



Shoalhaven

SOUTH COAST - NSW

CANOEING & KAYAKING

**Top 12
Paddling
Destinations
in Australasia**

Shoalhaven River

Australian
Geographic

MANY WATERWAYS - ONE DESTINATION



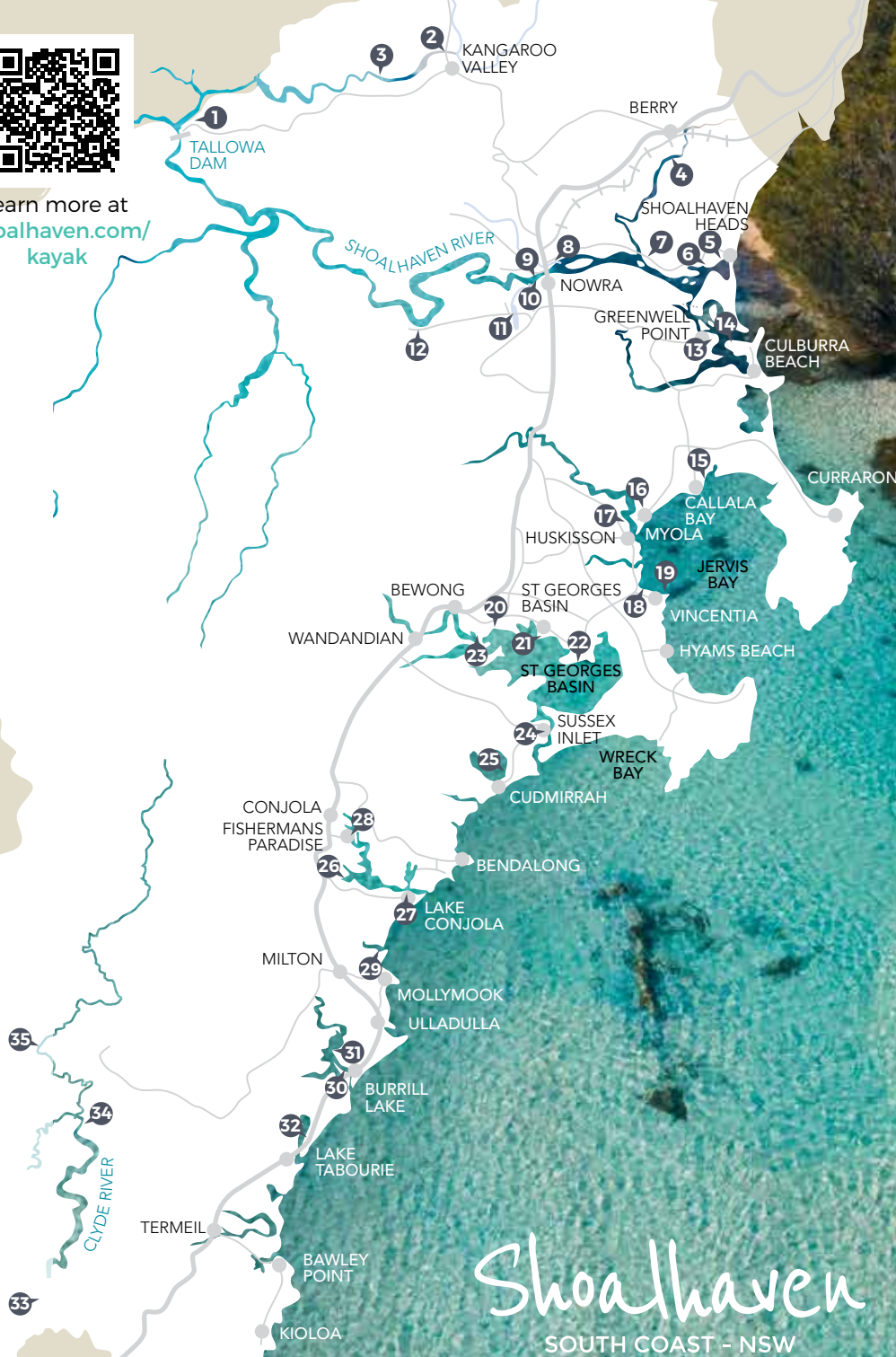
Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge all Aboriginal people of the Shoalhaven, the Bhwerawerri, Budawang, Jerrinja, Murramarang, Tomikin, Wandiwandian, Wodi wodi, Yuin and associated clans of which many are Dhurga and Dharawal language speakers. We value their long rich, cultural and spiritual connections to the Shoalhaven area.

As you journey through the Shoalhaven, absorb the beauty of the land, its magnificent landscapes, spectacular waterways and abundance of native flora and fauna. Travel thoughtfully and respectfully, remembering the footsteps of the ancestors who walked this land before you, and those who will follow.



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Burrill Lake

Be prepared!
Check for current conditions and warnings directly with the relevant authority before heading out.

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Whether you're after a lazy few hours paddling near town or an epic adventure, Kangaroo Valley has super easy hire options.

Kangaroo Valley

1 SHOALHAVEN GORGE

Access from Tallowa Dam

Day paddle or overnight camping upstream along Shoalhaven Gorge (3 hrs still water paddling).

