



APPROXIMATE DISTANCE TO DEFENCE LOCATIONS

Cairns CBD to HMAS Cairns	5 kms
Cairns CBD to 51st Battalion	10 kms

Cairns is located in Far North Queensland, 350km north of Townsville. The Cairns region covers over 1750km² and includes several major national parks as well as the state's highest mountain peak - Mt Bartle Frere. Cairns is located right on the doorstep of the Great Barrier Reef. The region boasts a tropical climate with two main seasons – the wet and the dry. Cairns is often used as a base for trips to the far north including the Daintree Rainforest, Port Douglas, Cape Tribulation and Cooktown.

Finding a property

The majority of suburbs in Cairns are an ideal location to live. There are many suburbs located at the foot of the rainforest overlooking stunning beaches or close to the heart of the city.

Two real estate websites that you may find useful are www.domain.com.au and www.realestate.com.au.

As different requirements may exist for making a rental application you should contact the real estate directly to discuss the conditions.

NOTE - Ceiling increases to cover any rent above the ceiling entitlement is not guaranteed, and must meet the requirements as set out in the Defence Pay and Conditions Manual (**PACMAN**). You should check your eligibility before submitting a request.

Townhouses and units

Townhouses and units are subject to Body Corporate rules. Please ask your landlord or real estate agent for details. The ability to keep pets in townhouses is limited and you should check with the landlord or real estate agent in regards to this.

House hunting trips

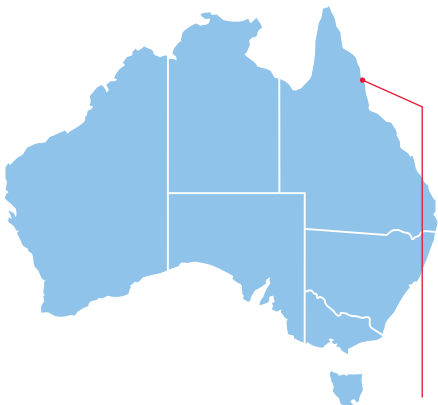
House hunting trips are subject to approval. If you wish to apply for a house hunting trip please refer to **PACMAN** for your entitlements or alternatively, contact DHA on **139 DHA (139 342)**.

Utilities

You will need to arrange your own utilities such as electricity, gas, pay TV, internet services or telephone. You should contact your local service providers, or you may like to take advantage of the free **Fast Connect** service, where they will arrange for the disconnection and reconnection of utilities on your behalf – you can contact them on **1300 661 464** (local call cost) or access the service via the **DHA** website.

Public transport

The Sunbus bus service is the main form of public transport servicing Cairns. There are also **Black and White Taxis** and **Queensland Rail** which operates a rail service from Cairns to Brisbane and beyond.



MAP

A map of Cairns can be found on the **Defence Housing Australia (DHA) website** and **Google Maps**



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Schools

Cairns offers a wide selection of both primary and secondary schools within the private and public sectors. Visit the [Queensland Government education](#) website for further information.

Cairns also has a TAFE and is home to James Cook University (JCU).

Child care

There is a vast range of child care facilities throughout the region.

The [Defence Community Organisation](#) also offers a day care service at their premises. Some useful contacts are:

> Family Day Care Australia	1800 621 218
> ABC Learning Centres	1800 222 543
> Child Care Access Hotline	1800 670 305
> Department of Defence Child Care Centres	
> Australian Child Care Index	

Hospitals

There are two major hospitals in the Cairns area:

> Cairns Base (Public)	(07) 4050 6333
> Cairns Private Hospital (Private)	(07) 4052 5200

Sport

Cairns offers a large range of sport and recreation activities. There is something to suit all ages, genders and abilities, including soccer, tennis, touch football, cricket, beach volleyball and much more. A list of sports and hobbies is available on the [Cairns Regional Council](#) website.

Family activities

Cairns has a wide range of festivals and shows that run throughout the year, such as 'Festival Cairns'. There are also many attractions for the whole family to enjoy such as the Botanical Gardens, Kuranda Rail & Sky Rail, Green Island and the Great Barrier Reef.

Water restrictions

There are water restrictions in place for the Cairns area - please refer to the [Cairns Regional Council](#) website for further information.

Where can I find more information?

The [Cairns Regional Council](#) website is the best resource for information on Cairns. Some other websites you may find useful are:

- > www.suburbview.com
- > www.rta.qld.gov.au

For any other information that has not been covered by this guide please refer to the [Defence Community Organisation](#) website.

Contact DHA

> DHA (139 DHA)	139 342
> Cairns Office Fax	(02) 6222 2201
> www.dha.gov.au	

