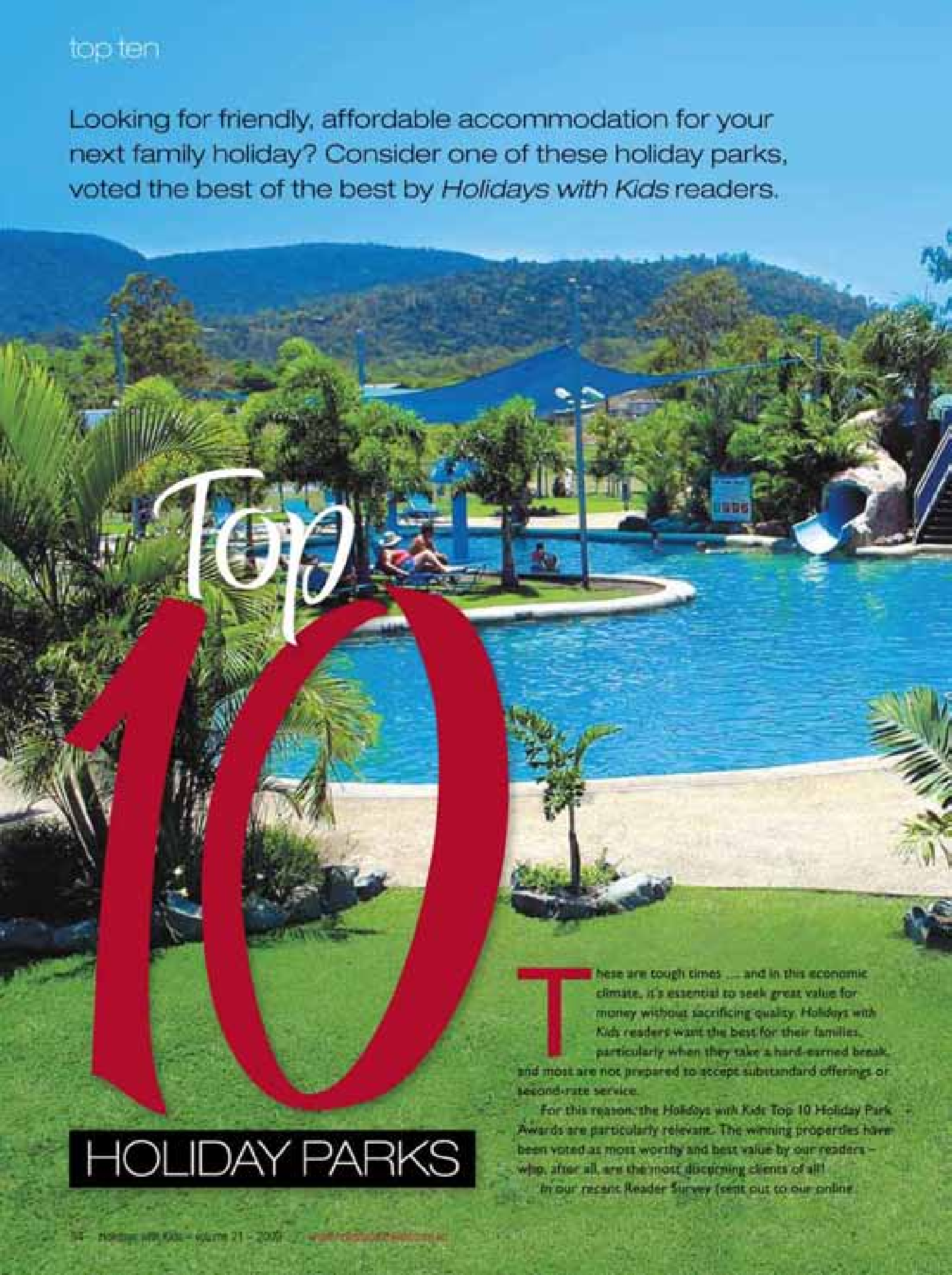


Looking for friendly, affordable accommodation for your next family holiday? Consider one of these holiday parks, voted the best of the best by *Holidays with Kids* readers.



# Top 10

HOLIDAY PARKS

**T**hese are tough times ... and in this economic climate, it's essential to seek great value for money without sacrificing quality. *Holidays with Kids* readers want the best for their families, particularly when they take a hard-earned break, and most are not prepared to accept substandard offerings or second-rate service.

For this reason, the *Holidays with Kids* Top 10 Holiday Park Awards are particularly relevant. The winning properties have been voted as most worthy and best value by our readers – who, after all, are the most discerning clients of all! In our recent Reader Survey (sent out to our online



A poll of 48,000 registered readers as well as running in two issues of our magazine, we asked you to name your favourite Australian holiday park, scoring each park on facilities and activities for children, the standard of service and accommodation, the location and overall value for money. We asked you to rate each park from one to five, with five being the highest score.

Here are the results, ranked by the highest number of votes received. Each of these parks offers outstanding facilities for families, with an emphasis on affordable fun for everyone. So next time you're making plans to get away, refer to this handy guide – your family will thank you for it!



