Behind the Scenes

SEND US YOUR FEEDBACK

We love to hear from travellers – your comments keep us on our toes and help make our books better. Our well-travelled team reads every word on what you loved or loathed about this book. Although we cannot reply individually to your submissions, we always guarantee that your feedback goes straight to the appropriate authors, in time for the next edition. Each person who sends us information is thanked in the next edition – the most useful submissions are rewarded with a selection of digital PDF chapters.

Visit **lonelyplanet.com/contact** to submit your updates and suggestions or to ask for help. Our award-winning website also features inspirational travel stories, news and discussions.

Note: We may edit, reproduce and incorporate your comments in Lonely Planet products such as guidebooks, websites and digital products, so let us know if you don't want your comments reproduced or your name acknowledged. For a copy of our privacy policy visit lonelyplanet.com/privacy.

OUR READERS

Many thanks to the travellers who used the last edition and wrote to us with helpful hints, useful advice and interesting anecdotes: Chris Senior, Helen Snazell, Jack and Deidre Evans, Jane Edwards, Jenny Williams, Jerry Palmer, Kay Blaha, Nadine Kleeman, Sain Alizada, Sebastian Hochradner, Sergio Estevao. Steve Walker

WRITER THANKS

Andy Symington

As a prodigal Sydneysider returned for this project, I've had so much invaluable advice and help from friends, about what's going on in town, that I can't possibly thank them all. Tourist offices and more were helpful across the region. Particular gratitude, however, goes to Stephen Freiberg, Kate McGuinness, Hugh O'Keefe, Ben Hamilton, Matthew Beech, lain and Amanda Ashley, Tasmin Waby and the LP team. And also, as ever, to my family.

Kate Armstrong

Particular thanks to Jacqui Loftus-Hills, Visit Victoria; Wendy Jones, Goulburn River Valley Tourism; Sue Couttie, Tourism Northeast; Marie Glasson, Greater Shepparton City Council; Fran Martin, Echuca Visitor Information Centre. Finally, to my dear friends Sue Mulligan, Lou Bull and Emmo – with thanks.

Cristian Bonetto

First and foremost, an epic thankyou to Drew Westbrook for his hospitality and generosity. Sincere thanks also to Craig Bradbery, Tim Crabtree, Amy Ratcliffe, Leanne Layfield, Terese Finegan, Michael Flocke, Simon Betteridge, Annabel Sullivan, Garry Judd and the many locals who offered insight and insider knowledge along the way. At Lonely Planet, a huge thanks to Tasmin Waby for her support and encouragement.

Peter Dragicevich

Researching this guidebook was an absolute pleasure, especially because of the wonderful company that I had on the road. Special thanks go to Braith Bamkin, Peter van Gaalen, Marg Toohey and Jo Stafford for all their practical assistance in Melbourne, and to David Mills and Barry Sawtell for the Canberra Morrissey safari. And cheers to all my eating and drinking buddies along the way, especially Errol Hunt, Kim Shearman, Cristian Bonetto and Maryanne Netto.

Paul Harding

Thanks to all those travellers and locals who helped with company and advice on my journey through Queensland's most remote corners, especially the helpful guys who got me out of vehicular trouble at Elliot Falls. Thanks to Tamara for coffee and a chat in Cairns, and to Tasmin at LP. But mostly to Hannah and Layla for being there.

Trent Holden

First up a massive thanks to Tasmin Waby for commissioning me to update the bulk of regional Victoria. Was an absolute honour to cover my home state. Totally blown away how much cool stuff there is to visit out here. Thanks to all the tourist visitor centres across the state, who are staffed by a fantastic team of volunteers who are doing a sensational job. Cheers to everyone else for giving me the time of day for a chat, and helping me put together this new edition. As per always lots of love to my family, particularly my partner Kate, who I had the great fortune of having accompany me around this time round.

Kate Morgan

Big thanks to Destination Editor, Tasmin Waby, for the opportunity to basically eat and drink my way around Melbourne's best neighbourhoods! Thank you to Caro Cooper for suggestions and being a drinking partner on occasion, and to my partner Trent for all your help and support.

Charles Rawlings-Way

Huge thanks to Tasmin for the gig, and to all the helpful souls I met and friends I reconnected with on the road who flew through my questions with the greatest of ease. Biggest thanks of all to Meg. who held the increasingly chaotic fort while I was busy scooting around in the sunshine ('Where's daddy?') - and made sure that lone, Remy, Liv and Reuben were fed, watered, schooled, tucked in and read to.

Tamara Sheward

Sweaty Cairns hugs and hearty thanks to my friends, family, local experts and random ringins who helped me delve ever deeper into the wonders of my hometown and surrounds; it's always an eye-opener being a traveller/travel

writer in one's own backyard. At LP, mega-thanks to Tasmin Waby for the gig, and for your eternal encouragement: and to chapter co-author Paul Harding. The biggest clink of the coconuts goes, as ever, to my favourite FNQers: my crazy crocodiles Dušan and Masha.

Tom Spurling

To Goose for riding shotgun to Rockhampton and making me go for a jog. To Lucy for sleeping in the backseat and showing no interest in cryptic crosswords. To the bar staff in Ravenswood for reminding me why I wanted this job in the first place. To The Whitsundays for being discovered. To the Town of 1770 for providing so many openings at dinner parties ('A number? Really?'). To my children for not missing me very much (I will never forget that slight, O and P).

