

# roma REVEALED

*Where Country Meets the Outback*

INJUNE | MITCHELL | SURAT | YULEBA | WALLUMBILLA | CARNARVON GORGE



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# ROMA REVEALED

*Where Country Meets the Outback*

## WELCOME TO OUR REGION

There's more than meets the eye in Roma – come and visit and let us reveal the treasures of Roma and the surrounding region.

Covering 58,830km<sup>2</sup>, our region is packed with a diverse range of experiences. From learning about the heritage of our towns, to enjoying a nature-based escape – the words “I’m bored” won’t be uttered as you explore our wonderful towns.

Whether you prefer to take the roads less travelled or spend a weekend in our cosmopolitan hub, Roma, our passionate locals are proud to share their knowledge with you. Make sure you stop in at our Visitor Information Centres along the way – which is where the true personality of our region shines.

### TRAVEL TIP

A gold coin donation is the currency of choice for many of our smaller attractions, so keep a few on hand to support our local businesses as you travel through the region.



## WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Maranoa Regional Council would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of country throughout the Maranoa Region. It recognises their continuing connection to land, water and community and pays respect to the Elders, past, present and emerging.

### #ROMAREVEALED

Got a great image or video of our region that you’ve posted on Instagram or Facebook? We’d love to see it too.

Tag us in your posts, so we can share them on our social channels. Let your travels inspire others to visit our region.

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Every effort has been made to ensure that the advice and information in this brochure is true and accurate at the time of going to print. For up to date information, or additional details, please contact one of the local Visitor Information Centres prior to travelling.

We welcome your feedback and comments. These can be addressed to: [tourism@maranoa.qld.gov.au](mailto:tourism@maranoa.qld.gov.au)

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# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Whether this is your first rodeo on outback roads, or your odometer tells the tale of long road trips already, we've got you covered with these traveller tips for roaming the region.



**TRAVELLER TIP 1:**  
Don't rely solely on mobile coverage while travelling our region. If you don't have a UHF or satellite phone, make sure you share your travel plans with a friend or family member – just in case you drop out of range.

**TRAVELLER TIP 2:**  
See a road train or wide load approaching? If you're travelling along a narrow stretch of highway, slow down and pull to the side of the road and allow it to pass. Leaving enough room will also help avoid stone chips to your paintwork and windscreen.

**TRAVELLER TIP 3:**  
Stop by our Visitor Information Centres to get up to date local information. They can also let you know of any roadworks taking place and the status of roads, especially following rain.

**TIPS BEFORE YOU BUCKLE UP**

**CHECK YOUR VEHICLE:**  
Has it been serviced recently? Ensure it's in good working order before you enter postcode 4455 into the GPS.  
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**KNOW THE DISTANCE:**  
Have you mapped out your itinerary? Do you know how long it will take to travel between towns? Don't trust Google Maps, either – ask a local for an accurate estimated arrival time.  
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**CARRY ESSENTIALS:**  
First aid kit, extra water, food, blankets and rubbish bags, spare tyre and tools – and remember, it's better to be safe than sorry.  
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**CHECK CONDITIONS:** ⚠️  
Are the roads ahead sealed or unsealed? Chat to the team at our Visitor Information Centres to find out what to expect.



**TIPS WHEN CRUISING THE HIGHWAYS**

**TAKE BREAKS:**  
Pull over and stretch your legs every two hours when driving and be realistic with how much tarmac you can cover in one day. Always aim for less than eight hours behind the wheel per day.  
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**BE SEEN:**  
Turn lights to low beam during daylight hours to be visible to other vehicles.  
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**CHECK YOUR VEHICLE REGULARLY:** ⚠️  
Allow for regular mechanical and tyre checks when driving long distances.  
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**SHARE THE ROAD WITH CATTLE AND WILDLIFE:**  
Be aware of cattle and wildlife that may be travelling along stock routes which cross over the road. Limit driving at dawn, dusk and after dark, when animals such as kangaroos are most active.

**PHONE COVERAGE**

- Telstra 4G (in main towns),
- 3G in outer areas
- Optus 3G (in main towns)

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**RADIO STATIONS**

- HitFM 95.1
- Hot Country 1611 AM
- Radio National 107.3
- ABC Southern Queensland 105.7

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For up to date information on road closures, road works and hazards, see:  
[www.131940.qld.gov.au](http://www.131940.qld.gov.au)

# GETTING HERE



# TRAVEL INFORMATION



## BY AIR

Rex Airlines operate passenger air services between Brisbane and Roma.

W: [rex.com.au](http://rex.com.au)  
P: 13 17 13

## CAR HIRE

Several rental car companies service our region, with vehicles available for collection at Roma Airport and Roma town centre.

Avis: [avis.com.au](http://avis.com.au)  
Hertz: [hertz.com.au](http://hertz.com.au)  
Thrifty: [thrifty.com.au](http://thrifty.com.au)

## BY COACH

Greyhound Australia offer regular coach services from Brisbane to Charleville, stopping in our region.

W: [greyhound.com.au](http://greyhound.com.au)  
P: 1300 473 946

## BY RAIL

The Westlander operates between Brisbane and Charleville stopping at various destinations in our region, including Yuleba, Wallumbilla, Roma and Mitchell.

W: [queenslandrailtravel.com.au](http://queenslandrailtravel.com.au)  
P: 1300 131 722

## TAXI

Roma Taxis are available for a lift to and from the airport or to get around town.

