



**Come Travel Australia**



**Welcome to the January 2009 Newsletter**

**What's Happening at Come Travel Australia ...**

- We hope You all had a wonderful Christmas and New Years Eve. For us December has been used as a time to catch up with family and friends and to take a break from our usual manic pace. Also a time spent assessing what needs doing to the website for the New Year. There are plenty of new things coming up.



**Queen Mary Falls  
- Queensland**

- During December we visited the Boonah and Killarney area in Queensland and have added pages for Queen Mary Falls and Mount French National Park. This is a beautiful area with excellent scenery, great views and some wonderful walks.
- For those of You who love local festivals, the next couple of months are a great time to be out and about. Port Lincoln in South Australia has its famous Tunarama Festival on the Australia day Long Weekend, 24 – 26 January. This is one of the most interesting and fun weekends we've ever experienced. Get along to it if You can.
- In February in Queensland is the Chinchilla Melon Festival. Held from the 19th to the 22<sup>nd</sup>, this is a weekend of fun and entertainment dedicated to the Watermelon.

**This Month's Added Pages**

<b>Queen Mary Falls - Queensland</b>	<b>Mount French National Park - Queensland</b>
<b>Cape Le Grand National Park - Western Australia</b>	<b>Lennox Head - New South Wales</b>

**Upcoming Events Calendar  
January 2009**

- 24- 26th Port Lincoln Tunarama Festival  
Tasman Terrace  
Port Lincoln  
South Australia  
<http://www.tunarama.net/>
- 24th-25<sup>th</sup> – Allora Heritage Weekend  
Allora Showgrounds  
Allora  
Queensland  
Ph 0746663554

**February 2009**

- 19 - 22 February - Chinchilla Melon Festival  
Chinchilla  
Queensland  
<http://www.melonfest.com.au/>

**March 2009**

- 21st - Annual Yongala Ball - 8pm  
Yongala  
South Australia

**April 2009**

- 3rd - 13th - Annual Peterborough Art and Cultural Festival  
Peterborough  
South Australia

**May 2009**

- 21st - Annual Yongala Ball - 8pm  
Yongala  
South Australia

**August 2009**

- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> – Australian Heritage Festival  
Jondaryan Woolshed  
Jondaryan  
Queensland  
<http://www.jondaryanwoolshed.org>
- 30<sup>th</sup> – St Mary's Rodeo  
Bull and Bronc Ride  
Via Warwick  
Queensland

## *Featured Location*

### *Lennox Head – New South Wales*

*By Terry Jackson*

**We were going to take You inland for this month's feature. Then we got a bit side tracked, that is we took a small detour off of the Pacific Highway, along the New South Wales North Coast. So this month's feature is on the seaside holiday town of Lennox Head.**

**The friendly little town of Lennox Head is situated on the north coast of New South Wales, 8 kilometres north of Ballina and 17 kilometres south of Byron Bay. Because of its excellent mix of sub tropical to temperate climate, Lennox Head is a very comfortable place to stay most of the year round and makes a wonderful base for exploring the local coast and hinterland. The town faces onto the southern end of Seven Mile Beach, with the actual Lennox Head headland at the southern end of town, and with rolling farmland to the west. Lennox Head has a perfect relaxed sea-change atmosphere.**

**At the northern end of town is Lake Ainsworth, a freshwater lake with distinctive tannin-stained waters caused by the surrounding tea trees, The lake is a popular swimming, sailing and canoeing spot with BBQs and tables available along the edge, as well as a caravan park for those looking for a place to stay.**

**Seven Mile Beach has long been a popular spot with surfers, who come for the famous right hand break and excellent surf opportunities of the world-renowned breaks at Boulders and Lennox Point. It is also a popular spot with Kite boarders and windsurfers as well. There is also plenty of opportunity for the fisherman, with good catches recorded from the beach.**

**For those who like to shop, Lennox Head has a good range of fashion, food and other shops. While for those with a penchant towards art there are a couple of Art Galleries with works by local artists.**

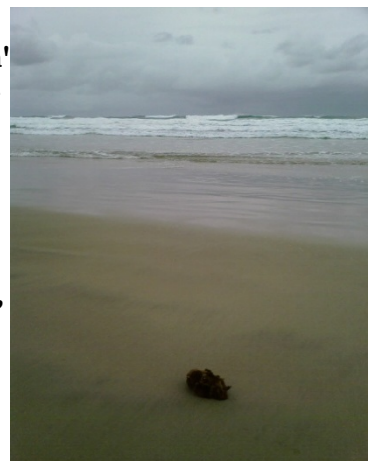
### **Local History**

**The Bundjalung Aboriginal people lived in the Lennox Head area for several thousand years and it is believed the population was 400-500 before European occupation. In 1770 when Captain Cook's ship, the Endeavour sailed along the coast, Joseph Banks saw a group of Aborigines walking along Seven Mile Beach and noted**

