



Relocating to Townsville?

Here's what you need to know for a smooth moving!



<p>About Townsville</p>	<p>Townsville is known as the 'Capital of the North' and known as the Second Capital of Queensland. It is one of Australia's fastest-growing regional centres offering a vibrant and cosmopolitan lifestyle.</p> <p>Townsville offers a dynamic lifestyle coupled with strong economic prosperity. Indigenous groups were the first to find Townsville, such as the Walgurukaba, Bindal, GIRRUGUBBA, and many more.</p>
<p>Why Townsville?</p>	<p>The region has a strong and diverse economic base including mining, mineral processing, agriculture, manufacturing, education and research facilities, tourism and healthcare, government, and defence and now turning into an employment hub with opportunities.</p>
<p>Population</p>	<p>Ranking as the 4th best place to live after Brisbane, Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast. Australia's largest urban centre north of the Sunshine Coast, with a growing population upward of 195,00.</p> <p>Proximity to tropical sunshine, the Great Barrier Reef, amazing beaches, waterfalls, and the stunning Magnetic Island for scuba diving to yachting and more.</p>
<p>Weather</p>	<p>Townsville is blessed with almost (always) year-round sunny weather, which is why outdoors activities – such as hiking, beach parties, barbeques on the esplanade, water sports, yachting and day trips to Magnetic Island, are such popular past times here. Concerned about the heat in Summer? Don't be. It's all very manageable. Thanks to the cool, consistent north-easterly afternoon sea breeze that Townsville experiences throughout the year making evening a marvellous place to hang out.</p>

Proximity cities	<p>Living in Far North Queensland would be a postcard dream come true, with its tropical offerings and proximity to remarkable natural wonders and intricately connected to multicultural cities – Cairns and Townsville, you are provided with ample amenities and opportunities, giving you everything you'll need while living in the great Far North.</p>
Public Transport	<p>Bus services</p> <p>They are regular and connect people to all over Townsville and surrounding suburbs. Townsville does offer a public transport system consisting of bus services operated by Sunbus, a partner of Translink.</p> <p>As Townsville is a thriving precinct with many entertainment venues, including the Queensland Country Bank Stadium, events are well catered for – with the Hermit Park Bus Service also offering a charter service to any occasion.</p> <p>Taxi services</p> <p>Additionally available are taxis (13Cabs, Checker Cabs) and rideshares (Uber, DiDi, Ola, Shebah) as well as the opportunity to hire E-Scoters around Townsville centre</p> <p>Queensland Railway</p> <p>Townsville does not have a suburban rail service. However, Queensland Rail does encompass Townsville in its statewide travel schedules.</p>
Own a car or planning to own a car	<p>Take benefit of our novated lease package offering you tax benefits.</p> <p>Parking around the city has never been easier with Townsville Council's new smart meter technology setup in multiple locations in the city. Find link to Townsville Parking map here.</p>
Education institutions	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p style="text-align: right;">Here</p> <p>is a comprehensive overview of the educational landscape in Townsville, showcasing the city's top schools distinguished by their outstanding performance in NAPLAN rankings.</p> <p>Links below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Cook University • CQ University as well as world-class research institutions such as Australian Institute of Marine Science and CSIRO. • Townsville Grammar School • The Cathedral School of St Anne and St James • Annandale Christian College • TAFE Townsville

Townsville City Council

You might be surprised at the range of services Council provides and supports on daily basis to make Townsville an accessible and liveable city.

Not only that Council provides a range of events for the community while also building the capacity of local sport and recreation organisations under [Get Active + Healthy](#) initiative.

Check Townsville Council - Smart City Strategy used to monitor performance in achieving the liveability goals outlined within this strategy.

Find link here for more information:

- [Townsville Liveability Barometer Dashboard](#)
- [Customer Service Centre](#)
- [Mobile apps and E-newsletters](#)
- [Live-Townsville Publication](#)

Quick fact: Explore Townsville's history with Townsville Tours and Trails, a free, self-guided tour app with guided audio and walk through immersive GPS stop points.

Video on Life at Townsville "Alive with Curiosity"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9YMw6rEbOeYhttps://youtu.be/zr-DJNFSNIE?si=PBi-EHwZPqO5Ojdt>



Cost of Living

Rent Per Month

Rent Prices in Townsville are 40.2% lower than in Brisbane. Following estimates is a guide only, prices will vary at point of time.

	Brisbane	Townsville	
Rent Per Month			
Apartment (1 bedroom) in City Centre	2,600.62 A\$	1,375.00 A\$	-47.1 %
Apartment (1 bedroom) Outside of Centre	2,219.28 A\$	1,225.00 A\$	-44.8 %
Apartment (3 bedrooms) in City Centre	4,096.56 A\$	2,666.67 A\$	-34.9 %
Apartment (3 bedrooms) Outside of Centre	2,673.72 A\$	1,660.00 A\$	-37.9 %

