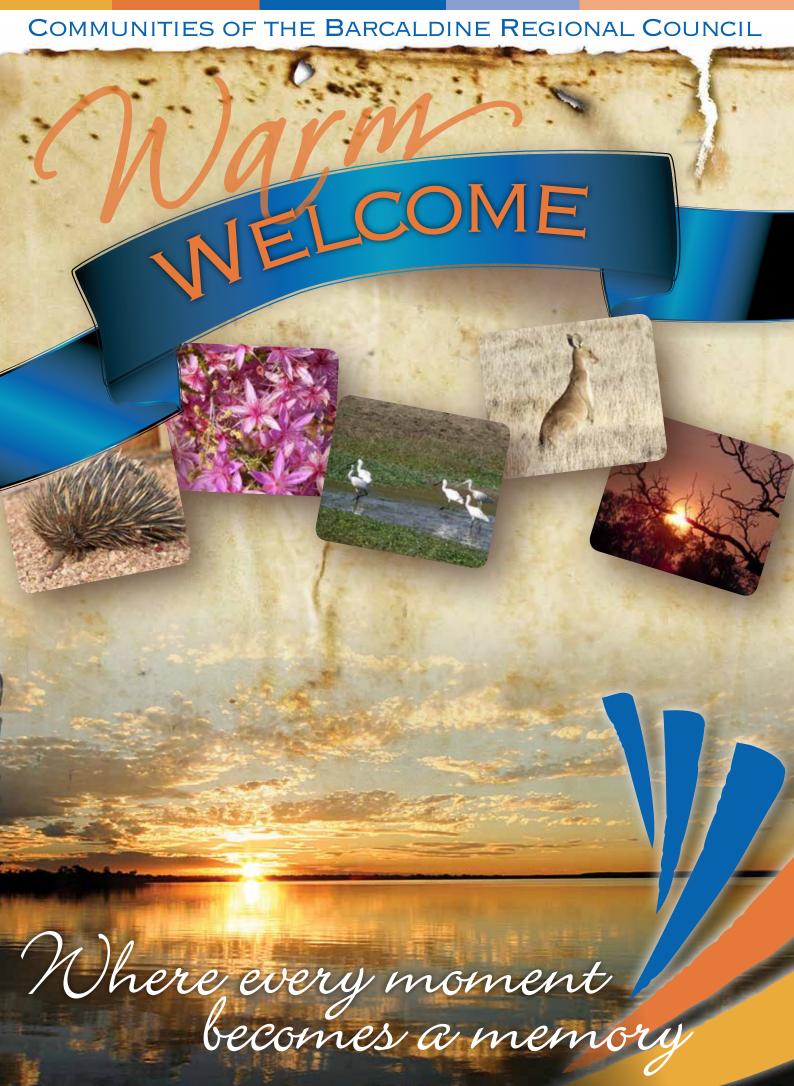
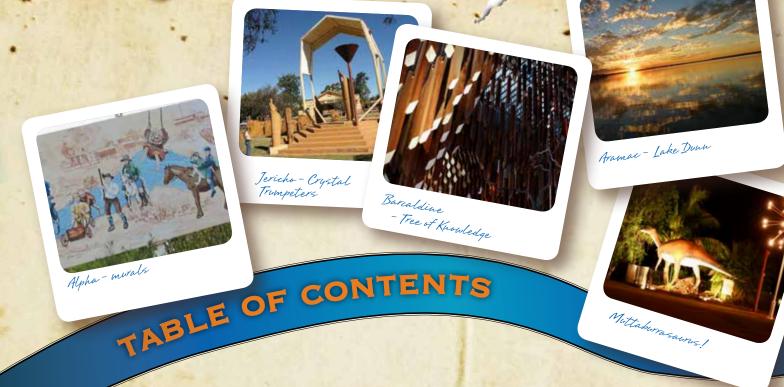
ALPHA JERICHO BARCALDINE ARAMAC MUTTABURRA







WELCOME	2
EVENTS	4
INFORMATION CENTRES	5
HOW TO GET HERE	6
TRAVEL TIPS	7
MAP & DISTANCES	8
SELF DRIVE 4 WHEEL DRIVE TOURS	10
SIX DAY ITINERARY	12
OUTBACK MATES	13
ALPHA	14
JERICHO	18
BARCALDINE	22
ARAMAC	30
MUTTABURRA	35
THE GREAT ARTESIAN BASIN	BACK

the state of the s

EVENTS

JANUARY

Australia Day

FEBRUARY

Alpha - 4B's Rodeo

MARCH

Barcaldine - Treasures on Box Markets **Jericho** - Tourist Association Markets

APRIL

All Towns - Anzac Day

Barcaldine - Treasures on Box Markets

Barcaldine - Races

Jericho - Tourist Association Markets

Muttaburra - Races

MAY

Aramac - Harry Redford Cattle Drive

Aramac - Races

Alpha - Agricultural Show

Barcaldine - Tree of Knowledge Festival

Barcaldine - Agricultural Show

Barcaldine - Treasures on Box Markets

Barcaldine - Races

Jericho - Tourist Association Markets

JUNE

Alpha - Races

Barcaldine - Goat Races and Expo

Barcaldine - Treasures on Box Markets

Barcaldine - Races

Jericho - Tourist Association Markets

Muttaburra - Landsborough Flock

Ewe Show

JULY

Barcaldine - Treasures on Box Markets

Barcaldine - Races

Jericho - Tourist Association Markets

AUGUST

Barcaldine - Treasures on Box Markets

Barcaldine - Races

Jericho - Tourist Association Markets

Muttaburra - Races

SEPTEMBER

Aramac - Ballyneety Rodeo and

Campdraft

Barcaldine - Westech (every 3 years -

2017)

Barcaldine - Treasures on Box Markets

Barcaldine - Races

Jericho - Tourist Association Markets

OCTOBER

Alpha - Campdraft

Barcaldine - Treasures on Box Markets

Barcaldine - Races

Jericho - Tourist Association Markets

NOVEMBER

Barcaldine - Catholic Fair

Barcaldine - Races

DECEMBER

Aramac - Races

Alpha - Christmas Tree

Jericho - Christmas Tree

Barcaldine - Barcy Bucks

Aramac - Christmas Party

Mhere every moment becomes a memory





INFORMATION CENTRES



ALPHA TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

Roley Roberts Information Centre

43-45 Shakespeare Street

Ph: 07 4985 1050

Email: alpha007@bigpond.com.au

Open: Monday to Friday: 8.30am to 12.30pm. Closed weekends.



JERICHO TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

Jericho Information Centre and Library

Jericho Post Office 8 Darwin Street **Ph:** 07 4651 4129

Open: Monday to Friday: 9am to 12noon and 1pm to 4pm.

Closed weekends.



BARCALDINE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE



Barcaldine Visitor Information Centre

149 Oak Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1724

Email: infocentre@barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au

Open: March to October: 7 days a week. 8am to 12.30pm

and 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

November to February: Week days 8am to 4.30pm

Weekends 9am to 2pm



ARAMAC INFORMATION CENTRE

Aramac Information Centre

Barcaldine Regional Council 35 Gordon Street

Ph: 07 4652 9999

Open: Week days 8am to 4.30pm. Closed weekends.



MUTTABURRA INFORMATION CENTRE

Muttaburra Postal Agency

16 Sword Street **Ph:** 07 4658 7147

Open: Monday to Friday: 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm

Saturday: 9am to 11am. Closed Sunday.

HONTOGETHERE

ROAD

You can reach Barcaldine Regional Council area via the Capricorn, Matilda or Landsborough Highways and also from the North, the Torrens Creek Road. The Torrens Creek Road has 30km of unsealed pavement at the Torrens Creek end.

RAIL

Queensland Rail operates twice weekly trips from Brisbane to Alpha, Jericho and Barcaldine aboard the Spirit of the Outback passenger train. Enjoy the relaxing and peaceful tranquillity of train travel. Provision can be made to transport your car onboard the train.

Queensland Rail Reservations: 13 22 32

AIR TRAVEL

QantasLink flies directly into Barcaldine from Brisbane Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Travel time is approximately two hours.

On alternate days Qantas Link has flights from Brisbane into Longreach or Blackall and car hire can be obtained from Budget or Avis car hire.

BARCALDINE NEWS AND TRAVEL

Agents for Budget Car Hire, QantasLink, Queensland Rail, Greyhound and Bus Queensland. Phone: 07 4651 1104

COACH TRAVEL

The Greyhound coach service operates to and from Rockhampton and Barcaldine on Tuesdays and Saturdays. You travel in air-conditioned coaches with on board movies and meal breaks along the way. Greyhound reservations: 1300 473 946

Bus Queensland run a daily service between Brisbane and Barcaldine. Bus Queensland reservations: 1300 287 537



TRAVEL TIPS

One reason travellers choose to visit the Barcaldine Region is to enjoy the charm and friendliness of our small towns. While we have all the facilities and services you need, in some towns availability may be limited. We have put together these travel tips to help you enjoy your visit to our region.

PLAN AND CHECK: Forward planning is essential. Travel and road conditions can vary, depending on the weather. Never assume - always check before commencing your journey.

FOOD AND FUEL: Some of our service stations have restricted opening hours, so plan ahead and stock up on food and fuel. It's also important to note that LPG is not available in all regional areas. It is advisable to contact the Visitor Information Centres or Barcaldine Regional Council when planning your journey to ensure you know the location and availability of food and fuel supplies. We recommend that you fill up the tank at every opportunity.

BANKING: All our towns have bank facilities, but EFTPOS or credit facilities may not be available in all local businesses.

ANIMALS: Many of our roads have stock or wild animals near the road. Dawn and dusk are the times when animals are most prevalent, so try not to travel at these times. Please slow down - they have a habit of behaving unpredictably and crossing in front of you.

