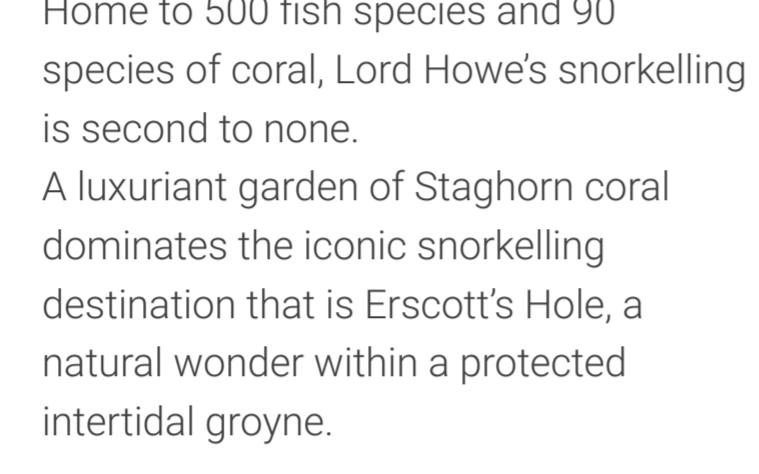
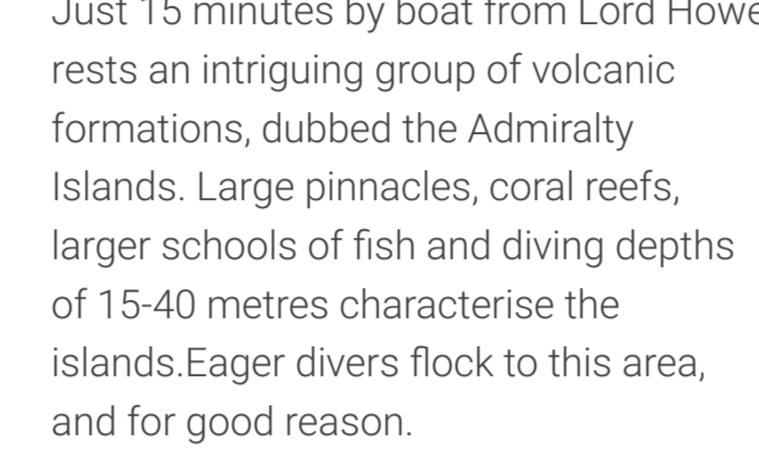


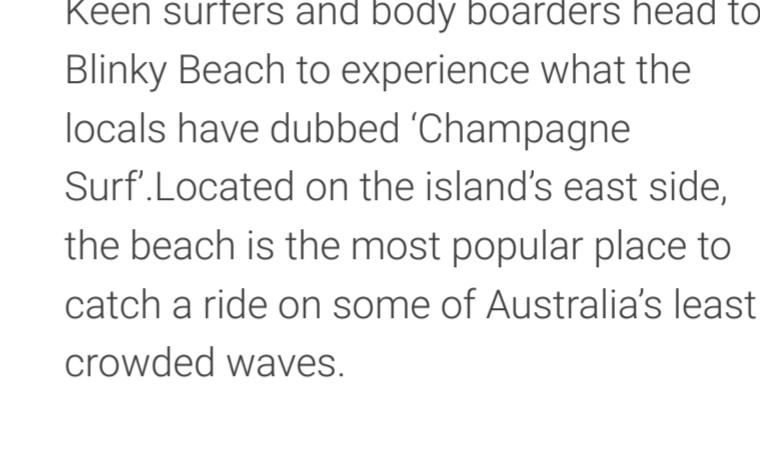
Places



Home to 500 fish species and 90 species of coral, Lord Howe's snorkelling is second to none. A luxuriant garden of Staghorn coral dominates the iconic snorkelling destination that is Erscott's Hole, a natural wonder within a protected intertidal groyne.

