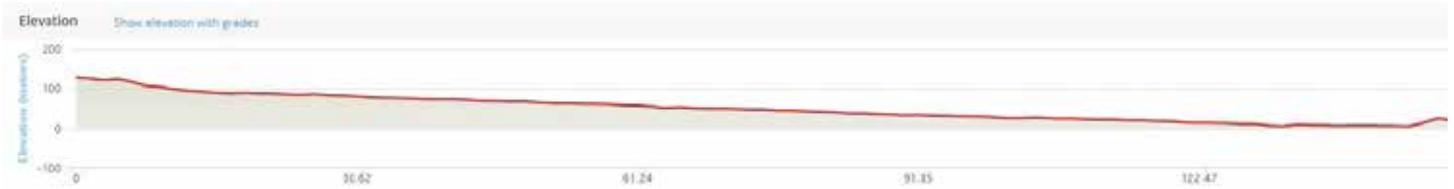
Photos - share on social media and use the hashtag #C2KBikeRide
 Wally Awards
 Night Activities – Trivia Night
 Don't forget the marshmallows!





ROUTE INFORMATION

STAGE 6- THURSDAY JULY 1ST [CROYDON TO NORMANTON - 151KM]



Your meal wrist band must be worn.

Breakfast - 6.00 am / Ride Briefing 6.30 am

Lunch - Dirt riders do not pack lunch. Roadies to pack lunch

RUGGED ROADIES

Packs 4 departs at 7.00 am

Pack 3 departs at 7.10 am

PAck 2 departs at 7.20 am

Packs 1 depart at 8.30 am and race the Gulflander to Normanton

Drink stops every 20 kms.

LUNCH STOP : Timora (110km)

Another long day travelling from Croydon to Normanton, with a lunch stop at approximately the 110km mark. Sun hats and sunscreen are essential as there is negligible shade available. If you have a tarp, pop up shade or even an umbrella, bring it along for this day. The after lunch leg is somewhat deceiving with a subtle and relatively negligible climb to Normanton.

5.30pm Meetings

1. Escort Drivers / Pack Leaders
2. Drink Stop Crew



DIRT RIDERS

Both Packs ride together from Croydon Rodeo Ground.

Ride up to Diehm's Lookout for photo opportunity

- Ride on to Tabletop Station
- Kidd Family will guide both packs in a large loop across their station
- Lunch with Kidd Family with a very special presentation as it is the 10th year this family have welcomed C2K into their station and home
- Total for the day ~55km
- Bus to Normanton Rodeo Ground

All riders to wash down bikes.

DINNER / CAMPING

- Overnight camping at Normanton Rodeo Grounds.
- Dinner at 6.30 pm



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EVENING ACTIVITIES

Photos - share on social media and use the hashtag #C2KBikeRide

Night Activities – Ties & Tiara Ball, Games & Wally Awards



ROUTE INFORMATION

STAGE 7 - FRIDAY JULY 2ND [NORMANTON TO KARUMBA - 78KM]



Your meal wrist band must be worn.
 Breakfast - 6.30 am
 Ride Briefing 7.00 am
Lunch - No packed lunch needed

RUGGED ROADIES

All packs ride into town together at 7.30.
 Photo opportunities with Krys the infamous Croc.
 Packs form and leave Normanton as directed.
 Roadies and Dirt Riders meet at Karumba Golf Club and have BBQ Lunch, Volunteer Arch & Awards ceremonies and then all ride together to Sunset Tavern.

Note: This is your last catered meal as dinner and Sunday breakfast are your responsibility.

This leg of the ride is bitumen all the way, with the road travelling across the Norman River and through open downs country. Don't be deceived - this can be a very trying ride and as it is the seventh day, riders are tired. This affects concentration and highlights the possibility of an accident – not wanting to be overly dramatic but it happens. Don't be complacent; as it is usually hot with a strong dry head wind once we reach the open downs. We finish the ride at Karumba Point, for some toe dipping in FNQ's western waters... or not, CROCODILE beware!!

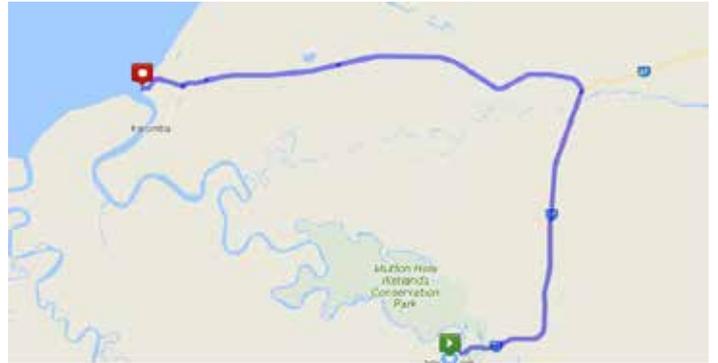
DINNER / CAMPING

Important: Unsupported riders should have ordered and paid for breakfast (in Normanton) that they will receive at approximately 7am on July 3. If you have not, make sure you order it at the cafe the day you arrive in Normanton. **Unsupported riders need to pack their bikes into boxes directly after arrival in Karumba.** These will be placed on the trucks and can be collected in Cairns (see Day 8 details). This is it at last - you can almost smell the ocean (or is that the socks you have been wearing all week?).

