

# Heritage Pubs

## Sunshine Coast and Noosa

Embark on a country drive, or a weekend away, to discover the 16 heritage hotels of the Sunshine Coast and Noosa. Once the lifeblood of every country town, these grand old watering holes continue to be the focus for social life and reminders of local history.

Scattered across the region from Beerwah in the south to Kin Kin in the north, the historic pubs are more than just old buildings - they are the heart and soul of local character and village identity. They have played many roles over their long history. Some served the Cobb and Co route or provided lodging for the timber getters, while others fed the fortune seekers on their way to the Gympie gold fields.

Today, the pubs contribute greatly to the character and appeal of the hinterland towns and have become vibrant community hubs for socialising, dining and entertainment.

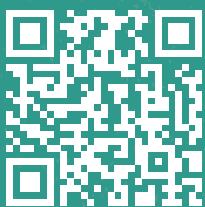
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#### LIST OF HERITAGE PUBS

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|----|------------------------|--------------|
| 1  | Beerwah Hotel          | Beerwah      |
| 2  | Landsborough Hotel     | Landsborough |
| 3  | Maleny Hotel           | Maleny       |
| 4  | Palmwoods Hotel        | Palmwoods    |
| 5  | Woombye Pub            | Woombye      |
| 6  | Club Hotel Namba       | Nambour      |
| 7  | Mapleton Pub           | Mapleton     |
| 8  | Kenilworth Hotel       | Kenilworth   |
| 9  | Yandina Hotel          | Yandina      |
| 10 | The Imperial Hotel     | Eumundi      |
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| 12 | Cooroy Hotel           | Cooroy       |
| 13 | Royal Mail Hotel       | Tewantin     |
| 14 | Pomona Hotel           | Pomona       |
| 15 | The Apollonian Hotel   | Boreen Point |
| 16 | Kin Kin Hotel          | Kin Kin      |

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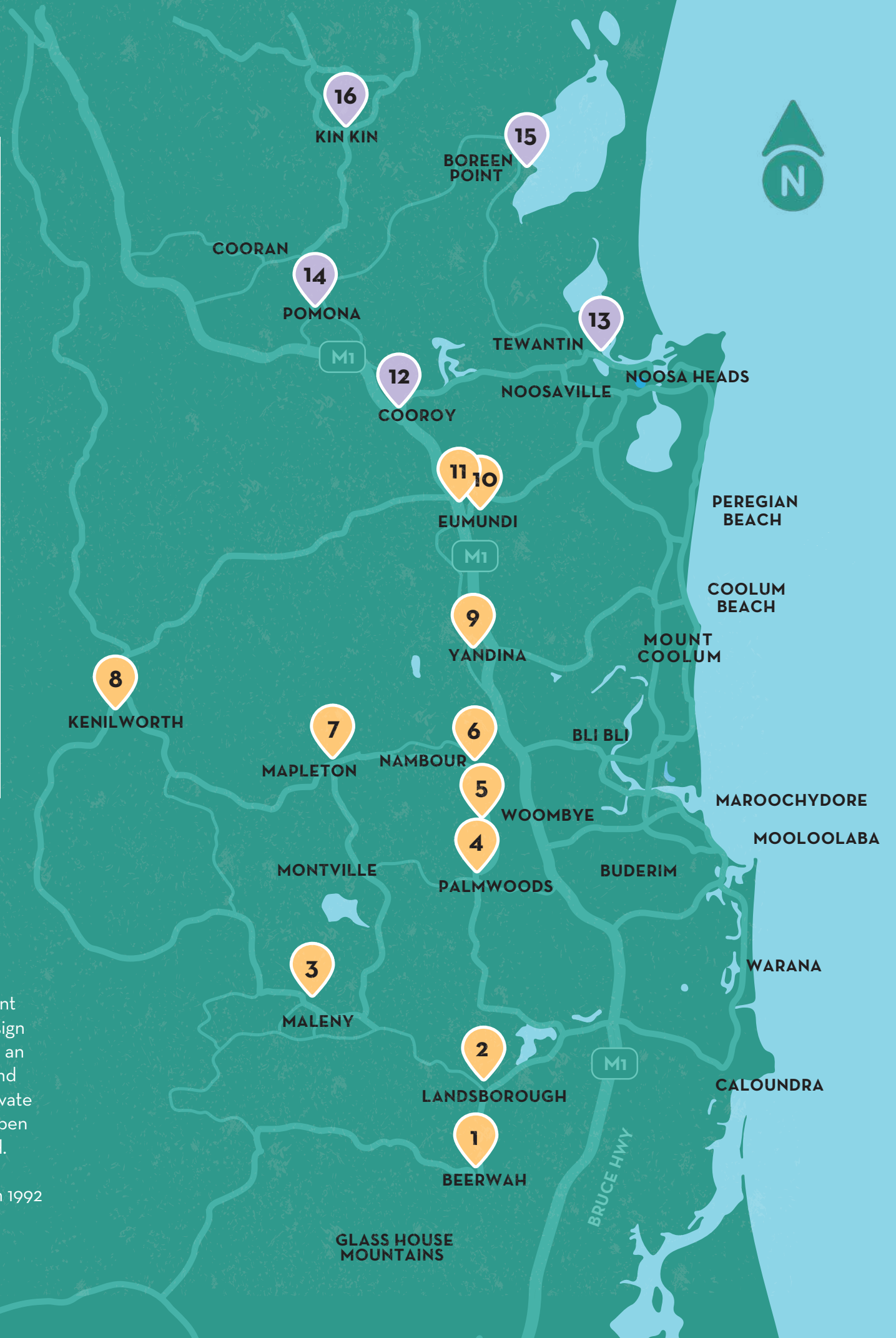