Roma Taxi  
P: 07 4622 1555



The Big Rig

|             | Amby  | Brisbane | Injune | Jackson | Mitchell | Muckadilla | Mungallala | Roma  | Surat | Toowoomba | Wallumbilla | Yuleba |
|-------------|-------|----------|--------|---------|----------|------------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------------|--------|
| Amby        |       | 540km    | 155km  | 148km   | 23km     | 23km       | 67km       | 64km  | 143km | 415km     | 104km       | 123km  |
| Brisbane    | 540km |          | 566km  | 382km   | 564km    | 518km      | 609km      | 477km | 447km | 128km     | 436km       | 417km  |
| Injune      | 155km | 566km    |        | 175km   | 176km    | 130km      | 221km      | 89km  | 167km | 438km     | 131km       | 149km  |
| Jackson     | 148km | 382km    | 175km  |         | 176km    | 125km      | 215km      | 84km  | 100km | 257km     | 44km        | 25km   |
| Mitchell    | 23km  | 564km    | 176km  | 171km   |          | 46km       | 45km       | 87km  | 165km | 436km     | 127km       | 147km  |
| Muckadilla  | 22km  | 517km    | 130km  | 126km   | 46km     |            | 91km       | 41km  | 119km | 390km     | 81km        | 101km  |
| Mungallala  | 67km  | 608km    | 221km  | 215km   | 45km     | 91km       |            | 132km | 210km | 481km     | 172km       | 192km  |
| Roma        | 67km  | 477km    | 89km   | 215km   | 87km     | 41km       | 132km      |       | 78km  | 349km     | 40km        | 60km   |
| Surat       | 143km | 447km    | 167km  | 100km   | 165km    | 119km      | 210km      | 78km  |       | 319km     | 94km        | 75km   |
| Toowoomba   | 415km | 128km    | 438km  | 257km   | 436km    | 390km      | 481km      | 349km | 319km |           | 311km       | 289km  |
| Wallumbilla | 104km | 436km    | 131km  | 44km    | 127km    | 81km       | 172km      | 40km  | 94km  | 311km     |             | 19km   |
| Yuleba      | 123km | 417km    | 149km  | 25km    | 147km    | 101km      | 192km      | 60km  | 75km  | 289km     | 19km        |        |

This information is intended as a guide only. Journey times and exact route could vary depending on local traffic conditions.



# TALK TO A LOCAL



Nobody knows the region better than locals. Pop into one of our Visitor Information Centres and let our volunteers reveal all the local hints and tips to assist you with your travel plans.

**ROMA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**

Look out for *The Rigger statue*  
The Big Rig  
2 Riggers Rd, Roma  
P: 07 4624 0204

**INJUNE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**

32 Hutton St, Injune  
P: 07 4626 0503

**MITCHELL VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**

Great Artesian Spa  
2 Cambridge St, Mitchell  
P: 07 4624 6923

**SURAT VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**

Cobb & Co Changing Station  
62 Burrowes St, Surat  
P: 07 4626 5136

**WALLUMBILLA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**

*Pick up a tray of jam drops, shortbread and other homebaked country treats available for purchase*

Calico Cottage  
Warrego Highway, Wallumbilla  
P: 07 4623 4244

To email any of our Visitor Information Centres across the region, you can contact them here:

[tourism@maranoa.qld.gov.au](mailto:tourism@maranoa.qld.gov.au)

Roma Rigger guide talking with visitors at The Big Rig

Locals are mighty friendly



# TICK OFF THESE TOP 10 ATTRACTIONS

How many of these icons have you ticked off?

1 The Big Rig, Roma



2 Great Artesian Spa, Mitchell



3 Roma Saleyards Tour & Interpretative Centre, Roma



4 Carnarvon Gorge via Injune



5 Cobb & Co Changing Station, Surat



6 Judd's Lagoon, Yuleba



7 Surat Riverside Parklands, Surat



8 Calico Cottage Heritage Complex, Wallumbilla



9 The Avenue of Heroes, Roma



10 Mt Moffatt via Injune and Mitchell



# WHAT'S ON



## March

- 12 Wallumbilla Bulls, Broncs & Barrels Rodeo
- 12 Dancing Under the Stars Gala Ball, Roma
- 12 Roma Drags
- 18 Tooloombilla Rodeo and Campdraft
- 19 Twilight Markets, Roma
- 25-26 Roma Picnic Races
- 25 Bulla Roma



## April

- 1-3 Mitchell Campdraft
- 2 Fashion Parade Black & Bling Ball, Roma
- 14-18 Easter in the Country
- 15-16 Roma Speedway
- 16 Easter Race Day, Roma
- 29 Apr -1 May Injune Golden Bit Campdraft
- 30 Roma Speedway
- 30 Wallumbilla Show

## May

- 6-7 Roma Show
- 10 Mitchell Show
- 14 Plough Day, Roma
- 21 Roma Drags
- 29 Mitchell's Biggest Morning Tea

## June

- 11 Injune Races
- 11-19 Injune Centenary
- 18-19 Outback Queensland Masters, Roma
- 25 Roma Rugby Races

## July

- 9 Cities Race Day, Roma
- 16 Roma Drags
- 23 Fillies & Families Race Day, Roma
- 30-31 Mt Hope Mania Gymkhana & Enduro

