



Live  
**Rockhampton**  
SOMEWHERE  
TO BELONG

# YOUR GUIDE

WORK, LIVE, PLAY CLOSE TO JOBS

A TRUE WORK-LIFE BALANCE AN EDUCATION HUB

BIG CITY ADVANTAGES, SMALL CITY AFFORDABILITY

NATURE, ADVENTURE + 300 DAYS OF SUNSHINE



Days of sunshine  
300+

# Rockhampton Region



Galilee Basin

Emerald

Blackwater

Rockhampton

A2 Capricorn Highway



Keppel Island



Southern Great Barrier Reef



Bowen Basin

Gladstone

A1 Bruce Highway

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# ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROCKHAMPTON

**LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME? ROCKHAMPTON  
DELIVERS ON ALL OF YOUR BIG TICKET LIFESTYLE  
MUST-HAVES AND MORE.**

Rockhampton is Central Queensland's largest city. As an axial hub for all major roads throughout the State, Rockhampton is uniquely situated as both a highly accessible and extremely vital regional service centre.

The region is perfectly positioned as a drive-in, drive-out base for accessing employment opportunities in

the Bowen Basin, Galilee Basin and Central Highlands, and with a growing population of over 87,000 residents there are career openings in a range of thriving sectors including agriculture, corporate and government services, education, tourism and health.

A mere 1 hour flight away from Brisbane, and within a half-hour drive of the Southern

Great Barrier Reef and some of Queensland's most gorgeous beaches, Rocky, as the locals call it, is a vibrant city that can genuinely offer the opportunity to achieve a harmonious work-life balance.

With 300 days of sunshine a year, Rockhampton is all about enjoying the great outdoors. The region experiences comfortable temperatures all year round - warm enough to swim yet cool enough to explore, play and adventure.





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big city advantages at a  
**fraction** of the price





Cost of Housing  
Median monthly mortgage Repayments  
Median Weekly Rent

Rockhampton

\$1,550

\$270

Brisbane

\$1,885

\$360

Sydney

\$2,167

\$450

# A PLACE TO LIVE WORK + PLAY

**MAKE THE MOVE TO ROCKHAMPTON –  
YOU’LL DISCOVER SURPRISINGLY AFFORDABLE  
COUNTRY LIVING WITH ALL THE BIG CITY  
ADVANTAGES, RIVER AND MOUNTAIN VIEWS,  
A CRUISEY THIRTY-MINUTE DRIVE TO THE COAST,  
AND AN EASY COMMUTE TO WORK.**

Compared to national real estate averages, Rockhampton’s housing affordability is exceptional. It’s a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Whether you’re looking for an urban riverside inner-city apartment, a classic Queenslander, a homestead on acreage or a modern family home, Rockhampton can offer somewhere for everyone to belong.

Getting from A to B is hassle-free, whether you choose to drive, ride or walk. Rockhampton’s wide streets, modern layout and plentiful walking and cycling tracks will help you get there quickly and safely. Locals consider a 3-minute stop as a major traffic jam!

From the furthest northern suburbs to the airport, with the city in-between, nothing is more than 15 minutes away, so enjoy the time saved to do what you love most.



## CITY LIVING

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### ROCKHAMPTON CITY

The revitalised CBD and Riverside precincts are buzzing with new high-rise apartments, spacious converted warehouse apartments and renovated cottages.

Inner city living gives you stunning views, riverside parks and recreation - and all the dining and shopping options you could wish for, on your doorstep.

## SOUTH OF THE RIVER

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### THE RANGE | ALLENSTOWN | WANDAL WEST ROCKHAMPTON

Prestigious heritage Queenslanders populate The Range. Meticulously restored homes cluster around the medical precinct, Botanic Gardens and Zoo, and the Rockhampton Golf Club.

On the lower slopes, Allenstown, Wandal and West Rockhampton have affordable family homes in heritage styles on generous, flatter land.

## NORTH OF THE RIVER

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### PARK AVENUE | BERSERKER | KOONGAL LAKES CREEK

Park Avenue, Berserker, Koongal and Lakes Creek follow the Fitzroy's north bank and spread north and west.