Donna Wheeler

Love and gratitude to Juliette Claire for her inspiration and incredible regional knowledge. Thanks to ex-locals Peter Maclaine and Debbie Wheeler, especially for Pete's surfing expertise. Thanks to Harry in Broadbeach, to the Byron skydivers and to Amanda and Simon in Brunswick Heads for great hospo insights. Thanks also to Nic Wrathall for your company during some long research days and Brigid Healy and Andrew King, Kate Dale, Darryn Devlin for Sydney homecoming love. Finally thanks to Joe Guario. for everything.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Climate map data adapted from Peel MC, Finlayson BL & McMahon TA (2007) 'Updated World Map of the Köppen-Geiger Climate Classification', Hydrology and Earth System Sciences, 11, 163344.

Cover photograph: Surfing near Noosa, Queensland, Nick Rains/Getty Images ©

THIS BOOK

This 6th edition of Lonely Planet's East Coast Australia guidebook was researched and written by Andy Symington, Kate Armstrong, Cristian Bonetto, Peter Dragicevich, Paul Harding, Trent Holden, Kate Morgan, Charles Rawlings-Way, Tamara Sheward, Tom Spurling and Donna Wheeler. The previous edition was coordinated by Charles Rawlings-Way. This guidebook was produced by the following:

Destination Editor

Tasmin Waby

Product Editor Jessica Rvan. Catherine Naghten

Senior Cartographer Julie Sheridan

Book Designer

Nicholas Colicchia

Assisting Editors

Andrew Bain, Sarah Bailey, Imogen Bannister, Michelle Bennett, Laura Crawford. Melanie Dankel, Andrea Dobbin, Gabrielle Innes, Ali Lemer, Jodie Martire, Rosie Nicholson, Lauren O'Connell, Charlotte Orr. Susan Paterson. Chris Pitts, Gabrielle Stefanos, Saralinda Turner, Simon Williamson

Cartographer Rachel Imeson

Cover Researcher Campbell McKenzie

Thanks to Jennifer Carev. Heather Champion, Daniel Corbett, Megan Eaves, Sandie Kestell, Claire Naylor, Karyn Noble, MaSovaida Morgan, Lauren O'Connell, Rachel Rawling, Vicky Smith, Angela Tinson, Clifton Wilkinson

Boreen Point 358-9

Bouddi National Park 120

Index

Abbott, Tony 487 Aboriginal culture, see Indigenous culture Aboriginal history, see Indigenous history abseiling 41, 114, 291, 445 accommodation 502-3 see also individual locations activities 24-6, 39-44, see also individual activities Agnes Water 383-5 air travel 511-12 Aireys Inlet 254-5 Airlie Beach 405-11. 406 alcohol 98 amusement parks, see theme parks Anglesea 253-4 Angourie 153-5 animals, see individual species, wildlife Apollo Bay 257-8 aguariums Cairns Aquarium 439 Manly Sea Life Sanctuary 71 Reef HQ Aquarium 419 Reef World 363 Sea Life Sunshine Coast 351 Sydney Sea Life Aguarium 61 Arcadia Bay 425 area codes 21, 507-8 art galleries, see museums & galleries ATMs 506 Atherton 461 Atherton Tableands 450, 459-63 Australia Day 24 Booderee National Park 189 Australia 7on 347

Map Pages 000 Photo Pages 000 Australian Football League (AFL) 215, 496 Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix 243 Australian Open 24, 215. 498 Australian Rules football 215, 496

Babinda 458 Ballina 155-6 Bangalow 164-5 barbecues 500 Bargara 375 Barrenjoey Lighthouse 72 Batemans Bay 191-2 beaches 22, 88-9, 403, 88-9, see also individual beaches heer 495 Bellarine Peninsula 249 Bellingen 146-8 Bells Beach 253, 41 Bells Line of Road 116 Ben Boyd National Park 199 Bermagui 195-6 Berry 185-6 bicycle travel, see cycling Bilpin 116 biosecurity 504 birdwatching 41 Broughton Island 138 Montague Island 193 Paluma Range National Park 431 Blackheath 119-20 Bleach Festival 325 Blue Mountains 14, 113-20. 114, 14, 44 boat travel 512-13, see also sailing

Bondi Beach 65, 10-11, 88-9

Bondi Icebergs Pool 75, 103

books 25, 478, 481

Park 167

Border Ranges National

Bowen 416 Brae 256 breweries 495 Bribie Island 346-7 Brisbane 16, 46, 279-316, 280, 282-3, 286-7. 290, 292, 16, 43 accommodation 279, 296-8 activities 290-3 climate 279 courses 294-5 drinking & nightlife 304-9 entertainment 309-11 festivals & events 295-6 food 279, 298-304 highlights 280 shopping 311-16 sights 281-9 tours 293-4 tourist information 314 travel to from 314-15 travel seasons 279 trave within 315-16 Brisbane Water National Park 120 Broadbeach 329-30 Broken River 402 Brunswick Heads 164 Buchan 275-6 budget 21 Bundaberg 373-5 Bundaberg Rum 373, 495 Bundialung National Park 154 Burke, Robert O'Hara 483 Burleigh Heads 330-3, 330 Burleigh Head National Park 330 **Burrum Coast National** Park 372 bus travel 511-13 bushwalking 40 Blue Mountains 119 Cooloola Coast 358

