

REDCLIFFE WAS OCCUPIED BY SETTLERS UNTIL THE 1880S WHEN IT BECAME A FASHIONABLE SEASIDE RESORT AND TODAY IS A BOATIES PARADISE AND SUMMER DESTINATION FOR THOUSANDS.

HOME TRUTHS

FOOD & DRINK

There's a great selection of restaurants and cafes throughout Scarborough, offering a range of menu choices to an increasingly discerning community. Some popular options include the Scarborough Hotel, Morgans Seafood Restaurant, The Boroughs Cafe Wine Bar with its Mediterranean-inspired cuisine and in nearby Redcliffe there's Waterlily with its French-Asian menu.

SCHOOLS

The region has a range of primary and senior schools and a TAFE campus. Senior school education is available through the Redcliffe State High School, Grace Lutheran College and the Southern Cross Catholic College.

OUTDOORS

The great outdoors is Scarborough's speciality with plenty of parks, reserves and gardens. The waterfront has no shortage of parkland with playground equipment to keep the youngsters happy and dedicated barbecue areas for family picnics. Scarborough Beach Park and the Redcliffe Botanical Gardens are well worth a visit.

ENTERTAINMENT

For a night out, check out the Mousetrap Theatre whose dedicated volunteers produce great shows annually. The Scarborough Hotel is one of the local hangouts and the Redcliffe Leagues Club has a range of live entertainment and dining options and is a good spot to meet up with family and friends in a relaxed atmosphere for an enjoyable meal and dancing. The Redcliffe Cultural Centre also hosts movies, eisteddfods, conferences, musicals and dramatic performances.

Scarborough so fair

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THE old English folk song *Are You Going to Scarborough Fair?* may evoke memories of medieval times and the British seaside port of Scarborough, yet one can draw some comparisons with Queensland's own waterfront namesake.

With views across Moreton Bay and to the Glass House Mountains, the bayside suburb is a hub of local activity centred around sun, sea and surf.

Scarborough is part of the City of Redcliffe which encompasses Clontarf, Woody Point, Kippa Ring and Margate and has undergone substantial changes over its lengthy history.

The Redcliffe Peninsula city was the first European settlement in Queensland, with the brig *Amity* landing on its shores on September 13, 1824. *Amity* brought convicts and crew who called the area home until the settlement was relocated to the Brisbane River in 1925.

Redcliffe was occupied by settlers until the 1880s when it became known as a fashionable seaside resort.

Similar to English seaside resorts, a growing number of people discovered Redcliffe's sandy shores.

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made it preferable to access the region by motor vehicle. The 2.8km bridge was built in 1935 as a vital arterial link to Brisbane.

One of the longest bridges in the Southern Hemisphere, it is no longer open to traffic but is used by walkers, sightseers and by young and old who dangle a line over the side in the hope of catching a meal.

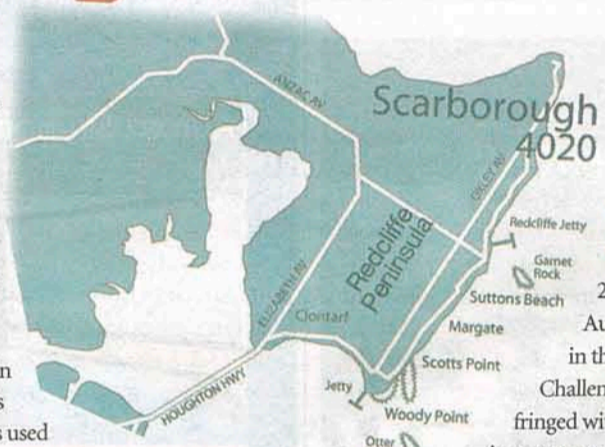
The jetty is now a gateway to Moreton Island with cruise boats leaving regularly to cross the bay.

The city is home to about 50,000 and is experiencing a substantial population boom, with the council making a strong commitment to continually improve facilities.

This commitment has included the implementation of new facilities, including a public library, art gallery and redevelopment of the hospital.

New developments include the Seymour Group's *The Bay* apartments at Scarborough, the first completed project in the area which was recently dubbed by Australia's consumer and trend's commentator Bernard Salt as Brisbane's answer to Sydney's Bondi or Melbourne's St Kilda.

The Bay and another Seymour Group apartment complex *The Beach*



are in Prince Edward Parade, which is considered the millionaires' row of Scarborough/Redcliffe.

FIVE GREAT SPOTS

1 Scarborough Boat Harbour: The central commercial fishing hub where seafood comes in on trawlers and is sold by the local seafood market, restaurants and fish and chipperies. It is the gateway to Moreton Island with day cruises and barges departing daily.

2 Boroughs Cafe Wine Bar: Inspired by Mediterranean and modern Australian cuisine with an intimate dining experience in stylish settings. A private dining sunroom is available for special occasions or quiet dinners for two. The menu is mostly organic with dishes including braised lamb shanks with tomatoes, olives, chorizo and Spanish *la Chinata* paprika or steamed Tasmanian mussels.

3 Scarborough Beach and Park: In 2003 it was named Australia's Friendliest Beach in the Australian Clean Beach Challenge. The beachfront is fringed with Norfolk pines and is a great spot for summer fun. The adjacent park contains shade shelters, barbecues, picnic tables, toilet facilities and accessible car park. There are themed play areas for children such as Pirate Place and Railway Place.

4 Morgans Seafood: A combined seafood market, takeaway, restaurant and Teppanyaki Room, Morgans includes an oyster bar and sushi bar and is frequented by thousands of visitors every month.

5 Moreton Bay Boat Club: The club with its 118-berth marina, operates casual and long-term berth rentals and has a number of seasonal activities available for watersports and sailing enthusiasts including fishing, diving, sailing and touring. The clubhouse contains a fully-licensed bar and the Harbourside Restaurant. Keno machines and live entertainment on Friday nights and Saturday afternoons gives plenty of entertainment variety.

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