The towering sheer sandstone cliffs of the lower Shoalhaven Gorge are considered to be amongst the most beautiful places in Australia, especially after rain with many waterfalls tumbling over the majestic cliffs. Only accessible by watercraft, this remote area is tranquility at its best with just the sounds of birds to wake you in the morning.

2 HAMPDEN BRIDGE to BENDEELA

Access from Hampden Bridge, a 7km one-way paddle to Bendeela along the Kangaroo River, with several small rapids. Hire a kayak or canoe locally to have your return shuttle included.

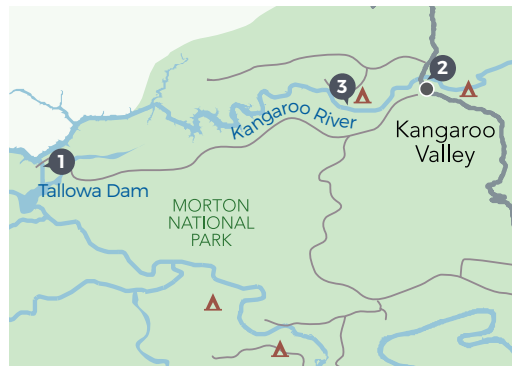
3 BENDEELA to TALLOWA DAM

Access from Bendeela Recreation Area, 6 hrs one-way paddle to Tallowa Dam.

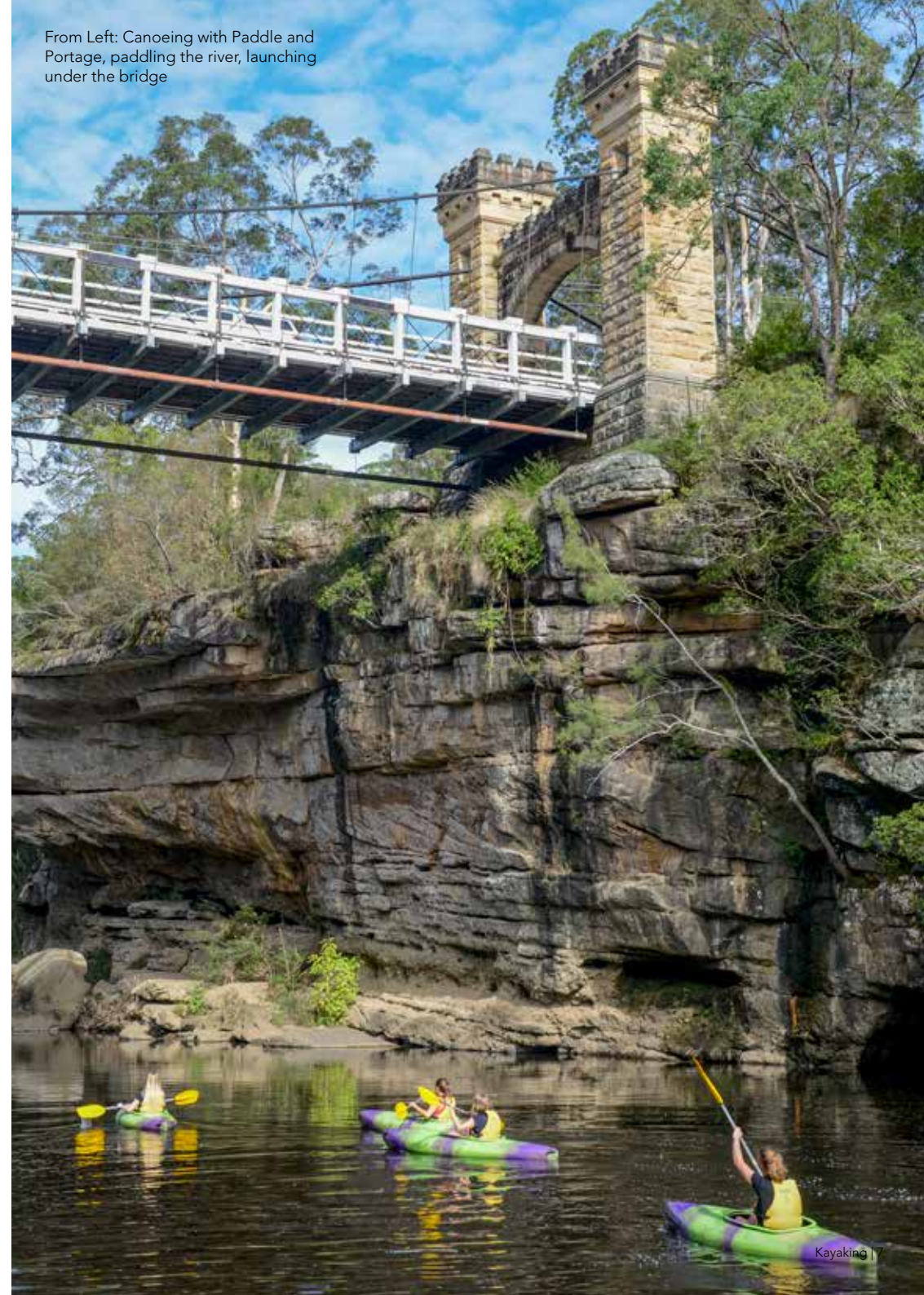
A great multi-day paddle, camping in the bush. Lots of wildlife including wallabies, kangaroos, wombats as well as beautiful kingfishers and sea eagles.

