

A SNAPSHOT OF BEERWAH



LOCALITY PROFILE



Beerwah includes a growing township, with some industrial and commercial areas, and surrounding rural areas and bushland. The locality lies south of Landsborough, north of Glass House Mountains and west of the Bruce Highway. Beerwah is named after Mount Beerwah, which was named from Aboriginal words meaning “sky” or “climbing up” or “up in the sky”.

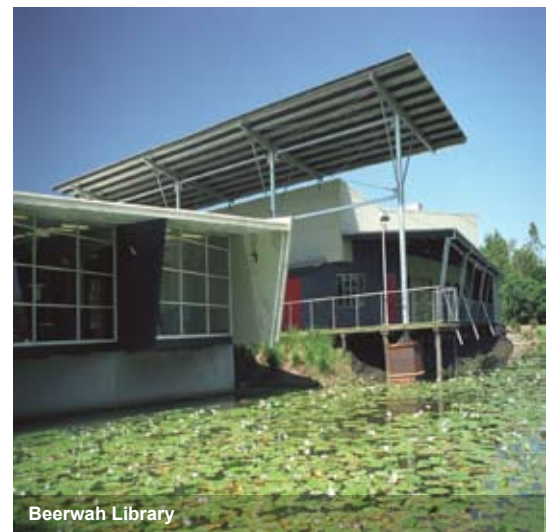
Sunshine Coast Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land and their rich cultural heritage. For more information on the Indigenous history of this area, visit www.sunshinecoastcis.qld.gov.au/indigi.html.

European settlement of the area dates from the mid 1800s, with land used mainly for timber-getting and farming. Population was minimal until the 1890s, spurred by the opening of the railway line and the establishment of the township. Significant development did not occur until the post-war years, with the population increasing since the early 1900s. Today rural land is used mainly for fruit, nut and vegetable growing, with some grazing.

Major attractions of the area include Australia Zoo, Beerwah Golf Club, Beerwah Marketplace, Beerwah township, Beerwah railway station and several schools.



LOCALITY FACTS



» Community Spaces and Places:

- » Beerwah Library
- » Beerwah State Forest
- » Luttons State Forest
- » Beerwah Forest Reserve
- » Glass House Mountains National Park (Bluegum Creek and Coochin Hills Sections)
- » Mount Coochin
- » Beerwah & District Community Hall
- » Beerwah Skate Park
- » Beerwah Sportsground
- » Beerwah Aquatic Centre
- » Cabrera Park
- » Mill Park
- » Newton Park
- » Turner Park
- » Beerwah Cemetery

Note: This is not an exhaustive list. This is only indicative of the types of facilities available in the area

LOCAL INSIGHT



According to the local community.....

Locals love the natural features of Beerwah, especially the surrounding bushland which is filled with an abundance of wildlife, and the fantastic views of the nearby mountains. People choose to live in Beerwah for the “quiet country town” lifestyle, the family-friendly aspect and the great sense of community. Residents also love the convenience of being only “20 minutes to the beach and 45 minutes to the city” due to having great access to public transport facilities. The heritage of the town is also a source of pride for many residents, with descendants of early settlers still living in the area. Many locals are involved in volunteering and participate in local organisations and events. Active community members contribute to school activities and fetes, Neighbourhood Watch, Anzac Day marches, Christmas carols and the Rotary Glasshouse Country Sustainability and Garden Expo. There is a strong sense of community and neighbourliness in the area. “Everyone is kind and caring and everyone gets along even if you don’t know them”. People connect to the community through various community interest groups, many of which meet at the public library. “We have found the town a vibrant, friendly community with a range of activities and services to suit our needs.”

This Local Insight section has been developed from community responses to the **Community Neighbourhood Survey 2010** and other recent 2010 consultations.

KEY STATISTICS FOR LOCALITY

	Locality	Sunshine Coast	Queensland
Home owners	34.5%	34.2%	30.4%
Home renters	25.0%	28.4%	30.0%
Detached housing	87.2%	61.6%	69.5%
Medium density housing	7.6%	15.1%	13.3%
High density housing	0.0%	7.0%	5.3%
Total couples with children	41.4%	38.5%	43.3%
Total one parent families	16.3%	15.8%	15.9%
Couple families without children	41.5%	44.7%	39.1%
Lone person households	16.5%	21.9%	21.7%
Group households	3.6%	3.8%	4.3%
Total primary school attending	9.2% (375)	8.7% (24,144)	8.9% (348,118)
Total secondary school attending	6.3% (255)	6.2% (17,047)	6.1% (236,526)
Total tertiary attending	3.6% (150)	3.9% (10,635)	5.2% (205,517)

AGE STRUCTURE FOR LOCALITY

	Locality	Sunshine Coast	Queensland
0 to 4	6.4%	5.8%	6.5%
5 to 11	10.2%	9.2%	9.6%
12 to 17	9.3%	8.3%	8.5%
18 to 24	7.5%	7.1%	9.4%
25 to 34	8.9%	10.4%	13.3%
35 to 49	22.2%	21.2%	21.8%
50 to 59	14.3%	13.8%	12.9%
60 to 69	10.9%	11.6%	9.0%
70 to 84	8.7%	10.8%	7.5%
85 and over	1.6%	1.9%	1.5%

» **Total population** 4,069
 » **Land area** 5,829 Hectares

Please note: This locality sheet is produced by the Community Planning and Strategy Unit, using ABS 2006 Census data based on enumerated population, and is part of a set of 44 locality snapshots within the Sunshine Coast region.

This fact sheet is based on the Sunshine Coast Council Community Profile, which is available at www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au