



# Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009 NORTH QUEENSLAND BEACH UPDATE

## BEACHES: CURRENT STATUS

BEACH	STATUS	PATROL SERVICE	NOTES
Port Douglas	OPEN	9am to 5pm daily	
Ellis Beach	OPEN	1pm – 5pm: Saturday. 9am to 5pm: Sunday	Lifeguard service as of 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov
Palm Cove	OPEN	9am to 5pm daily	
Clifton Beach	OPEN	No lifeguard Service.	Lifeguard service as of 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov
Kewarra Beach	OPEN	No lifeguard Service.	Lifeguard service as of 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov
Trinity Beach	OPEN	9am to 5pm daily	
Yorkeys Knob	OPEN	9am to 5pm daily	
Holloways Beach	OPEN	No lifeguard Service.	Lifeguard service as of 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov
Cairns Esplanade Lagoon	OPEN	6am –10pm Thurs – Tues 12noon – 10pm Wed	
Green Island	OPEN	9.15am to 4.15pm daily	
Bramston Beach	OPEN	No lifeguard Service.	
Etty Bay	OPEN	9am to 5pm Sunday.	
Kurrimine Beach	OPEN	No lifeguard Service.	
North Mission Beach	OPEN	No lifeguard Service.	
South Mission Beach	OPEN	9am to 5pm Sunday.	

**\*\* As of Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 09 stinger resistant enclosures will be deployed across the region.**  
**\*\*As of Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 09 lifeguard service recommences at Ellis Beach, Clifton Beach, Kewarra Beach and Holloways Beach**



**First Aid for tropical marine sting**

1. Call for Help Lifesaver/Lifeguard or dial 000 for Ambulance
2. Emergency Care CPR if needed
3. Treat the sting Pour vinegar onto sting
4. Seek Medical Aid Hospital/Ambulance

WARNING: Symptoms for Irukandji stings may take 20 - 60 minutes to develop. If in doubt follow the first aid priorities and seek medical advice.

Further Information:

Check out the following websites:

- ✓ [www.lifesaving.com.au](http://www.lifesaving.com.au)
- ✓ [www.marinestingers.com.au](http://www.marinestingers.com.au)
- ✓ [www.epa.qld.gov.au](http://www.epa.qld.gov.au)

### Tips for safer swimming in tropical waters:

- ✓ Look for and observe warning signs
- ✓ Swim between the red and yellow flags
- ✓ Ask the Lifesavers/Lifeguard on the day.
- ✓ The use of a full body length lycra swimming suit is also advisable, this device can reduce your chances of being stung by any jellyfish by well over 75% and is more than SPF 30+ rated so it's a great barrier against skin cancer as well.
- ✓ Please refrain from swimming at night

Risk Assessments and sample drags, as per our standard procedures, are done daily.

Drags are currently showing baby prawns, comb and button jellyfish but no Irukandji or Chironex Fleckeri (box jellyfish) sighted or caught to date.

Marine stingers and other creatures are a natural part of the marine environment. The lifesaving patrols and stinger resistant enclosures are there for the safety of swimmers, so we ask that you swim only in patrolled locations.



Celebrating a Centenary of Summers

Regards  
Ebony Keating  
Area Manager – NQ



**MESSAGE OF THE DAY**  
**SWIM BETWEEN THE RED AND YELLOW FLAGS &**  
**ASK OUR FRIENDLY LIFESAVERS/LIFEGUARDS ANY QUESTIONS ON THE DAY**