



Race Launch and Information Evening

Via Teams
17th November 2021



Agenda



- Introductions
- Event History
- Explanation of the Outback Air Race
- Event status update
- COVID-19
- 2021 Race Route
- Flying and Fuel Facts
- Sponsorship and fundraising info
- Website, registration, chinwags
- Official Launch of the 2021 Outback Air Race
- Questions

Introductions

Our organising team

Name	Position
Stuart Payne	Race Manager
Peter Williams	Treasurer & Accommodation Coordinator
Daniel De Vere	Online & Social Media
Julie Jardine	Marketing and Sponsorship
Robert Rey	Marketing and Sponsorship
Wayne Ovens	Race Flight Manager
Scott Palmer	Webmaster
Cindy Limantara	Raffle Coordinator
Stephen Limkin	GPS Tracking and Race Scorer



Event History



- 2021 will be the 11th Outback Air Race
 - the first was 1996
 - the most recent 2018
- Total funds raised for the RFDS ... in excess of \$3.6million

All Outback Air Races share the same themes ...

FUN

FUNDRAISING

FLYING



What's It all About ?



- A fun way to raise money for a worthy charity, the RFDS
- It's not really a race at all, it's a time trial
 - Performance judged on navigation accuracy
 - Timekeeping accuracy between two points on each leg
- Each team raises money by
 - Fund raising (funds to RFDS) e.g. from
 - Donations : family, friends, business partners & corporate supporters
 - Fund raising events e.g. cinema nights, charity dinners, whatever!
 - Sponsorship (to offset team participation costs) – Optional
- Open to non-pilots too
 - We'll help find you a team

Event Status

Formalities

- ✓ RFDS Registration complete
- ✓ Accounts and Banking setup
- ✓ Insurances being negotiated
- ✓ Risk Management underway

Team Registrations

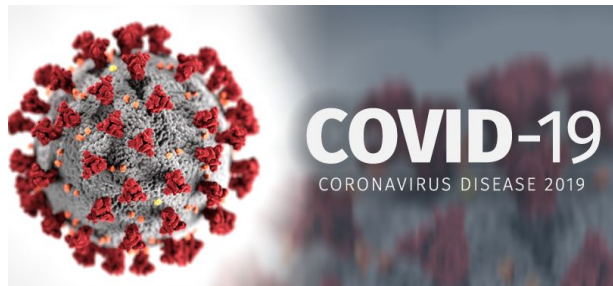
- ✓ Formal Registration Open Now
- ✓ Maximum 35 teams (100 people)... don't miss out

Logistics

- ✓ Online & Web Developed
- ✓ Race route selected
- ✓ Accommodation bookings made
- ✓ Destination activities in progress

PR, Marketing & Sponsors

- ✓ Major Event sponsors in progress
- ✓ Publicity & Media awareness strategy
- ✓ Opportunity for business and social network development



The Outback Air Race is facing new challenges for this next event, as a consequence of COVID-19.

The committee is keeping abreast of the ever-changing pandemic in Australia. We are constructing the event to be compliant with whatever state (NT, QLD & NSW) and federal restrictions are in place at the time of the event, to protect our participants and the communities we visit.

We will have controls such as:

- Approved COVID Safe plans (adherence to those existing created by event contractors / accommodation; and creation of some of our own)
- Social distancing when gathered in groups (excepting in our aircraft)
- Contact tracing measures in place (names, addresses, phone numbers of participants)
- A Doctor travelling with the event (as usual).
- The RFDS if more intense care is needed.

The future is still uncertain. There is still the possibility of a having to cancel the event.

A Decision Date of 1 May 2021 is reserved for planning purposes to make a final decision to proceed (although cancellation after that date can still occur).

Please read the COVID Page on our website and note the cancellation policy



2021 Race Route

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Darwin



Arrivals by Sunday 29th August (at the latest)

Tour option - Grumman seaplane flight with overnight stay at Kuri Bay departing Sat 28th

Accommodation at Novatel and Mercure Darwin Airport

Launch event at Pearl Flight Centre hangar on Sunday 29th:

<https://www.pearlflightcentre.com.au/>

Departures Monday morning 30th August



Leg 1 – Darwin to Cooinda





Cooinda (1 night)



Accommodation at Cooinda Lodge

<https://kakadutourism.com/accommodation/cooinda-lodge/>

in lodge rooms and glamping tents

Sunset and sunrise cruises on South Alligator River System

No fuel at Cooinda but fuel available at nearby Jabiru on departure, then enroute at Borroloola on the way to Adels Grove

