Welcome to Artesian Country

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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THE GREAT ARTESIAN BASIN BACK

Communities of the Barcaldine Regional Council
Alpha  Jericho  Barcaldine  Aramac  Muttaburra
EVENTS

JANUARY
All towns - Australia Day
Alpha - ICPA Cricket Match

FEBRUARY
Alpha - 4B's Rodeo

MARCH
Barcaldine - Races
Barcaldine - Clay Target Shoot
Barcaldine - Golf Open
Jericho - Markets
All towns - Clean Up Australia Day

APRIL
All towns - Anzac Day
Barcaldine - Races

MAY
Aramac - Races
Barcaldine - Barcaldine Tree of Knowledge Festival
Barcaldine - P H & A Show
Alpha - Show
Muttaburra - Golf Open

JUNE
Muttaburra - Landsborough Flock Ewe Show
Alpha - Races
Barcaldine - Races

AUGUST
Muttaburra - Races
Barcaldine - Art Competition
Alpha - Golf Open

SEPTEMBER
Aramac - Ballyneety Rodeo and Campdraft
Barcaldine - Westech Field Days (every 3 years)

OCTOBER
Alpha - Campdraft

NOVEMBER
Barcaldine - Catholic Fair
Barcaldine - Races

DECEMBER
Aramac - Christmas Tree
Barcaldine - Barcy Bucks Shop Locally Campaign
Alpha - Christmas Tree
Jericho - Christmas Tree

REGULAR ACTIVITIES
• Markets are held in Barcaldine, Jericho (third Saturday) and Alpha monthly from March to October.
• Bingo is held in Barcaldine monthly from March to November.
• Movies at the Jericho Drive Inn on the third Saturday of the month.
• Catholic Church Mass in Jericho on the third Saturday of the month.
• Barcaldine Clay Target Club Shoot fourth Saturday of the month.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES
BARCALDINE
• Men’s Shed - 9am to 12noon Monday & Wednesday
• Tennis - 6pm Tuesday
• Golf - 3pm Thursday, 12noon Sunday
• Movies at the Radio Theatre - 7pm Friday & Sunday
• Barcaldine Cultural Association Craft Days - 9:30am Wednesday
• Croquet - 8am Friday
• QCWA Craft Day - 10am Tuesday
• Tai Chi - 9am Thursday
• Lawn Bowls - 5:30pm Friday, 9:30am Sunday

ALPHA
• Touch Football - 6pm Tuesday

MUTTABURRA
• Golf - 8:30am Sunday
INFORMATION CENTRES

ALPHA TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE
Rowley 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: tourism@barc.qld.gov.au
Open: March to October: 7 days a week. 8:15am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

November to February: Week days 8:15am 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.
**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.

Longreach Car Hire: 07 4658 0300

**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 QantasLink 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 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.
Barcaldine to Jericho via Narbethong Road
Jericho to Aramac via Lake Dunn
Aramac to Gray Rock and Horsetailers Gorge
Lake Dunn to Muttaburra via Bowen Downs
Muttaburra to Longreach
Crossmore Road or Alternative Route Road
Cramsie Road

Self Drive 4 Wheel Drive Tours

Lake Dunn
River Belyando
Morella Siding
Thomson River
Landsborough River

Healing Circle Botanical Walkway

Stonehenge
Isisford
Blackall
To Emerald
To Clermont
To Winton
To Corfield
To Prairie
To Torrens Creek
**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 Horsetail’s Gorge
4. Lake Dunn to Muttaburra via Bowen Downs
   Muttaburra to Longreach
5. Crossmore Road or Alternative Route Road
6. 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.
## 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 min
- **11.15am** 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

### 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 (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

### Alpha to Jericho – 53km

### Day 3 - Barcaldine
- **8.30am** Barcaldine Visitors 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 Workers 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

### Jericho to Barcaldine – 89km

### 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 apply)
- 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
- **OPTION 3** – Lake Dunn Sculpture Trail, travel distance approximately 150kms, 4 hours to full day self-drive tour.

### Aramac to Muttaburra – 87km

### Day 6 - Muttaburra
- **9.30am** Dr Arratta Museum  1 hour (donations appreciated, by appointment only)
- **10.30am** 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
- **2.15pm** Muttaburra Aquatic Centre  30 min - 1 hour
- **2.45pm** Union Camp  15-30 min
- **3.00pm** Broadwater Waterhole  15-30 min
- **3.30pm** Pump Hole  15-30 min

Times are approximate and may vary depending on individual preferences.
Bird Watching & Wildflowers

The outback is noted for its unique flora and fauna and our region contains a diverse range of both. There are more than 200 different species of birds in our region and when conditions are right we have some spectacular displays of wildflowers. Brochures on both the Birds and Wildflowers in our region are available at all our Information Centres.

Geocaching

Geocaching is an outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location. There are millions of caches worldwide.

Geocaching is becoming an increasingly popular activity in our region. We have over 100 caches. They include traditional, letterbox, mystery, multi caches and earth caches. For more information on caches in our area consult: www.geocaching.com

Outback Mates

Visitors to our region are assured a warm welcome when they meet one of our Outback Mates. Each town has local identities who are ambassadors for our region. Our Mates enjoy a chat and are happy to provide visitors with general information on our region.

Also look out for the Outback Mates Akubra logo at all our Visitor Information Centres and pop in and ask about the program.
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.
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 watercolourist 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 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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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.

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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.
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 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, Milynda Rogers. The sculpture is dressed in period costume playing a trumpet.