## August

- 13 Roma Drags
- 13 Aug - 22 Oct Sculptures Out Back, Roma
- 20 St John's Race Day, Roma
- 27-28 Roma Historical Motor Club 40th Anniversary Rally

## September

- 3 Surat Diggers Races
- 7 Outback Air Race, Roma
- 17 Roma Drags



## October

- 9 Chelsea Flower Show, Roma
- 15 Roma Drags
- 15 Mitchell Races
- Golden Hobbles Campdraft, Roma
- Injune Rodeo

## November

- 12 Ironbark Raceway Drag Finals
- 19 Roma Cup



## December

- 3 Surat Annual Christmas Street Party
- 5 Christmas in the Park, Mitchell
- 10 Christmas Races
- 31 Mitchell New Years Eve Rodeo





For event information and tickets visit: [romarevealed.com.au/events](http://romarevealed.com.au/events)

All information stated is correct at the time of printing and subject to change without notice at the event organisers discretion.

Each year over 10,000 visitors descend on Roma to take part in Outback Queensland's premier Easter weekend event.

With a professional rodeo, street parades and an Easter egg hunt you'll want to write home about, Roma's Easter in the Country has earned a reputation for providing quality entertainment with a side of country hospitality.

For event information and tickets visit: [easterinthecountryroma.com.au](http://easterinthecountryroma.com.au)

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 @romaeaster

# NATURALLY BEAUTIFUL

Looking for a nature-based adventure? With a range of accessible natural areas, nature reserves, and national parks, including the internationally renowned 298,000-hectare Carnarvon National Park, pack your hiking shoes, mountain bike or canoe, and get outdoors in one of our natural playgrounds.



Carnarvon Gorge  
Photograph: Nathan White Images

## CARNARVON NATIONAL PARK

### CARNARVON GORGE

Follow the boulder strewn Carnarvon Creek as it winds through the towering sandstone cliffs. With narrow, lush side-gorges, Carnarvon Gorge is an oasis in the semi-arid heart of Central Queensland.

### CARNARVON GREAT WALK TRACK

If you've done the short walks around the main gorge, tackle the challenge of the full distance (87km). This six or seven-day circuit links both the Carnarvon Gorge and Mt Moffatt Section of the Carnarvon National Park.

For a truly memorable guided experience contact Australian Nature Guides. Visit [www.carnarvongorge.info](http://www.carnarvongorge.info).



Carnarvon Gorge

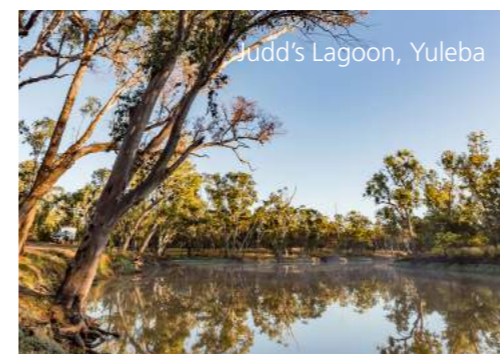
We love our natural areas, nature reserves and national parks. Please respect the land and leave no trace.



Fisherman's Rest, Mitchell



Fishermans Park, Surat



Judd's Lagoon, Yuleba

### MT MOFFATT SECTION

Enjoy views from the highest plateau in Queensland and see significant Aboriginal rock art sites with sculpted sandstone outcrops rising above tree lines.

### FOR THOSE SHORT ON TIME

If you don't have enough time or the necessary transport to experience our national parks, there's several natural areas closer to town, ripe for exploring:

- Fisherman's Rest, Mitchell
- Judd's Lagoon, Yuleba
- Roma Bush Gardens, Roma
- Henrick's Park, Injune
- Beranga Creek, Surat
- Ooline Park, Mungallala
- Adungadoo Pathway, Roma
- Injune Lagoon Walk, Injune

### Looking to drop a line

For anglers up for the challenge of fishing our inland waterways, our region is one where the fish are always biting. Cast off for the chance to reel in yellowbelly, silver perch, cod & dew fish from our river systems and waterholes.

### Try your luck at these spots:

**Surat:** Balonne River/Warroo Bridge/Surat Weir/Fisherman's Park/Cow Paddocks/Green Timbers/Bingi Crossing/Beldene Waterhole/Pilaway Reserve (Glenmorgan)

**Yuleba:** Judds Lagoon/Yuleba Creek/Old Yuleba Fishing Hole

**Mitchell:** Maranoa River/Fishermans Rest/Neil Turner Weir/Womallila Creek/Mertyville Creek

### FOR THE KIDS

Every town has a great nature walk suitable for bikes, scooters, prams and skateboards.

# 3 DAY WEEKEND IN ROMA ITINERARY

Immerse yourself in county life with a visit to Roma. With the option of daily flights from Brisbane or a six-hour drive from the capital – Roma is yours for discovering in as little as 48 hours.

Get a taste of the rich agricultural history and learn about the discovery of oil and gas that shaped the industry in Australia with this itinerary.

## DAY 1: FRIDAY

### AFTERNOON: SEE A SHOW OR VISIT AN ART GALLERY

If you've timed your arrival for mid-afternoon, head to The Big Rig and book in for the Night Show Sunset Experience to discover the events that threatened to destroy the Australian oil and gas industry before it even began. For art lovers, add in a visit to the Roma on Bungil Art Gallery and enjoy the latest exhibition.

