



2019 Oceania Athletics

Masters Championships

Saturday 31 August to Saturday 7 September 2019

The Mackay Region of Queensland invites the attendee's of the Oceania Athletics Masters Championships to attend the 2019 Championships in the Mackay region.





Welcome to Mackay

The Mackay Region is Nature. Reserved for you, and for those that seek out life's quieter corners. If you appreciate natural splendour, you'll love exploring a region where the surroundings are unspoiled.

A perfect getaway for families, couples or the single traveller, The Mackay Region can offer natural experiences, fun-filled adventures or pure relaxation with a backdrop of gorgeous scenery and amazing sunsets. Whether it's inland, on the coast or in the City Centre, see nature come to life with unique and rare experiences in The Mackay Region.

Fall asleep to the sound of waterfalls and wake up surrounded by lush rainforest. Enjoy sunrise with wallabies or sink your toes in the sand at a secluded beach. These are just some of the unique and magical moments you will experience when you visit The MackayRegion.

Explore Australia's largest sub-tropical rainforest with a visit to Eungella National Park and allow Finch Hatton Gorge to take your breath away. Find a secluded fishing spot to soak up the sun or head out on an exciting ocean adventure to one of the many surrounding islands.

Escape the crowds and discover untouched beaches and islands. Indulge in fresh, local produce at one of the many, friendly restaurants and eateries that offer superb hospitality. Take in the beautiful blue-water views of the Pioneer River.

Mackay city also has unique charms of its own including a picturesque blue-water river, a world-class marina precinct, numerous beaches and professional sporting facilities. The region is home to a number of prosperous industries including mining, agriculture (particularly sugar cane) and tourism.

Visit any time of the year and you will be able to immerse yourself in the local history and culture and experience exciting entertainment with an extensive choice of events that are unique to The Mackay Region.

So what are you waiting for? Escape the crowds and find your own slice of paradise with a visit that will bring you closer to nature and leave you feeling refreshed, relaxed and rejuvenated in The Mackay Region.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Mackay Regional Sports Precinct

The new \$24 million dollar sporting complex has commenced development at CQUniversity Mackay's Ooralea Campus in Mackay, Queensland, Australia. The precinct is due for completion in February 2019 and will provide the local community and region with specialised sport and recreational facilities. These state-of-the-art facilities will assist in hosting National, State and Local sporting competitions and will boost tourism, development and liveability in the region.

The overall vision is to develop a multi-facility precinct which caters for the future growth of Mackay and meets the future planning needs for sport and recreation in the region. The Mackay Regional Sports Precinct is a joint initiative between the Australian Government, Mackay Regional Council and CQUniversity. The Mackay Regional Sports Precinct is located 7km from the Mackay CBD.

IAAF Class 2 Athletics Facility consisting of:

- a synthetic surface running track consisting of an eight lane x 400 metre track, a nine lane 113metre main sprint straight and an eight lane 103 metre secondary sprint straight;
- four long jump pits and two triple jump options;
- a steeplechase water jump;
- one discus circle;
- one discus/hammer circle;
- three shot put circles;
- two high jump fans;
- two javelin runways;
- one dual pole vaulting runway;
- a 330 square metre clubhouse with canteen, meeting rooms, amenities and storage;
- a rectangular multi-use playing field within the centre of the running track;
- spectator seating areas
- car parking facilities for 135 cars plus overflow parking;
- General lighting to 100 lux

Aquatic Centre consisting of at least:

- one 50 metre, 10 lane outdoor heated competition pool;
- one 25 metre, 6 lane covered heated warm-up program pool;
- one 15metre, 5 lane covered heated pool;
- pool entry, reception, canteen and office;
- control room for events, first aid room & multi-function area.
- Toilets, change rooms and concourse showers;
- spectator seating areas
- car parking facilities for 135 cars plus overflow parking;
- General lighting to 100 lux



DESTINATION FAST FACTS

Mackay's central location, and ease of access by air, road and rail, makes the destination accessible and attractive to potential delegates.

Mackay is one of Australia's fastest growing, yet most idyllic regions, where lifestyle and prosperity are the daily currency and the world is increasingly gathering to meet, work and play. A fresh new event destination, Mackay boasts affordable world-class facilities and services with small town hospitality and excellence in customer service.