HEAVY VEHICLES: When meeting large vehicles on narrow roads, slow right down and move off to the left. In wet conditions the edges tend to be soft and/or slippery, so when pulling off to the left you should always keep your right wheels on the bitumen and keep moving slowly to avoid getting bogged.

ROAD TRAINS: To overtake road trains you should be able to see at least 1 kilometre of clear road ahead. Be prepared for them to move a little from side to side as you overtake. If a road train is approaching to overtake you, move over as far as possible to the left and stop if necessary to allow it to overtake.

STATION PROPERTIES: Many roads cross station properties - please remember that this is someone's home and should be treated as such. Leave gates in the same way that you find them - if the gate is closed when you get there, close it

again after you drive through or, if the gate is open when you arrive, leave it open. As you travel through private properties, please respect the privacy of the property owners – don't litter or leave the designated road area.

RUBBISH: Littering in the outback is strictly prohibited; please dispose of litter in the appropriate manner.

BE PREPARED: Always carry water and a firstaid kit and ensure that your spare tyre is at the correct pressure.

ROADS: Always check road and weather conditions before travelling into remote areas.

PHONE COVERAGE: Mobile coverage is available in all our towns. However, even a short distance outside the towns, there is limited or no mobile coverage. Do not rely on your mobile as a means of communication particularly in an emergency. A satellite phone or UHF radio might be something worth thinking about (they can be rented) if you are planning on being in remote areas for any length of time.

BREAKDOWNS: If you break down in the outback - stay with the vehicle until help arrives.

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Outback summers are hot but much less humid than on the coast and more bearable. Most facilities and transport are air-conditioned. Storms and heavy rains can occur during summer and minor flooding can cause some towns to become cut off for a few days, but this is all part of the adventure. The most temperate weather occurs between the beginning of April and the end of October. Wearing a broad brimmed hat and sunscreen is recommended for all seasons.

SAFETY: When travelling to remote areas always check the road conditions before travelling. Advise the police or some other responsible person of your intended itinerary and report back on your arrival. Ensure that your vehicle is mechanically sound and carry ample water and spare parts such as tyres, radiator hoses and fan belts along with a good tool kit.

MEDICAL: Make sure you have enough medical supplies for your trip. Our local pharmacies may not stock your special requirements.

BUSINESS HOURS: Due to circumstances outside their control, opening hours for local businesses may be subject to change at short notice.

COUNCIL FACILITIES: Hours are subject to change.

MAP & DISTANCES To Hughenden To Prairie To Torrens Creek 186 To Corfield 173 36 To Winton Lake Dunn MUTTABURRA 4 6 Healing 5 Gray Rock 93 124 **ARAMAC** Morella 3 Horsetalier's Gorge Siding 101 67 61 Longreach Ilfracombe BARCALDINE 81 1 106 Botanical Walkway 60 89 107 31 Isisford 104 Blackall Stonehenge

DISTANCES: ALPHA From Rockhampton – 440km From Longreach – 247km From Townsville - 768km From Brisbane - 1063km **JERICHO** From Rockhampton – 493km From Longreach – 194km From Townsville - 732km To Clermont From Brisbane - 1116km **BARCALDINE** From Rockhampton – 580km From Longreach – 107km From Townsville - 630km From Brisbane - 1050km From Mt Isa - 755km **ARAMAC** To Clermont From Rockhampton – 645km 60 From Longreach – 171km From Townsville - 540km From Brisbane - 1130km 180 **MUTTABURRA** From Rockhampton – 730km From Longreach - 124km From Townsville - 544km From Brisbane - 1224 km **JERICHO** To Emerald ALPHA 53 Self Drive 4 Wheel Drive Tours 1) Barcaldine to Jericho via Narbethong Road 100 166 (2) Jericho to Aramac via Lake Dunn (3) Aramac to Gray Rock and Horsetailer's Gorge (4) Lake Dunn to Muttaburra via Bowen Downs Muttaburra to Longreach (5) Crossmore Road or Alternative Route Road (6) Cramsie Road To Tambo

SELF DRIVE 4 WHEEL ORIVE TOURS

Barcaldine to Jericho via Narbethong Road approx. 128km

This scenic drive begins in Barcaldine at the Landsborough Highway and includes many great photographic opportunities.

- Follow the Landsborough Highway, travelling towards Blackall for 26km.
- Turn left into Narbethong Road and travel 60km to the T intersection of the Jericho and Blackall Roads.
- At the T intersection turn left onto the Blackall-Jericho Road and travel 42 km into Jericho on a combination of bitumen and dirt road.

Highlights: On the right, 9.2km out of Barcaldine is a Botanical walk. You are likely to see kangaroos, emus and a variety of birdlife and wildflowers in August and September.

Jericho to Aramac via Lake Dunn approx. 146km

This is a scenic drive, mostly dirt road, travelling through local cattle properties.

- Begin in Jericho and travel 0.2km on the highway towards Barcaldine where you cross the railway and turn right into the Jericho-Aramac Road.
- Continue straight ahead on the Jericho-Aramac Road for approximately 53km.
- At the T-Intersection turn left and continue on the Jericho-Aramac Road for approximately 26km to the Ballyneety Road on the right.
- (If you would like to continue to Aramac instead of going to Lake Dunn, follow the Jericho-Aramac Road for approximately 66km and then turn left onto Eastmere Road, travel for 7km before arriving at Aramac).
- Travel along the Ballyneety Road for approximately 60km and then turn right onto Eastmere Road.
- Travel along Eastmere Road for 7km and you will arrive at Lake Dunn on your left.

Highlights: Lake Dunn, Barbed Wire Sculptures and the White Station Healing Circle and Jump Up. You are likely to see a variety of birdlife including emus, wedge-tail eagles, brolgas, plain turkeys, deer, kangaroos, camels and much more.

Aramac to Gray Rock and Horsetailer's Gorge approx 47.5km

- Travel 7km east out of Aramac along Eastmere Road (Lake Dunn Road).
- Turn right onto the Jericho-Aramac Road and travel approximately 40km to the Gray Rock turn off on your left.
- Gray Rock is located about 500 meters down this road.
- Horsetailer's Gorge is on your right, a further 1.2km along the Jericho-Aramac Road from the Gray Rock turn off.

NOTE: this is a private property called Gray Rock – go past the mail box and continue until you reach the historic site.



Lake Dunn to Muttaburra via Bowen Downs approx. 191km

Begin at Lake Dunn – 67km north-east of Aramac along the Lake Dunn Road.

- Travel south-west on Eastmere Road towards Aramac for 2.5km.
- Turn right onto Marshall Road (this has a Heritage Trail sign) and travel approximately 22km and turn left onto Reedy Creek Road.
- Continue on Reedy Creek Road for approximately 92km and then turn right onto the Torrens Creek Road.
- Continue for approximately 20km then turn left onto the Bowen Downs Road.
- Continue for approximately 47km then turn right onto the Aramac Muttaburra Road.
- Turn right into the Aramac Muttaburra Road and you will reach Muttaburra after 8km.

Highlights: This is a scenic drive where you will see the diverse landscapes of the region and the historic property Bowen Downs. You will travel through cattle and sheep country, as well as areas where there is an abundance of wildlife with many photographic opportunities.

Muttaburra to Longreach

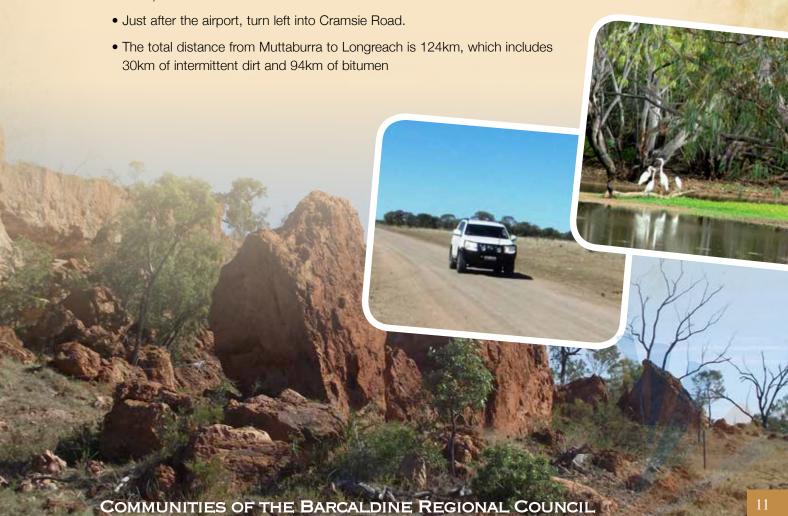
There are two options to travel from Muttaburra to Longreach.

Crossmoor Road or Alternative Route Road approx. 124km

- Crossmoor Road begins 8km on the eastern side of Muttaburra on the Aramac-Muttaburra Road.
- There is a sign Alternative Road to Longreach.
- Crossmoor Road is all dirt and due to the channels and flood plains may be closed in wet weather.

Cramsie Road approx. 124km

• Travel west through Muttaburra down Bruford Street (which is also the Muttaburra-Hughenden Road) for 2km.



