

LANDMARK POSTCODE

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Tumby Bay foreshore
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LOCATION: Tumby Bay
6.5 hours west of Adelaide

POPULATION: 1,700

INDUSTRIES: Agriculture, fishing, tourism

CLIMATE: Temperate
Summer: 13.7°C – 26.1°C
Winter: 5.7°C – 15.3°C
Rainfall: 483mm

If you've "gone fishing" in South Australia, there's a good chance you've gone to Tumby Bay.

Famous for its snapper and whiting, Tumby Bay is a coastal mecca for anglers, holidaymakers and retirees.

In peak season the population swells with families, friends and fun-seekers, many taking the drive from Adelaide to reach this charming seaside town on the eastern side of the Eyre Peninsula.

Tumby Bay nestles between a backdrop of bucolic, rolling hills and a 10-kilometre fringe of white sandy beach and blue, blue waters. It's a safe, sheltered haven for swimmers and a perfect spot for all manner of water-based pursuits.

Recreational anglers can drop a line from the jetty or venture offshore via the centrally located boat ramp.

Twelve nautical miles east is a marine sanctuary, the Sir Joseph Banks Group of Islands, where a huge variety of seals, seabirds, dolphins and fish inspire sightseers and diving enthusiasts.

Not surprisingly, commercial fishing is a key

industry in the region with snapper, King George whiting and abalone predominant.

But, according to Landmark's Mark Lawson, Tumby Bay's main identity is as a service centre to its thriving agricultural catchment. "It's mainly cropping – wheat, barley, peas, lupins and canola. Sheep and cattle grazing are also part of the mix."

"The annual rainfall varies as you move westward, from 11 inches on the flats up to 18 inches up in the hills, so there's a variety of agricultural opportunities and plenty of diversification. Canola is a great high-value crop for many producers."

"The rural market is tightly held with most transactions being off-market between neighbours."

The Tumby Bay township is a favourite with retirees thanks to its charming coastal location combined with a laid-back atmosphere and outstanding services.

"We have a great hospital with four doctors, excellent aged care services and supermarkets, hotels, shops, banks and more."

A Reception to Year 12 school caters for families, who are also attracted by the quiet pace of life and the low crime rate.

"In the Tumby township, there is a consistent turnover of properties, with retirees moving in, or on," said Mark. "The seaside location makes Tumby a solid investment for permanent or seasonal rentals and there are many holiday homes in the area. That all creates lively sales and rental demand."

"Large properties down near the marina can fetch up to a million dollars with smaller homes a street or two back offering great value."

The Tumby Bay tourist sector works actively to extend the visitor experience beyond the beach and into art and craft galleries, museums, stunning parks and gardens, golf courses, tourist trails and look-outs.

Scenic drives inland through the farming precinct offer seasonally changing vistas and an opportunity for city folk to connect with the pleasures of rural living.

Spoiling yourself with a great coffee, Devonshire tea or gourmet meal is all part of the fun with a vibrant café and dining culture ensuring a plethora of options.

It's a rich, full-featured offering that makes the trip to Tumby Bay well worthwhile and keeps visitors coming back again and again.

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PROPERTY GUIDE:

Residential: Three or four bedroom coastal home \$300,000-\$450,000

Rural: \$500-\$1200 per acre, depending on location and rainfall