



Keppel Bay Sailing Club  
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**29 December 2017 - 5 January 2018**  
**INFORMATION PACK**

# Welcome to the Club

*Keppel Bay Sailing Club is honoured to be hosting the 75th Australian Sharpie championships on the wonderful waters of Keppel Bay in the town of Yeppoon. Keppel Bay Sailing Club has a rich history with the Sharpie class, previously hosting the Australian titles in 1982 and again in 1994.*

As a sailing club we are proud to be able to host events of this magnitude and our past history has proven this. We have successfully conducted 2 previous Australian sharpie championships, the 1999/00, and 2005/06 National Sabot Championships, the 2007 F18 World championships the 2008/09 Hobie Nationals, the 2011/12 National Cherub Championships, 2014/15 International Moth Australian championships and successfully run the Queensland youth camp and championships over the past 10 years just to name a few.

The Keppel Bay Sailing Club Offers a sailing location in relatively sheltered waters, as the area is protected by the picturesque Keppel Islands. The racing area is unlimited, within a short sail from the beach and in full view of the Clubhouse.

Because the Keppel Bay Sailing Club is located on the Yeppoon Main Beach, the Club has access to ample beach for launching and retrieving 100+ boats,

simultaneously. Beach access is provided via the Club's two-lane concrete beach access traffic ramp, while boats are rigged and de-rigged on either the concrete, grassed or bitumen rigging areas.

The Great Keppel Islands are a short 40 minute ferry ride across from the Keppel Bay Marina which is a 10 minute drive from the Keppel Bay Sailing Club. The Great Keppel Islands are one of our region's main tourist destinations surrounded by the beautiful Great Barrier Reef and calm crystal blue waters. A short Drive north will see you meet luscious rainforest in Byfield with plenty of swimming and camping options around the rainforest in national parks.

There is plenty to see and do in Yeppoon and we have some of the best waters to sail and race on in the world. On behalf of the Keppel Bay Sailing Club I welcome the Sharpies back and look forward to seeing you all here in December 2017.

**Brent Pearson**

KBSC Sports Co-ordinator



## About Keppel Bay Sailing Club

Keppel Bay Sailing Club is a not for profit organisation, established in 1957 by a dedicated group of volunteers who were determined to promote the sport of sailing to the community as a healthy outdoor recreation that utilises the beautiful waters of Keppel Bay.

The Club now encompasses three venues (The Clubhouse, Spinnaker and Krackers) and supports two sports, sailing and lawn bowls.

The tackers learn to sail program and school camp program are an important part of the club as a whole promoting healthy outdoor activity to youth and offers training that will be invaluable both on and off the water.

KBSC is one of the Capricorn Coasts largest employers with over 100 staff including school based trainees. The club recently won the Central Queensland Training Awards for medium employer for its dedication to training and employment creation for the region.

The club sponsors many other not for profit organisations, clubs, schools and events across the Capricorn Coast and spends \$1.6 million locally each year.

Our professional Sailing team are led by Coach/Trainer Brent Pearson who is passionate about the sport of Sailing. He initially learned to sail at the tender age of 6.

Brent competed in sabots until the age of 14 by which time he had qualified for the South Queensland team 5 times.

He competed in sabots at State and National levels and competed successfully in the 29er, Sharpie and International Moths.

His passion for the sport offered him the good fortune to have raced alongside Olympic Champions, World Champions and trained and competed with the likes of Matt Belcher, Nathan Outteridge, Tom Slingsby and other high profile sailors.

Brent attained his instructor's ticket through Keppel Bay Sailing Club in 2007-2008 and now is devoted to sharing his skills and sheer joy for Sailing with others.



# Nearest Accommodation

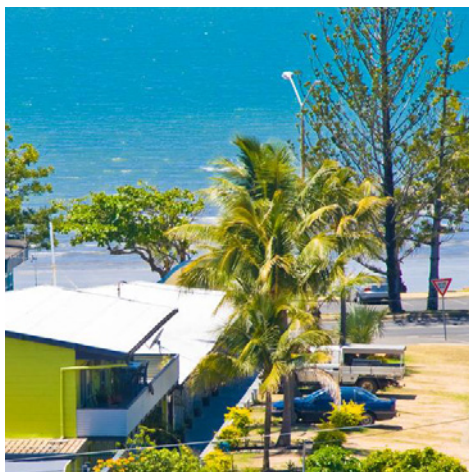
Keppel Bay Sailing Club is located in the heart of Yeppoon with the town centre and accommodation within easy walking distance.