SIX DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 - Alpha

• 8.30am Alpha Mural Trail 1-2 hours

• 10.00am Morning Tea

• 10.30am Tivoli Museum 30 min (donation appreciated)

11.00am Fossilised Forrest 15 min11.15pm Alpha Dip Yards 15 min

• 12.00pm **Lunch**

• 2.00pm Walking Tracks & New Bridge

30 min - 1 hour

• 2.30pm Alpha Cemetery 30 min - 1 hour

• 3.00pm Settlers Park 30 min - 1 hour

Alpha to Jericho - 53km

Day 2 - Jericho

• 9.30am **Model Clay Village** 15-30 min

• 10.00am Crystal Trumpeter & Barbwire Trumpeter

15-30 min

• 10.30am Morning Tea

• 11.00am Smallest Drive-In Theatre in the Southern

Hemisphere 15 min (movies shown once a month in the evenings, admission fee applies if

movies are showing)

• 11.50am **Redbank Park** 30 min-1 hour (fishing, bird watching, bushwalking & camping)

(donations appreciated)11.45pm Murals & Parks 15-30 min

• 12.00pm **Lunch**

Jericho to Barcaldine - 89km

Day 3 - Barcaldine

• 8.30am Barcaldine Tourist Information Centre

9.00am
 9.15am
 Tree of Knowledge 15 min
 "C" Pattern Windmill 10 min

 9.25am Oak Street 40 min – musical Instruments, sculpture & pond, youth art works, D'Arcy Doyle Mural

• 10.00am Morning Tea

• 10.30am Australian Worker's Heritage Centre 2–3 hours (admission fee applies)

• 12.30pm **Lunch**

• 1.30pm Comet Masonic Lodge 30 min

(by appointment only)

• 2.00pm Bird Watching 1-2 hours (Photography at

Lagoon Creek and or Botanical Park)

• 3.00pm Cemetery 1 hour

Day 4 - Barcaldine

• 8.30am Barcaldine and District Museum

1-2 hours (admission cost applies)

• 9.30am Guns & War Memorial Clock 15-30 min

• 10.00am Morning Tea

• 10.30am St Peter's Anglican Church 15-30 min

(donations appreciated, by appointment only)

• 11.00am Red Shed Arts & Craft Centre

30 min - 1 hour (by appointment only)

• 12.00pm **Lunch**

• 1.00pm Between the Bougainvillea's Heritage Trail

1 hour (booklet available \$2)

• 2.00pm Lloyd Jones Weir 1-2 hours (Fishing, bird

watching, bushwalking & camping)

(donations appreciated) - 14km, 20 min

• 4.00pm Pub Crawl 1 hour or more (costs can apply)

OTHER:

Artesian Country Tours - Full day tour (costs apply)

Roses 'n Things - Coffee shop (costs apply)

Radio Picture Theatre – duration of movie showing (costs

Bicycle Hire – 15 min to all day (costs apply)

Barcaldine to Aramac - 68km

Day 5 - Aramac

• 8.30am White Bull 15-30 min

• 8.45am **Tramway Museum** 1 hour (donation

appreciated)

• 9.45am Harry Redford Interpretive Centre

15-30 min

• 10.00am Aramac Memorial Park (children's play

equipment & park lands) 15-30 min

• 10.15am Morning Tea

NATURAL ATTRACTIONS:

Option 1 – Lake Dunn, travel distance from Aramac 68km, 45 min – fishing, bush walking, bird watching, camping

Healing Circle 10-15 min from Aramac

Option 2 – Gray Rock and Horsetailer's Gorge Gray Rock - travel distance from Aramac 35km, 45 min Horsetailer's Gorge – travel distance from Gray Rock 5km, 10-15 min

Aramac to Muttaburra - 87km

Day 6 - Muttaburra

• 9.30am **Dr Arratta Museum** 1 hour (donations appreciated, by appointment only)

• 10.30am Morning Tea

• 11.00am **A.A. Cassimatis Store & Cottage** 1 hour (donations appreciated, by appointment only)

• 12.00pm Lunch

• 1.00pm Muttaburra Langdoni Replica 15-30 min

• 1.15pm Public Artworks 30 min - 1 hour Follow the public art trail throughout the

community

 2.15pm Muttaburra Aquatic Centre 30 min - 1 hour (admission fee applies) pool and artesian spa

2.45pm
3.00pm
4.45pm
4.45pm
5.40 min (5km, 5min)
5.40 min (5km, 5min)
5.40 min (5km, 5min)
6.40 min (5km, 5min)</l

(10km, 10 min) capming, fishing and relaxing

• 3.30pm **Pump Hole** 15-30 min

Times are approximate and may vary depending on individual preferences.

OUTBACK MATES

Visitors to the Barcaldine Regional Council area can be assured of a warm welcome as our Outback Mates are local identities who are ambassadors for our region.

Our Outback Mates enjoy a chat and are happy to provide visitors with general and local information.

A conversation with any one of our Outback Mates will give visitors an insight into our way of life.

Look out for the Outback Mate's Akubra logo at all our Visitor Information Centres and pop in and collect your Outback Mates Passport full of Mate's Rate's, special discounts, offers and rewards.







- Assisting visitors with general information
- Local insights, and probably a few tall stories....

Mhere every moment becomes a memory

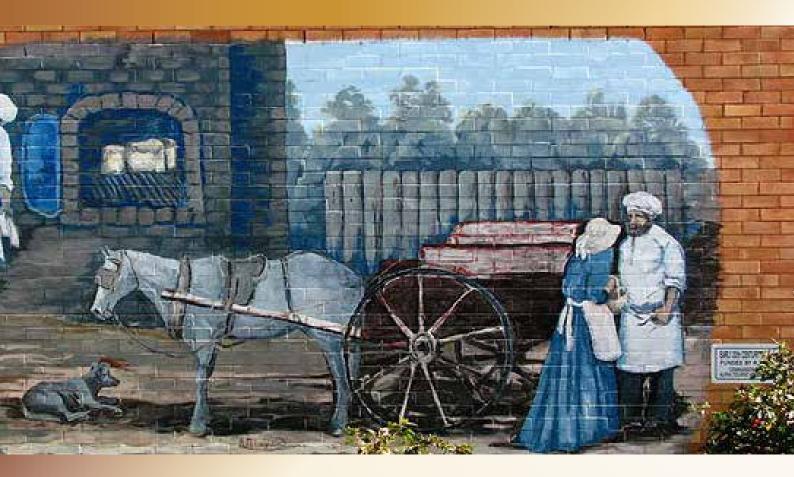
OURTOWNS

ALPHA

Town of hidden treasures

ESTABLISHED: 1863 **POPULATION:** 350

INDUSTRIES: Cattle production and coal mining



lpha, the "Gateway to the West" was named after an early property in the area which was taken up in 1863 and then became established as a service town for railway construction workers.

We are best known as the 'Town of Murals'. Our 28 murals beautifully illustrate the day to day life of people in the bush and the pioneering history

of our district. The murals were painted by local and former resident artists and add a colourful ambiance to our town.

Our major industry in the area is beef production, although this may change in the future due to the discovery of large coal deposits. Although Alpha has a small population, we provide most of the facilities, shopping and services that our visitors need.

Alpha is located in the heart of the Galilee Basin mining precinct

4 ALPHA JERICHO BARCALDINE ARAMAC MUTTABURRA

ATTRACTIONS

WALKING TRACKS

If you enjoy walking, there are a number of interesting walks in and around Alpha. These walks encompass a number of interesting aspects of the town's history and natural wonders including our 28 murals. Our Tourist Information Centre will be happy to provide you with a brochure containing a map of the walking trail and information on each mural.

JANE NEVILLE ROLFE ART GALLERY

The Jane Neville Rolfe collection is named after the famous water colourist who visited Alpha Station in the 1800s. Whilst there she painted the famous Breakfast at Alpha which depicts a bush picnic breakfast scene complete with ladies in their long dresses. The gallery showcases the works of local artists as well as internationally renowned artists. The collection also has the works of renowned wood worker Bruce Cook. The gallery offers a limited number of works for sale and is open by appointment only.

To visit the Gallery or history room, contact the Alpha Tourist Information Centre.

TIVOLI THEATRE MUSEUM

Behind the Alpha Tourist Information Centre in Shakespeare Street is our Tivoli Theatre Museum that houses a collection of memorabilia from the early settlement days of Alpha through to the modern era. The latest addition to the collection is a mural depicting a horseman at sunset.

ALPHA DIP YARDS

The Alpha Dip Yards are an easy walk from the town centre. They are utilised when cattle and other stock travel between non tick and tick infested areas. The yards were purpose built in close proximity to the rail line, when rail was the main means of transport for cattle.

ALPHA CEMETERY

Like all Western Queensland cemeteries the Alpha Cemetery is filled with history. If you are looking for genealogical information or have an interest in the history of the area, the cemetery is a great place to start. The historical 'Pine Hill' cemetery is approximately 25km on the Capricorn Highway east of Alpha. Graves date back to 1883. Cemetery records are available from the Information Centre or the Barcaldine Regional Council Alpha Office.

NEW BRIDGE

An easy stroll down the lower end of Shakespeare Street is the New Bridge. It was built by the railway and in 1941 was the site of a tragic rail accident. Locomotive no. 147 crashed through the bridge killing the driver and fireman.

SETTLERS PARK

Situated in Shakespeare Street this park is a great place to picnic or have a relaxing break from your travels. The park contains children's play equipment, a skate park, a BBQ and toilet facilities.

THE FOSSILISED FOREST SCULPUTURE

The Alpha region is famous for its petrified wood and its latest attraction the Fossilised Forest sculpture reflects this. The sculpture by Cedar Creek artist Antone Bruinsma is a representation of a boulder which has been opened to reveal its treasures and mysteries. The exterior of the sculpture has interesting forms, carvings and stone attachments that reflect the history of the prehistoric area in which petrified wood formed.

