

# Burrum Heads

## The key facts in dot point

- 330KM NORTH OF BRISBANE
- 35KM NORTH OF HERVEY BAY
- MOUTH OF BURRUM RIVER
- BURRUM TRIBUTARIES ARE GREGORY AND ISIS RIVERS
- ON COAST OPPOSITE NORTHERN TIP OF FRASER ISLAND
- ORIGINALLY CALLED TRAVISTON FROM 1880'S, RENAMED 1950
- BEGAN AS HOLIDAY DESTINATION FOR COALMINERS FROM HOWARD AND BURRUM TOWN
- POPULATION ABOUT 2000
- HAS SUPERMARKET, PUB, BOWLO, BAKERY, BUTCHER, SERVO, HARDWARE/CRAFT SHOP, ESTATE AGENT, ETC
- 2 CARAVAN PARKS, MOTEL, VACATION RENTAL HOUSES AND UNITS

	<b>FISH WE CAUGHT THIS YEAR</b>	<b>OTHER YEARS</b>
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•	BLACK BREAM	
•	YELLOWFIN BREAM	MOSES PERCH
•	BUTTERFLYFISH	SHARK SHOVELNOSE
•	CATFISH	SICKLEFISH
•	COD FLOWERY/ESTUARY	SNUBNOSEDART
•	MUDCRAB	STINGRAY
•	FLATHEAD BARTAIL	STRIPED BUTTERFISH
•	FLATHEAD DUSKY	TARWHINE
•	FLOUNDER	TOAD
•	GARFISH	TOAD STRIPEY
•	GRUNTER	TREVALLY
•	LEATHERJACKET	WHITING SAND
•	LONGTOM	WHITING WINTER
		BROWN STRIPEY
		SAND CRAB
		DART
		EMPEROR
		GRINNER
		HAPPY MOMENT
		HERRING
		MULLET
		MULLOWAY
		STARGAZER
		TREVALLY GOLDEN
		WRASSE

Really need a boat at Burrum. Some good fish are caught from shore but not that many. Occasionally the squid are on. There are usually options for kayak fishing, except in very windy weather. Kayak anglers can cast or troll some of the shallower spots not accessible to boats.

**Some photos then:**



*High tide view of some mangrove islands. It's where we spend most of our fishing time. Quite a few fish species can be caught and we are entertained by the calls of unseen birds in the mangroves.*



*Low tide view of a wider area. It shows how careful you need to be in navigating the river to reach your favourite spots. There are many shallow stretches plus several clumps of rocks which are the ballast dumped by sailing ships which used to haul coal and timber from up river.*



*They aren't all big. I don't know the real name of the small fish but we call it a brown stripey.*



*Hand launching on the van park boat ramp. There is usually someone on hand to take your wheels back up the ramp and leave them under the fig tree. When you return someone will bring the wheels down to you and help you pull the boat up the ramp.*



*The sunny photo was taken at dawn looking towards the river mouth. The northern tip of Fraser Island can't be seen but is in the far distance.*





*I am holding a bream. We usually just call them bream but they are a yellowfin bream.*



*A sicklefish, sometimes called a butter bream. They fight hard and are good eating.*



*Snubnose dart, which I believe are also called a permit in some places. Very strong fighters.*



*Neil holding a grunter or javelinfish. Really tough fighters and excellent eating.*





*Neil holding two sand whiting, generally called summer whiting in Burrum to distinguish them from winter whiting (or divers) which are much smaller but can be caught in larger numbers. Both are excellent eating.*



*I am holding a dusky flathead and a sicklefish. The duskies are fairly common and have a minimum size of 40cm and a maximum of 75cm.*



*The van park and the hand launching ramp from the water. Neil's wife has brought our wheels down and is waiting to help us.*



*The dusky flathead was caught during happy hour one evening, to the cheers of the assembled crowd. It was 80cm and therefore released.*





*Neil holding a cooked mud crab. We catch quite a few on our lines baited with yabbies (nippers). Most are released as they are either females or too small.*