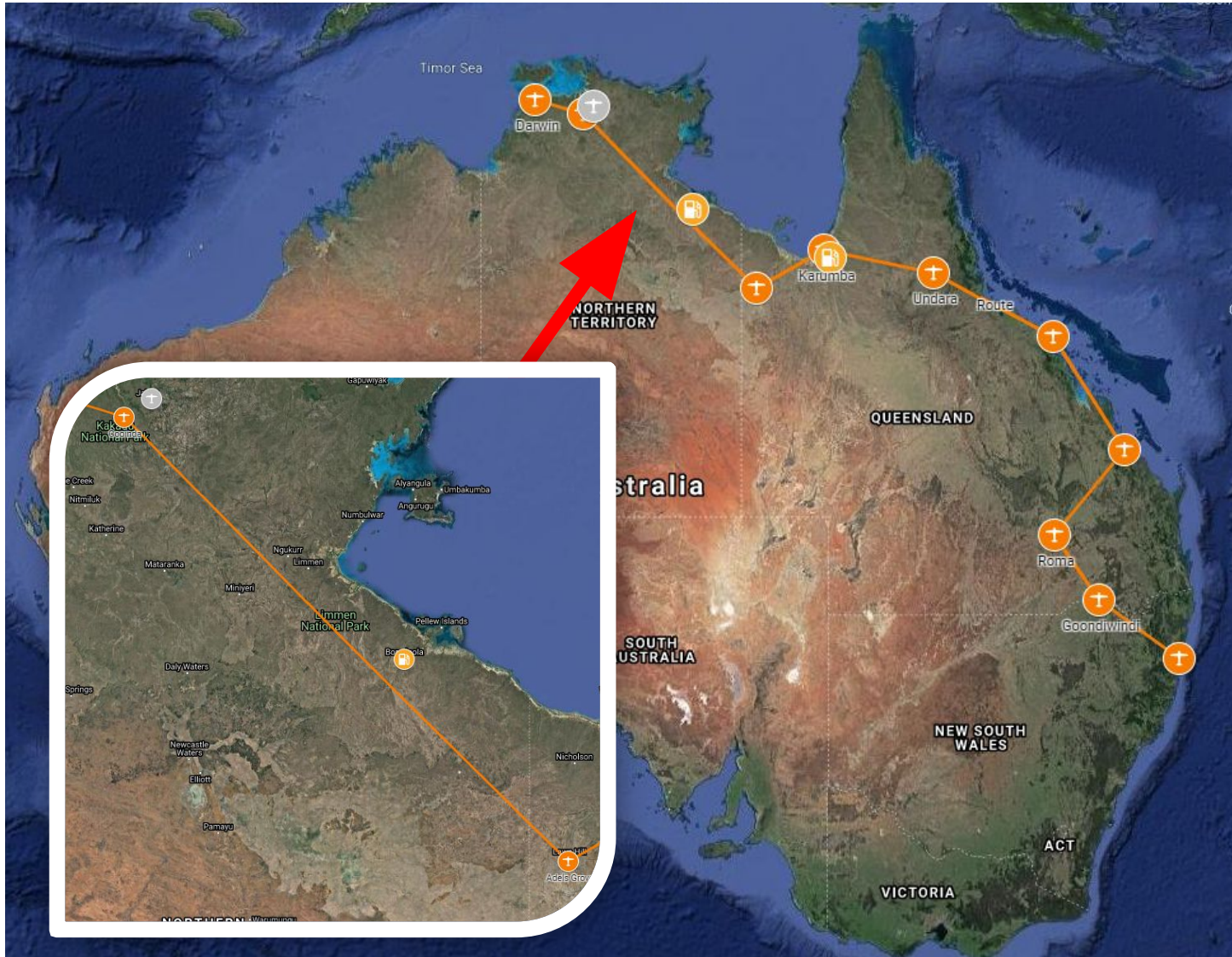


> Cooinda
Lodge

The Ultimate Base To Explore Kakadu

The village style property is located beneath a canopy of trees beside Yellow Water Billabong, home to world-renowned Yellow Water Cruises, where crocodiles and birds are seen on the flood plain amongst Paperbark, Pandanus and Fresh Water Mangroves.

Leg 2 – Cooinda to Adel's Grove





Adels Grove (2 nights)

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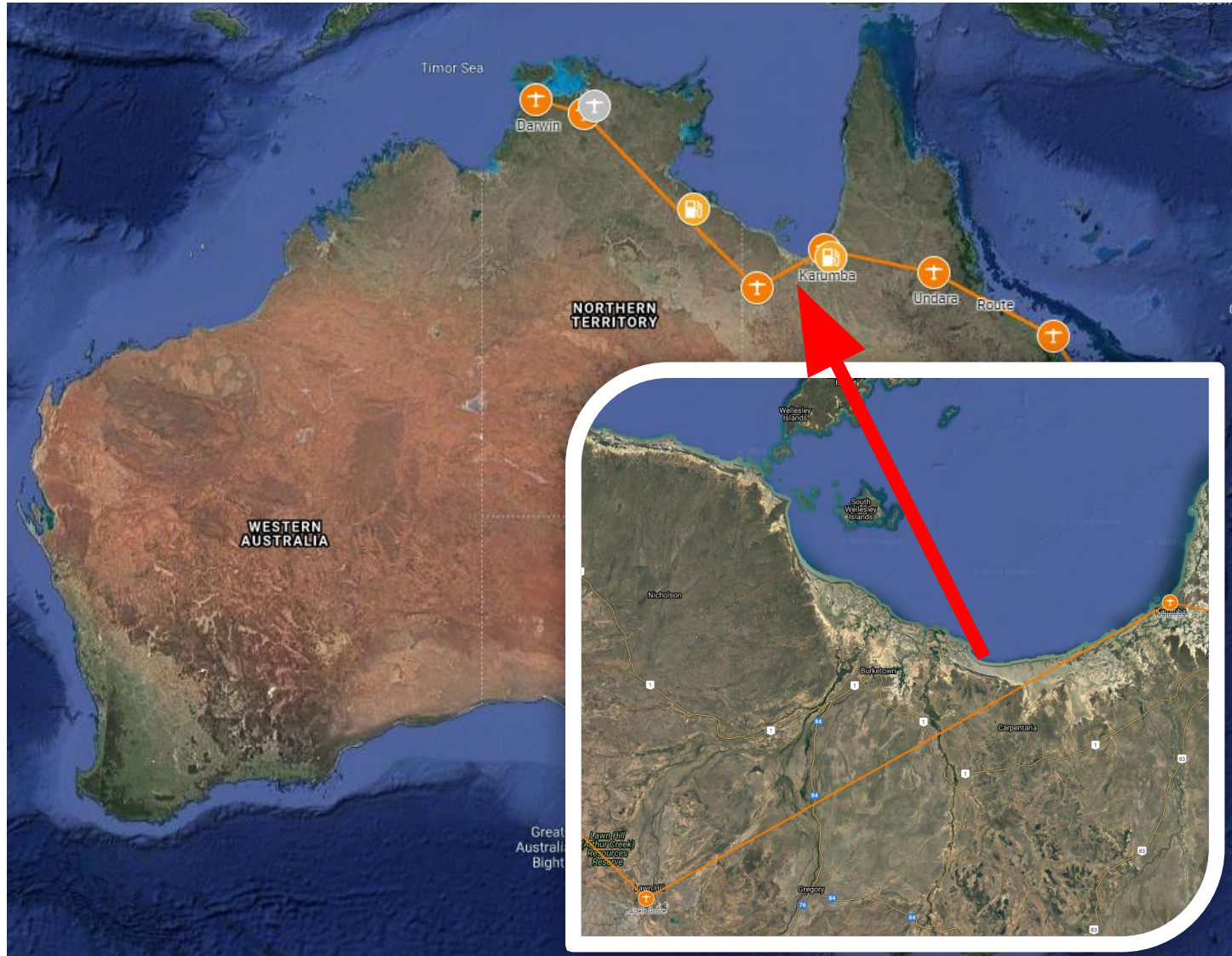
Adels Grove

