



## **Tangalooma Island Resort celebrates 30 years of whale watching with a splash!**

- *This year is the 30<sup>th</sup> whale watching anniversary for Tangalooma Island Resort*
- *An estimated 28,000 whales are expected to pass by Moreton Island during the larger than normal migration this winter.*
- *Tangalooma Island Resort will donate \$5 for every whale sighted from their whale watching vessel to The Kids Cancer Project.*

Tangalooma Island Resort's whale watching season has officially kicked off with a record-number of whales projected to pass by Moreton Island this year.

"Not only is this year our 30<sup>th</sup> year of whale watching at the resort, but we are also expecting it to be our best season yet," said Ben Forbes, Marketing Manager of Tangalooma Island Resort.

More than 28,000 humpback whales are expected to travel up the coast this year, up 10% from 2016.

Tangalooma is home to Queensland's largest and longest running whale watching tours, afloat Australia's largest whale watching vessel – The Tangalooma Jet. The 40 foot catamaran provides all 180 guests a spacious and comfortable journey out around Moreton Bay, with in and outdoor viewing decks to ensure an uninterrupted view of every breach, spout and splash.

The resort's strong historical affiliation with the whales dates back to 1950 when it was chosen as the site for the largest land-based whaling station in the southern hemisphere. In 1980, the land was then purchased by local Brisbane family, The Osborne's who developed the now Tangalooma Island Resort into an environmentally sustainable and conservative tourism destination.

"Eco-education is extremely important to us as Silver-Accredited Members of EarthCheck – the world's leading environmental management and professional services group for the travel and tourism industry.

"Our Marine Education and Conservation Centre prides itself on delivering leading eco-education across our full range of resort activities and tours.

"Our Eco-Rangers are present on each and every one of our whale watching cruises to provide expert commentary on the whale migration and offer insight into these fascinating marine mammals," said Mr Forbes.

For the second year running, Tangalooma Island Resort is partnering with The Kid's Cancer Project to donate \$5 for every whale sighted from the Tangalooma Jet.

"This ongoing partnership with Tangalooma and [The Kids' Cancer Project](#) is a fantastic display of community and common goals. We are so happy to have Tangalooma Island Resort support our vision again this year for what's predicted to be the best whale watching season yet" said Owen Finegan, Chief Executive of The Kid's Cancer Project.

Tangalooma Island Resort has the closest whale watching experience available to Brisbane residents, a mere 75 minute ferry ride from the island.



Day trippers can escape the hustle and bustle of the city and have a 'whale of a time' with three different first-class whale watching packages available daily, starting from just \$75 per person\*. All packages include lunch and a complimentary 'happy snap' digital download aboard the vessel. Overnight stay packages are also available for anyone wanting to extend their island-time and enjoy the wide range of island and water-based activities on offer at the resort, including the world-renowned dolphin feeding program.

Tangalooma Island Resort's 30<sup>th</sup> whale watching season will run from June to October 2017. For more information or to book, please visit [www.tangalooma.com](http://www.tangalooma.com).

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