

Welcome to

*Artesian Country*



ALPHA

JERICOH

BARCALDINE

ARAMAC

MUTTABURRA

COMMUNITIES OF THE BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL

# Warm outback welcome

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 Muttaborra – 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 have 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.

An early morning or late afternoon walk will showcase the beautiful sunrises and sunsets we experience in the outback. If you are a keen birdwatcher bring along your binoculars and camera as this is also the time of day to visit permanent watering holes where the birds will come to drink.

Bring along your fishing rod and enjoy a relaxing day under the sun. All our communities have a river or two to catch a famous Golden Perch or known locally as Yellowbelly.

If you are an avid geocacher, our region boasts over 200 geocaches and we challenge you to stay a while and find them all.

Our region has a full events calendar, from sporting events to festivals and touring shows, so why not plan your trip around one of our many events.

Spend as long as you need to explore all that our region has to offer...

## **Alpha: Town of Murals**

Take a leisurely walk around the town of murals and view the 28 murals Alpha has to offer. The murals have been painted by local resident artists and beautifully pay tribute to the pioneers of the bush and the history of the district.

You can soak up Alpha's history at the Jane Neville Rolfe Art Gallery, the Tivoli Theatre Museum, Beta Hut and the Fossilised Forest Sculpture or just relax at Settlers Park.

## **Jericho: On the banks of the Jordan**

Take a stroll down the main street and stop by the Crystal Trumpeters. The structure was created by local historians to tell the story of how Joshua won the battle of Jericho.

Time your visit with the once a month double feature showing at the smallest operating drive-in theatre in the Southern Hemisphere then spend a night or two camping along the serene banks of the Jordan River

at Redbank Park. Bring along your fishing rods and binoculars as it is a great place to cast a line and bird watch.

## **Barcaldine: Garden City of the West**

Barcaldine is a great place to spend a few days experiencing, exploring and relaxing. Its rich history is on full display at the Barcaldine and District Historical Museum and the Australian Workers Heritage Centre. The main street reflects our love of arts and culture with murals, musical instruments, beautiful gardens and the windmill. Barcaldine is home to the Tree of Knowledge, the reputed birth place of the labour movement in Australia. The award winning structure gives the illusion of a canopy over the Tree. A night time visit will be a highlight of your trip, with the Tree beautifully lit.

Take a stroll along Lagoon Creek or the Botanical Walk and be mesmerised by the native fauna and flora.

## **Aramac: Home of the White Bull**

A visit to the Harry Redford Interpretive Centre is a must when you arrive in Aramac. You can learn about the infamous Harry Redford (Captain Starlight) and how a distinctive white bull was his undoing. Keep an eye out for the Adorabulls that pop up throughout Aramac.

Explore the Tramway Museum, where you can see Aunt Emma RM28 rail motor and memorabilia from the early years of settlement.

Get off the beaten track and make your way to the historical sites of Lake Dunn, Gray Rock, Horsetailer's Gorge and the Healing Circle. Along the way keep an eye out for the 35 metal sculptures that make up the Lake Dunn Sculpture Trail with more sculptures being added all the time.

## **Muttaborra: Meeting of the waters**

Muttaborra is soaked in history and has beautifully preserved museums that reflect days gone by. The Dr Arratta Memorial Museum and A.A. Cassimatis General Store and Cottage make you feel like you have stepped back through time. After you marvel at the medical memorabilia in the Dr Arratta Memorial Museum, take the time to take a selfie at the new Centre of Queensland monument.

The town's most famous moment was when local grazier Doug Langdon uncovered the fossilised skeleton of a dinosaur. The Muttaborrasaurus 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 is celebrated with an impressive replica located in the new Muttaborrasaurus Interpretation Centre.

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 - murals



Jericho - Crystal Trumpeters



Barcaldine - Tree of Knowledge



Aramac - White Bull



Muttaborrasaurus!

# Map and distances

This map illustrates the road network and distances in the Muttaborra, Aramac, and Barcaldine region. The map features several towns and landmarks, with roads color-coded by type (black for main roads, brown for secondary roads, and blue for rivers/creeks). Distances are marked in red numbers along the roads. Green pentagons with numbers indicate specific points of interest or landmarks.

**Towns and Landmarks:**

- MUTTABURRA
- ARAMAC
- BARCALTINE
- Longreach
- Ilfracombe
- Isisford
- Blackall
- Stonehenge
- Morella Siding
- Thomson
- Healing Circle
- Gray Rock
- Horsetailier's Gorge
- Botanical Walkway
- Lake Dunn

**Roads and Distances:**

- To Hughenden: 171
- To Corfield: 173
- To Winton: 107
- To Torrens Creek: 232
- To Prairie: 186
- To Muttaborra: 36
- To Aramac: 22
- To Barcaldine: 67
- To Longreach: 61
- To Ilfracombe: 27
- To Isisford: 104
- To Blackall: 122
- To Stonehenge: 31
- To Morella Siding: 91
- To Thomson: 156
- To Healing Circle: 67
- To Gray Rock: 93
- To Horsetailier's Gorge: 60
- To Botanical Walkway: 27
- To Lake Dunn: 92

**Distances between towns:**

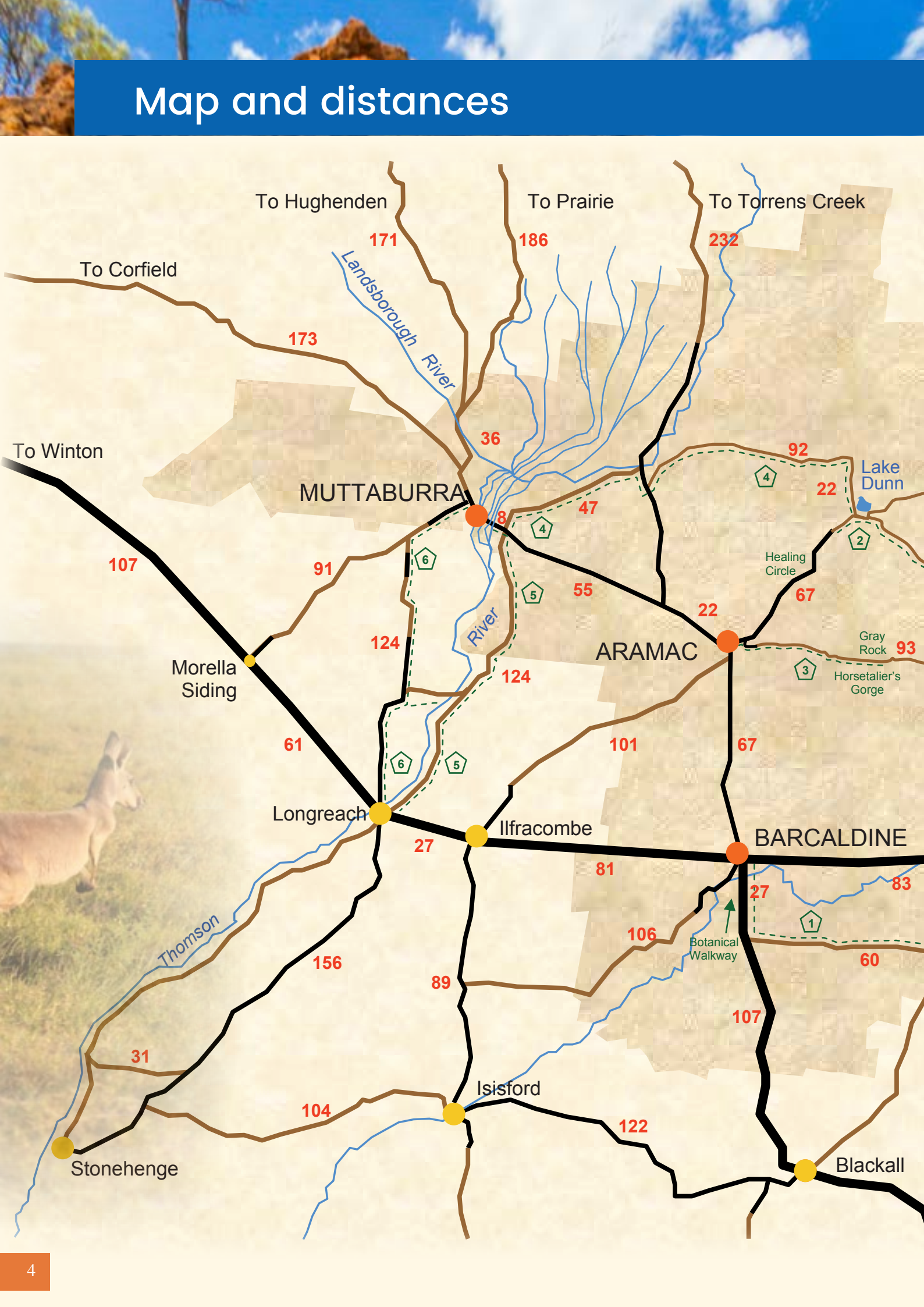
- Muttaborra to Aramac: 47
- Muttaborra to Longreach: 124
- Muttaborra to Ilfracombe: 124
- Muttaborra to Isisford: 89
- Muttaborra to Blackall: 107
- Aramac to Barcaldine: 81
- Aramac to Longreach: 91
- Aramac to Ilfracombe: 101
- Aramac to Isisford: 106
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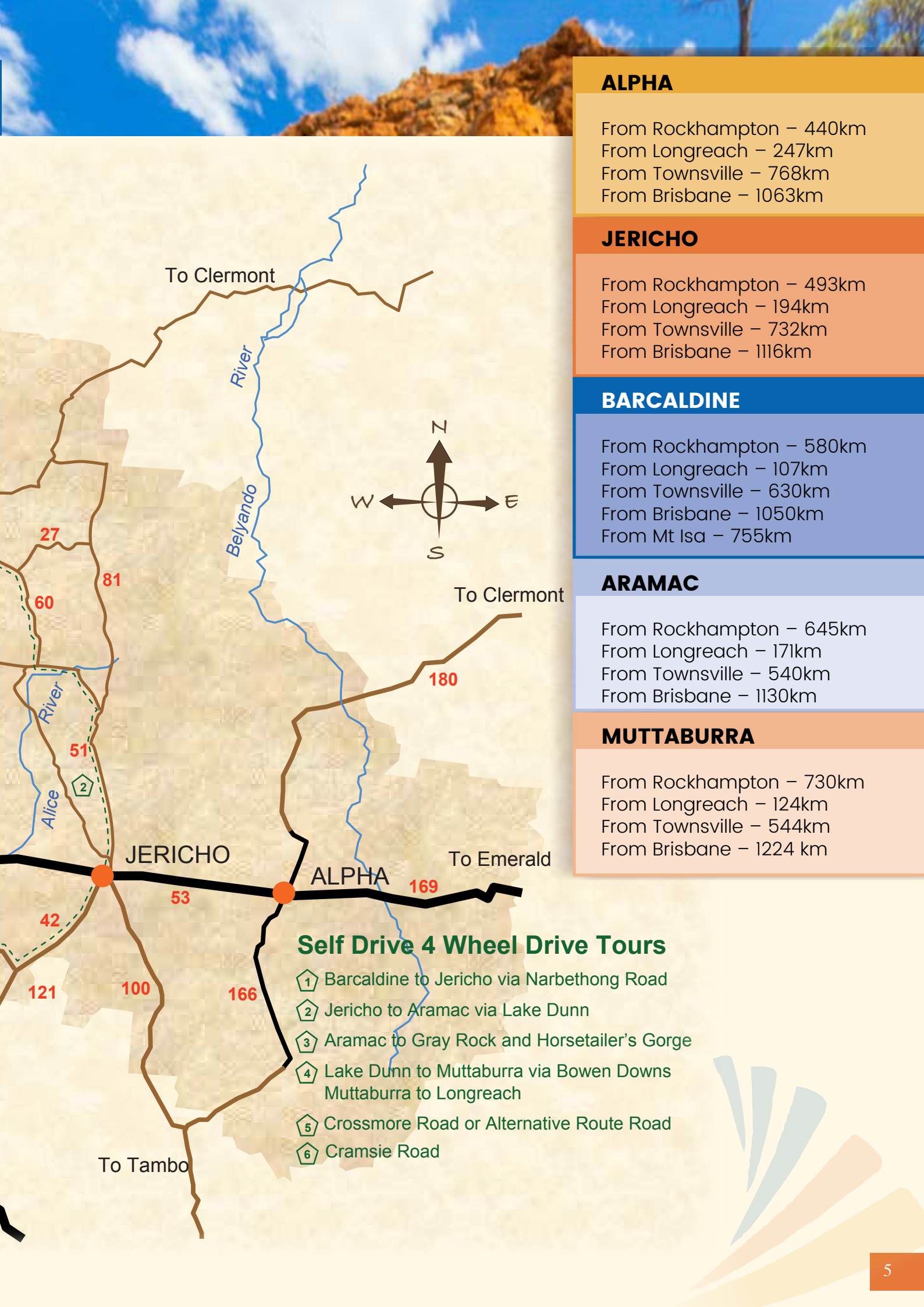
**Other Distances:**