- Adels Grove Camping Ground is an eco-sensitive park on Lawn Hill Creek
- Far western Queensland near NT border, 80 acre ‘Savannah’
- In 1920 Albert de Lestang took up the property as an experimental Botanical Garden
- On the edge of Boodjamulla (Lawn Hill) National Park and gorges
- Population :
- Attractions
 - Lawn Hill Gorge cruise / swim
 - Sunset on Harry’s Hill Tour
 - walking tracks with ancient rock art and stone engravings
 - bird watching

Tip

- 2 night stopover at this oasis
- Book accommodation early to secure your preference, permanent tent on the river bank
- book gorge cruise ahead of time not to miss out

Leg 3 – Adel's Grove to Karumba



Karumba (1 night)

At the mouth of the Norman River, Karumba enjoys the distinction of being the only town along the southern Gulf of Carpentaria that is within sight of the Gulf itself (the Gulf's extensive tidal flats prohibits settlement elsewhere along its shore). As such, the town's economy revolves largely around fishing. The Karumba port services the Century Zinc Mine. By the 1960s and 1970s Karumba had become the centre for the Gulf fishing industry. Today the prawn fishing and barramundi industry earn over \$130 million each year.

For the weather nuts, the rare Morning Glory cloud rolls through Karumba in the early hours of some mornings in September and October. Karumba is also perfectly located for amazing sunset views over the gulf.

We will be arranging (among other activities) tours of the Barramundi Discovery Centre.



Undara (1 night)

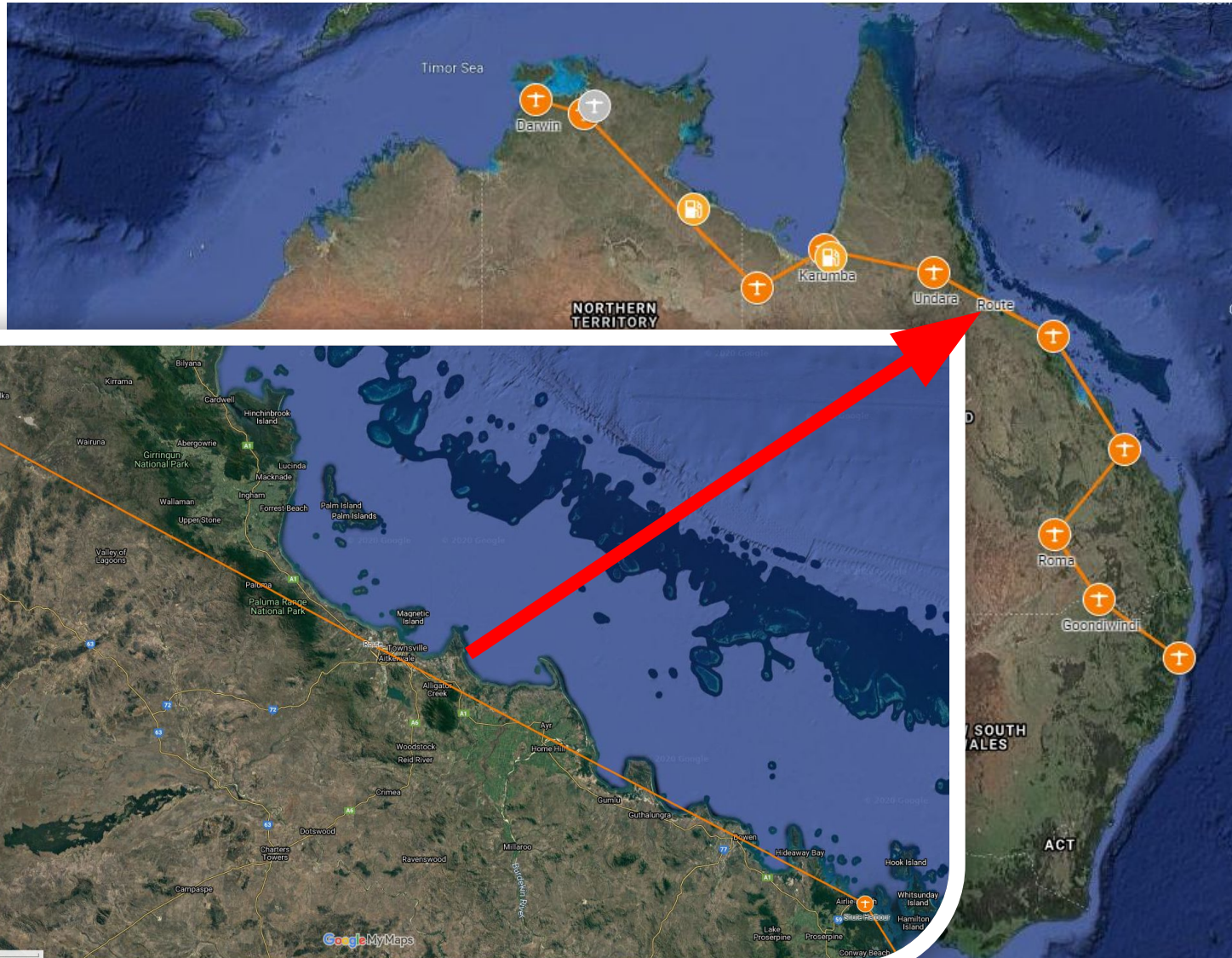
Accommodation options include Pioneer Huts, Railway carriages and swag tents

