



## URGENT PRESS RELEASE

### *“There’s no ‘drought’ about it!”*

Floods were predicted for the city of Rockhampton this week, but the mighty Fitzroy is proving just how much water she can hold! With the second largest catchment area in Australia, the Fitzroy River now holds the flood waters from the Nogoa River along with several other tributaries, within her banks. Local residents from all over are lining the Riverbank in an attempt to view for themselves what is currently Rockhampton’s biggest attraction...The mighty Fitzroy River at full capacity!

Whilst the city is expecting the river to rise a little higher before the end of the week, visitors to the region are in for a visual treat. Capricorn Tourism Chairman, Grant Cassidy, commented on the attraction this is making for Rockhampton and the Capricorn Region. “With five major highways across Queensland leading direct to Rockhampton, we’re seeing tourists making the stop here this week to experience a true ‘wet season’ after what has been a lengthy time of drought for much of the country”.

“Its not very often you can view one of the largest river systems in the Nation flowing at full capacity, let alone travel into that city and; do some shopping, visit the beach, and safely view a spectacular amount of floodwater flowing past”, he said.

Despite reports of access being cut into Rockhampton, all roads, rail and airport access into Rockhampton are fully operational.

This increased capacity of water in the Fitzroy is set to revitalise the river reaches, filling dams and lagoons which have been dry for months, and dramatically improving the surrounding environments for native wildlife.

“These floodwaters are great news for the fishing enthusiasts”, said Capricorn Tourism General Manager, Alan Chamberlain. “This quantity of water will flush out stagnant water and give the fish a highway to move upstream and replenish fish stocks. Within the next few weeks visitors can expect to catch Barra, Finger Mark, Thread Fin Salmon, amongst many other prized fish in the Fitzroy”.

This natural event was predicted to be one of the largest floods Rockhampton has seen in over 10 years, but instead it’s created an exciting attraction for locals and visitors alike, and will return fish stocks to record highs in the coming months! For more information on visiting Rockhampton and the Capricorn Coast, contact Capricorn Holidays on 1800 676 701. For a limited time a number of “Open for Business” Holiday Specials are also available to visitors travelling to the region.

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