You'll find mainly older renovated residences in the Queenslander style, built in the mid to late 1900's, and lowset modern brick homes on larger blocks.





Median House Price

\$262,000



Median City Unit Rental

\$300/wk

## FOOTHILLS OF MOUNT ARCHER

FRENCHVILLE | KAWANA  
NORMAN GARDENS

Frenchville is predominantly a suburb of generously sized brick homes built in the '70s and '80s, with plenty of parks and walking tracks. High-end smaller subdivisions extend up the lower slopes of Mount Archer.

Kawana and Norman Gardens are modern cul-de-sac suburbs extending north from Frenchville and Park Avenue. Housing caters for higher density living in duplexes and apartments right through to exclusive elevated blocks. Development is ongoing.

## SURROUNDING TOWNS

PARKHURST | GRACEMERE  
MOUNT MORGAN | BOULDERCOMBE

Parkhurst is a major growth point on the northside, along the Bruce Highway. Affordable new developments and acreage are available, with 10-20 minute commutes.

Gracemere lies 10km west of the city, along the Capricorn Highway. Homes are typically modern brick on generous blocks.

Mount Morgan and Bouldercombe, to the south-west of the city, feature older Queenslanders and miners' cottages offering a semi-rural lifestyle.

## TOWNS WITH RURAL CHARACTER

ALTON DOWNS | BAJOOL | GOGANGO  
MARMOR | STANWELL | RIDGELANDS  
WESTWOOD

Smallholdings or larger properties in the rural townships offer you the chance to try your hand at hobby farming, or just enjoy the peace and tranquility while remaining within 30 minutes easy driving distance to the city heart.

Our rural communities are second to none in extending a warm welcome and involving residents in community events.

# WORLD CLASS LEARNING

ROCKHAMPTON'S ARRAY OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES ARE HIGHLY RANKED NATIONALLY, AND OUR ACADEMIC, CULTURAL AND SPORTING COMMUNITIES ARE RENOWNED SPRINGBOARDS TO NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION.

CQUniversity is Australia's most inclusive and engaged university and is ranked among the world's top 500 universities and top 100 youngest universities.

CQUniversity teaches accredited courses from vocational TAFE qualifications

to PhD level, and is a powerhouse of research and community engagement.

For a detailed list of educational facilities and catchment areas visit

[LiveRockhampton.com.au/Live](http://LiveRockhampton.com.au/Live)



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## CHILDCARE AND EARLY LEARNING

Exemplary childcare and high-quality early learning are a top priority here, with a strong emphasis on providing quality education and supervision to our children. We have over 55 childcare or early learning centres situated throughout the area, ensuring placement for your child and a choice of the facility that works best for your child's needs.

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## STATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS

State Primary Schools range from large Prep - Year 6 multi-stream schools to small mixed level country schools.

Regardless of the size, your young children can reach their potential in academic, sporting, language and extra-curricular activities of all kinds.

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## STATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS

State Secondary schools offer the full range of subjects from Years 7 - 12. Most schools also incorporate a strong suite of vocational training alongside academic and cultural subjects for direct entry to tertiary study. In senior years, there are opportunities to combine schooling with traineeships, apprenticeships and even university courses.





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## PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Rockhampton has a wealth of top-quality, well-established private schools, offering primary, secondary or Kindy – 12 education in the Catholic system and also independent non-denominational Christian and secular schools. Private schools are located in all major suburbs of the city. A number of secondary schools also have attached boarding facilities.

## CQUniversity Australia

## TERTIARY EDUCATION

CQUniversity is the largest regional university in Australia, offering TAFE and University qualifications, flexible study options, practical learning experiences and pathway options. With a range of tertiary trade training facilities, Rockhampton residents looking to up-skill or change careers need go no further than our own university.

CQUniversity offers over 300 education and training options ranging from short courses, diplomas, to undergraduate and postgraduate study with campuses in North Rockhampton and Rockhampton City.