www.undara.com.au

Famous for its lava tubes for which there will be various tour options.



Leg 5 – Undara to Shute Harbour





Shute Harbour / Airlie Beach (2 nights)

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Airlie Beach is a fabulous location for water adventures and relaxing on the beach taking in the azure blue view. Airlie Beach is a great launchpad for [water tours](#) heading out and experiencing the beauty of the Whitsunday Islands. Tours take off from Airlie Beach offering snorkelling, [bareboating](#), or exploring the region including world-renowned [Whitehaven Beach](#), Hamilton Island or the Great Barrier Reef.



Shute Harbour / Airlie Beach



Sat 4th Sept

Arrival at Shute Harbour with lunch at the airport

Min 100hrs PIC required. If not comfortable or low time pilot can land at Proserpine. Bus provided.

Accom at Airlie Beach Hotel

Sun 5th Sept

Tour options:

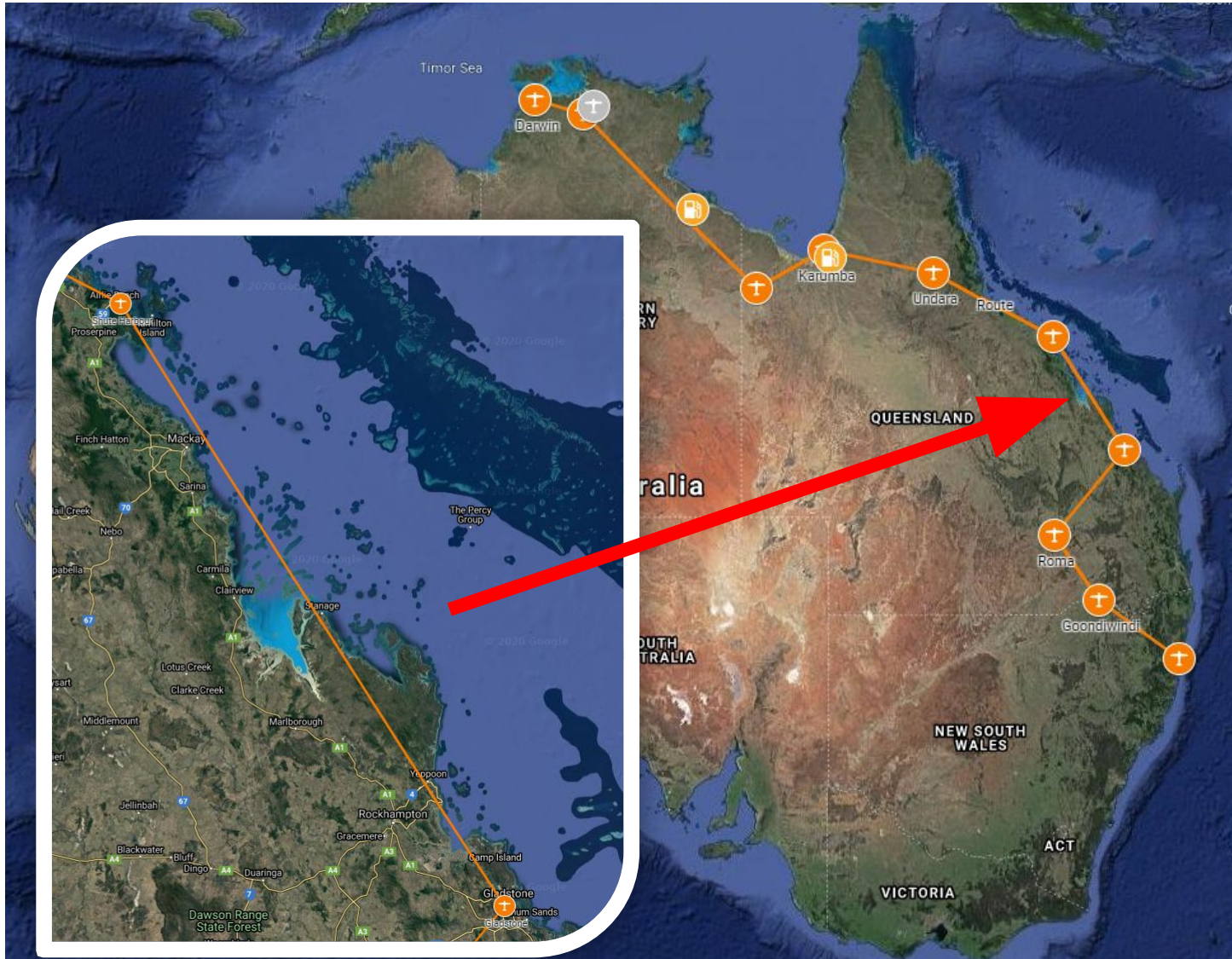
1. Whitsunday Ocean Rafting – snorkel, walk and Whitehaven tour. Price approx. \$140
2. Whitsunday & Whitehaven 6 hour cruise – cruise and visit Whitehaven beach and snorkel. Price: \$120

Mon 6th

Transfers to airport for departure to Gladstone



Leg 6 – Shute Harbour to Gladstone





Gladstone (2 nights)

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Gladstone has been widely known as the engine room of Queensland, or the Port City to the World, and with over 1900 ships visiting annually, this region has the largest multi commodity port on the east coast, handling over 124 million tonnes per annum.

