


EXPERIENCE

# MISSION BEACH *NATURALLY!*<sup>TM</sup>

2019



Mission Beach  
Cassowaries



This calendar highlights the special natural and cultural features of Mission Beach that make it a World Heritage Area and a natural choice for your next holiday.

Slow down, stay a little longer and experience community life in the rainforest by the reef.

We invite you to visit Mission Beach ... naturally!

Mission Beach is brimming with natural landscapes - from rainforests to reefs, mountains to beaches and wetlands to islands.

The combination of maritime climate and highest rainfall and richest soils in Australia provide the perfect conditions for some of Tropical North Queensland's most extraordinary natural wonders.

At Mission Beach the Wet Tropics and the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Areas are side-by-side.

Our passionate, environmentally friendly community welcome you and invite you to enjoy our unspoilt tropical paradise, naturally.

The Djiru people are the Aboriginal traditional owners of the land and sea country of the Mission Beach area. Clump Point is universally seen by the Djiru people as a core place in their homeland.

An integral part of the Djiru peoples sense of identity as 'rainforest people' is the gunduy (cassowary), which is important to the health of both the people and the rainforest. Mission Beach is the stingray story place for the Djiru people

You can view our two World Heritage Areas from Clump Point lookout. The black basalt rocks and red soil of Clump Point are remnants of a volcano that erupted less than a million years ago. Today, the rich volcanic soils and high rainfall of the area mean that Clump Point - the only volcanic headland in the Wet Tropics - is home to Australia's most luxuriant rainforest.

Mission Beach is the birthplace of the successful campaign for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, protecting the world's largest coral reef system.

There are two coral cays and 14 continental islands, including Dunk Island and the Family Islands National Park.

Mission Beach is rich and varied in its landscapes and is a wildlife wonderland. About 17% of all Australian mammal species and 36% of all Australian bird species live here, amazingly, in an area just 0.005% of Australia.

Cassowaries are at the heart of Mission Beach. Residents name them, artists are inspired by them and our local government area is called the Cassowary Coast. Colourful signs made by local school children encourage motorists to be wary on the roads for endangered cassowaries.

These big, flightless birds with glossy black feathers and a bright blue and red neck, are descendants of dinosaurs. Cassowaries are essential to the survival of our rainforests being the only disperser of some larger rainforest fruits.

You won't forget your first glimpse of these solitary birds in the wild. Mission Beach has the highest density of cassowaries in Australia (about 100 adults), so you have the best chance of seeing one here.

Visit our cool, shady rainforest tracks and trails. Look up at the towering licala palms at Australia's biggest fan palm forests in Djiru National Park. Climb the gentle grades of Bicton Hill for rewarding views of the island coast and step back in time among groves of cycads, living fossils from the age of dinosaurs. Explore Lacey Creek and cool off in the clear, rainforest water in Djiru National Park.

Mission Beach rainforests are special. They are the most diverse lowland and beachfront rainforests in Australia and part of the biggest lowland-highland rainforest corridor in Australia. This varied and well-connected habitat provides the perfect opportunity for wildlife experiences.

From artists to scientists, Mission Beach has long attracted admirers and advocates of its natural environment. As you explore and enjoy all that Mission Beach has to offer, take a moment to reflect on those whose efforts helped ensure it remained the natural wonderland you see today.

Today, Mission Beach is a vibrant village nestled in the rainforest on the doorway to the Great Barrier Reef. Immerse yourself in the art and culture of this environmentally friendly beachside town. It is a place where residents, including artists, scientists, students and farmers, come together to protect the rainforest and the reef.

Come and visit us for a day, a week, or even longer in our 'slow down town'.

Experience being part of a community that enjoys an enviable lifestyle, long, uncrowded beaches and an array of national and marine parks.

Relax and unwind. It's Mission Beach, *naturally!*

World Heritage Areas  
rainforest meets reef



EXCEPTIONAL NATURAL BEAUTY



# JANUARY






Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 <small>New Year's Day</small>	2	3	4	5
6 <small>Village Market</small>	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 <small>Village Market</small>	21	22	23	24	25	26 <small>Australia Day</small>
27	28 <small>'Australia Day' observed</small>	29	30	31	1	2



A scenic view of a volcanic coastline. In the foreground, a large, moss-covered tree trunk curves from the right side towards the center. Below it, dark volcanic rocks are visible. To the left, a sandy beach meets the turquoise water. The coastline is rugged with dark rocks and patches of green vegetation. The water transitions from a shallow turquoise near the shore to a deep blue further out. In the distance, small islands are visible on the horizon under a clear sky. Pink flowers are visible in the top left corner.

