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A PLACE TO KEEP SPECIAL FOR OUR  
**future generations**

# Great Sandy Biosphere



 **Burnett Mary**  
REGIONAL GROUP  
Practical Solutions for Natural Resource Management

**AN INTRODUCTION**

On behalf of the Burnett Mary Regional Group, I welcome you to the Great Sandy region of Australia.

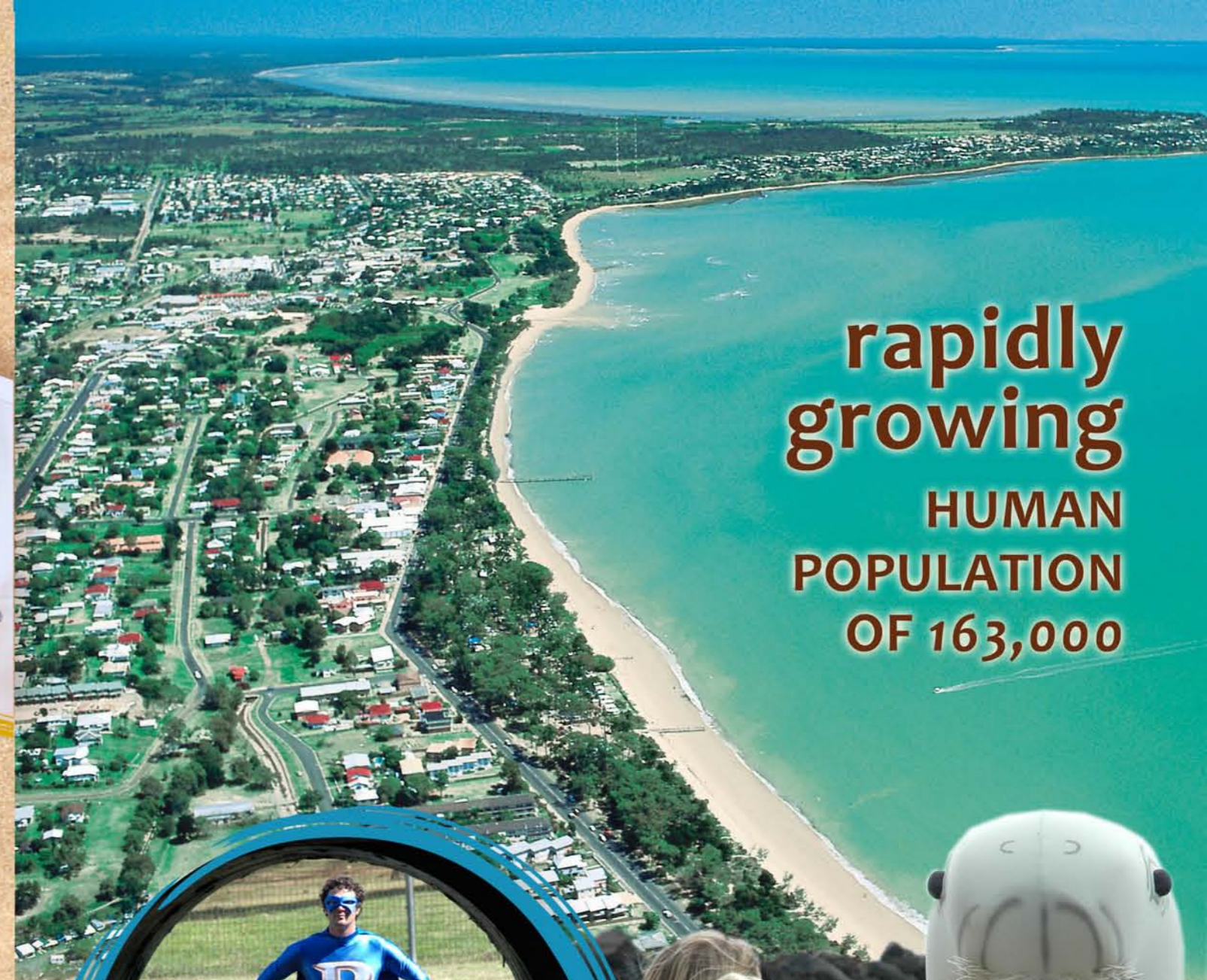
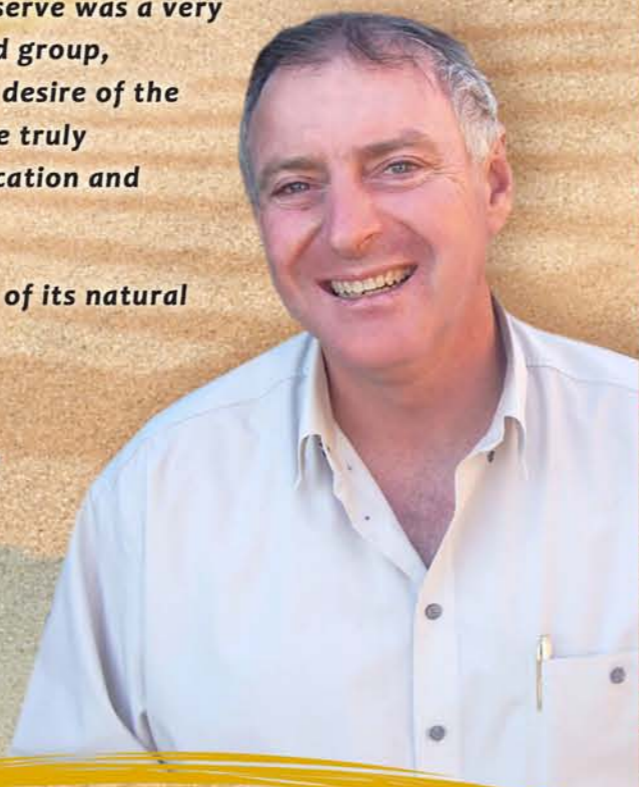
The nomination of the Great Sandy region as a Biosphere Reserve was a very important project for our non-government, community based group, and we were delighted that it was successful. It reflects the desire of the people of our region to maintain ecological diversity, achieve truly sustainable development and encourage more research, education and interest in this special part of the world.