All of the Southern Great Barrier Reef from Lady Elliot and Lady Musgrave Islands in the south, through to Heron and Wilson Islands, and the most camped on island in the whole GBR Northwest Island are all part of the Gladstone Region, with Gladstone being the jumping off point for the international resort of Heron Island.

Lake Awoonga, the regions primary water resource, is the most well stocked Barra impoundment in Australia, with many +one metre Barra being caught on a regular basis, and on the top 50 bucket list places in the world to fish.

The airport is located 7 kms from the CBD and your free shuttle service through Gladstone Region Tours will transport you to your accommodation.





Gladstone



Monday 6th Sept 2021

- 11.00 am First aircraft to arrive and refuel or taxi to designated parking zone. Sausage Sizzle and welcome locals.
- 2- 4pm Free shuttle bus to designated accommodation.
- 5.15pm Meet at the Yacht Club boat ramp - bottom of Goondoon St & a short stroll from our chosen accommodation for a "Sunset Harbour Cruise" on Cruise Ferry Services with the cruise, finger food/canapes sponsored by [Purcells Engineering](#) & first round of drinks sponsored by [Avis Gladstone](#)...additional food & beverages will available and are at an extra cost.
- 7.00pm Once back on dry land you're free to roam the main street for that extra food and beverages hit at a range of venues such as: the Yacht Club, The Dock, Ban Thai, Oak and Vine, Rocks@It, The Reef Hotel, Central Lane Hotel and many others.





Gladstone



Tuesday 7th September 2021

Breakfast on own arrangements, then **Day activity options:**

Gladstone Region Tours <https://www.gladstoneregiontours.com.au/>

9.00am A day tour of the city and industry with pretty cool and informative commentary by the proprietor Daz who we will run extra tours, should this one be full. Duration - 2.5hrs - \$33.00/person.

12 noon A day tour to Tannum Sands for a dip and lunch at the Tannum Surf Lifesaving Club Duration 2hrs - \$33.00/person.

Larc and Lunch Tour <https://1770larctours.com.au/larc-lunch-tour/>

Visit the town of 1770 & the Agnes Waters region on a pink amphibious vehicle. Duration 2hrs - \$77/person – booking requirements - min 12 to max 26 people.

Avis Rental and Agnes Water/1770

Why not rent a car at a special rate provided to OAR participants and embark on a Larc and Lunch tour to 1770 or laze by the beach or just chill at one of the jewels in this region?

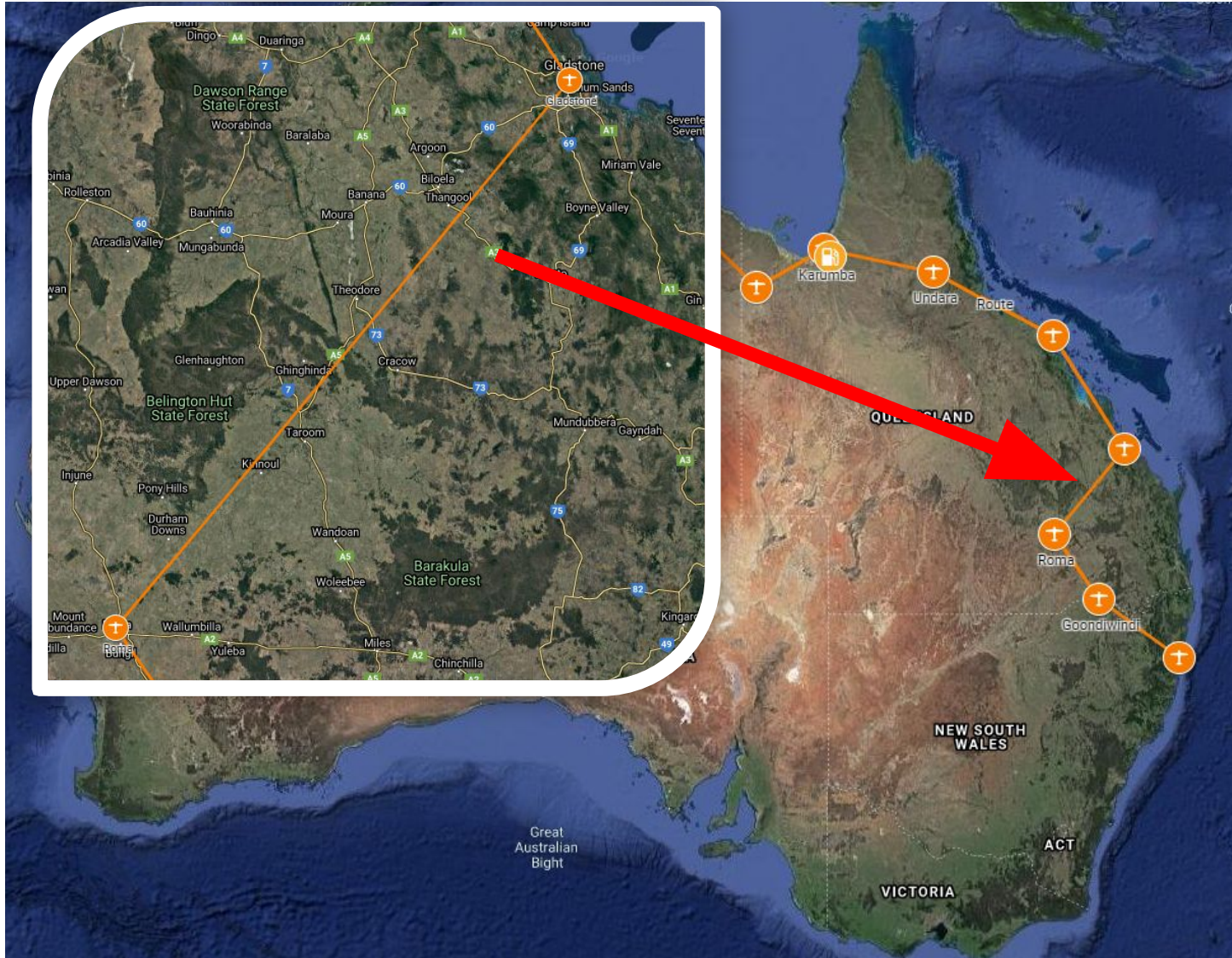
Or take your own plane out for a flight around this amazing region down to Agnes Water, out to Lady Musgrave Island north to Heron Island returning to Gladstone making sure you take plenty of photos because it is *THAT* special and very scenic from a birds eye view!

