Coomera Police Station

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AREA & HISTORY

The boundaries of Coomera Division extend from Canowindra in the north, to the Gaven Way in the south, west to the base of Mount Tamborine and east to Hope Island. It comprises the major population centres of Helensvale, Oxenford, Pimpama, Upper Coomera, Studio Village, Gaven and Pacific Pines.

Bailliere's Queensland Gazetteer and Road Guide of 1876 described Coomera in the following way:

"Coomera is a postal township situated on the Coomera River. The area has two sugar mills and there is a thrice weekly coach service to Brisbane. Sugar, maize, wheat and green crops are the main produce. The area is generally settled by small farmers and their families. The Church of England and the Baptists have places of worship in the area."

Coomera was only a small town of 52 people at the time of the 1881 census but grew to 210 by 1901. The area became well known because it was the centre of the wine industry in the region. William Oxenford, the experimental farmer, Alfred Waterman, engineer, and Arthur Robinson and Samuel Grimes, sugar planters, were notable locals in the small town.

POPULATION AND HOUSING

The residential population of the Coomera Division is estimated in the 1996 census to be approximately 25,190 persons with an average annual growth rate of approximately 14%.
GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

The area developed predominantly as a farming community. Varied success was experienced by early settlers with sugar cane farming, mixed farming, dairying and wine production.

Whilst some primary production still occurs, Coomera is better known these days as the home of three world class theme parks - Warner Bros. Movie World, Wet'n'Wild Water Park and DreamWorld - where attractions such as 'Lethal Weapon', the 'Tower of Terror', 'Tiger Island' and 'Calypso Cove' provide many hours of fun for locals and tourists alike. These parks attract over two million visitors each year.

The re-establishment of the Brisbane-Gold Coast rail link in early 1996 has made Coomera more accessible than ever with its own station and special bus services to and from the theme parks. Two other railway stations are located within Coomera Division, at Ormeau and Helensvale, opening up enormous opportunities for future residential and industrial development.

SPORT AND RECREATION

In addition to the theme parks, there are currently three licensed golf clubs, five taverns, one bowls club, numerous licensed restaurants, tennis clubs, swimming facilities, and all codes of football are located within the Division.

TRANSPORT

There are three rail stations, linking Brisbane to the Gold Coast, located within Coomera Division. Regular bus services are available at Helensvale station to transport passengers further south to Southport and Surfers Paradise.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Basic shopping and community services can be found at Helensvale but the closest major commercial centre is at Runaway Bay, 10-15 minutes drive from the centre of Coomera. Nearby Harbour Town houses established factory outlets for most "brand name" goods and clothing. Reading Cinemas can also be found at this location.

All amenities available include shopping centres, medical services, nurseries, child care centres and financial services. Emergency services include Fire, Ambulance and Police.

Coomera Division has 6 primary schools and 3 secondary schools with approx 8,000 students in total at these schools. Three private primary and secondary schools, namely Catholic, Anglican and Non Denominational can also be located within the division.

POLICING SERVICES

The Coomera Police Station was built in 1884 with a strength of one (1), travelling by horse to and from jobs. The station was constructed on a site which would now be in the middle strip of the Pacific Motorway near the Coomera River. Some years later,
the station was moved to the eastern side of the highway. Staffing was slowly upgraded to four (4) in 1988.

In April 1992, a new station was constructed south of this location and staffing levels were upgraded to meet the demands of one of the fastest growing areas in the Gold Coast District.

**In an emergency, dial Triple Zero (000).**