Overnight stay available at the Karumba Recreation Hall. Just roll out your swag if you don't have paid accommodation. A bus will collect you for the night activities at 6.00 pm and deliver you to your abode of sweet dreams. Don't miss the spectacular sunset. In the morning be prepared for a 6.00am departure for the bus ride home-ward (Cairns) bound.

EVENING ACTIVITIES

Photos - share on social media and use the hashtag #C2KBikeRide
 Wally Awards
 Night: Unofficial Post Ride Party – Sunset Tavern
 Last opportunity to purchase any C2K merchandise available



DIRT RIDERS

All Riders Ride out from Normanton Rodeo Grounds to Normanton Township for picture with Krys the Croc.

- All riders ride together from Normanton Rodeo Ground.
- Ride into Normanton for photo opportunity
 - Ride out to power line road to Norman River
 - Norman River Ferry Crossing
 - Ride to Karumba Golf Club for Lunch with the Rugged Roadies
 - Join the Roadies for the finale lunch and ride over the finish line at Karumba Point
 - Total for the day ~55km



IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER IN NORMANTON

LUGGAGE FOR UNSUPPORTED RIDERS

Before you leave Normanton all your luggage to be transported to Cairns must be loaded into the luggage truck. You will not have access to these items in Karumba. If you have booked accommodation in Karumba, pack only an overnight bag for your night in Karumba. If you are staying in the sports centre, you will not require a tent. Items being transported to Cairns will be packed at the back of the truck in Normanton and will not be accessible in Karumba as all the bike boxes and bike bags will be packed at the front for riders to be able to pack their bikes.

Bikes need to be packed into the luggage truck directly upon arrival in Karumba.

SATURDAY BREAKFAST IN NORMANTON

If you are taking the bus to Cairns, you should have pre-ordered your breakfast online. Breakfast will be collected on Saturday morning when the bus to Cairns does a quick stop at the Cafe in Normanton on it's way out. If you have not pre-ordered your breakfast online, make sure that when you arrive in Normanton on Thursday you make your way to the Cafe to order your breakfast directly at the cafe.

LUNCH IN KARUMBA

Lunch will be served at the Kuramba Golf Club by our wonderful Road Kill Crew. The final meal they will cook for us on the ride, make sure to shake their hand and thank them for all the delicious food they have supplied us with. **All drinks must be bought from the Golf Club Bar which will be open specially for us. Due to liquor lisensing no alcohol can be consumed unless bought from the bar. If you wish to ride the final leg of C2K into Karumba point, alcohol consumption is subject to liquor lisensing laws.** This is the last supplied meal by the ride. Lunch and presenation & awards will conclude the ride. Make sure you are present.

[Waughy's Kilometer Guess Competition will also take place at this time.](#)





STAGE 8 – SATURDAY JULY 3RD [IN KARUMBA TO CAIRNS BUS RIDE]

For those people returning on the bus, pick up will be at the Karumba Rec Hall at 5.40am and Karumba Point at 6.00am (meet at the corner where the phone box is located opposite Ash's Takeaway).

The bus will travel to Cairns and should arrive around 6.30-7.00pm if not earlier (depending on the delays during the day).

BREAKFAST - can be collected in Normanton at 7am. If you have not already ordered and paid for your breakfast, remember to order and pay the day before, as this ensures a fast trip back for all.

LUNCH - You will have an opportunity to purchase lunch on the return journey (location is at the bus driver's discretion).

ARRIVAL IN CAIRNS - In Cairns the bus will only stop in one location, the Cairns School of Distance Education (96 Clarke St entrance). It is each person's responsibility to make their own travel arrangements to houses, hotels etc from here.

All gear can be collected when stepping off the bus or on Sunday morning (July 4th) from 7-11am. Please go to the C2K Ride Shed on 96 Clarke Street, Manunda for all collections.



STAGE 9 – SUNDAY JULY 4TH [IN CAIRNS - GEAR COLLECTION]

Unsupported riders are expected to collect their gear from the C2K Ride Shed, on Clarke St, Manunda - between 7.00-11.00am. Remember, everyone will be keen to get home, and will not sit around waiting all afternoon for you.

Remember no one will be at the school after this day until school resumes.

Bus / Truck Transport to Cairns

If you are putting your bike on the truck for the return trip to Cairns, you must take your bike to the truck by 2.30pm on Saturday (100m from Sunset Tavern) to be loaded onto the truck. They will be handled with extreme care, but it is up to you to provide the packing materials and do the packing. The bikes will be transported to Cairns School of Distance Education on 96 Clarke Street, Manunda.

