

THE BASICS

Fitness Level:

A minimal fitness level is required for traversing the Edmund Kenney Walk (approx. 300m)

Departure Time:

Tour departs from Mission Beach Visitor Centre at 9.30am

Duration:

This is a 2.5hr tour. We plan to return by 12.00 pm.

Tour Days:

Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, or by arrangement.

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\$60 PER PERSON

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WHAT TO BRING

- Good Walking Shoes
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Camera

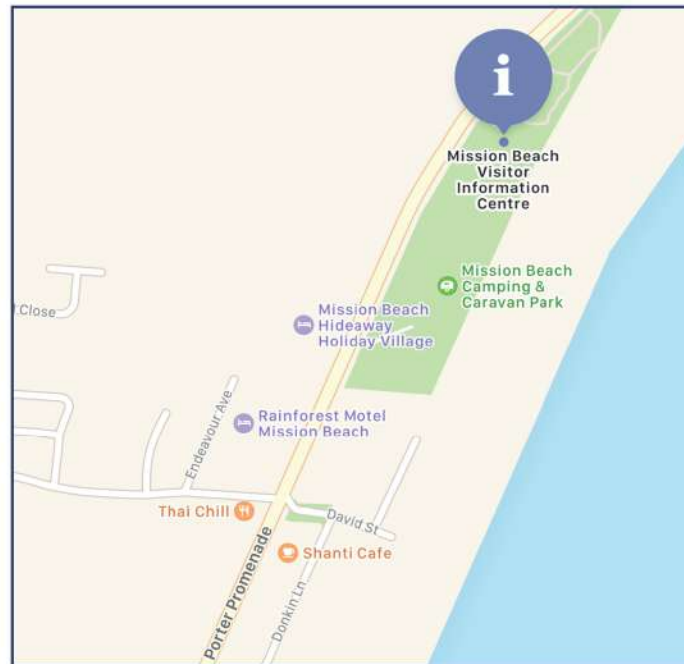


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Originally called 'Djiru Country'
1848 Clump Point named; became district name
1914 Hull River Aboriginal Settlement created
Locals mistakenly called it "The Mission"
Started using the term "Mission Beach"

How we became Mission Beach?



Our History: Who was this man? What did he do?

**THE AWARD-WINNING
MISSION BEACH VISITOR CENTRE
IS PROUD TO OFFER THIS
EXCLUSIVE HISTORICAL AND
SCENIC EXPERIENCE.**

TOUR DETAILS

Tour through Mission Beach's pioneering history departing from the Award - Winning Mission Beach Visitor Centre. Visiting Garners Beach and burial grounds, Bingil Bay, South Mission Beach and Edmund Kennedy Trail. Discover hidden truths of the rich heritage in the area, and the historical conquests of the early pioneers. Take in the splendour of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area, including the birthplace of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

HIGHLIGHTS

STEP BACK IN TIME ON A
HISTORICAL TOUR
EXCELLENT VALUE FOR MONEY
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PROFESSIONAL GUIDE

WHAT TO EXPECT

Rain, hail, or shine, you depart from the Mission Beach Visitor Centre at 9.30am.

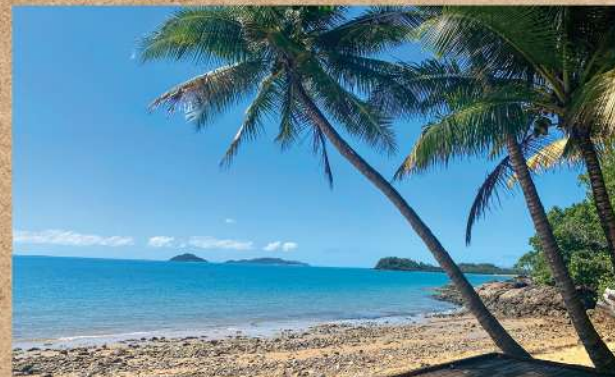
Visit **Bingil Bay**, learn how John Buust and others worked in the 1960's and 70's to save the Great Barrier Reef. A great Australian Story!

Stopping at Perry Harvey Jetty, taking in the stunning views of the landscape, tour along the Beachfront pass several points of interest and learn the history of **Dunk Island** and other surrounding islands, and the extraordinary life of the "Beachcomber" – Edmund Banfield. Be reminded of the valuable part this area played in the Battle of the Coral Sea in 1942 in WWII.

Next, it's time to follow the very scenic trail to the Mission Site at **South Mission**

Beach. Visit the commemorative site of the Queensland Government Aboriginal Settlement, destroyed in the 1918 cyclone and learn of the tragic aftermath.

Finish the tour by walking part of the Edmund Kennedy Memorial Walking track that was built by the community to commemorate the 1848 expedition, and to protect the delicate environment.



Kennedy Track - South Mission Beach

Edmund James Banfield

- Born 1852 Liverpool
- Died Dunk Island 1923 aged 70
 - Married Bertha Golding
- Wrote four books on the island
- Best seller was 'Confessions of a Beachcomber' (1908)
- Before Dunk he was sub-Editor Townsville Bulletin for 15 years
 - Had a breakdown 1887
- Resigned and went to Dunk
- Leased 320 acres from the Queensland government
- Strong conservationist and observer of nature

