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NO FERRY TALE – IT’S FREE!

Port Douglas, 21st November, 2018 – For the next four months the ferry across the Daintree River will be free to regional residents.

The free ferry trip is the best incentive for local residents to get out and visit one of the world’s most enchanted places – or make that much anticipated return visit to this unique tropical location.

The usual fee of \$28 will be scrapped for local residents until February 28. Local is classed as residents from Cardwell to Cooktown, including the Atherton Tablelands.



Private motorists can apply online to Douglas Shire Council for a Douglas card, which will give them free return travel on the Daintree River Ferry.

The cable powered ferry near the end of the Daintree River is the only way to reach the region by road all year round and is the continuation of the Great Barrier Reef Drive, a 140km long road, which stretches the coastline from the Northern Beaches of Cairns through to Cape Tribulation.

Tourism Port Douglas and Daintree executive officer Tara Bennett said the card was an incentive for local people to explore the astonishing Daintree Rainforest on their doorstep.

“Find out why David Attenborough called it the most extraordinary place on earth. The Daintree river and the ferry crossing is the gateway to the ancient forest, incredible wildlife and pristine landscapes that encompass two World Heritage Sites.

“While the Daintree is admired for its beauty and isolation it has incredible tourism infrastructure with more than 40 places to stay and a number of restaurants and cafes to choose from.

“Visitors are spoilt for choice for activities from forest zip lining, to croc spotting to night bush walks to Great Barrier Reef trips – as well as just reveling in the lush rainforest and gorgeous coastline that make up this exceptional area,” Ms Bennett said.

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The Douglas card is now available to order:

https://douglas.qld.gov.au/download/daintree_ferry/DF02-Douglas-Card-application-form_2.pdf

To pick up a great Douglas Card deal visit: www.visitportdouglasdaintree.com/daintreedeals

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