Please ensure you are there to collect your bike and belongings.

Call Helena on 0439 993 706 if you need to check if the truck has arrived.

PRE RIDE CHECKLIST

Flights (if required)

Remember when booking flights in and out of Cairns; take into account the need to be in Cairns in time for the Pre-Ride meet and greet on Friday 25th of June. When booking flights out, please be mindful of the return journey time from Karumba to Cairns (6am-7pm, via bus) on Saturday 3th July. Qantas, Jetstar and Virgin Airways all have flights into Cairns, from various locations. Logging onto www.webjet.com.au is an easy way to compare flight times and prices (even if you don't book through them).



What to Bring

- Bicycle and a safety standard approved helmet
- Associated bicycle equipment eg: gloves, sunglasses or protective glasses, bike pants, shoes, pump etc
- A basic running repair kit including spare tubes, glue, patches, valves and spokes



Pre & Post Ride - Accommodation in Cairns

When looking at accommodation in Cairns, before and after the ride please consider booking early. If you wish to make life really easy, book into the Pullman Cairns International. To book your room, call (07) 4031 1300 and let them know you are with C2K Bike Ride to receive your special rate.

Unsupported Riders

If you are riding without support you will need to have paid the unsupported rider fee of \$110, along with your registration. It is important that this is done well prior to the week of the ride, as the size of the bus (no of seats available) is made upon payments received. The coach leaves from Karumba 6am, Saturday 3rd of July arriving in Cairns at approximately 7pm.

- Moisturiser by the bucketful
- Fluid pack or a couple of water bottles that fit tight in the cage. Support vehicles will take ample water & hydration powders for top-ups during the day.
- Drink bottles on your bicycle are essential
- Sun protection cream, clothing, shade, hat
- Your own swag or bedding
- Tents/shelter (please cater for all weather)
- A fold up chair / stool
- Clothing – cool for day / warm for night,
- Personal effects, towel, toiletries, torch and personal medical kit
- Personal lubrication (eg Paw Paw ointment or Bepanthen or your special Bum Butter!)
- Lunch Box plus crockery, cutlery, cups and tea towels.
- Spare cash for bar / merchandise & more
- Outfits for 'Theme' nights – VERY important as well as a happy disposition and a smile
- **IMPORTANT** – bring spokes - as we cannot carry all sizes and requirements; 4 tubes and 1 tyre and any other spares you might need.

Is your bike in good running order?

Have it professionally serviced & check it over yourself before the ride departs.

Bike Mechanics on the ride

We have volunteer bike mechanics available during the ride who will be only too pleased to help with your repairs, for a donation to bike ride funds. Some spare parts are available.

What's included?

- Campsites including 'some' hot showers;
- Three great meals each day from our caterers plus snacks provided at water 'pit' stops;
- Entertainment including theme & talent nights, campsite activities and live music;



- Luggage transport (for those lone rangers);
- Bike route support including Police, escort drivers equipped with radios, medicos, bike mechanics, rest stops;
- Ride Jersey and other merchandise;
- An active holiday - friends, fresh air and fitness;
- Your opportunity to pedal away the day giving bush kids a fair go

Wally Award

The 'Where's Wally' Award is a daily 'tongue in cheek' prize given to someone nominated by other participants who does, says or acts in any way unusually, humorously or ridiculously.



CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

All participants are required to complete the online registration form.

Links can be found at: www.c2k-bikeride.com.au

For a full list of ride fees and fundraising requirements, please go to the event website.

Included in the fees are an official ride shirt/cycling jersey for riders and an official ride polo shirt for support crew members. Extra jerseys / shirts are available for purchase (sizes as advertised on website).

Our registration fees are in two parts. One is a registration fee and the other is fund-raising with a minimum requirement. These can be raised in a variety of ways.

The registration fee is used to cover costs not met through corporate sponsorships and donations such as food, fuel, hire of equipment, administration.

For anyone wishing to undertake fund raising activities including gaining individual or team sponsorships, we will provide an official letter confirming your registration and participation in the event. However all funds raised are for the Cairns to Karumba Bike Ride and must be deposited promptly. We will provide official receipts either directly to the contributor or to you to pass back, but only once we have confirmed the actual deposit has been made. To arrange this please contact the coordinator,

Helena McInnes on helen@C2KBikeRide.com.au.

FUNDRAISING HERO PAGE

You can setup your own Fundraiser Hero Page through our website. This helps to integrating our fundraising needs into the everyday activities of modern life. By using this portal you can communicate with friends and colleagues via the web to seek donations to support your involvement in this great ride.

