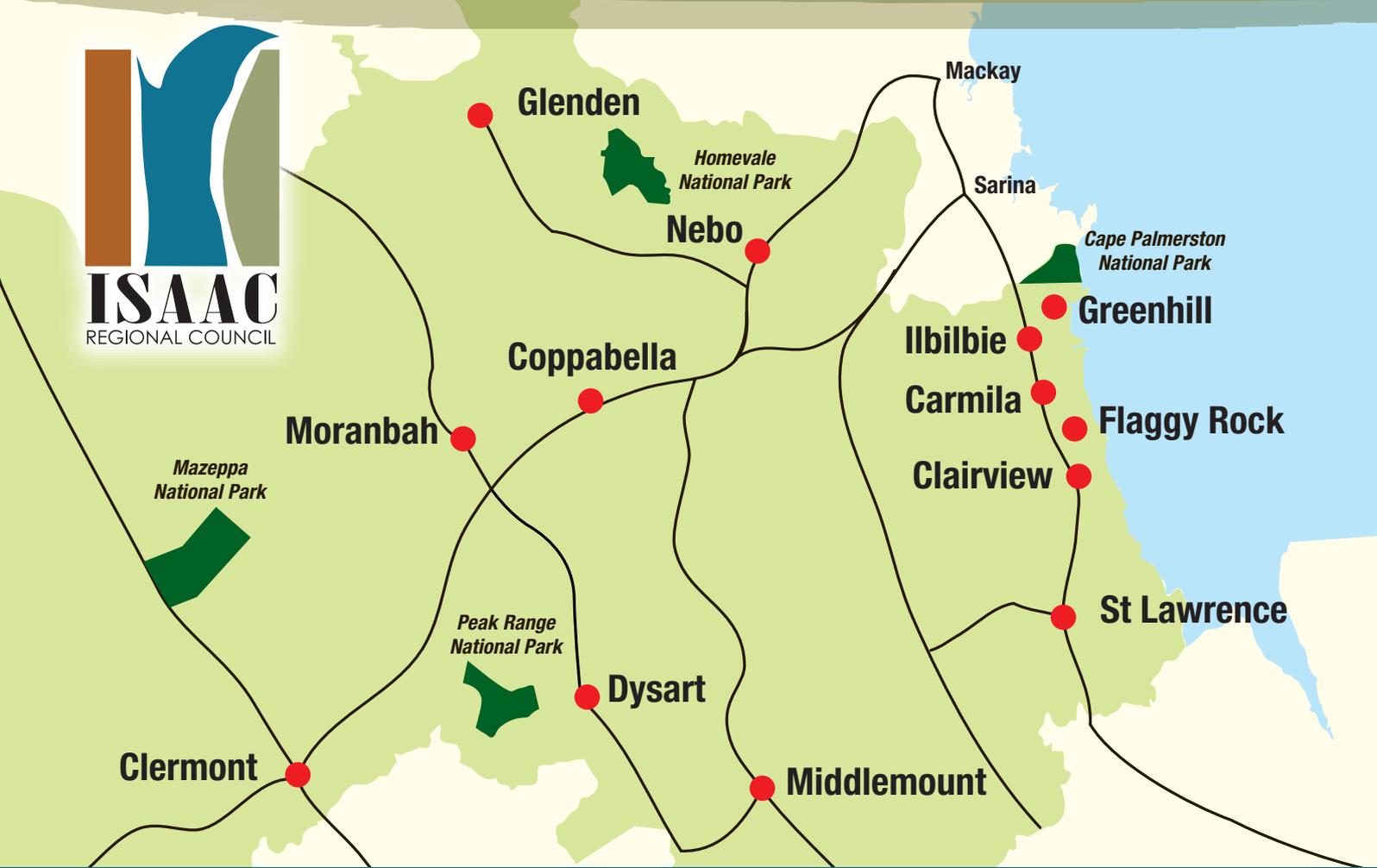




Isaac... the Region of first choice



Your free town to town guide to travelling the Isaac Region
A short drive from Mackay and Rockhampton



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Welcome

Welcome to the Isaac Region... The Region of first choice!

The Isaac Region encompasses 58 862 square kilometres of fertile plains, rich soils, beaches and coal mines in the mineral rich Bowen Basin. A drive through the countryside will introduce you to the brilliant hues and unusual shapes that create this picturesque local scenery. On the coast, our quaint beach communities share their water with dugong sanctuaries, remote turtle nesting grounds and uninhabited islands. Unbelievably this country remains pristine and relatively undeveloped. Inland, golden sunflowers line the road with rust-red sorghum, buttery wheat, and creamy cotton crops, while majestic mountains and luscious lava plugs form marvellous backdrops on the horizon.



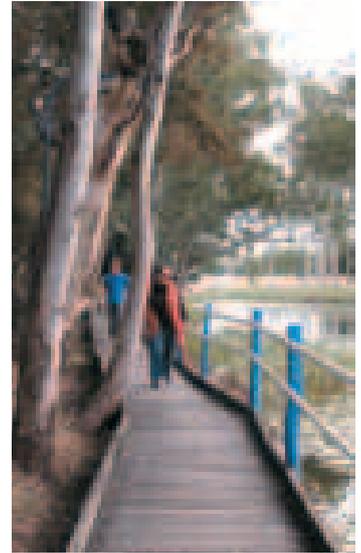
ISAAC REGION

Its diverse population of 22 650 is made up of families, young people, workers, retirees and sea/tree changers spread across the larger towns of Clermont, Coppabella, Dysart, Glenden, Middlemount, Moranbah, Nebo and St Lawrence. It also includes the smaller communities of Carmila, Clairview, Clarke Creek, Greenhill, Ilbilbie, Kilcummin, Mackenzie River, Mistake Creek and Valkyrie.

The Isaac Region is one area that has certainly changed with time. It is a place that has witnessed the affluence of the famous Queensland gold rushes, weathered the devastation of floods and cyclones, endured endless years of heat and drought, seen shifts within grazing, agricultural and aqua-cultural pursuits, whole townships shift from one location to another, and found fame and fortune once again in the precious offerings of Mother Earth.

Mining, grain production, beef and a thriving service industry is what the Isaac

Region are founded on today. Prosperity over recent years has brought with it a fine standard of living for local people, and has also given birth to a blossoming tourist trade. All this adds up to a region of unique charm and character – one which is progressively drawing the interest of more and more people on their pilgrimage to discover this part of Queensland. It's a place where the traditional qualities of the country live on, mixed with the very best that modern communities can provide.



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TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- Emergency (ambulance, fire, police): 000
- If you have difficulty connecting to 000 from your GSM mobile phone try: 112
- Consider taking a satellite phone to areas that do not have mobile phone coverage.

HANDY INFORMATION

ROAD CONDITION REPORTS & WEATHER UPDATES

For the most current and up to date road condition reports contact:

Traffic and Travel Information
13 19 40
<http://131940.qld.gov.au>

RACQ
 13 1905
http://www.racq.com.au/benefits__and__discounts/road_conditions

Isaac Regional Council
 1300 ISAACS (1300 472 227)
www.isaac.qld.gov.au

For the latest weather information contact the:

Bureau of Meteorology
 (07) 3239 8700
www.bom.gov.au/qld

For flood and storm emergencies contact the:
 State Emergency Services
 132 500

AVERAGE REGIONAL TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Max °c	33	33	30	27	27	24	24	25	30	30	33	33
Min °c	21	21	21	18	15	12	9	12	15	18	21	24
Rain (mm)	200	100	50	25	50	25	25	25	25	50	100	200

 Airport	 Dumping Facilities For Motor Homes	 Picnic Tables
 Accommodation	 Eftpos	 Police
 ATM	 Fishing	 RACQ
 Auto Gas	 Food	 Rubbish Removal
 BBQ Fuel	 Fuel	 Self-Guided Tours
 Boat Ramp	 General Store	 Showers
 Bus Depot	 Information Centre	 Supermarket
 Camping	 Internet	 Swimming Pool
 Campfires Prohibited	 Lookout	 Toilets
 Car Hire	 Medical Facilities	 Train Station Queensland Rail
 Car Park	 Park Office	 Walking Tracks
 Caravan Park	 Pharmacy	 Water On Tap
 Disabled Facilities	 Phone	



Discovering the Isaac Region



CARMILA

Population: 340

Carmila is located at the foot of the Connors Range on the Bruce Highway. The community is the major social and sporting centre for Isaac's coastal region, housing a modern sports stadium which hosts regular sporting events. Cane growing is the community's main industry. In a usual year, the sugar harvest begins in May and continues until November.

Camp at Carmila Beach

Carmila Beach is located approximately 6km east of Carmila. It is an unspoilt paradise and convenient three day rest and camping area for all those travelling between Rockhampton and Sarina. Access to the campground is along 1km

of dirt track and the last 300m are sandy and narrow. Facilities include toilets, barbeques, picnic tables and boat ramps. Carmila Beach is very popular with fishing enthusiasts who trawl through the creeks north and south of this camping oasis. Please help us keep this environment clean and tidy by ensuring you take all your rubbish with you.

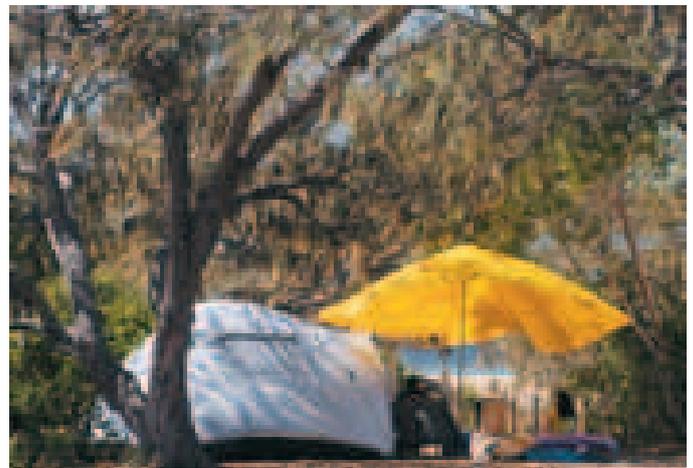
Rainforest walks

Before cane farming, it was said the Carmila Ranges held the most unique rainforest in the world. Today it nurses remnant pockets of rainforest abounding with plants, birds and animals of all varieties. Why not explore some of the last remnants for yourself.



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- Tent icon
- Caravan icon
- Fork and knife icon
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- Person with dog icon
- Picnic table icon
- Police icon
- Envelope icon
- RACQ icon
- Binoculars icon
- Shopping cart icon
- Person with dog icon



CLAIRVIEW

Located approximately 120km from Mackay and 206km from Rockhampton along the Bruce Highway, Clairview is a beachside community popular as a holiday destination or a well earned roadside stopover. While you're visiting why not have a picnic or barbeque, go for a swim or do some bushwalking?

Camping and Fishing

Clairview is a popular fishing and crabbing village with camping permitted in signed areas or at the local caravan park. There is a boat ramp for your boating and fishing convenience. Wet a line and sit back and enjoy the view or sink some pots and catch our illustrious mud crabs.