Join a rowing team  
(Fitzroy River – Ski Gardens)

10 minutes (from CBD)



Mount Archer  
(Zamia Trail)

15 minutes (from CBD)





Hospitals and Medical  
Centres

15+

Allied Health Clinics

65+



# ACCESS THE BEST HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN QUEENSLAND

**NOT ONLY IS ROCKHAMPTON HOSPITAL THE MAIN REFERRAL AREA FOR CENTRAL QUEENSLAND, IT IS ONE OF THE LARGEST HOSPITALS IN THE STATE. IT IS FURTHER SUPPORTED BY TWO WELL-ESTABLISHED PRIVATE HOSPITALS OFFERING A FULL RANGE OF MEDICAL CARE.**

The region is well-supplied with experienced doctors and medical experts.

Rockhampton Hospital offers a range of services, including a 24-hour Emergency Department and oncology services. With our private hospitals offering specialised medical services including general and reconstructive surgery, orthopaedics, ophthalmology, urology, gynaecology, IVF, general medicine and mental health.

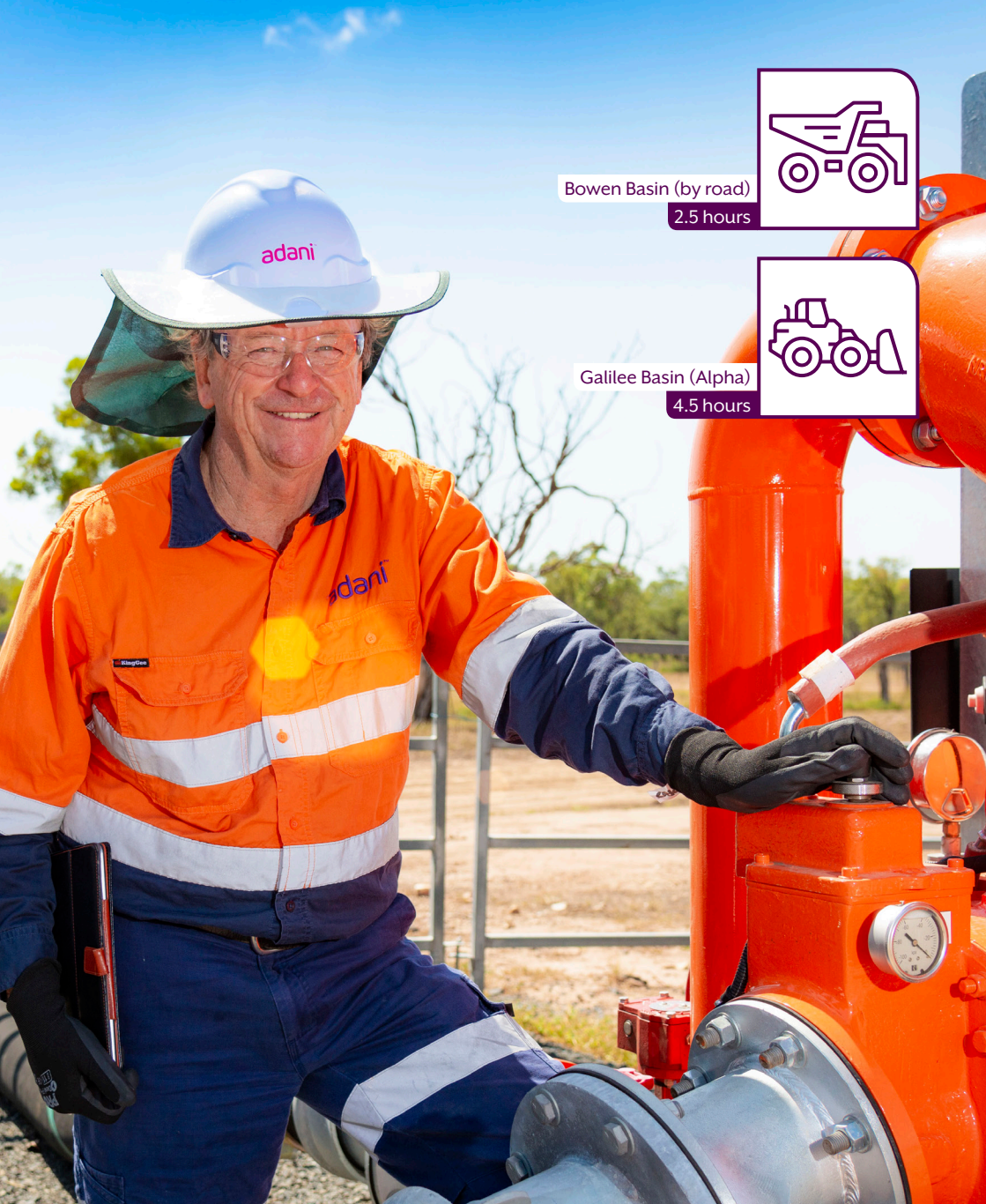
You'll find fast and easy access to professionals offering therapy and treatment in Allied Health available in our area. With the choice of both public and private practitioners you will be sure to find someone to partner with for optimal health and wellbeing.