- Healing Circle to Gray Rock: 93
- Gray Rock to Horsetailier's Gorge: 60
- Horsetailier's Gorge to Botanical Walkway: 27
- Botanical Walkway to Lake Dunn: 92
- Lake Dunn to Healing Circle: 92

**Map Details:**

- The map shows a network of roads connecting various towns and landmarks.
- Distances are marked in red numbers along the roads.
- Green pentagons with numbers indicate specific points of interest or landmarks.
- The map includes a scale bar and a north arrow.





## 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

## BARCALTINE

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 Muttaborra via Bowen Downs  
Muttaborra to Longreach
- 5 Crossmore Road or Alternative Route Road
- 6 Cramsie Road

# Events – a chance to meet the locals



## JANUARY

**All towns** – Australia Day

**Alpha** – ICPA Cricket Match



## APRIL

**All towns** – Anzac Day

**Barcaldine** – Races



## FEBRUARY

**Alpha** – 4B's Rodeo



## MAY

**Aramac** – Races

**Barcaldine** – Barcaldine Tree of Knowledge Festival

**Barcaldine** – P. H. & A. Show

**Alpha** – Show

**Muttaborra** – Golf Open



## MARCH

**Barcaldine** – Races

**Barcaldine** – Clay Target Shoot

**Barcaldine** – Golf Open

**All towns** – Clean Up Australia Day

## JUNE

**Muttaborra** – Landsborough Flock Ewe Show

**Alpha** – Races

**Barcaldine** – Races

Please check the event calendar on the Barcaldine Regional Council website, [www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au](http://www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au), for event details and what's on when you are visiting.



## AUGUST

**Muttaborra** – 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

**Muttaborra** – Christmas Tree

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- **Barcaldine Clay Target Club Shot** held on the fourth Saturday of the month.
- **Bingo** is held fortnightly in Alpha and monthly in Barcaldine from March to November.
- **Catholic Church Mass** held twice a month in Alpha and Jericho.
- **Markets** are held monthly in Alpha, Jericho (second Saturday) and fortnightly in Barcaldine from March to October.
- **Movies** at the Jericho Drive-In on the third Saturday of the month except December and January.
- **Alpha Men's Shed** meet once a month usually on a Saturday.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### ALPHA

- **Golf** – Sunday
- **Touch Football** – Tuesday at 6.00pm

### BARCALDINE

- **Barcaldine Cultural Association Craft Days** – Wednesday at 9.30am
- **Croquet** – Friday at 8.00am
- **Golf** – Thursday at 3.00pm and Sunday at 12.00pm
- **Lawn Bowls** – Friday at 5.30pm and Sunday at 9.30am
- **Men's Shed** – Monday and Wednesday at 9.00am to 12.00pm
- **Movies** – Friday and Sunday at 7.00pm
- **QCWA Craft Day** – Tuesday at 10.00am
- **Tai Chi** – Thursday at 9.00am
- **Tennis** – Tuesday at 6.00pm

### MUTTABURRA

- **Golf** – Sunday at 8.30am

# How to get here – all roads lead to our region

## ROAD

You can reach the Barcaldine Region via the Capricorn, Matilda and Landsborough Highways and also from the north, via the Torrens Creek Road. The Torrens Creek Road has 30km of unsealed pavement at the Torrens Creek end.

## RAIL

Queensland Rail operates trips twice weekly 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. Travel in the air-conditioned coaches with on board movies and meal breaks along the way.

**Greyhound reservations: 1300 473 946**

Bus Queensland runs 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.

**Longreach Car Hire: 07 4658 0300**

## BARCALDINE NEWS AND TRAVEL

Agents for QantasLink, Rex, Queensland Rail, Greyhound and Bus Queensland.

**Telephone: 07 4651 1104**

## CAR HIRE

Car hire vehicles are available from Barcaldine Car Hire who service Barcaldine, Blackall and beyond.

**Barcaldine Car Hire**

**M:** 0497 172 755

**E:** [info@barcaldinecarhire.com.au](mailto:info@barcaldinecarhire.com.au)

**W:** [barcaldinecarhire.com.au](http://barcaldinecarhire.com.au)

If flying into Longreach car hire can be obtained from Budget or Avis car hire.

**Longreach Car Hire: 07 4658 0300**



# Outback 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 driver's side 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 one 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.

# Self-drive 4 wheel drive itineraries

– go exploring

## 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 42km 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.

## 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: There is a private property called Gray Rock, please refer to the historical signs for the turn off point for the historical site.**

## 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, Lake Dunn Sculpture Trail and the Healing Circle and Jump Up. You are likely to see a variety of birdlife including emus, wedge-tail eagles, brolgas, plains turkeys, deer, kangaroos, camels and much more.



**PLEASE NOTE: the road is sealed from Aramac to Lake Dunn via Eastmere Road. Ballyneety Road and Jericho-Aramac Road are unsealed. Check road conditions before setting off.**



## Lake Dunn to Muttaborra 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-Muttaborra Road.
- Turn right into the Aramac-Muttaborra Road and you will reach Muttaborra 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.

## Muttaborra to Longreach

There are two options to travel from Muttaborra to Longreach.

