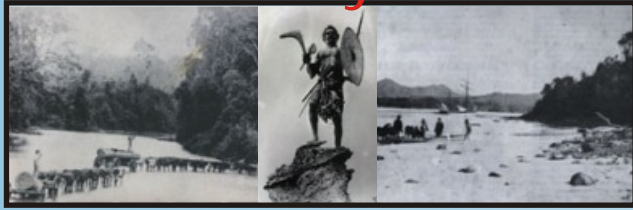


Local history ...



The Aboriginal inhabitants of Brunswick Heads were the Dur-ung-bil people, who were part of the larger Midjungbal tribe. These people established gunyahs where the present township of Brunswick Heads is situated.

As there was an abundant food supply all year round, the Dur-ung-bil people were a strong, healthy group who knew the area well and made good use of the natural resources.

The first pioneers to the Brunswick Valley were cedar-getters Steve King, a former convict, and two brothers named John and Edward Boyd. They first settled on the banks of the Brunswick River in 1849. For many years, the indigenous population of the Brunswick Valley out-numbered the Europeans. Steve King established a good relationship with the Dur-ung-bil people and enlisted their help in locating cedar trees. Records show that as numbers of Europeans increased, a peaceful relationship between settlers and local indigenous people prevailed.

Cedar and other local timbers were excellent for boat building so it is not surprising that Brunswick Heads quickly became a vibrant sea port with its own boat-building industry.

Dairy farming began in 1881 but it wasn't until 1892 when paspalum grass was introduced that the dairy industry thrived. The opening of the railway in 1894, with a station at Billinudgel, provided transport to the butter factory at Byron Bay.

Other industries to develop included bananas and sugar cane. Bananas were grown on the steep slopes and transported by rail from Billinudgel to the markets in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide.

Sugar cane grew successfully but was mainly used as fodder for stock rather than becoming a major industry.

Brunswick Heads has always been known as a seaside township. Early industry revolved around boat-building and transporting goods via the ocean. As farming developed in the valley, families flocked to Brunswick Heads on weekends and during holiday breaks to enjoy the relaxed coastal lifestyle. The ambience of Brunswick Heads has remained unchanged and although the character of the town has changed slightly over the years, it remains a beautiful coastal town and a popular family holiday destination.

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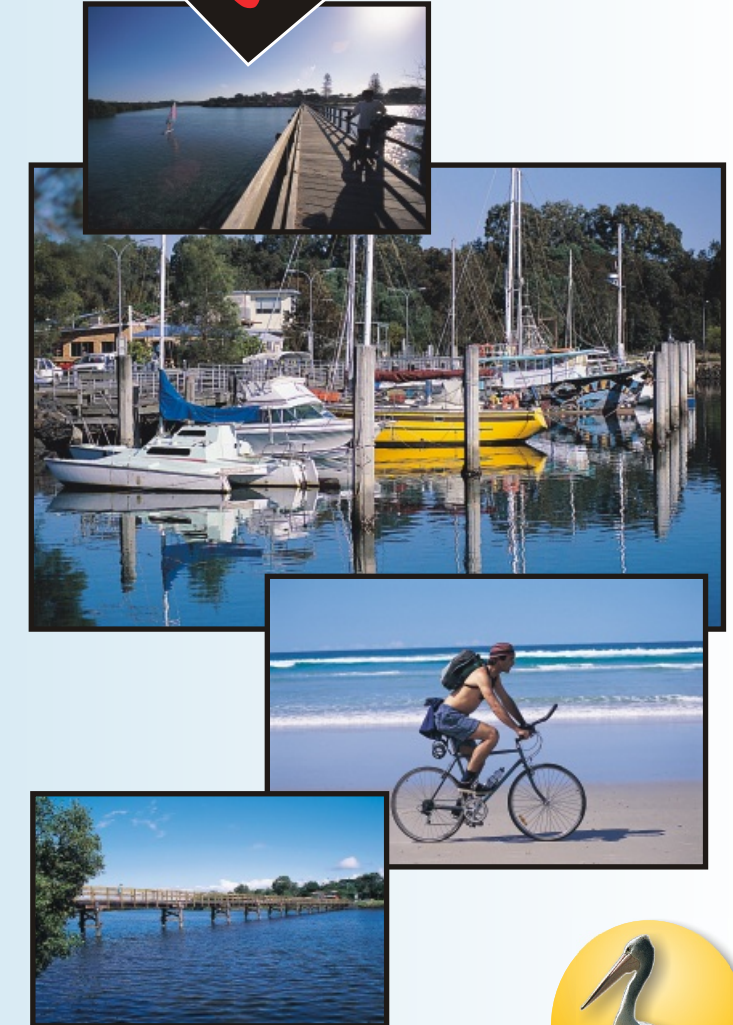
Places to visit ...



Day trips and things to do in the Brunswick Valley... Use maps below for more information on the valley.