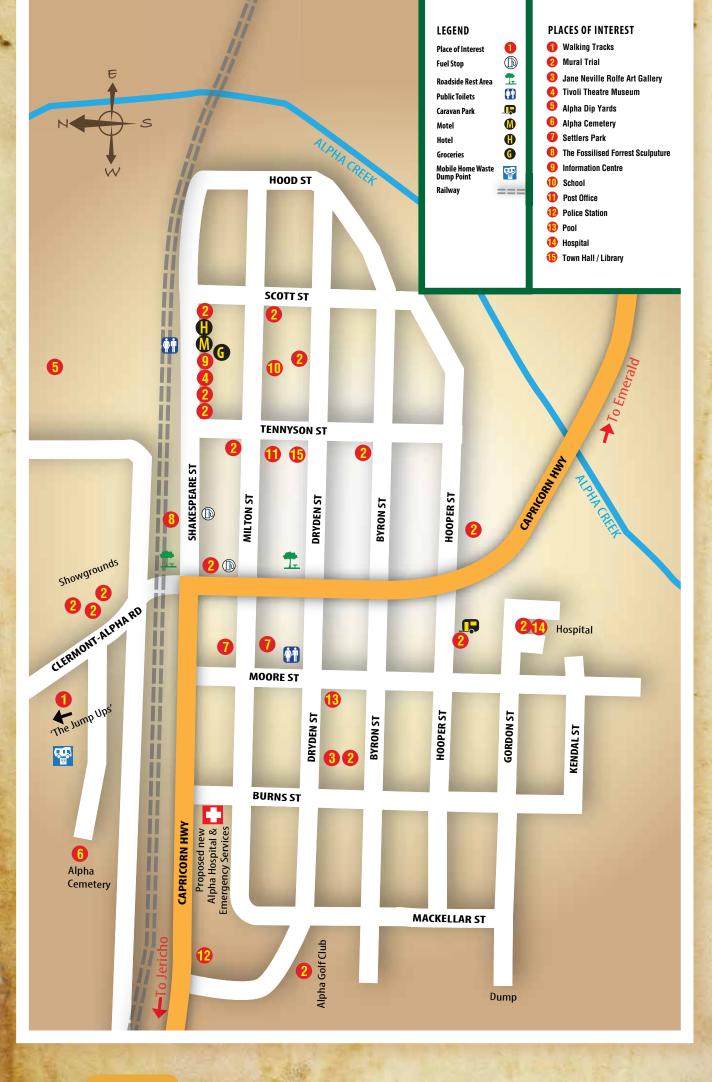
STREET NAMES

Alpha streets are named after famous poets.

Where every moment becomes a memory



Renowned artists Luke Roberts and Jane Neville Rolfe have spent time living in Alpha. As did author Isobel Hoch who wrote a number of books on the area



16

ACCOMMODATION

Alpha Hotel/Motel

33 Shakespeare Street **Ph:** 07 4985 1311

PII: 07 4983 1311

Alpha Villa Caravan Park

1 Hooper Street **Ph:** 07 4985 1337

MEDICAL

Alpha Hospital

3 Gordon Street **Ph:** 07 4987 0700

Outpatients: 1pm-4pm

Monday to Friday

Provides emergency service
24hrs a day

Alpha Private Surgery

3 Gordon Street **Ph:** 07 4985 1152

MECHANICAL

Topline Mechanical

95 Shakespeare Street **Ph:** 07 4985 1615

Tiltson's Driveway

59 Shakespeare Street **Ph:** 07 4985 1131

FUEL

Alpha Elite

68 Milton Street **Ph:** 07 4985 1233

Tilston's Driveway

59 Shakespeare Street **Ph:** 07 4985 1131

BANKING

Bank of Queensland

29 Shakespeare Street **Ph:** 07 4985 1370

Commonwealth Bank Agency

Alpha Post Office17 Milton Street Alpha

Ph: 07 4985 1147

GROCERIES

Spar Groceries

37 Shakespeare Street **Ph:** 07 4985 1302

Alpha Elite

68 Milton Street **Ph:** 07 4985 1233

DINING EXPERIENCES

Alpha Hotel/Motel

33 Shakespeare Street **Ph:** 07 4985 1311

Alpha Golf Club

53 Dryden Street **Ph:** 07 4985 1398

Snow's Bakery

47 Shakespeare Street **Ph:** 07 4985 1334

COUNCIL LIBRARY

8 Tennyson Street
Ph: 07 4985 1330
Opening hours:

- Monday 3pm to 6pm
- Wednesday 9.30am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 5pm
- Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm

INTERNET

Council Library

8 Tennyson Street **Ph:** 07 4985 1330

Alpha Information Centre

43-45 Shakespeare Street

Ph: 07 4985 1050

CHURCHES

St John's Catholic Church

21 Dryden Street **Ph:** 07 4985 1332

St Mark's Anglican Church

3 Scott Street **Ph:** 07 4985 1138

Uniting Church

25 Milton Street **Ph:** 07 4985 1207

Where every moment becomes a memory

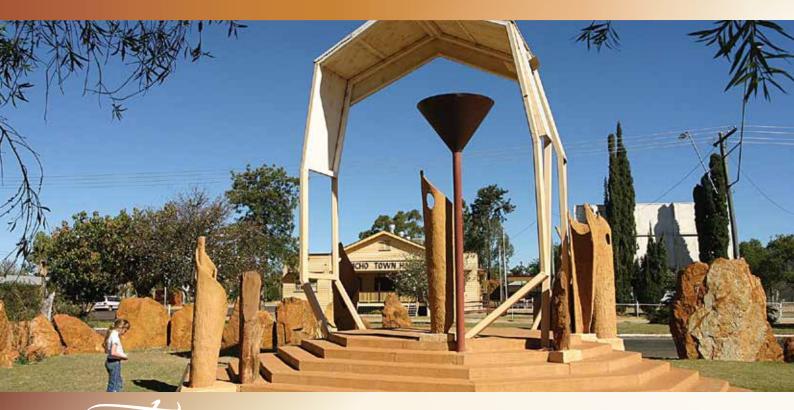


OUR TOWNS JERICHO

ESTABLISHED: 1860 **POPULATION:** 100

INDUSTRIES: Cattle production

Tericho on the Tordan



he tranquil and charming township of Jericho is situated on the banks of the Jordan River, south of Lake Galilee. It was originally settled when the railway line reached the banks of the Jordan River in 1885.

Named after a pioneer of the area Harry Jordan, Jericho - because of its biblical sounding name - became connected with the story of Joshua and the walls of Jericho.

A group of local artists and historians have created a structure that tells the story of how Joshua won the battle of Jericho. The structure, called the Crystal Trumpeters, is located in the main thoroughfare, Darwin Street and is an interesting stopping off point on your journey.

Jericho is home to one of the smallest, still operating, drive-in theatres in Australia. Once a month the theatre hosts a movie-double featuring the latest movies.

Redbank Park on the banks of the Jordan River is a great place to camp, fish and bird watch. There is a walking track that follows the river and it's a great place to exercise while experiencing the local flora and fauna.

Jericho also has a number of interesting and colourful murals painted by local residents. One of the most popular is the two goannas having a beer in Darwin Street.

ATTRACTIONS

THE CRYSTAL TRUMPETERS

The story of the original Jericho and its biblical heritage has been told through the symbolic monument called 'The Crystal Trumpeters'. The structure is based on the Bible stories of the Israelites and the town of Jericho as described in the Old Testament book of Joshua.

REDBANK PARK

Redbank Park is a great place to bush walk, bird watch and fish. There is a marked bush walking track that follows the river for two kilometres. Redbank Park has a shaded camp area with a designated campfire spot. It is an ideal fishing spot for the famous Yellow Belly or Golden Perch - a native of the region. You can also catch Crawchies (freshwater yabbies) and view the birdlife.

MURALS

Jericho is home to a number of murals painted by local artists and community groups. They are located throughout the town and depict the history, local wildlife and the lifestyle of the pioneering era of the region.

STREET NAMES

Jericho streets are named after famous scientists.

JERICHO TOWN HAL

JERICHO DRIVE-IN

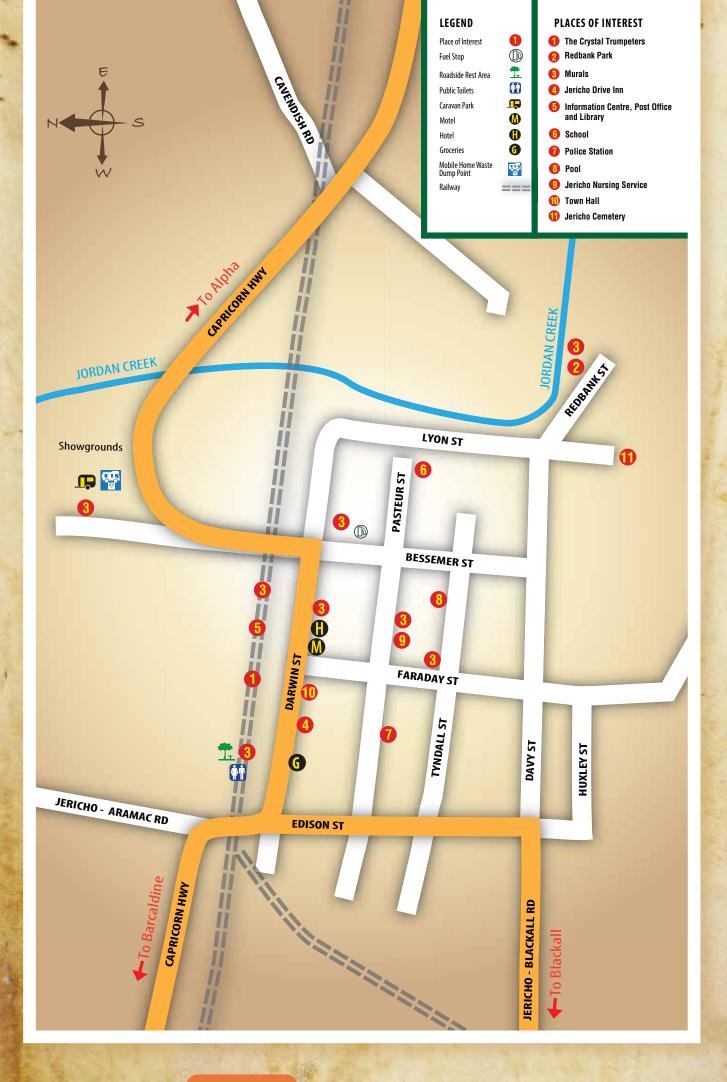
The Jericho Drive-In is the smallest operating drive-in theatre in the southern hemisphere. Located in Darwin Street, the theatre still operates once a month with the latest release films showing. Please check the billboard at the Theatre for movie details and screening times. Entry costs do apply.