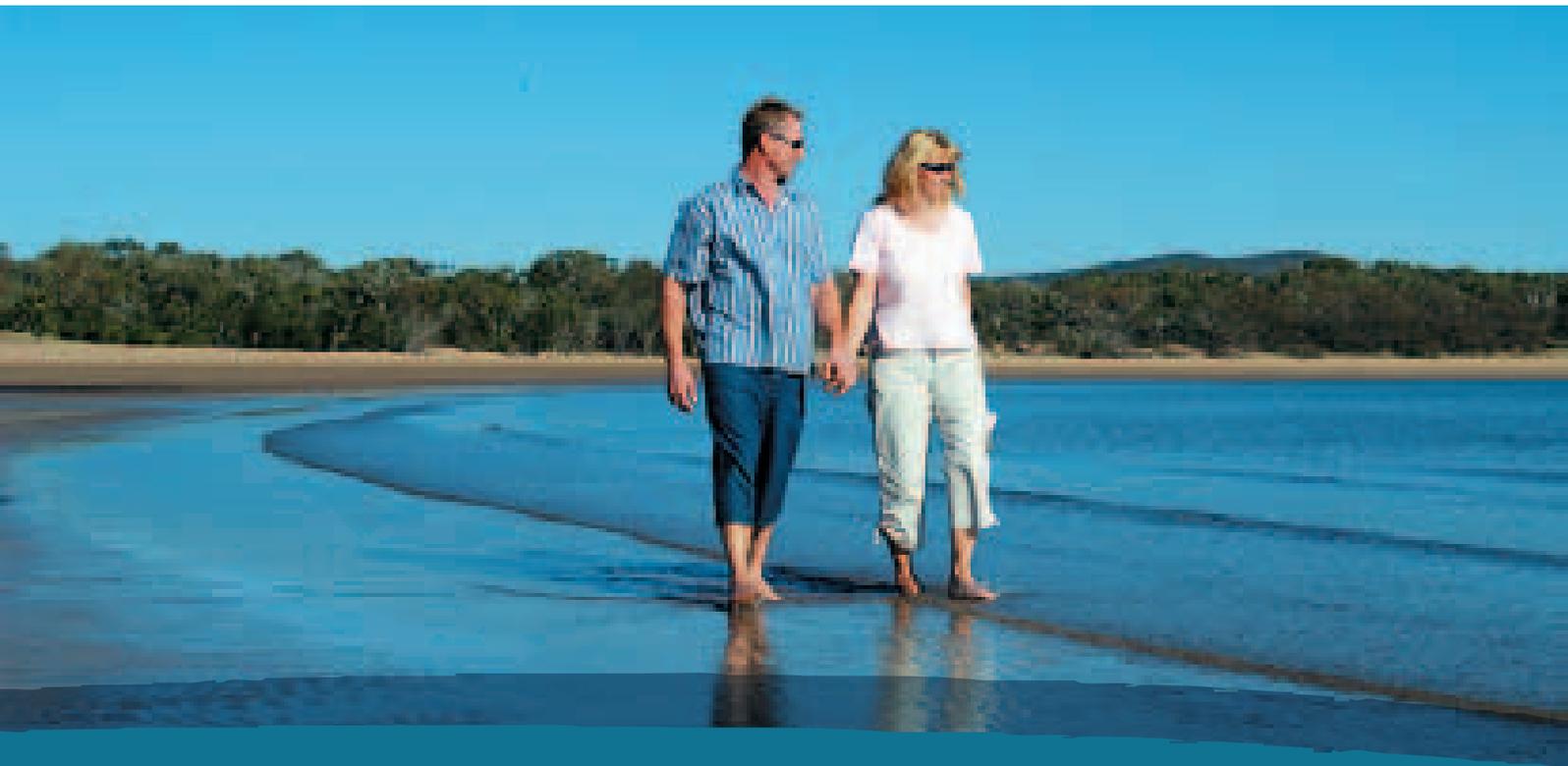
Dugong Sanctuary

The Dugong is a large herbivorous mammal which spends its entire life in the sea. It has paddle-like forelimbs, no hind limbs or dorsal fin, and its tail is broad and horizontally flattened. Adults grow between 2.5-3.5m long and weigh about 230-420kg. The Dugong is the only species remaining in the Family

Dugongidae and is one of only four remaining species in the Order Sirenia.

It is estimated there is a population of 14,000 Dugongs between Cape York and Bundaberg. Dugongs face many threats including accidental entanglement in gill and mesh nets set by commercial fishers, habitat loss, indigenous harvest, boat strikes, chemical pollution, disease and parasites, capture stress, aquaculture and starvation to name a few.

The Dugong is fully protected from any form of commercial or recreational exploitation within Australian waters, making it an offence to kill, injure, take, trade, keep or move Dugongs in a Commonwealth area without a permit. In 1997, the Great Barrier Reef Ministerial Council established Clairview as a Dugong Sanctuary to help protect the mammals from a declining population. As such, commercial net fishing and other extraction activities have been prohibited or restricted.



CLERMONT

Population: 3 160

The town of Clermont is one of the most historic towns in northern Australia having a colourful past rich in drama and laced with tragedy. It was the first inland settlement in the tropics making it a frontier town in the truest sense of the word.

In 1861 a party of shepherds were sent to a lagoon at the edge of the flood plain. Their task was to build huts, but having had experience as prospectors, the men soon found payable gold in the area. The first influx of miners arrived in 1862, pitching camp alongside what is now called Hood's Lagoon (after one of the owners of Langton Station). By 1864, the town reserve was declared in the name of Clermont after the French birthplace of a local aristocrat.

Hidden amongst Clermont's new prosperity are the remnants of earlier times, from the days of gold rushes and copper mines, timbergetters and shearers, stockmen and squatters. Something of that frontier atmosphere can still be found here without having to look too long. Mining development has brought many of the consumer comforts of the town, but the attitude of the people is still one of rugged individualism.

Blair Athol Mine Tours

Blair Athol Mine Tours operate every Tuesday and Friday*. Tours depart from the Clermont Library on the corner of Herschel and Karmoo Streets at 8:45am.

Blair Athol, 22 kilometers north of Clermont was once known as Queensland's most productive coal mine. Since the first discovery of coal at the site back in 1864, Blair Athol has boosted the coal mining industry in Queensland to such heights that it was widely regarded throughout Australia and overseas as a major contender on the international coal

producing market. The coal produced in the mine was of such high quality and so clean no washing was required before it was sent to overseas markets, and was reputed to be the best of its type in the world, largely due to low ash content.

Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning the Wombat Wanderers on (07) 4983-3292 *Please note mine tours are subject to weather restrictions and the tour operator's availability. Private vehicles are strictly prohibited on the mine site.

Gold Fossicking

Declared a gold field in 1862, the Clermont district still has quantities of this precious metal waiting for treasure seekers to unearth it. Many fine nuggets have been found over the past few years by people using gold detectors. Afternoon get-togethers are common in the Clermont Caravan Park during peak season, giving travellers the opportunity to swap treasure hunting stories and share their activities of the day.

Requirements

To legally fossick for gold in the Clermont district, a fossicking licence and kit must be purchased. A fossicking licence gives the holder permission to fossick in the state of Queensland, whereas the Fossicking Kit authorises the holder to fossick within the General Permission Areas in the Clermont district. Fossicking Kits contain general rules for prospectors and maps of the General Permission Areas. The General Permission Areas are the only areas people can legally fossick.

Fossicking Licences and Kits are very affordable and are issued at varying terms of up to 12 months. Both can be purchased from the Clermont Detectors. The Clermont Detectors also hire fossicking equipment such as metal detectors.



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Clermont Detectors

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www.clermontdetectors.com.au

Clermont Museum

The Clermont Museum is situated approximately 2km north of Clermont along the Gregory Highway. It contains over 8 000 items which reflect the rich and sometimes tragic history of Clermont and its surrounding region. Find out why Clermont is known as 'The Town that Moved'; travel back in time when steam was the king of the rails; read about the murder at Mt Coolon in 1918; and discover many other interesting articles that make up the Museum's collection.

The Ghost Town of Copperfield

In 1862 a high wall of solid copper ore was discovered at Copperfield, approximately 4km south of Clermont. Queensland's first copper mine soon opened and continued until the 1880s when the best quality ore was mined out. It is difficult to imagine that Copperfield was once a bustling town of 2 000 people. By the mid 1860s there were three hotels, a butcher, blacksmith, newsagent, men's clothing store, and many other small businesses.

The site of Copperfield township and the Peak Downs Copper Mine is testimony to the changing fortunes of the mining industry. Today all that remains of this town's thriving past is a lonely brick chimney and the old general store. The

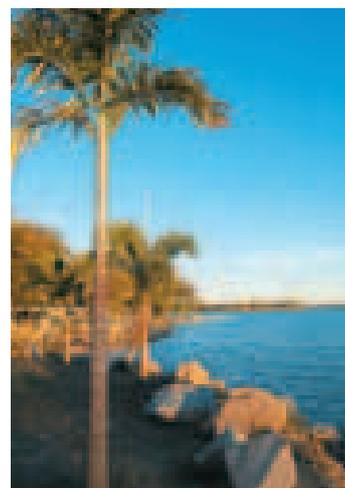
single chimney stack was once one of twenty-one. The bricks were made in Clermont by Welsh tradesmen. The glossy finish was achieved by powdering glass and sprinkling it on the surface. The general store eventually closed to the public in 1975 but re-opened in 1993 as a museum, with its original stock intact. Today visitors step into a 1970s corner store and in a second room, a homespun museum with remnants of earlier years.

Copperfield Cemetery is located on the right hand side of the Rubyvale Road. Browse through the old graves to feel the echo of lives lived and lost in this slice of Australia's pioneering past.

For more information, please contact the Clermont Visitor Information Centre on (07) 4983 4755.

Hood's Lagoon and Centenary Park

Hood's Lagoon is a scenic natural watercourse full of birds and wildlife. The adjacent Centenary Park provides a peaceful atmosphere for picnics and barbeques. Follow the lagoon's winding footpaths and boardwalk and learn about Clermont's rich and often tragic history. Memorials, monuments and sculptures about Saint Mary McKillop, Billy Sing, war service men and women, the Northern Hairy-nosed Wombat, Clermont's aboriginal heritage and the 1916 flood line the surrounding footpaths. A full circuit of the Lagoon is approximately 1.8km long and can be done during the day or night.



CLERMONT - CONTINUED

1916 Flood Memorial

The 1916 Flood is Clermont's most iconic event. Striking suddenly after a rain depression, the flood washed away Clermont's central business district and claimed at least sixty-five lives. It is still known as Australia's second worst flood in terms of loss of life. Visit the 1916 flood marker on the corner of Capricorn and Drummond Streets to view the height of the flood waters and read the names of the citizens who perished.

The Piano in the Tree in Capricorn Street (opposite Ivan Bettridge Park) is an eerie reminder of the height and ravaging force of the flood waters. Although it's a replica today, there were originally three pianos found in trees after the 1916 Flood. A mass grave of the flood victims is also located in the Clermont cemetery.

Theresa Creek Dam

Theresa Creek Dam is located approximately 20km south-west of Clermont and is an idyllic recreation area for locals and visitors alike. Camping on the grounds is permitted for a small fee on a per site per night basis and can be paid to the on-site caretakers. All sites are non-powered, however dam facilities include toilets, hot showers, barbecues, picnic tables and swimming areas.

Take to the water on a motor boat, or on skis for some wet and wonderful fun. Fish from the shores or launch your own tinnie to catch some golden perch, jewfish, barramundi, silver perch and/or red-claw*.

*To fish at Theresa Creek Dam you will need a Stocked Impoundment Permit (SIP). The one permit covers all thirty-three dams in Queensland. You only need one permit per couple (married or de facto relationships), and if you are under 18 you don't need one at all. You will not need a SIP if you are only fishing for red-claw.

OTHER CLERMONT PLACES OF INTEREST

Railway Station & Murals

The Clermont Railway Station was constructed in 1994 when the rail line was extended to Clermont. Near the station are four painted railway wagons depicting the industries within Clermont which use the rail system. The artist Glen Gillard, has hidden a green tree frog on each wagon for visitors to find at their leisure.

The Commercial Hotel

The Commercial Hotel opposite the railway wagons is the last remaining example of the old style hotels. Pop in for a cold one, luscious coffee or a great meal.

Anglican Church

This church was constructed in 1935. This magnificent building has stained glass windows, stonework and internal timber panels.

Clermont Cemetery

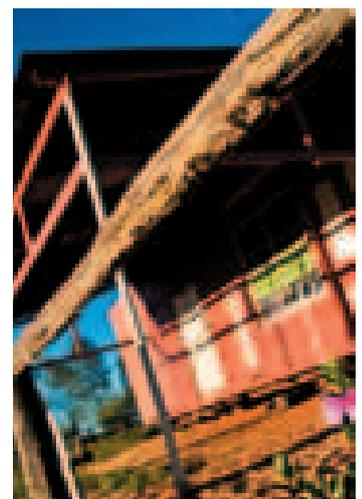
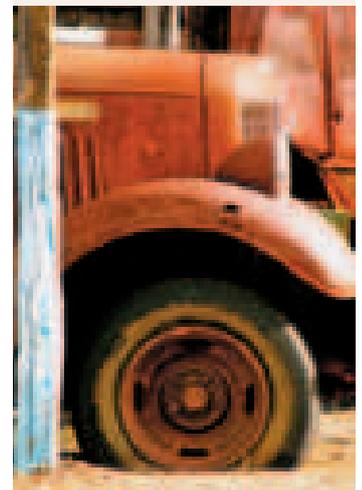
Many original residents of Clermont are buried at the cemetery situated on the banks of Sandy Creek. Some head stones date back to the 1860s. It is also the location of the common grave of thirty-five of the sixty-five residents who lost their lives in the 1916 flood.

Rose Harris Park

Named after local identity, Rose Harris, in recognition of her services to the community during the 1916 Flood. Rose and her father were responsible for saving five lives. Rose operated a saddler's business for many years and was believed to be the only female saddler in Australia at that time. Fronting Capella and Daintree Streets, the park is a great place for a picnic. Positioned in the centre of town, it is easily accessible to visitors. The park also includes rest room facilities for mothers and babies including showers and toilets, a baby changing room and a small kitchenette.

THINGS TO DO

- gold fossicking
- clermont museum
- 1916 flood memorial
- the ghost town
- hood's lagoon
- theresa creek dam
- commercial hotel
- anglican church
- clermont cemetery
- rose harris park
- railway station & murals



COPPABELLA

Population: 350

The town of Coppabella was designed to service the junction of two railway lines, one from Goonyella and the other from Saraji Mine. The railway line would then continue on to the sea at Hay Point. It would house the control, maintenance and train crews for that end of the line. The Goonyella to Hay Point Railway was opened on 5 November 1971 and the Coppabella Railway Station was opened on the same day. It is assumed the town was officially proclaimed then although people had been living there for some time. The name Coppabella was given by Queensland Railways at the suggestion of the General Manager, Central Division. It is said to be an Aboriginal word from a New South Wales dialect meaning 'crossing place'.