3 BENDEELA

Access from Bendeela Recreation Area, explore as much of the river as you like, and return to car park.



From Left: Canoeing with Paddle and Portage, paddling the river, launching under the bridge





From Left:
Shoalhaven
River shoreline,
paddling with views of
Cambewarra Mt, Back Forest,
Terara, hidden waterfall Nowra

From Mangroves to Sandstone cliffs, past paddocks, pastures and towns, the Shoalhaven River is full of hidden jems

Berry

- 4 BROUGHTON CREEK**
Access from Wharf Rd
Beautiful paddle up and down Broughton Creek with long reeds and pretty dragonflies, lovely views of the adjacent farm lands.

Shoalhaven Heads

- 5 SHOALHAVEN/CROOKHAVEN**
Access from River Rd
Enjoy a paddle at the mouth of the river, or if your feeling adventurous paddle the 8km to Greenwell Point. Watch out for Comerong Island punt crossing – avoid underwater cable.
- 6 BERRYS BAY**
Access from Hay Ave Boat Ramp. Paddle amongst the mangroves at high tide.

Back Forest

- 7 BROUGHTON CREEK**
Access from Back Forest Rd near Bolong Rd.
Paddle up Broughton Creek, or downstream out into the Shoalhaven River.

Bomaderry

- 8 BOMADERRY CREEK**
Access from Bomaderry Lions Park Boat Ramp.
It is a gentle paddle upstream to She Oak Crossing on Bomaderry Creek Walk at high tide. You can also paddle downstream out into the Shoalhaven River for breathtaking views. Continue across the river to Hanging Rock and Nowra Creek to paddle along Bens walk.

Nowra

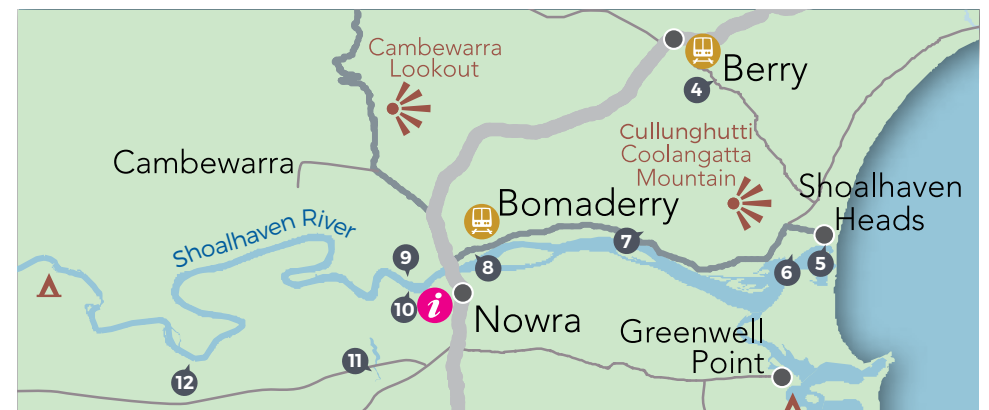
- 9 GREYS BEACH BOAT RAMP**
Access from Fairway Dr north-west of the bridge for paddling up or downstream on the Shoalhaven River. Option to paddle upstream past the golf course and turn into the creek opposite Shoalhaven Zoo for a running waterfall in the right weather.
- 10 PARINGA PARK**
Access from Scenic Dr south-west of Nowra Bridge.
Paddle from Shoalhaven River into Nowra Creek, (Bens Walk area) under the suspension bridge.

West Nowra

- 11 FLAT ROCK DAM**
Access from Yalwal Rd, a gentle, freshwater, non-tidal paddle about 1km long.

Bamarang

- 12 SHOALHAVEN RIVER**
Access from Bamarang Rd
Dedicated launch site with off-road parking, a great spot to explore the quiet upper reaches of the Shoalhaven River.





From Left:
Greenwell Point
boat ramp, kayak
at Greenwell Point,
paddling with the kids



Greenwell Point

13 CROOKHAVEN RIVER

Access from ramps at Greenwell Point Rd or West St

Very fast-flowing tide – caution needed for inexperienced paddlers. However, by paddling with the tide a couple of very nice 1 to 2 hour round-trip paddles through the channels of Comerong Island and Bay can be followed.