THE TRUMPETER

The Trumpeter is a barbwire and metal sculpture by local artist, Mylinda Rodgers. The sculpture is dressed in period costume playing a trumpet.



interesting
Jericho was once home to a
thriving Ostrich farm



20 ALPHA JERICHO BARCALDINE ARAMAC MUTTABURRA

CAMP AREA

Jericho Showgrounds

Located on the town fringe. Powered sites and amenities block and plenty of hot water. Fees apply.

Redbank Park

Donation box

HOTELS/B&Bs

Jordan Valley Hotel

43 Darwin Street **Ph:** 07 4651 4148

Jericho B & B

29 Darwin Street **Ph:** 0408 198 948 or
07 4651 4288

C/- Jericho Store

MEDICAL

Jericho Community Clinic

19 Pasteur Street **Ph:** 07 4651 4235

MECHANICAL

Pearce's Garage

3 Bessemer Street **Ph:** 07 4651 4237

FUEL

Pearce's Garage

3 Bessemer Street **Ph:** 07 4651 4237

BANKING

Commonwealth Bank Agency Jericho Information Centre and Library

Jericho Railway Station 8 Darwin Street **Ph:** 07 4651 4129

GROCERIES

Universal Supplies

55-57 Darwin Street **Ph:** 07 4651 4288

DINING EXPERIENCES

Universal Supplies

55-57 Darwin Street **Ph:** 07 4651 4288

Jordan Valley Hotel

43 Darwin Street **Ph:** 07 4651 4148

COUNCIL LIBRARY

Jericho Post Office

Jericho Railway Station 8 Darwin Street **Ph:** 07 4651 4129

INTERNET

Jericho Information Centre and Library

Jericho Railway Station 8 Darwin Street **Ph:** 07 4651 4129

CHURCHES

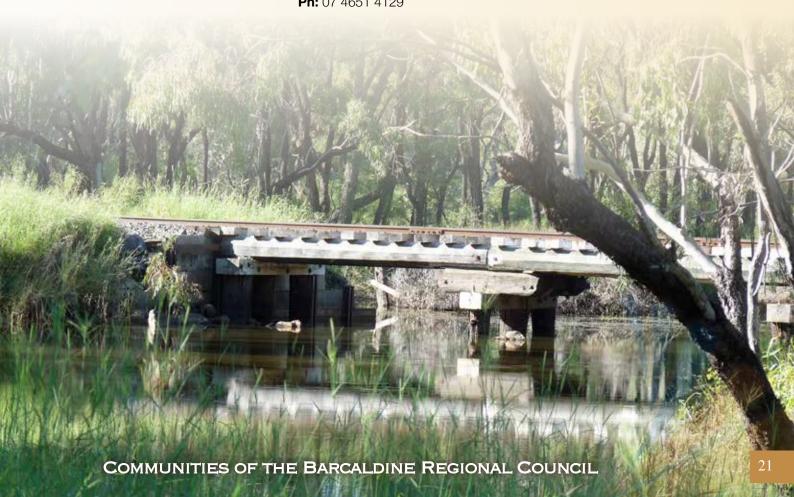
Catholic Church

6 Edison Street **Ph:** 07 4651 4157

Anglican Church

3 Darwin Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1181

Where every moment becomes a memory





BARCALDINE

Garden City of the West

ESTABLISHED: 1886 **POPULATION:** 1500

INDUSTRIES: Government services, sheep, cattle production and tourism



arcaldine is situated on the junction of the Capricorn and Landsborough Highways and known as the Garden City of the West. We are the largest town in the Barcaldine Regional Council area and are proud of our interesting and famous history.

Barcaldine is home to the Tree of Knowledge, the reputed birth place of the labour movement in Australia. The Tree - a ghost gum - grew outside the Railway Station for about 180 years until 2006 when sadly, it was poisoned by an unknown culprit. The famous tree has been preserved and placed under an

award winning timber structure that was constructed to protect the preserved tree and celebrate its importance in Australia's history. The structure is impressive during the day but when viewed at night is truly magnificent.

The name Barcaldine originates from the Oban region in Scotland. Donald Charles Cameron was one of the first settlers in our district and a direct descendant of the Campbells of Barcaldine Castle. He settled on a portion of land fronting the Alice River and immediately named his property "Barcaldine Downs". The railway line came as far as Lagoon Creek in 1886 and the township of Barcaldine developed on land from the Barcaldine Downs run.

We are a friendly community and encourage our visitors to not just stop and have a holiday but to take the opportunity to become involved in our community.

ATTRACTIONS

TREE OF KNOWLEDGE MEMORIAL

The Tree of Knowledge is Barcaldine's most famous and much loved attraction located in Oak Street outside the Railway Station. The Tree has had a long and fascinating history and is most famous for its connection to the 1891 Shearers Strike. Legend has it that the striking shearers held their meetings, plays and assemblies under the shade of the eucalypt and that the formation of the labor movement and Australian Labor Party has its roots under the great Tree.

The Tree has seen many changes and undergone many changes itself. In 2006 the tree was fatally poisoned and after its death the Tree's remains were taken to Brisbane where it underwent a world's first preservation process. It was then returned to Barcaldine and placed under the Award winning timber structure, designed by Brian Hooper and Michael Lavery. The Structure is comprised of 4,913 individual timbers, 3,449 of which are hung to give the illusion of a canopy over the Tree. The Tree now serves as an important place to meet and reflect, and remember those who fought for better working conditions. The best view of the Tree and the Memorial is at night when it is beautifully lit by special lighting.

AUSTRALIAN WORKERS HERITAGE CENTRE

The Australian Workers Heritage Centre is a museum styled complex located in the grounds of the old Barcaldine State School. Many of the original structures have been reinvented into exhibition space. Other historic work places of yesteryear, including a one teacher school, police watch-house and railway station, have been relocated to the Centre from other locations in Queensland.

The Centre is set in over two hectares of beautifully landscaped gardens surrounding a sparkling bore fed billabong, creating a cool outback oasis, complete with picnic and BBQ facilities and children's playground. It is also the home of the 'Young-Un' the only direct descendant of the Tree of Knowledge.

The Centre's unique retail outlet features distinctly Australian gift lines as well as innovative, eclectic home wares, jewellery and accessories.

Where every moment becomes a memory



ARTESIAN COUNTRY TOURS

Our local legend Tom Lockie offers visitors to central western Queensland a totally unique and unforgettable experience. Tom has been operating tours for the past 20 years and has sole access to some of the most culturally and historically significant sites in Queensland.

Tom has an extensive knowledge of the Barcaldine and Aramac areas and provides informative commentary, along with an impressive selection of jokes and poems, that gives our visitors a glimpse into the pioneering history of Australia.

BARCALDINE AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Museum is located in the historical National Bank Building which was relocated to its current location. It houses an extensive collection of artefacts which epitomise the pioneering history of Barcaldine and surrounding districts.

Opening hours: 7am to 5pm every day except Good Friday and Christmas Day.

ROSES 'N THINGS

Roses n' Things is a not to be missed experience in Barcaldine. The Devonshire Tea House is set amongst the tranquil surroundings of beautifully landscaped gardens that contain many different roses. You can enjoy a Devonshire tea or lunch on the lawn and browse the extensive range of rose gifts, arts and crafts, lollies and homemade preserves.

BETWEEN THE BOUGAINVILLEAS HERITAGE TRAIL

Between the Bougainvilleas Heritage Trail is an award winning heritage trail that showcases some of Barcaldine's varied and colourful history. Maroon signs featuring a windmill logo have been placed at significant historical sites around Barcaldine.

Each sign provides a brief history of its site and a photograph of what was originally there. You can walk, drive or cycle along the Heritage Trail which is mapped out in a booklet available from the Visitor Information Centre for only \$2.

MURALS

Barcaldine is home to a number of wonderful murals. One of the most important is a painting of a sand goanna by Australian iconic painter d'Arcy Doyle. d'Arcy painted and donated the painting to the community of Barcaldine in appreciation of the wonderful time he had while holidaying here.

PUB CRAWL

One of Barcaldine's most unique features is the five hotels which line Oak Street. They are a great representation of the history and social fabric of our town, and are all more than 100 years old and offer outback hospitality at its best.

Each hotel has a varied and sometimes colourful past which is illustrated on the Between the Bougainvillea heritage signs outside each hotel. By completing a mini heritage trail combined with a pub crawl you can take in the history of each hotel and catch up with the friendly locals.

Accommodation and meals are offered at most of the hotels.

BICYCLE HIRE

Why not enjoy the delights of Barcaldine while getting some exercise by hiring a bicycle. They can be hired from the Visitor Information Centre for \$2 per bike per day. Conditions do apply.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

If you are musically inclined you might like to try playing the Thong-a-phone and Marimba which are located in Oak Street. These large musical instruments were constructed as part of a public art works program and visitors are encouraged to try their hand at playing them.

RED SHED GALLERY

Showcasing the local Indigenous artwork, ceramics, textiles and woodwork. Take home some unique salt and pepper shakers or a beautifully carved wooden bowl.

HISTORICAL BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES



MASONIC LODGE

NATIONAL HERITAGE LISTED BUILDING

The Comet Masonic Lodge was built in 1901 and is one of the most unusual buildings in Barcaldine. Built from iron and timber it has a painted façade front and back which has been designed to make the building look as if it is made from brick.

