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## ROCKY HOST PROGRAM

Fitzroy River (Tunuba) | Rockhampton QLD Australia

The Fitzroy River (Tunuba) is the heart of Rockhampton City and famous for barramundi, pronounced “bardda moon di” by the Darumbal people. This defines the Fitzroy River catchment as the genuine Home of the Barramundi in Australia.

The Darumbal people believe that the Munda-Gadda created all the waters in the land, its rivers, creeks and streams, it created the underground rivers and lakes and the water in plants. The Darumbal people believe that the Munda-Gadda is Tunuba (Fitzroy River).

Rockhampton is the only city in Australia where you can fly in, check in and boat out in less than an hour targeting trophy barramundi and king threadfin right in the middle of the CBD. With a total catchment area of 156,000 square kilometres, the river provides prime estuary and freshwater fishing country.

### TOP 5 FACTS

- Darumbal name is ‘Tunuba’.
- The Fitzroy provides both estuary and freshwater fishing.
- Fish species include barramundi, saratoga, golden perch, king threadfin, blue threadfin, grunter, mudcrabs and golden snapper.
- Crocodiles inhabit these waters - be croc wise.
- Found only in the Fitzroy River catchment and its tributaries, omnivorous bum-breathing turtles can take between 15-60 breaths per minute through their bottom.

### TOURISM OPERATORS & ATTRACTIONS

Boat, jetty and land-based fishing | [fishingthefitzroy.com.au](http://fishingthefitzroy.com.au)

River cruises | [rivercruiseqcq.com](http://rivercruiseqcq.com)

Boat hire | [reelfishingqcq.com](http://reelfishingqcq.com)

Fishing charters | [guidedfishingdownunder.com](http://guidedfishingdownunder.com),  
[hookedfishingcharters.com.au](http://hookedfishingcharters.com.au), [reelfishingqcq.com.au](http://reelfishingqcq.com.au)

Waterfront dining | [boathouserockhampton.co](http://boathouserockhampton.co)

Gawala on Country Experiences | [darumbal.com.au](http://darumbal.com.au)

### MUST DO EXPERIENCES

- Catch a trophy sized barramundi. ([Barramundi season](#) is from 1 February through to 31 October each year).
- Enjoy a sunset [river cruise](#).
- Book a fishing [charter](#) or [hire](#) your own boat.
- Fish from one of our many [accessible land-based fishing platforms](#) or head further out to the floodplains and lagoons.
- Extensive [walking paths](#) to take in magnificent views, nature and playgrounds along the way.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

**Your Fitzroy Fishing Guide** | A comprehensive guide on fishing events, fishing locations, species, charters, safety tips and the Rockhampton Region’s Voluntary Code of Practice | [Download e-brochure](#).

**Fishing The Fitzroy** | All the information you need to book and plan your fishing experience in the region, including the Voluntary Code of Practice | [Visit website](#).

**Rockhampton Region Destination Guide** | A guide on everything there is to do in the Rockhampton region | [Download e-brochure](#).

**Advance Rockhampton Tourism Industry Resources** | Access image galleries, videos, industry partners and online platforms to promote your business | [Visit website](#).

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