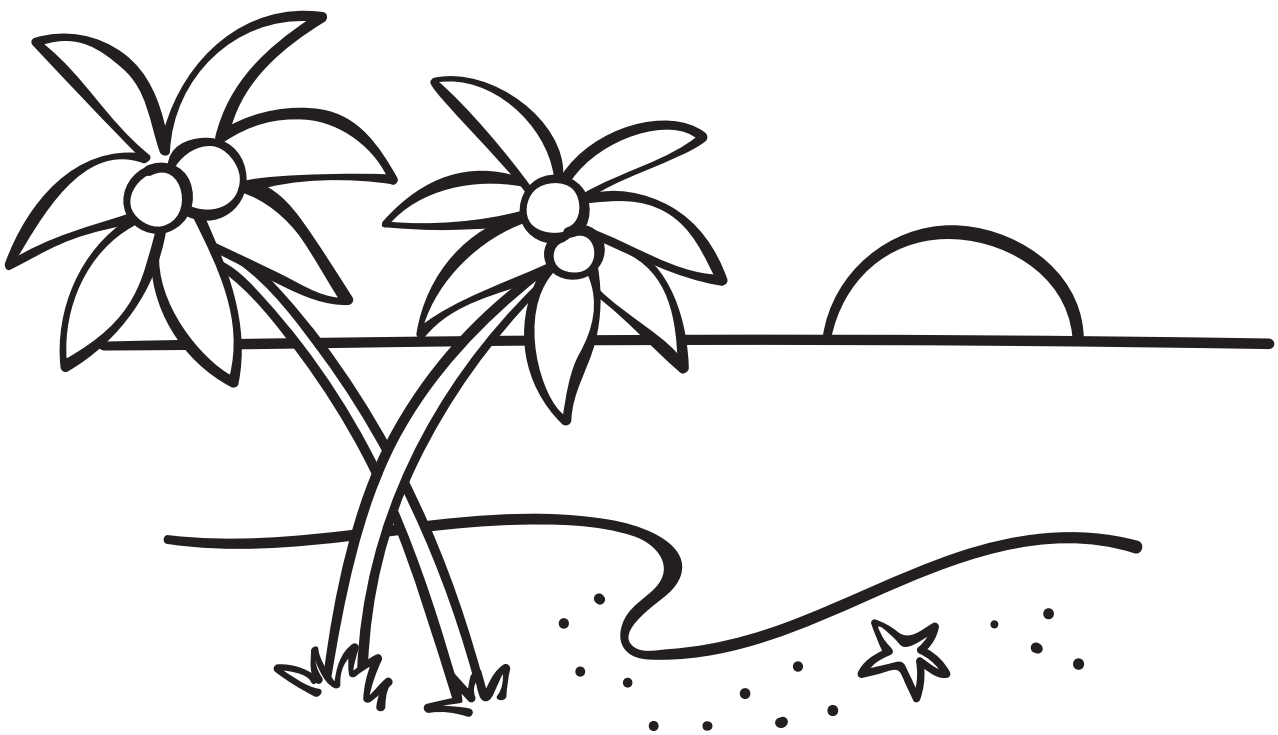


Information Report

Cairns

Cairns is a large city located in Far North Queensland. As it is quite close to the equator it is very tropical. This means it is often humid and in the summer months can be very stormy. During the winter months the daytime temperature is about 30 degrees and at night the temperature stays around 20 degrees. Because Cairns is so humid the vegetation is very tropical. There are many different species of palms and ferns growing that would not survive in cooler parts of Australia.



The beaches are beautiful. Often palm trees shade parts of the beach. The Great Barrier Reef is just off the coastline of Cairns and this causes a lot of coral to wash up onto the beach. Some beaches are hard to walk on in bare feet because the coral hasn't broken down into sand yet.

The most popular sport in Cairns is rugby. There are a lot of rugby grounds and many children wearing rugby colours. The sport reports on the television news and in the newspapers talk a lot about rugby. It is very hard to find information about AFL.

A lot of the houses are raised off the ground because the weather is so hot. This allows air to circulate underneath and cool the house down a little bit.