It is still used as a Masonic Temple and meetings are held once a month. Tours of the Lodge by a local mason can be arranged by contacting the Visitor Information Centre.

ST PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

NATIONAL HERITAGE LISTED BUILDING St Peter's Anglican Church was consecrated in 1898 and contains some of the most beautiful stained glass windows in Western Queensland. The windows are predominantly memorials for family members of the founding congregation. Regular church services are still held at St Peters, times are displayed on the notice board outside the church. Access to St Peter's church is by appointment only. For appointments please contact the Visitor Information Centre.



RADIO PICTURE THEATRE

The Radio Picture Theatre was first opened on the 10th of April 1926. It was a family owned and operated business until 1995 when the Barcaldine Branch of the Arts Council took it over.

The building still houses the original canvas seats and painted proscenium around the screen.

It is currently run by volunteers from the Arts Council and operates on most weekends, showing the latest movies.



THE WINDMILL

The large windmill in Oak Street is a symbol of the importance of Artesian Water in the daily life of the people of the Outback. The Windmill was manufactured in Rockhampton in September 1917 by the Sidney Williams Company. The windmill was originally erected on the site of the "first flowing bore in Queensland" at Back Creek.

NATURAL ATTRACTIONS

LLOYD JONES WEIR

The Lloyd Jones weir is situated 14kms from Barcaldine on the Barcaldine Downs road. It is a popular fishing, recreation and camping site on the banks of the Alice River. The weir is an ideal place to spend a couple hours relaxing and picnicking.



WILDFLOWER SEASON

During the months of August and September, the countryside 40kms east of Barcaldine erupts into a blaze of colour with spectacular displays of native wildflowers that can be seen easily from the roadside. These very fragile and beautiful flowers never fail to amaze visitors with their ability to survive and grow in very harsh conditions.

FRAZER WAY WALKING PATH

On the outskirts of Barcaldine, Lagoon Creek is a popular walking and bird watching spot. There are two kilometres of concrete walking tracks nestled in native vegetation.

You are welcome to also walk your dog along the paths. Wildlife such as kangaroos and emus use Lagoon Creek as a watering point, so all dogs must be kept on a leash.

Early mornings and evenings are the best time to view wildlife at Lagoon Creek. Many beautiful native birds are seen here, including water birds, finches, brolgas and fairy wrens. A list of local birds can be obtained from the Visitor Information Centre.

BARCALDINE BOTANICAL WALK

The Barcaldine Botanical Park situated 9km south of Barcaldine on the Landsborough Highway is a bushland experience not to miss. The park consists of land which has been set aside for the purpose of helping to educate the public on the local flora and fauna. There is a designated walking track which has a number of plants identified by special tags giving the botanical name, the common name and the way it may have been used by the local Aboriginal community. Camping is not allowed.

STREET NAMES

Barcaldine streets are named after trees.





ARTESIAN WATER

Artesian water is the life blood of the Central Western Region of Queensland and is often referred to as liquid gold. Barcaldine's water supply comes from the Great Artesian Basin. It has been pumped directly from the source to the households of Barcaldine since 1910. Our water is not treated before consumption.

Several sites in Barcaldine commemorate artesian water. These sites include the Baths Bore site, the pond and artwork near the windmill as well as an imitation flowing bore at the Australian Workers Heritage Centre.



LARA STATION

Lara Station is 28km South of Barcaldine and 78km North of Blackall on the Landsborough Highway, look for the yellow and black Lara sign. Follow the signs for 13km along a graded dirt road to the booking office. Spend some time at one of the tranquil shady camping spots surrounded by wetlands abundant with birds and wildlife, a photographers joy. Enjoy a campfire and star gazing at night, whilst enjoying the sounds of the nightlife.

Where every moment becomes a memory



interesting FACTS Barcaldine was the first place that soldiers used emu feathers to decorate their hats



ACCOMMODATION MOTELS

Barcaldine Country Motor

1 Box Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1488

Email: countrymotorinn@

bigpond.com

Barcaldine Motel

5 Box Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1244

Iron Bark Inn Motel

72 Box Street **Ph:** 07 4651 2311

Landsborough Lodge Motel

47 Box Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1100 **Fax:** 07 4651 1744

Union Hotel/Motel

61 Oak Street **Ph:** 07 4651 2269

HOTELS

Artesian Hotel

85 0ak Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1691

Email: artesianhotel@bigpond.

com

Commercial Hotel

119 Oak Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1242

Railway Hotel

77 Oak Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1188

Shakespeare Hotel

97 Oak Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1111

Union Hotel/Motel

61 Oak Street **Ph:** 07 4651 2269

SELF CONTAINED

Blacksmith's Cottage

111 Elm Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1725

SEMI-SELF CONTAINED

Starlin Units

39 Oak Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1353

CARAVAN PARKS

Barcaldine Tourist Park

51-65 Box Street **Ph:** 07 4651 6066

Homestead Caravan Park

24 Box Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1308

Roses 'n' Things Caravan Park

44 Coolibah Street **Ph:** 0427 223 930

CAMPING GROUNDS

Lara Wetlands

28 kms south of Barcaldine

Ph: 07 4651 1619 **Mobile:** 0457 661 243

Barcaldine Showgrounds

Wilga Street **Ph:** 07 4651 5600

MEDICAL

Barcaldine Hospital

25 Oak Street **Ph:** 07 4650 4000

Ash Street Medical Practice

26 Ash Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1500

Barcaldine Dental Surgery

25 Oak Street **Ph:** 07 4650 4079

Barcaldine Pharmacy

91 Oak Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1121

MECHANICAL

Barcaldine Tyre Centre

110 Acacia Street **Ph:** 07 4651 2333

All Roads Automotive

64 Gidyea Street **Ph:** 07 4651 2250

Barcaldine Mechanical

53 Oak Street **Ph:** 0427 746 717

FUEL

Homestead Caravan Park

Caltex
18 Box Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1308

Choice Roadhouse

2 Box Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1333

A.L. Davies Mobil Café Mobil

39 Oak Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1353

BANKING

Bank of Queensland

149 Oak Street **Ph:** 07 46511 566

Barcaldine Post Office

77 Ash Street
Agency for Commonwealth
Bank and NAB

Ph: 07 4651 1147

Westpac

77 Ash Street **Ph:** 07 4651 2993

ATMS

Choice Petroleum Westpac Instore IGA Supermarket Commercial Hotel Union Hotel

GROCERIES

IGA Supermarket

179 Oak Street **Ph:** 07 4651 2207

O'Donnell's Friendly Grocers

18 Maple Street **Ph:** 07 4651 2233

DINING EXPERIENCES

A.L. Davies Mobil Café

39 Oak Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1353

Barcaldine Bakery

33 Oak Street **Ph:** 07 4651 2999

Choice Roadhouse

2 Box Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1333

Commercial Hotel

119 Oak Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1242

Café Crema on Oak

111 Oak Street **Ph:** 0428 465 123

Ridgee Didge Café

151 Oak Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1931

Roses 'n Things

44 Coolibah Street **Ph:** 0427 223 930

Gidgee Bug Café

115 Oak Street **Ph:** 07 4651 2255

Shakespeare Hotel

97 Oak Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1111

Iron Bark Inn Steakhouse

Iron Bark Inn Motel 72 Box Street **Ph:** 07 4651 2311

Turf and Surf Restaurant

Landsborough Lodge 47 Box Street

Ph: 07 4651 1100

Witches Kitchen

Union Hotel/Motel 61 Oak Street **Ph:** 07 4651 2269

Barcaldine Country Motor Inn

1 Box Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1488

Homestead Caravan Park

24 Box Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1308

COUNCIL LIBRARY

71 Ash Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1170

INTERNET

Barcaldine Library

71 Ash Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1170

Barcaldine Visitor Information Centre

149 Oak Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1724

CHURCHES

Scared Heart Catholic Church

89 Elm Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1893

Assembly of God- Crossroads Christian Community

68 Ash Street **Ph:** 07 4651 2133

Jehovah's Witness

1 Plane Street **Ph:** 07 4651 6069

St Peter's Anglican Church

80 Elm Street **Ph:** 07 4651 1181

Uniting Church

7 Maple Street **Ph:** 07 4651 2662

Where every moment becomes a memory



OUR TOWNS

ARAMAC Captain Starlight country

ESTABLISHED: 1862 **POPULATION:** 300

INDUSTRIES: Sheep and cattle production



ramac is one of the oldest
towns in the central west
and steeped in history.
Originally known as Marathon,
our town was later renamed after
Robert Ramsay Mackenzie - the
first explorer to the area who
carved his name (R R Mac) on a
tree. The tree was found by the
explorer William Landsborough
and the name Aramac was born.

Our district was one of the biggest wool producers in Australia but it's the history of our local cattle industry that has made us famous.

The infamous Harry Redford (Captain Starlight) was a drover and cattle duffer who stole cattle from the Aramac area and drove them to South Australia. Among the cattle he stole was a white bull from Bowen Downs which nearly proved to be his undoing.

Harry faced court in Roma Queensland on cattle stealing charges after the white bull was recognised by staff from Bowen Downs. The story of his daring escapades has been retold in many forms but in Aramac we have our own way of celebrating this historical event. We have a statue of the white bull in Gordon Street and each year visitors can join us on our own droving trip to celebrate our connection to Harry.

The Aramac area is a great region to explore and get off the beaten track. We invite you to visit our unique and wonderful natural attractions such as Lake Dunn, Gray Rock and Horsetailer's Gorge.

ATTRACTIONS



TRAMWAY MUSEUM

An easy walk from the town centre is the Aramac Tramway Museum. The Museum contains memorabilia from the early years of settlement in our district. The most famous piece in the Museum is the restored 'Aunt Emma' RN28 rail motor which travelled on the tramway linking Aramac to Barcaldine from 1913 to 1975.