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\*Not to scale





# A Brief History of 16 Heritage Pubs of the Sunshine Coast and Noosa

Our country pubs are one of Australia's most enduring cultural symbols and have long been a centre of social life. During the days of early settlement, many small towns often had a pub before anything else. Sometimes the local country pub doubled as the post office, the bank, as the Cobb & Co station, or a venue for an appointment with a visiting dentist or doctor.



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## BEERWAH HOTEL

53 Beerwah Parade, Beerwah

The *Beerwah Hotel* is a fine example of 1930s Art Deco architecture. It was built in 1937 by L Hammer and designed by the architect Archie Longland (both of Brisbane). The Beerwah Hotel was the first hotel and 'substantial building' to take advantage of the new Bruce Highway and the increased tourist traffic.



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## LANDSBOROUGH HOTEL

32 Cribb Street, Landsborough

The *Landsborough Hotel* was originally called the Mellum Club Hotel. It dates from the 1880s which makes it one of the oldest surviving hotels on the Sunshine Coast. In 1914, the building was relocated, on rollers, to the current location in Cribb Street. Story has it that the pub continued to serve drinks while it was being relocated.



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## MALENY HOTEL

6 Bunya Street, Maleny

The *Maleny Hotel* was built in 1907 by local builders, Harry Bate and Sam Sallaway for Joseph Alfred Pollock and was a meeting place for loggers, bullock drivers and farmers. The pub is sited beside the Obi Obi Creek and was surrounded by dairies and rainforest. In December 1907, Alfred Cooke and his wife Ada took over the licence of the hotel. Linger on the front verandah and enjoy the views up and down the street.



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## PALMWOODS HOTEL

28 Main Street, Palmwoods

The *Palmwoods Hotel* was originally built in 1912 and was the first (and only) hotel in Palmwoods. Its construction marked a significant time in the growth and progress of the Palmwoods township with its strategic position on the railway line. The Palmwoods Hotel building has been retained and renovated over the years and has views over the railway station and the beautiful historic town of Palmwoods.



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## WOOMBYE PUB

3 Blackall Street, Woombye

The *Woombye Pub* was built in 1900 using materials from the original Cobb's Camp Hotel that was constructed in 1877. Now known as the Woombye Pub, its former name was the Criterion Hotel. This 2-storey timber hotel was built to take advantage of the nearby railway station and is a good example of Federation-era architecture with original decorative elements still intact.



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## CLUB HOTEL NAMBA

80 Currie Street, Nambour

The *Club Hotel Nambour* was originally built in 1911 and was called the 'Residential Hotel'. In 1938 the building was destroyed by fire. This Art Deco-influenced building was designed by Brisbane architects, Addison and MacDonald and built in 1939. They designed the Nambour pub for the then owners, Castlemaine Perkins, the prominent Brisbane Brewer of the XXXX brand.



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## MAPLETON PUB

2 Flaxton Drive, Mapleton

The *Mapleton Pub* originally opened in 1910 as the Ocean View Hotel which was marketed as a holiday destination for its spectacular views to the coast. It was advertised in 1910 in the Brisbane Courier Mail as the 'coolest, best resort in Queensland!'. The views are wonderful from the front verandah on Flaxton Drive. Visitors today love the meals made lovingly from local produce from the nearby Falls Farm.