### **Crossmoor Road or Alternative Route Road approx. 124km**

- Crossmoor Road begins 8km on the eastern side of Muttaborra on the Aramac-Muttaborra 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 Muttaborra down Bruford Street (which is also the Muttaborra-Hughenden Road) for 2km.
- Just after the airport, turn left into Cramsie Road.
- The total distance from Muttaborra to Longreach is 124km, which includes 30km of intermittent dirt and 94km of bitumen.



# THE LAKE DUNN SCULPTURE TRAIL

**The Lake Dunn Sculpture Trail features more than 35 sculptures along the way as well as the renowned Gray Rock historical site, the wonder of Horsetailer's Gorge, the mystical Healing Circle and the glorious Lake Dunn. More sculptures are being added each year so keep your eyes out for new additions.**



*Plains Turkeys*



*Cutting horse cowgirl*

The Sculpture Trail is a circuit starting in Aramac but is also accessible from Jericho. You can travel the loop either way and it covers a distance of approximately 200km.

Before you leave Aramac, take the time to find the giant scrap metal Red Roo that is situated at the town's roo works.

How did the sculptures get there? Ask a local and you may be told an interesting story about a sheila with a few roos loose in the

top paddock. In reality, the sculptures are the works of a local sculptor, Milynda Rogers, who resides on a grazing property along the trail and decided she needed a platform to display her work. The result is one of the biggest, permanent, outdoor sculpture exhibitions in the world. She has combined her love of sculpture and incredible ability to turn junk into art to fulfil her wish to put a smile on the faces of the people who travel through one of the most beautiful and historical parts of Queensland.

# Other sculptures in our region

The Barcaldine Region has a variety of sculptures throughout our region. 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.

## **JERICHO**

- Trumpeter

## **BARCALTINE**

- Striking shearer
- Variety of animals at the Barcaldine Hospital

## **MUTTABURRA**

### **Milynda Rogers**

- Brolgas
- School Children
- Bunch of Fruit
- Golf Ball (At Golf Club)
- Barb Dinosaur
- Goanna

## **Other Muttaborra artists**

- Plane by Rupert Ballinger
- Shearer & Sheep by Andrew Whitehead
- Dinosaur Cutouts by Crinkle Creek
- After the Rain by Ian Batt
- Giants Chair by Hugh Button
- Emu & Chicks by John Robinson
- Yellowbelly Fish by Peter Turnbull
- Lady & Child by Women's Welding Group
- Mudskipper by Andrew Whitehead
- Dinosaur Pipe Log by Muttaborra State School
- Flock of Birds by Winnie Batt
- Centre of Queensland



# Take the trail – see all our region has to offer



## Day 1 – Alpha

- 8.30am **Alpha Mural Trail** 1-2 hours
- 10.00am **Morning tea**
- 10.30am **Tivoli Theatre Museum** 30 min (donation appreciated)
- 11.00am **Fossilised Forest** 15 min
- 11.15pm **Alpha Dip Yards** 15 min
- 12.00pm **Lunch**
- 2.00pm **Walking tracks and 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 Trumpeters and Barbwire Trumpeter** 15-30 min
- 10.30am **Morning tea**
- 11.00am **Jericho Drive-In Theatre** 15 min (movies shown once a month in the evenings, admission fee applies if movies are showing)
- 11.15am **Redbank Park** 30 min – 1 hour (adventure playground, fishing, bird watching, bushwalking and camping)
- 12.15pm **Murals and Parks** 15-30 min
- 12.45pm **Lunch**

## Jericho to Barcaldine – 89km

### Day 3 – Barcaldine

- 8.30am **Barcaldine Visitors Information Centre** 30 min
- 9.00am **Oak Street** 40 min – musical instruments, sculpture, murals including the d'Arcy Doyle mural and 1918 Saltern Creek Bushfire Memorial
- 9.40am **"C" Pattern Windmill** 10 min
- 9.50am **Tree of Knowledge** 15 min
- 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 **Barcaldine Cemetery** 1 hour



### Day 4 – Barcaldine

- 8.30am **Barcaldine and District Historical 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 and 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:

**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
- 9.00am **Harry Redford Interpretive Centre** 15-30 min
- 9.30am **Aramac Memorial Park**  
(children's play equipment and park lands) 15-30 min
- 10.00am **Morning tea**
- 10.30am **Tramway Museum** 1 hour  
(donation appreciated)
- 11.30am **Adorabull trail** 15-30 min

#### THINGS TO EXPLORE:

#### OPTION 1 – Lake Dunn and Healing Circle

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

**Healing Circle** – 25 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 200km, 5 hours to full day self-drive tour.



## Aramac to Muttaborra – 87km

### Day 6 – Muttaborra

- 9.30am **Muttaborra Interpretation Centre** 15 min
- 9.45am **A.A. Cassimatis Store and Cottage** 1 hour (donations appreciated, by appointment only)
- 10.45am **Morning tea**
- 11.15am **Public Artwork** 30 mins – 1 hour  
Follow the public art trail throughout the community
- 12.15pm **Lunch**
- 1.15pm **Dr Arratta Memorial Museum** 1 hour
- 2.15pm **Muttaborra Aquatic Centre**  
30 min – 1 hour (admission fee applies) pool and artesian spa
- 3.15pm **Union Camp** 15 – 30 min  
(5km, 5 min)
- 3.45pm **Broadwater Waterhole** 15 – 30 min  
(10km, 10 min) camping, fishing and relaxing
- 4.15pm **Pump Hole** 15-30 min

Times are approximate and may vary depending on individual preferences.

# FREEDOM OF CHOICE PARKS



The Freedom of Choice Parks create a trail for you to stay when visiting the outback towns of Jericho, Aramac and Muttaborra. Designed to be family friendly with communal facilities to encourage visitor interaction and group activities. Each location is strategically placed with trees to offer privacy and shade.

**Each park has a capacity of around 200 and while you cannot book a specific spot, you can book online.**

**The Freedom of Choice Parks offer wide open spaces, access to water, communal facilities, dump points and free Wi-Fi.**

**\$8.00 per night**

**Online booking essential at [www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au](http://www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au)**

**Booking fees apply.**

**In the unlikely event you do not have access to the internet, please pay at the local Council administration office.**

**Jericho: 8 Darwin Street**

**Aramac: 35 Gordon Street**

**Muttaborra: 20 Bruford Street**



**JERICO:**  
Redbank Road



**ARAMAC:**  
Porter Street



**MUTTABURRA:**  
Cemetery Road

Our region boasts an extensive range of accommodation and we have an option to suit every traveller.

**Experience  
staying in an  
outback Pub**

**B&B's**

**Caravan  
Parks**

**Camping  
grounds**

**5 star  
to budget  
accommodation**

**Motels**

**Cabins**

**Lay your swag  
out and enjoy the  
unobstructed view  
of the stars**

ask a  
mate



## 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.

• **Assisting visitors with general information**

• **Local insights, and probably a few tall stories...**

## 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 200 caches. They include traditional, letterbox, mystery, multi caches and earth caches. For more information on caches in our area consult [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)

## 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.





## Genealogy

### **Discover your family's story through historical records.**

Our region has a rich history which can be explored through family and historical records. If you have an ancestor who lived or worked in our region we may be able to assist with your research.

The Barcaldine region has a number of resources to help you learn your family's story. Take the time to visit our libraries, information centres and Council offices to help you gather information from family history sheets and cemetery records. Our Visitor Information Centres are a great place to start, they can direct you to the best sources of information in each community.



## Agate fossicking

Agate fossicking is a growing hobby and Muttaborra is known for its agates. Bring along your picks and buckets to enjoy this pastime while visiting the community.

Follow the sign up on the ridge past the Golf Course on Cramsie Road and enjoy some fossicking.

# Our Towns

## Alpha

*Town of murals*

**ESTABLISHED:** 1863

**POPULATION:** 350

**INDUSTRIES:** Cattle production and coal mining



Alpha, the Gateway to the West was named after an early property in the area, Alpha Station, which was established in 1863. The town adopted the name when the railway was constructed and the town became a service centre for railway construction workers.

Alpha is a natural stopping point on your journey and this vibrant community has several hidden treasures. 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 is beef production. However, 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.

Muttaborra

Aramac

Barcaldine

Jericho

Alpha

## THINGS TO EXPLORE

### 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.

### BETA HUT AND RAILWAY MEMORABILIA

Opened on Monday 12 January 1885, Beta acted as a terminus for just five months. During Beta's short life, Tom McLaughlin manned a boisterous pub and Cobb & Co received coach passengers from a tent. By June 1885 only the Railway Station and the navvies hut remained. Beta was unique for two reasons. Firstly, its experimental water tank and secondly, it was the first main line place in Queensland where trains could pass each other without any staff in attendance. Beta was situated in a small town and railway settlement about 30km west of Alpha, between Alpha and Jericho. Take the time to explore memorabilia and read about Anzac Day, the War and the Railway including the 1960 train crash at Medway Creek and the 1941 train crash that occurred at Alpha Creek.

### 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.

### 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 includes the works of renowned wood worker Bruce Cook. The gallery offers a limited number of works for sale.

To visit the Gallery 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### ALPHA DIP YARDS

The Alpha Dip Yards are an easy walk from the town centre. These are used 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.