Orient Point

14 ORIENT POINT TO SALTWATER SWAMP

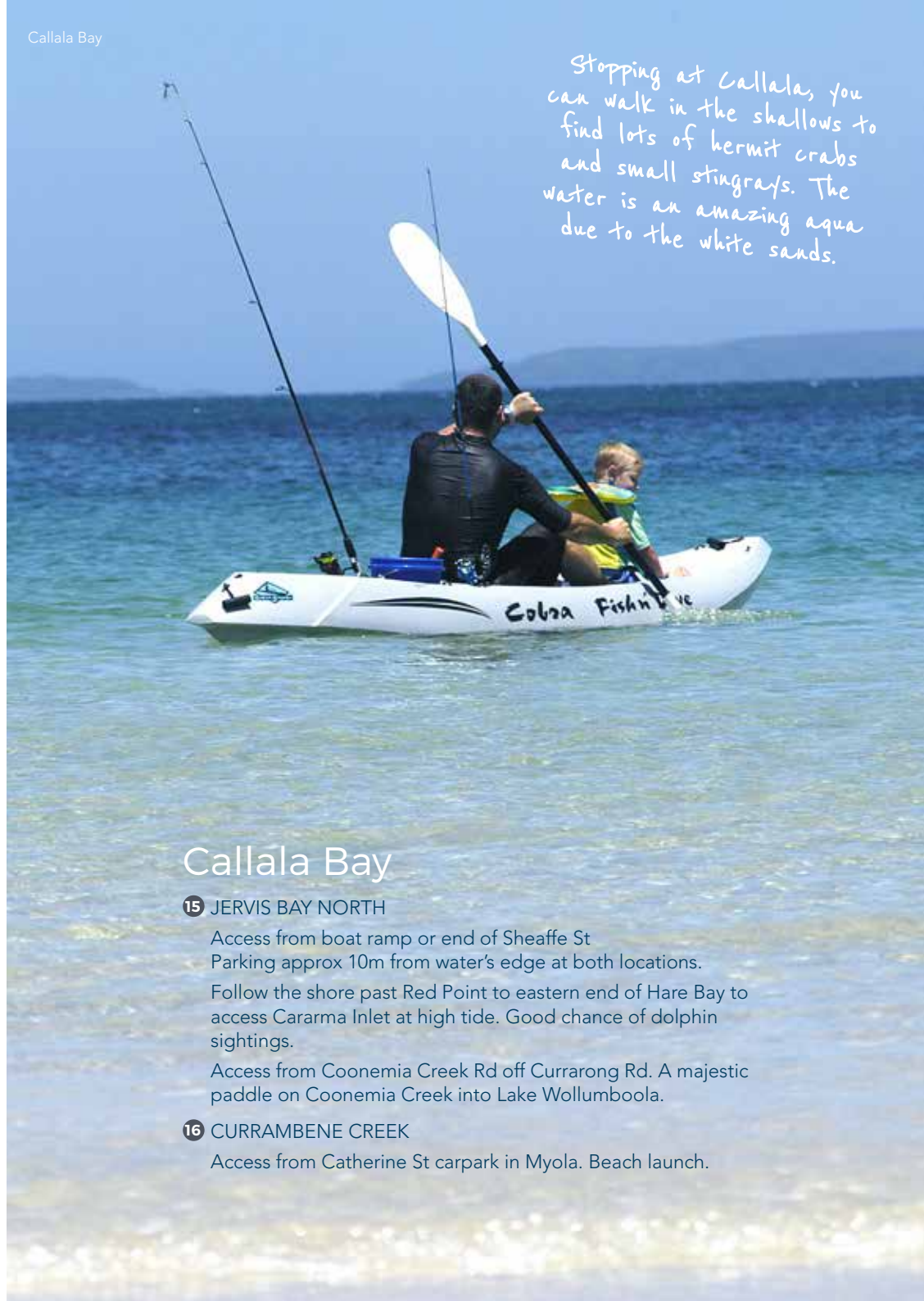
Access Orient Point Boat Ramp

Paddle around Goodnight, Crow and Billys Islands and up the Crookhaven River to Saltwater Swamp for birdwatching.



Callala Bay

Stopping at Callala, you can walk in the shallows to find lots of hermit crabs and small stingrays. The water is an amazing aqua due to the white sands.



Callala Bay

15 JERVIS BAY NORTH

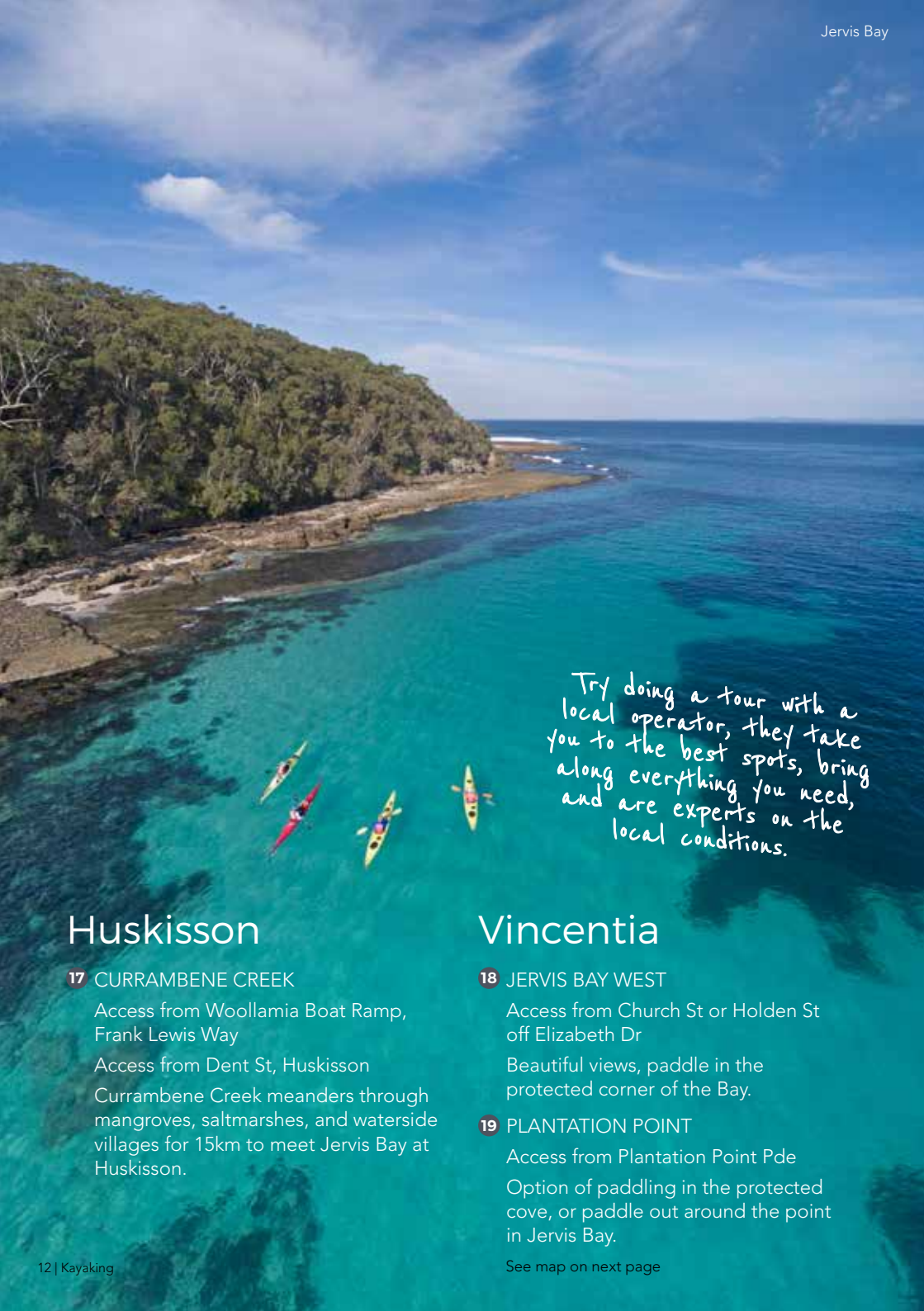
Access from boat ramp or end of Sheaffe St
Parking approx 10m from water's edge at both locations.

