Bats Qld (Flying Foxes & Microbats) Inc

Critical Incident (CRIN) Boundary Areas

PURPOSE OF POLICY

The principal objective of Bats Qld (Flying Foxes & Microbats) Inc ('Bats Qld') is to rescue injured & orphaned bats, provide them with the necessary veterinary assistance & medical care, rehabilitate them & release them back into their natural environment. This policy aims to establish a region boundary area for CRIN's outside the Gold Coast area to ensure Bats Qld & its members maintain sufficient carer & financial resources to achieve this objective.

HISTORY

Bats Qld has a long-standing commitment to cooperative working relationships with other bat rescue groups such as Bat Conservation & Rescue Queensland (BCRQ) & more general wildlife rescue groups such as Wildcare in SE Queensland, RSPCA Qld, & WIRES rescue organisation in NSW.
In addition, Bats Qld provides & receives information from bat rescue groups located within regional Queensland to facilitate best practices in rescuing, caring for & releasing flying foxes & microbats.

INDICATIONS FOR ESTABLISHING A BOUNDARY AREA

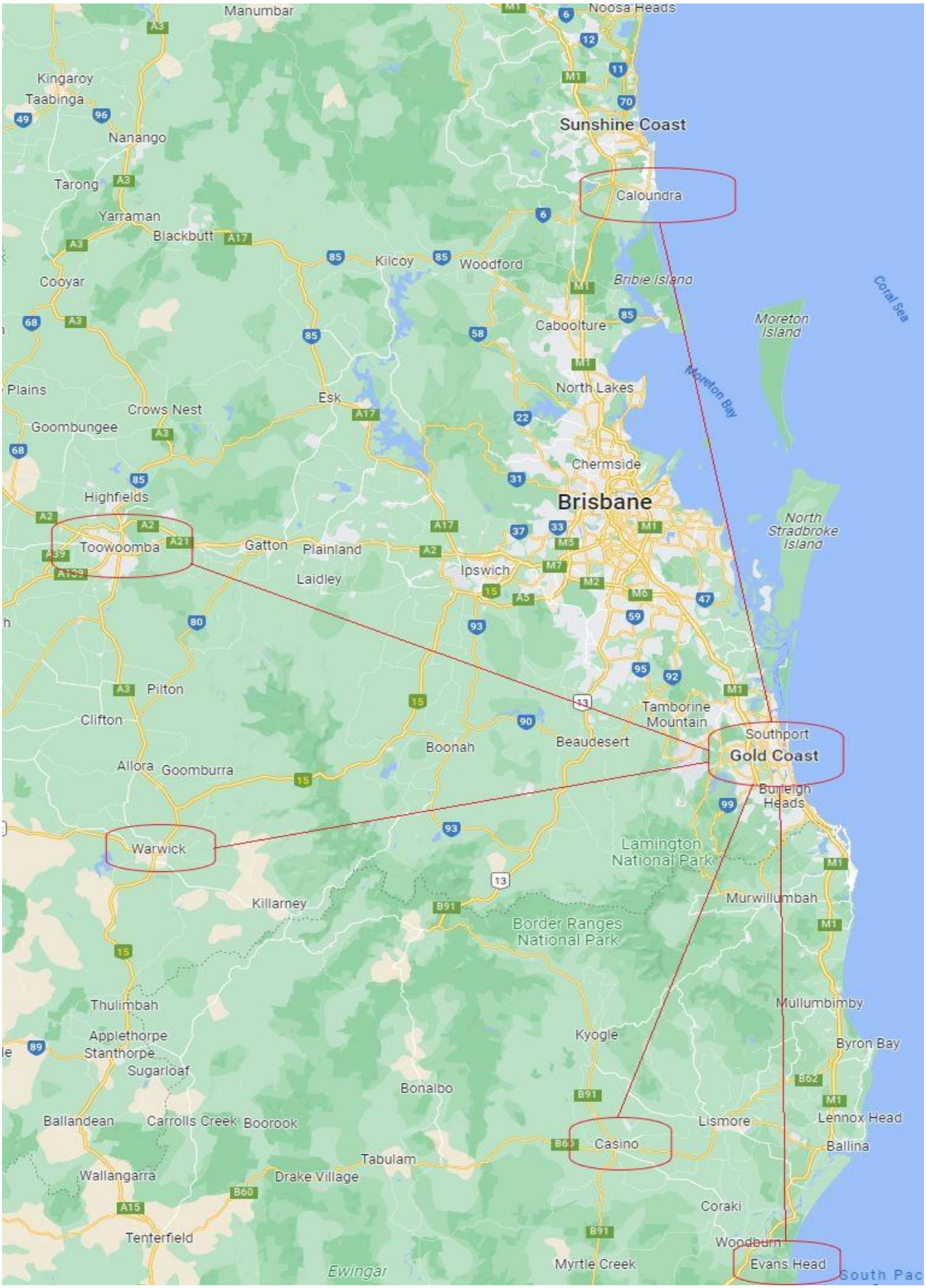
On a typical day, Bats Qld rescue boundary area extends from the Coolangatta/Tweed Heads State boundary in the south to Beenleigh area in the north. The area extends west to Canungra, Beaudesert, Jimboomba, & Flagstone. Other areas include Mt Tamborine & Gold Coast Hinterland.

CRIN's for all species of bats are incidents where a colony of bats are at risk of death or severe injury/illness through the impact of a heat, cold or other weather events, fire, or harmful human intervention/activity. These events occur periodically within Bats Qld rescue area & beyond. Responding to these events requires a greater-than-usual level of financial & human resources to ensure a successful outcome for the many bats affected. The added pressure on resources associated with the rescue of out-of-area bats involved in a CRIN has, in the past, proven costly & has impacted the ability of Bats Qld members to care for the bats of Gold Coast & surrounding area.

A NEW BOUNDARY AREA FOR MASS EVENT RESCUES

A new boundary beyond the Bats Qld rescue's usual boundary has only been implemented for CRIN's. The CRIN boundary is a 2-hour drive in any direction from the Gold Coast & extends to Evans Head, Casino NSW in the south to Caboolture in the north, & west to Toowoomba & Warwick. If a CRIN occurs further afield, Bats Qld will assist local groups in the two-hour drive to take on any overflow pups or adult bats.

Although committed to utilising its resources to support the recovery of all orphaned, abandoned, injured or sick bats, Bats Qld accepts that it cannot always do so when a mass event occurs outside Southeast Queensland. Therefore, in consultation with the Management Committee & the other rescue group/s that request assistance, Bats Qld will decide if the resources required to transport, care, & rehabilitate bats to be rescued out of the area is reasonable & able to be achieved.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