## VOLCANIC COAST

# FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28 'Australia Day' observed 	29	30	31	1	2
3 Village Market	4	5 	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 	14	15	16
17 Village Market	18	19	20 	21	22	23
24	25	26 	27	28	1	2





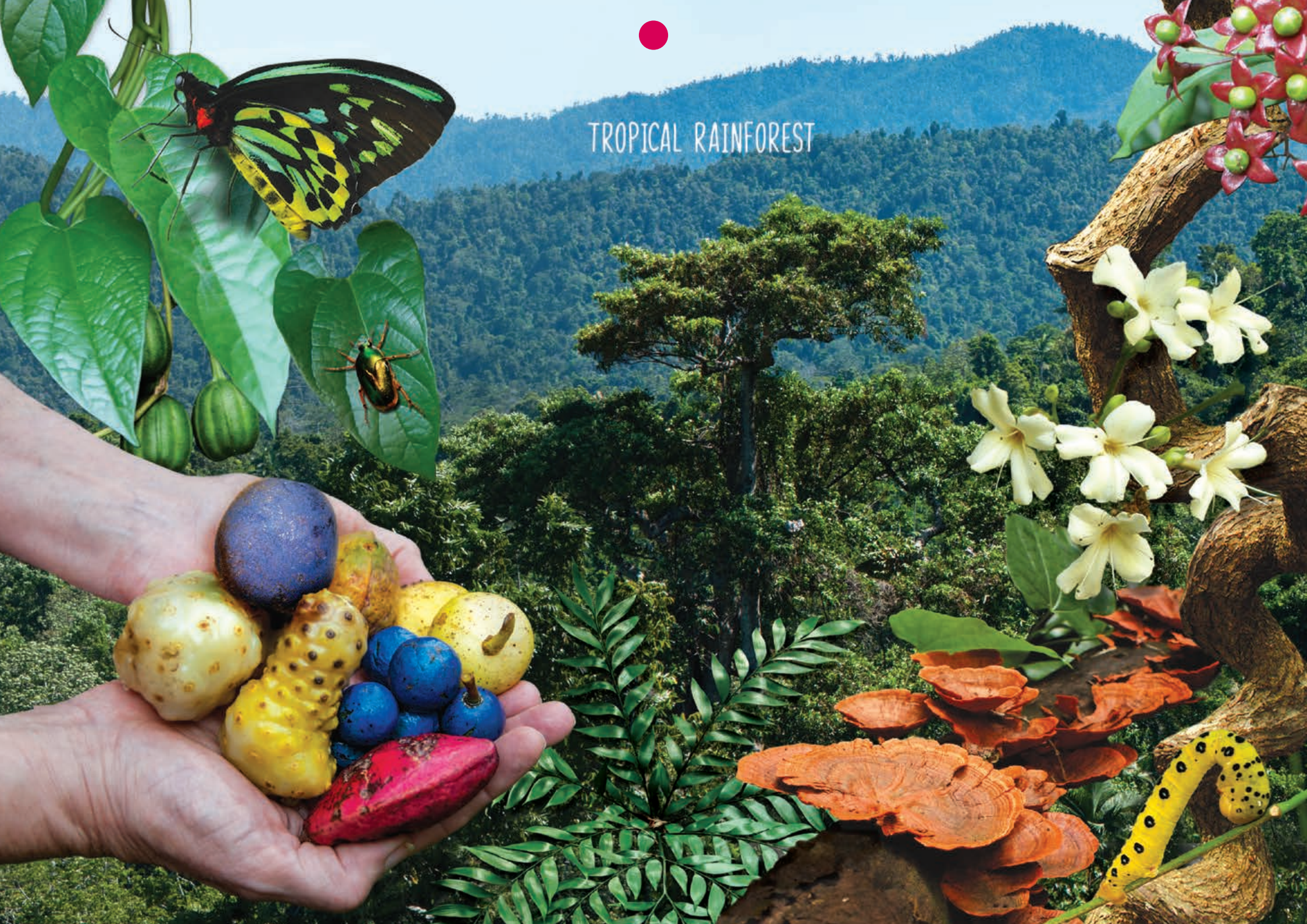
DJIRU TRADITIONAL OWNERS

# MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
3 Village Market	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Hull River Aboriginal Settlement 101 Anniversary	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Village Market	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6