Any fundraising, sponsorship, donations and other fund raising activities can also be used to raise your funds - be imaginative! If you need a receipt book please contact Sue Pattison tskepattison@bigpond.com

Items such as T-shirts, additional ride jerseys etc. may be available prior to the ride, or during the event or online at www.C2KBikeRide.com.au

MANAGEMENT

The Cairns to Karumba Bike Ride is managed by Milboe Ltd, a not for profit public company, established for the sole purpose of coordinating, managing and taking responsibility for the ride.

PRE RIDE CHECKLIST cont/...

Its role is focused on the responsible and accountable management of the event, maintaining and enhancing the excellent reputation and identifying opportuni-



ties to improve and add value to the experience and achievements of participants and volunteers alike.

To date the event has raised and distributed in excess of \$1,045,000. Beneficiaries include: Cairns School of Distance Education, Primary Schools - Mt Garnet, Mt Surprise, Georgetown, Croydon, Normanton and Karumba as well as child care centres, sports associations and more.

The event's success is largely dependent on an enthusiastic group of volunteers. These volunteers work hard – before, during and after the event - to give you a great cycling holiday, so make sure you thank them. And, THANK YOU too, for coming on 'our' ride!



FAQ's

How do I get my gear from the airport to the Pullman Hotel for the luggage truck?

Maxicabs are available, and can be booked, to transport your bicycles and gear. You will need to request

such, prior to arrival.

Where do I deposit my luggage prior to the ride?

ALL unsupported rider's luggage should be brought to the Pullman Hotel for 4-6pm (during gear collection, on Friday 25th June, for loading onto the luggage truck. Keep a small bag with you overnight and pass to your escort driver on Saturday 26th June. This includes Unsupported dirt riders' luggage as well. No luggage to be loaded on Saturday morning.

What will the weather be like?

Day 1 and 2 is generally cool and wet. Prepare riding clothes for cold and wet conditions for these two days. Normally, this time of year is cool and clear. But we do live in the Tropics and you know what they say, 'only fools and tourists predict the weather'. Be prepared for cool nights, few misty mountain mornings, and



a chance of rain. But mostly it will be sunshine and breathtaking sunsets, so bring hats and sun cream as well as rain gear just in case.

Can I bring my children?

Children over the age of 15 are welcome to join the ride, but an adult over the age of 21 needs to be responsible for them at all times. Younger children are welcome to come along if a parent is supporting a rider.



Will my mobile phone work?

Yes, mobile phones will work in each town we pass through – at least, those with Telstra & a Rural 'tick'.

What happens if my bike or I develop Monday-itis?

If a blowout occurs along the ride, you are welcome to jump on board the bus, which follows the last pack of riders. Jump in your escort vehicle or Tail End Charlie will escort your bike to the next repair stop. Police escorts and first aid personnel accompany the ride. Each 'pack' has an escort vehicle / drivers with whom the pack leader is in radio contact with at all times. Pump and Pedals provide assistance with bike repairs, but remember to bring your puncture kit for quick bike surgery and personal first aid care kit equipped with more specific needs.

Are all meals included with the Registration?

The first provided meal is lunch on Sat 26th June with the last catered meal being the final lunch at Karumba on Fri 2nd. The catering crew do a magnificent job and from here on is their time to recuperate and celebrate. Hence you are on your own for Friday 2nd (night) and Saturday breakfast.

What if I'm too injured to ride?

If you become ill or injured and wish to stay on the ride, you may be able to help out as a volunteer along the way.



Are alcoholic beverages available?

Community groups in each township will be doing their bit to support the ride (and their town's voluntary organisations) by providing a bar for purchase of beverages each night.

If I come with my own support, can we bring a camp stove?

Fires are not permitted, unless indicated (or we light one), but a camp stove you can surely bring - to make yourselves a cuppa. Coffee, tea and milo will be provided at the catering venues too.

What about laundry facilities?

Buckets are available for doing your own washing whilst having a shower. BYO quick dry clothes, washing detergent and a few pegs.

What additional information can I find on the website?

www.C2KBikeRide.com.au

- Bike Basics and Maintenance
- Riding in a group / Pack Riding



- Riding Position Set-Up
- Improving your Cycle Fitness
- Training Program
- Finding the Time
- Training Check
- Hill Riding
- About escort drivers
- ...and much more

Which Pack is For Me?

There are up to four packs of riders on the road and two on the dirt. Your ability / strength / experience and riding goals can greatly affect

which pack you choose to ride in. Remember, no one likes to wait, or be waited for, so be thoughtful of others when making this choice! Each pack is strongly encouraged and instructed to work/ride and enjoy themselves as a pack - if you are frustrated because the pack is too slow for you then you can move up a pack - and alternatively - if you are continually slower than your pack - then you can move back a pack - the ideal is to have the pack together to make the riding easier and to work together as a team. Gaps do occur however, and are addressed by everyone working together to slow down/speed up and bring the pack back together. We don't leave any rider to battle away on their own and we support everyone to participate to their fullest ability. Our pack leaders will provide great advice.

