

LANDMARK POSTCODE

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**LOCATION:** Bundaberg  
4.5 hours north of Brisbane

**POPULATION:** 49,000

**INDUSTRIES:** Horticulture, sugarcane, food and agri-processing, aviation, education

**CLIMATE:** Temperate  
Summer: 21.3°C – 30.3°C  
Winter: 9.9°C – 22.0°C  
Rainfall: 1142mm

If you're seeking climatic uniformity, then Bundaberg is for you.

Apart from a very flaunt-able location at the southern gateway to the Great Barrier Reef, this burgeoning provincial service centre boasts Australia's most equable climate, and is said to rank fifth in the world for the same characteristic.

Bundaberg straddles the Burnett River just a few kilometres from a pristine slice of the Queensland coastline which is physically protected by Fraser Island to the east and legislatively protected by eight coastal National Parks. Whale watching in Hervey Bay, fishing, snorkelling or diving off Lady Elliott Island, or four wheel driving your way through some wilderness country – it's all within reach of Bundaberg.

"It's a great lifestyle," confirmed Landmark's Derek Goni. "Well-protected beaches, superb fishing. And it's affordable living."

This affordability is inspiring growth in Bundaberg's industrial and manufacturing sector. "Labour is well-priced and there are a wealth of

opportunities, including the Bundaberg Technology Park and well-maintained and competitively-costed port and marina infrastructure."

The iconic Bundaberg Rum Distillery is being joined by other manufacturers and an aviation sector which picks up on Bundaberg's sky-bound heritage and flies with it.

The Hinkler Hall of Aviation pays tribute to Bundaberg's own aviation pioneer, Bert Hinkler, who was significant to aeronautical advancement in the twentieth century.

The Bundaberg Regional Airport is the site of ongoing development including plans for a business and residential airpark which will allow direct allotment-to-airfield access.

"The airport upgrades will be attractive to carriers and hopefully we'll see some economical airfares," said Derek. "That makes it much more viable for prospective purchasers to fly-in and inspect properties in the district."

But it's that equable climate which endows Bundaberg with one of its best-known assets – swathes of rich green sugarcane country producing around a fifth of Queensland's sugar crop.

"Bundaberg is well-known for sugar growing and milling," said Derek Goni. "The Bundaberg Sugar Terminal is Queensland's second largest. We also have a strong vegetable and cropping sector. We've had some very healthy rainfall that's filled up the dams and got everything looking lush."

Austchilli, the largest and most technologically advanced chilli producer in Australia, has made its home in Bundaberg. Austchilli is a

substantial employer and contributor to the regional economy through its innovative growing, processing and packaging operations, including certified organic processes.

The horticulture sector is diverse with macadamia nuts, tomatoes, capsicum, zucchini, and watermelon rounding out the region's growing reputation as a salad and fruit bowl.

Bundaberg is projected to become a retiree mecca over the coming decades. Already there are around 10 retirement villages in the precinct and, for golfers, a new links-side residential development.

Derek adds: "Bundaberg has all the services you'd expect in a city this size. There's a university campus, retail complexes and more than 120 parks, gardens and sports facilities."

Whether you come to cultivate some sugarcane, enjoy the great lifestyle or search for the Bundy Bear, you know one thing you can count on in Bundaberg – the climate.

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#### PROPERTY GUIDE:

Rural: 20-30 acre lifestyle property with house \$376,500

Rural: 170-acre improved farming country \$560,000 – \$570,000