Follow the shore past Red Point to eastern end of Hare Bay to access Cararma Inlet at high tide. Good chance of dolphin sightings.

Access from Coonemia Creek Rd off Currarong Rd. A majestic paddle on Coonemia Creek into Lake Wollumboola.

16 CURRAMBENE CREEK

Access from Catherine St carpark in Myola. Beach launch.



Try doing a tour with a local operator, they take you to the best spots, bring along everything you need, and are experts on the local conditions.

Huskisson

17 CURRAMBENE CREEK

Access from Woollamia Boat Ramp, Frank Lewis Way

Access from Dent St, Huskisson

Currambene Creek meanders through mangroves, saltmarshes, and waterside villages for 15km to meet Jervis Bay at Huskisson.

Vincentia

18 JERVIS BAY WEST

Access from Church St or Holden St off Elizabeth Dr

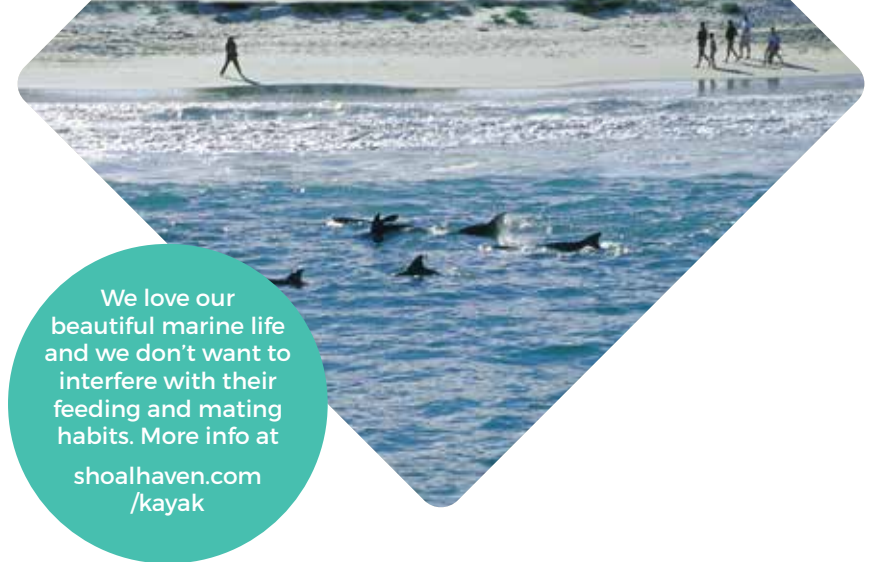
Beautiful views, paddle in the protected corner of the Bay.

19 PLANTATION POINT

Access from Plantation Point Pde

Option of paddling in the protected cove, or paddle out around the point in Jervis Bay.

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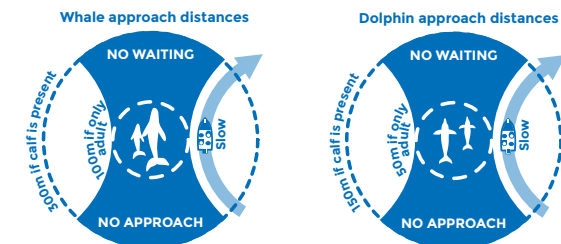


We love our beautiful marine life and we don't want to interfere with their feeding and mating habits. More info at shoalhaven.com/kayak

Whales and Dolphins

From May through to November each year, our region bears witness to a wonderful, natural phenomenon. Whales can be spotted migrating along Australia's East Coast during this period, when mother whales head north to breed and return slowly with their calves. October and late November are the best times for viewing mums and bubs relaxing in the waters of Jervis Bay. This is a halfway point in their migration and acts almost like an ocean 'creche' for essential rest and playtime. Dolphins can also be seen surfing the Shoalhaven waves all year round.