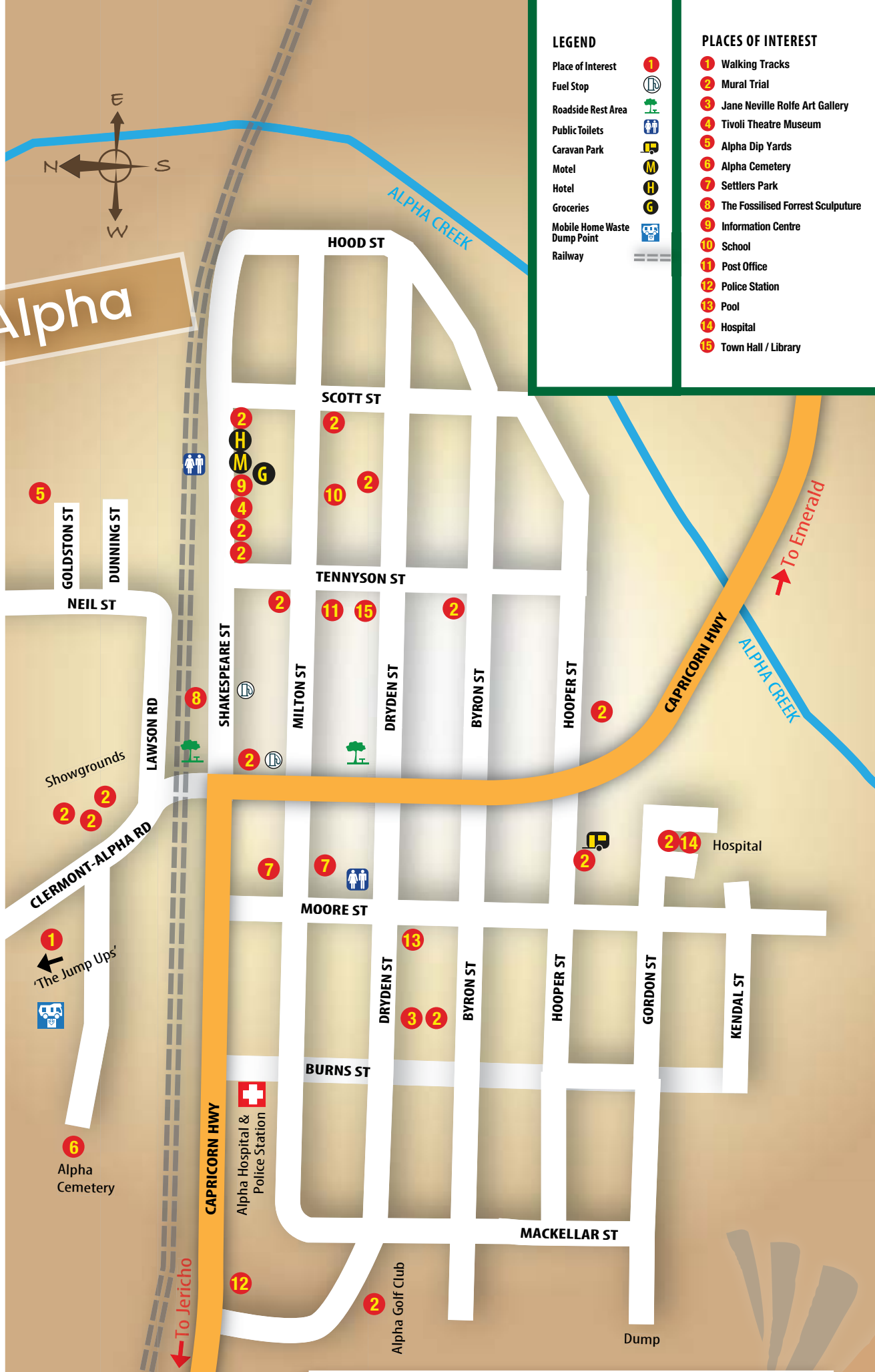
### SETTLERS PARK

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.

## interesting FACT

*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.*

# Alpha



## LEGEND

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

## PLACES OF INTEREST

- 1 Walking Tracks
- 2 Mural Trial
- 3 Jane Neville Rolfe Art Gallery
- 4 Tivoli Theatre Museum
- 5 Alpha Dip Yards
- 6 Alpha Cemetery
- 7 Settlers Park
- 8 The Fossilised Forrest Sculpture
- 9 Information Centre
- 10 School
- 11 Post Office
- 12 Police Station
- 13 Pool
- 14 Hospital
- 15 Town Hall / Library

**ALPHA STREETS** are named after famous poets.

## WHERE TO STAY

**Alpha Hotel/Motel**  
33 Shakespeare Street  
T: 07 4985 1311

**Alpha Villa Caravan Park**  
1 Hooper Street  
T: 07 4985 1337

## WHERE TO EAT

**Alpha Hotel/Motel**  
33 Shakespeare Street  
T: 07 4985 1311

**Alpha Golf Club**  
53 Dryden Street  
T: 07 4985 1398

**Snow's Bakery**  
47 Shakespeare Street  
T: 07 4985 1334

## GROCERIES

**Spar Groceries**  
37 Shakespeare Street  
T: 07 4985 1302

**Alpha Elite**  
68 Milton Street  
T: 07 4985 1233

**Alpha Quality Meats**  
2 Tennyson Street  
T: 07 4985 1850

## WHERE TO FILL UP

**Alpha Elite**  
68 Milton Street  
T: 07 4985 1233

**Tilston's Driveway**  
59 Shakespeare Street  
T: 07 4985 1131

## MECHANICAL

**Topline Mechanical**  
95 Shakespeare Street  
T: 07 4985 1615

**Tiltson's Driveway**  
59 Shakespeare Street  
T: 07 4985 1131

## MEDICAL

**Alpha Hospital**  
2 Burns Street  
T: 07 4809 7000  
Outpatients: 1pm-4pm  
Monday to Friday  
Provides emergency service  
24hrs a day

**Alpha Medical Centre**  
2 Burns Street  
T: 07 4809 7002

**Alpha Private Surgery**  
3 Gordon Street  
T: 07 4809 7002

## PHARMACY

**Alpha & Jericho Pharmacy**  
Shop 2, 51 Shakespeare Street  
07 4985 1943

## CHURCHES

**St John's Catholic Church**  
21 Dryden Street  
T: 07 4985 1332

**St Mark's Anglican Church**  
3 Scott Street  
T: 07 4985 1138

**Uniting Church**  
25 Milton Street  
T: 07 4985 1207

## BANKING

**Bank of Queensland**  
29 Shakespeare Street  
T: 07 4985 1370

**Commonwealth Bank Agency**  
– Alpha Post Office  
17 Milton Street Alpha  
T: 07 4985 1147

## ATM

**Rowley Roberts Information Centre**  
43-45 Shakespeare Street

## PARKS

**Jaycee Park** is located on the corner of Moore and Dryden Streets.

**Lyons Park** is located in Dryden Street, next to the Truck Park along the Capricorn Highway.

**Settlers Park** is located in Moore Street.

## SWIMMING POOL

Dryden Street

## COUNCIL LIBRARY

8 Tennyson Street  
T: 07 4985 1330

### Opening hours:

- Monday 2.00pm to 5.00pm
- Wednesday 9.30am to 12.30pm and 2.00pm to 5.00pm
- Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm

## INTERNET

**Council Library**  
8 Tennyson Street  
T: 07 4985 1330

**Alpha Information Centre**  
43-45 Shakespeare Street  
T: 07 4985 1050



*Where every  
moment becomes  
a memory*

# Our Towns

## Jericho

*Jericho on the Jordan*

**ESTABLISHED:** 1860

**POPULATION:** 100

**INDUSTRIES:** Cattle production



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.

We are 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.

Our town 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.

Muttaborra

Aramac

Barcaldine

Jericho

Alpha

## THINGS TO EXPLORE

### 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 Yellowbelly, 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. Pick up a map from the Visitor Information Centre.

### JERICO 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.

## EXPERIENCE OUTBACK LIFE

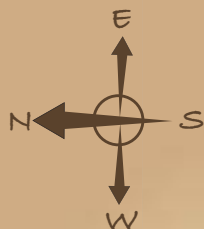
### AUSTRALIAN OUTFITTERS

Experience the outback and life on an outback station with lodge accommodation, meals, game hunting and bird watching. Telephone 07 4651 0381 for bookings.