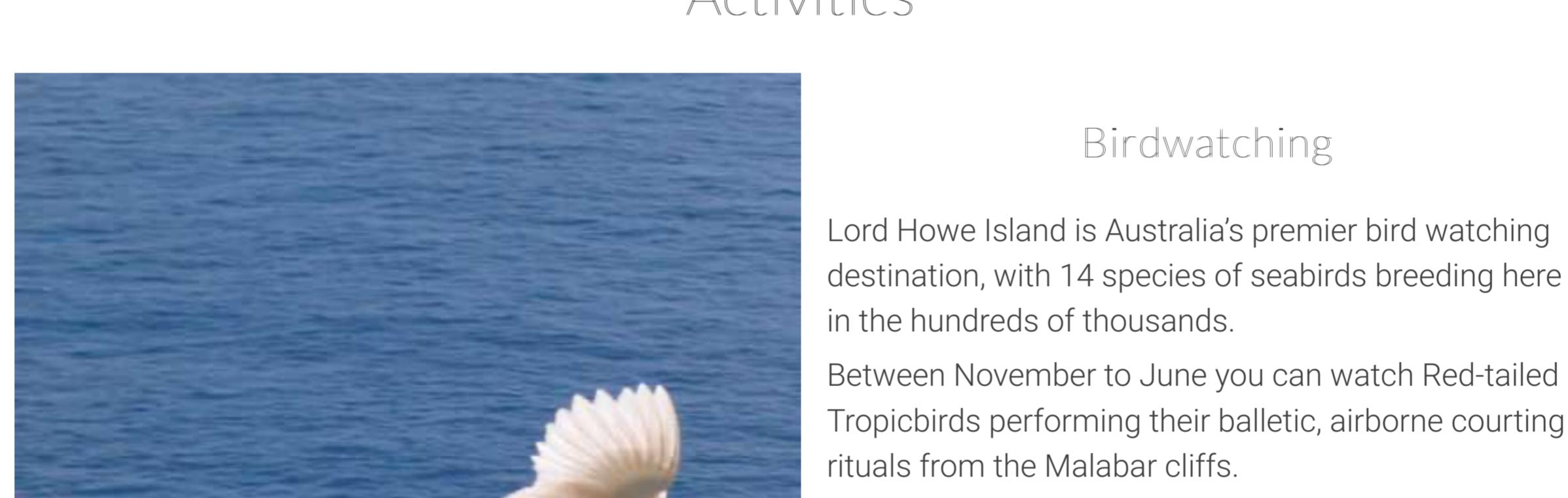


Just 15 minutes by boat from Lord Howe rests an intriguing group of volcanic formations, dubbed the Admiralty Islands. Large pinnacles, coral reefs, larger schools of fish and diving depths of 15-40 metres characterise the islands. Eager divers flock to this area, and for good reason.