Our senior folk are a precious and valued community resource. The Region's aged care residential services industry is expanding exponentially to offer different lifestyle options and aged care

services to our discerning and active retirees.

No need to waste your energy running an endless rat race in a concrete jungle here! Rockhampton effortlessly accommodates every opportunity for a healthy and active lifestyle. With gyms, fitness centres and personal trainers running customised workouts, your fitness needs will be met. Box, CrossFit, spin, Zumba and yoga your way to optimal health here.

Don't do gym? No worries, there's always a jersey out there for you in hockey, soccer, touch football, rugby, swimming and netball with fixtures and competitions for young and old. From kindy sports to archery, the region has the clubs and associations to fulfil all of your sporting desires.



Bowen Basin (by road)

2.5 hours



Galilee Basin (Alpha)

4.5 hours



Live **closer** to  
where you work







Australian Average  
Commute (daily)

54 min



Rockhampton

15 min

Brisbane

66 min

Sydney

71 min

# THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE ENDLESS

**THE ROCKHAMPTON REGION IS FULL TO OVERFLOWING WITH OPPORTUNITY. WHETHER YOU'RE MOVING FOR A JOB IN EDUCATION, THE MINING SECTOR, HEALTH, CORPORATE SERVICES AND GOVERNMENT, HOSPITALITY OR MANUFACTURING, WE'LL WELCOME YOU WARMLY.**

As the primary service hub for Central Queensland, Rockhampton is a strong regional city with a steady economy. While Rockhampton's enviable proximity to both the Bowen and Galilee Basins makes it a

key supply centre for major mining sector employers, its broad economic base is not solely reliant on the mining industry and is therefore protected from the sector's 'boom and bust' cycle.

Rockhampton's strength lies amongst a wide industry platform that provides career opportunities in thriving sectors such as agriculture, corporate and government services, education, tourism and health.

With a growing population of 87,000+ residents, there are support opportunities and careers within all these sectors and a constant stream of new opportunities.



New Art Gallery opening 2021  
Nationally significant art collection



Over 200 Park and playground  
areas including Kershaw Gardens &  
Rockhampton Zoo

# SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

**THERE'S SO MUCH TO ENJOY ABOUT LIFE  
IN ROCKHAMPTON. WITH A THRIVING ART,  
MUSIC, SPORTS, CULTURE AND CULINARY  
SCENE IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE YOU'RE AS  
ENTHUSIASTIC AS THE LOCALS.**

There's also an abundance of events and festivals throughout the year to keep your calendar busy, and at just a short distance away from the Southern Great Barrier Reef, some of Queensland's great beaches are right on your doorstep.

Theatre shows, live musos and comedy nights, movies, dining out or gallery exhibits can take you from your work day into an evening soiree. On weekends, you can enjoy the great outdoors year-round at sporting events or relaxing with friends. Shopping at farmers' markets, pop-up expos and hand-made markets are always popular.

Young families will love the pace of life here – there's free waterparks, walking tracks and playgrounds galore.

Daredevils, bookworms, fishers, racegoers, sport stars, foodies, shopaholics, history buffs, theatre goers, bushwalkers – Rockhampton Region can satisfy any hobby you've listed in your resume.