THE WHITE BULL

The statue of the 'White Bull' from Captain Starlight fame stands proudly in the centre of town. Harry Redford stole the original bull from Bowen Downs in 1870 and along with a mob of other cattle drove them to South Australia, where he sold the bull and two cows to a storekeeper for rations and later the rest of the mob to Blanchewater Station. Stockmen from Bowen Downs had tracked the herd and easily identified the distinctive white bull. Harry Redford was charged with stealing cattle and went to court, along with the white bull which was presented as evidence. The jury found Redford not guilty and the legend of Captain Starlight and the white bull was born.



HARRY REDFORD INTERPRETIVE CENTRE

The Henry 'Harry' Redford Interpretive Gallery is part of the Rural Transaction Centre in Gordon Street Aramac. The Gallery contains information on the fascinating story of Harry and his cattle duffing exploits, along with information, merchandise and photographs from the annual Harry Redford Cattle Drives.

ARAMAC MEMORIAL PARK

Aramac Memorial Park is a shady park, located in the centre of town, with play equipment suitable for children, tables, electric BBQs and a swimming pool.

Adjacent to the park is the Harry Redford Centre and sports complex, which has tennis courts, a bowling club and toilets.

NATURAL ATTRACTIONS



LAKE DUNN

Known locally as 'The Lake', this freshwater lake 68 kms north-east of Aramac is a popular camping, bird watching and water sports location. The drive to the lake encompasses a single lane bitumen road through a variety of different types of terrain



The Actor John Jarrett (Wolf Creek) grew up in Aramac (father was a Church minister there)

including part of the Aramac Range. Follow the signs to "The Lake" (not Lake Dunn) to the camping area. Camping facilities available at The Lake include toilets, power, hot & cold showers. Waterfront cabins can also be reserved for an overnight stay. Charges do apply.



HEALING CIRCLE

The stone healing circle is an interesting stopping point on your journey to Lake Dunn. It is an ancient sacred healing circle which is connected to six others in the world. The others are located in Japan, Tibet, Madagascar, Peru, Turkey and the United States of America. When you step into the centre - the eye of God - you are connected to the energies of all seven circles. The circle is used for prayer, meditation and healing of the mind, body and soul. It is located on private property so please be considerate when visiting. Camping is not allowed.



GRAY ROCK

Gray Rock is a sand stone outcrop that was a stopping point for Cobb and Co in the 1870s. The site originally had a hotel which was a changing point for the coach horses. The visiting public and some locals have carved their names on the sand stone rock leaving a lasting and interesting history of the travellers to the region. A small amount of aboriginal art can be found on the rock.

STREET NAMES

Aaramac streets are named after prominent town citizens.



HORSETAILER'S GORGE

Horsetailer's Gorge was once used as a camping spot by drovers. The sides of the gorge form a natural barrier that kept their horses from wandering at night. The Gorge and surrounding area contain examples of classic Western Queensland desert and range country. Some of the trees in the area have been identified with marking tags to help visitors learn more about the local vegetation.

EVENTS



HARRY REDFORD CATTLE DRIVE

An annual event run by volunteers of the Aramac community over 19 unforgettable, spectacular days. Some of Australia's most experienced drovers drive 600 head of cattle by horseback through the twists of the ragged Redford trail reliving one of the world's greatest cattle duffing drives known to man. The event runs each May and bookings are required.

www.harryredford.com.au







ACCOMMODATION

Traveller's Rest Motel

58 Lodge Street **Ph:** 07 4651 3262

Aramac Hotel

67 Gordon Street **Ph:** 07 4651 3262

Aramac Camping Ground

Booker Street
Powered sites and ablution block
and plenty of artesian hot water.
Pay for the first two nights, get
the third and fourth nights FREE.

Ph: 07 4652 9999

Lake Dunn Cabins

Margie Dickson **Ph:** 07 4651 0563

MEDICAL

Aramac Primary Health Care Centre

2 Lodge Street **Ph:** 07 4652 9000

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 8.00am to 12noon and 2.00pm to

4.30pm

MECHANICAL

Aramac Garage

52 Booker Street **Ph:** 07 4651 3348

FUEL

BP Cafe and Welding Works

59 Lodge Street **Ph:** 07 4651 3256

BANKING

Aramac Rural Transaction Centre

58 Gordon Street Provides Bank services, Centrelink, Medicare, QGap and QLD Govt services, Bank of Queensland.

Ph: 07 4651 3359 **Opening hours:** 9.00am to

4.30pm

Monday to Friday

Aramac Post Office

22 Gordon Street Aramac Q 4726 **Ph:** 07 4651 3147 Agents for Commonwealth and National Agent Giro Post and Credit Unions

GROCERIES

Aramac Cut Price

66 Gordon Street **Ph:** 07 4651 3252

DINING EXPERIENCES

BP Café and Welding Works

59 Lodge Street **Ph:** 07 4651 3256

Aramac Hotel

67 Gordon Street **Ph:** 07 4651 3262

COUNCIL LIBRARY

68 Gordon Street **Ph:** 07 4651 3047

INTERNET

Aramac Library

68 Gordon Street **Ph:** 07 4651 3047

Aramac Rural Transaction Centre

58 Gordon Street **Ph:** 07 4651 3359

CHURCHES

St George's Anglican Church

Corner of Kerr and Butt Streets

Ph: 07 4651 3277

Services 2nd Thursday of the

Month at 10am

St John's Catholic Church

38 Kerr Street **Ph:** 07 4651 3198

Services 2nd Sunday of each month at 11.30am

Where every moment becomes a memory

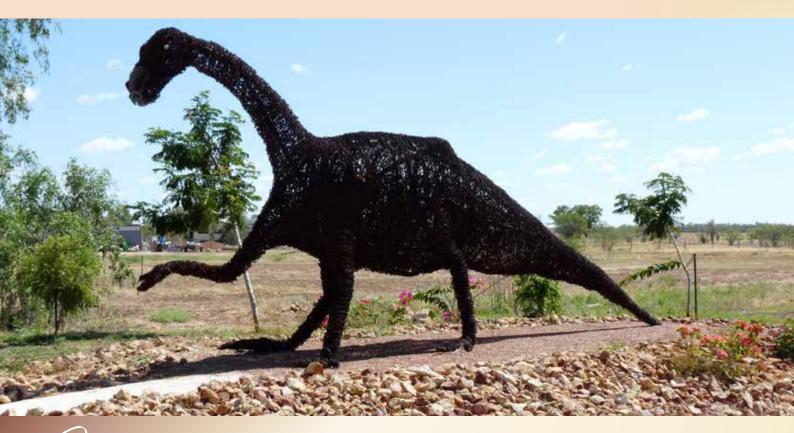
OUR TOWNS

MUTTABURRA

Home of the Muttaburrasaurus Langdoni

ESTABLISHED: 1878 **POPULATION:** 100

INDUSTRIES: Sheep and cattle



uttaburra derives its name from the local aboriginal tribe of Mootaburra which means the meeting of waters - which is most appropriate as Muttaburra is situated close to a number of water courses.

Muttaburra has the distinction of being the town closest to the geographic centre of Queensland. Although Muttaburra is only small in population with around 100, it has a huge reputation for its hospitality and a strong community minded population.

Muttaburra's most famous moment was when local grazier Doug Langdon uncovered the fossilised skeleton of a dinosaur. The Muttaburrasaurus Langdoni was a land living, plant eating dinosaur that roamed the earth 100 million years ago. The discovery of the skeleton was the first of its kind in Australia and Muttaburra celebrates this with a statue of the Muttaburrasaurus Langdoni in the Park in Bruford Street.

The Muttaburra area is renowned locally for being a great place to fish for the famous Yellow Belly or Golden Perch. There are several spots along the Thomson and Landsborough Rivers were you can enjoy camping, fishing and water sports.

ATTRACTIONS



DR ARRATTA MUSEUM

Dr Joseph Andrew Arratta was the resident doctor in Muttaburra from 1925 until he retired in 1960. He was not only a popular local figure, but a pioneer in techniques for performing operations in isolated areas under clinically demanding conditions. After the closure of the hospital in 1989 the building was converted into a historical medical display museum and named after its longest serving doctor - Dr Arratta.

Guided tours of the Museum can be arranged by calling into the Muttaburra Visitor Information Centre or contact the phone numbers at the Museum.



A.A. CASSIMATIS GENERAL STORE AND COTTAGE

A.A. Cassimatis moved from Greece with his family in 1913 and established a business in Muttaburra. The Cassimatis family worked hard and from humble beginnings established a multipurpose store. The store became an emporium which housed a bank, green grocery, haberdashery, café, white goods store, liquor dealership and motor spirits agency. In 1987 after 60 years of trading, Mrs Stravroola Cassimatis passed away and the decision was then made to close the store.

The store and cottage have been made into a Museum which showcases the living conditions of the early 1900s and the secret workings of a general store in a small rural community. Guided tours can be arranged by calling into the Muttaburra Visitor Information Centre.



REPLICA OF THE **MUTTABURRASAURUS LANGDONI**

In 1963 local grazier the late Doug Langdon discovered the fossilised skeleton of a dinosaur near the Thomson River at Muttaburra. This was the second most complete dinosaur skeleton found in Queensland and is the first of five Muttaburrasaurus skeletons found in Australia. The Muttaburrasaurus was a plant eating, land living dinosaur that roamed the earth around 100 million years ago. Visit the replica of the Muttaburrasaurus Langdoni in the park in Bruford Street next to the Memorial Hall in Muttaburra. The fossilised remains of the dinosaur are currently housed in the Queensland Museum in Brisbane.