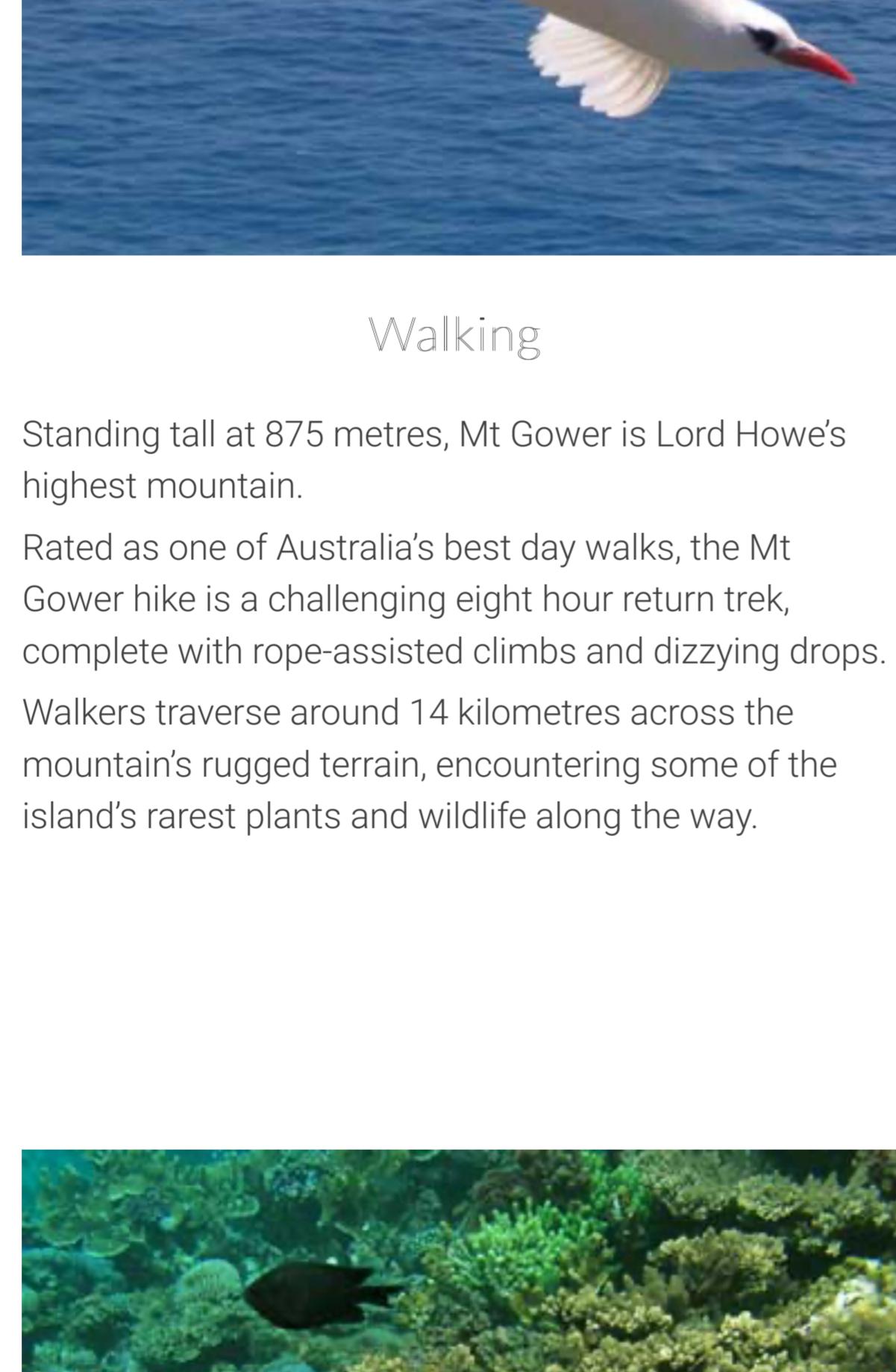


Keen surfers and body boarders head to Blinky Beach to experience what the locals have dubbed 'Champagne Surf'. Located on the island's east side, the beach is the most popular place to catch a ride on some of Australia's least crowded waves.

