

# THE COCONUT COAST

The background of the cover is a photograph of a tropical beach. In the foreground, there is a sandy beach with some palm fronds. The middle ground shows a clear blue ocean with a white sailboat on the right. In the center, there is a stylized illustration of a palm tree with a trunk decorated with circular patterns. A person is sitting on a log at the base of the tree, holding a coconut. The sky is a clear, light blue.

ANCHORAGES OF THE  
TOWNSVILLE - CAIRNS - COOKTOWN - PENINSULA  
COASTS

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## PUBLIC MOORINGS & REEF PROTECTION MARKERS

To protect reefs in high-use areas public moorings are available for your use.

### USE OF MOORINGS

- Public moorings have either a 4 hour or 24 hour time limit.
- Between 0700 and 1700 a vessel cannot occupy a mooring for longer than the time limit specified on the mooring tag. This ensures fair and equitable use.
- If a vessel picks up a mooring tag with a 4 hour time limit on or after 1500 it may remain on that mooring until 0900 the next day.
- All public moorings are available for overnight use.
- Care should be taken to comply with all information displayed on the mooring buoy and tag.

### MISUSE

- Exceeding time limits or otherwise not following the instructions on the mooring tag.
- Attaching more than one vessel (tenders exempted) to a public mooring or rafting-up. One mooring, one boat.
- Conduct that results in damage to a public mooring.

### ANCHORING NEAR MOORINGS

You cannot anchor within 50 metres of a mooring or 200 metres of a pontoon **except** at the following locations:

- Lizard Island's Watsons Bay
- Snapper Island
- East Hope Island
- Low Island
- Green Island
- Fitzroy Island

### REEF PROTECTION MARKERS

Reef protection markers, indicating no anchoring areas, are small white pyramid-shaped buoys with a blue label. An imaginary line joining the markers forms the boundary of the no anchoring area. Never anchor on the reef flat inshore of the buoys or inside the line of buoys (including your swinging room). Reef protection markers must NOT be used as a mooring.

Marked reef protection areas in the northern Great Barrier Reef are located at:

- Picnic Bay (Magnetic Island, page 38)
- Arthur and Florence Bays (Magnetic Island, page 40)
- Pioneer Bay (Orpheus Island, page 61)
- Yanks Jetty (Orpheus Island)
- Scraggy Point (Hinchinbrook Island, page 78)
- Watsons Bay (Lizard Island, page 134)
- Brook Islands (page 88)
- Russell Island (page 100)
- Normanby Island (page 101)
- Fitzroy Island (page 104)
- Low Isles (page 118)

Mooring classes are colour coded for easy identification as you approach them. The coloured band around the mooring, and listed on the mooring pickup tag, describes maximum lengths for the type of boat and maximum wind speeds during use. This information is summarised in the table below.

| Mooring Class | Monohull Maximum Length | Multihull Maximum Length | Maximum Wind Speed |
|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| T             | 6 metres                | 6 metres                 | 24 knots           |
| A             | 10 metres               | 9 metres                 | 24 knots           |
| B             | 20 metres               | 18 metres                | 34 knots           |
| C             | 25 metres               | 22 metres                | 34 knots           |
| D             | 35 metres               | 30 metres                | 34 knots           |

## WALKING TRACK GRADES

The Australian Walking Track Grading System is a nationally consistent system to grade the level of difficulty of the track walking experience and then to clearly communicate that information to walkers. By providing a standardised level of difficulty or track grading users are able to gauge whether a particular track is suitable for them.

All walks described in this guide refer to these classifications.



### Grade 1

No bushwalking experience required. Flat even surface with no steps or steep sections. Suitable for wheelchair users who have someone to assist them. Walks no greater than 5km.



### Grade 2

No bushwalking experience required. The track is hardened or compacted surface and may have a gentle hill section or sections and occasional steps. Walks no greater than 10km.



### Grade 3

Suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Some bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may have short steep hill sections a rough surface and many steps. Walks up to 20km.



### Grade 4

Bushwalking experience recommended. Tracks may be long, rough and very steep. Directional signage may be limited.



### Grade 5

Very experienced bushwalkers with specialised skills, including navigation and emergency first aid. Tracks are likely to be very rough, very steep and unmarked. Walks may be more than 20km.