*Salt Yeppoon*

Phone 07 4925 2200

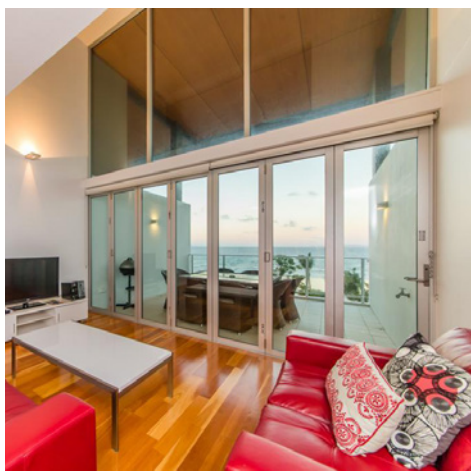
32-34 Anzac Parade, Yeppoon



*Surfside Motel Yeppoon*

Phone 07 4939 1272

30 Anzac Parade, Yeppoon



*Echelon Yeppoon*

Phone 07 4939 0900

18-22 Anzac Parade, Yeppoon



*Bayview Tower*

Phone 07 4939 4500

4 Adelaide Street, Yeppoon

## Other Accommodation

Further along the Capricorn Coast are many other accommodation providers within short driving distance of Keppel Bay Sailing Club.



### *Oshen Yeppoon*

Phone 07 4939 0700  
49 Hill Street, Yeppoon



### *Villa Mar Colina*

Phone 07 4939 3177  
34-36 Adelaide Street, Yeppoon



### *Beachside Caravan Park*

Phone 07 4939 3738  
71 Farnborough Road, Yeppoon



### *Poinciana Tourist Park*

Phone 07 4930 2325  
52-72 Scenic Highway, Yeppoon

# Things to do in the region

The Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton region offer many tourist attractions and activities all year round. Here is just a selection of what the region has in store for you.



## *Freedom Fast Cats*

Phone 07 4933 6888

John Howes Drive, Pier One, Rosslyn

Freedom Fast Cats takes you through the spectacular Keppel Bay Islands; located at Southern Great Barrier Reef near the Tropic of Capricorn, and boasting some of the most pristine beaches, and unspoilt habitats the reef has to offer.

Join the experienced crew for a memorable day exploring the Keppel Bay Islands. They have a range of different cruising options to suit all ages. If you like a more laid back pace, sit back relax and soak up the scenery as you cruise the coves and beaches. For the more adventurous type they have glass bottom boat cruises, snorkelling and the famous boom-netting.

Guaranteed to be a highlight of your visit to the Capricorn Coast!



## *Cooberrie Park*

Phone 4939 7590

9 Stones Road, Yeppoon

At Cooberrie Park Wildlife Sanctuary, you can cuddle a koala, hold a snake and hand feed their very friendly kangaroos and wallabies whilst you experience more than 350 fascinating native animals, across 70 Species. They successfully breed many endangered native animals including koalas, cassowaries, parrots and marsupials and have more than 350 animals, including dingoes, emus, wombats, possums, sugar gliders, koalas, cassowaries, bettongs, potoroos, fox, turtles and a large variety of native birds. The sanctuary can be found less than 15 minutes from Yeppoon Beach.

Cooberrie Park is the only Wildlife Sanctuary in Central Queensland that takes care of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife; they appreciate your support.



# Enjoy our natural environment

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## Capricorn Caves

Phone 07 4934 2883

30 Olsens Caves Road, The Caves

Capricorn Caves is the premier nature based attraction in Central Queensland. Here you can explore spectacular caves set in a limestone ridge and even spot little insectivorous bats in certain seasons. These magnificent caves are located north of Rockhampton and are winners of many major tourism and environment awards.

The Cathedral Cave Tour is the most popular with its wheelchair access and amazing natural acoustics within the Cathedral Chamber. For the adventurous, there are wild caving explorations or abseiling. The adrenaline charged caving tours involve underground exploration with the light of a cave helmet and are available on request.



## Byfield National Park

Phone 137 468

Email [qpws@nprsr.qld.gov.au](mailto:qpws@nprsr.qld.gov.au)

Byfield National Park and Byfield Conservation Park extend over 15,000 hectares. Boasting massive parabolic sand dunes (the oldest reaching more than five kilometres inland) and rugged pinnacles, the parks offer remote coastal camping opportunities. The area also supports many rare and endangered plants and animals and is the traditional home of the Darumbal Aboriginal people. These parks will delight birdwatchers. Sandy Point is part of an internationally recognised wetland and is a breeding site for migratory shorebirds. Explore coastal features along walking tracks ranging from easy to difficult.

Go fishing. Enjoy camping at one of three camping areas. Camping fees apply; book in advance during school holidays.

**Keppel Bay Sailing Club  
looks forward to welcoming you at the  
75th Sharpie National Championships  
in Yeppoon**



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