Utilities	<p>Consumer Prices in Townsville approximately 20.7% lower than in Brisbane (without rent)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Utilities (Monthly)</th> <th>APPROX:</th> <th>Brisbane</th> <th>Townsville</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Basic (Electricity, Heating, Cooling, Water, Garbage) for 85m2</td> <td></td> <td>345.50 A\$</td> <td>142.50 A\$</td> <td>-58.8 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Apartment Mobile Phone Monthly Plan with Calls and 10GB+ Data</td> <td></td> <td>37.93 A\$</td> <td>45.00 A\$</td> <td>+18.6 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Internet (60 Mbps or More, Unlimited Data, Cable/ADSL)</td> <td></td> <td>93.78 A\$</td> <td>75.00 A\$</td> <td>-20.0 %</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Utilities (Monthly)	APPROX:	Brisbane	Townsville		Basic (Electricity, Heating, Cooling, Water, Garbage) for 85m2		345.50 A\$	142.50 A\$	-58.8 %	Apartment Mobile Phone Monthly Plan with Calls and 10GB+ Data		37.93 A\$	45.00 A\$	+18.6 %	Internet (60 Mbps or More, Unlimited Data, Cable/ADSL)		93.78 A\$	75.00 A\$	-20.0 %
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Shopping precincts, Family outings community events and markets	<p>Townsville has plenty of family-friendly spots to visit and are worth exploring:</p> <p>The Strand is a popular beachfront promenade and has a Strand Water Park which is also a great place for children to have fun.</p> <p>Castle Hill is the city's most prominent landmark offers 360-degree views from its peak and is worth the hike.</p> <p>Everyday Living and Fresh Grocery Shopping:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woolworths, Coles, Night owl, Seoul Mart, Toms fruit, IGA and mini mart, Asian supermarkets to bakery. • Cotter's Market • Strand Night Markets • Willows Markets • Magnetic Island Markets • Shopping Centres <p>Townsville has a range of shopping centres incorporating department stores, discount and fashion outlets, a range of specialty stores and supermarkets. For more information on Townsville's main shopping centres, visit the latest Google listing for locations.</p>																				
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Medical and Hospitals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Townsville Hospital and Health Service. • Townsville University Hospital. • Mater Private Hospital Townsville. • The Townsville Private Clinic. <p>For more information visit https://www.townsville.health.qld.gov.au/</p>																				

Also, for after-hours doctor services across Queensland, House Call Doctor provide a bulk billed after hours doctor service for all Medicare. For more information visit:

<https://housecalldoctor.com.au/blog/your-guide-to-townsville-hospitals/>

Recreation

Day trip



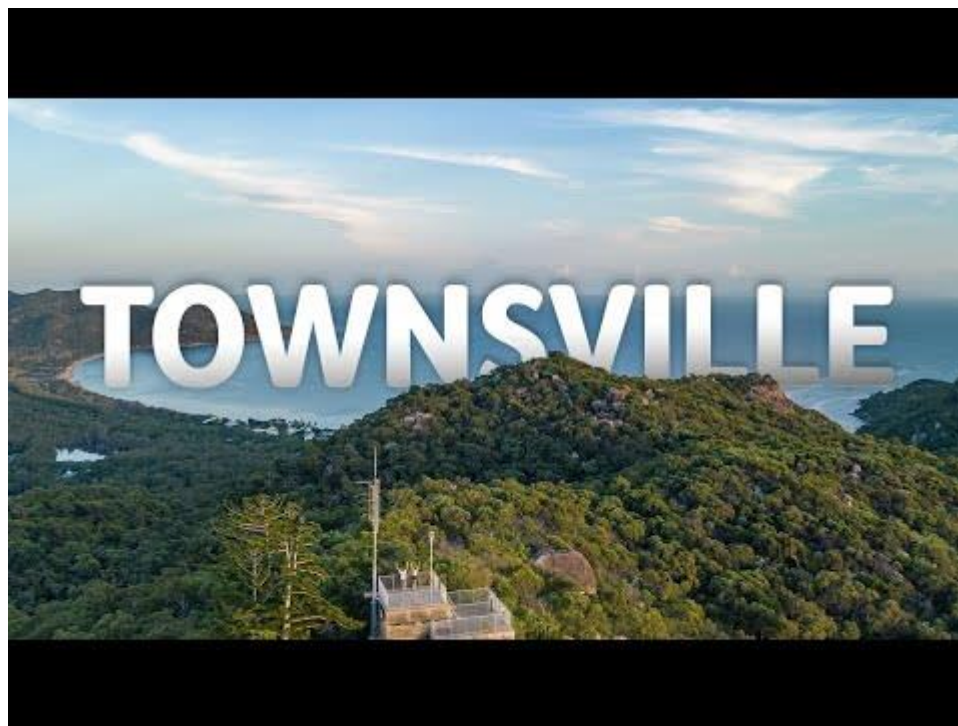
Day Trip to Magnetic Island, The Great Barrier Reef and Daintree Rainforest hop on a ferry and head to Magnetic Island, 8 kilometres off the coast of Townsville. Magnetic Island is a relaxing tropical paradise, with pristine beaches, fascinating shipwrecks, scenic hiking trails, wild koalas and wallabies.

For more information visit:

<https://youtu.be/Wn2fWXBIMcY?si=oHYXamZI8Dzz4LZP>

Other activities

[\(863\) TOWNSVILLE | Best things to do in Townsville - YouTube](#)



About Resources

Office



[Business Centre location](#)

Address: Level 9, 445 Flinders Street, Townsville

Postal address: PO Box 5318, Townsville QLD 4810

Contact: 13 QGOV (13 74 68)

Operating hours: 9 am - 4 pm, Monday - Friday
(excluding public holidays)

Approx: 100+ staff

Resources Services	<p>Available local Resources services:</p> <p>Land valuations</p> <p>State land</p> <p>Surveying</p> <p>Vegetation management</p>
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locality Allowance of \$43.40 shown at the full fortnightly rates. Half-rates may apply for the Locality Allowance. Pro rata rates may apply for part-time employees. • Recreational 5 Weeks (25 Days) • Sick leave 10 days p.a. • 14.0% Leave loading is paid annually in December and is equivalent to a percentage of recreational leave accrual per annum. <p>For more information, visit Locality Allowances (Directive 16/18) and Schedule 2 RAIS Incentive.</p>
Local Government	<p>Townsville City, Boulia, Burdekin, Burke, Carpentaria, Charters Towers, Cloncurry, Flinders, Hinchinbrook, McKinlay, Mount Isa, Richmond</p>