TROPICAL RAINFOREST



# APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6 Queensland School Holidays start
7 Village Market	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Good Friday	20 Holy Saturday (Most regions)
21	22 Easter Monday Queensland School Holidays end	23	24	25 ANZAC Day (All)	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4



# GREAT BARRIER REEF



# MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5 Village Market	6 Labour Day (Queensland)	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Village Market	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1





TWO WORLD HERITAGE AREAS

RAINFOREST MEETS REEF

# JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 Village Market	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Village Market	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Queensland School Holidays start
30	1	2	3	4	5	6





EXTRAORDINARY  
WILDLIFE

# JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Village Market	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Queensland School Holidays end	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Village Market	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3





CASSOWARY CAPITAL

# AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4 Village Market	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Village Market	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31





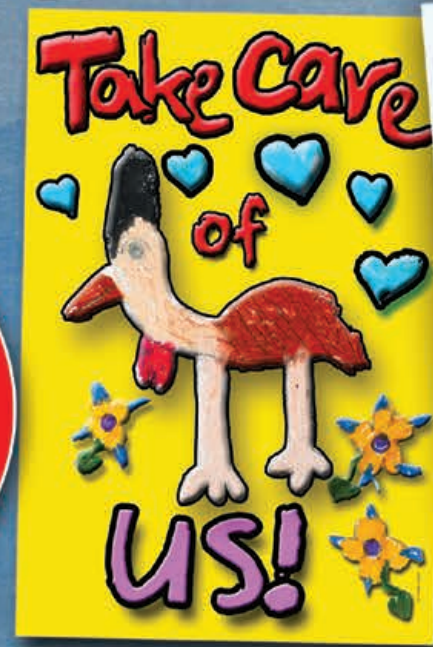
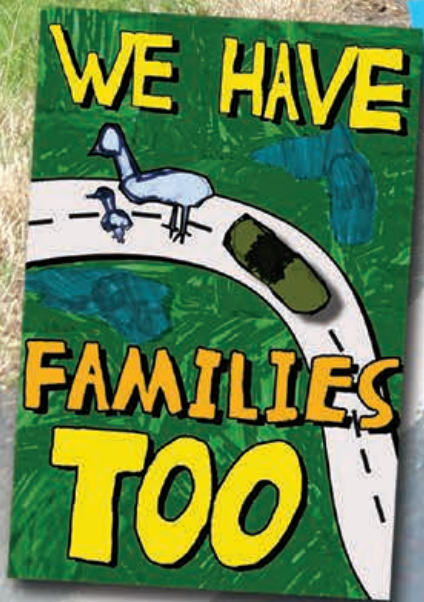
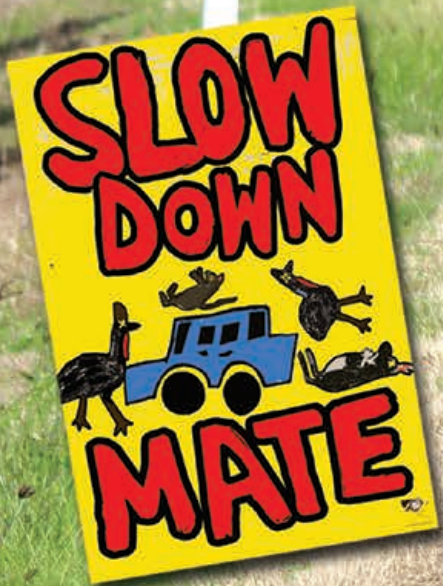
**CASSOWARY FESTIVAL**  
CELEBRATING NATURE

14 SEPTEMBER

# SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Village Market	9	10	11	12	13	14 Cassowary Festival Mission Beach
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Queensland School Holidays start
22 Village Market	23	24	25	26 World Cassowary Day	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5