Coppabella is unique in the region for two reasons: the first that it did not form around an existing pub, and secondly, that it was built entirely by a government department and passed to local government to administer. It is still a 'closed town' in that it lives and exists only because of the railway.

MAC Camp

The MAC Coppabella Village opposite the town of Coppabella has over 1 600 accommodation rooms with quality resort-style services and facilities that add to guests' living experience while working away from home. Guests can enjoy facilities including a multi-function court for playing tennis, basketball, and volleyball, a lap and recreational pool, running track, in-house fully equipped gymnasium, access to 'The Hub' bar and restaurant, an on-site convenience store and dining facilities.

The accommodation facilities include ensuite cabins where guests have the comfort of an air-conditioned private bedroom with a king-single bed, desk, wireless internet facilities, fridge and television with a selection of in-house movies.



DYSART

Population: 3 130

Dysart is a friendly community with modern facilities. Established in 1973, the town caters to the coalmines of Saraji and Norwich Park as well as the many surrounding cattle and grain properties.

In the centre of the town is located an Olympic-sized pool, a great place to cool off in the summer months. There is excellent shade provided over the pool as well as around the grassed area. Well maintained sporting ovals and parks are a feature of this quiet friendly town. It has a shopping mall, a nine-hole golf course and bowls club. An excellent Community Civic Centre is centrally situated and is available to local and visiting groups and organisations. The Centre is owned and maintained by Isaac Regional Council and privately managed.

Although built specifically to service the nearby mining operations, Dysart is a public town. The town library is part of Isaac Regional Council's building and provides public internet access as well as library facilities. Videoconferencing facilities are also available through the Dysart Council Office.

SURROUNDING ATTRACTIONS

Peak Range National Park

Go picnicking, bird watching or hiking through the Peak Range National Park. Lord's Table and Campbell's Peak are both accessible from Dysart. See the National Park section at the start of this brochure for more information.

Picnic at Lord's Table Rest Area

Pack a picnic lunch and head out along the Huntley Road to dine at the Lord's Table Rest Area. You'll have the opportunity to dine amongst nature in its purest form with a sweeping view of the distinct mountain. Remember to respect the environment and take all rubbish away with you.

Mt Orange Copper Chimney

In 1990 the local Council undertook restoration work to the chimney of the old Mt Orange Copper Smelter. This was made possible with funding under the Queensland Government's National Estates Grants Programme 1988-89. The now restored chimney is a 54ft. high stack and firebox from the MT Orange Copper Company's smelter. The smelter



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was originally erected in 1879 for the treatment of ore from Keeley's selection and operated until 1910 when it was officially closed down. There is a plaque depicting the history of the smelter and a fence has been erected around the monument to the early mining days.

Big Belly Dump Truck & Coal Wagon

At the northern entry point of Dysart is a unique monument. A Belly Dump Truck and a Coal Wagon were placed in a specially constructed park in recognition of the coal and rail industry and to celebrate Dysart's 25th Anniversary in 1998. This was one of two trucks commissioned in 1981 and formed part of the fleet of nine Euclid Coal haulers which operated at Norwich Park Mine up until the end of 1997. The truck is powered by an 800HP Cummins engine and has a coal capacity of 120US/Tons.

Annual Arts and Craft Exhibition

For the arts and crafts lover an exhibition is held over the last weekend of May every year. Exhibitors are invited from all over Australia to show and demonstrate their craft. For more information please contact the Dysart Arts & Crafts by phoning 4958 1074.

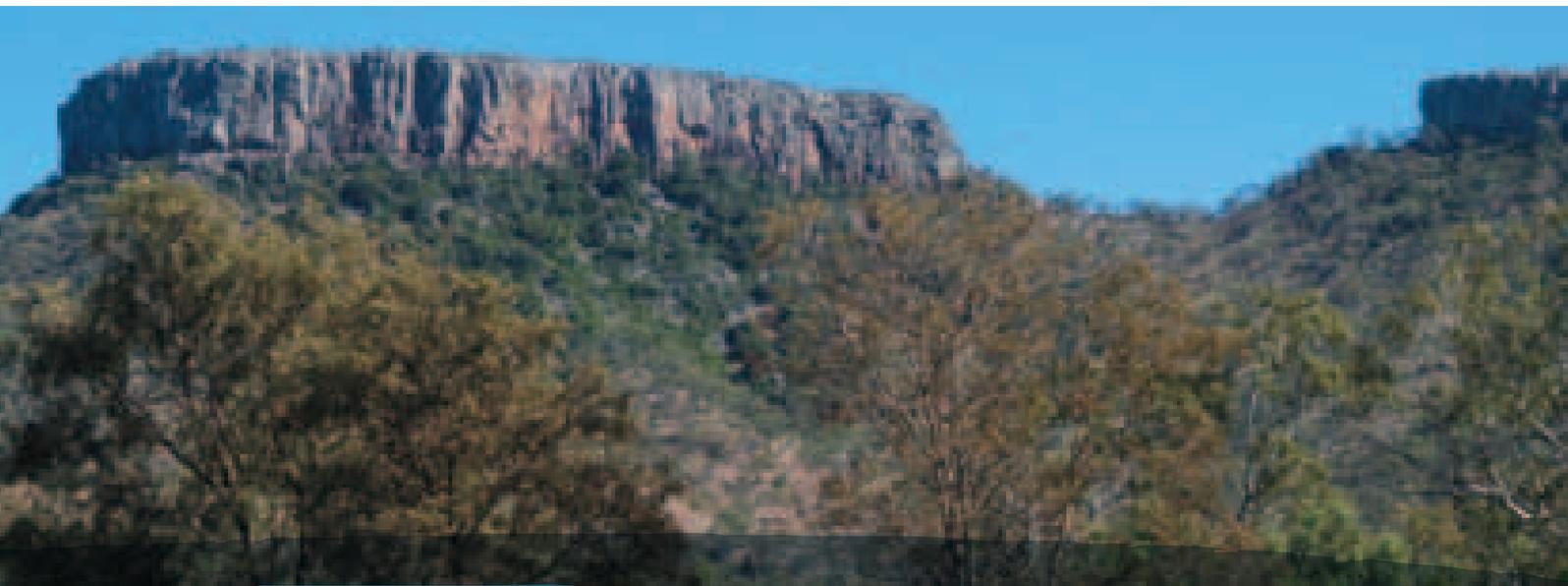
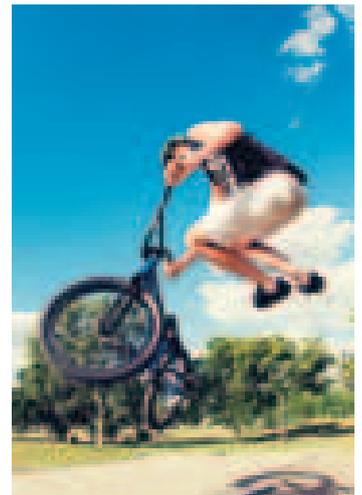
Campbell's Peak was first climbed on the 6th February 1845 by Ludwig Leichhardt. He named it after Mr Campbell of the Darling Downs who gave Leichhardt four young steers and a bullock for his expedition north. Leichhardt allegedly built a stone cairn on top of Campbell's Peak. Most of the prominent features of the Dysart area were named from this vantage point.

Peak Access: Access to the peak is via private property. For permission to climb the peak phone 'Cotherstone Station' on (07) 4958 1225.



THINGS TO DO

- Peak Range National Park
- Picnic at Lord's Table
- Mt Orange Copper Chimney
- Big Belly Dump Truck



FLAGGY ROCK

Flaggy Rock is primarily a sugar cane growing district situated 200km north of Rockhampton and 100km south of Mackay on the Bruce Highway. The district was named Flaggy Rock because of the hard rock that formed the road many years ago. Originally Flaggy Rock was a horse change over station for coaches along the highway and was then known as 'Yukalgi', meaning home of the deaf adder.

Why not walk up to Flaggy Rock Bluff for a 360° view over the valley ranges and Coral Sea? The bluff is accessible by 4WD or on foot only. Beach access to the bluff is not permitted.

Flaggy Rock Exotic Fruit Garden & Ice-Creamery

Conveniently located on the Bruce Highway between Mackay and Rockhampton, the Flaggy Rock Exotic Fruit Garden is the perfect stop to stretch weary legs and fill empty bellies. The Exotic Fruit Garden makes their own ice-cream with home grown fruits from recipes tried and tested for over twenty

years. The peaceful fruit gardens are free for all to walk through while their café serves fine espresso coffee and authentic home made food. There is ample parking available for both caravans and coaches and tour groups are most welcome. Open 7 days from 9am to 4pm. Closed some public holidays.

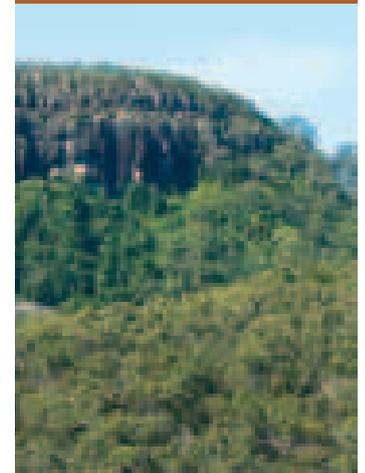
Flaggy Rock Community and Recreation Centre

Set on five acres, Flaggy Rock Community and Recreation Centre offers a quiet setting for internet access, conferences/workshops or even a swim in the pool. The flat to undulating ground is perfect for overnight accommodation for self contained vehicles and provides excellent access for large rigs. A fee of \$5 per van per night applies with a maximum stay of 72 hours. The pool is open to the public from the start of the Queensland school holidays in September til the end of the March/April holiday period.

For more information visit www.flaggyrock.com



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GLENDEN

Population: 1 300

The Queensland Place Name Board advised that in about 1918 the Lennon brothers drew a block in a land ballot and called it 'Glenden'. Fifty-odd years later Mount Isa Mines Limited proposed a town called Glenden be built on property adjoining the Glenden Holding.

The Board approved the proposal in the Queensland Government Gazette of 30 May, 1981 and so the town was built on the Mount Hillalong Holding, 115 kilometres west-south-west of Mackay and a little less than half way along the road from Nebo to Collinsville. At first sight the town looks much like its sister coal towns, however, there are unique differences. There are no cross intersections, and all utilities such as water, power and telephone cables are 100% underground. The town was also the first Queensland mining town to be designed with disabled persons in mind.

Glenden is an 'open town' which means that although the town and its facilities were built by the company, the services and public facilities of the town have been handed to Council to administer. This means the land is available for development by private enterprise. The town was commenced in May 1982 and the first company employee moved into a house in November the same year.

Lake Elphinstone

Lake Elphinstone is a natural lake approximately 60km from Nebo and 24km from Glenden, adjacent to the turn off to Mount Coolon on Suttor Development Roads. Once a town used to be located adjacent to this lake, however it has long since been abandoned and there is little evidence of it ever existing.

Glenden residents are renowned for using the lake for water sports such as water skiing. It is also a popular camping spot and has a significant bird habitat. The Lake is relatively shallow in parts, and with having a small catchment area it has been known to dry out in periods of drought.

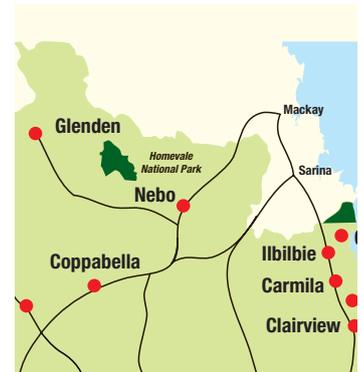
A significant section of the property near the lake is located on recreation reserve under the control of Isaac Regional Council. Visitors are allowed to camp free of charge in this recreation area for limited length stays. Public toilets and showers are available. Electricity is unavailable at the reserve along with limited drinking water.

Golf

Test your swing in Glenden. The Glenden Golf Club is a semi-private golf course, however opportunities exist for non-members to play. Contact the Glenden Golf Club for more information on (07) 4958 9889.

Great Meals

If you're feeling hungry, visit Glenden's Town Club or other local cafes which have a range of quality food to suit even the fussiest eater.



GREENHILL & ILBILBIE

Population: 740

Greenhill township is approximately one hour's drive south of Mackay and 14kms east of the Bruce Highway where residents have built on the hills above the sea. Greenhill is an idyllic location, with wonderful views of the ocean and surrounding district, and where anglers can enjoy shore, estuary and off shore fishing near local reefs and islands. Coral is abundant in the waters around Greenhill and the shoreline harbours large tracts of mangrove vital to the marine ecosystem.