5.30 pm Predinner drinks - [The Oaks Grand Hotel](#) function room, room sponsored by [Multitrade](#)

6.00 pm 3 course dinner @ \$45.00/person, drinks at an extra cost - welcome speech by the Mayor Matt Burnett.

11.30 pm Last drinks with a midnight closure.

Leg 7 – Gladstone to Roma





Roma (1 night)

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Wed 8th Sept

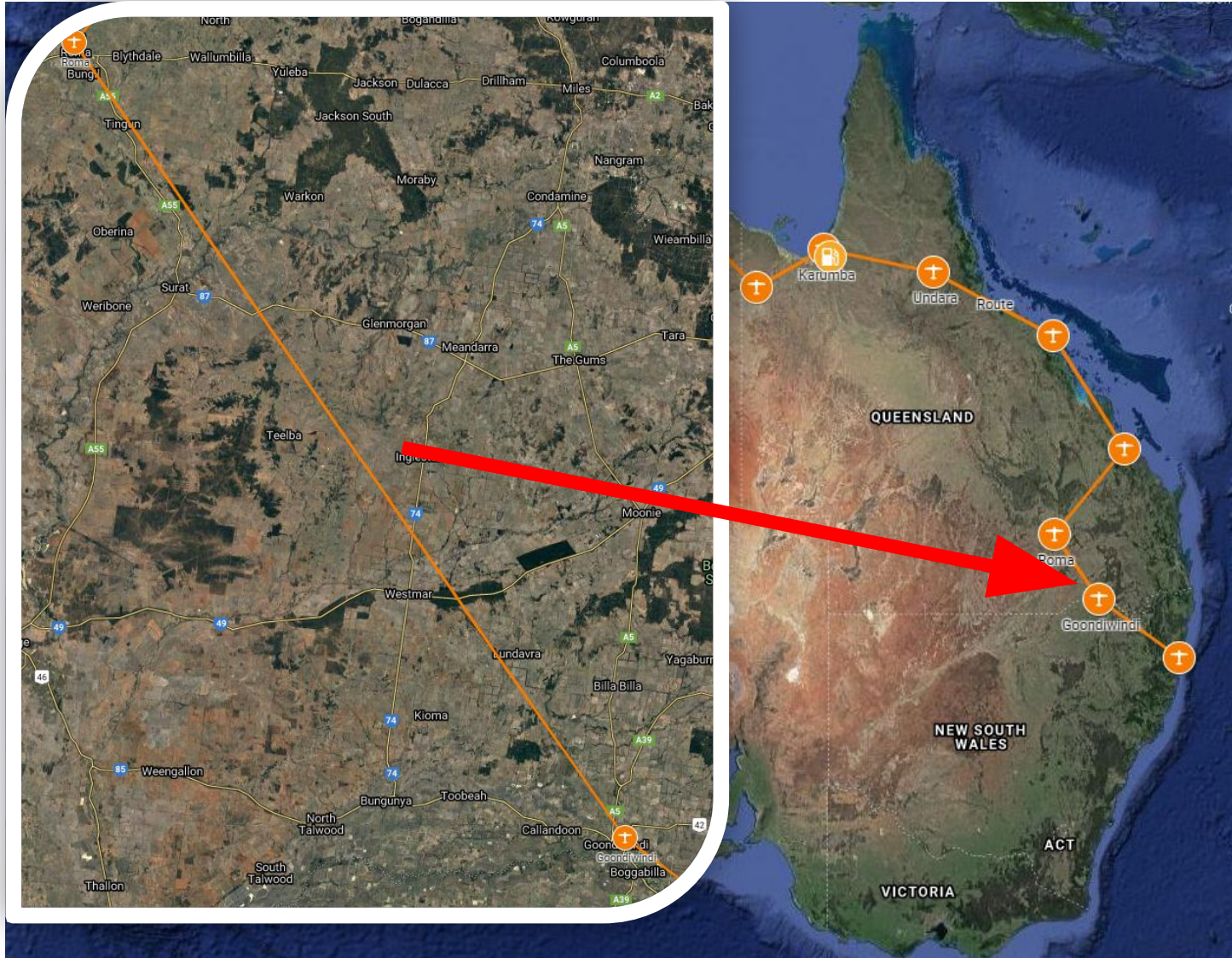
Arrival and transfer to motels

4:30pm Pre dinner drinks and nibbles at The Big Rig - see the history of the oil and gas industry

6:00pm Transfer to Roma Saleyards for dinner under the stars (with a talk from local legends)



Leg 8 – Roma to Goondiwindi





Goondiwindi (2 nights)

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Thu 9th Sept

Arrive into Goondiwindi, bus to hotel and late afternoon bus departure to the Crowes farm (Sunbury)

OR fly onto Sunbury

Dinner at Sunbury

Return bus trip to Goondiwindi OR camp the night at the farm (for those flying in).