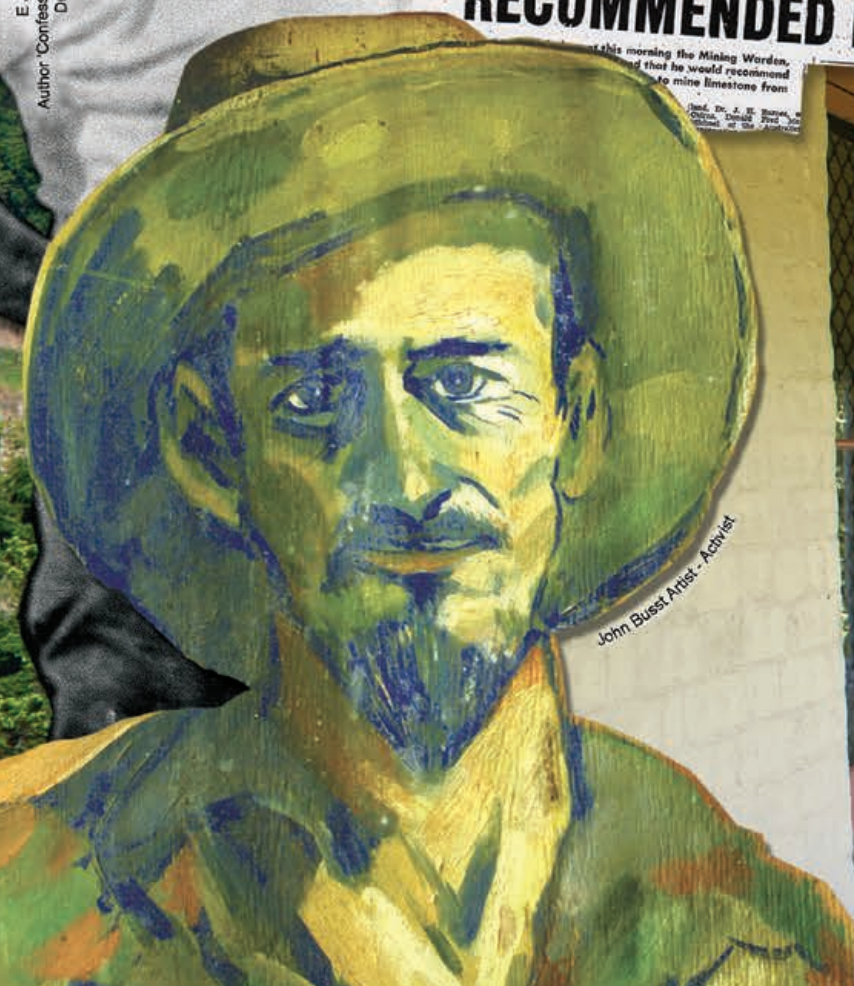
# OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6 Village Market	7 Queen's Birthday (Queensland) Queensland School Holidays end	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Village Market	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2





E.J. Barfield  
Author 'Confessions of a beachcomber'  
Dunk Island



John Busst Artist - Activist



Ellison Reef - saved



Reef tourism pioneer



Community conservation



Freida Jonissen 'Cassowary Mother'



Bruce Arthur Weaver Dunk Island



Heritage listed Ninney Rise  
- Bingil Bay

ENVIRONMENTAL HERITAGE  
ART, SCIENCE, ACTIVISM



Ben Trupperbaumer Artist - Sculptor

Liz Galile Artist - Jeweller

# NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 Village Market	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Village Market	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



RELAXED VILLAGE ATMOSPHERE



# DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Village Market	9	10	11	12	13	14 Queensland School Holidays start
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Village Market	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28
29	30	31	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4



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## To help plan your holiday:

Mission Beach Tourism  
[www.missionbeachtourism.com](http://www.missionbeachtourism.com)

Tropical Coast Tourism  
[www.tropicalcoasttourism.com.au](http://www.tropicalcoasttourism.com.au)



## For environment information:

Queensland National Parks  
[www.queenslandnationalparks.com.au/tropical-north-queensland](http://www.queenslandnationalparks.com.au/tropical-north-queensland)

Terrain NRM  
[www.terrain.org.au/Projects/Threatened-Species-Ecological-Communities/Mission-Beach](http://www.terrain.org.au/Projects/Threatened-Species-Ecological-Communities/Mission-Beach)

Community for Coastal and Cassowary Conservation  
[www.cassowaryconservation.asn.au](http://www.cassowaryconservation.asn.au)

Mission Beach Cassowaries  
[www.missionbeachcassowaries.com](http://www.missionbeachcassowaries.com)

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