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## KENILWORTH HOTEL

18 Elizabeth Street, Kenilworth

The *Kenilworth Hotel* was designed by the Brisbane architect, Frank Cullen and opened in 1939. It was first operated by a Brisbane Hotelier, Joseph Lane who predicted the importance of the pub to the local area and to travellers through the Sunshine Coast. Today visitors love the original old-time ambience and brewery. It was the first (and remains the only) hotel in the Kenilworth district.



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## YANDINA HOTEL

1 Stevens Street, Yandina

The *Yandina Hotel* was built in 1888 and was originally called the 'Australian Hotel'. It was the second hotel in the district, after the Maroochie Hotel. It was built for John Gustave Sommer, an important farmer in the area, and was located on Gympie Road before being moved near the new railway station in 1892. The Yandina Hotel is one of the oldest surviving and one of the most intact hotel buildings on the Coast.



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## THE IMPERIAL HOTEL

1 Etheridge Street, Eumundi

The *Imperial Hotel* in Eumundi is an impressive two storey timber, Queensland style pub, that had its timber verandah rebuilt in the 1980s. The first hotel on this site, designed by Cooroy architect William Fenwick opened in 1913 but was destroyed by fire. The second hotel built on this site was opened in 1927. The risk of fire is a common problem facing historic timber and tin hotels in Queensland.



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## MATSO'S SUNSHINE COAST

85 Memorial Drive, Eumundi

*Matso's Sunshine Coast* in Eumundi has had many names and a rich history. It has been Joe's Waterhole, the Railway Hotel, the Commercial Hotel and the Eumundi Hotel. It was originally opened by E.H. Arundell as the Railway Hotel in 1891. The pub has survived many tough times. In 2023, the pub underwent a major renovation with Five Mile Radius Architects and reopened as Matso's Sunshine Coast Brewery.



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## COOROY HOTEL

38 Maple Street, Cooroy

The *Cooroy Hotel* was originally known as the Victory Hotel and was built in 1908 when the town was first surveyed. The first hotel on this site was built by Charles Jocumsen with a second storey and Hall for entertainment added in 1911. This substantial timber hotel was tragically destroyed by fire in 1954. It was rebuilt in brick on the same corner where the Cooroy Hotel remains a landmark today.



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## ROYAL MAIL HOTEL

118 Poinciana Avenue, Tewantin

Following a catastrophic fire in 1939 the current *Royal Mail Hotel* in Tewantin was constructed and opened in 1941. The first Royal Mail Hotel was built on the site in 1882 for Cobb & Co driver Ned Murdoch. The current building was designed by Addison and Macdonald Architects and built by Stanley Samuel Garrick. The style of the building is inter-war functionalist with Art Deco motifs.



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## POMONA HOTEL

1 Station Street, Pomona

The original *Pomona Hotel* was built in 1906 as a single storey building with nine bedrooms and a stable. In 1913 it was destroyed by fire and landlord Christian Walter rebuilt the present two-storey timber hotel. It was opened in 1916 and was lucky to survive a second fire in the centre of Pomona in 1939 due to the efforts of locals. The Pomona Hotel is an impressive example of hotel architecture of the time.



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## THE APOLLONIAN HOTEL

19 Laguna Street, Boreen Point

The *Apollonian Hotel* began its life in the goldfields near Gympie, opening in 1868 as 'Barlow's Apollonian Philharmonic Music Hall Hotel'. It was renowned as a hotel and place for entertainment, from wrestling to musicals to public meetings. The hotel was entirely rebuilt ca 1880 by then owner F. Burns before being sold to the Cox family. It closed in 1951 before being relocated to its present site at Boreen Point in 1988.



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## KIN KIN HOTEL

69 Main Street, Kin Kin

The *Kin Kin Hotel* was opened in 1915, with Mr William Rohan as proprietor. It was called the Country Life Hotel before recently reverting to its original name. Designed by Cooroy architect William Fenwick it is prominent in the Main Street and is historically significant for its association with Kin Kin's early logging days and dairy farming. It has been a venue for community activities such as the annual Great Kin Kin Horse Race.

### Acknowledgement of Country

Sunshine Coast Open House is inspired by the strength and endurance of the world's oldest living culture. We acknowledge the Kabi Kabi and Jinibara People as the Traditional Owners of the land shown on this map and we pay our respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, past and present.

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Sunshine Coast Open House celebrates great design, heritage conservation and architecture. Sunshine Coast Open House recognises the important role that heritage pubs play in contributing to the local character of the hinterland towns of the Sunshine Coast and Noosa. This map is not an advertisement for a pub crawl, nor does Sunshine Coast Open House promote drinking alcohol.