*The Big Rig also doubles as Roma's Visitor Information Centre, so allow time before the show to chat to the team about your weekend plans.*

## DAY 2: SATURDAY

### MORNING: WORK UP AN APPETITE

Get active and start your day by joining the local parkrun – a free 5km walk or run starting from The Big Rig Parklands

(7am) or enjoy a lap around Roma's Bush Gardens.

*Grab a barista-made coffee or head out for breakfast at one of Roma's cafes.*

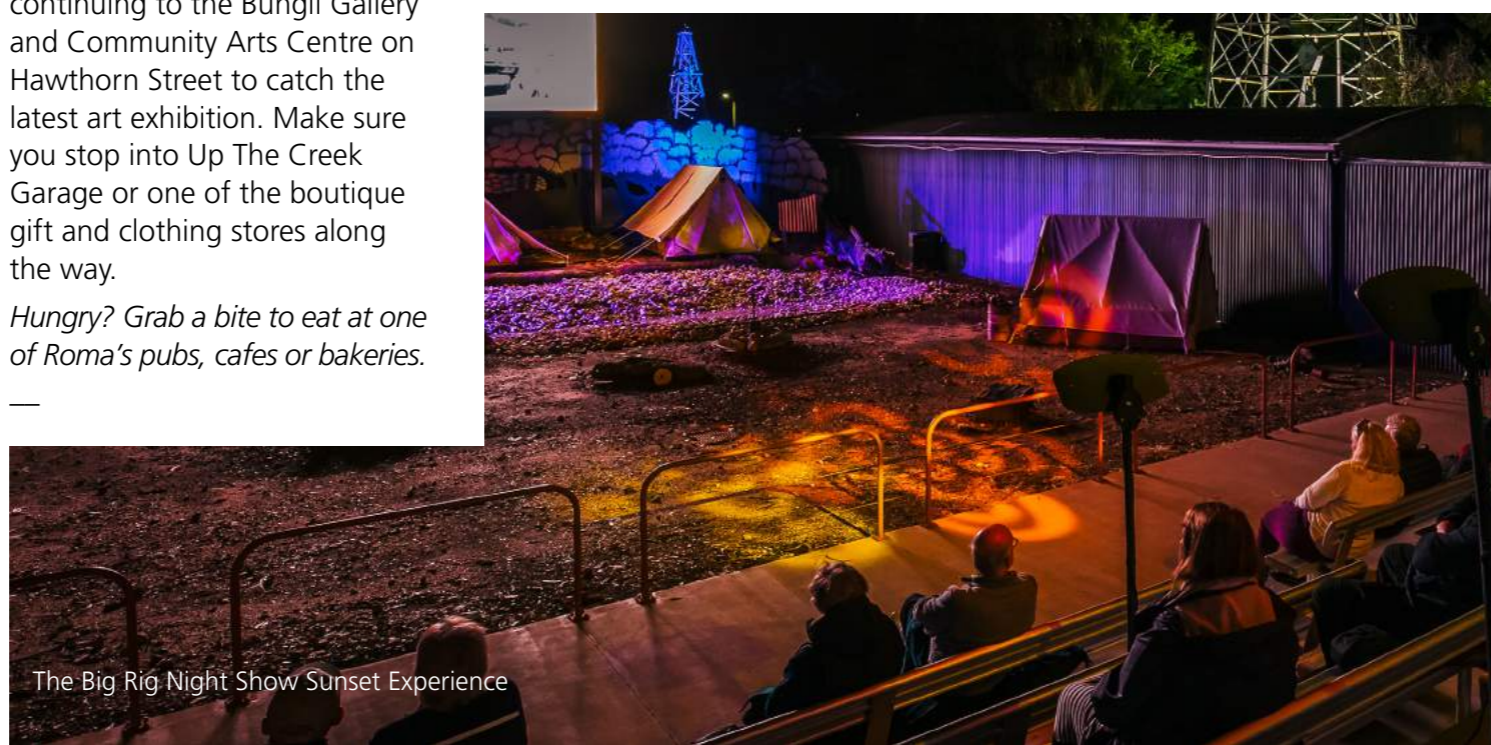
### DAY: SALUTE THE FALLEN SOLDIERS ALONG THE AVENUE OF HEROES

Head to the corner of McDowall and Wyndham Streets to learn about the significance of Roma's 140 bottle trees before continuing to the Bungil Gallery and Community Arts Centre on Hawthorn Street to catch the latest art exhibition. Make sure you stop into Up The Creek Garage or one of the boutique gift and clothing stores along the way.

*Hungry? Grab a bite to eat at one of Roma's pubs, cafes or bakeries.*

### AFTERNOON: STEP IT OUT ALONG ADUNGADOO PATHWAY

Soak up the local landscape along the ancient River Red Gum-lined Bungil Creek. The pathway is the perfect starting point to see some of Roma's main attractions; Roma's largest bottle tree, Lenroy Slab Hut, The Big Rig Oil Patch, are all within a 1km radius.



The Big Rig Night Show Sunset Experience

## DAY 3: SUNDAY

### MORNING: BREAKFAST WITH THE LOCALS

Start your day with breakfast surrounded by native flora and fauna at Moorelands Bush Nursery, 16km drive from Roma's CBD.