Great Ocean Road 244 Great South West Walk 264 Lamington National Park Paluma Ranges National Park 431 Wilsons Promontory National Park 272 Yuraygir National Park 152 business hours 21, 507 Byfield 391 Byron Bay 13, 45, 157-64. 134, 158-9, 13 accommodation 133, 159-6 activities 157-8 beaches 163 climate 133 drinking & nightlife 162 festivals & events 158-9 food 133, 161-2 highlights 134 shopping 162-3 sights 157 tourist information 163 tours 158 travel seasons 133 travel to/from 163

Cairns 48, 414, 439-55 440-3 accommodation 438, 447-9 activities 443-6climate 438 festivals & events 446-7 food 438, 449-52 highlights 440 shopping 453 sights 439-43 tourist information 453 tours 443-6

travel seasons 438

travel to/from 453-4

Cabarita Beach 164

travel within 454-55 Caloundra 348-51, 349 camping 38, 502-3 Canberra 17, 45, 169-79, 170, 172, 17 accommodation 169, 175-6 climate 169 drinking & nightlife 177-8 entertainment 178 festivals & events 175 food 169, 176-7 highlights 170 sights 171-5 tourist information 178-9 tours 175 travel seasons 169 travel to/from 171, 178-9	children, travel with 59, 504 Chillagoe 466 Chinatown (Brisbane) 289 Chinatown (Melbourne) 203 Chinatown (Sydney) 59 Clifton Beach 458 climate 20, 24-6, 321, see also individual regions climate change 478, 488- 92, 511 clownfish 61, 414 Cockatoo Island 68 coffee 494 Coffs Harbour 149-52, 150 consulates 505 Conway National Park 411 Cook, Captain James 278,	Darling Harbour 59-63, 44 Daydream Island 412 debit cards 506 Deepwater National Park 385 dingoes 380 disabilities, travellers with 508-9 diving & snorkelling 42-3, 42 Byron Bay 158 Cairns 445, 465 Coffs Harbour 151 courses 38, 42 Fraser Island 373 Great Barrier Reef 36-8 Jervis Bay 188 Merimbula 197	festivals 24-6, 358 films 478 Finch Hatton Gorge 401-2 Fish Creek 267-8 Fitzroy Falls 184 Fitzroy Island 455 food 245, 493-5, 506, see also individual locations football 215, 496, see also soccer Frankland Islands 455 Fraser Coast 47, 361-80, 362 accommodation 361 climate 361 food 361 highlights 362
travel within 179	480-1	Montague Island 193	travel seasons 361
canyoning 41	Coolangatta 334-6, 334-5	North Stradbroke Island 317	Fraser, Dawn 498 Fraser Island 15, 47,
canoeing see kayaking & canoeing	Cooloola Coast 357-9 Coolum 355-6	Queenscliff 250	375-80, 15
Cape Bridgewater 266	coral 447, 488-92, 500	Sorrento 239	fuel 513
Cape Byron Lighthouse	Cow Bay 472	Sydney 73-4	
157, 32	credit cards 506	Townsville 423, 415	G
Cape Byron State Conservation Park 157	Crescent Head 142-3	Whitsunday Islands 403 Dooragan National Park	Gabo Island 277
Cape Conran Coastal	cricket 207, 485, 497 Croajingolong National	139	galleries, see museums & galleries
Park 276	Park 278	Dorrigo 148-9	gardens, see parks &
Cape Hillsborough National	crocodiles 500-1	Dorrigo National Park 148	gardens
Park 402	Crowdy Bay National	drinks 493-5	gay travellers 97, 506
Cape Nelson lighthouse 267	Park 139	driving, see car travel	Brisbane 305
Cape Otway 258-9	cruises 512, see also sailing	Dunk Island 436	Melbourne 228
Cape Tribulation 472-6,	culture 478-9		Sydney 24, 99, 101
474, <mark>29</mark>	Cumberland Islands 402	E	Geelong 245-8 Gem Fields 394
Capricorn Caves 389	currency 20, 506-7	Echo Point 117, 14	Gillard, Julia 487
Capricorn Coast 47, 381-94,	Currumbin 333-4	economy 478-9	Gippsland 267-78, 268-9
382	Currumbin Wildlife	Eden 198-9	Gladstone 385-7
accommodation 381 climate 381	Sanctuary 333	electricity 505 Ellis Beach 458	Glass House Mountains
food 381	Curtis Island 385	embassies 505	347-8
highlights 382	customs regulations 504	emergencies 21	gold 482-4
travel seasons 381	cycling 40-1, 512-13, 43 Bellarine Rail Trail 249	environmental issues 488-	Gold Coast 46, 321-37,
Capricorn Hinterland 393-4	Brisbane 157	92, 504, 511	322, 32
car travel 512-14, 514-15	Cairns 454-5	etiquette 507	accommodation 321 climate 321
road distance charts	Great Southern Rail	Eumundi 359	food 321
514-15	Trail 269	Eungella 401	highlights 322
rules 516-17 Cardwell 429	Melbourne 237	Eungella National Park 401-2	travel to/from 323
Carnarvon Gorge 393-4	Sydney 73	Eurimbula National Park	travel within 323
Carnarvon National Park	cyclones 410	385	Grafton 152-3
393-4		Eurobodalla Coast 191-5	Grand Canyon Walk 119, 44
cassowaries 435	D	events 24-6, 358	Grand Prix 243
Cathedral Rock National	D'Aguilar National Park 294	exchange rates 21	Great Barrier Reef 11, 33-8, 48, 414-15, 35 , 11 , 29 ,
Park 147	Daintree 471-6 Daintree Rainforest 12, 48,		48, 414-15, 33 , 11, 29, 42, 414-15
Cedar Galleries 386	12, 29	F	camping 38
cell phones 20, 507	dance 233	farmstays 389	climate 33
Central Coast 51, 120-1, 51 Childers 371-2	dangers, see safety	federation 484	climate change 488-92
	•	Federation Walk 327	:

