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with and immerse yourself in nature.

## OPENING HOURS

Sanctuary Reserve | 7am-6pm

Visitor Centre | Mon-Fri 9am-3.30pm and Sunday 9am-4.30pm

Guided Walks available by request | Please contact Maroochy  
Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group Inc. 07 5448 6723

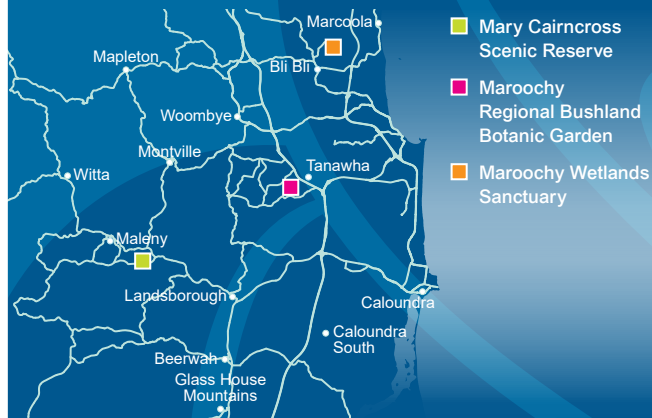
## FACILITIES



Please note this is a wetland environment and there are mosquitoes, especially during the summer months. Bring mosquito repellent.

## HOW TO FIND US

Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary is located on Sports Rd, Bli Bli



■ Mary Cairncross  
Scenic Reserve

■ Maroochy  
Regional Bushland  
Botanic Garden

■ Maroochy Wetlands  
Sanctuary

Visit our other environmental information centres:  
Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Garden, Tanawha and  
Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve, Maleny.



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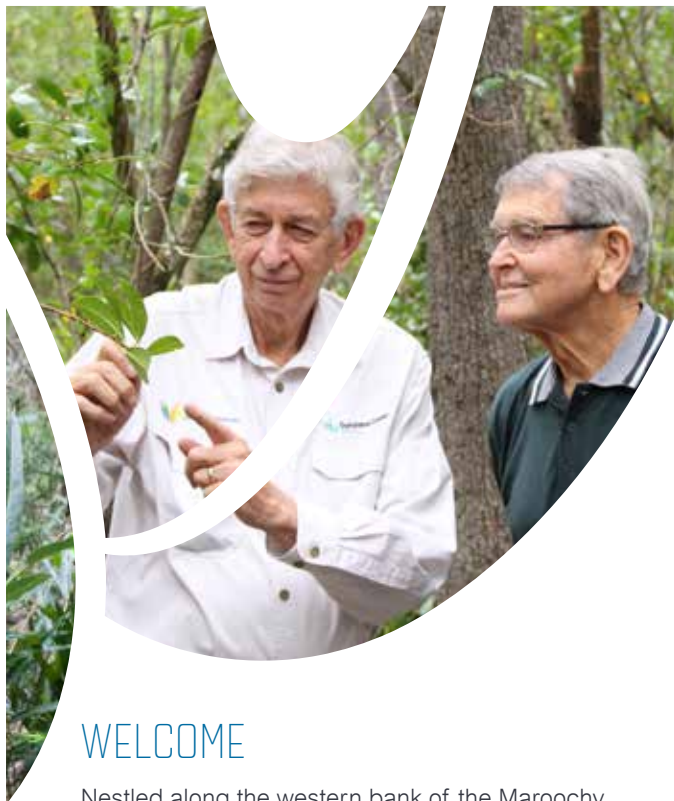


Connecting people with nature  
in the heart of Kabi Kabi Country





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## WELCOME

Nestled along the western bank of the Maroochy River, the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary is a nature lover's paradise. Nearly a kilometre of elevated boardwalk meanders its way through a succession of distinct vegetation communities including eucalypt forests, casuarina groves, melaleuca woodlands, mangroves, salt marshes and tidal flats. You'll be enchanted by the peace and serenity of this rare piece of natural heritage.

## A SANCTUARY FOR NATURE

Biodiversity thrives along the river's edge. There are plenty of opportunities for visitors to spot some of the 200 species of birds, including raptors, kingfishers, waterbirds and melodic songbirds that make the wetlands their home.

The Sanctuary is not just a haven for birds but also for many species of crabs, insects and small mammals such as the highly endangered and secretive water mouse (*Xeromys myoides*).

This striking native mouse with its slate grey top and pure white underbelly grows to approximately 10 cm. It builds its nest close to the high tide mark and is extremely vulnerable to habitat loss, predation by dogs, cats and foxes and sea level rise. The Sanctuary is an important refuge for this and other endangered species.

## WHAT TO DO

From the crab platform, at low tide, you can watch the male fiddler crab waving his large orange claw to attract a mate, or catch a glimpse of the brightly coloured red-fingered marsh crabs with their happy face markings. Informative signage dotted along the boardwalk provides visitors with a unique insight into the different species that make the Sanctuary home. Head to the free interactive Visitor Centre to learn about the history, cultural heritage and environmental significance of this reserve.

For an extra special experience, follow the poetry trail and listen to a range of poems inspired by the Sanctuary, enjoy our self-guided walk that points out key highlights or contribute your sightings to our ClimateWatch program. The Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary is the perfect spot to connect with and immerse yourself in nature.