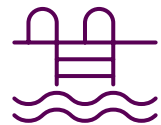
# Embrace a true Queensland lifestyle



Home of the Barramundi  
and King Threadfin



Major Aquatic Centres &  
free wet-play areas



Keppel Bay (the beach)

30 min





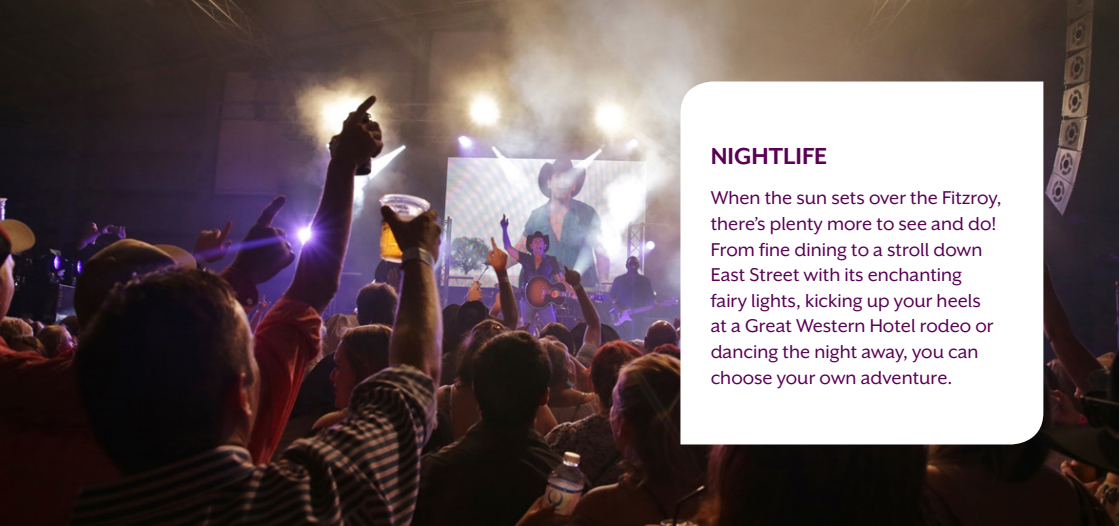
## ADVENTURE

Rockhampton Region's sunny climate, clear air and beautiful surrounds beckons you to get out and live your best life. Plan an awesome day out or weekender with family and friends – from fishing for Barra or a full camping experience in the bush – the choice is yours when you call the Rockhampton Region your home.



## NIGHTLIFE

When the sun sets over the Fitzroy, there's plenty more to see and do! From fine dining to a stroll down East Street with its enchanting fairy lights, kicking up your heels at a Great Western Hotel rodeo or dancing the night away, you can choose your own adventure.



## SHOPPING AND MARKETS

With five major shopping centres in the region and hundreds of specialty stores, you will find yourself picking up just what you've been looking for. On weekends car parks and open spaces are transformed into local markets around the region, offering local produce and handcrafted items.







## EXPLORE

Replenish the soul, reconnect with nature and enjoy the outdoor life the wider region has to offer! Our varied landscape accommodates loads of outdoor activities to explore. It's easy to enjoy the best that Rockhampton's backyard has to offer when it's so close to your doorstep.