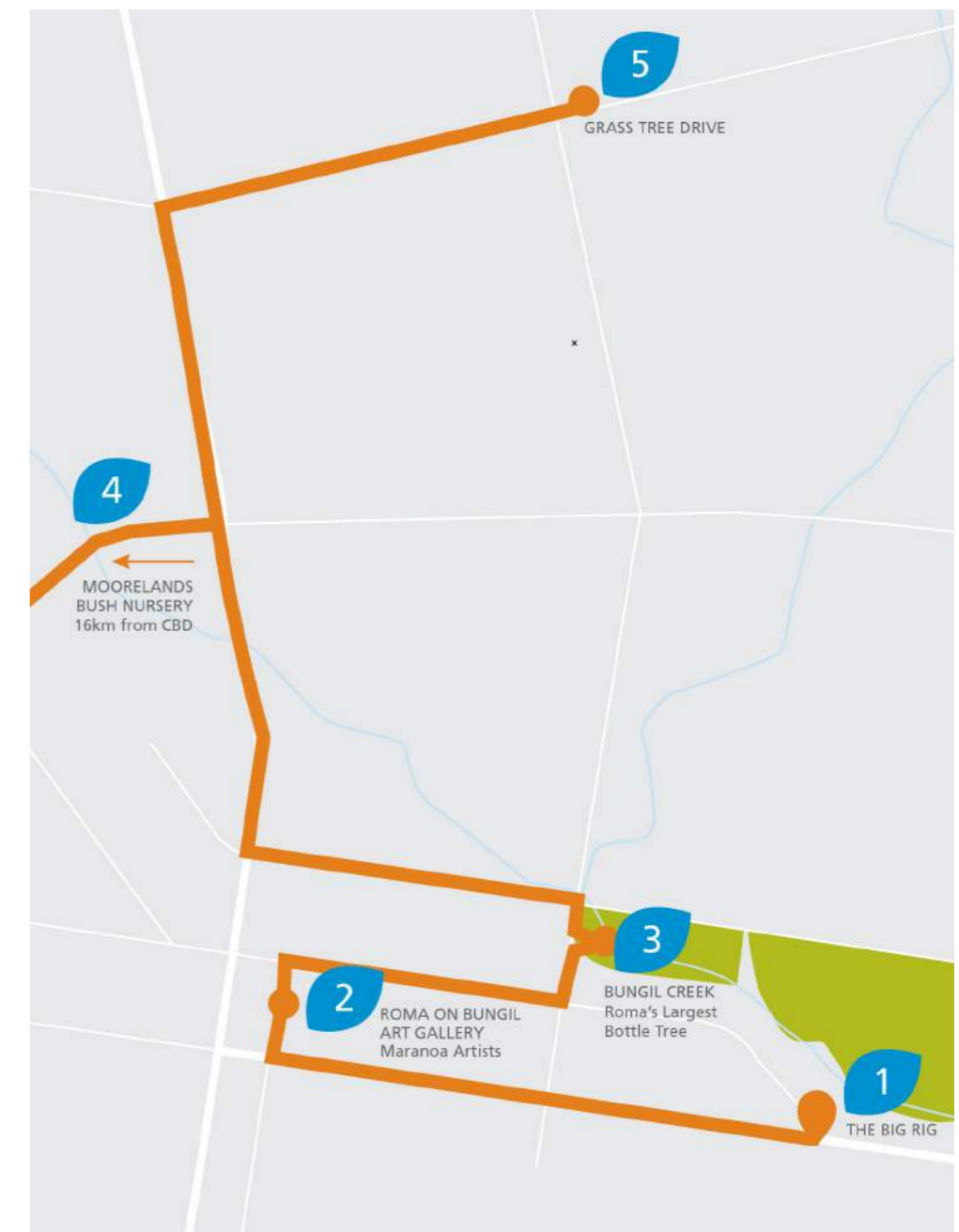
### DAY: TAKE A LEISURELY DRIVE

Continue your native flora and fauna journey and take Tourist Drive 1 to see the prehistoric Grass Trees of the region.

*Learn more about the 120km drive on page 38.*

## FOR THE KIDS

Kids can enjoy a ride on the Roma Express Miniature Train between 10am and 2pm (March to October).



Royal on Ninety-Nine



# ART AND CULTURE



Roma on Bungil

All galleries host state and national exhibitions featuring regional and touring artists – you'll be surprised with the variety and diversity of art on display.

## GALLERIES

### ROMA ON BUNGIL ART GALLERY

Located in the Community Arts Centre, this gallery hosts annual touring exhibitions as well those of local artists. The Walk of Art connects the Centre to the restored Hibernian Hall - catch a glimpse of artists in action from the studios and workspaces.

### INJUNE CREEK GALLERY

Located in the centre of town, behind the Visitor Information Centre and Café on Second, combine a visit to the latest exhibition with your morning tea or lunch stop.

*Stop into the local Visitor Information Centres for more information about opening times.*

### MITCHELL ON MARANOA GALLERY

Housed in the transformed Maranoa Picture Theatre, the gallery includes a library, movie project room, outdoor artists' workspace and sculpture garden.

### SURAT ON BALONNE GALLERY

The range of artwork on display is as diverse as the gallery's location. Located in the Cobb & Co Changing Station complex, the gallery shares a location with a 25,000-litre freshwater fish aquarium and historical artefacts.