Important National Guidelines for whale and dolphin watching ensure that we can keep viewing these beautiful creatures whilst also keeping our impact minimal. Although it can be tempting to paddle out when you see a whale or pod of dolphins nearby, it's important to refrain from this. These lovely animals may be feeding or have young ones in tow and should not be approached or chased. If whales or dolphins approach your kayak, make no sudden noise or movement and continue slowly on your way or out of their path. Encountering our stunning underwater residents can be an incredible and memorable experience if done peacefully and at a safe distance.



From top left: Bart Malecki of Jervis Bay Kayaks, Sussex Inlet, Jervis Bay, Illuka Beach, Currumbene Creek, paddling at Huskisson.



Always plan ahead – check maps, weather, tides & river levels. Tell someone the plan & always wear a life jacket.
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Basin View

20 ST GEORGES BASIN

Access Basin View Boat Ramp
 Paddle on St Georges Basin and head up Wandandian Creek.

A large waterway with great paddling and fantastic birdlife (black swans, pelicans, sea eagles, herons, egrets, plovers, wrens and parrots) and turtles in summer along with the amazing fishing.

Wandandian

23 WANDANDIAN CREEK

Access Wandandian Creek picnic area in Corramy Regional Park.

A leisurely paddle to admire waterbirds in the casuarina trees or follow the creek downstream to St Georges Basin or upstream to beautiful rural scenery.

St Georges Basin

21 ST GEORGES BASIN

Access from Island Point Rd
 Kayak on St Georges Basin and explore Sepulchre and Garden Islands.

24 SUSSEX INLET

Access from Nielson Ln Boat Ramp, River Rd Boat Ramp or Lakehaven Dr Boat Ramp at Lions Park.

Sussex Inlet is a unique urban paddle winding through the town and waterway between St Georges Basin and Bherwerre Beach on the coast. Explore the canals of Sussex Inlet town or the shores of Booderee National Park.

Sanctuary Point

22 ST GEORGES BASIN

Access anywhere along the waterfront, try Sanctuary Point Boat Ramp, Palm Beach or Paradise Beach.

Lots of great spots for a paddle. Calm, clear, shallow waters.





From left:
Swan Lake,
Cunjurong Point,
Conjola entrance

Swanhaven

25 SWAN LAKE

Access from Lake Dr or The Springs Rd
Swan Lake is adjacent to Conjola National Park, with sheltered creeks, soft sandy beaches, scores of black swans, and impressive sand dunes.

Conjola Park

27 LAKE CONJOLA

Access from Valley Dr
More than just a lake paddle. Head up Conjola Creek to Fishermans Paradise or out to the ocean to catch a few waves.