Bushwalkers can take advantage of the magnificent views and beautiful bushland, where they can see elkhorns, ferns, lichens and several varieties of fig, as well as many small animals. Access to Cape Palmerston National Park is provided via Greenhill Road but is only accessible by 4WD (see National Parks section of this document for more information). Beef and sugar as well as aquaculture are the main industries in this district, the first cane crops being planted in 1916.

The Ilbilbie Community Hall, close to the Bruce Highway, provides a meeting and social area for the district's residents, including those of Greenhill, as the two

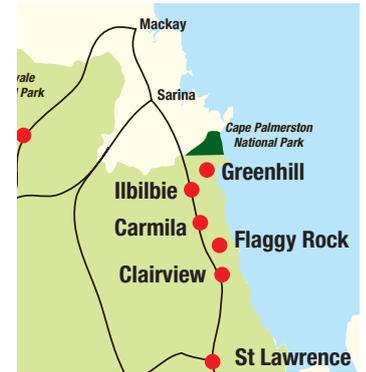
districts are closely related. An occasional childcare service operates at the Ilbilbie Community Hall once a week.

Yarrowonga & Notch Point Reserves

Yarrowonga & Notch Point Reserve is one of the best camping and fishing spots on the central Queensland coast. There are absolutely no facilities; however showers, fuel, take-away food, bait and ice are available at the Ilbilbie Roadhouse. Fishing is particularly good here, but be sure to obey zoning regulations. The areas are known for whiting, flathead, crabbing and live bait.

Yarrowonga & Notch Point are home to rare and protected flora, fauna and marine environments. Please help us keep this area pristine and a safe habitat for species to live by being environmentally considerate. This includes all points outlined under the Looking after the Parks and Forests section of this document.

Access is by 4WD only. Turn east at Ilbilbie onto the Greenhills Rd, then take the first sealed road to your right. This will eventually turn to dirt and you will reach a gate. Ensure you close the gate properly before following the signs to Notch Point.



FACILITIES



MIDDLEMOUNT

Population: 2 350

Middlemount is a town nestled in the Brigalow country of Central Queensland. A comfortable 1½ hours drive from Emerald and 3 hours from Rockhampton and Mackay, Middlemount offers the traveller a home away from home. Summer temperatures are very warm and swimming at the Olympic size pool is a favourite past time. During the cooler months Middlemount comes alive with annual events.

Middlemount, only 30 years old, is a purpose-built coal mining town. The town services Anglo Coal's Grasstree and Bundoora Underground Mines, and German Creek, Foxleigh, and Lake Lindsay Open Cut Mines. The community enjoys schooling from prep to grade 12, a medical centre, hotel/motels, shopping centre, caravan park, skate park, many well equipped parks, restaurants, golf course and other great sporting facilities. The town also has great walking tracks worth exploring.

Need to check your email? The local library provides a computer with internet access.

The Middlemount Golf Course is an oasis for golfers who battle to get time on city courses. The local course has nine holes and the greens are glorious. Relax at the Club House after the game!

Middlemount is often nicknamed the 'Giant Peanut' due to its road layout. Middlemount is also notable for Olympic cyclists Anna and Kerrie Meares, who grew up there.

Have a bite to eat in Blue Mountain Park
Middlemount's Blue Mountain Park provides free barbeque facilities and panoramic views of the surrounding area. Many evenings there are wallabies feeding

in the park and the bird life is spectacular, including galahs, kookaburras, blue mountain parrots and rainbow lorikeets.

Bundoora Dam – Camping, skiing and fishing!

Majestic Bundoora Dam is a hidden oasis on the coalfields. Perfect for camping, skiing and fishing, what more could a weary traveller ask for? Bundoora Dam's facilities include free campsites, BBQs, picnic tables and toilets.

For the avid angler, Bundoora contains native and stocked fish including Saratoga, Golden Perch, Eel-Tiled Catfish, Sleepy Cod, Spangled Perch and Redclaw Crayfish. For creek and river fishing, anglers should check out the nearby Isaac, Mackenzie and Connors River systems - all within one hours travelling time.

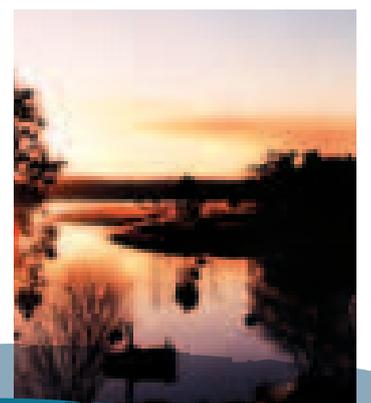
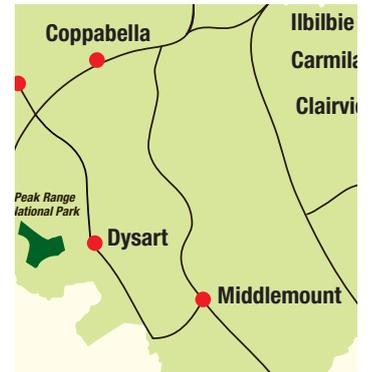
Middlemount Rotunda Rest Area – Fitzroy dev. Rd /Middlemount Rd intersection

The Middlemount Rotunda Rest Area is a great place to stop for picnic lunch. Sit back and relax, enjoy a few home made sandwiches while reading the tourist information boards about the surrounding region.

Middlemount Shopping – While in town, don't forget to look around the shopping precinct. Indulge in some boutique shopping and alfresco dining.

Golf – Every year, Middlemount hosts two major golfing events. The Police Charity Golf Day and its annual ProAm Tournament. For more information contact Middlemount Police on 49857260 and the Middlemount Golf Club on 49857830

Race Day – Middlemount hosts its race day the first Saturday in August every year. Dress up and become involved in the festivities.



MORANBAH

Population: 7 300

Referred to as the 'new kid on the block', Moranbah is just over 35 years old and is one of the youngest towns in Queensland. Created in 1971 by the Utah Development Company Ltd, who owned Goonyella and later the Peak Downs Mine, Moranbah was specifically created for miners and their families. Since then many people have moved on to other towns, but many have chosen to remain within their 'home town' because of its rich charm and emanating warmth.

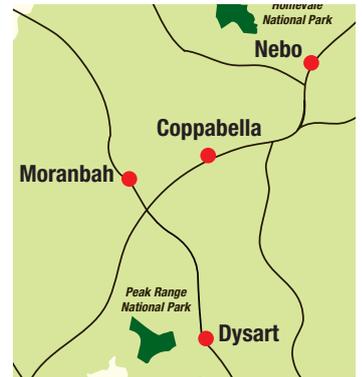
Despite being a rather new town, the area surrounding Moranbah is abundant in history. The area in which Moranbah now sits was believed to be home to a local aboriginal clan whose language belonged to the Barna or Panabal people. Little is known about the local aboriginal people who would have traversed this area for over 40 000 years but they were surrounded by a number of neighbouring language clans such as the Wirin, Jangaa, Jambina, Wangan, Kalabarra and Barada people.

The first explorer to visit the Peak Downs region was Ludwig Leichhardt and his fellow journeymen in 1845 on their way to the Northern Territory. Leichhardt missed the current site of Moranbah by only a

few kilometres, and was the only explorer ever to come that close. On 13 February of that year, Ludwig camped by the banks of a dry riverbed he later named the Isaac River. Its name was given in honour of a local Darling Downs man, Mr Frank Isaac who supported Leichardt and his fellow men by offering him some bullocks for his expedition.

Sir Thomas Mitchell was the next explorer to visit Central Queensland, in 1846. This was Sir Thomas' fourth and final expedition. It was during this quest that he found and named the Belyando River. Others followed including William Fraser and Mr Andrew Scott, taking up Moranbah as a pastoral lease. Pastoral land with beef its main product, remained the areas most prominent industry until most of the larger cattle stations were broken up in the 1950s. While the beef industry is still a key industry in the area, coal mining has become the focal industry in which this area is known.

Today Moranbah takes pleasure in an abundance of modern facilities including boutique shopping and contemporary cuisine. The town's newly refurbished town centre includes an interesting water feature and new child's play area creating a relaxing atmosphere where you can enjoy a coffee break with friends at the



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local bakery while entertaining the kids. Be sure to experiment with the interactive musical instruments in the town square's park and visit the local library.

Peak Downs Mine Tours

Central Queensland is known for having the best coal in Australia. The coal was formed in the Bowen Basin approximately 300 million years ago and now accounts for 83% of Queensland's coal production. Peak Downs Coal Mine is situated immediately next to the Peak Downs Access Road, 40km from Moranbah.

It produces 8 million tonnes of raw coal a year which is mined, crushed, washed and cleaned to produce 5 million tonnes of coking coal, the coal then being exported to fifteen international destinations.

You can explore Peak Downs Mine on a guided bus tour with a local expert. Peak Downs Coal Mine Tours depart on the second Wednesday of every month from the front of Isaac Regional Council's Moranbah Office on Batchelor Parade.

Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning Council's Office on (07) 4941 4500.

Indulge in some boutique shopping

Hold on to your purses ladies! It may be a small mining town, but amongst

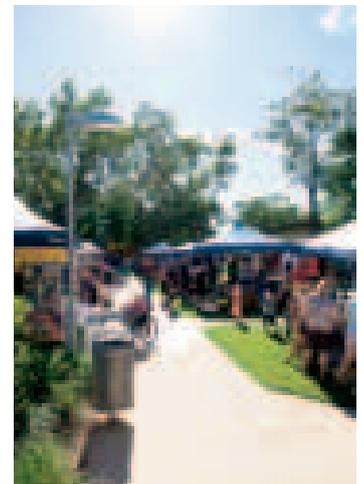
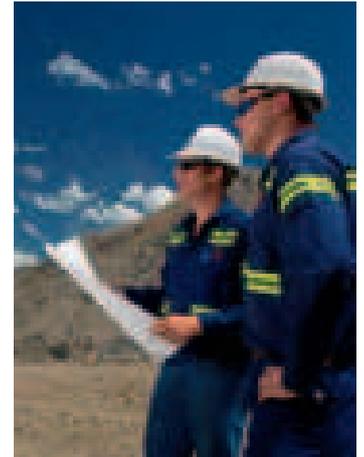
the draglines and coal fields, Moranbah has become a shopping oasis. The multi-award winning shoe shop, Boalywood draws shoppers from all over Queensland, while Kardoe on the Square stocks some of the best fashion labels in Australia. Men's fashion specialty store, Zootown, has everything a man needs to be stylishly competitive in the most fashionable of cities. And hair? Owner of Studio Hair Fashions in the Town Square has styled the tresses of runway models at Melbourne Fashion Week – and this is just the tip of the iceberg!

Bridled-Nailtail Wallaby Statue

Financially assisted by Queensland Government Centenary of Federation Grant, and in-kind support from the local community, this sculpture was commissioned by sculptor Adriaan Vanderlugt. The wallaby, known locally as the flashjack was thought to be extinct until it was rediscovered in 1973. Since then the extensive breeding program established by Queensland Parks and Wildlife has seen small numbers released back into the area and the re-establishment of wild populations.

Musical Railway and Musical Table and Chairs

These objects are a public art project commissioned by the Queensland



MORANBAH - CONTINUED

Arts Council in conjunction with the Queensland Music Festival. They were designed, made and donated by Stephen Langdon of Hubbub Music in Brisbane. The objects are situated in the Town Square and are there to be used and enjoyed by visitors and general public. Have a play and see what kind of music you can make.

Australia Remembers 50th Anniversary Mural

Situated in the Town Square Park, the Australia Remembers Mural is a tribute to all the brave men and women who served in WWII. The mural was a community program generously painted in 1995 by Moranbah State High School students.

Federation Walk & Grosvenor Creek Rest Area

Follow Federation Walk at Moranbah's entrance to the town's infamous Big Red Rhino Bucket. The walk, just over a kilometre in length, was a four-year community beautification project. The project began in 1997 and was initially a product of the Moranbah Beautification Group however, over the years, significant contributions have been made by local community groups and organizations including BHP and Peak Downs Mine,

Lions, Scouts, Guides, Apex and Rotary clubs, and the community's three schools. The Big Red Bucket was purchased from Peak Downs Mine for \$1 in 1999 and is the highlight of the walk but other interesting attributes include Grosvenor Creek and the abundant local wildlife. Why not pack a picnic lunch and check it out for yourself? Toilet facilities are available.

Grosvenor Complex

The Grosvenor Complex in the Town Square houses the library, Coalface Art Gallery and Tourist Visitor Information. For an insight into the local history, the library displays the short history of Moranbah and the longer history of the region as a whole. For a taste of local arts and crafts, visit the Coalface Gallery to witness the local artistic talent emerging from the area.

Isaac River Rest Area

The Isaac River Rest Area is a popular area to rest from a big day's drive and a beautiful location for a picnic lunch. It is located approximately 20km from Moranbah heading north-east along the Peak Downs Highway (or 30km south-west of Coppabella). There is an undercover picnic table for your convenience. No toilet or BBQ facilities are available.