Great Barrier Reef continued diving & snorkelling 36-8 islands 34 tours 37 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park 488 Great Kennel Island 392-3 393 Great Northern Expedition 483 Great Ocean Road 16, 244-67. **246-7**. **16** tours 248 Green Island 455 Great Sandy National Park 357-8 Great South West Walk 265 Guringai people 76 Guy Fawkes River National Park 147 Gympie 371

Hamilton Island 412-13 Hat Head National Park 143 Hawkesbury River 125 Hayman Island 413 health 500, 505 Heron Island 387 Hervey Bay 363-8, 364-5 hiking, see bushwalking Hinchinbrook Island 430 history 480-7 Anzacs 484-5 colonisation 480-1 convict beginnings 481 goldrush 482-4 Indigenous history 174, 480, 482, 486 museums 485 nationhood 484 recent history 487 war & the Great Depression 484-5 women 484 **WWII 485** hitchhiking 517 holidays 507 Home & Away 72 Hook Island 411 horse racing 498 Horseshoe Bay 426-37 hostels 83 Howard, John 487

Map Pages 000 Photo Pages 000 Hunter Valley 15, 121-6, 122 Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area 181 immigration 511 Indigenous culture 22, Aboriginal Cultural Concepts 155 Blue Mountains 113 Brisbane Water National Park 120 Dreamtime Cultural Centre 388 Fireworks Gallery 285 Hinchinbrook Island 430 Jellurgal Cultural Centre 331 Krowathunkoolong Keeping Place 276 Koorie Heritage Trust Melbourne 203, 215, 233 Mossman Gorge 470 Narana Aboriginal Cultural Centre 246 shopping 233 Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park (Cairns) Townsville Cultural Centre 419 Indigenous history 174. 480, 482, 486 Indigenous people 13, 23 Ingham 428 Innisfail 436-7 insurance car & motorcycle 515 health 505 travel 505 internet access 505-6

internet resources 21, 495. 502-3, 508-9, 510

jellyfish 42, 501

itineraries 27-30

Jenolan Caves 120 Jervis Bav 187-9 Jourama Falls 431

K

kangaroos 174, 402 Kangaroo Valley 184-5 Katoomba 117-19 kayaking & canoeing 41, 43 Byron Bay 157 Cairns 445

Eden 198 Jervis Bav 188 Melbourne 215 Mission Reach 433 Noosa 341 Port Stephens 135 Rainbow Beach 368 Sydney 74-5 Whitsunday Islands 403 Kennett River 257 Kiama 183-4 koalas 15 Koala Care Centre 165 Koala Conservation Centre 242 Magnetic Island 426

Koonwarra 267-8 Kuranda 459 Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park 76

Lady Elliot Island 19. 387, 19 Lake Cooroibah 358

Lake Cootharaba 358-9 Lake Tinaroo 463 Lakes District 272-5 Lakes Entrance 274-5.

274-5

Lamington National Park Lane Cove National Park 73 language 20

legal matters 506 Lennox Head 156-7 lesbian travellers

Brishane 305

Melbourne 228 Sydney 24, 99, 101 Leura 116-17 licensing laws 98 Lindeman Island 413 Lismore 165-7 Lizard Island 473 Long Island 411

Lorne 255-6 Luna Park (Melbourne) 213

Luna Park (Sydney) 69

Mabo, Eddie 486 Mackav 397-400. 398 Magnetic Island 424-8 Mahon Rock Pool 88, 89 Main Beach 327-9. 328 Malanda 461-2 Maleny 360

Manly Beach 71, 71 maps 506 markets Brishane 301, 313 farmers markets 494 Gold Coast 330 Magnetic Island 427 Melbourne 203, 211, 235 Sydney 63 Maroochydore 351-5, 354 Maryborough 370-1 measures 504 medical services 505 Melbourne 14, 46, 200-38, 201, 204-5, 208-9, 212, 216, 218, 220, 14 accommodation 200. 217-39 activities 215 climate 200 drinking & nightlife 227-31 entertainment 231-3 festivals & events 215 food 200, 222-7 itineraries 225 medical services 235-6 shopping 233-9 sights 202-13 tourist information 235-6 tours 215 travel seasons 200 travel to/from 236-7 travel within 237-8 walks 214. 214 Melbourne Cup 215, 498 Melbourne International Film Festival 216 Menzies, Robert 486 Merimbula 196-8, 197 Mermaid 329-30 Metung 273 Millaa Millaa 461 Mission Beach 47, 431-6. mobile phones 20, 507 Mogo 192 Mollymook 189-91 Mon Repos 373 money 20, 21, 502, 506-7 Montague Island (Baranguba) 18, 193, 18 Mooloolaba 351-5. 352 Moreton Island 319-20