*Famous names Sidney Nola, Russell Drysdale and Hugh Sawry have all exhibited here.*



Mitchell on Maranoa Gallery



Arrest Creek monuments

## PUBLIC ART

You won't just find art on the four walls of a gallery; our streets have become exhibitions in their own right. Check out:

### ROMA

- Machado Statue
- Bassett Park Mural
- Windows of St Paul's

### SURAT

- Ringing the Bells and Bob Nason Murals at Cobb & Co building
- Skate Park Mural,
- Information panels Balonne River Walk

### YULEBA

- Cobb & Co Park Mural
- War Memorial Mural – Yuleba Hall
- Town Centre Murals

### MITCHELL

- Cambridge Street Streetscaping
- Mitchell Memorial Park Art installations
- Yumba Interpretive Trail
- Kenniff Monuments

### INJUNE

- Henricks Park
- Characters of Injune

# STAY ON A STATION

Not all accommodation was created equal and our region proves the point. From a homestead built over 100 years ago, to a campground surrounded by rocks dating back 27 million years, experience it for yourself and book at one of the farm stays in our region.

Sandstone Park

## WALLAROO OUTBACK RETREAT – CARNARVON GORGE

MEET: JUSTIN & PAULINE

Stay in style in the brand-new glamping tents at Wallaroo Outback Retreat near Injune. Nestled in the beautiful Carnarvon Ranges, it is the perfect base for your Carnarvon Gorge adventure.

## SPRINGHILL COTTAGE CRAFT RETREAT – AMBY

MEET: GAY & GERALD

Looking to combine your love of craft with your overnight accommodation? Book to stay in the old farmhouse and meet other patchwork enthusiasts as you create craft in a peaceful outback setting.

## UPS N DOWNS CARAVAN PARK AND FARMSTAY – ROMA

For a farm stay with creature comforts (toilets, laundry and kitchen facilities) book Ups N Downs Caravan Park and Farmstay, a 200-acre working farm 8km from Roma. Take a walk around the property to meet the four-legged residents before settling in for happy hour at 4:30pm by the fire pit.

## SANDSTONE PARK – CARNARVON GORGE

For a rockstar location to pitch a tent, just five minutes from the main walking tracks of Carnarvon National Park, choose to stay at Sandstone Park. The unpowered sites accommodate caravans, motorhomes and camper trailers – and of course, traditional campers. Toilets, personal fire pits, a dump point and pet kennels (for when you want to bring your fur child) are provided.

## MAREE'S FARM STAY

Base yourself at this charming farm stay located on a 48,000-acre Brahman Cattle Station and explore the neighbouring Mount Moffatt National Park. The property can fit a couple or a large family and is the only accommodation located in the area. A 4WD vehicle is needed to access this station with 50kms of gravel road leading to this homestead.

## ARCADIA VALLEY ESCAPE FARMSTAY – ARCADIA VALLEY

MEET: ROWAN & MADELEINE

This 17,000-acre organic cattle station is located in the foothills of Carnarvon Gorge National Park. Stay in one of four guest houses and make the most of your outback experience with self-guided bush walks through spectacular scenery, bird watching, canoeing, fishing or a three-hour station tour.