Fishermans Paradise

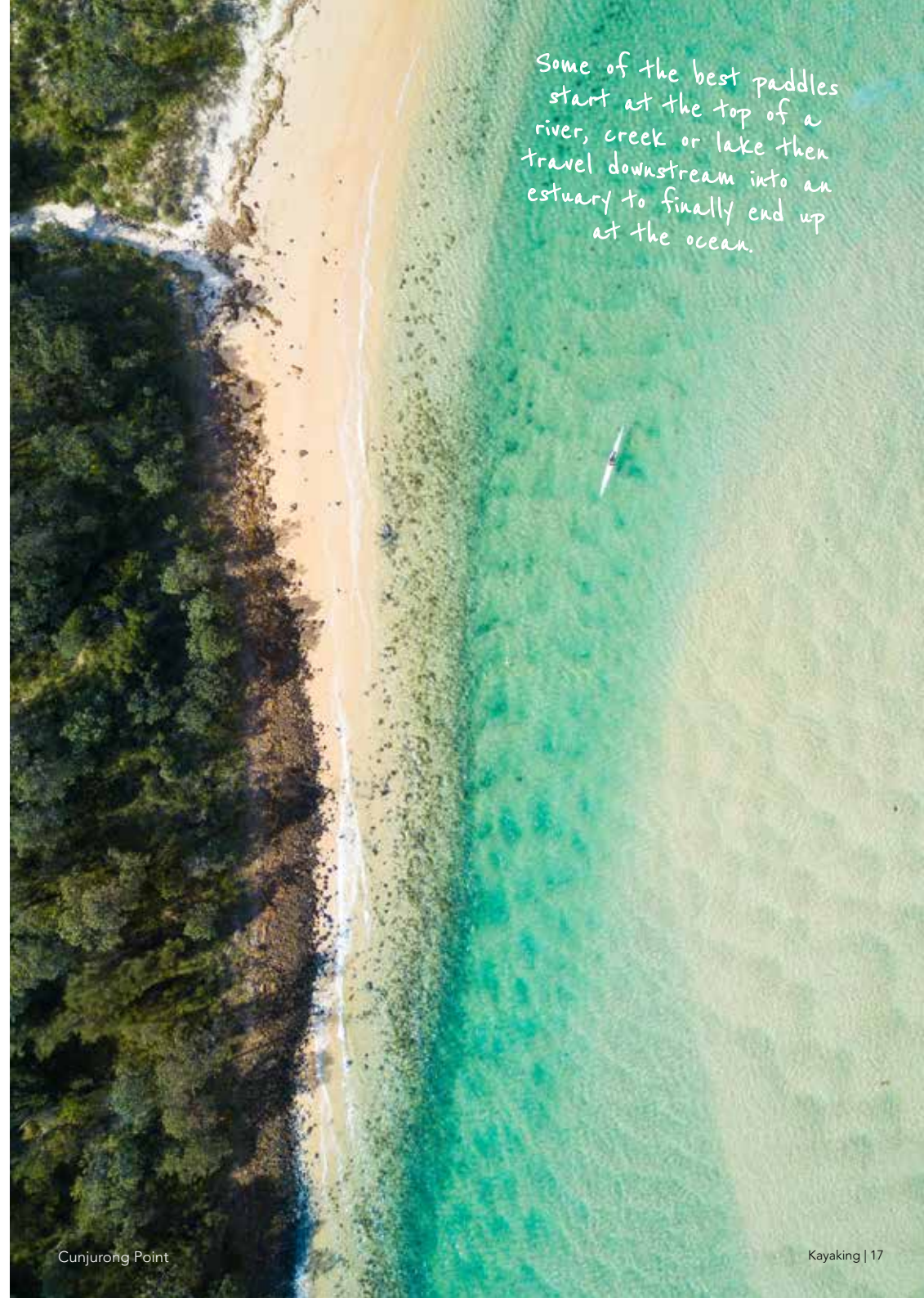
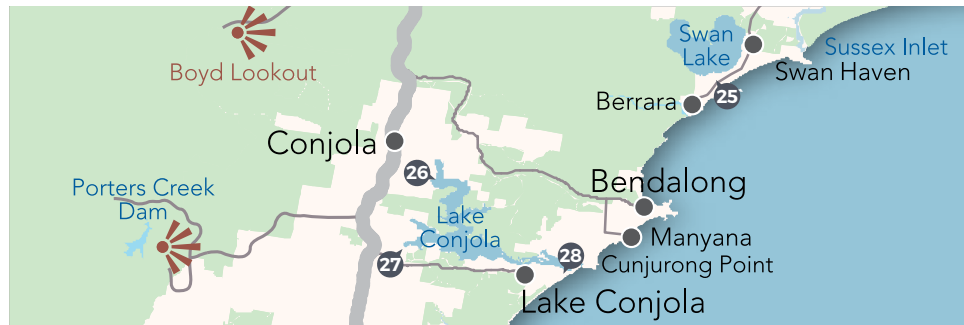
26 LAKE CONJOLA

Access Anglers Pde, paddle downstream into Lake Conjola.