You must stay with your pack and remain between your escort vehicles. NEVER ride closer than 20m behind your lead vehicle. If you cannot keep up with your



pack, your following escort vehicle is required to pick up you and your bike and transport you to the next drink stop where you may either rejoin your pack or wait to join the pack that is following yours.

Expected Average Speeds

Pack 1 – 30 - 35 km/h plus Pack 2 – 25-30km/hr

Pack 3 – 20-25 km/h Pack 4 – 18-20 km/hr

YOUR SAFETY AND WELLBEING DURING COVID

Since our very beginnings the safety and wellbeing of our riders, volunteers, staff and the people in the communities in which we visit, has been of the greatest importance to us.

The virus responsible for COVID-19 adds an additional challenge to our safety planning but with your help we expect to provide you with the same high-level ride experience C2K Bike Ride has become known for.

Due to how the COVID-19 virus spreads, the most effective control measures are through physical distancing and enhanced personal hygiene practices, such as washing and sanitising hands.

In Australia we have experienced very low rates of community transmission of the COVID-19 virus due to the widespread adoption of these control measures but even with such low rates of infection it is important to remember the risk of transmission is never zero.

Now more than ever, we have the responsibility to look out for each other. The possibility that any of our or your personal contacts in the previous 14 days may test positive to the COVID-19 virus and then be contact traced back to any of us, reinforces this responsibility when we join and participate in a multi-day event. If this scenario were to occur, we would be required to suspend the event until we are authorised by the health authorities to continue.

Our collective behaviour controls the fate of C2K so please be especially diligent about physical distancing and washing your hands in the weeks leading up to and whilst you are on the ride with us.

What we are doing to keep everyone COVID Safe

The following are some of the more important control measures we have put in place to minimise the risk of transmission of the COVID-19 virus. They are informed by health advice provided by Australian authorities and the World Health Organisation and we

No of packs is dependent upon numbers of participants. Use this as a rough guide. Remember, this pace is an average over 150+ km, so the actual travelling speed may be 5-10 km/h faster at any time.

continue to monitor this advice and revise our procedures accordingly.

By registering for C2K Bike Ride you agree to comply with these measures. C2K Bike Ride reserves the right to deny you from joining or continuing the ride for failure to comply with these requirements.

1. Your responsibilities prior to travel

If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, no matter how mild, (including fever, chills, a cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, fatigue, or loss of smell and/or taste) prior to joining C2K Bike Ride, you must inform us immediately and defer your travel plans until you have received medical advice that you are allowed to travel.

You MUST NOT join C2K Bike Ride if you have ANY symptoms potentially consistent with COVID-19. To cancel or transfer a ride booking under these circumstances please contact us.

2. Daily Screening

Each morning whilst on C2K Bike Ride we will be asking all participants if you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms. If you are you will be excluded from the day's activities.

In these circumstances you will only be allowed to re-join C2K Bike Ride after receiving clearance from a doctor or, in a remote region where a doctor may not be available, a nurse practitioner.

3. Physical Distancing & Masks

Except for when we are travelling in the support vehicles, please adhere to the physical distancing recommendations of staying 1.5 metres away from people you don't live with, including when on your bike.

If you think you are the right distance from someone – just take a step back - to make extra sure.

When waiting in line for meals or rides or walking through busy areas, please be patient and give others space so they can also give you space. Please wear a mask when approaching the meal service area,

Please greet people with a smile or wave - don't shake hands, hug or kiss as a greeting or farewell.

4. Refreshment Stops

We have always provided hand sanitiser and separate hand washing facilities at all our refreshment stops being served by our dedicated volunteers; we will continue to provide this service.

Please take the following hygiene actions before and whilst on C2K Bike Ride:

- Wash or sanitise your hands for at least 20 - 30 seconds, using soap and water or a hand sanitiser every time we stop for a refreshment break, before meals, when we arrive at our destination or after using the toilet.
- Don't cough or sneeze into your hands! Cover your nose or mouth with a tissue, then throw it away in a bin and wash or sanitise your hands. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or upper sleeve.
- Do not snort or spit, especially whilst on the bike.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Do not share bikes, helmets, drink bottles, glasses,

crockery or cutlery.

- Please leave your helmet and gloves with your bike when we stop for a break. Never place these items on a table or a food table provided by C2K Bike Ride.
- Snacks and/or lollies will be handed to you by the volunteer and placed in your hand with tongs. Do not place your hands in the food bowls.

5. Support vehicles

Our support vehicle will still be there if you want a break from pedalling, so you can cycle as much or as little as you please. However, to assist with physical distancing you should come prepared to ride the distance and road conditions planned for each day.

We will advise support drivers to clean the vehicles and sanitising the touch points at the end of each day.

6. Loading of bicycles

If you are using a support vehicle for a break or due to a mechanical issue, you must handle your bike yourself. Volunteers will not be allowed to handle your bike and place them on or take them off bike racks for you. We acknowledge this procedure may take a bit longer, but please be patient and ensure you always maintain physical distancing.