### interesting FACT

*Jericho was once home to a thriving Ostrich farm*



# Jericho

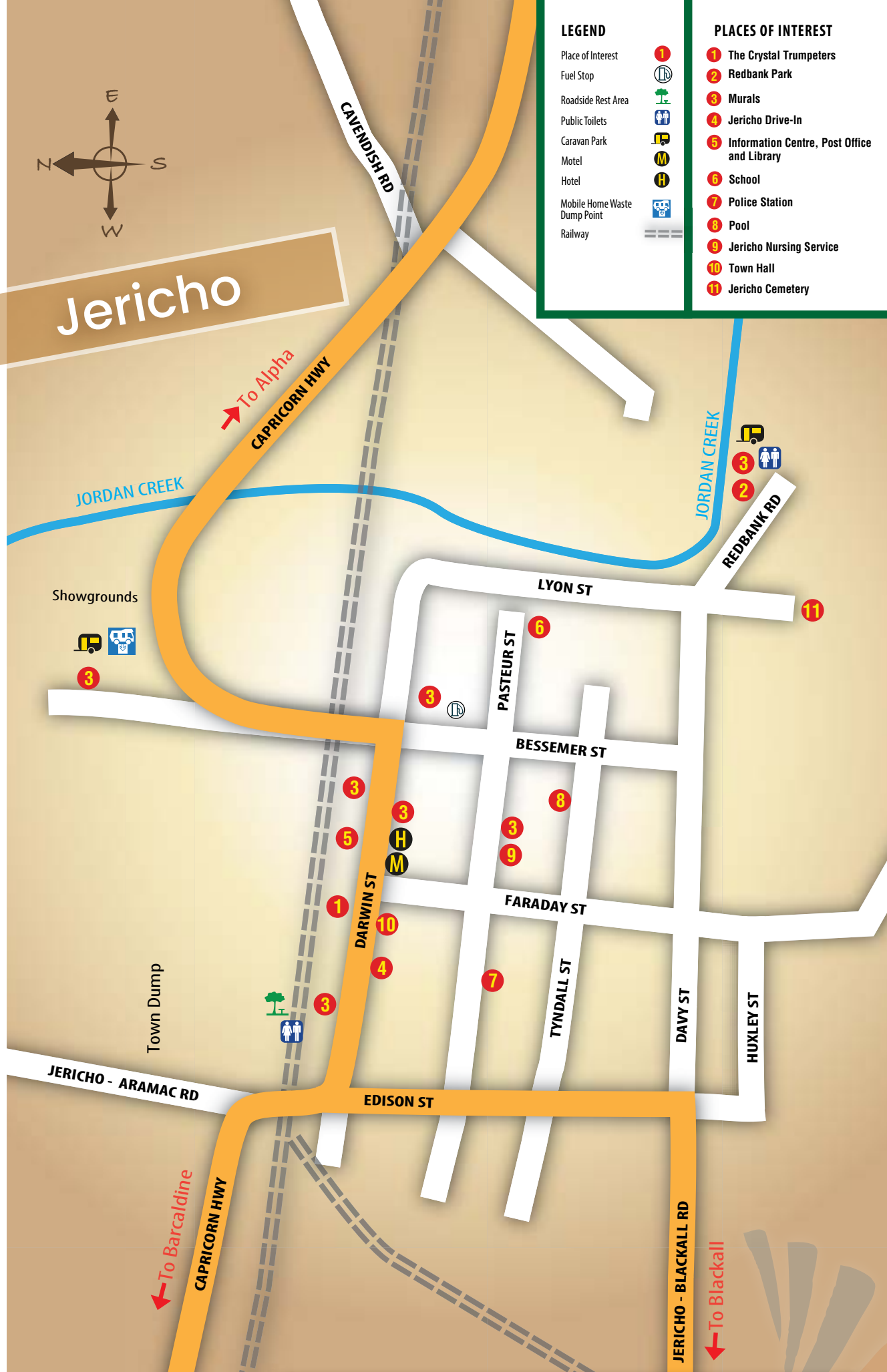
## LEGEND

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



## PLACES OF INTEREST

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



**JERICOH STREETS** are named after famous scientists.

## WHERE TO STAY

### CAMPING AREA

#### Jericho Showground

Located on the town fringe.  
Powered sites and amenities  
block and plenty of hot water.  
Pets allowed but animals must  
be restrained.  
Camping fees: pay \$30 for two  
nights and stay for five nights.

#### Freedom of Choice Park

Redbank Park  
Redbank Road  
\$8.00 per night  
Online bookings essential,  
[www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au](http://www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au).  
Booking fees apply.  
Pets allowed but animals must  
be restrained.

### HOTELS

#### Jordan Valley Hotel

43 Darwin Street  
T: 07 4651 4148

## WHERE TO EAT

#### Jordan Valley Hotel

43 Darwin Street  
T: 07 4651 4148

## WHERE TO FILL UP

#### Pearce's Garage

3 Bessemer Street  
T: 07 4651 4237

## MECHANICAL

#### Pearce's Garage

3 Bessemer Street  
T: 07 4651 4237

## MEDICAL

#### Jericho Community Clinic

19 Pasteur Street  
T: 07 4651 4235

## CHURCHES

#### Catholic Church

6 Edison Street  
T: 07 4651 4157

#### Anglican Church

3 Darwin Street  
T: 07 4651 1181

## BANKING

#### Commonwealth Bank Agency

#### Jericho Information Centre and Library

Jericho Railway Station  
8 Darwin Street  
T: 07 4651 4129

## ATM

#### Jericho Post Office, Information Centre and Library

Jericho Railway Station  
8 Darwin Street

## PARKS

**Langston Park** is located  
on the corner of Pasteur and  
Faraday Streets.

**Railway Park** is located in  
Darwin Street.

**Redbank Park** is located on  
the east side of Jericho, off  
Lyon Street on the Jordan River.

## SWIMMING POOL

Tyndall Street

## COUNCIL LIBRARY

#### Jericho Post Office

Jericho Railway Station  
8 Darwin Street  
T: 07 4651 4129

## INTERNET

#### Jericho Information Centre and Library

Jericho Railway Station  
8 Darwin Street  
T: 07 4651 4129



## Our Towns

# BARCALDINE

*Garden City of the West*

**ESTABLISHED:** 1886

**POPULATION:** 1500

**INDUSTRIES:** Government services, sheep, cattle production and tourism



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 region and 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. We encourage you to attend our variety of community events and numerous sporting clubs that welcome visitors.

Muttaborra

Aramac

Barcaldine

Jericho

Alpha

## THINGS TO EXPLORE



### 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 – A CENTRE FOR ALL AUSTRALIANS

The Australian Workers Heritage Centre is a cultural and heritage styled interpretive centre celebrating working history.

Within this museum styled complex, featuring some 14 buildings housing 22 displays and exhibitions, visitors can journey through these unique spaces capturing the spirit of our nation's workers and where the stories of Australia's working history comes to life.

Home of the Young-Un, the only direct descendent of the Tree of Knowledge. The Centre's exhibits inform and highlight the linkages and history behind the Tree of Knowledge story.

Discover at your own pace... The Workers Heritage Centre is set on over five acres of beautifully landscaped gardens surrounding a bore fed billabong. The surrounds have been designed to complement your visit. Picnic shelters, BBQ facilities and children's playground all add to the family friendly experience of the Workers Heritage Centre. Wheel chair access and disabled facilities are available.

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

This oasis in the outback offers a place for reflection and relaxation.

**T:** 07 4651 1579

**E:** [awhcl991@bigpond.com](mailto:awhcl991@bigpond.com)

**W:** [www.australianworkersheritagecentre.com.au](http://www.australianworkersheritagecentre.com.au)



### WANPA-RDA MATILDA OUTBACK EDUCATION CENTRE – ADVENTURE PACKAGES TO AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST CLASSROOM!

The Australian Workers Heritage Centre in Barcaldine, operates its own Outback Education Centre – Wanpa-rda Matilda, idyllically located within the centre's spacious grounds.

In 1996, working in partnership with Education Queensland, the Workers Heritage Centre initiated the development of this learning centre with attached residential facilities and an in-house catering service.

Since then, this first class excursion facility has given thousands of students the chance to explore this remarkable part of Australia's outback and to discover first-hand their rich history and heritage.

Coming to Wanpa-rda is experiencing school camps the easy way. Wanpa-rda Matilda has a fully qualified teacher onsite, who will customise and develop a unique itinerary for each visiting school. Students are offered the highest quality

learning experience beyond the classroom, with camp programs and tours all aligned to Australian Curriculum, ensuring each experience is both educational and fun filled, from breakfast to supper.

But what's most impressive about a school camp at 'Wanpa-rda Matilda' OEC is that it all comes with a guarantee.... the memories will last a lifetime!

For all enquiries please telephone 07 4651 2530, email [the.principal@wanpardaeec.eq.edu.au](mailto:the.principal@wanpardaeec.eq.edu.au) or visit [www.wanpardaeec.eq.edu.au](http://www.wanpardaeec.eq.edu.au)

## BARCALDINE AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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

**Opening hours:** 7.00am to 5.00pm every day except Good Friday and Christmas Day.

## 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.

## MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

If you are musically inclined you might like to try playing the Thong-a-phone, Piano 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.

## PUB CRAWL

The five hotels which line Oak Street are a great representation of the history and social fabric of our town. All are more than 100 years old and offer outback hospitality at its best. Accommodation and meals are offered at most of the hotels. Each hotel has a varied and sometimes colourful past which is illustrated on the Between the Bougainvilleas heritage signs outside each hotel. By completing a mini heritage trail combined with a pub crawl you can take in the story of each hotel and catch up with the friendly locals.

## 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.

## EXPLORE OUR HISTORY

### 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.



### 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 Saturday 10 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.



### **MEMORIAL CLOCK**

Like many regional townships in Australia, Barcaldine commemorates and honours its fallen heroes with memorials. The beautiful marble clock located at the junction of Beech and Ash Streets honours the 292 local men

who served during the first world war, including the 38 fallen. It is a memorial of particular significance as it is one of the few clock type war memorials in Australia and the only one of its style in Queensland.