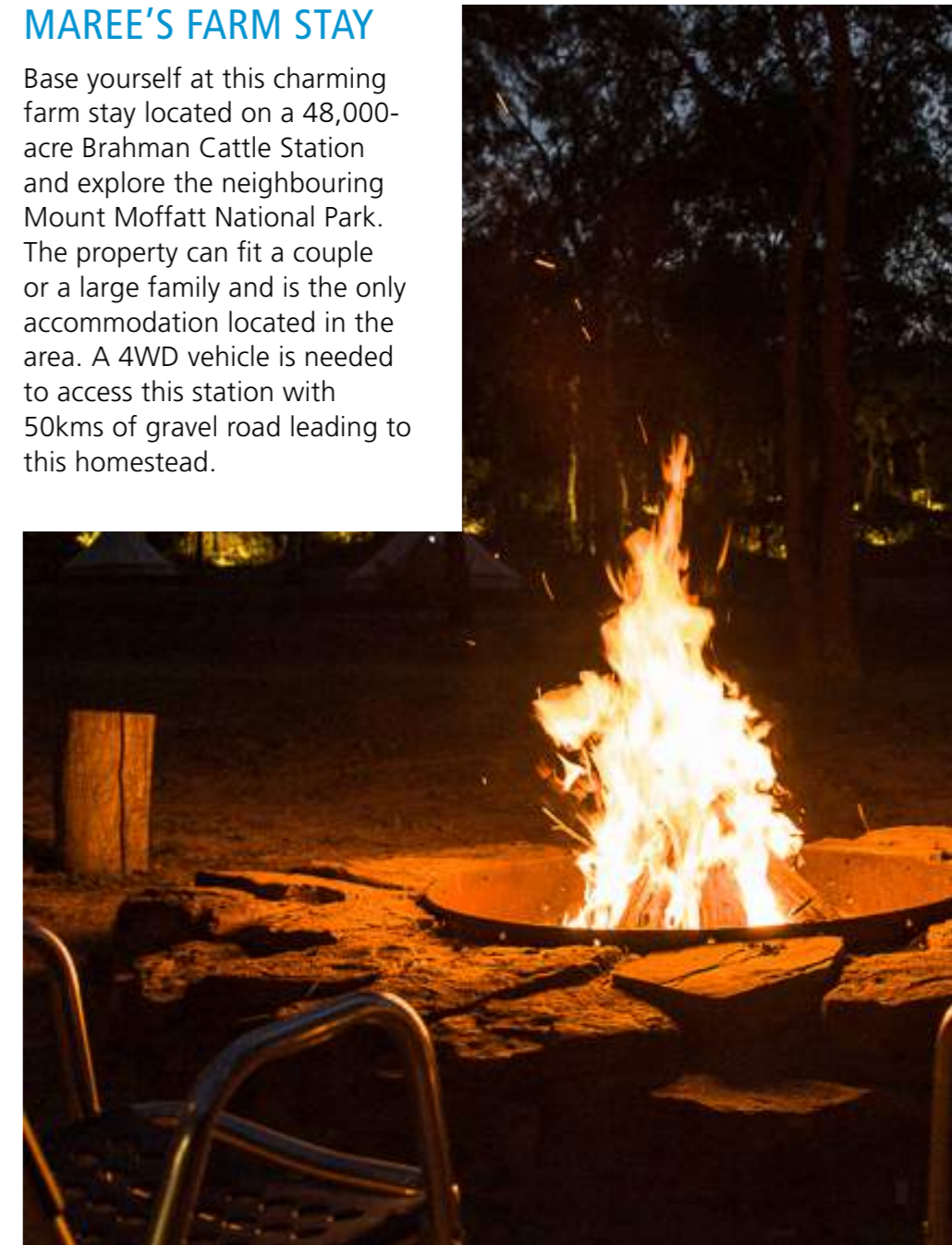
## CLARAVALE – MITCHELL

MEET: GILL & EUNICE

The 32,000-acre working cattle station, 54km north of Mitchell, is located on the southern-most spur of the Carnarvon Ranges. Set up camp (with full amenities) and enjoy panoramic views of Rowan's Knob, Mount Amour and Bluff Mountain.



Wallaroo Outback Retreat



# HISTORY REVEALED

## ROMA

Take a walk along the **Avenue of Heroes** – Roma’s tribute to the servicemen lost during the First World War, visit **The Big Rig Oil & Gas Museum**, where you’ll also find **Lenroy’s Slab Hut**. Stop by **Meadowbank Museum** with its significant collection of farming implements, or take a self-guided walk featuring Roma’s most historical oil and gas industry sites along the **Hospital Hill Heritage Walk**. Follow Roma’s Historic Walk to see the **Roma Courthouse** where Harry Redford aka Captain Starlight stood trial and the **School of Arts Building**, which was used as a lookout for enemy aircraft during the Second World War.

## INJUNE

Get to know the **Characters of Injune**, pay your respect to the servicemen and women at **Henricks Park**, see part of the **Dingo Barrier Fence**, or learn about the C17 Locomotive at the **Injune Train Station**. Stop by **Gunnewin Soldier Settlement Monument** along the highway between Injune and Roma and read the storyboards sharing tales of yesteryear during soldier settlements in the area.

## MITCHELL

Step into the **Kenniff Court House** where the last bushrangers were remanded to stand trial, learn the town’s history with a visit to **Major Mitchell’s campsite** and **Arrest Creek Monuments**, or visit the **Heritage Museum**.

## MUCKADILLA

Stop by the **Leichhardt Memorial Site** on the Warrego Highway, visit **The Whistle Stop** to see historical information of the town, or get a picture next to the **Major Mitchell Monument** and **Muckadilla Cenopath**. Read about Muckadilla’s most famous resident, Frank Ford, who served as the 15th and shortest serving Prime Minister of Australia.

## SURAT

See a former working stagecoach at the **Cobb & Co Changing Station Museum** – the location of the last Cobb & Co route, or admire the architecture of the **Town Hall**. Drive to the **Aboriginal Traditional Campsite and Interpretative Shelter** and learn about a ‘humpy’ – continue 3km to the remains of the original corduroys from the Cobb & Co era.



Cobb & Co Coach, Surat



Arrest Creek monument, Mitchell

## YULEBA

Learn about traditional water catchment at the **Native Wells**, stop by **The Maryannes** where the bullock teams used to rest and water their teams, and see the murals on the **Cobb & Co Wall**.

## JACKSON

Head to **The Old Play Shed** to see the historical panels about the town from its inception in 1864.

## WALLUMBILLA

Immerse yourself in memorabilia at the **Wallumbilla Heritage Complex**, take a walk to the **Mandandanji Monument** along Harry Thompson Walk and stop by the painted turtle **Pickanjinie Monument** on your way back to Roma.



The Big Rig Night Show Sunset Experience, Roma

# CARNARVON GORGE

## Revealed

Hidden in the rugged ranges of Outback Queensland just north of Injune, Carnarvon Gorge features towering sandstone cliffs, vibrantly coloured side gorges, diverse flora and fauna and Aboriginal rock art. Whether you enjoy a guided tour experience or take one of the many self-guided walks, you will be captivated by the abundance of native wildlife and the rare wilderness on offer at Carnarvon Gorge.