7. Loading Luggage

Please ensure that your luggage is ready to be placed into the luggage truck at the allocated times.

Take A Look Back In Time....



1997



1998



1999



2000



2003



2006



2013



2018

POINTS OF INTEREST

Kuranda as well as being a hippies hang out in the 60's, is the home of the original Tjapukai theatre. If you have a spare day to do a trip up on the Kuranda rail, you'll pass the spot of a modern day heist, in the 70's.



Mareeba proudly boasts 300 days of sunshine per year. If you yearn for a 1950's style café, Drive In or even drive through bakery, the times have not a changed much in this country town! Formerly a tobacco growing region it now produces 90% of Australian coffee. Check out the Rock Wallabies at Granite Gorge or Jabirus/Brolgas at the Wetlands.

Chillagoe is surrounded by a dramatic landscape created by massive marble bluffs and rock formations. Check out the limestone Caves (Mungana). Pompeii, Bauhinia and the Archway caves are self-guided. Tours are required to see through the Donna, Trezkin and Royal Arch caves.



Atherton originally a timber getters camp, is built on an extinct volcano. You can see it's seven sisters from the lookout on top of Halloran Hill. There are many other craters and lakes on the tablelands, including Lake Eacham and Barrine, where you'll see the 1100 year old Kauri Pines a short stroll away. The volcanic soils of the Atherton Tablelands have made the area known as one of the 'bread baskets of Australia'.

Mt Hippipame is a deep, cylindrical volcanic pipe or vent (diatreme), thought to have been created by a massive gas explosion. The crater is less than 70 m across with sheer granite walls (the surface rock through which the gas exploded). Fifty-eight metres below the rim is a lake about 82 m deep covered with a green layer of native waterweed. Pretty cool if you're into dropping pebbles from a height and want to hearing the echo.

Lumholtz Tree Kangaroo is a rare nocturnal mammal, endemic to the wet tropics (its cousin the Bennetts lives further north behind the Daintree). It lives in the canopy of rainforests and adjacent wet sclerophyll forests. It is thought to have evolved from kangaroos, and returned to the trees just like its possum like ancestors. It is the size of a small dog, with a long black tail, black face and paws and strong forelimbs. It does move between rainforest patches, so please be careful and keep your beedy eyes on the lookout for a sighting!



Milla Milla is home to many a Fall.. visit Milla Milla and surrounding Zillie and Ellinjaa Falls... don't forget to get a happy snap of the farmer, cow and blue heeler while you're in town sipping on a Misty Mountains jersey milk shake.

Malanda boasts the oldest, continually operating picture theatre in Australia, the Majestic.

Yungaburra is a quaint little town at the tip of Tineroo

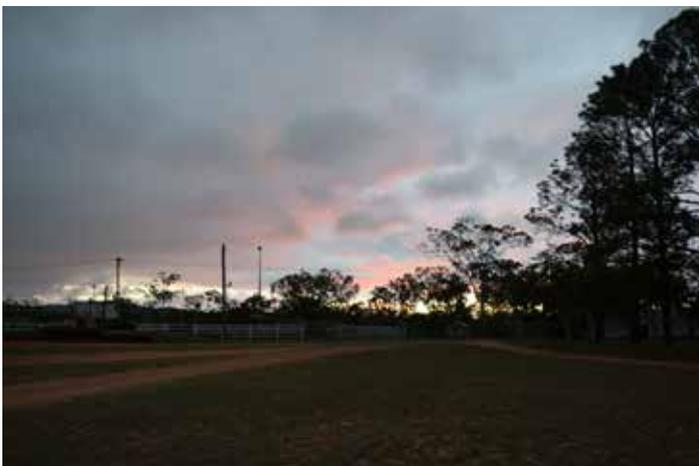
Dam, full as a goog at the moment and brim full of Barra. A good spot for holing up on a post ride recoup, or if your into folk music, making a return visit for its annual Folk Festival in October.



Herberton is the oldest town on the Tablelands. The Herberton Village is a collectors dream, containing over 50 original buildings with intact interior displays, original machinery and vehicles, plus thousands of genuine antique items and period memorabilia. It is regarded as the most significant ever assembled in Queensland.

Ravenshoe is the highest town in Qld, and you'll feel it too. It is also a windy spot, prime for the wind farm nearby. Brrrr...time to get out the Ugg boots.