It was erected in 1924 and unveiled by the then Governor of Queensland, Sir Matthew Nathan. The clock was designed and made by A.L. Petrie, monumental masons of Toowong - Brisbane, out of marble from Ulam near Gladstone and cost £524.



### **WAR MEMORIAL MONUMENT**

The War Memorial monument is in honour of the men and women from the Central Western District of Queensland who served their country as members of the Australian defence forces. It recognises the wars, confrontations and the need for peace keeping forces since World War II. The monument was unveiled at the Anzac Day service on Tuesday 25 April 2017. The memorial is the result of funding obtained through the Queensland Government's Community Benefit Fund and Capital Works supplied by Barcaldine Regional Council.

### **THE GUNS MEMORIAL**

The Guns Memorial in Ash Street features a Turkish Gun, German Mortar and Japanese Gun. The Turkish Gun is a Krupp 75mm Model 1907, the German Mortar is a 1916 German 75mm Leichter Minenwerfer (Light Mine Thrower) and the Japanese Gun is a 75mm Mountain Gun Type 41. Each gun was presented to the Barcaldine Shire.

### **SALTERN CREEK BUSHFIRE MEMORIAL**

A memorial is located in Bryan Park, Oak Street, to mark the 100 year anniversary of the devastating bushfires on Tuesday 29 October 1918 on Saltern Creek, Willoughby and Rodney Downs. The memorial is in memory of the seven men who perished as a result of the disastrous bushfires. This bushfire remains one of the worst fire disasters in Queensland's history.



## EXPLORE OUR NATURAL BEAUTY

### BARCALDINE BOTANICAL WALK

The Barcaldine Botanical Walk, situated 9km south of Barcaldine on the Landsborough Highway, is a bushland experience not to be missed. The walk consists of land which has been set aside for the purpose of helping to educate the public about 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.



### 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 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.

There is a traffic course for kids and exercise equipment. A Disc Golf course has also been installed in the area. It is a great fun activity for family and friends so get a group together. Bring along your own Frisbee or purchase a Disc Golf Disc from the Barcaldine Visitors Information Centre or the Barcaldine Administration Office for \$20.00.

### 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 of 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.



### interesting FACT

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

## HOW TO EXPLORE

### 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 and conditions apply.

## WATER – THE LIFE BLOOD OF THE OUTBACK



### ARTESIAN WATER

Artesian water is the life blood of the Central Western Region of Queensland and is often referred to as liquid gold. The Barcaldine township'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.

Barcaldine is serviced by two artesian bores.

## EXPERIENCE OUTBACK LIFE

### BARCOLDINE TAG ALONG TOURS

Visit a working sheep and cattle property, Dunraven and experience the life of an outback family. Enjoy meeting the family and learn 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 9.00am during winter months or by appointment. Bookings are essential, telephone 0427 511 651.



### 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 wildlife. Telephone 07 4651 1619 or 0457 661 243 for bookings.

### TRACKERS TOUR COMPANY

We invite you to come and join the Evolution and explore the transformation of the Queensland Outback with us from then to now.

From dinosaurs and Aboriginal Australia to the many achievements of the pioneering settlers. We present to you a blend of palaeontology and living cultures for you to experience both the past and present life of outback Australia.

Telephone Trackers Tours on 07 4651 1859 or visit [www.trackerstours.com.au](http://www.trackerstours.com.au) for bookings.





**LEGEND**

Place of Interest	1
Fuel Stop	
Roadside Rest Area	
Public Toilets	
Caravan Park	
Motel	
Hotel	
Groceries	
Mobile Home Waste Dump Point	
Railway	

**PLACES OF INTEREST**

- 1 Tree of Knowledge Memorial
- 2 Australian Workers Heritage Centre and Wampa-rda Matilda Outback Education Centre
- 3 Barcaldine and District Historical Museum
- 4 Comet Masonic Lodge
- 5 St Peter's Anglican Church
- 6 Marble Memorial Clock
- 7 Radio Picture Theatre
- 8 Lagoon Creek Walkway
- 9 d'Arcy Doyle Mural
- 10 Water Tower

**BARCALDINE STREETS** are named after trees.

## WHERE TO STAY

### MOTELS

#### Barcaldine Country Motor Inn

1 Box Street  
T: 07 4651 1488  
E: countrymotorinn@bigpond.com

#### Barcaldine Motel & Villas

5 Box Street  
T: 07 4651 1244  
E: bookings@barcaldinemotel.com.au

#### Ironbark Inn Motel

72 Box Street  
T: 07 4651 2311

#### Landsborough Lodge Motel

47 Box Street  
T: 07 4651 1100  
F: 07 4651 1744

#### Union Hotel/Motel

61 Oak Street  
T: 07 4651 2269

### HOTELS

#### Artesian Hotel

85 Oak Street  
T: 07 4651 1691  
E: artesianhotel@bigpond.com

#### Commercial Hotel

119 Oak Street  
T: 07 4651 1242

#### Railway Hotel

77 Oak Street  
T: 07 4651 1188

#### Shakespeare Hotel

97 Oak Street  
T: 07 4651 1111

#### Union Hotel/Motel

61 Oak Street  
T: 07 4651 2269

### SELF CONTAINED

#### Kenilworth Cottage

Address provided upon booking  
M: 0419 731 929  
E: Kenilworth\_cottage@bigpond.com  
Bookings: Airbnb or by above mobile or email.

### SEMI-SELF CONTAINED

#### Starlin Units

39 Oak Street  
T: 07 4651 1353

### CARAVAN PARKS

#### Barcaldine Tourist Park

51-65 Box Street  
T: 07 4651 6066

#### Homestead Caravan Park

24 Box Street  
T: 07 4651 1308

#### Roses 'n' Things Caravan Park

44 Coolibah Street  
T: 0427 223 930

### CAMPING GROUNDS

#### Lara Wetlands

28 kms south of Barcaldine  
T: 07 4651 1619  
M: 0457 661 243  
Pets allowed but animals must be restrained.

## WHERE TO EAT

#### A.L. Davies Mobil Café

39 Oak Street  
T: 07 4651 1353

#### Barcaldine Bakery

33 Oak Street  
T: 07 4651 2999

#### Barcaldine Country Motor Inn

1 Box Street  
T: 07 4651 1488

#### Choice Roadhouse

2 Box Street  
T: 07 4651 1333

#### Commercial Hotel

119 Oak Street  
T: 07 4651 1242

#### Homestead Caravan Park

24 Box Street  
T: 07 4651 1308

#### Ironbark Inn Steakhouse

Iron Bark Inn Motel  
72 Box Street  
T: 07 4651 2311

#### Lounging Emu Pizza

115 Oak Street  
T: 07 4651 2255

#### Ridgee Didge Café

151 Oak Street  
T: 07 4651 1931

#### Roses 'n' Things

44 Coolibah Street  
T: 0427 223 930

#### Satisfaction Bakery and Café

169 Oak Street  
T: 07 4651 1086

#### Shakespeare Hotel

97 Oak Street  
T: 07 4651 1111

#### Turf and Surf Restaurant

Landsborough Lodge  
47 Box Street  
T: 07 4651 1100

#### Witches Kitchen

Union Hotel/Motel  
61 Oak Street  
T: 07 4651 2269

### GROCERIES

#### IGA Supermarket

179 Oak Street  
T: 07 4651 2207

#### O'Donnell's Four Square Friendly Grocers

18 Maple Street  
T: 07 4651 2233

## WHERE TO FILL UP

#### A.L. Davies Mobil Café

39 Oak Street  
T: 07 4651 1353

#### Choice Roadhouse

2 Box Street  
T: 07 4651 1333

#### Homestead Caravan Park

Caltex  
18 Box Street  
T: 07 4651 1308

### MECHANICAL

#### All Roads Automotive

64 Gidyea Street  
T: 07 4651 2250

#### Barcaldine Mechanical

53 Oak Street  
T: 0427 746 717

#### Barcaldine Tyre Centre

110 Acacia Street  
T: 07 4651 2333

### TOURS

#### Barcaldine Tag Along Tours

Dunraven  
M: 0427 511 651

## MEDICAL

### Ash Street Medical Practice

26 Ash Street  
T: 07 4651 1500

### Barcaldine Hospital

25 Oak Street  
T: 07 4650 4000

### Barcaldine Dental Surgery

25 Oak Street  
T: 07 4650 4079

### Barcaldine Pharmacy

91 Oak Street  
T: 07 4651 1121

## CHURCHES

### Assembly of God – Crossroads Christian Community

68 Ash Street  
T: 07 4651 2133

### Jehovah's Witness

1 Plane Street  
T: 07 4651 6069

### St Peter's Anglican Church

80 Elm Street  
T: 07 4651 1181

### Scared Heart Catholic Church

89 Elm Street  
T: 07 4651 1893

### Uniting Church

7 Maple Street  
T: 07 4651 2662

## BANKING

### Bank of Queensland

149 Oak Street  
T: 07 4651 566

### Barcaldine Post Office

77 Ash Street  
Agency for Commonwealth  
Bank and NAB  
T: 07 4651 1147

## ATMS

### Bank of Queensland

80 Oak Street  
In the building next to the  
Windmill.

### Choice Petroleum

2 Box Street

### IGA Supermarket

179 Oak Street

### Union Hotel

61 Oak Street

### Westpac

103 Oak Street

## PARKS

**Apex Park and Bryan Park** are located at the western end of Oak Street.

**Rotary Park** is located at the eastern end of Oak Street along the Capricorn Highway.

**Barcaldine Town Hall Park and Skate Park** is located in the central part of town on the corner of Elm and Beech Streets

## SWIMMING POOL

Corner of Pine and Wilga Streets

## COUNCIL LIBRARY

9 Beech Street  
T: 07 4651 1170

## INTERNET

### Barcaldine Library

9 Beech Street  
T: 07 4651 1170

### Barcaldine Visitor Information Centre

Wi-Fi only  
149 Oak Street  
T: 07 4651 1724



# Our Towns

## Aramac

*Captain Starlight country*

**ESTABLISHED:** 1862

**POPULATION:** 300

**INDUSTRIES:** Sheep and cattle production



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 when weather permits 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.