THINGS TO DO

- Peak Downs Mine Tours
- Musical Railway, Musical Table and Chairs
- Federation Walk & Grosvenor Creek Rest Area
- Issac River Rest
- Boutique Shopping



NEBO

Population: 1 540

The first European to travel through the area now known as Nebo was Ludwig Leichhardt in 1856, followed in 1865 by William Landsbrough who named most of the features in the southern and western areas of the area including Nebo Creek.

The town of Nebo was surveyed in 1865, the official name at the time being Fort Cooper after the distinctive Mt. Fort Cooper. However, in 1923 the name was changed by popular demand to Nebo, derived from Nebo Creek. In the early years Nebo Township was strategically situated at the crossroads of the main south-to-north track and the east-to-west track now known as Peak Downs Highway. During the establishment decade, Nebo's primary production was dominated by sheep and wool growing. However, the area proved unsuitable for sheep and they were eventually replaced by cattle.

The area also has a strong indigenous cultural heritage. The traditional people of the Nebo area were the first referred to by explorer Ludwig Leichhardt. Five clans dominated the area; Jangga, Wiri, Barna, Barada, and Biria and records indicate that most of the clans had an average of 500 people.

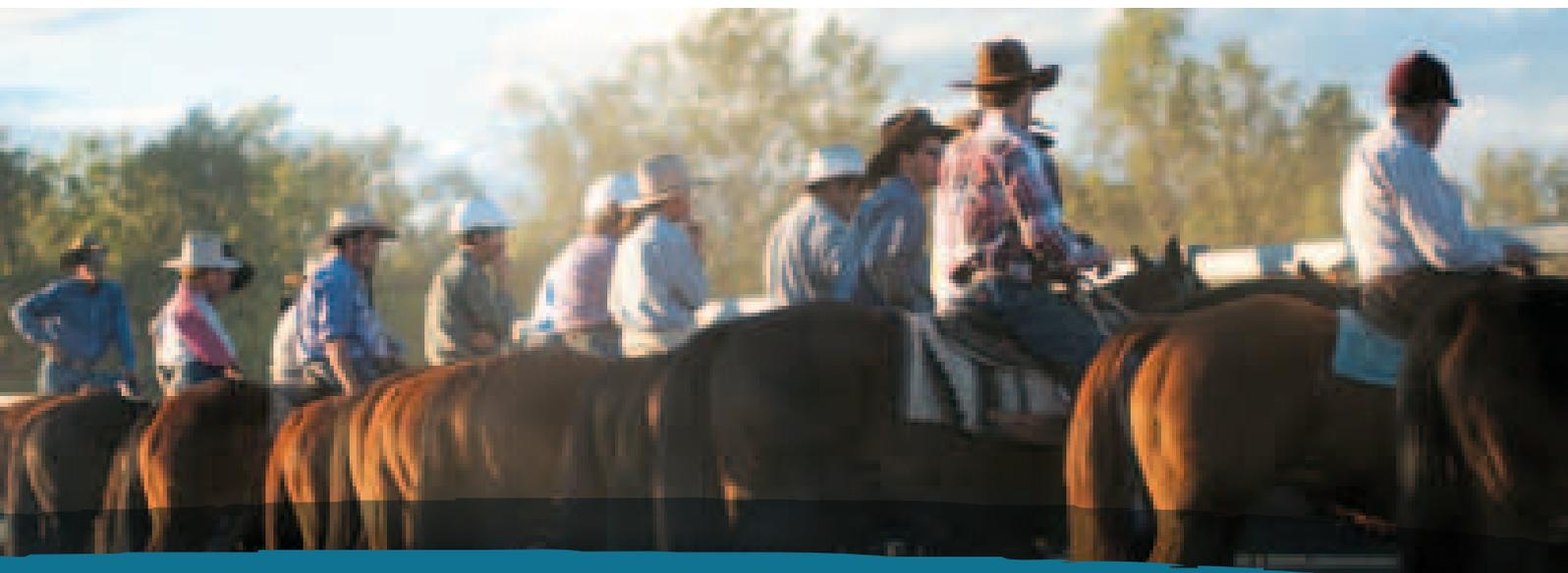
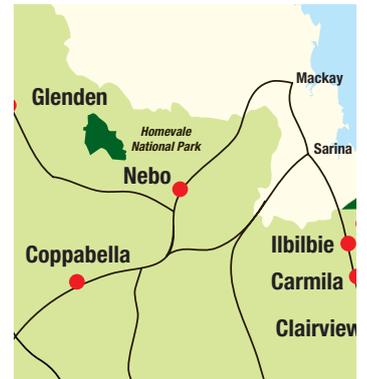
The district has had eight towns since 1865; Epsom on Mt Spenser Station, 30 kilometres east of Nebo Township; Hazeldean on Black Waterhole Creek, halfway between Mackay and Nebo; Elphinstone, at the northern end of Lake Elphinstone; Mt. Britton, the goldmining town on Oaky Creek; Dullawunna, a small village several kilometres along the Nebo/Mt. Britton Road; Blue Mountain, a settlement in the east of the area.

Nebo Museum

In the early 1980s, a group of locals began the process of gathering many relics from the past and put them together in a museum collection to celebrate the Shire's Centenary in 1983. Originally situated in the old Nebo Police Station, today's museum is a tribute and reminder of that effort and to the pioneers of the past. The museum is located in Reynolds Street.

Mt Britton

Located approximately 35 minutes drive north-east of Nebo, the Mt Britton goldfield was discovered around 1880 with records indicating a town was established in 1881. Officially, the town was not surveyed until three years later with the survey dividing the town area into 80 allotments.



NEBO - CONTINUED

At the height of the goldmining era in 1883, Mt Britton was a thriving township with a Post and Telegraph Office, Lands Office, School of the Arts, five hotels, five stores, four butchers and bakers, a Public Hall and Progress Association and population of 1500. However, by the time Mt. Britton was gazetted in 1884, the town was declining, with the best gold areas already mined. By 1887 most of the businesses closed and the mining company ceased operations in 1890.

Today, although the buildings have long gone, Isaac Regional Council has established high quality interpretive signage with photographs on appropriate sites in the former township to enable visitors to capture the experience of the past bustling goldmining centre. There is also a lookout, a mining display, and several rustic shelters containing high quality period prints and information on Mt. Britton.

The area to the north of the township site still has a number of small working mines.

Nebo Hotel

Nebo's heritage listed hotel still retains great character and hasn't changed much since it was built overlooking Nebo Creek in 1862. The current structure replaced the original slab hut hotel some years later, still under its original name, the Fort Cooper Hotel. It was renamed the Nebo Hotel in 1948. The dance hall may no longer be there, but the spirit still survives. Well worth a visit just to soak up some history and enjoy a cool ale.

Lake Elphinstone

Refer to things to see and do in Glenden.

MAC MURALS

Come and visit and immerse yourself in the history and culture of this small community at Nebo. Be amazed by our many metres of historic art and see how the local miners lived in the past and how they live today.

Self-guided Murals Tour

The Nebo murals stretch for over 260 metres, depicting significant people and events in Australian history. Murals in our collection include: Lieutenant (Captain) James Cook, Buried Alive: The First Five Years of White Settlement, The Thrill of Bringing in the herd: A tribute to Sir Sydney Kidman, Australians at War, Images of Mt Britton – a gold rush town, and many more.

Feeling Famished?

Dine in real 'Aussie' style at the Frontier Bar and Grill. Converted from the original shed the Tavern offers a large range of delicious dishes prepared by our qualified chefs.

For Bookings

Phone: 07 4950 5299

Fax: 07 4951 1009

The MAC Nebo

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Web: www.themac.com.au

THINGS TO DO

- Nebo Museum
- Nebo Hotel
- Mt Britton
- Mural Tours
- Lake Elphinstone



ST LAWRENCE

Population: 320

St Lawrence is situated approximately 155km south of Mackay, 177km north of Rockhampton and 6km east of the Bruce Highway. The town has a varying population of approximately 150 with the main employer for the town being Isaac Regional Council. St Lawrence is one of the oldest towns on the coast; its demure is firmly linked to its historical beginnings which are well seen about the town.

The township was established originally to service a major port facility which is no longer used. One historical building still remaining from this time is the Council Office. Originally built to service the Customs Office for the Port of St Lawrence, it was sold to the then Shire of Broadsound for 100 pounds in 1901. The remains of the port and abattoir constructed using convict labour are also accessible. The court house/police station was built in 1879 and has been repainted in its original colour scheme.

The Centenary Pavilion located at the sportsground (beside the tennis courts) was constructed to celebrate the Shire's centenary in 1979 with the collection of past machinery and relics. The pavilion is open 24 hours a day for viewing.

St Lawrence Creek is also a favourite recreational fishing area. In the cooler months, the recreation group hold a weekend of camp-drafting and the polocrosse club have their annual polocrosse weekend. The recreation grounds on the outskirts of town provide all year round camping facilities and amenities for travellers and is available for hire for functions.

St Lawrence Places of Interest

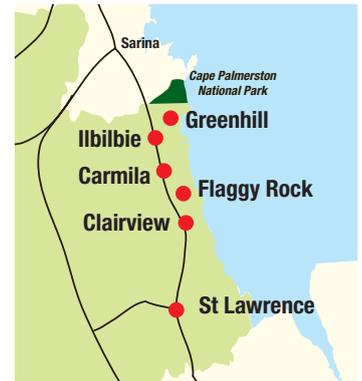
The Anglican Church was built in 1898. Prior to its construction, services were held quarterly in the courthouse. The 100th anniversary of the church was marked on 17 May 1998. Monthly services are held at the Anglican Church with all denominations welcome.

The St Lawrence Cemetery has also been noted as historically important. Although not all graves are marked there is a grave register held at the Council Office and Library. Many graves date back to the mid 1800s.

The historical railway building is also located in the main street of St Lawrence. The old railway station has been recently restored to accommodate the St Lawrence Library. Internet access has been established for use by both the local community and visitors to the area from this centre.

St Lawrence Wetlands

The St Lawrence Wetlands are key perennial wetlands within the St Lawrence Creek system, which forms part of the greater Broadsound Wetlands – listed in the Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia. The St Lawrence Wetlands contain three types of wetlands: deep open water (lagoons); shallow vegetated (swamps) and coastal Melaleuca Swamp (remnants of a disappearing ecosystem in Central Queensland). You will find fish, insects, turtles, snakes and frogs here. Waterbirds feed on the fish, invertebrates and aquatic plants and their seeds. The Wetlands' depth varies. It is at its highest between January – April and lowest between September – November.



ST LAWRENCE - CONTINUED

Freshwater fish habitat

Most of Queensland's freshwater fish need to move (or migrate) between rivers, floodplains or the sea to breed and grow. This migration is critical for the survival of native fish populations. Thousands of barriers such as dams, weirs, causeways and culverts, together with reduced river flows and destruction of fish habitat, have affected fish migrations. This has resulted in reduced numbers and types of fish that can be caught.

Along the St Lawrence Northern Road you will find two 'fishway' structures on the side of the causeway. 'Fishways' are structures allowing fish to move past barriers and allow natural fish movements to occur. Read the signs on the causeway to learn more about the fish you may find here.

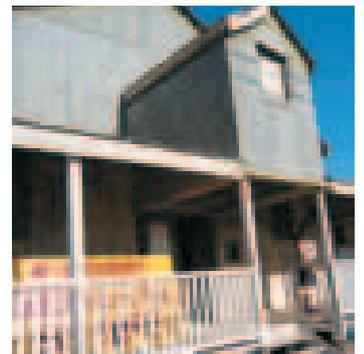
Abundant birdlife

St Lawrence Wetlands support nationally threatened waterbirds, as well as shorebirds which migrate internationally along the East Asian – Australasian Flyway. The Reserve is home to a variety of birds (over 55 waterbird species have been recorded in the area, with 92 bird species recorded in total).

Flocks of hundreds of Magpie Geese arrive in the early part of the Wet season, feeding on the tubers of Eleocharis (water chestnut) sedge. Other birds occasionally seen in the wetlands around the swamps and sedges include Black Bittern, Little Bittern, Baillon's Crake, the threatened Australian Painted Snipe and the threatened Capricorn Yellow Chat. Pairs or groups of Radjah Shelduck are often seen at the site. When the wetlands is full, the deep open water is used by diving birds such as Hardhead, Australasian Grebe and occasionally Great Crested Grebe and Swans will nest.

THINGS TO DO

- Centenary Pavilion
- Fishing
- St Lawrence Wetlands
- St Lawrence Cemetery
- Anglican Church



ST LAWRENCE - CONTINUED

Experience the St Lawrence Wetlands

The St Lawrence Wetlands have interpretive signs located along a walking track. Read and learn more about this precious resource while observing local plants, wildlife and beautiful birds. For your safety and the safety of the wetlands, please consider the following for your visit:

- Wear enclosed footwear, long pants and a hat.
- Leave boundary gates closed.
- Do not approach stock or enter neighbouring properties
- Please take all rubbish home with you.
- Remember the St Lawrence Wetlands is a snake habitat! Please take care while exploring.
- Dial 000 in an emergency.

