

# Understated Charm

Swim at the Rockpool, and surf at Nine Mile Beach

by Anna P

The long bridge connecting **Forster to Tuncurry** is iconic. I am sure that every time I drive across it, my heart skips a beat. Could the water get any more turquoise, or the sand any whiter? There are pristinely white pelicans lazily standing on a sand bank. Yes, my heart really did skip a beat, as I spotted the sea eagle sitting incongruously on one of the overhead lights on the bridge. And then it's gone. A mere speck as it flies off to catch its' dinner.

Rounding the corner into **Point Road**, API's **Fairholme** units are perfectly located to overlook the water. Boats are bobbing at the wharfs just in front of it.

The air is fresh with a hint of salt. That unmistakable holiday feeling descends on me. So much so that I just want to look at the view for several minutes before unloading the car.

I cannot wait to stroll along the waterfront directly from Fairholme to the **Rockpool**. We weave our way through the families frolicking on the beach and in the water, to dip our toes in. Simple

pleasures are often the best. Then we stroll a little further along to **Nine Mile Beach**, where there is no problem getting space to sit down and watch the surfers' catching waves.

Reluctantly, we head back to the 2-bedroom unit. I am passionate about juicy oysters, so our mission is to get to **Colin Wren's Oysters** before he closes. He is so enthusiastic and will happily tell you all about his farm. Colin's outfit is at number 14 Point Road while our unit is at number 9. How could they be any fresher? The oyster leases are right there, and small fish are so easy to spot swimming in and out of them.



Stay at Fairholme (left) - imagine your fabulous views



Forster Tuncurry Golf Club - food with views

I am happy. I am on holiday and have a large tray of oysters at my disposal. Time to return to Fairholme. Standing on the balcony, sharing plump oysters, laughter and amazing views. It's a slice of heaven. Yum!

I love going to the **Golf Club**. I don't play golf, but the views down the fairway are delightful, and the lunches are very affordable. Members tell me the course is good. They also appear to like the driving range and water golf!

**Horse About Tours** are popular as they take the time to match you with the right horse for your riding ability. Being an API member, you can also **save 10%** through **RedBalloon** or **Adrenaline**.

Fishing is always popular. The boat ramp is 50 metres away for those that have their own boat. **Reel Ocean Adventures** will take you on an organised fishing expedition, but I like taking a coffee (or beer) out to my man spinning for flathead in front of Fairholme.



I like going to Forster Tuncurry Golf Club - it's not just for golf

If there is a group of you, hire a pontoon and explore the lake. You will not be disappointed. It is a beautiful way to see the area, have a picnic and catch fish.

Beaches up and down the coast are so plentiful that you will always have plenty of space. The Great Lakes are exactly what their name suggests. It is a water wonderland.

If you have kayaks, be sure to take them. Kids will love paddling out to the sand islands, or across to Forster.

“ Could the water be any more turquoise? ”

We are so lucky to have the cuisine from so many different countries available to choose from. The quality standard is high because of all the competition. So, if you like Thai, Italian, modern Australian, Mediterranean, Chinese, Mexican, Turkish street food, Indian, Fish & Chips or a good old Parmy, you will not have to look far. Oh, my goodness, I am getting hungry just thinking about them all!



Paddle your way through Coastal Brewing Company beers

Local liquid refreshments are bountiful. There are wineries to visit. A distillery in Wharf Street, The **Coastal Brewing Company** in Dalman Street just to name a few. But for me, a coffee in the morning at **Beach Bums** gets my heart started, and we have many meals at the unit as the kitchen is so well equipped. **API**

**I hope you will enjoy it as much as we do.**

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