

# OUTBACK ADVENTURE

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## The Gulf

For visitors it puts on a lovely face,  
That recognizable name a quirky place,  
The weather, the sunsets, the very slow pace.  
That's Karumba.

It's on the Gulf - Carpentaria's the name,  
Where fish and fishers play a waiting game,  
Seeking a large catch and instant fame.  
Aye Karumba.

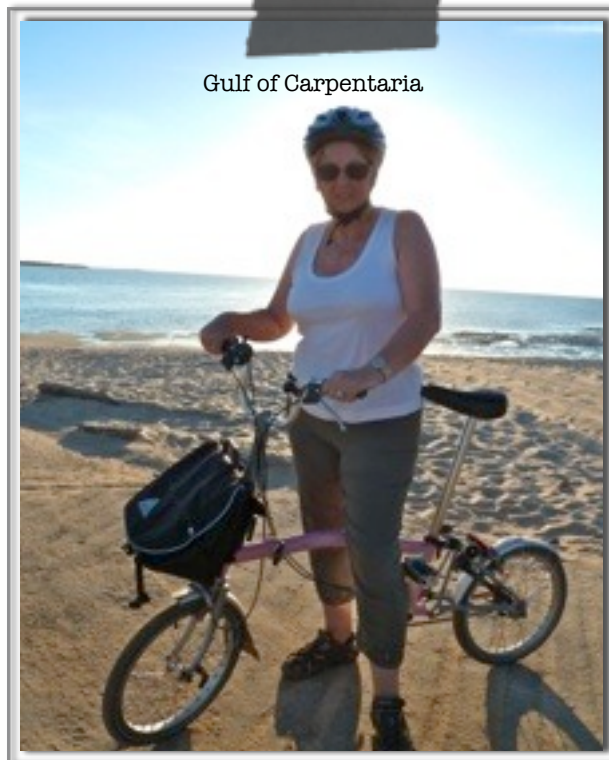
By hand line, big cruiser, small tinny they wish,  
To catch a Barramundi the king of all fish,  
Caught along the coast to make the best dish.  
Off Karumba.

Its all about fishing, drinking and booze,  
If you care not for this then you've nothing to lose,  
May as well simply lay down and snooze.  
Ahhh Karumba.

The place is crowded with campers and boats,  
The attire to wear does not include warm coats,  
Only shorts and T shirts, unironed Heather notes.  
Tardy Karumba.

But wait - a golf course on cycle we saw,  
Mown paddocks, eucalypts and water trap for sure,  
With many golfballs for resident croc to gnaw.  
Outside Karumba.

Self reliance important, necessities all too few,  
Most shops multitask if not selling brew,  
Spied a pharmacy selling furniture and plants too.  
In Karumba



Gulf of Carpentaria

## Fisherman's Paradise

There is not much to do in best fish & chips we have Karumba except fish. It is ever had. There are three said that Karumba and very large caravan parks in Normanton are where the Karumba. We were glad we biggest barramundi are booked in advance as there caught. We surmise that, were no sites left when we gauging by the vast number got here. Most of the of fishermen and boat residential buildings here trailers we saw, it will not be are for rent and almost all long before the place is tours cater to people fished out. We had barra for interested in fishing. This is dinner. Without question the the place for you Rod.



**AUSTRALIAN BUSTARD** We are not familiar with this Australian bird but we had to stop when it crossed the road in front of us. It is quite a large bird. With it's raised head and solemn slow walk, it looked very regal. We have seen more since.



**PREMIUM WATER** This is not tea or coffee but water that came out of our tap in the Mt Isa motel - the one that cost us \$222 for one night. Maybe the iron oxide or precious metals in this water are good for your health but we decided not to test this possibility.



**MAJOR HIGHWAY TO KARUMBA** One lane only. If another car comes towards you you need to get well over. At least it was sealed.



## KRYS THE CROCODILE



### NORMANTON

The largest recorded crocodile in the world was captured and shot in Normanton. A replica of the beast adorns the main street of the town. Standing next to the animal makes you feel insignificant. The intrepid murderer of this monster was the "famous polish croc shooter" Krystina Pawloski. She shot Krys in 1957 to show the world who was boss. Imagine doing some fishing in a tinny and meeting this 8.63m flesh-eating brute up close and personal. I reckon it would be my worst nightmare.



Plant Nursery - new addition

## Karumba



Karumba's busy port  
once a WWII Catalina base

To avoid  
finding frogs  
in the washing  
machines  
**CLOSE  
LIDS AFTER  
USE PLEASE.**



Does the house come with boat?