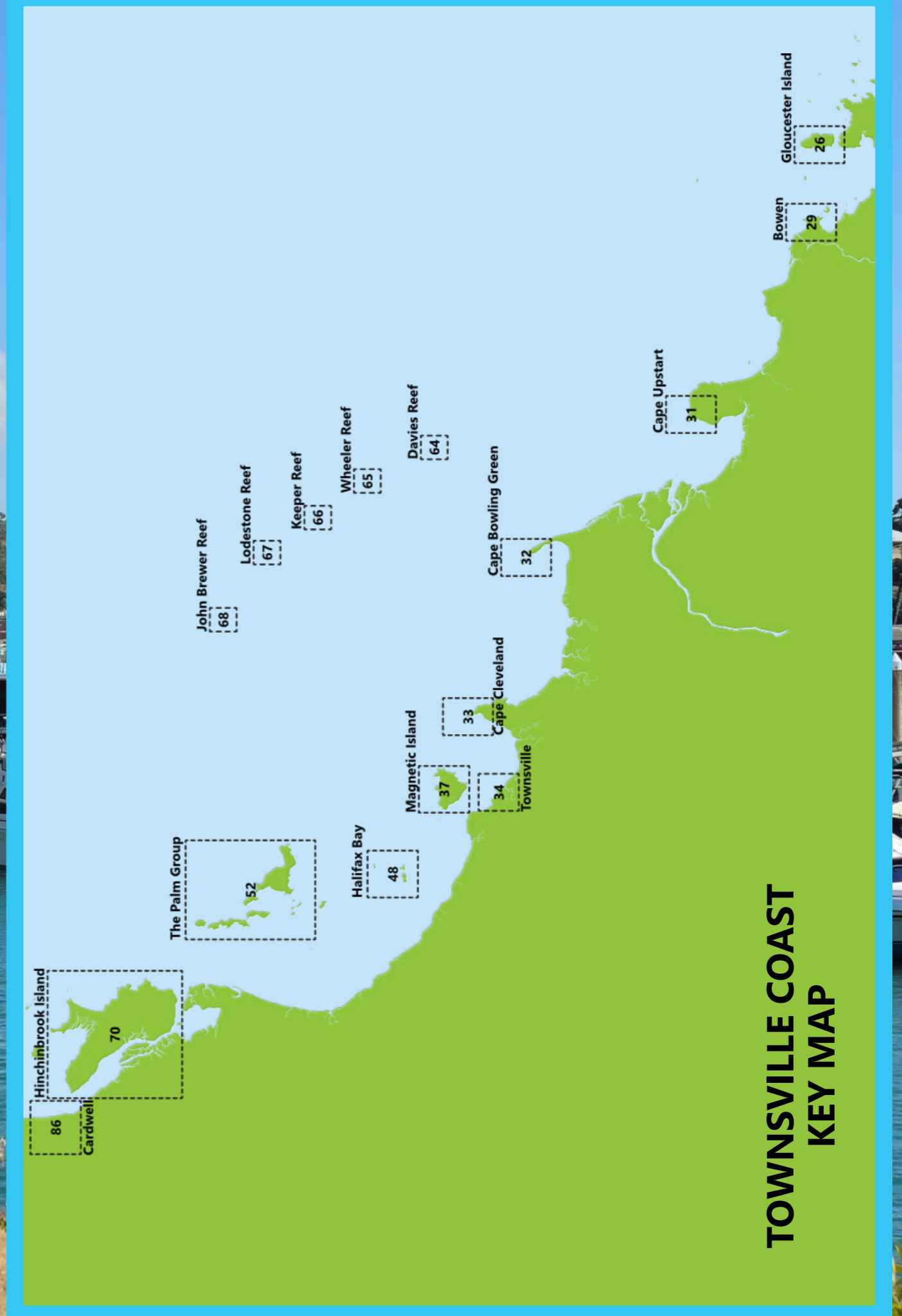


WALKING TRACKS ARE SOMETIMES POORLY DEFINED  
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# TOWNSVILLE COAST



TOWNSVILLE YACHT CLUB  
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# CAIRNS COAST



FITZROY ISLAND  
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# COOKTOWN COAST



COOK'S LOOK LIZARD ISLAND  
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# PENINSULA COAST



ROCK ART ON YINDAYIN BY THE YIITHUWARRA PEOPLE  
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**PENINSULA COAST  
KEY MAP**



"If you would know  
the road ahead, ask  
someone who has  
travelled it."

Experience counts.

Cruise the Townsville, Cairns, Cooktown  
and Peninsula coastlines with local  
knowledge.

Fully illustrated with over 100 detailed  
anchorage maps, GPS coordinates and  
detailed descriptions of things to see  
and do, this guide is designed to help  
you get more from your cruise along  
the northern Queensland coast.

Prepare to leave the signs behind ...

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