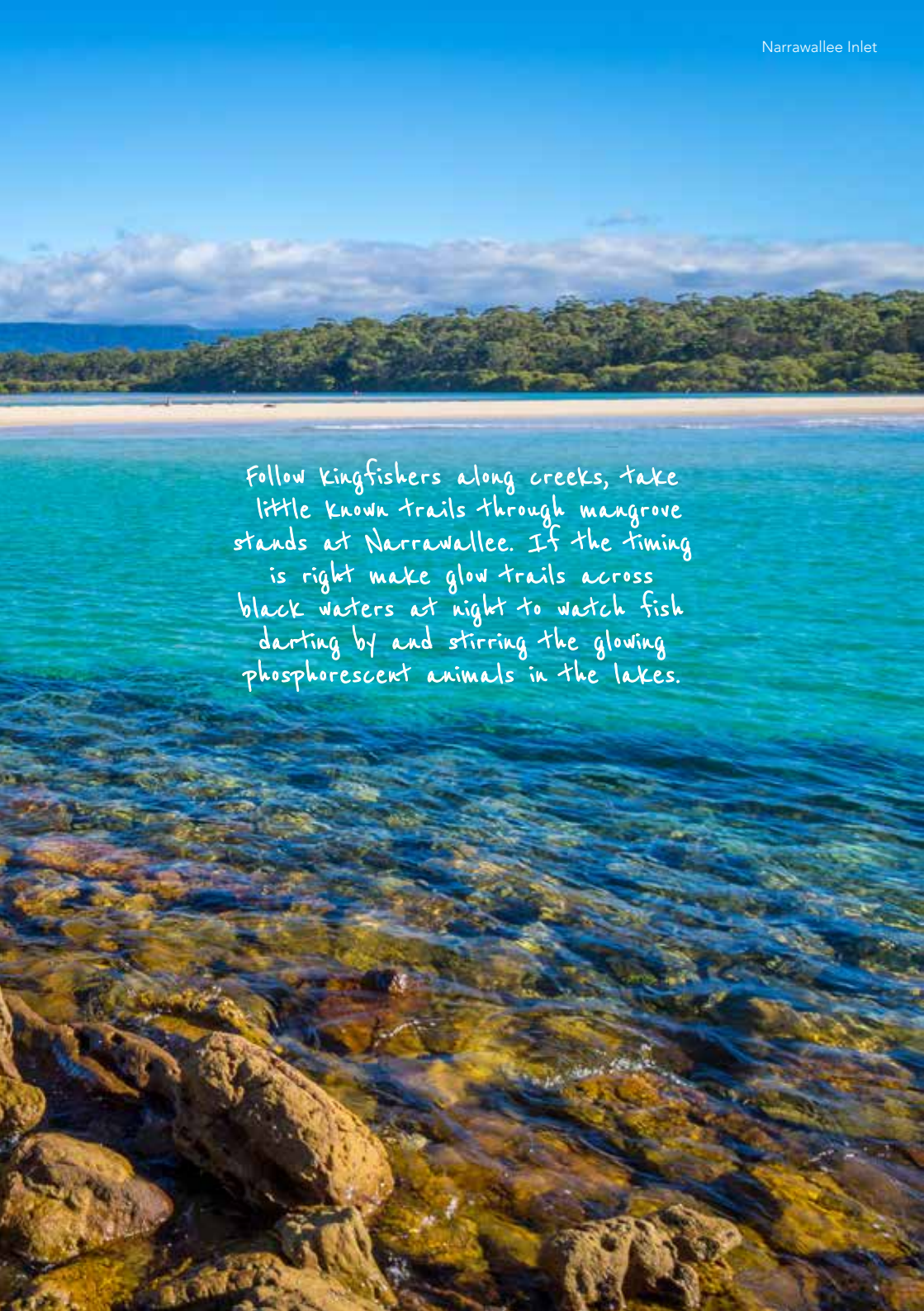
Lake Conjola

28 LAKE CONJOLA

Access from Norman St Boat Ramp and paddle north east into Berringer Lake.



Some of the best paddles start at the top of a river, creek or lake then travel downstream into an estuary to finally end up at the ocean.



Follow kingfishers along creeks, take little known trails through mangrove stands at Narrawallee. If the timing is right make glow trails across black waters at night to watch fish darting by and stirring the glowing phosphorescent animals in the lakes.



From left: Burrill Lake sunset, Lake Tabouries, Burrill Lake

Narrawallee

29 NARRAWALLEE INLET

Access from Normandy St Boat Ramp, only accessible at high tide.

Narrawallee Inlet peacefully meanders through a sandy lagoon, nature reserve and farmland. You may time your journey to paddle upstream and return on the outgoing tide. A good place to take your fishing rod. Option to paddle all the way upstream to Croobyar Creek under the bridge at the Princes Highway on high tide.

Burrill Lake

30 BURRILL LAKE

Access from Lions Park, Maria Ave or Moore St

Explore the beautiful estuary area and head upstream under the bridge into the lake. Follow the fresh waters of Stony Creek through farmland toward Milton.

Kings Point

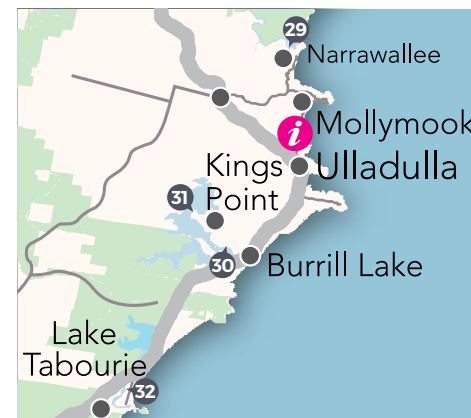
31 BURRILL LAKE

Access from James Cr
Paddle for an hour or a day in various directions depending on prevailing winds.

Lake Tabourie

32 Access from Caravan Park Entrance Rd

A lovely coastal lagoon with glassy reflections of Dithul Pigeon House Mountain (Balgan) and five creeks to explore.





From left: paddling Shallow Crossing, negotiating a fallen tree, Kayaks on Durras Lake, North Durras, Lake Durras Entrance

The Clyde is both beautiful and tough going at the same time. Fallen trees, small rapids, long still pools that mirror the surrounding rainforest, water dragons, platypus, glorious birdlife and so much more await those properly prepared.

Clyde River

The Clyde River, known as Bhundoo to the local Aboriginal people, flows from the Budawang Mountains through uninhabited forests and national parks where its pure, clean waters meet the coast at Batemans Bay.

- 33 CLYDE ESTUARY**
Access from Shallow Crossing to explore the tidal estuary section of the river.
- 34 CLYDE RIDGE ROAD BRIDGE to SHALLOW CROSSING**
Access from Clyde Ridge Rd Bridge for 10km downstream trip to Shallow Crossing. Some rapids and tricky sections for the adventurous.
- 35 YADBORO BRIDGE to CLYDE RIDGE ROAD BRIDGE**
Access from Yadboro Bridge for a 17km downstream trip to Clyde Ridge Rd Bridge. Good camping at Yadboro. Great wilderness paddle, there can be blockages by fallen trees and tight manoeuvring.



Kioloa

- 36 KIOLOA TO BRUSH ISLAND**
Access from Scerri Dr Boat Ramp
There is some great ocean paddling in Kioloa you can launch from the beach near the caravan park and paddle around Brush Island.

North Durras

- 37 DURRAS LAKE**
Access from Flinders and Boyne St or Durras Rd Boat Ramp
Explore the pristine Lake Durras which can be intemittently closed to the sea. It's popular for fishing, crabbing and swimming.



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