

Vote for Cassowary Coast attractions

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Locals and visitors are being urged to vote for their favourite attractions within the Cassowary Coast region as part of the Royal Automobile Club of Queensland's 150 Must-Do's in the state.

Paronella Park continues to gain significant support in the vote to rank Queensland's 150 top attractions.

The Mena Creek tourist attraction sat at number five to be the top ranked local attraction when the RACQ removed the ranking of nominees from its website.

The Tully Golden Gumboot Festival was at number 124, the Thorsborne Trail 119, the Mamu Canopy Walkway at 75, and white water rafting on the Tully River at 28.

Cassowary spotting at Hinchinbrook was at 138, and Bramston Beach (just outside of the Cassowary Coast) 140.

A variety of experiences on the Great Barrier Reef (many just off the Cassowary Coast) were placed in different positions throughout the list.

Paronella Park's Mark Evans said he was excited to see the tourist attraction doing so well.

"Hopefully we can improve although it will be very hard to do," he said.

"We have been involved with the RACQ 150 Must-Do's in Queensland list since day one.

"There are a handful of local attractions in the Cassowary Coast region that we should get behind to boost them higher on the list.

"It would be great to move the Golden Gumboot Festival up into the top fifty.

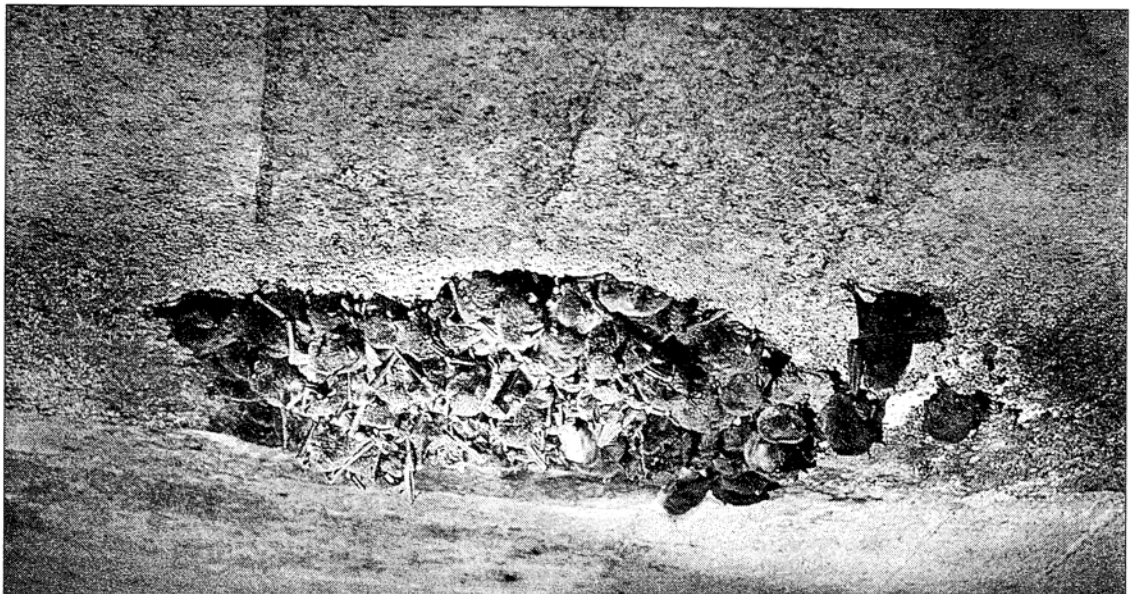
"White water rafting on the Tully River brings visitors into the area and should rank very highly.

"This RACQ promotion will help North Queensland to be recognised.

"But we need to get behind the local attractions,



LOCAL SUPPORT NEEDED: Judy and Mark Evans from Paronella Park are urging Cassowary Coast residents and visitors to vote for the local nominations on the RACQ's 150 Must-Do's list.



BAT CAVE: One of the great features at Paronella Park is the colony of micro bats to be found in the Tunnel of Love.

just as other regions are getting behind their attractions.

"It's nice to vote once but it would be wonderful if people can vote every day through to the end of the month when voting closes.

"My personal top three favourites are Frazer Island, the Tablelands (sad it

didn't make it on the list) and the Great Barrier Reef. These are three experiences and attractions that people from the other side of the world will enjoy.

"150 Must-Do's can be great for the Cassowary Coast if the community gets behind it.

"So go online each day to register your votes."

RACQ is encouraging Queenslanders to choose their top 150 Queensland experiences, in celebration of Queensland's 150th Birthday, by voting online at www.150mustdos.com.au

Each day, people can vote three times, on three different experiences they have enjoyed, and can also

leave a comment on an experience to tell the rest of Queensland why it is such a special experience.

Voting continues through to January 31.

The RACQ is also offering a Subaru Forester X to one lucky person who subscribes to the newsletter or comments on an experience.