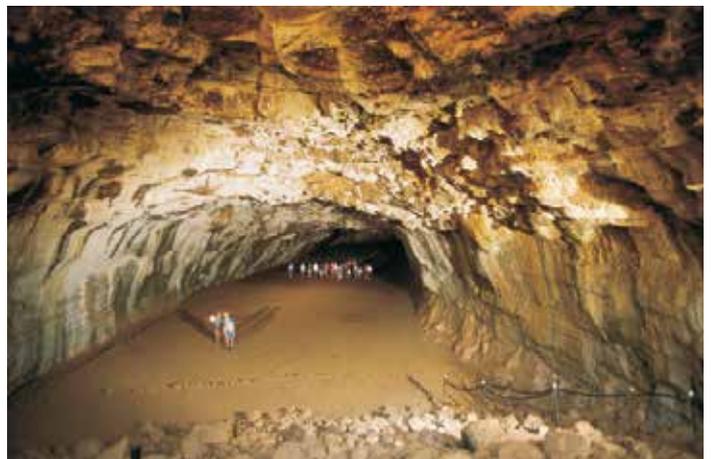
Mt Garnet's heyday was founded on copper, silver and zinc deposits (so how did it get named after garnet, pray tell!). It is now known for its annual Races and Rodeo, held on the May Day long weekend.



Innot Hot Springs is good for warming up the toes after prior freezing and stomp dancing. Yes, tropical wusses we certainly are!

40 Mile Scrub boasts a rare and relatively unique vine thicket that sits on a recent cap of volcanic basalt flow. Bottle, white cedar, fig and white bean trees grow in the semi-evergreen vine-thicket, one of the few inland dry rainforest remnants in north Queensland. This park is part of the Undara lava fields and its once quite extensive rainforest vegetation is now considered nationally significant.

Undara Lava Tubes The word Undara means 'a long way' in Aboriginal language. One of the lava flows from Undara extends over 160 kilometres. This makes it the longest flow from a single volcano on our planet in modern geological time. Formed 190,000 years ago, it spewed out over 23 cubic km of molten lava, enough liquid to fill Sydney Harbour 3-4 times. The lava tubes lie hidden beneath their own lush canopies of monsoon forest, incongruous with the surrounding woodlands. The vegetation has evolved from the time of Gondwana and is only found in a few rainforests throughout the world (Madagascar, for example). Just as the lava tubes are reliant on this ancient vegetation for protection, so too is the forest dependent on the tubes to shelter it from wind and fire and to provide rich lava nutrient and moisture. Several sections of tubes are accessible.



Oak Park is located 64 kilometres south of the Lynd Junction. It is famous for its Amateur Picnic Races, held annually. Activities are held for all the family in the week leading up to the races.

Mt Surprise sits on the edge of the immense Undara lava field caused by ancient volcanic eruptions in the McBride Plateau. It is also a stop for the Savannahlander railway, the surrounding country being flat, wooded savannah grasslands, with isolated hills. O'Briens Creek Gemfield near Mount Surprise, a designated fossicking area, is well known for gem quality

topaz attracting visitors from all over the world (and is a good camping spot).

Georgetown Situated west of the Newcastle Range, this is the centre for the Etheridge Goldfield, which is renowned for its semi-precious stones, including topaz, quartz, spinel, garnet, cairngorm, aquamarine and sapphires. Visit the TerrEstrial Centre to see the multi award winning Ted Elliott Mineral collection, containing over 4 500 mineral specimens in a myriad of fascinating colours and shapes from the region and throughout the world. Georgetown's Hall, next to the Shire Council offices is a restoration delight, worth a sticky beak.

Einasleigh's copper deposit was one of the earliest mineral discoveries in north Queensland, found by Richard Daintree in 1866. The town briefly became the largest population centre in the shire during construction of the Chillagoe Company's Etheridge Railway in the years 1907-10. Explore the Copperfield Gorge, across from the Einasleigh Hotel (remnant of an era gone by), with its sheer walls dropping into the sandy river bottom. This area is the south-eastern boundary of the Undara lava field and here the river has cut through a lava fissure giving the visitor another aspect of the lava flow.



Cobbold Gorge, located about 90km from Georgetown, is rich in beauty and history. Situated on Robin Hood Station (next door to Sherwood mining lease), the Gorge is unique and hidden away within the rugged sandstone formation. It is extremely narrow, closing to a mere two meters wide in places, with spectacular 30 metre cliffs on either side. The overall length of the gorge is about six kilometres and consists of a series of water-holes and rock falls, however only the last 500 meters is accessible by flat bottom boat.

Forsayth is the terminus of the 'Savannahlander' Cairns to Forsayth rail trip. This area is located within the Etheridge Goldfield and en route to the Agate Creek Mineral Reserve.

Croydon is an historic gold rush town. During its heyday, Croydon was the fourth largest town in the colony of Queensland. When first settled in the 1880s it was a large pastoral holding covering an area of approximately 5,000 km². Gold was discovered in 1885 and by 1887, the town's population had reached 7,000. Gold was the focus for four decades, but by 1926 it was all over red rover. Many Brits, Irish, other European nationalities and a few Chinese numbered it's head count.



