Warm WELCOME

Where every moment becomes a memory
Situated in the heart of central western Queensland, our region offers visitors a warm, outback welcome and experience. This friendly country hospitality comes naturally to us as our five towns - Alpha, Jericho, Barcaldine, Aramac and Muttaburra - all retain and share those good, old fashioned, small town values and charm.

Since the late 1800s our main industries have been sheep and cattle production. While we continue to produce high quality wool and beef, we’ve developed a thriving tourism industry to showcase the beauty and diversity of our region.

Our rich heritage, indigenous culture, natural landscapes, variety of fauna and flora, lakes and rivers, arts attractions, events and festivals ensure there is something for everyone.

There is so much to do and see here and every one of us invites you to spend some time in the region we love and call home. Please feel free to stop and chat and most importantly - make yourself at home.
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Alpha Jericho Barcaldine Aramac Muttaburra
Communities of the Barcaldine Regional Council
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

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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.
HOW TO GET HERE

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

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

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
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 first-aid 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.
DISTANCES:

**ALPHA**
- From Rockhampton – 440km
- From Longreach – 247km
- From Townsville – 768km
- From Brisbane – 1063km

**JERICHO**
- From Rockhampton – 493km
- From Longreach – 194km
- From Townsville – 732km
- From Brisbane – 1116km

**BARCALDINE**
- From Rockhampton – 580km
- From Longreach – 107km
- From Townsville – 630km
- From Brisbane – 1050km
- From Mt Isa – 755km

**ARAMAC**
- From Rockhampton – 645km
- From Longreach – 171km
- From Townsville – 540km
- From Brisbane – 1130km

**MUTTABURRA**
- From Rockhampton – 730km
- From Longreach – 124km
- From Townsville – 544km
- From Brisbane – 1224 km

Self Drive 4 Wheel Drive Tours
1. Barcaldine to Jericho via Narbethong Road
2. Jericho to Aramac via Lake Dunn
3. Aramac to Gray Rock and Horsetailer’s Gorge
4. Lake Dunn to Muttaburra via Bowen Downs
5. Muttaburra to Longreach
6. Crossmore Road or Alternative Route Road
7. Cramsie Road
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.
• Just after the airport, turn left into Cramsie Road.
• The total distance from Muttaburra to Longreach is 124km, which includes 30km of intermittent dirt and 94km of bitumen.
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 min
- 11.15pm  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 30 min
- 9.00am  Tree of Knowledge 15 min
- 9.15am  “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

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

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

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.

Where every moment becomes a memory
Alpha, 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.
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 SCULPTURE
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.

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interesting FACTS
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.
ACCOMMODATION
Alpha Hotel/Motel
33 Shakespeare Street
Ph: 07 4985 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 Office
17 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
The 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.
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 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 FACTS
Jericho was once home to a thriving Ostrich farm.
PLACES OF INTEREST

1. The Crystal Trumpeters
2. Redbank Park
3. Murals
4. Jericho Drive Inn
5. Information Centre, Post Office and Library
6. School
7. Police Station
8. Pool
9. Jericho Nursing Service
10. Town Hall
11. Jericho Cemetery

LEGEND

- Place of Interest
- Fuel Stop
- Roadside Rest Area
- Public Toilets
- Caravan Park
- Motel
- Hotel
- Groceries
- Mobile Home Waste Dump Point
- Railway

To Alphaline
To Barcaldine
To Blackall
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

INTERNET
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

CHURCHES
Catholic Church
6 Edison Street
Ph: 07 4651 4157

Universal Supplies
55-57 Darwin Street
Ph: 07 4651 4288

Anglican Church
3 Darwin Street
Ph: 07 4651 1181

DINING EXPERIENCES
Jordan Valley Hotel
43 Darwin Street
Ph: 07 4651 4148

COUNCIL LIBRARY
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Jericho Railway Station
8 Darwin Street
Ph: 07 4651 4129

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Barcaldine 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.

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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.

**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 lifeblood 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.

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Barcaldine was the first place that soldiers used emu feathers to decorate their hats.
ACCOMMODATION
MOTELS
Barcaldine Country Motor Inn
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 Oak 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 4651 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

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Aramac 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.

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.

interesting FACTS
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
Horsetail’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

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Where every moment becomes a memory
Muttaburra 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.
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.

REPLICA OF THE MUTTABURRASARUS 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.

did you KNOW?
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.
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MUTTABURRA AQUATIC CENTRE
The Muttaburra Aquatic Centre is open all year round 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.

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.
In 1891 a punt service was started on the Thompson River where the traffic bridge now stands. Scale of charges for travellers to Aramac were 2/6 and footmen 1/-.
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.

INTERNET
Council Library
20 Bruford Street
Ph: 07 4658 7191

CHURCHES
Anglican Church
25 Sword Street
Catholic Church
25 Sword Street

GROCERIES
Muttaburra Shop and Fuel
8 Bruford Street
Ph: 07 4658 7467
AH: 0428 587 125

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

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

DINING EXPERIENCES
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Communities of the Barcaldine Regional Council
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.

interesting FACTS

in 1887 Barcaldine became the first town to have artesian water.