Seaforth Police Beat

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Locality Profile

The Seaforth Police Beat covers an area which takes in parts of the Calen and Marian Police Divisions. The area is bordered by Marian and Calen Police Divisions. It is situated approximately 47 kilometres north of Mackay Police Station, 35 kilometres East of Calen Police Station and 50 Kilometres East of Marian Police Station. The area comes under Mackay City Council control.

Seaforth is a beach-side town having some of the premier beaches within this region, including Seaforth Beach, which is about a 250 meter walk from the Police Beat. Seaforth is a well known fishing spot, with two boats ramps, Victor Creek and Seaforth Creek, giving access to local creeks, the Newry Island Group, the Smith Island Group and the reef beyond. Seaforth Police Beat area does not cover any of the islands off of the coast.

Seaforth also has a council run camping reserve which is very busy during Easter and Christmas holidays as well as being a very popular spot for wintering tourists.

The Seaforth Police Beat covers the townships, of Seaforth Ball Bay, Halliday Bay, Cape Hillsborough and also the cane farming area of Belmunda encompassing a total area of approximately 56 square kilometres.
Seaforth was originally used by Local Farmers as a fishing and holiday base, with many small cottages and "beach shacks" being built within the area. Many still remain however more permanent residents are calling Seaforth Home.

Ball Bay is a small seaside community approximately 10km’s South of Seaforth. It has a long sandy beach and is bordered to the north by Halliday Bay and to the south by Smalley’s Beach Camp Ground, which is part of Cape Hillsborough National Park.

Halliday Bay is another Seaside community situated just north of Ball bay. It has a golf course/holiday resort, Caravan Park and a protected swimming enclosure.

The beat area has a population of just under 1500 people, according to the 2001 Census, however during peak holiday periods the population can more than double.

The Seaforth Beat was officially opened on the 20th of May 2006. It was established to provide Police Beat and Community based policing services to the Seaforth Area.

**Beat Office**

The Beat Office is situated next to the QPS residence, in a separate building. It was primarily established to cover the suburb of Seaforth. There are no extraneous government agency positions at this establishment.

**Medical Facilities**

Seaforth has a visiting Doctor’s Surgery one day a week. All other medical facilities are provided for in Mackay and are listed in the Mackay District Profile.

**Education**

Within the Beat area, there is a State Primary School, which has about 150 students in attendance, secondary school students are bussed to Mackay secondary schools.

**Shops**

There is a Post Office/general store, and an AMPOL service station/general store in the Beat Area. Due to the proximity to Mackay all major shopping can be conducted nearby. Mackay has all manner of retail outlets.

**Sporting/Leisure**

Seaforth area has one Bowls Club, being the Seaforth Bowls club. Seaforth area has a golf course which is attached to the Halliday Bay Resort and is available for public use. Seaforth has a council run tennis court/ Basketball court facility as a well as a sports oval and BMX track. There are also plans for a purpose built covered sports building.

Seaforth has an enclosed swimming area at Seaforth beach, fishing and crabbing in the creeks and off the nearby islands are common activities. Life within this area is similar to that of most beach-side communities.

Seaforth has a Community Hall which is regularly utilised for everything from wedding celebrations to student dances. The Hall is also utilised for regular martial arts training, and seniors meetings.

Seaforth area covers several National Parks including Cape Hillsborough National Park, which has some scenic walks and stunning view points. There is also a mangrove walk
way and beach side BBQ areas. There is the facility to launch boats from the beach, giving access to Wedge Island and Sandy Bay.

There are a large number of parks and recreation areas within this Beat area.

All media facilities within the Mackay Division are found here.

Seaforth community hold a yearly Fishing Classic, in April which attracts a large number of people to the area

Banking

The Seaforth Post office is a Commonwealth Bank agent.

Public Transport

There is no regular public bus service within Seaforth or connecting to Mackay. However the school bus may be used by members of the public wishing to travel to Mackay.

Community Policing

Besides the provision of Problem Oriented Policing strategies, the Officer In Charge of the Police Beat is also expected to attend, and make presentations to, all manner of local organisational meetings. These include:

- Seaforth Youth Activity Group
- Seaforth Progress and Sports Association
- Seaforth State School Adopt-a-cop
- Seaforth C.W.A.

As well as interacting with other State and Local Government Organisations including:

- Families, Youth and Community Care - Queensland
- Mackay City Council

The Seaforth Community is a very pro-active and progressive Community. The community is very positive towards the police and policing of the area with a large amount of local intelligence material forthcoming.

In an emergency, dial Triple Zero (000).