**1** Blue Dolphin Holiday Resort  
Yamba, NSW



**2** Treasure Island Holiday Park  
Gold Coast, Queensland



**3** EcoPoint Murrumbidgee Resort,  
South Duries, NSW



**4** Ashmore Palms Holiday Village  
Gold Coast, Queensland



**5** Ocean Beach Holiday  
Umina, NSW



**6** Mandalay Holiday Resort and  
Tourist Park, Busselton, WA



**7** Darlington Beach Holiday Park,  
Amawamba, NSW



**8** Adelaide Shores Caravan Park  
West Beach, South Australia



**9** Big4 Adventure Whitsunday Resort,  
Airlie Beach, Queensland



**10** Happy Holidays Holiday Park,  
Forster, NSW

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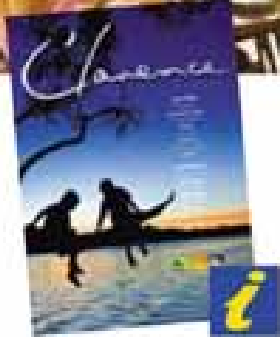


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## 1 Blue Dolphin Holiday Resort Yamba, NSW

The NSW north coast town of Yamba is a convenient stopover on the drive between Sydney and Brisbane, but it's also a brilliant destination in its own right; a paradise of white sand, pumping surf and pristine wilderness. Set right on the Clarence River, Blue Dolphin Holiday Resort has long been a family favourite, with excellent facilities including two pools, water slides, tennis courts and a kids' play area. School holiday activities will put a smile on every kid's face, and mum and dad will love the range of accommodation choices, from powered caravan sites to upmarket cabins and waterfront spa villas. [www.bluedolphin.com.au](http://www.bluedolphin.com.au)



## 2 Treasure Island Holiday Park Gold Coast, Queensland

If you're planning a trip to the beaches and theme parks of the Gold Coast, this budget holiday village owned by NRMA offers great value in a central location, as well as a host of family-friendly facilities. Three pools, tennis and basketball courts, a giant jumping pillow and mini-golf ensure everyone's happy and busy; while the Kidz Korner Activity Program operates during school holidays. Accommodation ranges from three-bedroom townhouses (which sleep up to nine people) to poolside cabins, which means it's great for larger families. [www.treasureisland.com.au](http://www.treasureisland.com.au)

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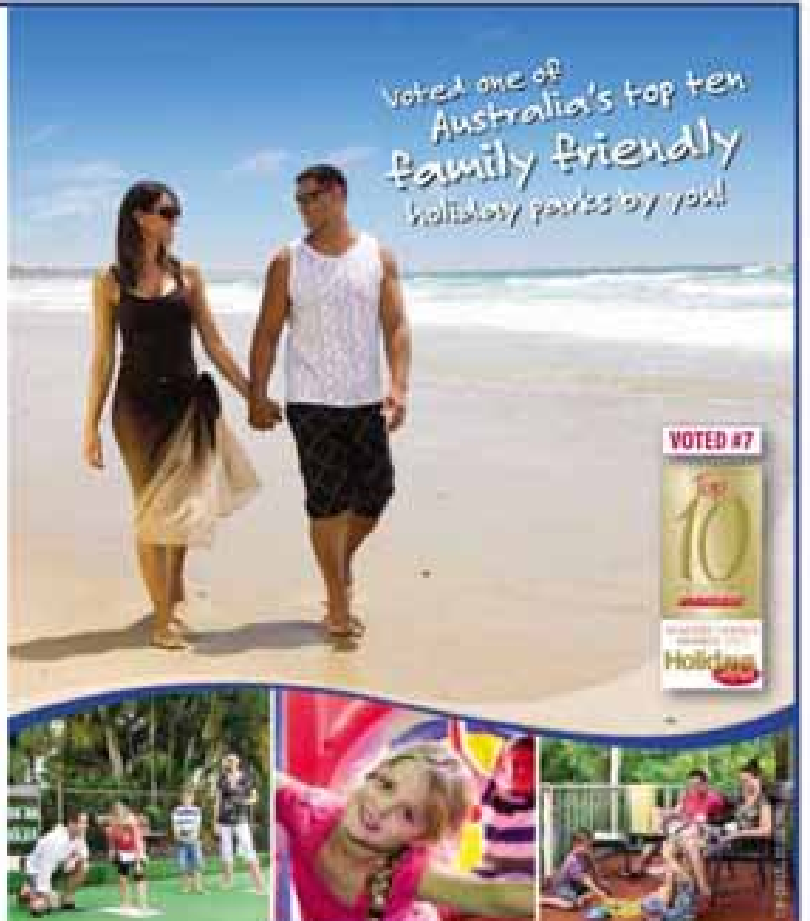
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### 3 EcoPoint Murramarang Resort South Durras, NSW