What can you do to help wetlands?

Maintaining the health of our wetlands starts at home.

Here's how you can help:

- Get to know the St Lawrence Wetlands and other local wetlands.
- Always put litter into bins or take it with you.
- Plant native trees in your garden with advice from your local nursery.
- Manage your wetlands – contact Fitzroy River and Coastal Catchments or the Fitzroy Basin Association to receive guidance.
- Keep drains clear of pollutants.
- Join a local community group such as Bushcare or Landcare.







National Parks & State Forests

Parks and forests protect Queensland's wonderful natural diversity and scenery.



CAPE PALMERSTON NATIONAL PARK

Windswept rocky headlands, mangroves, swamps, rainforest and sand dunes are part of Cape Palmerston National Park's rugged beauty. Open eucalypt woodland with ironbark and poplar gums grows on the ridges while paperbarks grow in the gullies. The distinctive 344m Mt Funnel towers over the park.

The 7 200 hectare park protects a range of plant communities and threatened animals. The false water-rat lives in the park's mangroves while beach stone-curlews frequent the beaches. Both are considered vulnerable to extinction. Pied imperial-pigeons which visit late winter and spring are close to the southern limit of their range. The adjacent waters and the Cape Creek system are part of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

Park Access

Access to the park is by 4WD only. Turn off the Bruce Highway at Ilbilbie and drive east towards Greenhill. The park is a further 6.5km. Allow 45 minutes to reach the Cape Creek camping area from the park boundary. Take care driving in soft sand along the beach and beware of the extreme tidal range.

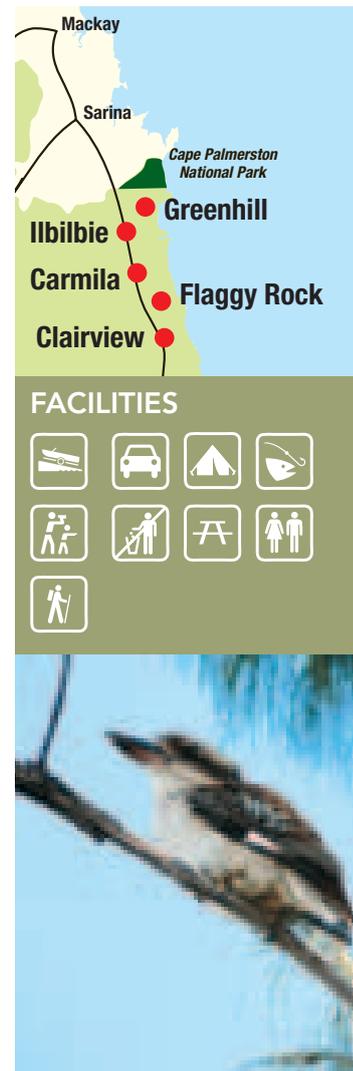
Camping

Camping is allowed at Windmill Bay, Cape Creek and Clark Bay. Permits are required and must be obtained from the self-registration station before setting up camp. All campers/visitors must be self-sufficient and carry food, water, extra fuel and fuel stove. Please remember to remove all rubbish from the park.

THINGS TO DO

Enjoy nature in this remote, undeveloped park:

- Scramble up Cape Palmerston for breathtaking views towards the Northumberland Islands and Mount Funnel.
- Try your luck fishing or crabbing – be aware of stingers (October to May) and estuarine crocodiles
- Go bird watching. See ospreys and sea eagles soaring overhead or white-breasted wood-swallows in the flowering grass trees.
- Go animal watching – try and spot the rare false water rat and stone-curlews.
- Other things to do include: boating, canoeing and other water activities, picnicking, scenic drives and nature studies.



HOMEVALE NATIONAL PARK

Homevale National Park is 50km north of Nebo. Cliffs, peaks and spires are prominent here. Thirty million years ago a series of eruptions covered older basalt rocks with lava, creating hard granite formations. Over time, basalt eroded away more easily leaving the spectacular Diamond Cliffs, Marling Spikes and Sydney Heads you see today.

Forming along the Bowen Basin, these volcanoes also produced gold deposits and fertile basalt soils now supporting diverse plant life. Plant communities growing in Homevale include open grassy woodlands, notophyll vine forests, dry softwood scrub, open eucalypt forests and brigalow-belah communities. Important fossil localities are also present with fossils dating from the Permian period (280-225 million years ago).

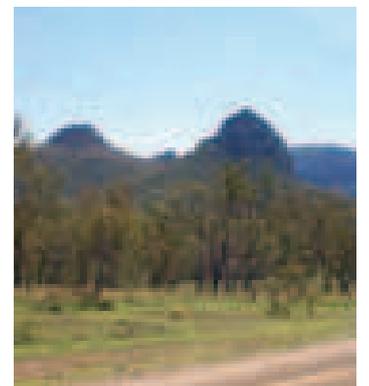
Park Access

From Nebo: drive back towards Mackay along the Peak Downs Highway for 6km before turning left onto the Suttor Development Road (Nebo-Glenden Road). Follow this road for 11.2km and turn right into Turrawulla Road. From this intersection, drive about 23km past the Homevale-Mt Britton turnoff to the signed right-hand turn into Moonlight Dam camping area. Nebo to Mt Britton is accessible by regular vehicle with caution (particularly during wet weather) however for those continuing to Moonlight Dam, 4WD access only is recommended.

From Mackay: It is also possible to reach Homevale from the north via Eungella National Park. It is recommended this trail be driven in a 4WD only. To reach Eungella from Mackay, drive 80km west along the Mackay-Eungella Road to Eungella township. At the head of the valley, the road winds sharply and steeply up the Clarke Range - not recommended for caravans. When you reach Eungella township at the top of the range, follow the road sweeping left through Eungella National Park to Broken River. From Broken River, follow Eungella Dam Road for 24.5km before turning left into Pipeline Road (also known as Lizzie Creek Road). Follow Pipeline Road for 17.3km and turn left into Turrawulla Road. From this intersection, it is 36.1km to the signed left-hand turn into the Moonlight Dam camping area.

Camping and Accommodation

Camping at Moonlight Dam is available for a small fee to people who have organised a permit through Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service at Mackay or Eungella. Alternatively permits can be arranged by phoning 13 13 04 or visiting www.derm.qld.gov.au. Moonlight Dam offers basic camping facilities with water and toilets. Open fires are not permitted. Commercial cabin-style accommodation and motels are available in Eungella and Nebo.



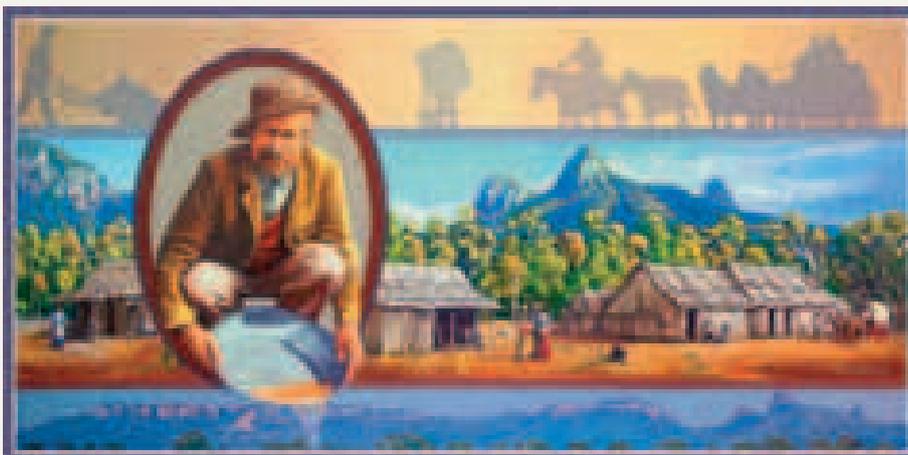
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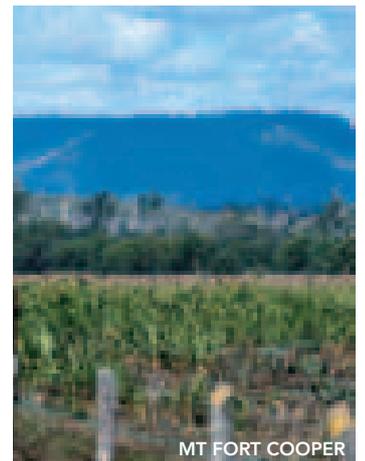
HOMEVALE NATIONAL PARK - CONTINUED

THINGS TO DO

- Mackay Highlands Great Walk (Eungella – Mt Britton) 62km one way (3-5 days) Grade: Moderate to difficult. The Mackay Highlands Great Walk is 56 km long and takes 3-5 days to walk. It is recommended for experienced walkers with high fitness levels. Experience rainforest and palm groves, quiet roads and farming communities, and cliffs and peaks. Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service strongly recommends that you walk from north to south to follow track markers and avoid very steep climbs in dry and exposed conditions. Depending on how far you wish to walk, remember to arrange a support vehicle to pick you up at a set place and time. The Overnight Adventures brochure available from Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service gives detailed driving directions.
- Drive from Moonlight Dam to Mt Britton - 15km one way (20-minute drive). This is a gravel road suitable only for 4WD vehicles. Please watch for walkers on shared sections. This short drive takes you to Mt Britton, an old gold-mining township. All buildings are gone but Isaac Regional Council maintains the markers on the original streets and presents historical photographs to give you a glimpse of the town in the 1880s.
- Picnic and wildlife watch at Moonlight Dam or nearby Mt Britton. Set in the heart of this dry landscape, Moonlight Dam is a wildlife haven. A regular water source for bush birds and stopover point for migratory birds, the dam is the perfect spot to observe Homevale's birdlife. About 100 bird species, from honeyeaters to brolgas, are known to live or visit here. A wander around with your binoculars and bird guide will be rewarding.



MT BRITTON



MT FORT COOPER

SITE FACILITIES

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) provides walkers' camps at Fern Flat (Broken River), Crediton Hall, Denham Range and Moonlight Dam. All have access to toilets and water (treat before drinking).



MAZEPPA NATIONAL PARK

Mazeppa National Park is located 75km north-west of Clermont. Here there are remnant Brigalow and Gidgee scrub and eucalypt woodland set on black soil plains. This provides a perfect habitat for many native bird species including the double-bar finch and the plum-headed finch. The park is a lovely wildlife refuge and is perfect for self-sufficient campers and walkers. Make sure you wear appropriate clothes and take plenty of water.

Park Access

Mazeppa National Park only has walk-in access. Conventional access can be made via the Gregory Development Road 75km north-west of Clermont.

Camping

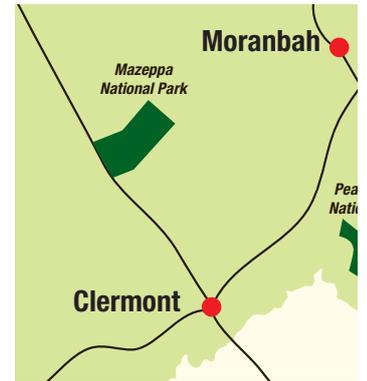
Day trips are preferred however, bush camping is permitted with a camping permit preapproved and collected from the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service Offices in Emerald or Clermont. Campers must be self contained ensure they bring all their own water, gas stove and equipment.

Site Facilities

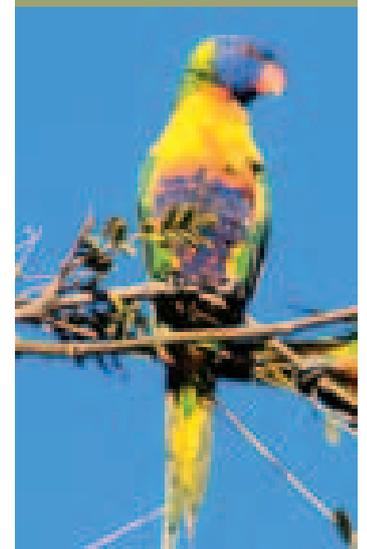
This park has no facilities and fires are strictly prohibited. Please be environmentally conscious and ensure all rubbish is removed from the park.