Unique Regional Experiences

- * Scuba diving with platypus
- * Spectacular salt and freshwater fishing
- * The sparkling blue of the Pioneer River
- * Spot migrating whales
- * An impressive marina village with alfresco dining
- * Admire Queensland's best collection of art deco architecture (20 lovingly restored heritage listed buildings)
- * Southern Hemisphere's largest Coal Export Facility and largest bulk sugar terminal
- * The gateway to the mining trail
- * 120 km from Airlie Beach – the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef
- * Conference facility at the MECC is also an entertainment centre, providing the opportunity, depending on programming, for delegates to enjoy a live performance



Climate

Just 340km north of the Tropic of Capricorn, the Mackay-Isaac region's hot summers and mild, sunny winters make its climate one of the best in the world. Average daily temperatures range from just over 22°C in the winter months of June-August, up to 30°C during the summer months December-February.

MONTH	MEAN TEMP (C)	HUMIDITY (%)	RAINFALL (MM)
January	30	23	293
February	30	23	311
March	28	22	303
April	27	20	134
May	24	17	104
June	22	14	59
July	21	13	47
August	22	14	30
September	25	16	15
October	27	20	38
November	29	22	87
December	30	23	175

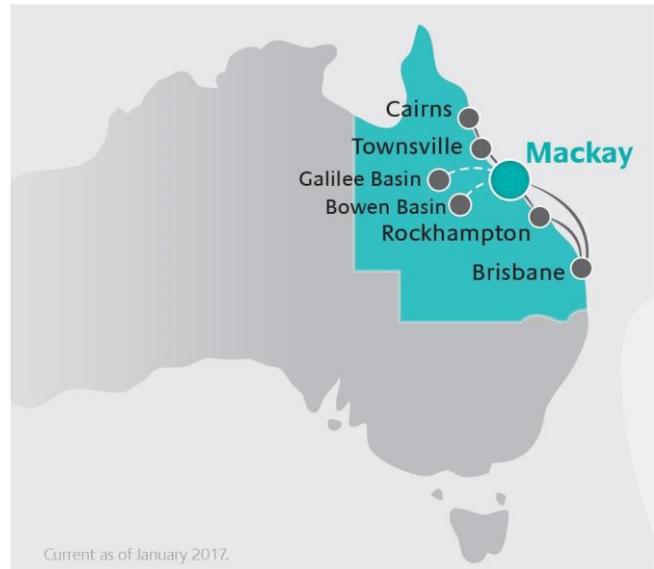


DESTINATION FAST FACTS

Accessibility & Airport

Mackay is one of Queensland's most accessible regional destinations by air, road or rail.

Affordable and frequent air services into Mackay Airport enhance the destination's appeal as an events destination, with more than 110 flights to the region each week (with many other connecting flights available) from Brisbane, Rockhampton, Gladstone, Townsville and Cairns - serviced by Virgin Australia, QantasLink and Jetstar airlines. Mackay Airport is located seven kilometres from the Mackay CBD.



Sitting astride the Bruce Highway, Mackay also has excellent road connections. Rail access is also available via Queensland Railways "Spirit of Queensland" train service which travels the state's coastline from Cairns to Brisbane and all regions in between. With five return services per week, it offers an alternative mode of transport for visitors from nearby regional areas.



TAXI:

Mackay Taxi - Provides door to door passenger service in one of the largest service areas in Queensland, covering Sarina in the south to Airlie Beach in the north. www.131008.com



LIMOUSINE :

Mackay Diamond Limousines - Local business servicing the Mackay area offering prompt and superb luxury travel whether it's hassle free airport transfers or for a special event. [0408 234 481](tel:0408234481)



COACH:

Greyhound Australia - Operates a fleet in excess of 60 vehicles based in the Central Queensland region. The fleet includes minibuses, commuters through to 50-seater modern coaches. greyhound.com.au

Mackay Transit Coaches - Operates a fleet of over 70 vehicles ranging from 11 to 61 seaters. Vehicles are equipped with state-of-the-art vehicle technology and crafted for comfort, durability and efficiency. mackaytransit.com.au



INFRASTRUCTURE

Accommodation



★ MACKAY ★ GRANDE ★ SUITES ★

Mackay Grande Suites
9 Gregory Street, Mackay
4.5 stars
3.1km from BB Print Stadium



Oaks Carlyle
23 Alfred, Mackay
4 star, 2.6km from Stadium
Oaks Rivermarque
55-63 River Street, Mackay
4 star, 3.4km from Stadium



RIVIERA MACKAY

Riviera Mackay
5-7 Nelson Street, Mackay
4.5 stars
4.4km from BB Print Stadium



Quest Mackay on Gordon
27 Gardn Street, Mackay
4.5 stars, 2.9km from Stadium
Quest Mackay
37 Macalister Street, Mackay
4.5 stars, 3.1km from Stadium



Potters Oceanside Motel
20 Gardn Street, Mackay
4 self rated
3.7km from BB Print Stadium