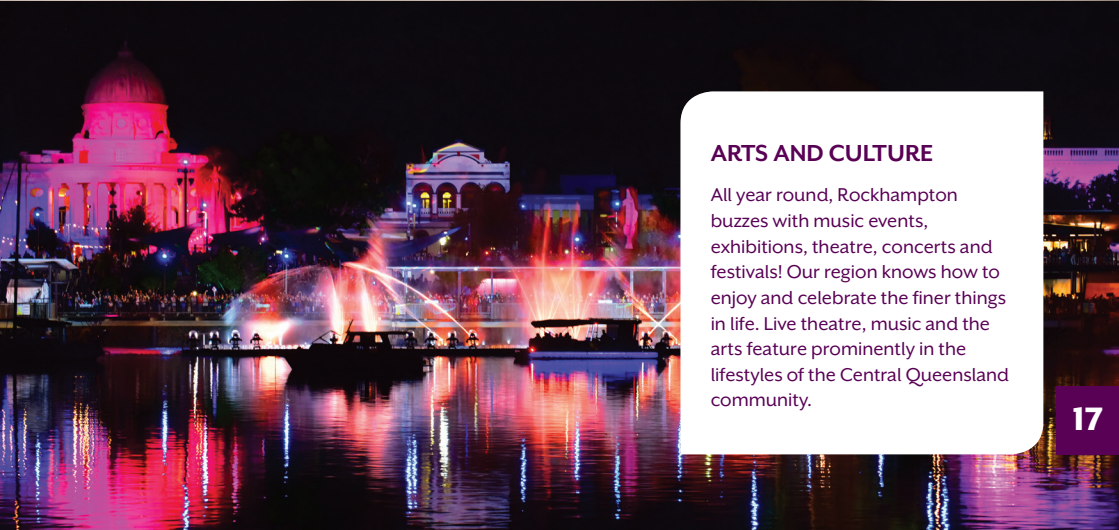
## FOODIE CULTURE

Make no mi(steak). Although we are known as the Beef Capital, there's more to Rockhampton than beef (but we do pride ourselves on serving up some of Australia's finest steaks). With a range of dining experiences to choose from, there are plenty of opportunities to become a regular at one of the city's cafes and restaurants.



## ARTS AND CULTURE

All year round, Rockhampton buzzes with music events, exhibitions, theatre, concerts and festivals! Our region knows how to enjoy and celebrate the finer things in life. Live theatre, music and the arts feature prominently in the lifestyles of the Central Queensland community.



# FESTIVALS + EVENTS



## ROCKYNATS 2020

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One for the petrolheads... think drag racing, burnouts and drifting, plus a static car show and street cruise.

## WINTER AND SPRING RACING CARNIVALS

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Rockhampton's Spring and Winter Racing Carnivals are a fabulously fun day out for frocking or suiting up.

## ROCKHAMPTON RIVER FESTIVAL

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Celebrate music, art, culture, food and our stunning riverfront built heritage at the CQ's largest festival.

## ROCKHAMPTON AGRICULTURAL SHOW

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It's time to start dreaming of rides, showbags, and sideshows!

## BARRA BOUNTY

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Spend a few days on the river chasing Barramundi in the most anticipated fishing event on the CQ calendar.

## ROCKY RIVER RUN

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Put your joggers on for CQ's largest running event raising money for youth mental health and suicide prevention.





Rockhampton  
River Festival  
Annual



Attendees  
100,000+

## CAPRICON

Rockhampton's own Supanova – a free one-day steampunk and pop-culture convention.

## GOLDEN MOUNT FESTIVAL

Enjoy a blast from the past at the annual Golden Mount Festival held in celebration of the historic gold discoveries in Mount Morgan.

## CAPRICORN FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL

A delectable weekend that invites in foodies, wine connoisseurs and everyone in between.

## CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Exotic music, food from across the globe, colourful costumes and more... A celebration of our great diversity.

## BEEF 2021

Australia's national beef expo brings thousands of visitors, graziers, and celebrity chefs from all around the world to attend this triennial event.

## POP UP POLO

Pop-up Polo brings glamour, excitement, premium food, champagne and the thrill of the world's fastest ball game.



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WITH BIG CITY ADVANTAGES AT SMALL CITY  
AFFORDABILITY, ROCKHAMPTON OFFERS A  
VIBRANT ALTERNATIVE TO METROPOLITAN LIFE  
WITH ALL KEY LIFESTYLE BASES COVERED.



Rockhampton Regional Council is the local government organisation servicing Rockhampton, Mount Morgan, Gracemere and surrounds.

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Council.

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- › A convenient location
- › Laid-back lifestyle
- › Sun-soaked subtropical weather
- › Glorious mountain and river views
- › Affordable country living
- › Big city advantages
- › Broad career opportunities
- › World-class educational facilities
- › Established healthcare services
- › And a thriving art, music, sports, culture and culinary scene

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