

Guide for Travelling to the Frontline

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Driving

To plan your travel time, aim for Bowen and then add another 45mins to get to the frontline base, approximately 60km west of Bowen.

Carpooling

If you would like to carpool (which would be great) you can request to join our [Carpooling Facebook Group](#) where you can see who has already done a call-out that you can link in with, or do a call-out of your own.

When carpooling, **a 4wd is invaluable** on the frontline, so please consider this when deciding which car to bring.

Travel distance and estimated fuel cost from the cities

The following table shows the approximate distance to your destination, and a general idea of the return cost in fuel. To estimate the trip for your vehicle (and use a different fuel price), you can use this [calculator](#).

From:	Distance	Fuel Price	L/100km	\$ Return
Brisbane	1160	1.60	10	371
Sydney	1850	1.60	10	592
Melbourne	2450	1.60	10	784
Adelaide	2600	1.60	10	832

Flying

You fly in to Proserpine Airport (Whitsunday Coast Airport).

Reducing the airport pick-up workload

You can help reduce the workload on your fellow frontline friends by:

- Seeing if you can self-organise one or two folk to fly in (and/or out) around the same time; and/or
- Arrange for a pick-up from someone travelling up by car at that time; and/or
- Arriving/departing at a 'preferred time'- these are highlighted in the table below

You may already know people to coordinate with, but if not, you can request to join our [Carpooling Facebook Group](#) where you can do 'call out' requests.

If you require us to come pick you up that is totally fine - you just need to **provide at least 3 days notice**, as the airport run is a 3hr round trip. Please offer your pick-up at least \$40 petrol money for the trip (otherwise it comes out of their pocket).

Flight times into Proserpine from the Eastern cities and approximate cost

Return flight costs will obviously vary, but in general, the average costs on a weekend (at short notice) are:

- Brisbane: \$400-\$450 return
- Sydney: \$450-\$550 return
- Melbourne: \$500-\$550 return

Current arrival times into Proserpine from the Eastern cities.

From:	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Brisb	(12:45) 2:30 (3:25) 5:10	(1:00) 2:45 (3:25) 5:10	(11:20) 1:05 (1:45) 3:35 (3:25) 5:10	(11:20) 1:05 (3:25) 5:10	(9:50) 11:35 (11:20) 1:05 (3:25) 5:10	(9:50) 11:35 (11:20) 1:05 (3:25) 5:10	(1:00) 2:45 (3:25) 5:10
Syd	(7:10) 9:40	(1:30) 4:10	(9:15) 11:55	(7:10) 9:40	(9:40) 12:20	(7:10) 9:40	(8:45) 11:25
Melbs	(11:00) 2:25*	(7:05) 10:00	(7:05) 10:00	(8:00) 1:05* (11:10) 5:10*	(7:05) 10:00	(7:00) 11:35* (8:00) 1:05*	(7:05) 10:00

Current departure times from Proserpine to the Eastern cities.

To:	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Brisb	3:05 (4:35) 5:40 (7:10)	3:25 (4:55) 5:40 (7:10)	1:45 (3:15) 4:05 (5:35) 5:40 (7:10)	1:45 (3:15) 5:40 (7:10)	1:45 (3:15) 5:40 (7:10)	12:10 (1:45) 1:45 (3:15) 5:40 (7:10)	3:25 (4:55) 5:40 (7:10)
Syd	3:05 (7:40) 5:40 (10:15)	4:40 (7:00)	12:25 (2:45)	10:10 (12:30)	12:50 (3:10)	10:10 (12:30)	11:55 (2:15)
Melbs	9:10 (3:35)*	9:30 (1:30)	9:30 (1:30)	9:10 (3:35)* 3:55 (9:30)*	9:30 (1:30)	9:10 (3:35)* 11:30 (5:20)* 1:45 (7:20)*	9:30 (1:30)

Key:

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- **Orange**: Preferred arrival/departure times
- **Blue**: Second level of preferred arrival/departure times. You may notice we are picking times that are similar, so that airport drop-off and pick-ups can happen around the same time.
- **Red**: The least preferred arrival/departure times, as this means you and/or your lift is travelling at dusk or in the dark (and wildlife is about). **Please avoid these if you can.**
- * : There are no direct flights from this location on this day

Bus/Train

Reducing the station pick-up workload

You can help reduce the workload on your fellow frontline friends by:

- Seeing if you can self-organise one or two folk to be on the same train/bus; and/or
- Arrange for a pick-up from someone travelling up by car at that time;

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If you require us to come pick you up that is totally fine - you just need to **provide at least 3 days notice**, as Bowen is a 1.5hr round trip.

Bus/Train options into Bowen from the Eastern cities

You can get the bus (Premier) or train to Bowen. Major city options are:

- **Train: Brisbane - Cairns:** [Spirit of Queensland](#) does this leg. Timetable is [here](#)
- **Train: Sydney - Brisbane:** [NSW Translink](#) does this leg. Timetable [here](#).
- **Train: Melbourne - Sydney:** [NSW Translink](#) does this leg. Timetable [here](#).
- **Premier Bus:** has services from Eden -> Sydney; Sydney -> Brisbane; Brisbane -> Cairns. Timetables are [here](#).