Gallery

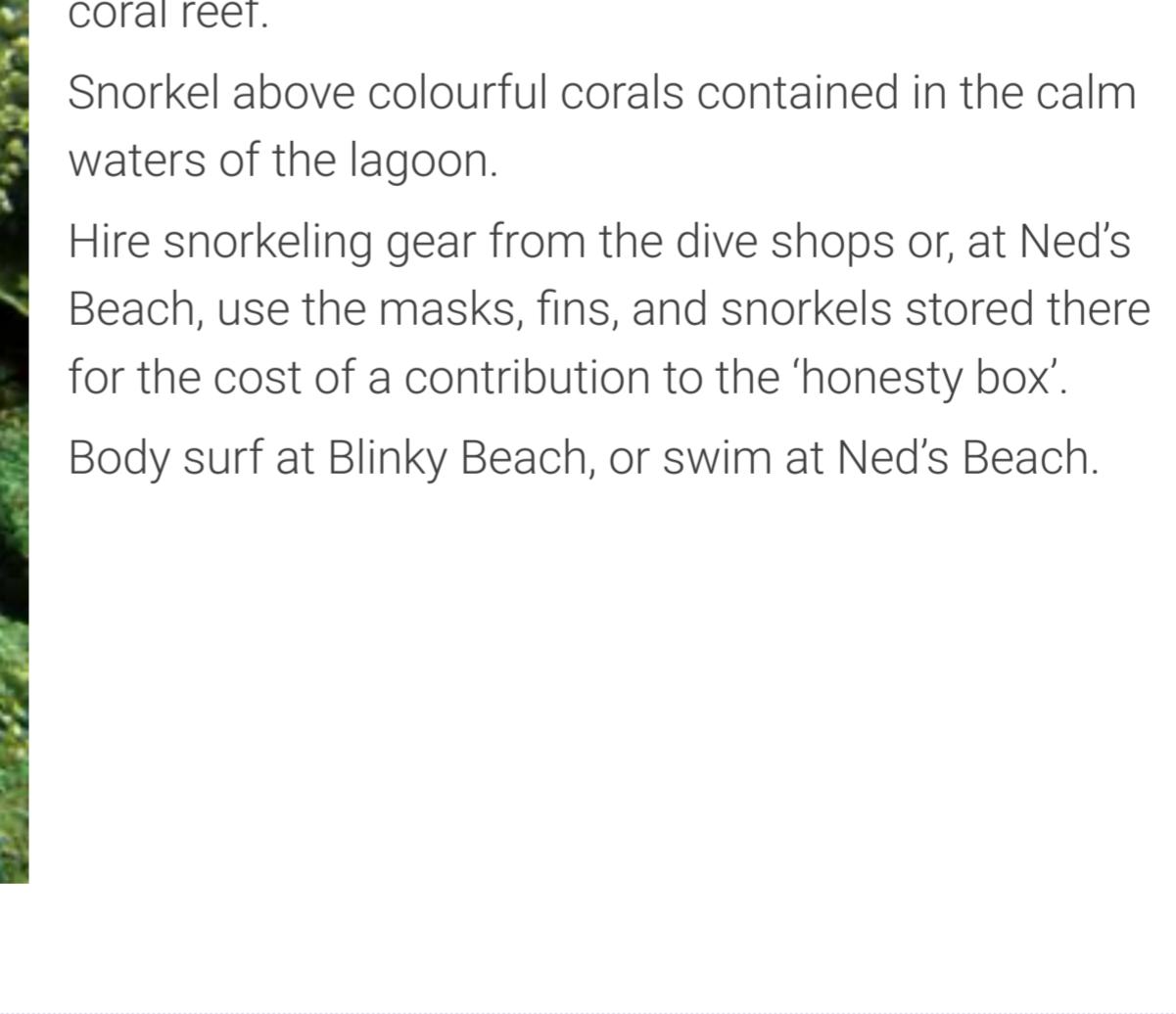


Activities



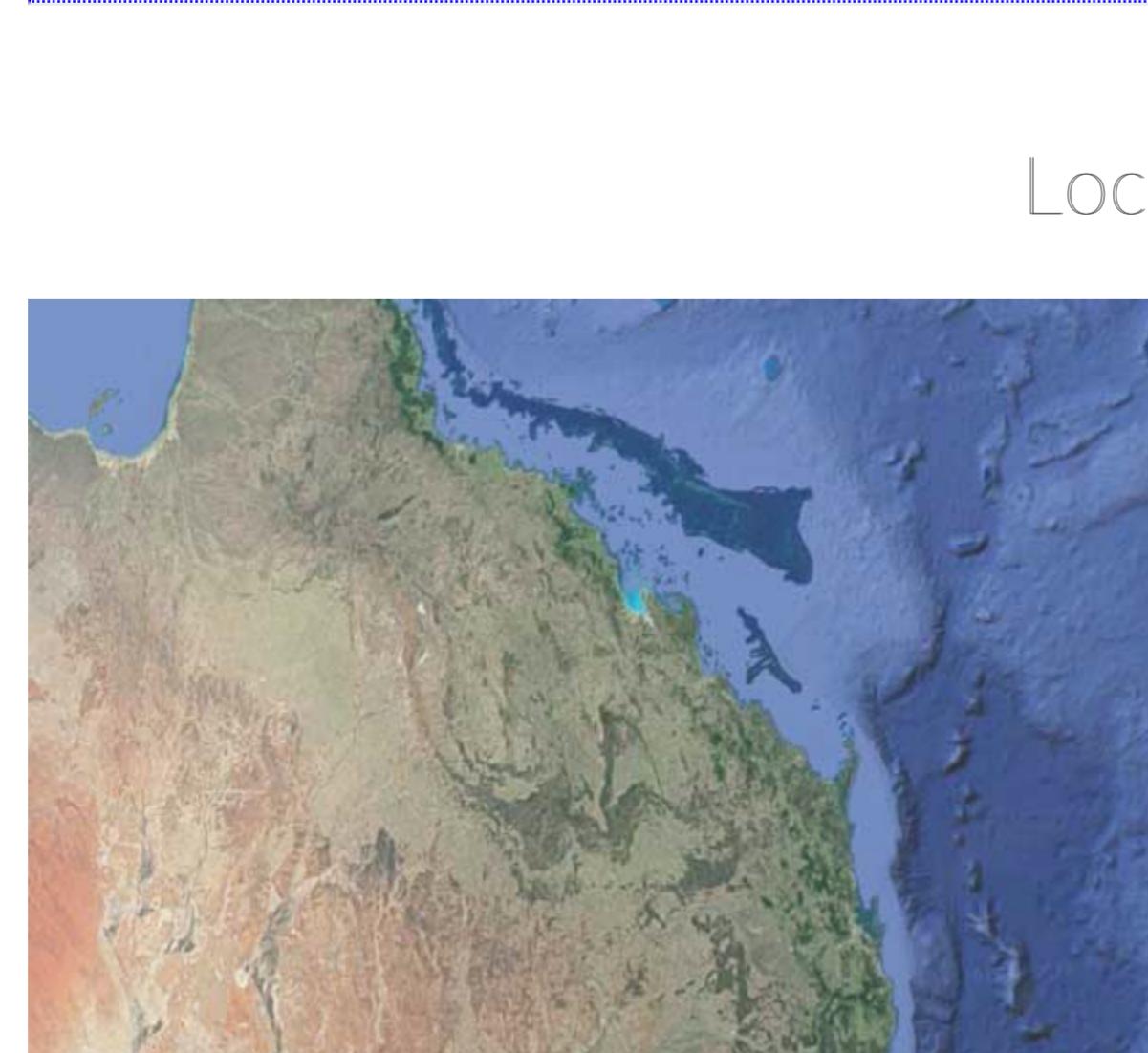
Walking

Standing tall at 875 metres, Mt Gower is Lord Howe's highest mountain. Rated as one of Australia's best day walks, the Mt Gower hike is a challenging eight hour return trek, complete with rope-assisted climbs and dizzying drops. Walkers traverse around 14 kilometres across the mountain's rugged terrain, encountering some of the island's rarest plants and wildlife along the way.



Birdwatching

Lord Howe Island is Australia's premier bird watching destination, with 14 species of seabirds breeding here in the hundreds of thousands. Between November to June you can watch Red-tailed Tropicbirds performing their balletic, airborne courting rituals from the Malabar cliffs. During the months of September through to May countless Shearwaters (known locally as Muttonbirds) return to the island at dusk each day.



Snorkelling

Lord Howe island is home to the world's most southerly coral reef. Snorkel above colourful corals contained in the calm waters of the lagoon. Hire snorkeling gear from the dive shops or, at Ned's Beach, use the masks, fins, and snorkels stored there for the cost of a contribution to the 'honesty box'. Body surf at Blinky Beach, or swim at Ned's Beach.

Location