1. **Social golf and bowls** at Brunswick Heads Ocean Shores and Mullumbimby.
2. **Scenic bus or car trip** to Minyon Falls. (40mins. from Mullumbimby)
3. **Historic trip to Main Arm** via Mullumbimby return to the coast via The Pocket - call in at one of the historic hotels for refreshments. (See Brunswick Valley Holiday Directory Guide)
4. **Taste the delights** of fresh local produce at any one of the local restaurants and cafes.
5. **Explore the back roads** to Montecollum via Mullumbimby, seek out the roadside shopping.
6. **Bike ride to Byron Bay** along the beach.
7. **Cast a line** from the wall, beach and river locations.
8. **Relax** by walking or bike riding around the historic trail in Brunswick Heads. (See map inside)
9. **Surfing** and board riding at New Brighton, South Golden Beach, North Wall (via Ocean Shores) and at Brunswick Heads beaches.
10. **Explore the valley** with its lush rainforests visiting the Nightcap National Park (west of Mullumbimby).

		
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Holiday Activities Map

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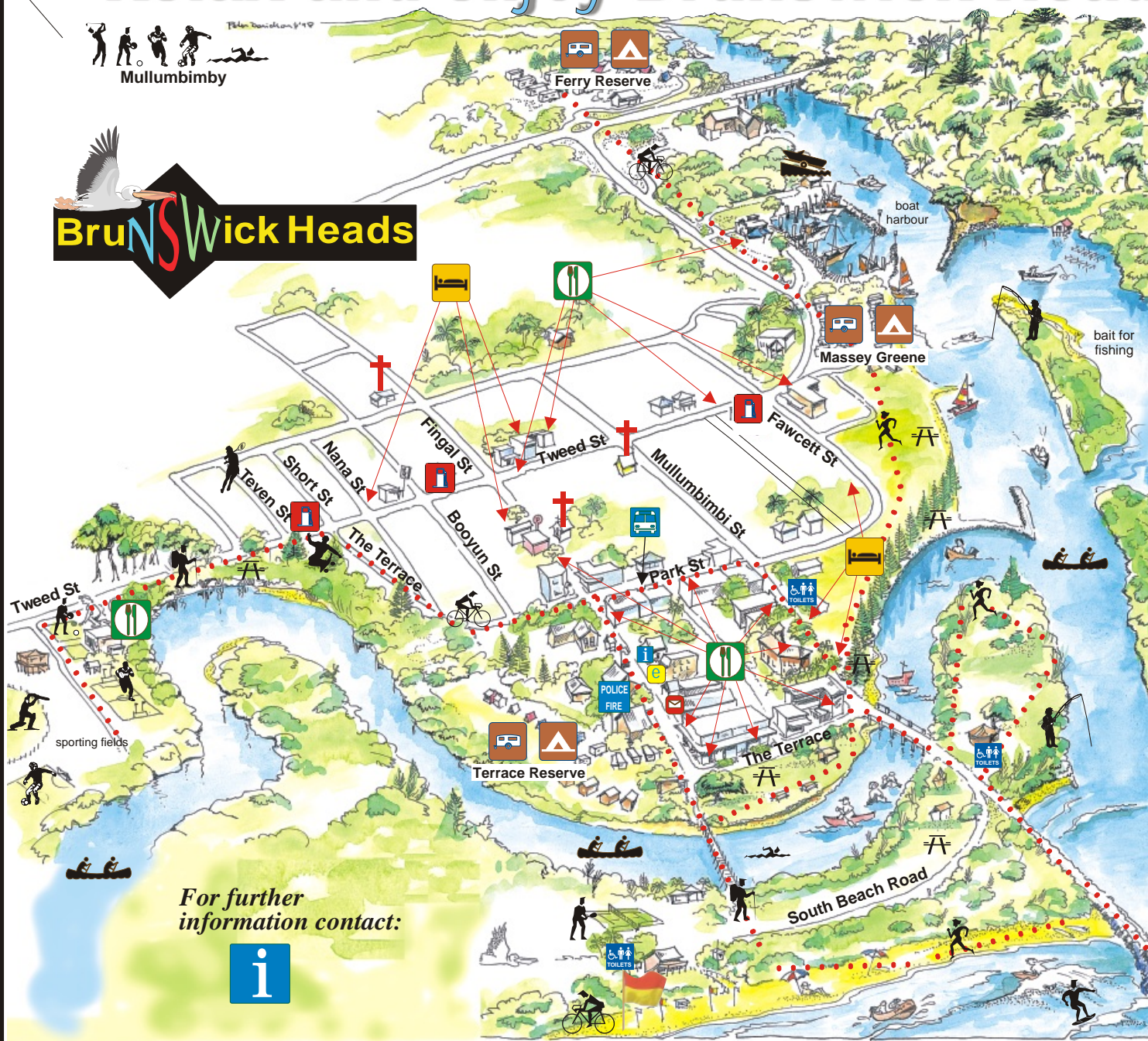
Relax and enjoy Brunswick Heads...



Ocean Shores



Mullumbimby



Facilities



accommodation



petrol bus stop dining



police internet info



toilets church boat ramp



picnic area PO surf patrol

Recreation



walking surfing canoeing



skating fishing bike



fun run swim squash

Social Sports



golf bowls tennis



cricket rugby soccer

.....fitness & history trail

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