## THINGS TO EXPLORE



### 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 RM28 rail motor which travelled on the tramway linking Aramac to Barcaldine from 1913 to 1975.

### THE WHITE BULL

The statue of the White Bull of 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.



### ADORABULLS

A herd of little white bulls has joined Aramac's famous White Bull to recognise the exploits of Harry Redford. There are eight little adorabulls and they can be found in front of eight prominent locations. Each one has a name that reflects their location. Take a tour around Aramac and see if you can find them all.



### 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, the Aquatic Centre and toilets.

### 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 35 different metal sculptures dotted along approximately 200kms of country roads. A brochure on the trail can be obtained from any of our Information Centres.



## EXPLORE OUR NATURAL BEAUTY



### 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.



### 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.



### GRAY ROCK

Gray Rock is a sandstone 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 sandstone 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.

There is a private property called Gray Rock, please refer to the historical signs for the turn off point for the historical site.



### LAKE DUNN

Known locally as The Lake, this freshwater lake 68kms 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 including part of the Aramac Range. Follow the signs to The Lake (not the property Lake Dunn) to the camping area. Camping facilities available at The Lake include toilets, power, hot and cold showers. Waterfront cabins can also be reserved for an overnight stay. Charges apply.

## EXPERIENCE OUTBACK LIFE

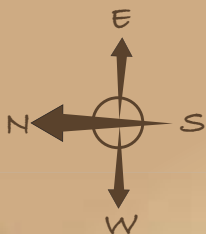
### SHANDONVALE STATION STAYZ

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. Telephone 07 4651 1685 or call mobile 0488 429 119 for more information. Alternatively email [shandonvale@outlook.com](mailto:shandonvale@outlook.com) or visit their website [www.shandonvale.com.au](http://www.shandonvale.com.au)

## LIVE LIKE A DROVER

### HARRY REDFORD CATTLE DRIVE

An unforgettable and spectacular annual event run by volunteers of the Aramac community. Some of Australia's most experience drovers drive 600 head of cattle by horseback through the twists of the ragged Redford travel - reliving one of the 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](http://www.harryredford.com.au)



## LEGEND

Place of Interest

Fuel Stop

Roadside Rest Area

Public Toilets

Caravan Park

Motel

Hotel

Groceries

Mobile Home Waste  
Dump Point

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## PLACES OF INTEREST

1 Tramway Museum

2 The White Bull

3 Harry Redford Interpretive Centre

4 Aramac Memorial Park

5 Lake Dunn

6 Healing Circle

7 Freedom of Choice Park

8 Gray Rock

9 Horsetailer's Gorge

10 Council Library



**ARAMAC STREETS** are named after prominent town citizens.

## WHERE TO STAY

### Aramac Hotel

67 Gordon Street  
T: 07 4651 3262

### Aramac Camping Ground

Booker Street  
Powered sites and ablution block and plenty of artesian hot water. Pets allowed but animals must be restrained. Camping fees: pay \$30 for two nights and stay for five nights.  
T: 07 4652 9999

### Lake Dunn Cabins

270 Ballyneety Road  
Margie Dickson  
T: 07 4651 0565

### Shandonvale Station Stayz

T: 07 4651 1685  
M: 0488 429 119  
E: shandonvale@outlook.com  
W: www.shandonvale.com.au

### Traveller's Rest Motel

58 Lodge Street  
T: 0437 602 784

### Freedom of Choice Park

Porter Street  
\$8.00 per night  
Online bookings essential,  
www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au.  
Booking fees apply.  
Pets allowed but animals must be restrained.

## WHERE TO EAT

### Aramac Hotel

67 Gordon Street  
T: 07 4651 3262

### White Bull Roadhouse

59 Lodge Street  
T: 07 4651 3256

### The Snack Shack on the Lake

Lake Dunn, The Lake  
T: 07 4651 0765

## GROCERIES

### Aramac Cut Price

66 Gordon Street  
T: 07 4651 3252

## WHERE TO FILL UP

### White Bull Roadhouse

59 Lodge Street  
T: 07 4651 3256

## MEDICAL

### Aramac Primary Health Care Centre

McAuliffe Street  
T: 07 4652 9000  
**Opening Hours:** Monday to Friday 8.00am to 12.00pm & 2.00pm to 4.00pm

## CHURCHES

### St George's Anglican Church

Corner of Kerr and Burt Streets  
T: 07 4651 3277  
Services 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month at 10.00am

### St John's Catholic Church

38 Kerr Street  
Services 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 11.30am

## BANKING

### Aramac Rural Transaction Centre

58 Gordon Street  
Provides Bank services, Centrelink, Medicare, QGap and QLD Govt services, Bank of Queensland.  
T: 07 4651 3359  
**Opening hours:** Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm

### Aramac Post Office

22 Gordon Street  
T: 07 4651 3147  
Agents for Commonwealth and National Agent Giro Post and Credit Unions

## PARKS

**Aramac Memorial Park** is located in Gordon Street.

## ARAMAC AQUATIC CENTRE

Within the grounds of the Aramac Memorial Park in Gordon Street

## COUNCIL LIBRARY

68 Gordon Street  
T: 07 4651 3047

## INTERNET

### Aramac Library

68 Gordon Street  
T: 07 4651 3047

### Aramac Rural Transaction Centre

58 Gordon Street  
T: 07 4651 3359



## interesting FACT

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

## Our Towns

# Muttaborra

*Home of the Muttaborrasaurus Langdoni*

**ESTABLISHED:** 1878

**POPULATION:** 100

**INDUSTRIES:** Sheep and cattle



Muttaborra

Aramac

Barcaldine

Jericho

Alpha

Muttaborra derives its name from the local aboriginal tribe of Mootaborra which means the meeting of waters. This is most appropriate as Muttaborra is situated close to a number of water courses.

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

Muttaborra's most famous moment was when local grazier Doug Langdon uncovered the fossilised skeleton of a dinosaur. The Muttaborrasaurus 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 Muttaborra celebrates this with a statue of the Muttaborrasaurus Langdoni at the Muttaborrasaurus Interpretation Centre in Bruford Street.

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

## THINGS TO EXPLORE



### DR ARRATTA MUSEUM

Dr Joseph Andrew Arratta was the resident doctor in Muttaborra 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 Muttaborra Visitor Information Centre or contacting 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 Muttaborra. 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 behind the scenes workings of a general store in a small rural community. Guided tours can be arranged by calling into the Muttaborra Visitor Information Centre.



### CENTRE OF QUEENSLAND

Muttaborra has the distinction of being the town closest to the geographic Centre of Queensland. A new monument has been constructed to mark the location.

22° 29' 13" South  
144° 25' 54" East



### MUTTABURRASAUROS INTERPRETATION CENTRE

The replica of the Muttaborrasaurus Langdoni has a new home in the Muttaborrasaurus Interpretation Centre. In 1963 local grazier, the late Doug Langdon, discovered the fossilised skeleton of a dinosaur near the Thomson River at Muttaborra. This was the second most complete dinosaur skeleton found in Queensland and is the first of five Muttaborrasaurus skeletons found in Australia. The Muttaborrasaurus was a plant eating, land living dinosaur that roamed the Earth around 100 million years ago. The fossilised remains of the dinosaur are currently housed in the Queensland Museum in Brisbane.

did you  
**KNOW?**

*That due to the Muttaborrasaurus 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 Muttaborrasaurus Langdoni*



### MUTTABURRA CEMETERY

The Muttaborra Cemetery is located 1.4kms from the centre of town and is a great place to research the genealogical history of the area. There are graves dating from 1871. Pictures of the graves and the information on them can be obtained from the [www.muttaborra.com](http://www.muttaborra.com) website.



### MUTTABURRA AQUATIC CENTRE

The Muttaborra Aquatic Centre is open all year round and contains a 25 metre swimming pool and heated spa. It is home to the Muttaborra 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.

## FOLLOW THE ART TRAIL



Muttaborra 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.

## EXPERIENCE OUTBACK LIFE

### CENTRAL WEST MOTORBIKE TOURS

Come and experience a unique guided tour of the central west. Explore the channel country on a Royal Enfield Himalayan 400cc motorbike and visit places only accessible on this tour.