THINGS TO DO

- Bush Camping
- Nature Study
- Bushwalking and hiking
- Bird and animal watching
- Camping and picnicking
- Photography



FACILITIES



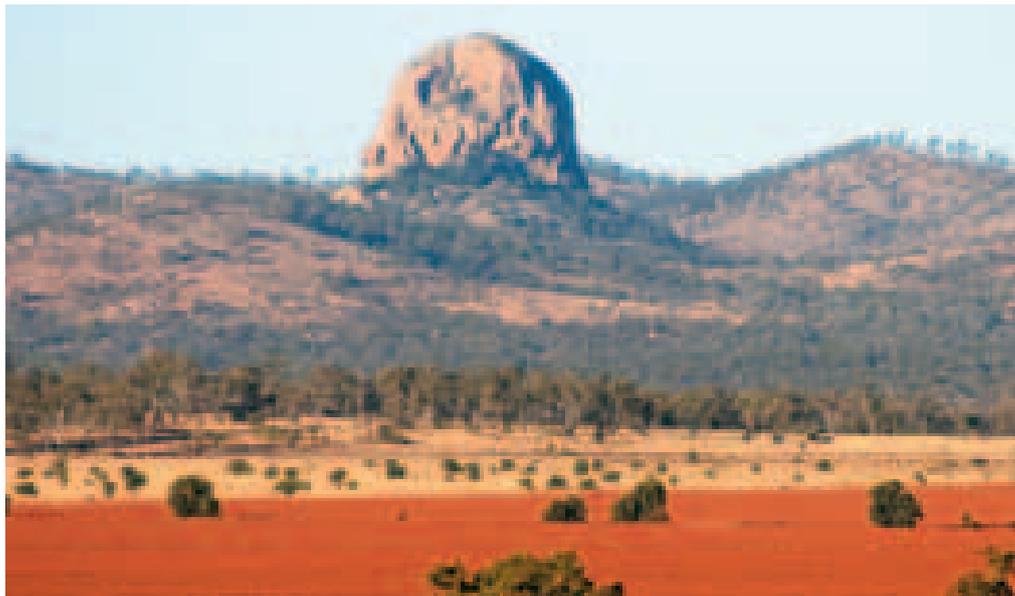
THE PEAK RANGE NATIONAL PARK

For a scenic drive, travel along the Peak Downs Highway for panoramic views of the Peak Range. The Peak Range is a chain of prominent and picturesque mountains between Moranbah, Clermont and Dysart. The sharp peaks are visible from a considerable distance across the flat country plains and are most spectacular viewed at sunrise and sunset.

The Peak Range is underlain by an extensive sequence of basalt flows and rhyolite/trachyte intrusive bodies, which erupted and emplaced between 30 and 26 million years ago.

Camping

Camping is prohibited at all peaks.

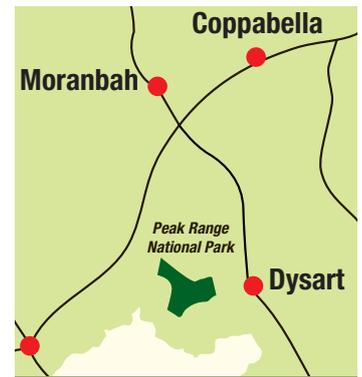


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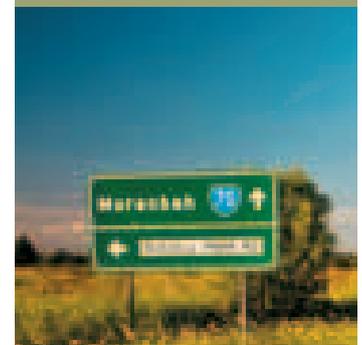
The Peak Range National Park and its peaks have no facilities. Fires are strictly prohibited. Please ensure you are environmentally conscious by removing all rubbish.

Climbing

Climbing the peaks is not recommended without advice from the local Queensland Parks and Wildlife Office. Protective clothing and plenty of water is recommended to guard against the bush and heat. For more information, please contact Queensland Parks and Wildlife on (07) 4983 1211.



FACILITIES



THINGS TO DO

- Nature studies
- Bushwalking and hiking
- Bird and animal watching
- Picnicking and scenic drives
- Photography

For more information, please contact the:
Department of Environment and Resource Management Customer Service Centre (DERM)

Floor 3

400 George Street, Brisbane
PO Box 15155, City East, QLD 4002
Phone 1300 130 372
Email: csc@derm.qld.gov.au

Queensland Government Agent Program (QGAP) Offices

QGAP Offices are authorised to take payments for camping permits in National Parks. The Isaac Region has three QGAP Offices located in Clermont, Middlemount and Moranbah:

Clermont

Court House
44 Daintree Street
Phone: 07 4983 1233
Fax: 07 4983 3164
Open: Monday to Friday
9:00am to 4:30pm

Middlemount

Middlemount Shopping Centre
Phone: 07 4985 7255
Fax: 07 4981 2888
Open: Monday to Friday
8:20am to 12 noon, then
12:45pm to 4:45pm

Moranbah

21 Griffin Street
Phone: 07 4941 7633
Fax: 07 4941 5743
Open: Monday to Friday
9:00am to 4:30pm.
Thursdays until 6:00pm.

THE PEAK RANGE NATIONAL PARK - CONTINUED

DISCOVERING THE PEAKS...

Wolfgang Peak, at 572m, is the most popular peak of the ranges and takes approximately an hour to summit. Climbers will discover a colony of bats in a small cave and need to look out for the giant St. Andrews spiders near the summit. Once there you will experience a 360° view of the surrounding farmland and National Park offering some of the most unique panoramas in Queensland.

Peak Access: Please note this peak is under grazing lease. Access is by walk-in only from the Peak Downs Highway. Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services in Clermont can provide advice on peak access and walking trails as walking trails are unmarked. Walkers should prepare accordingly by referring to the Pre-trip Planning and Staying Safe sections of this brochure.

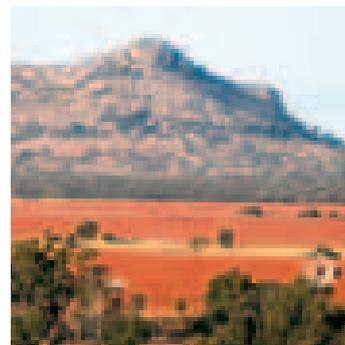


THE PEAK RANGE NATIONAL PARK

DISCOVERING THE PEAKS...

Lord's Table Mountain is located approximately 40km east of Clermont or 40km west of Dysart. It was named by Ludwig Leichhardt in 1845 and is mainly open eucalypt woodland, dry vine scrubs and mallee eucalypt at the top of the mountain. Lord's Table is perfect for day trips and picnics.

Peak Access: Access to the mountain is via the Huntley Road. There is a picnic table and rest area at its scenic base. Please check the condition of the Huntley Road at your local information centre, Council Office or police station prior to your trip. Walkers should prepare accordingly by referring to the Pre-trip Planning and Staying Safe sections of this brochure.



Gemini Peaks are located approximately 45km east of Clermont. They are two volcanic formations with open eucalypt woodland. Of particular interest is the endangered daisy Belyando Cobbler's Peg *Tiocinica retroflexa* found in the black soils of the park.

Peak Access: There is a basic vehicle track network for walking from the Peak Downs Highway to the foothills of the Gemini Peaks. Walkers should prepare accordingly by referring to the Pre-trip Planning and Staying Safe sections of this brochure.



LOOKING AFTER THE PARKS AND FORESTS

Parks and forests protect Queensland's wonderful natural diversity and scenery. Please help keep these places special by following the following rules:

Protect the flora and fauna

Remember, plants and animals are protected, so try not to trample plants when you are erecting your tent or walking. Stay on the walking tracks. Taking shortcuts causes erosion and damages vegetation. Leave your campsite better than you found it.

Never feed or leave food for animals

You might be bitten or scratched. Let animals find their own food. Our foods can be harmful.

Be careful with fire

Use a fuel stove for cooking and use a fireplace where provided. Put the fire out with water when you leave your campsite. Don't collect firewood in the park – bring your own clean, milled wood. Be sure to obey current fire restrictions. Open fires are prohibited.

Leave no rubbish

Take your rubbish with you when you leave, don't bury it. Pack strong rubbish bags for storing rubbish during your journey. Carry a small container for cigarette butts.

Be considerate

People visit parks and forests to enjoy the sounds of nature, not noisy radios or generators.

Leave your pets at home

Domestic animals are not permitted in national parks. You will protect your pet and native wildlife, and come across more animals on your walk.

Use toilets if provided

Carrying a shovel and toilet paper to use where there are no facilities. Bury toilet waste at least 15cm below the ground and 100m from water. Clip-seal bags are handy for carrying sanitary items to dispose of after your walk.

Protect creeks and lakes

Don't use soap, toothpaste or detergent in freshwater lakes or creeks, as they pollute the water.

Respect Indigenous culture

Rock art and other sites in parks and forests represent thousands of years of living culture with special significance to indigenous people. These sites are easily damaged and are irreplaceable. Look at them, enjoy them, but please do not touch or damage them.



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STAYING SAFE

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Be Prepared

Tell friends or family where you are going and when you expect to return. If you change your plans, inform them. Plan to complete your walk well before dark. Never walk alone - walk with family or friends. Make sure your camping equipment, vehicle and boat are in good working condition. Take a first aid kit and wet weather gear.

Take care near water

Swim with extreme caution. Creeks have hidden dangers and swift currents. National park beaches are not patrolled. People have been seriously injured or killed diving into pools, lakes, rivers and the sea. Supervise your children around water. Take care to avoid marine stingers in tropical waters. Do not enter water where crocodiles may live.

Stay on the track

You may get lost if you leave the road or walking track. Take a map if possible and follow markers and signs carefully. Let someone responsible know your plans in case you get lost.

Watch your step

Stay well back from cliff edges and waterfalls. Cliff edges may crumble and rocks near waterfalls may be slippery. Always stay behind safety fences to avoid tragedy.

Carry extra food and drinking water in case your walk takes longer than expected.

Be wary of wild animals

Stay well back from goannas, crocodiles, snakes, dingoes, cassowaries, feral pigs, cattle, horses and buffaloes. People have been seriously injured or killed by wild animals. Be very careful about

approaching any injured animal, such as kangaroos or possums. They are likely to bite and scratch if you attempt to touch or move them.

Avoid bites, stings and scratches

Wear protective clothing and insect repellent to protect yourself from stings, scratches and insect bites, especially bites from ticks. Detour around snakes; never provoke them.

Take care near fire

Supervise children near open fires. Always put the fire out with water, not sand. Sand retains heat and children have been severely burnt when fires have been covered with sand.

Beware of bushfires

If there is a bushfire, follow the track to the nearest road, beach, lake or creek for refuge. Large logs, a ditch or burnt ground can also provide protection in some situations. Avoid areas of heavy fuel, such as deep leaf litter or thick vegetation, and stay low to the ground where the air is coolest and contains the least smoke. In high fire danger conditions, walking tracks and other areas may be closed. It is essential for your safety to follow the instructions on signs in these conditions. If you see a bushfire, please alert a ranger or the police as soon as possible.

Be sun-smart

Wear a hat, shirt and sunscreen, even on overcast days, to avoid sunburn. Drink frequently to avoid dehydration.

Think before you drink

Even mountain streams can be contaminated by giardia and other organisms that cause diarrhoea. Take your own supply of water if possible. If you must use water from creeks or lakes, boil it for at least five minutes, filter it or treat it chemically before you drink.



Carry a mobile phone.

Call 000 in an emergency (try 112 if this fails) but remember coverage is very limited. Otherwise, send the fittest members of your party to get help, leaving someone behind to care for the injured.

THE BICENTENNIAL NATIONAL TRAIL

The Bicentennial National Trail is the longest marked, non-motorised, self-reliant multi-use trekking route in the world, stretching an extraordinary 5 330 kilometres from Cooktown in tropical North Queensland, through the east coast of the Isaac region, right down to Healesville in Victoria.

Following the inspiration of the legendary bushman R. M. Williams, the Trail follows the historic coach and stock routes, old pack horse trails, and country roads. Wherever possible along its great length the Trail has been designed to be a 'living history' of our country, following the routes of our early pioneers and

highlighting historic sites and artifacts along the way.

As it winds virtually the length of the country, the Trail links eighteen National Parks, and reveals some of the most spectacular scenery in Australia. It traverses lush tropical rainforests, rugged mountains, valleys and gorges, remote dry plains, alpine meadows, snowfields and wilderness.

The Trail gives access to some of the wildest, most remote country in the world and provides endless fascination for those interested in Australia's unique fauna and flora.





Fishing, Boating and Watersports in the Isaac Region

From saltwater to freshwater; bare-feet, boards or skis; beginners, enthusiasts and professionals; the Isaac region has a fishing, boating or water sport experience to suit!



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THE ISAAC COAST FISHING EXPERIENCE (Ilbilbie to St Lawrence)

Fishing is a favourite pastime for many and a typical trademark of the Queensland lifestyle. Between Ilbilbie and St Lawrence is approximately 100km of sandy beaches and pristine recreational reserves. Places such as Greenhill, Notch Point, Carmila and Clairview are particularly popular for bream, whiting and flathead, whereas the strip between Clairview to St Lawrence is additionally known for its barramundi, mangrove jack and tasty mud crabs.