Nature rules supreme at this eco-village, located within the Murramarang National Park on the NSW south coast. Here your neighbours will be kangaroos and kookaburras, plus there's a gorgeous deserted beach to call your own. Kids can explore this unspoilt environment in the free Eco Kids' Club (operating school holidays and long weekends): you can also hire bikes, laze on the beach or take guided nature walks. Beachfront villas offer uninterrupted ocean views, while the campground is surrounded by nature at its best. [www.murramarangresort.com.au](http://www.murramarangresort.com.au)

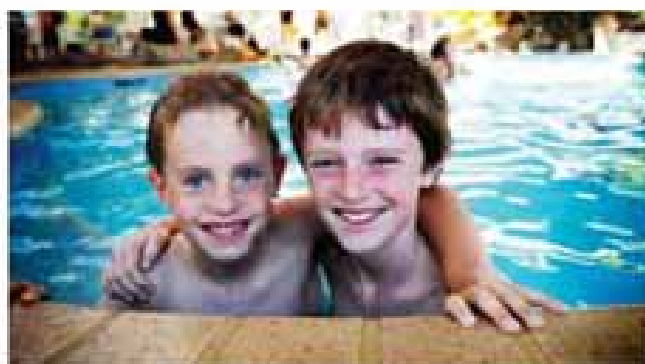
### 4 Ashmore Palms Holiday Village Gold Coast, Queensland

Quirky, fun and colourful, Ashmore Palms is praised for being family-friendly, unpretentious and great value. Its resident macaw parrots are a hit with the kids. The park holds Morning Tea with the Macaws and daily feeding sessions; while the free activities such as face painting and sand art will also fill in the morning. Ashmore Palms has a range of fully self-contained cabins to suit all budgets – great for large groups or family reunions. Look out for their packages that include theme park entry for the kids. [www.ashmorepalmsgoldcoast.com.au](http://www.ashmorepalmsgoldcoast.com.au)



## 5 Ocean Beach Holiday Park Umina, NSW

Perfect for a short break from Sydney, this holiday park makes the most of its beachside location, offering five-star villas just metres from the surf as well as a range of cabins, caravan sites and camping spots. There's a kids' adventure playground with a jumping pillow and a tropical resort pool. The Kidz Korner holiday program includes soccer, craft and dance lessons; while the beach right on your doorstep cries out for surfing lessons and lazing in the sun. [www.oceanbeachholidaypark.com.au](http://www.oceanbeachholidaypark.com.au)



## 6 Mandalay Holiday Resort and Tourist Park, Busselton, WA

Western Australia's first ever entry into our Top 10 Awards is this highly-regarded tourist park on Geopraphe Bay. Margaret River wineries are just 20 minutes away, and there are miles of beach on your doorstep. The kids can go nuts on the latest Megatoy and Amazon play equipment; or hire a bike to ride around the park. Two-storey spa villas top the accommodation choices, with all budgets catered for in chalets, beach cottages and campervan sites. [www.mandalayresort.com.au](http://www.mandalayresort.com.au)

# Gold Coast

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## 7 Darlington Beach Holiday Park Ararawarra, NSW

Nestled into 44 hectares of beachfront parkland near Coffs Harbour, Darlington Beach has a strong environmental focus and is the proud holder of a Silver Gumnut Award for sustainability and community responsibility. The park has its own worm farm, horticulturalist and on-site nursery, and there is an abundance of native wildlife wandering through the grounds. Other facilities include a cafe serving great coffee, a restaurant and convenience store, while the accommodation ranges from modern villas to camping among the trees. [www.darlingtonbeach.com.au](http://www.darlingtonbeach.com.au)



## 8 Adelaide Shores Caravan Park West Beach, South Australia

Adelaide Shores Caravan Park is a huge 135 hectare tourism precinct, which also includes an award-winning resort. A member of Big4, it earns it 4.5-star rating with facilities including deluxe cabins, a licensed cafe, heated swimming pools and 10 separate BBQ areas. There are two public golf courses in the complex, plus an adjoining skate and BMX park and boating facilities. With so much on offer, it's little wonder it's known as South Australia's premier sport and recreation destination. [www.adelaideshores.com.au](http://www.adelaideshores.com.au)



## 9 Big4 Adventure Whitsunday Resort Airlie Beach, Queensland

The winner of Queensland Tourism's Best Caravan and Tourist Park in 2008, Adventure Whitsunday presents a tropical island experience without having to leave the mainland! Set in 10 hectares of landscaped grounds, it features Airlie Beach's largest resort pool, plus water slides, tennis courts, outdoor movies, a huge adventure playground and a great Kids' Club that operates during school holidays. Accommodation spans camping and caravan sites through to luxury apartments. [www.adventurewhitsunday.com.au](http://www.adventurewhitsunday.com.au)



## 10 Happy Hallidays Holiday Park Forster, NSW

Jumping pillows, little red trains, mini golf and a new indoor play area – it all adds up to colourful fun for kids of all ages. And happy kids means happy parents. Ideally located near beaches, shops and the bowling club, Happy Hallidays makes families its priority, especially during school holidays when it runs a special children's activity program. Accommodation choices include a range of comfortable bungalows and villas (some with spas); caravan and camping in shady sites is also popular. [www.happyhallidays.com.au](http://www.happyhallidays.com.au)