I invite you to tour the Great Sandy region, experience some of its natural wonders, and share your ideas on how we can keep it special for all time.

**Russell Stewart**  
CHAIRMAN



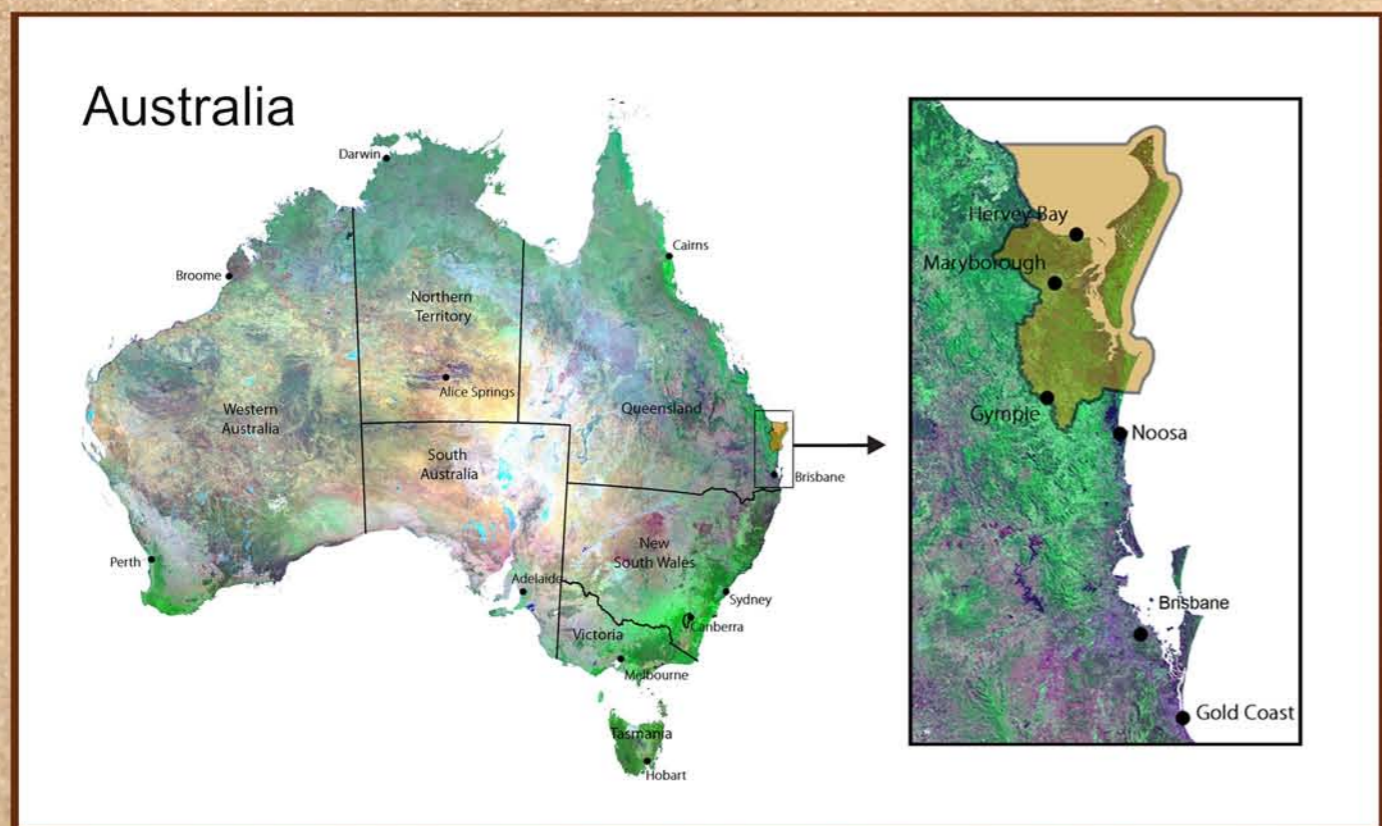
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**rapidly  
growing  
HUMAN  
POPULATION  
OF 163,000**

# the great sandy region

A MAJESTIC ARRAY OF GEOMORPHOLOGICALLY RELATED SANDSCAPES OF SPECTACULAR SIZE, COMPOSITION & BEAUTY.



**ENVIRONMENTAL  
education  
campaigns**



CONTAINS ANCIENT  
**dune chronosequencing**  
THE BEST OBSERVABLE IN THE WORLD



**critical habitat**  
FOR FROGS ADAPTED  
TO ACIDIC CONDITIONS



**significant**  
AGRICULTURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

THE  
**world's largest & highest**  
PERCHED DUNE LAKES

7558 RECORDED SPECIES OF  
**fauna**  
& **flora**



MAJOR TRANSITORY  
POINT FOR  
**humpback whales**  
ON THEIR ANNUAL  
SOUTHERN MIGRATION

# tallest and most complex

RAINFORESTS GROWING ON SAND IN THE WORLD

COOLOOLA SANDMASS AND FRASER ISLAND

# oldest and largest

UNCONSOLIDATED SANDMASS IN THE WORLD



49% OF AUSTRALIA'S bird species



MAJOR BREEDING SITE FOR endangered marine turtles

FRINGING CORAL REEFS SUPPORTING HARD & SOFT CORALS, COLOURFUL NUDIBRANCHS, AND more marine fish diversity THAN THE ENTIRE GREAT BARRIER REEF



great sandy strait

RAMSAR WETLANDS - AN IMPORTANT FEEDING GROUND FOR MIGRATORY SHOREBIRDS