Mornington Peninsula

Mornington Peninsula

National Park 242

239-42

Moruya 192 mosquitoes 501 Mossman 470 Mossman Gorge 470motorcycle travel 512-4. see also car travel mountain biking 40-1 museums & galleries Art Gallery of NSW 57 Australian Centre for Contemporary Art 206 Australian Centre for the Moving Image 202 Australian Museum 63 Australian National Maritime Museum 59 Australian National Surfing Museum 251 Australian War Memorial 171-2 Brett Whiteley Studio 63 Cairns Regional Gallery 439 Canopy Art Centre 439 Cedar Galleries 386 Chinese Musuem 203 Fireworks Gallery 285 Gallery of Modern Art 285 Geelong Art Gallery 245 Heide Museum of Modern Art 203 Hvde Park Barracks Museum 57 Justin Art House Museum 213 Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia 202 Institute of Modern Art 285 KickArts 439 Leuralla NSW Toy & Railway Museum 116-17 Maritime Museum of Townsville 419 Melbourne Museum 207 Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery 240 Museum of Australian Democracy 174 Museum of Brisbane 281 Museum of Contemporary Art 53 Museum of Sydney 57-8 Museum of Tropical Queensland 419 National Capital Exhibition 175 National Gallery of Australia 171 National Museum of

Australia 175

National Portrait Gallery Newcastle Art Gallery 127 Newcastle Maritime Museum 126 Newcastle Museum 127 NGV International 206 Nicholson Museum 71 Powerhouse Museum 69 Odos Art Gallery 255-78 Queensland Art Gallery Queensland Maritime Museum 287 Queensland Museum & Sciencentre 287 Rocks Discovery Museum 52 Susannah Place Museum 53 57 Sydney Jewish Museum 64-5 Tanks Arts Centre 439 White Rabbit 69 Murramarang National Park 189 music 482 classical music 105, 233 live music 106, 231-2 Myall Lakes National Park 137-9 Mystery Bay 193 Nambucca Heads 144-6. 145 Narooma 192-5 194 national parks & reserves. see also parks & gardens Ben Boyd National Park 199 Booderee National Park 189 Border Ranges National Park 167 Bouddi National Park 120 Brisbane Water National Park 120 **Bundjalung National** Park 154 **Burleigh Head National** Park 330 **Burrum Coast National** Park 372 Cape Byron State Conservation Park 157 Cape Hillsborough National Park 402 Carnaryon National

Crater Lakes National Park 463 Croajingolong National Park 278 Crowdy Bay National Park 139 D'Aguilar National Park Deepwater National Park 385 Dooragan National Park 139 Dorrigo National Park Eungella National Park Eurimbula National Park 385 Great Sandy National Park 357-8 Guv Fawkes River National Park 147 Hat Head National Park 143 Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park 76 Lamington National Park 337 Lane Cove National Park 73 Minnamurra Rainforest Centre 183 Montague Island (Baranguba) 193 Mornington Peninsula National Park 242 Murramarang National Park 189 Muttonbird Island 149 Myall Lakes National Park 137-9 New England National Park 147 Nightcap National Park 167 Oxley Wild Rivers National Park 147 Paluma Range National Park 431 Point Nepean National Park 241 Port Campbell National Park 259, 16 Royal National Park 182-3 Springbrook National Park 337 Sydney Harbour National Park 68 71

Park 393-4

Park 147

411

294

Conway National Park

Tamborine National Park 336 Cathedral Rock National Tomaree National Park 135 Wilsons Promontory 152 345-6 Old Bar 139 Olympic Games Sydney 2000 487

National Park 268 Wollumbin National Park 167 Wooroonooyan National Park 458-9 Worimi Conservation Lands 135 Yuraygir National Park Nelson 266-7 New England National Park 147 Newcastle 126-32. 128 accommodation 127, 129 activities 127 beaches 130 drinking & nightlife 130-1 entertainment 131 food 129-30 shopping 131 sights 126-7 tourist information 131 travel to/from 131-2 travel within 132 newspapers 504 Nightcap National Park 167 Nimbin 167-8 Ninety Mile Beach 273 Nobby Beach 329-30 Noosa 46, 340-6, 341, 343 accommodation 342-4 activities 340-2 courses 342 drinking & nightlife festivals & events 342 food 344-5, 345-6 shopping 346 sights 340-2 tours 342 tourist information 346 travel to/from 340, 346 travel within 346 Noosa National Park 15 North Stradbroke Island 316-9. 317 North West Island 387 Nowra 186-7 octopuses 501

opening hours 21, 507

Orpheus Island 429

Otway Fly 259 outback 425 Oxlev Wild Rivers National Park 147 Palm Beach 333-4 Palm Cove 456-8. 414-15 Paluma Range National Park 431 Pambula 196-8 parks & gardens Australian National **Botanic Gardens 174** Barangaroo Reserve 53 Birrarung Marr 202 Booderee Botanic Gardens 189 Brisbane Botanic Gardens 289 Centennial Park 65 Central Park (Sydney) 69-71 Chinese Garden of Friendship 59, 61 City Botanic Gardens (Brisbane) 281 Dianbung Gardens 168 Fitzroy Gardens 207 Flecker Botanic Garden 439 Hyde Park 58 King Edward Park 127 Mackay Regional **Botanical Gardens 397** Mrs Macquaries Point 52 National Arboretum 174 Paronella Park 436 Rockhampton Botanic Gardens 388 Roma Street Parkland 281 Royal Botanic Garden (Sydney) 52 Royal Botanic Gardens (Melbourne) 211 Townsville Botanic Gardens 419 Wentworth Falls Reserve 116 Wollongong Botanic Garden 180 parliament buildings Brisbane 281 Canberra 173-4, 17

