



Nerang Police Station



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AREA & HISTORY

The Nerang Police Division is bordered by the Coomera Division to the north, Southport and Broadbeach Divisions to the east and Mudgeeraba Division to the south. Its western boundary falls along the Local Government boundary between Gold Coast City and Beaudesert Shire which runs through some of the most beautiful National Park areas of the region. Its other main geographical features include the Pacific Highway which runs north/south through the Division and the Nerang River, discovered in 1823 that flows through to the seaway at Southport. The Hinze dam is constructed across the Nerang river at Advancetown is the Gold Coast's main water supply. Recent upgrades to Hinze dam have doubled its water holding capacity.

The township of Nerang was surveyed by Martin Lavelle in June 1865. Lavelle named one street after himself and others after local pioneers like William White the local squatter, and Edmund Price the local planter.

Benjamin Cockerill erected the first hotel, The Nerang, in early 1872. The population of the 'town' of Nerang in the 1871 census was too small even to be included in the list of towns in the region. A thrice weekly Cobb & Co coach service provided the incentive for the opening of a second hotel called the Southern Cross, followed by the Royal Mail in 1873.

With the establishment of a telegraph office, two stores, a butcher, a saddler, a baker and a boot maker it was clear that a township was forming. The first school opened in 1875 and by 1881 the population reached 95. By 1888 there were three schools in Nerang

The area and the population had grown to 343 by 1901. By 1905 Nerang was becoming a centre for dairying. Maize was the main industry with arrowroot and potato crops also becoming more important.

Nerang boomed in the 1970s and 1980s as the Gold Coast expanded westward and urban development surrounded the district. This boom saw the establishment of Railway Station at Nerang and forms part of the Gold Coast rail link to Brisbane.

POPULATION & HOUSING

The Nerang Division has an estimated residential population of approximately 70,000 people comprising predominantly young families.

SHOPPING

The Nerang Division has a number of small and medium sized shopping centres which cater to the needs of local families. Major retailers such as Coles, Woolworths and Aldi are all located within these local shopping centres and have easy access to the Pacific Highway.

HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICES

There are no hospitals at Nerang but the Gold Coast University Hospital, Robina Hospital and two private hospitals are located within a short driving distance. There are a number of established medical centres in the area.

The Queensland Ambulance and Fire Services have recently established their own respective stations within the township of Nerang.

SPORT AND RECREATION

The Carrara Sports Ground is located a short distance away from the Nerang Police Station with Metricon Stadium being the home for of the Gold Coast Suns AFL football team. The area surrounding the Carrara Sports Ground is expected to undertake significant development in anticipation for the 2018 Commonwealth Games. Nerang also boasts a velodrome and a public swimming pool complex that has 3 pools owned and operated by the Gold Coast City Council.

The Mudgeeraba/Nerang Cricket Club also has its home ground at Carrara with turf wicket, practice nets and club house facilities. It has teams in all grades from juniors through to first grade in the Gold Coast District Cricket competition. There are also a number of world class golf courses within easy reach from Nerang.

The Nerang Division takes in areas such as Springbrook, Natural Arch, the Rock Pools and Lower Beechmont; all great places to take the family for picnics, horse riding and bush walking.

EDUCATION

There are numerous child care centres in the area, with four (4) state primary schools, two state high schools and a number of private schools. The Gold Coast College of TAFE is located at Ashmore which is only a few kilometres away.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Nerang has a small town centre in which banking and a range of other commercial and retail services are available.

Of more prominence within the Division, is the development of a series of light industrial parks which house a diverse range of small and large business operations providing services such as panel beating, motor vehicle wrecking, a wide range of trades, printing and equipment hire services.

Administration offices of the Gold Coast City Council are also located at Nerang including Council functions such as finance, town planning and building services.

POLICING SERVICES

The Nerang Police Station was officially opened in 1988 and is also the base for the Gold Coast Scenes of Crime Unit.

The Numinbah Correctional Centre is also located within the Division that now only accommodates female prisoners.

In an emergency, dial Triple Zero (000).