JERICHO was once home to a thriving Ostrich farm

Communities of the Barcaldine Regional Council
CAMP AREA
Jericho Showground
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

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

DINING EXPERIENCES
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
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**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
Imagine immaculately manicured lawns surrounded by brightly coloured shrubs. This is Roses ‘n Things, an unforgettable Barcaldine experience. Situated in Coolibah Street, Roses “n” Things Tea Gardens is a great place in which to relax, unwind and break your journey. You can savour the delights of a sumptuous Devonshire tea or lunch on the lawn and browse the extensive range of rose gifts and homemade arts and crafts. Roses “n” Things is an outdoor venue. Opening hours may change due to inclement weather conditions.

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
A great way to savour the delights of Barcaldine, catch up with the locals and get some exercise is to cycle around town on a hired bicycle from the Barcaldine Visitor Information Centre. Hire is available for a very reasonable price. 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
Barcaldine is home to a population of very talented artists and crafts persons. Among these are members of the local indigenous people who have their artistic home in a studio called the “Red Shed”. The shed is home to several generations of artists who produce beautiful artefacts, paintings and ceramics.

All the artworks produced at the shed are for sale at the Central West Aboriginal Corporation office in Ash Street.
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.

**LAGOON CREEK / 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.

SHANDONVALE STATION STAYZ
Shandonvale is a working station which offers guests the unique combination of luxury accommodation, regional cuisine and hands on insight into life on the land. Phone 07 4651 1685 or call mobile 0488 429 119 for more information. Alternatively email shandonvale@outlook.com or visit their website www.shandonvale.com.au

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.

DUNRAVEN TAG ALONG TOURS
Visit a working sheep and cattle property and experience the life of an outback family. Enjoy meeting the family and gain knowledge of what it is really like to live and work on a central western Queensland property for many generations. Tours are conducted on Tuesday and Friday at 9am, bookings are essential: Phone 0427 511 651.

OUTBACK CAMERA WALK
Join a walk along Lagoon Creek and learn the art of photography with a local professional photographer. Tours are 2 hours long, slow paced walking and personally guided. Bookings are essential. Call Louise Gronold Imagery on 0429 899 094 or email: curious@louisegronoldimagery.com.au

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

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ACCOMMODATION
MOTELS
Barcaldine Country Motor Inn
1 Box Street
Ph: 07 4651 1488
Email: countrymotorinn@bigpond.com

Barcaldine Motel & Villas
5 Box Street
Ph: 07 4651 1244
Email: bookings@barcaldinemotel.com.au

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

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

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

ATMS
Choice Petroleum
Westpac Instore
IGA Supermarket
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
Ridgee Didge Café  
151 Oak Street  
Ph: 07 4651 1931

Roses ’n Things  
44 Coolibah Street  
Ph: 0427 223 930

Lounging Emu Pizza  
115 Oak Street  
Ph: 07 4651 2255

Satisfaction Bakery and Café  
169 Oak Street  
Ph: 07 4651 1086

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  
9 Beech Street  
Ph: 07 4651 1170

INTERNET  
Barcaldine Library  
9 Beech Street  
Ph: 07 4651 1170

Barcaldine Visitor Information Centre  
Wi Fi only  
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
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)

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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.

**LAKE DUNN SCULPTURE TRAIL**
Local artist Milynda Rogers decided she needed a platform to display her work and has created one of the best drives in our area. Situated in the area north east of Aramac, the Lake Dunn Sculpture Trail has more than 25 different metal Sculptures dotted approximately 200kms of country roads. A brochure on the trail can be obtained from any of our Information Centre’s.

**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**
Aramac 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 unforgettable and spectacular annual event run by volunteers of the Aramac community. Some of Australia’s most experienced drovers drive 600 heard of cattle by horseback through the twists of the ragged Redford trail – reliving on the of world’s greatest cattle duffing drives known to man. The event runs each May and bookings are required. Please note, subject to weather and sufficient feed being available.
www.harryredford.com.au
ACCOMMODATION
Traveller’s Rest Motel
58 Lodge Street
Ph: 0427 694 230

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.
Ph: 07 4652 9999

Lake Dunn Cabins
Margie Dickson
Ph: 07 4651 0565

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
Ph: 07 4651 3147
Agents for Commonwealth and National Agent Giro Post and Credit Unions

MEDICAL
Aramac Primary Health Care Centre
2 Lodge Street
Ph: 07 4652 9000
Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 8am to 12 noon & 2pm to 4pm

Aramac Cut Price
66 Gordon Street
Ph: 07 4651 3252

MECHANICAL
Aramac Garage
52 Booker Street
Ph: 07 4651 3348

GROCERIES
Aramac Cut Price
66 Gordon Street
Ph: 07 4651 3252

DINING EXPERIENCES
Aramac Hotel
67 Gordon Street
Ph: 07 4651 3262

White Bull Roadhouse
Lodge Street
Ph: 07 4651 3256

The Snack Shack on the Lake
Lake Dune, The Lake
Ph: 07 4651 0765

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
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.
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 multi-purpose 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 Langdoni.

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Alpha Jericho Barcaldine Aramac Muttaburra
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.

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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 Thomson 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
Ph: 07 4658 7191

Muttaburra Motel
16 Bruford Street
Ph: 07 4658 7062

Exchange Hotel
12 Bruford Street
Ph: 07 4658 7125

Muttaburra CWA Hostel
33 Edkins Street
Ph: 0475 175 221

**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 Office and 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.

**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 OFFICE AND LIBRARY**
20 Bruford Street
Ph: 07 4658 7191
Opening Hours:
• Monday to Friday: 9am to 12noon and 1pm to 4pm

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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.