Map Pages 000 Photo Pages 000

Melbourne 202-3 passports 511 Pavnesville 277 penguins 193, 242, 260, 17 Peregian Beach 356-7 Phar Lap 485, 498 Phillip Island 242-4, 17 phonecards 508 Picnic Bay 424 planning budgeting 21 calendar of events 24-6 East Coast Australia basics 20-1 East Coast Australia's regions 45 Great Barrier Reef 33-8 internet resources 21 itineraries 27-32 travel seasons 20 Point Break 253 Point Nepean National Park 241 politics 486-7 population 479 Port Campbell 260-1 Port Campbell National Park 259 16 Port Douglas 414, 463-70, 463-70. 414 accommodation 467-8 drinking 469-70 entertainment 469-70 festivals & events 467 food 468-9 shopping 470 sights 465-6 tours 466-7 Port Fairy 264-5 Port Macquarie 139-42, 140-1 Portland 265 Portsea 239-40 Port Stephens 135-7, 136

postal services 507 Proserpine 405 public holidays 507 public transport 517

Oueen Victoria Building 59, 102 Queenscliff 250-1

Radical Bay 426 radio 504 rafting 430

Ravenswood 425 Raymond Island 277 Red Rock 152 religion 479 Rip Curl Pro 253 rock climbing 41 Rockhampton 388-90 Royal National Park 182-3 Rudd, Kevin 487 rugby 496-7

safety 500-1 beaches 500 bushfires 500 cyclones 410 hitchhiking 517 road hazards 516 sun safety 500 water safety 500 wildlife 500-1 sailing 12, 43, 403, 409 Sale 272-3 Sapphire Coast 195-9 Sarina 400 Sarina Beach 401 scenic flights 269, 271, 29 Schoolies 325 seals 18 sharks 501 Shoalhaven Coast 185-91 skydiving 151, 157, 293 smoking 504 snakes 501 snorkelling, see diving & snorkelling soccer 497-8 Sorrento 239-40 South Molle Island 412 South Stradbroke Island South West Rocks 143-4 Southern Reef Islands 47, 387, 414 spiders 501 sports 108, 479, 496-8 see

also individual sports

Springbrook National

Sunshine Beach 356-7

accommodation 338

Sunshine Coast 46.

338-60 339

climate 338

highlights 339

travel to/from 340

travel within 340

food 338

Park 337

St Kilda 213. 220

Surfers Paradise 323-6. 324 surfing 41-2, 498, 41 Batemans Bay 191 Byron Bay 158 Coffs Harbour 150 Crescent Head 142 Gold Coast 336 Merimbula 196 North Stradbroke Island 318 Port Macquarie 141 Port Stephens 135 Sydney 75 Torquay 252 Wollongong 179 swimming 498 Sydney 11, 18, 45, 50-113, 51, 56-7, 60, 62,64, 66-7. 70. 72. 74. 77-8. 18 44 102 accommodation 50. 79-85 activities 73-5 climate 50 drinking & nightlife 96-105 entertainment 105-7 festivals & events 78-9 food 50, 85-96 highlights 51 itineraries 53 shopping 107-10 sights 52-73 tours 75-8 tourist information 110 travel seasons 50 travel to/from 110-11 travel within 111-13 walks 80, 80 Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras 24, 78 Sydney Harbour Bridge 19, 52. 7. 19 Sydney Harbour Fireworks 26 Sydney Harbour National Park 68, 71 Sydney Observatory 53 Sydney Opera House 52,

Tamborine Mountain 336-7 taxes 512 telephone services 20, 507-8 tennis 24, 215, 498

theme parks 329

105, 18, 102-3

Dreamworld 329 Luna Park (Melbourne) 213 Luna Park (Sydney) 69 Sea World Warner Bros Movie World Wet'n'Wild 73 Whitewater World Thorpe, Ian 498 ticks 501 Tidal River 269, 18 Tilba Tilba 195 time 20, 508 tipping 493, 507 Tomaree National Park 135 Torquay 251-3 tourist information 508 Tower Hill Reserve 263 Town of 1770 383 Townsville 47, 414, 419-24 418. 415 accommodation 417, 421-2

418, 415
accommodation 417, 421-2
climate 417
drinking & nightlife 423
festivals & events 421
food 417
highlights 418
shopping 423
tourist information 424
travel to/from 424
travel within 424
transport 511-17
travel to/from East Coast
Australia 511

travel within East Coast Australia 512-17 Trinity Beach 456 Tully 430-1 Turnbull, Malcolm 487 turtles 373, 402 TV 504 Twelve Apostles 259-61, 16

U

Ulladulla 189-91

V

vacations 507 Vegemite 494 visas 20, 509 volunteering 509-10

W

walking, see bushwalking walking tours
Sydney 80, **80**Melbourne 214, **214**, **14**Warrnambool 262-3
water safety 500
Waterfall Way 147
weather 20, 24-6 see
also individual regions
weights 504
Wentworth Falls 116
whale watching 25, **39**Eden 198
Hervey Bay 363, 366

Jervis Bay 187-8 Mooloolaba 535 Sydney 72, 76 white-water rafting 430 Whitsunday Coast 395-413. accommodation 395 climate 395 food 395 highlights 396 Whitsunday Island 413 Whitsunday Islands 12. 47, 403-13, 414, **404**, 12 see also individual islands wildlife 17, 22, 41 see also zoos, individual species wildlife watching 17, 22, 41 Brisbane 289 Cape Nelson 266 Magnetic Island 426 Phillip Island 243 Queenscliff 250 wildlife parks, see zoos Wills, William 'Jack' 483 Wilson Island 387 Wilsons Promontory 18. 267-72, **268-9**, **18**, **23** Wilsons Promontory