One of the original hospital buildings is still in existence across the road from the pub (where there is a story of a ghost residing in the upstairs linen cupboard!). Check out the old picture theatre, courthouse and lockup behind the visitors centre too. Croydon General Store, which has continuously traded since 1894, is another living icon. There is also a Chinese Temple (plus a classic pig oven) on the way up the range to Lake Belmore – definitely worth a flick (for Barra), swim, waterski or BBQ and some sunset drinks.



Normanton in the late 1800's, was a boomtown and by 1891 boasting its own railway when the line to service the Croydon goldfields was completed. From Normanton the famous Burns Philp & Company spread its empire into the South Pacific. It is home to the giant croc AND don't forget to keep an eye out for that Morning Glory. Saw one myself lying in my swag at the Normanton Rodeo grounds (during a Dist Ed camp). First you hear a roar, then see it roll on by. Truly amazing!

Karumba is your gateway to the Gulf and all things fishing. Home to many a trawler, mackerel and barra enterprise you'll meet some interesting characters and storytellers in this town. Enjoy toasting your ride completion overlooking the spectacular sunset from Karumba Point.

For information on snorkeling, diving and visiting the Great Barrier Reef visit our sponsor Passions of Paradise www.passions.com.au

Further information, see Council websites:

Tablelands Regional Council

www.trc.qld.gov.au/

Etheridge Shire Council

www.etheridge.qld.gov.au

Croydon Shire Council

www.croydon.qld.gov.au

Carpentaria Shire Council

<http://www.carpentaria.qld.gov.au/>

Gulf Savannah Development

<http://www.gulf-savannah.com.au/home.html>





Alternative Accommodation

Mount Surprise

Mount Surprise Gems Phone: 07 4062 3055
Bedrock Village Caravan Park Phone: 07 4062 3193
Mt Surprise Tourist Van Park Phone: 07 4062 3153
O'Brien's Creek Camping Ground Phone: 07 4062 3001
Gem Fossicking <http://www.thegemden.com.au>
Blackwater dump site at roadside toilet block

Georgetown

Terrestrial Information Centre Phone: 07 4062 1485
Lalara Motel Phone: 07 4062 1190
Wenaru Hotel Phone: 07 4062 1208
Goldfields Caravan Park Phone: 07 4062 1269
BP Service Station (repairs) Phone: 4062 1163
Midway Caravan Park Phone: 07 4062 1219

Cumberland Chimney

Remains of a Cornish miners' ore crushing plant. No camping or facilities. Birdwatching site.

Gilbert River

Free camping area with rubbish pit, no toilet or showers.

Croydon

Club Hotel Phone: 07 4745 6184
Gulfgate Roadhouse Phone: 07 4745 6169
Croydon Gold Caravan Park Phone: 07 4745 6238
Croydon Information Centre Phone: 07 4745 6125
Blackwater dump site in Reese Park

Blackbull Siding

Midway stop for the Gulflander Train that is now abandoned with no facilities available.

Leichhardt Lagoon

Popular camping spot between May and October with fishing and wildlife.
Leichhardt Lagoon Camping Park Phone: 07 4745 1330

Normanton

Gulflander Train Phone: 07 4745 1307 or see www.gulflander.com.au
Normanton Visitor Information Centre Phone: 07 4745 1065
Gulfland Motel and Caravan Park Phone: 07 4745

1290 Visit www.gulflandmotel.com.au
Norman River Fishing and Cruises Phone: 07 4745 1347
Normanton Gun Club Phone: 07 4745 1261
Albion Hotel Phone: 07 4745 1218
Purple Pub and Broilga Palms Motel Phone: 07 4745 1324
Normanton Caravan Park Phone: 07 4745 1121
Central Hotel Phone: 07 4745 1215
Top Service Station (repairs) Phone: 08 4745 1261
Blackwater dump site at Council Depot in Philip Street

Karumba

Karumba Visitor Information Centre and Library Phone: 07 4745 9582
Ferryman Cruises Phone: 07 4745 9155
Barramundi Discovery Centre Phone: 07 4745 9359
Croc and Crab Tours Phone: 07 4745 9009
Karumba Golf Club Phone: 07 4745 9100
Matilda's End Holiday Units Phone: 07 4747 6500
Karumba Lodge Hotel Phone: 07 4745 9121
Gulf Country Caravan Park Phone: 07 4745 9148
Karumba Point
Ash's Holiday Units and Cafe
Phone: 07 4745 9132
End of the Road Motel Phone: 07 4745 9599 or see www.endoftheroadmotel.com.au
Kerry "D" Fishing Charters Phone 07 4745 9275
Kathryn "M" Fishing Charters Phone 07 4745 9449
Gee Dees Units and Boat Hire Phone: 07 4745 9433
Jay Seas Holiday Units Phone: 07 4745 9414
Savannah Shores Cabins Phone: 07 4745 9126
Karumba Point Tourist Park Phone: 07 4745 9306
Karumba Point Sunset Caravan Park Phone: 07 4745 9183
Blackwater dump site at Sunset Caravan Park



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