MUTTABURRA CEMETERY

The Muttaburra Cemetery is located 1.4kms from the centre of town and a great place to research the genealogical history of the area. There are graves dating from 1885. Pictures of the graves and the information on them can be obtained from the www.muttaburra.com website.



That due to the Muttaburrasaurus bones being in such a tough marine sediment that required both mechanical and chemical preparation to extract the bones from the stone, it wasn't until 1981 that the museum, in conjunction with American palaeontologist Ralf Molnar, named the dinosaur Muttaburrasaurus Landonii



MUTTABURRA AQUATIC CENTRE

The Muttaburra Aquatic Centre is open all year around and contains a 25 metre swimming pool and heated spa. It is home to the Muttaburra Mudskippers swimming club and is open to the public.

TOWN DAM

The town dam was built in 1885 by Mr Hudson. For some years this dam was the source of water for the town and water was carted into town in casks. Residents paid 2/6 per cask although double this amount was not uncommon. Later on, the dam was also used as the town's swimming pool. During the summer months many residents spend time at the dam enjoying the peaceful surrounds.

PUBLIC ART

Muttaburra is the home to a significant collection of public art. The works are located across our community and many pieces play an important role in capturing the historical values of our past. Other works portray our lifestyle, environment and landscape. They add value to our community and allow visitors to enjoy our past and present history and take home memories of their visit.

We believe that public art brightens communities, creates talking points, displays a healthy township and complements the lifestyle of our region. While you visit, become a part of our community and linger longer to enjoy our public art trail.

STREET NAMES

Muttaburra streets are named after prominent town citizens.

Where every moment becomes a memory

NATURAL ATTRACTIONS



PUMP HOLE

The Pump Hole is a short drive from Muttaburra. Drive 3.8kms east on the Aramac Road and then turn left and travel 1.8kms on a dirt road to the Pump Hole. Enjoy a family barbecue and swimming under the shade of gums that are estimated to be over 100 years old. This is an ideal fishing spot for the famous Yellow Belly or Golden Perch which is a native of the region.



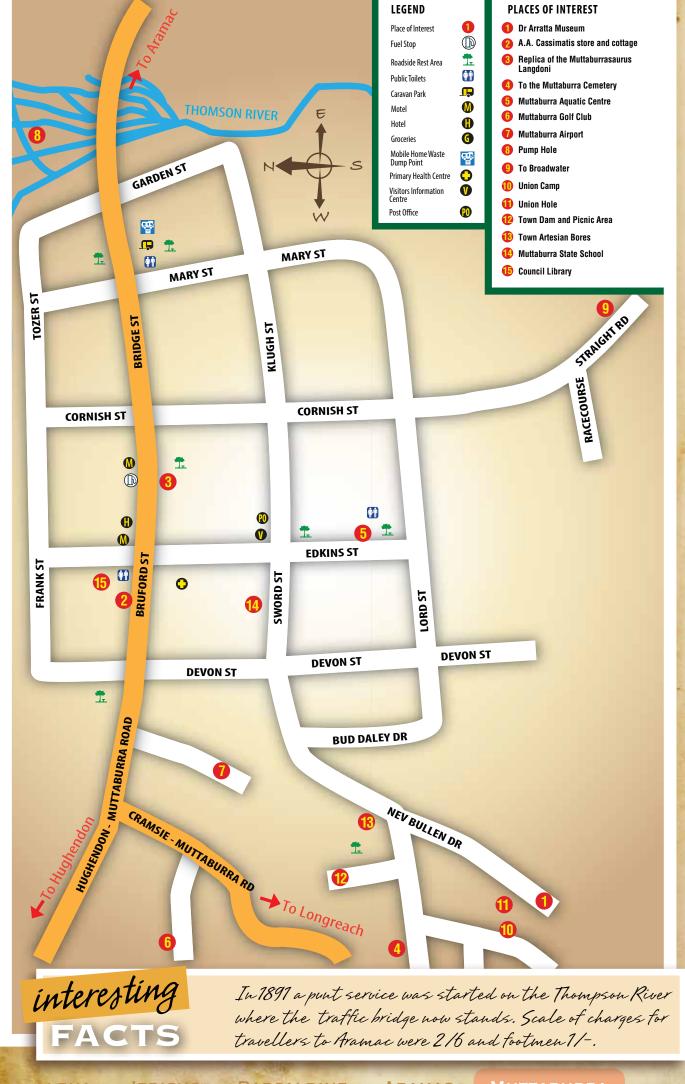
BROADWATER

To reach Broadwater, travel 6kms south on the Straight Road and turn left and travel 3.5kms on dirt road. This water hole is one of the best recreational fishing areas in the district. There is a 3.5km stretch of water on the Thomson River ideal for fishing, skiing, bird watching, bushwalking or relaxing in the shade.



UNION CAMP AND HOLE

The Union Camp was used as a base for 400 shearers during the 1891 Shearers Strike. Small signs of their occupation can still be seen. Follow the signs to Union Camp located 4.2kms from Muttaburra. Union Hole is just 0.9kms further on from Union Camp. Striking shearers in 1891 drew water from this hole and carted it by dray back to their camp.



ACCOMMODATION

Camping Ground with Facilities

17 Bridge Street Pay for the first two nights, get the third and fourth nights FREE.

Ph: 07 4658 7191

Muttaburra Motel

16 Bruford Street **Ph:** 07 4658 7062

Exchange Hotel

12 Bruford Street **Ph:** 07 4658 7125

MEDICAL

Muttaburra Primary Health Centre

30 Edkins Street **Ph:** 07 4658 7500

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 8.30am to 12 noon and 2pm to 4pm.

Provides emergency service on

weekends.

MECHANICAL

No service at the moment

FUEL

Muttaburra Shop and Fuel

8 Bruford Street Ph: 07 4658 7467 AH: 0428 587 125 **Opening Hours:**

- Monday to Friday: 8am to 6pm
- Saturday to Sunday: 9am to 2pm

BANKING POST OFFICE

Muttaburra Postal Agency

16 Sword Street **Ph:** 07 4658 7147

- **Opening Hours:**
- Monday to Friday: 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm
- Saturday: 9am to 11am Provides Bank@Post, Visitor Information Centre, Gifts and stationery, fishing and bait.

GROCERIES

Muttaburra Shop and Fuel

8 Bruford Street **Ph:** 07 4658 7467 AH: 0428 587 125

DINING EXPERIENCES

Exchange Hotel

12 Bruford Street Muttaburra

Ph: 07 4658 7125

Muttaburra Shop and Fuel

8 Bruford Street Muttaburra

Ph: 07 4658 7467 **AH:** 0428 587 125

COUNCIL LIBRARY

20 Bruford Street Ph: 07 4658 7191

Opening hours:

- Monday to Friday: 9am to 12noon and 1pm to 4pm
- Saturday: 9am to 11am

INTERNET

Council Library 20 Bruford Street

Ph: 07 4658 7191

CHURCHES

Anglican Church

25 Sword Street

Catholic Church

25 Sword Street

LAUNDRY

Muttaburra Laundromat

16 Sword Street Ph: 07 4658 7147 Washing machines, dryer, powder dispenser.

Where every moment becomes a memory

www.muttaburra.com.au



Find us on Facebook

THE GREAT ARTESIAN BASIN

The Great Artesian Basin is one of the largest artesian groundwater basins in the world and underlies approximately one-fifth of Australia. It extends beneath regions of Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia and the Northern Territory.

The Basin covers a total area of over 1,711,00 square kilometres and has an estimated total water storage of 64,900 million mega-litres (a mega-litre is one million litres and equivalent to about half the water in an Olympic swimming pool).

The Great Artesian Basin was formed between 100 and 250 million years ago and consists of alternating layers of water-bearing (permeable) sandstone aquifers and non-water-bearing (impermeable) siltstones and mudstones.

Natural discharge occurs mainly from mound springs in the south-western area. Mound springs are natural outlets of the artesian aquifers from which groundwater flows to the surface. Dating of the artesian waters has given ages of almost two million years for the oldest waters, which occur in the south-western area of the Basin.

The inland of Australia is traversed by streams but these rarely flow and have few permanent waterholes. Unpredictable rainfall and high evaporation meant that early dams and earth tanks built to service the growing population and pastoral industry were unreliable.

Prior to European settlement, Aborigines used the mound springs of the Great Artesian Basin. Some of these feature in Aboriginal myths and are of significant spiritual and cultural value to indigenous communities. Mound springs were and still are a valuable resource for the support of wildlife.

Europeans first discovered the artesian groundwater in 1878 when a shallow bore sunk near Bourke in New South Wales produced flowing water. In 1885 the Queensland Government geologist decided to drill a deep bore at Blackall. However, before completion of this bore, the first artesian flow in Queensland was obtained near Cunnamulla in 1887. Later that year Barcaldine became the first town with artesian water.

The number of bores drilled in Queensland increased from 34 to 524 in the ten year period from 1889 to 1899. By 1915 over 1,500 flowing artesian bores had been drilled throughout the Basin. Thousands of kilometres of bore drains were excavated to distribute water around properties, thus allowing sheep and cattle to be raised on the vast Mitchell grass, Mulga and Spinifex plains. Bore drains are small, open channels that can extend 100 kilometres or more.

The water from the Great Artesian Basin continues to be of vital importance to outback regions of Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia. This water is often the only available supply for towns and properties for their domestic and stock-watering requirements. The Great Artesian Basin also supplies water for minor irrigation works, key mining and extractive industries, the petroleum industry, an emerging tourism industry and limited industrial purposes.

Photographs have kindly been supplied by the people of the Barcaldine Regional Council region.



in 1887 Barcaldine became the first town to have artesian water





07 4651 5600 PO Box 191, 71 Ash Street, Barcaldine Qld 4725 www. barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au

ALPHA JERICHO BARCALDINE ARAMAC MUTTABURRA