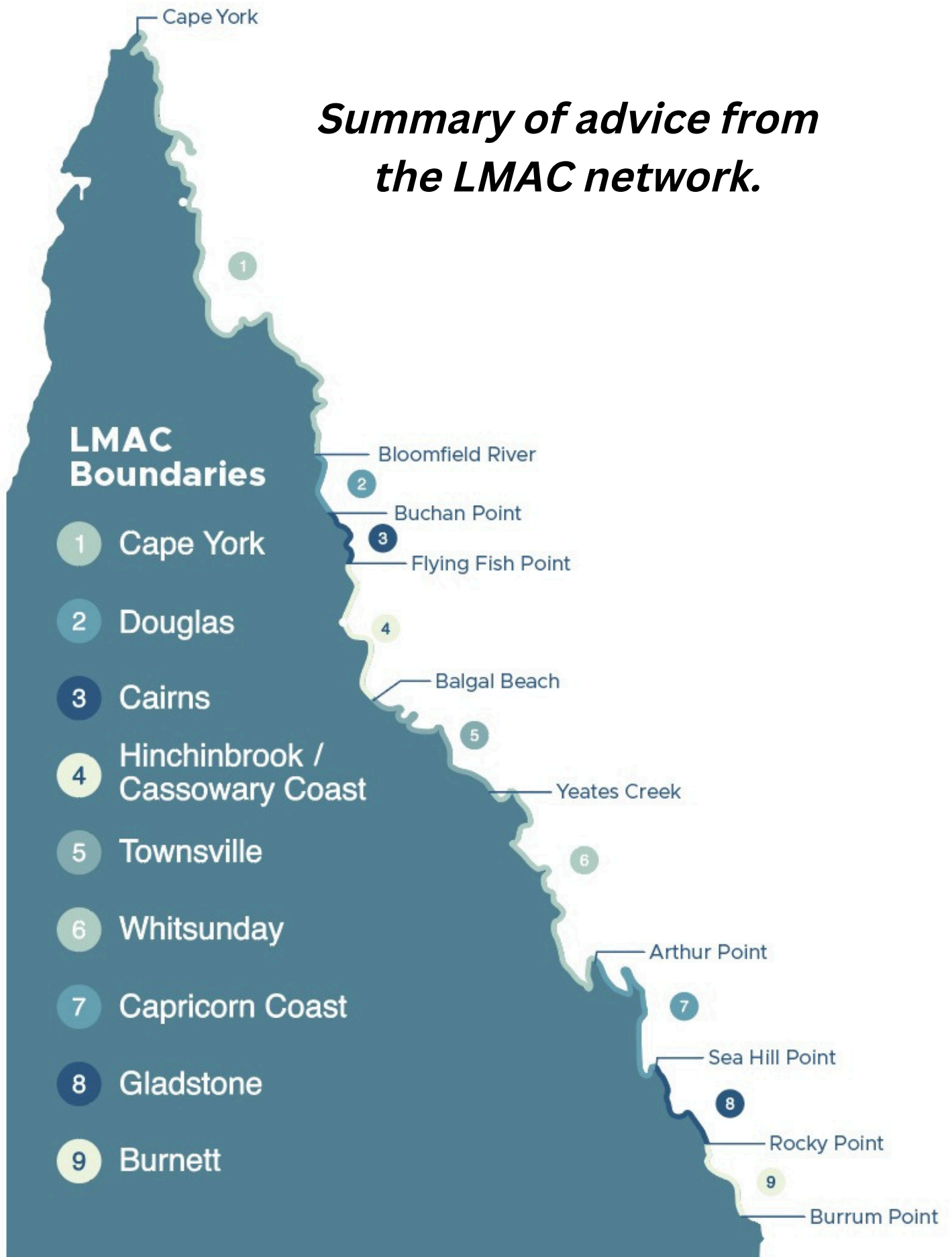


LOCAL MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

AUGUST 2025



***Summary of advice from
the LMAC network.***



The fifth meeting of the Local Marine Advisory Committees (LMACs) for the 2024-2027 term. The Reef Authority presented on Traditional Owner led Sea Country Management.

The topics discussed included:

- Outcomes with Aboriginal and Torres Strait in Marine Science (ATSIMS)
- Junior Reef Ranger education resources
- National curriculum-aligned resources
- Southern Plan of Management partnerships and governance
- Sea Country Values mapping
- Traditional Use of Marine Resources Agreements (TUMRAs) Program
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Strategy
- Traditional Owner Implementation Plan
- Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan

Collective LMAC discussion points raised during the session:

- LMAC members indicated through post presentation discussions that they were supportive of the work of the Reef Authority and encouraged further strengthening of partnerships with Traditional Owners with the following sentiments:
 - Great to see Traditional Owners taking the lead on so many projects and how they are managing country.
 - Change the focus from Traditional Owner engagement to Traditional Owner led.
 - Feel inspired to contact local Traditional Owners to be involved in more local programs and projects.
 - Lots of hard work has been done, the programs have come a long way, however, there is still work to be done to get more TUMRAs.
 - Teaching each other, sharing stories, spreading messages showing the long connection with the land and sea.
 - There is a great connection with Traditional Owner work and activities in the community.
 - TUMRAs had been perceived to be only about turtles and dugongs. Great to hear it is about other sea country management.
 - TUMRAs are just one mechanism that Traditional Owners use to manage their sea country, there are others such as the Queensland Indigenous Land and Sea Rangers Program.
- LMACs made the following suggestions:
 - Consider the impact on the Indigenous Ranger groups enrollment numbers due to a lack of funding.
 - The importance of talking to the community, sitting in the same room, and listening.

Additional input from members:

- Giringun was the first group to have a TUMRA with the Reef Authority 20 years ago and are still engaged.
- Woppaburra will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of their TUMRA in a few years' time.



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