Coastal Zoning, Permits and Regulations

The area off Isaac's coast is been broken up into Great Barrier Reef zones, each with different restrictions. The three main zones that exist in the Isaac region include:

1. General Use Zone (light blue) – allows for all reasonable uses. Permits are required for activities including aquaculture, research, tourism programmes or harvest fishing for aquarium fish, coral, beachworm, sea cucumber, trochus, tropical rock lobster.
2. Habitat Protection Zone (dark blue) – as above but also prohibits trawling and shipping in places other than the designated areas as shown on the zoning map.
3. Conservation Park Zone (yellow) – allows for limited fishing, trolling, crabbing, collecting and in some cases spear fishing. Permits will be required for all of the above except for harvest fishing for sea cucumber, trochus and tropical rock lobster which is prohibited.



ZONE GUIDE & MAPS

If you plan to fish off Isaac's coast, make sure you pick up a free zoning guide and map. They can be found in bait and tackle shops, visitor information centres, ship chandlers, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service offices and Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol offices. Maps can be downloaded from the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority website: www.gbrmpa.gov.au. Alternatively phone the toll free number 1800 990 177.



FISHING, BOATING AND WATERSPORTS IN THE ISAAC REGION

Freshwater Fishing

Many creeks and estuaries in the Isaac Region lend themselves to freshwater fishing, however a favourite amongst residents and tourists is Theresa Creek Dam. Located 22km south of Clermont, Theresa Creek dam is fully stocked with Barramundi, Golden Perch, Eel-Tailed Catfish, Sleepy Cod, Silver Perch and Bony Bream. Every year the local fish-stocking group conducts a fishing competition in November. Don't forget to mark it in your calendar. Another popular fishing location and particular favourite for Middlemount residents is Bundoora Dam. Similarly, Saratoga, Golden Perch, Eel-Tailed Catfish, Sleepy Cod and Spangled Perch can be found here. Redclaw Crayfish are also abundant at both dams.

Permits

The only dam in Isaac where you will need a fishing permit is Theresa Creek Dam. To fish at Theresa Creek Dam you will need a Stocked Impoundment Permit (SIP). The one permit covers thirty-three participating dams in Queensland. You only need one permit per couple (married or de facto relationship), and if you are under 18 you don't need one at all. The permit allows you to fish with a hand-held or set fishing line - nothing else. You are not allowed to use a net, for instance. You will not need a SIP if you are only fishing for red-claw. The money anglers pay for their SIP goes towards management of the SIP scheme and to stocking groups for purchasing native fish fingerlings.



STOCKED IMPOUNDMENT PERMIT COST

\$7 per week

\$35 per year

\$31.50 per year if you have a: Queensland Government Seniors Card, Pensioner Concession Card, Health Care Card and Repatriation Health Care Card (Gold Card).

SIP's ARE SOLD:

Online at

www.smartservice.qld.gov.au/services/permits/fishing/apply. To use this option you will need a printer and a credit card.

By phoning Primary Industries and Fisheries (part of the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation) on 13 25 23. You can only buy a permit over the phone if your fishing trip is not in the next five working days due to time needed to post your permit. To use this option you will need a credit card.

or, from small business outlets throughout Queensland including Clermont at:

Cool Auto Electrics

13 Fredrick Street

Clermont Qld 4721

7 am - 5:30 pm

Monday - Friday

8 am - noon Saturday



Exploring the Isaac Region

The Isaac Region is best explored by driving yourself or with friends or family around the countryside.

This allows you to stop off in some of the smaller country communities whose charm and character are often overlooked.



GETTING HERE & AROUND

RAIL

Sunlander

The Sunlander has been chosen as one of the World's Top 25 Trains by the Society of International Railway Travellers. Watch the Queensland coastline unfold as you relish the comfort of a traditional train service, offering overnight sleepers, dining, lounge and club cars. The social onboard atmosphere ensures you will meet plenty of new friends along the way.

The Sunlander travels both north and southbound three times a week and departs from numerous stations along the coast. Why not stop at either Isaac region's St Lawrence or Carmila to discover the unique experiences this region has to offer?

Tilt Train

The innovative Tilt Train travels at high speed, offering passengers a smooth and comfortable ride thanks to the 'tilt' technology. You can take the Tilt Train to your favourite Queensland coastal destinations between Brisbane and Rockhampton, and between Brisbane and Cairns.

Whether you're heading north or south, the Tilt Train is the perfect opportunity to stop off at some of Isaac's hidden coastal gems in between. Ideal for shorter daytime trips the Tilt Train will get you there efficiently, ensuring you don't miss a moment of scenery along the way.

AIR

QantasLink (Emerald and Moranbah)

Linking regional Queensland to Australia and the world, QantasLink offers around 2000 flights per week to over forty-five destinations across Australia. Customers can take advantage of seamless transfers to Qantas flights, including through-checked baggage.

QantasLink provides services from Brisbane to Emerald, Mackay and Moranbah as well as Townsville to Mackay. To book, see your travel agent, phone 13 13 13 or visit www.qantas.com

Jetstar

Jetstar is a low cost, value based carrier that currently operates more than 1300 flights a week to thirty destinations. Jetstar has regular flights from Brisbane and Newcastle to Mackay. For more information or to make a booking, see your local travel agent, phone 13 15 38 or visit <http://www.jetstar.com.au>

Virgin Blue

Virgin Blue has quickly evolved to become Australia's leading major airline for service, on-time performance and value for money. Virgin Blue has regular flights from Sydney and Brisbane to Mackay. For more information or to make a booking, see your local travel agent, phone 13 67 89 or visit <http://www.virginblue.com.au>

Tiger Airways

Tiger Airways provides affordable air travel to destinations across Asia and Australasia. It currently has four return flights a week between Melbourne and Mackay. For more information or to make a booking see you local travel agent, phone 03 9335 3455 or visit www.tigerairways.com.au



For more information on travelling by rail, phone Traveltrain Holidays on 1800 627 655 or visit www.traveltrain.com.au



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COACH

Greyhound

Greyhound Australia provides comfortable, hassle-free, and affordable coach services to all corners of Australia. They travel to over 1100 destinations in Australia daily including towns within the Isaac region. Greyhound can also provide regular contracted charter services.

Greyhound bus services offer a wide variety of ticketing options which allow you to travel at your own pace, hopping on and off as many times as your ticket allows. Or, you can choose your starting point and end destination and design your own trip along the way.

Paradise Coaches

Paradise Coaches operates a small fleet of vehicles specialising in group tours, express services, general charter and mine charters. Paradise Coaches have the experience to make your trip as safe, hassle free and enjoyable as possible.

Paradise Coaches run daily passenger services from Emerald to Mackay stopping in Clermont, Moranbah and Nebo (excluding Good Friday, Christmas, Boxing and Anzac day).

For further enquiries, phone Paradise Coaches on 1300 300 156 or visit www.paradisecoaches.com.au

SELF DRIVE & CAR HIRE

The Isaac Region is best explored by driving yourself or with friends or family around the country side. This allows you to stop off in some of the smaller country communities whose charm and character are often overlooked. For those flying or taking the train into the Isaac Region, why not hire a car and discover this for yourself? There are many hire car outlets strategically placed throughout the Isaac Region including Clermont, Dysart, Middlemount, and Moranbah. Outlets are also located in nearby cities including, Emerald, Mackay and Rockhampton.

Check out one of Greyhound's Isaac destinations today! Speak with your local travel agent, phone 1300 473 946 or visit www.greyhound.com.au for more information.



When self-driving to and through the Isaac Region, be sure to check out our themed routes:

- The Mining Trail (Clermont to Mackay including the towns of Moranbah & Nebo)
- The Bulls Head Tourist Drive (Clermont to Pioneer Station to Clermont)
- Aramac to Clermont 4WD Route (Aramac to Clermont)
- The Great Inland Way (Sydney to Townsville)

Visit an Isaac Council Office or Visitor Information Centre near you to find out more or log on to www.isaac.qld.gov.au.





GETTING HERE & AROUND - CONTINUED

PRE-TRIP PLANNING

Animals

If you see stock or wild animals near the road, slow down; animals have a habit of crossing in front of you. The Isaac Region is a large cattle and grazing district. It is quite likely you will encounter cattle either on the road or beside it. Slow down, drive with care and be patient while waiting for them to move. Wild animals like emus and kangaroos are also prevalent throughout the Isaac region. Ensure you keep an active eye while you are driving, especially one hour either side of sunrise and sunset.

Heavy Vehicles/Wide Loads

Due to the large number of cattle and amount of mining activity in the Isaac Region, you are likely to encounter cattle road-trains, heavy vehicles or escorted traffic transporting large mining equipment. These loads can take up the full width of the road. When encountering any of these vehicles on narrow roads, slow right down and move off the road to the left. In wet conditions the verges tend to be soft and/or slippery, so when pulling off always keep your right wheels on the bitumen and keep moving slowly to avoid getting bogged.

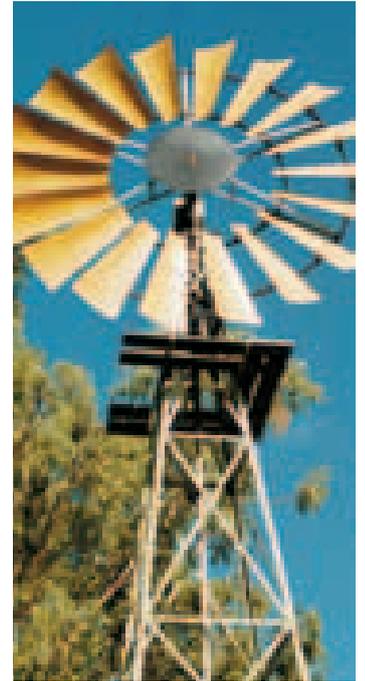
To overtake road trains safely, you should be able to see at least one kilometre of clear road ahead. Be prepared for them to move a little from side to side as you overtake. If a road train is approaching to overtake you, move as far as possible to the left and stop if necessary to allow it to overtake.

Be Prepared

On major highways fuel stops are rarely more than 200km apart so it should not be necessary to carry spare fuel. However where you see 'no fuel' signs, it means exactly that. You should always carry water, a first-aid kit, a fully charged mobile phone and ensure your spare tyre is at the correct pressure.

Medication & Prescriptions

Hospitals can be busy; doctor's appointments may be difficult to arrange on short notice; and medications may have to be sourced from other towns. You can avoid unnecessary delays or detours on your trip by ensuring you are well stocked with required medications and prescriptions.



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REMOTE AREAS

Always check road and weather conditions before travelling into remote areas. Advise the police or a responsible person of your intended itinerary and report back on your arrival. Ensure your vehicle is mechanically sound and carry ample water and spares such as tyres, radiator hoses and fanbelts, together with a good tool-kit.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

Isaac summers are hot but much less humid than other places in Queensland. Most facilities and transport are air-conditioned. Storms and heavy rains can occur during summer and flooding can cause some towns to become cut off for a few days. This is all part of the Isaac experience. The main tourist season occurs between April and the end of October due to more favourable weather conditions.

ROAD CONDITIONS

Road conditions cannot be accurately predicted and can change rapidly. The Isaac Region has a combination of sealed, dirt and gravel roads. The wet season is from November to April and consequently roads can be cut off or damaged from overflowing creeks, rivers or flood plains. Obey road signs at water crossings. Walk through the crossing first. Test the depth and current and try to detect any underwater obstacles by using your feet or a stick. Engage 4x4 low and drive through in second or third gear, keeping the momentum up.

Road works are also common as we endeavour to improve the roads in the region. For current road reports please contact the RACQ on 1300 130 595 or visit the Visitor Information Centre or police station in the town you are in.







Isaac... the Region of first choice

QUEENSLAND

- Glenden
- Copabella
- Moranbah
- Nebo
- Clermont
- Dysart
- Middlemount
- Mackay
- Sarina
- Greenhill & Ilbilbie
- Carmila
- Flaggly Rock
- Clairview
- St Lawrence
- Marlborough



Isaac Regional Council

Ph: 1300 ISAACS

www.isaac.qld.gov.au

records@isaac.qld.gov.au

PO Box 97, Moranbah Q 4744

Council Offices

Clermont

Ph: (07) 4983 4700

Corner of Daintree & Karmoo Streets
Clermont Q 4721

Dysart

Ph: (07) 4958 1166

Shannon Crescent
Dysart Q 4745

Glenden

Ph: (07) 4958 9266

Glenden Town Square
Ewan Drive
Glenden Q 4743

Middlemount

Ph: (07) 4981 2800

Shopping Centre
Middlemount Q 4746

Moranbah

Ph: (07) 4941 4500

Batchelor Parade
PO Box 97
Moranbah Q 4744

Nebo

Ph: (07) 4949 4100

Reynolds Street
Nebo Q 4742

St Lawrence

Ph: (07) 4964 5400

Macartney Street
St Lawrence Q 4707

Isaac Visitor Information Centres
Clermont Visitor Information Centre
Ph: (07) 4983 4755
Corner Herschel and Karmoo Streets
PO Box 229
Clermont Q 4721