**'... not one was once observed to stop and look toward the ship; they pursued their way in all appearance entirely unmoved by the neighbourhood of so remarkable an object as a ship must necessarily be to people who have never seen one.'**

**There is a ceremonial ring or 'bora' off Gibbon Street, which suggests that the area was an important traditional meeting place. This particular 'bora' is unusually large, measuring 32 metres across. A Bundjalung Dreamtime story tells of 3 brothers who settled on what is now known as Seven Mile Beach. One of them, Yarbirri, produced a flow of fresh water by thrusting his spear into the sand. At low tide there is said to be a stain marking the spot from where the water flowed.**

**Captain Rous of HMS Rainbow named Lennox Head in honour of Charles, Duke of Lennox and Richmond, a prominent figure in British politics in the 1830s. Originally the name was given to the headland where the Ballina Lighthouse now stands. European settlers first became interested in the area in 1860, James Ainsworth was the first to take up land in the area behind Seven Mile Beach. John Skenner took up land in 1865 closer to the headland south of the present town centre.**



**Timber-getters and farmers were the next settlers and were soon followed by dairy farmers, many of whom took up James Ainsworth's idea of growing sugar cane.**

**The village was originally founded in 1922 and subdivided into blocks suitable for weekend and holiday accommodation. Lake Ainsworth provided a safe swimming and recreation area for families, thus leading the area to become a popular holiday destination. Since that time the population has increased to around 6,000, with a friendly feel and a nice mix of opportunities to enjoy a relaxed holiday. Due to its proximity to Ballina's shopping and service centres Lennox Head has not become overly built up. Accommodation around Lennox Head includes Bed & Breakfasts, Resorts, Retreats, Hotels, Motels, Guesthouses, Backpacker Hostels, and Camping and Cabins are available at the Caravan Park.**

## **Things To See and Do**

**There are plenty of possibilities for spending time around Lennox Head. The beach is the ideal place for a walk, as is the main street, which has a large number of excellent shops, as well as several excellent dining choices. Take a walk or a drive to the Aboriginal Bora Ring that is preserved in a park off Gibbon Road across the road from the Bowls Club. This is one of the best preserved Ceremonial Grounds of the local Bundjalung People, where boys were initiated.**

**The Pat Morton Lookout on the headland, off the Ballina Road, gives excellent views along Seven Mile Beach and of the popular surfing spots. Whales and Dolphins are often seen in this area, and it is also a popular hang gliding location. Lake Ainsworth is an excellent spot to have a BBQ or picnic, as well as an opportunity for a swim, sail or canoe.**

**Seven Mile Beach is a great place to take a walk, have a swim (take care there can be rips and undertow along this coast), surf, kiteboard, windsurf, fish, or have a picnic along the foreshore. There are several other beaches along the coast towards Ballina, these vary from good swimming beaches to very rough surf with rocky shores. Photography in the area has plenty of possibilities.**



**Lennox Head has plenty of sporting options with a Lawn Bowls Club and a Surf Life Saving Club in town, surfing along the coast, and there are several Golf Courses in the region as well. There are regular Markets held at the northern end of town near Lake Ainsworth, these are on the 2nd and 5th Sunday each month.**

**Lennox Head is also a great base for getting out and visiting the many National Parks in the Region. Inland from the coast within an easy days travel are Nightcap National Park, and Whian Whian State Conservation Area, while near the coast are Ballina Nature Reserve, and Broken Head Nature Reserve.**

**A visit to the Information Centre in Ballina will help with more information about what is in the area. It is on the corner of River Street and Las Balsas Plaza, Ballina. Phone 1800777666.**

**Website:**[www.discoverballina.com](http://www.discoverballina.com)

**Email:** [balinfo@ballina.nsw.gov.au](mailto:balinfo@ballina.nsw.gov.au)

**For more Local information about Lennox Head visit the local Website:**[www.lennox-head.net](http://www.lennox-head.net)

**We found a good map for Lennox Head's local attractions is available at [www.lennoxheadnsw.com.au/heritage.php](http://www.lennoxheadnsw.com.au/heritage.php). This can be used as a local walk guide as well.**

**We found Lennox Head to be an excellent place to stay and there was a great deal to do in the area. This is another one of the unique treasures along the Australian coastline and You'll never experience them unless You spend some time to find them. Happy Travelling!**

***We here at Come Travel Australia love to promote Australia and Australian  
Tourism.***

***After all***

***There's So Much To See...***

***So Why Not?***

***Regards***

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