Fri 10th Sept

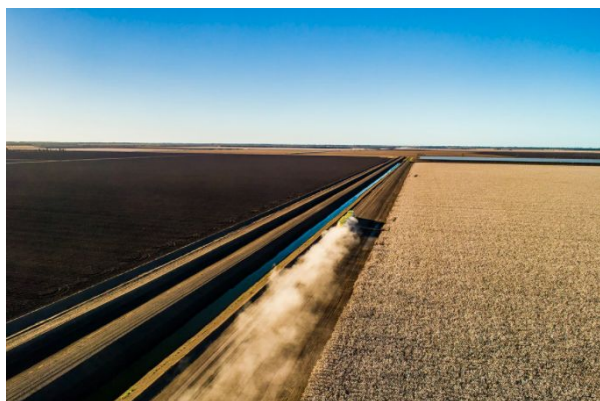
Optional Tours eg <https://goondiwindicotton.com.au/> farm or

Fly (day trip) to Lightning Ridge (opal tours)

Dinner at the Royal Hotel

Sat 11th Sept

Depart for Coffs Harbour





The Crowe's farm - Sunbury

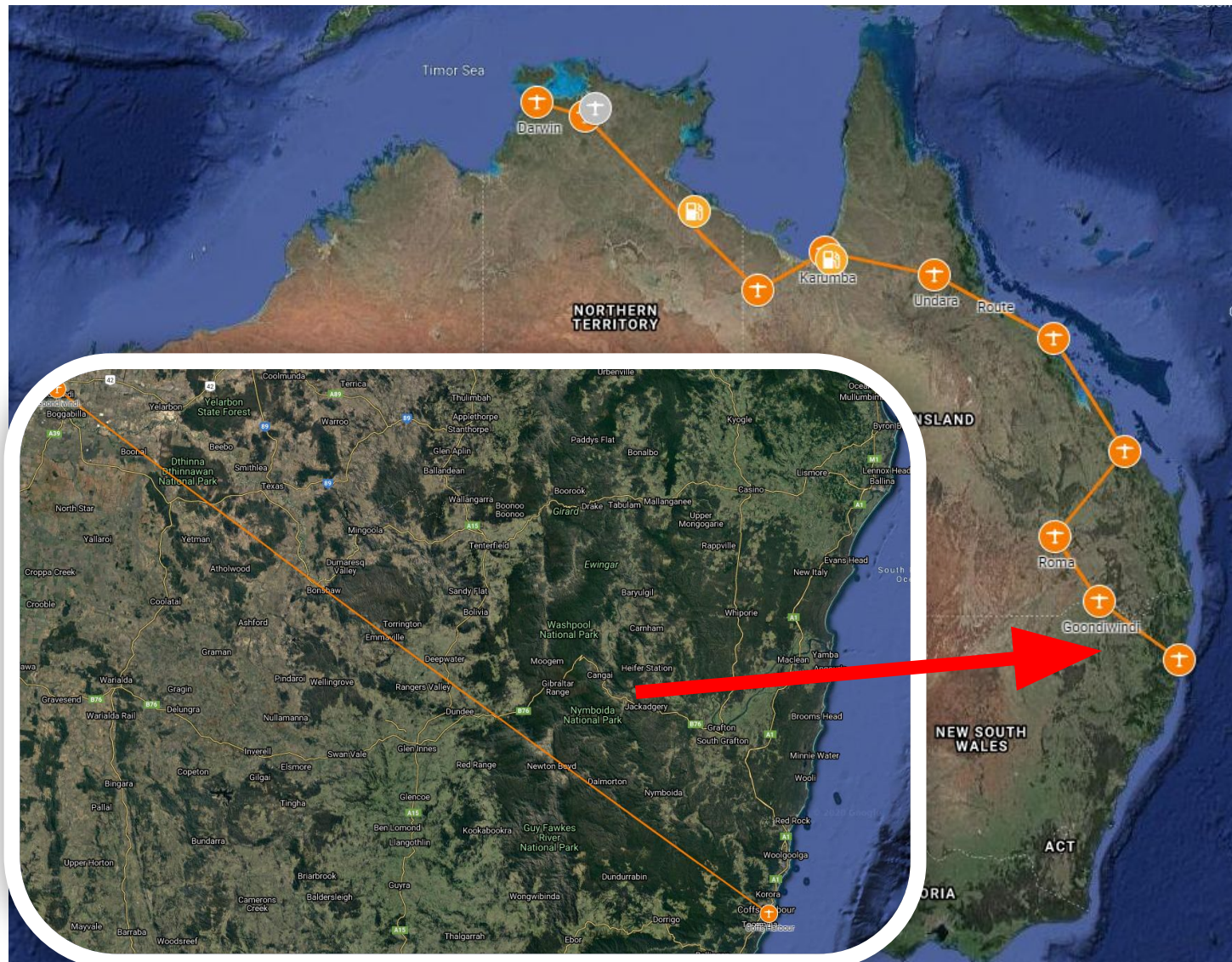


The farm that grows the barley for the famous Peroni beer

Dinner kindly hosted by the Crowe family



Leg 9 – Goondiwindi to Coffs Harbour





Coffs Harbour (2 nights)

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The Coffs Coast region is halfway between Sydney and Brisbane on the NSW North Coast, and is noted for its banana plantations, its resorts, its mild climate and its fishing. It is the only place in New South Wales where the [Great Dividing Range](#) meets the [Pacific Ocean](#), so it is beautifully located where the mountains tumble down to the sea.