Ibis Mackay Airport
Christensen Circuit, Mackay
3 stars
4.2km from BB Print Stadium



DIRECT HOTELS & APARTMENTS

Pacific Sands
3 Kirribilli Ave, Mackay
4.5 stars
3.9km from BB Print Stadium



Lanai Riverside Apartments
20 River Street, Mackay
4 stars
4.3km from BB Print Stadium

For a full listing of accommodation in the Mackay region visit: www.mackayregion.com/accommodation



PRE & POST TOURING & ACTIVITIES

The Mackay region boasts a diverse mix of leisure products, destinations and activities to appeal to delegates and accompanying partners for pre and post touring. Whether you choose to stay in Mackay, head just outside the city, or go further afield. Highlights include:

IN MACKAY...

The Bluewater Lagoon - this huge man-made recreational lagoon surrounded by landscaped gardens is located in the heart of the city, overlooking the blue Pioneer River. This free-access family-friendly leisure facility comprises three tiered lagoons, a Kid's Corner, water slide and café.

The Bluewater Trail & Quay - the trail incorporates raised boardwalks plus extensive pedestrian and bike pathways, which meander along the river and through the city's green spaces, eventually leading to the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens.

Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens - a green 51 hectare oasis surrounding wildlife-filled lagoons just five kilometres from the city centre. Facilities include the Lagoon Gallery & Café and outdoor deck area. Free guided tours are provided for visitors to explore and enjoy the peaceful surrounds of one of Australia's newest and most innovative botanical gardens.

Artspace Mackay - Mackay's diverse culture starts here at this architectural award-winning regional art gallery. Local arts on display, touring exhibitions and heritage, all located in the city centre.

Mackay Marina Village - admire one of Queensland's largest marinas; embark upon a saltwater or freshwater fishing excursion; enjoy alfresco dining in a range of restaurants overlooking the marina or enjoy live music and entertainment.

Beaches - The Mackay region boasts over 31 beaches. Eimeo Beach was awarded as one of the best beaches in "Australia's 101 Beach Search", and boasts sweeping panoramic views of the Coral Sea. Mackay's Town Beach offers numerous water sports activities for the more active-minded.

ON OUR DOORSTEP...

Sarina Sugar Shed - an award-winning local attraction located ½ hour south of Mackay. It features Australia's only miniature sugar mill and distillery specialising in delicious rums and liqueurs, sauces, chutneys, and home-made fudge confectionary.

Pioneer Valley and Eungella National Park - the park's ancient rainforest is one of the best places in the world to see the remarkable and very shy platypus in the wild. It is just one hour's drive from the Mackay CBD and offers a range of dining and activity options, including the chance to scuba dive with the platypus.

Scenic Finch Hatton Gorge - a leisurely hour drive inland and at 2,500 feet above sea level, is a spot where visitors can enjoy a picnic and a refreshing swim in the Gorge's fresh water.

Cape Hillsborough - share a beach sunrise with the wallabies. This spectacular coastal national park is made up of dramatic headlands, rainforests and nature walks.

Mackay Islands - stay on Keswick Island. Pristine beaches, virgin forests and vibrant coral. This well-kept secret island houses some beautiful accommodation with spectacular views.



PRE & POST TOURING & ACTIVITIES

Old Station Tea House - (45 km and 35 min drive from the CBD) A teahouse that has been skilfully relocated and restored from an old railway station. Complete with homemade jam and a selection of conserves from surrounding producers, the beautifully landscaped tropical gardens are a popular location for local functions. It is as much an attraction as an eating place.

FURTHER AFIELD...

Proserpine - (125km drive from the CBD) Day tours are available with visits to the Whitsunday Gold Coffee Plantation for morning tea, and a shopping afternoon at the quirky "Color Me Crazy" gift shop. .

Airlie Beach, The Whitsundays - (125km drive from the CBD) The Whitsundays is a world renowned holiday destination, with Whitsunday icons like the Great Barrier Reef, Heart Reef and Whitehaven Beach at the top of millions of bucket lists the world around. Airlie Beach is the hub of the Whitsundays region, being the largest town on the Whitsunday Coast, almost entirely focused on tourism.

The Mining Trail and Serenity Coast - Be inspired by the magic of The Mining Trail and splendour of the Serenity Coast that lie within the Mackay-Isaac region of Queensland. A tourist route less travelled, The Mining Trail follows the passage of coal from our mines in the Bowen Basin, to the place of export to our overseas customers. The trail spans some 300 kilometres along the Peak Downs Highway between Clermont, Moranbah, Dysart, Nebo, Mackay, Hay Point and Sarina.

For more activities in the Mackay region visit www.mackayregion.com