Enjoy the big open skies with stunning sunsets and the abundance of wildlife. Discover the local history and soak up the country hospitality. Come and have some much needed R&R: Riding and Recreation.

Telephone 0417 002 668 or email [sam@centralwestmotorbiketours.com.au](mailto:sam@centralwestmotorbiketours.com.au) for bookings.

*Where every  
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a memory*



## EXPLORE OUR NATURAL BEAUTY



### BROADWATER

To reach Broadwater, travel 6kms south on the Straight Road and turn left and travel 3.5kms on the 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.



### PUMP HOLE

The Pump Hole is a short drive from Muttaborra. 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 Yellowbelly, or Golden Perch, which is a native of the region.



### 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 Muttaborra. 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.

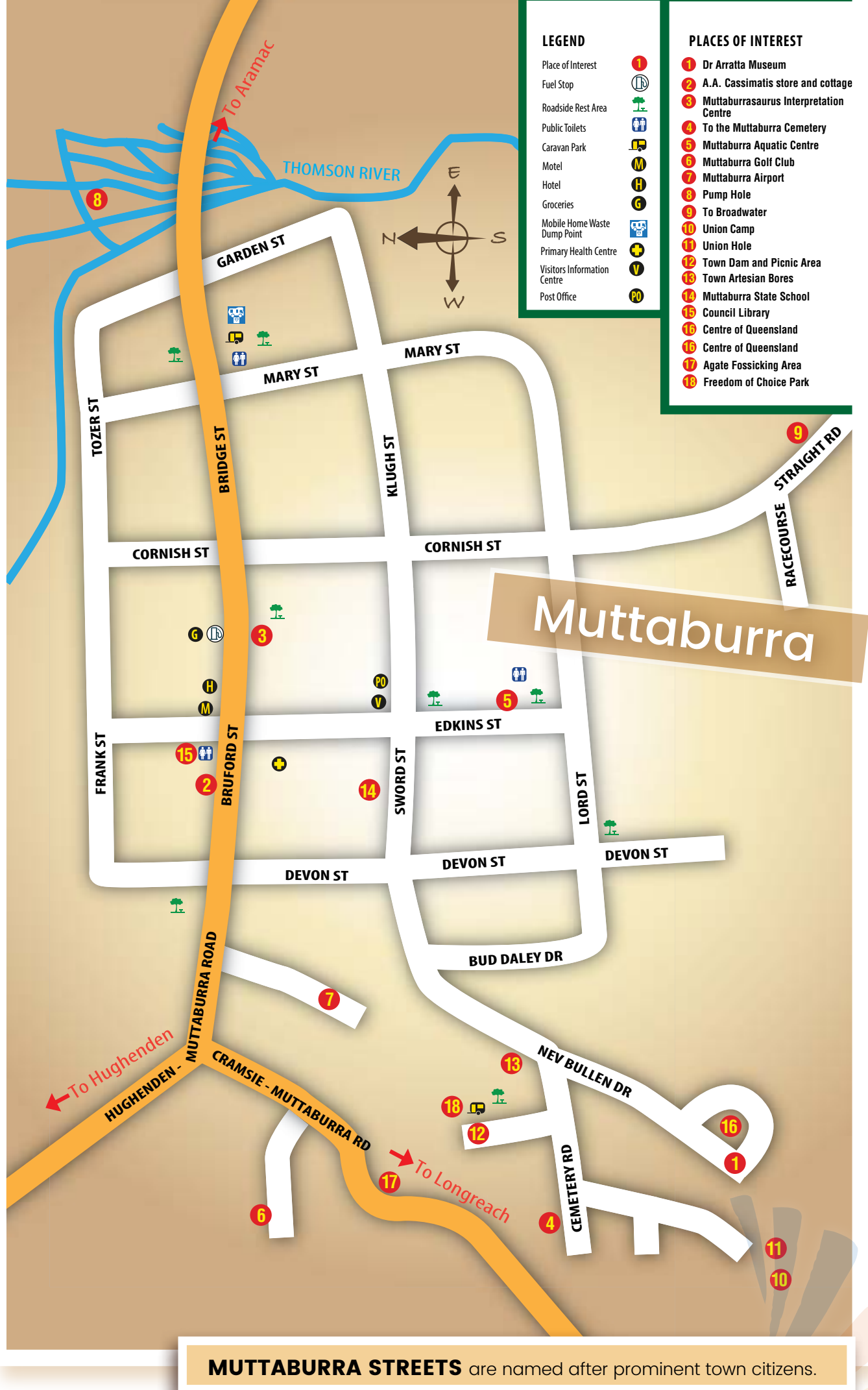
### *interesting* FACT

*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/-.*

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moment becomes  
a memory*



[www.muttaborra.com](http://www.muttaborra.com)



## WHERE TO STAY

### **Bach on Bruford**

9 Bruford Street  
**M:** 0457 302 126

### **Camping Ground with Facilities**

17 Bridge Street  
**T:** 07 4658 7191  
Camping fees: pay \$30 for two nights and stay for five nights. Pets allowed but animals must be restrained.

### **Muttaborra Motel**

16 Bruford Street  
**T:** 07 4658 7062  
**M:** 0447 965 273

### **Exchange Hotel**

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

### **Muttaborra QCWA**

33 Edkins Street  
**M:** 0437 695 598

### **Freedom of Choice Park Cemetery Road**

\$8.00 per night  
Online bookings essential, [www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au](http://www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au). Booking fees apply. Pets allowed but animals must be restrained.

## LAUNDRY

### **Muttaborra Laundromat**

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

## WHERE TO EAT

### **Exchange Hotel**

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

### **Muttaborra Shop and Fuel**

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

## GROCERIES

### **Muttaborra Shop and Fuel**

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

#### **Opening hours:**

- Monday to Friday: 8.00am to 6.00pm
- Saturday and Sunday: 9.00am to 2.00pm

## WHERE TO FILL UP

### **Muttaborra Shop and Fuel**

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

#### **Opening hours:**

- Monday to Friday: 8.00am to 6.00pm
- Saturday and Sunday: 9.00am to 2.00pm

## MEDICAL

### **Muttaborra Primary Health Centre**

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

**Opening hours:** Monday to Friday 8.30am to 12.00pm and 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Provides emergency service on weekends.

## CHURCHES

### **Anglican Church**

25 Sword Street

### **Catholic Church**

26 Sword Street

## BANKING POST OFFICE

### **Muttaborra Postal Agency**

16 Sword Street

**T:** 07 4658 7147

#### **Opening hours:**

- Monday to Friday: 9.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 5.00pm
  - Saturday: 9.00am to 11.00am
- Provides Bank@Post, Visitor Information Centre, Gifts and stationery, fishing and bait.

## PARKS

**Jubilee Park** is located in Edkins Street.

## AQUATIC CENTRE

Within the grounds of Jubilee Park in Edkins Street.

## COUNCIL OFFICE AND LIBRARY

20 Bruford Street

**T:** 07 4658 7191

#### **Opening hours:**

- Monday to Friday: 9.00am to 12.00pm and 1.00pm to 4.00pm

## INTERNET

### **Council Office and Library**

20 Bruford Street

**T:** 07 4658 7191



# RURAL LIBRARIES QUEENSLAND

Travellers within regional and outback Queensland can become a member of a public library in the Rural Libraries Queensland (RLQ) network, for free. All the libraries within the Barcaldine Region are part of the scheme, along with 68 other libraries in Queensland. You can get 24/7 access to more than 250,000 books, movies, music, ebooks, emagazines and more. You can join online via the RLQ website, [www.slq.qld.gov.au](http://www.slq.qld.gov.au) or in person at any Rural Libraries Queensland library.

## 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.

### *interesting* FACT

*In 1887 Barcaldine became the first town to have artesian water*

# INFORMATION CENTRES



## ALPHA TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

### Rowley Roberts Information Centre

43-45 Shakespeare Street

**T:** 07 4985 1050

**E:** [alpha007@bigpond.com.au](mailto:alpha007@bigpond.com.au)

**Open:** Monday to Friday: 7.00am to 5.00pm

Weekends: 7.00am to 12.00pm

Driver Reviver operating 24/7



## JERICO TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

### Jericho Information Centre and Library

Jericho Post Office

8 Darwin Street

**T:** 07 4651 4129

**Open:** Monday to Friday: 7.00am to 5.00pm

Weekends: closed



## BARCALTINE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

### Barcaldine Visitor Information Centre

149 Oak Street

**T:** 07 4651 1724

**E:** [tourism@barc.qld.gov.au](mailto:tourism@barc.qld.gov.au)

**Open:** March to October: Monday to Sunday: 8.15am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 4.30pm

November to February: Monday to Friday: 8.15am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Weekends: 9.00am to 2.00pm.



## ARAMAC INFORMATION CENTRE

### Aramac Information Centre

Barcaldine Regional Council

35 Gordon Street

**T:** 07 4652 9999

**Open:** Monday to Friday: 7.30am to 4.30pm

Weekends: closed



## MUTTABURRA INFORMATION CENTRE

### Muttaborra Postal Agency

16 Sword Street

**T:** 07 4658 7147

**Open:** Monday to Friday: 9.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 5.00pm Saturday: 9.00am to 11.00am Sunday: closed



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