The town of Coffs Harbour is at the edge of the Solitary Islands Marine Park, home to abundant wildlife and coral reefs, in particular a haven for dolphins, turtles, tropical fish and seasonal migrating whales. The Solitary Islands coastal walk has spectacular vantage points for whale watching between May and November, with headlands offering superb views.

Just east of the Marina and near the city's heritage-listed jetty is the Muttonbird Island Nature Reserve, with its large population of wedge-tailed shearwater birds and learning centre. Boating, fishing and diving tours depart from the [Jetty Marina Area](#). Relax on [Jetty Beach](#) or stroll along the strip and explore the restaurants and cafes.

A short drive north from Coffs Harbour is [Sealy Lookout](#), offering stunning coastal views as well as rainforest walking trails and picnic areas. Nearby is the Treetops Adventure Park with an amazing array of challenges in the trees to enjoy. Magnificent national parks and nature reserves fan out across the region.

Coffs Harbour has recently been named *Aussie Town of the Year* by leading online travel site Wotif.com.





Coffs Harbour



Accommodation at Observatory Apartments and Caribbean Motel.

Sat 11 Sept

Arrival with light lunch served at Coffs Harbour Aero Club

Various optional afternoon activities (Big Banana, Sealy Lookout, Treetops Park, Marine Centre)

Evening party night (included in registration fee) with live music

Sun 12 Sept

Optional activities (Bus trip to Bellingen/Dorrigo, Whale watching, Dolphin Park)

Finale event at Coffs Harbour Surf Club





Accommodation



- Various standards of accommodation (with various budgets) will be available at the various destinations
 - We currently have all accom at Adels Grove and Undara booked!
 - Self camping option will be provided at some locations
- Accommodation request forms distributed May 2021
 - 50% deposit and return of form to secure your choice
 - Remaining 50% to be paid no less than four weeks prior to departure
- Accommodation allocated strictly on a first paid / first served basis
- Accommodation manager will attempt to satisfy everyone
- Some will inevitably miss out on their first choices (so be early)
- Transport to and from airport will be included (some are walking distance)

Flying and Fuel Facts

Date	Wake Up In	Destination	Distance (nm)	Runway M (Destination)
Mon 30/8	Darwin	Cooinda (no Fuel)	101	1281
Tue 31/8	Cooinda/Jabiru	Borrooloola (Fuel)	290 (391 D)	1459
Tue 31/8	Borrooloola	Adels Grove	202	1130
Thu 2/9	Adels Grove	Karumba (Fuel TBA)	151	1378
Fri 3/9	Karumba	Georgetown (Fuel)	163	1158
Fri 3/9	Georgetown	Undara (no Fuel)	62 (221 D)	1900
Sat 4/6	Undara	Charters Twrs (Fuel)	145	1736
Sat 4/6	Charters Twrs	Shute Harbour	141 (266 D)	1410
Mon 6/9	Shute Harbour	Gladstone	255	1920
Wed 8/9	Gladstone	Roma	208	1504
Thu 6.9	Roma	Goondiwindi	144	1340
Sat 8/9	Goondiwindi	Coffs Harbour	182	2080



Sponsorship Update



- Corporate sponsor engagement underway
- They are our 'heavy lifters' to kick start fundraising and to offset race operating expenses
- Major corporate sponsors enable the race to occur
- Their contribution creates a multiplying effect of fundraising for the RFDS
- Let Julie or Robert know about potential sponsors



FUNdraising – How It Works



- Each team does their own fundraising, such as
 - Donations from the public or companies in favour of the RFDS
 - Restaurant nights
 - Movie nights
 - Golf days
 - Barbeques, raffles, quiz nights
 - Any other (legal) means of coercion!
- Each team member is required to raise a minimum of \$2000 to support RFDS
- Overall event target for 2021 ... minimum **\$600,000**



RFDS' Online Fundraising Company



- RFDS is switching online fundraising company, from Every Day Hero (used in 2015, 2018) to Raisely
- OAR is still being set up and we are discovering how that will work
- Each team is expected to be assigned their own Raisely page, under the OAR Event web page
- Donations are recorded as raised by each team when:
 - Team members deposit monies received via the site, or
 - Members of the public donate directly via that site
- Event & Team fundraising tallies will be automatic and available online

Registration

- How do I register?
 - Go to www.outbackairrace.com.au and click scroll down to “Registration”
 - Complete one Team registration form (includes Team Captain)
 - Complete one Team Member registration form for each additional pax
 - Pay the Registration fee (\$450/aircraft + \$400/person)
- What does that get me?
 - A place on the race (numbers are limited)
 - Info Pack, and Daily Diary for the race
 - Race shirt and hat
 - Competitors medal
 - Tickets to
 - Launch event in Darwin
 - Pre-finale event in Coffs Harbour
 - The Racer’s Party in Coffs Harbour

Tip

- Event numbers are limited
- Get your team together
- The sooner you register, the more time you have for FUNdraising



Chinwags



- What's a Chinwag ?
 - Regular online Teams meeting leading up to the event
 - We provide race organising updates and have special guest speakers
- We'll be having Chinwags here
 - every second month until April 2021
 - Monthly from April, up until the race
 - Check back to the OAR website frequently for Chinwag dates and other race updates
- Chinwags are open to everyone – registered racers or the curious!



Outback Air Race 2021



Officially Launched !

- ✧ Feel free to email any of the committee for more info
- ✧ Registrations open now via the website
- ✧ Keep watching www.outbackairrace.com.au
- ✧ Thank you for attending



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Questions ?

