

# Sunset on the Sea

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*Sunset on the Forster-Tuncurry Bridge*

Everyone loves the sparkle of sunlight glistening on clear blue water. But as the sun descends towards the horizon and turns into flames dancing on the waves and turns fluffy clouds into mythical beasts, that is when I love it most. The best place to enjoy it is from the balcony of **API's units at Fairholme** in Tuncurry, NSW. I swear that one day those red flames of the dying sunlight will engulf the small boats bobbing at the moorings opposite the units. Is there a better way to define 'Happy Hour' on the balcony than a spectacular view and sharing it with someone special, especially if it involves the delicious oysters the area is so famous for?

We love the tranquillity of the area so much that dinner and an evening on **Free Spirit Cruises**, slicing through the rippling red water is another way to enjoy it all. The enthusiasm of the crew is infectious. Seeing the wildlife and hearing about the local islands adds to the moment. Seeing dolphins on these cruises is a thrill every time. Sadly, being wild animals, there have been some occasions when we have not seen them.

If you plan on hiring a boat, kayak or SUP, my advice is taking one of the daytime cruises first. That way you will know what to look for and have more fun exploring islands for which you will know its name and snippets of its history. You will know where to look for fish and the bird life. If you have your own boat, there is a boat ramp 50 metres from the units. Just be careful on your way back because all those serene looking pelicans are experienced fish thieves, especially if your catch is not covered up.



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**Curlew Island** is the small island in front of Fairholme. **Fern Island** is the larger one to the right, while **Sandy Bottom's Island** is the small one midway across.

If you like to explore markets, the Forster **Town Park Market** is held on the second Sunday of each month. The biggest farmers markets in the area, the **Hub Markets**, take place on the third Saturday of the month in Wingham Showgrounds. After a coffee, some treats, perhaps a garden ornament or a leather craft item or a wooden blow, head north on Murray Road which quickly becomes the Bulga Road. It is worth the 50-minute drive past Bobin to Elands and the **Ellenborough Falls**. These horsetail falls are the tallest in the NSW. The 150-metre fall has a good viewing deck, also accessible by wheelchair. For the not so faint hearted there is a heart pumping set of steps to a pool at the base of the falls. Are you up for the challenge?



*There is a good viewing platform at Ellenborough Falls*



*A stay in Tuncurry is not complete without dinner at The Deck.*

“ You will love the tranquility at Fairholme. ”

When it comes to dining, there are so many choices. **Beach Bums Café** has been a perennial place for morning coffee. But a stroll down to **Tuncurry Rock Pool Café** is often on the cards. Then you might prefer **Tartt**, the **Paradise Marina Café** is also on the waterfront and **The Deck** is always delightful. If you want to experience a quirky café by the sea, take a drive to Old Bar and sample the delights of the **Blowfish Café Street Food**. It's a great place for lunch with sea views. For vegetarians and vegans, a visit to **All Things Yum** will make you want to go back for more! [API](#)

***It's no wonder we keep returning to this delightful part of Australia.***

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