National Park 268, 270

Bellarine Peninsula 249

Hunter Valley 15, 121-3,

wine 494

wine regions 494-5

126, 15

Mornington Peninsula 241
Wollongong 179-83, **180**Wollumbin National Park
167
women travellers 510
Woodford Folk Festival 358
Woolgoolga 152
work 510
Wye River 256-7

Υ

Yamba 153-5 Yeppoon 390-2 Yorkeys Knob 456 Yungaburra 462-3

Z

zoos and wildlife parks Alexandra Park & Zoo 373 Australia Zoo 347 Australian Reptile Park 120 Billabong Sanctuary 419 Cairns Zoom & Wildlife Dome 444 Melbourne Zoo 211 Mogo Zoo 192 National Zoo & Aguarium 174 Rockhampton Zoo 388 Taronga Zoo 68-9 Wild Life Sydney Zoo

61-2

Map Legend

Sights

- Beach
- Bird Sanctuary
- Buddhist
- Castle/Palace
- Christian Confucian
- Cor
- (Islamic
- Jain
- Jewish
- Monument■ Museum/Gallerv/Historic Building
- Ruin
- Shinto
- Sikh
- € Taoist★ Winery/Vineyard
- Zoo/Wildlife Sanctuary
- Other Sight

Activities, Courses & Tours

- Bodysurfing
 Diving
- Diving
 Canoeing/Kayaking
- Course/Tour
- Sento Hot Baths/Onsen
- Skiing
 Snorkelling
- 3 Surfing
- Swimming/Pool
- Walking
 Windsurfing
- Other Activity

Sleeping

SleepingCamping

Eating

Eating

Drinking & Nightlife

- Drinking & Nightlife
- Cafe

Entertainment

Entertainment

Shopping

Shopping

Information

- Bank
- Embassy/Consulate
- Hospital/Medical
- Internet Police
- Post Office
- Telephone
- Toilet
- Tourist Information
- Other Information

Geographic

- Beach
- ►⊲ Gate
- Hut/Shelter
- Lighthouse
- Lookout
- ▲ Mountain/Volcano
- Oasis
- Park
-) (Pass
- Picnic Area
 Waterfall

Population

- Capital (National)
- Capital (State/Province)
- City/Large Town
- Town/Village

Transport

- Airport
- Border crossing
- Bı
- ++⊕++ Cable car/Funicular
- - Cycling
- -@− Ferry
- Metro station
- -- Monorail
- Parking
- Petrol station
- Subway station
- Taxi
- +-- Train station/Railway
- Underground station
- Other Transport

Note: Not all symbols displayed above appear on the maps in this book

Routes

Tollway Freeway Primary

Secondary

Tertiary
Lane

Unsealed road

Road under construction

Steps

Pedestrian overpass
Walking Tour

Walking Tour detour
 Path/Walking Trail

Boundaries

--- International
--- State/Province
-- Disputed

- - - Regional/Suburb Marine Park

---- Wall

Hydrography
River, Creek

Intermittent River

Water

Dry/Salt/Intermittent Lake

Reef

Areas

Airport/Runway
Beach/Desert

+ Cemetery (Christian)

× Cemetery (Other)

Glacier

Mudflat

Park/Forest

Sight (Building)

Sportsground

Swamp/Mangrove



Paul Harding

Port Douglas & the Daintree As a writer and photographer, Paul has been travelling the globe for the best part of two decades, with an interest in remote and offbeat places, islands and cultures. He's an author and contributor to more than 50 Lonely Planet guides to countries and regions as diverse as India, Iceland, Belize, Vanuatu, Iran, Indonesia, New Zealand, Finland, Philippines and – his home patch – Australia.



Trent Holden

Victoria A Geelong-based writer, located just outside Melbourne, Trent has worked for Lonely Planet since 2005. He's covered 30 plus guidebooks across Asia, Africa and Australia. With a penchant for megacities, Trent's in his element when assigned to cover a nation's capital – the more chaotic the better – to unearth cool bars, art, street food and underground subculture. On the flipside he also writes books to idyllic tropical islands across Asia, in between going on safari to national parks in

Africa and the subcontinent. When not travelling, Trent works as a freelance editor and reviewer, and spends all his money catching live gigs.



Kate Morgan

Melbourne Having worked for Lonely Planet for over a decade now, Kate has been fortunate enough to cover plenty of ground working as a travel writer on destinations such as Shanghai, Japan, India, Zimbabwe, the Philippines and Phuket. She has done stints living in London, Paris and Osaka but these days is based in one of her favourite regions in the world – Victoria, Australia. In between travelling the world and writing, Kate enjoys spending time at home working as a freelance editor.



Charles Rawlings-Way

Plan Your Trip, Understand Charles Rawlings-Way is a veteran travel writer who has penned 30-something titles for Lonely Planet – including guides to Singapore, Toronto, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, the South Pacific and Australia – and numerous articles. After dabbling in the dark arts of architecture, cartography, project management and busking for some years, Charles hit the road for LP in 2005 and hasn't stopped travelling since.



Tamara Sheward

Cairns & Around After years of freelance travel writing, rock'n'roll journalism and insalubrious authordom, Tamara joined the Lonely Planet ranks in 2009. Since then, she's worked on guides to an incongruous jumble of countries including Montenegro, Australia, Serbia, Russia, the Samoas, Bulgaria and Fiji. She's written a miscellany of travel articles for the BBC, the *Independent*, *Sydney Morning Herald* et al; she's also fronted the camera as a documentary presenter for Lonely Planet TV, Nat

Geo and Al-Jazeera. Tamara's based in far northern Australia, but you're more likely to find her roaming elsewhere, tattered notebook in one hand, the world's best-travelled toddler in the other.



Tom Spurling

Coastal Queensland Tom is an Australian LP guidebook author and high school teacher currently based in Hong Kong in search of the long-lost expatriate package. He has worked on 13 LP titles, including Japan, China, Central America, Turkey, India, South Africa and Australia. When not chasing his tail, Tom enjoys tucking it under his crossed legs for minutes on end.



Donna Wheeler

Gold Coast, Northern NSW Donna has written guidebooks for Lonely Planet for 10 years, including the Italy, Norway, Belgium, Africa, Tunisia, Algeria, France, Austria and Melbourne titles. She is the author of *Paris Precincts*, a curated photographic guide to the city's best bars, restaurants and shops and is reporter for Italian contemporary art publisher My Art Guides. Donna's work on contemporary art, architecture and design, food, wine, wilderness areas and cultural history also can be found in a variety

of other publications.

Read more about Donna at:

lonelyplanet.com/profiles/ donnawheeler



OUR STORY

A beat-up old car, a few dollars in the pocket and a sense of adventure. In1972 that's all Tony and Maureen Wheeler needed for the trip of a lifetime – across Europe and Asia overland to Australia. It took several months, and at the end – broke but inspired – they sat at their kitchen table writing and stapling together their first travel guide, *Across Asia on the Cheap*. Within a week they'd sold 1500 copies. Lonely Planet was born. Today, Lonely Planet has offices in Franklin, London,

Melbourne, Oakland, Dublin, Beijing and Delhi, with more than 600 staff and writers. We share Tony's belief that 'a great guidebook should do three things: inform, educate and amuse'.

OUR WRITERS



Andy Symington

Curator, Sydney & the Central Coast, South Coast NSW Andy has written or worked on more than a hundred books and other updates for Lonely Planet (especially in Europe and Latin America) and has published articles on numerous subjects for a variety of newspapers, magazines, and websites. He part-owns and operates a rock bar, has written a novel and is currently working on several fiction and non-fiction writing projects. Andy, from Australia, moved to Northern Spain many years ago.

When he's not off with a backpack in some far-flung corner of the world, he can be found watching the tragically poor local football side or tasting local wines after a long walk in the mountains.

Read more about Andy at: lonelyplanet.com/profiles/andy_symington



Kate Armstrong

Victoria Kate Armstrong has spent much of her adult life travelling and living around the world. A full-time freelance travel journalist, she has contributed to around 40 Lonely Planet guides and trade publications and is regularly published in Australian and worldwide publications. She is the author of several books and children's educational titles. Over the years, Kate has worked in Mozambique, picked grapes in France and danced in a Bolivian folkloric troupe. A keen photogra-

pher, greedy gourmand and frenetic festival goer, she enjoys exploring off-the-beaten track locations, restaurants and theatres.

Read more about Kate at: lonelyplanet.com/profiles/kate_armstrong



Cristian Bonetto

Brisbane, Noosa & the Sunshine Coast, Melbourne Cristian has contributed to more than 30 Lonely Planet guides to date, including New York City, Italy, Venice & the Veneto, Naples & the Amalfi Coast, Denmark, Copenhagen, Sweden and Singapore. Lonely Planet work aside, his musings on travel, food, culture and design appear in numerous publications around the world, including the Telegraph (UK) and Corriere del Mezzogiorno (Italy). When not on the road, you'll find the

reformed playwright and TV scriptwriter slurping espresso in his beloved hometown, Melbourne.



Peter Dragicevich

Canberra, Melbourne After a successful career in niche newspaper and magazine publishing, both in his native New Zealand and in Australia, Peter finally gave in to Kiwi wanderlust, giving up staff jobs to chase his diverse roots around much of Europe. Over the last decade he's written literally dozens of guidebooks for Lonely Planet on an oddly disparate collection of countries, all of which he's come to love. He once again calls Auckland, New Zealand his home – although his current no-

madic existence means he's often elsewhere.

OVER MORE PAGE WRITERS

CRN 554153

Published by Lonely Planet Global Limited

6th edition – Nov 2017 ISBN 978 1 78657 154 0 © Lonely Planet 2017 Photographs © as indicated 2017 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 Although the authors amd llowelly (Rhamettiavest blueralli e e asonable e are ein propagning ight bisobloviv weekenke vor warry adposibilite the earchy acy complete plets set is to distent hand, aboth to that vimavin endem by termit pletroid ted addis cell limitaliti by biritisy agrifsing firstogets use.

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be copied, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted in any form by any means, electronic, mechanical, recording or otherwise, except brief extracts for the purpose of review, and no part of this publication may be sold or hired, without the written permission of the publisher. Lonely Planet and the Lonely Planet logo are trademarks of Lonely Planet and are registered in the US Patent and Trademark Office and in other countries. Lonely Planet does not allow its name or logo to be appropriated by commercial establishments, such as retailers, restaurants or hotels. Please let us know of any misuses: lonelyplanet.com?!



© Lonely Planet Publications Pty Ltd. To make it easier for you to use, access to this chapter is not digitally restricted. In return, we think it's fair to ask you to use it for personal, non-commercial purposes only. In other words, please don't upload this chapter to a peer-to-peer site, mass email it to everyone you know, or resell it. See the terms and conditions on our site for a longer way of saying the above - 'Do the right thing with our content.'