### ROCK POOL

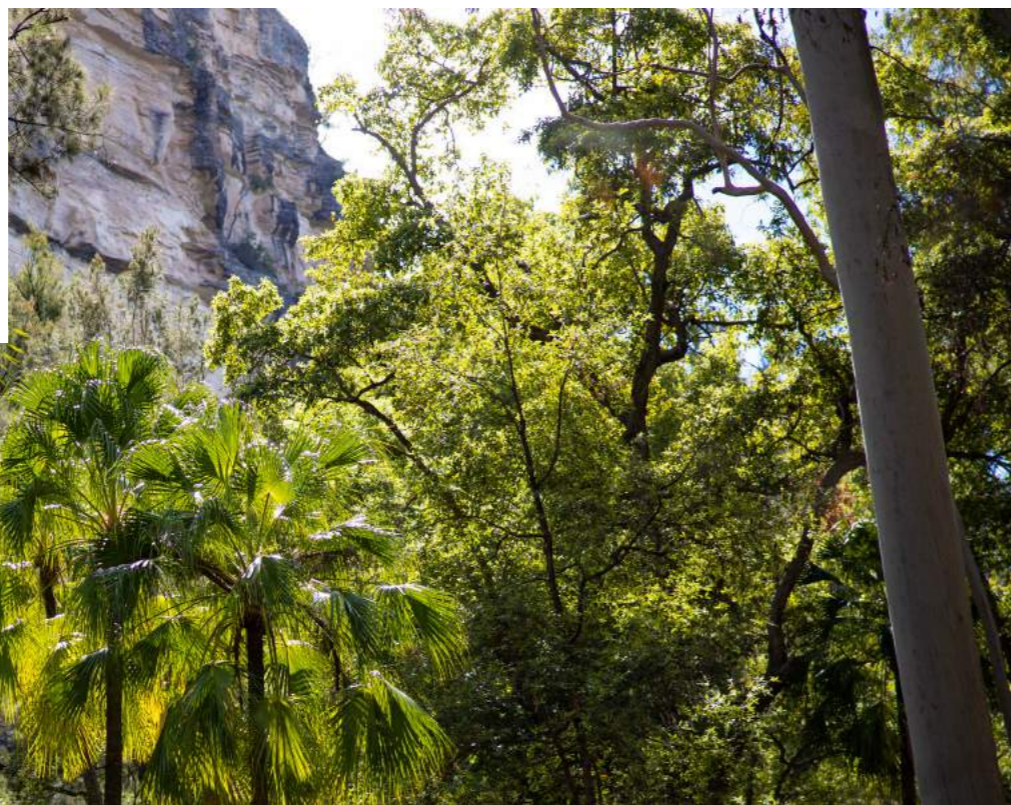
The Rock Pool has been carved from the bed of Carnarvon Creek by the turbulent water of past floods and is the only place in Carnarvon Gorge designated for swimming. The walk is 600m return and takes 30 minutes.

### MICKY CREEK GORGE

Wander along the 3km return Mickey Creek and into narrow side gorges where the walking track becomes a rock-hopping adventure. Rocky sections of this track are slippery, and caution is needed on creek crossings.

### BOOLIMBA BLUFF WALK

Discover what lies above the cliff line and gaze out to distant ranges at Boolimba Bluff, which towers 200m above Carnarvon Creek. This walking track is 6.4km return (2-3 hours) and involves steps, steep sections and one very steep section with 300m of steps and short ladders.



### CATHEDRAL CAVE WALK

Embark on the 18.2km (5-6 hours) Cathedral Cave Walk and discover a massive, wind-eroded overhang that sheltered Aboriginal people for thousands of years. A panorama of rock art reflects the rich cultural life of those who gathered here.

### CARNARVON GREAT WALK

If you've done the short walks around the main gorge, tackle the challenge of the full distance (87km). This six or seven-day circuit links both the Carnarvon Gorge and Mount Moffatt Section of the Carnarvon National Park.

### SELF-GUIDED WALKS

Self-guided walks within Carnarvon Gorge are fully signposted and lead either from the main access road to the park visitor centre or from the main walking track that starts in the Carnarvon Gorge visitor area

### CARNARVON GORGE ECO TOURS

A locally owned tour company with more than twenty years of experience, they offer a range of tours that reveal the hidden wonders of Carnarvon Gorge's landscapes and wildlife.

### BOOBOOK ECO TOURS

To experience a completely different part of the Carnarvon Ranges join a Boobook Ecotour and explore the hidden wonders and secluded gorges, Aboriginal rock art, dinosaur plants, and enchanting wildlife with exclusive access to a 72,000-acre working cattle station.

### TAKE A DRIVE

- Tourist Drive 8: The Arcadia Valley Loop (page 49)

### FOR THE KIDS

#### NATURE TRAIL

This short 1.5km return stroll along the shady banks of Carnarvon Creek provides a snapshot of the plant life on the gorge floor. Dusk and dawn provide the best opportunities for spotting wildlife.



# 5 DAY CARNARVON GORGE ITINERARY

If you want to experience the history of the region served with a side of nature - start your adventure in Roma before heading north to the natural wonders of Carnarvon Gorge. Finish your visit in the south to learn about Australia's last known bushrangers and the last stagecoach run in Surat.

Surround yourself in an oasis of flora, fauna and towering sandstone cliffs while learning of our historical past with this five-day itinerary.

## DAY 1: INJUNE

Injune sits at the foothills of the Carnarvon Ranges on the western spur of the Great Dividing Range and is the perfect base for your Carnarvon Gorge experience. After a big day of driving, head to the Injune Hotel for dinner with a side of country hospitality.

## DAY 2: INJUNE - CARNARVON GORGE

Start the morning with a walk around The Lagoon, and a stroll along the Characters of Injune before heading to Cafe of Seconds for a delicious breakfast or morning tea. Be sure to check out all the local crafts and souvenirs at the Injune Visitor Information Centre and get the latest updates about your trip to Carnarvon Gorge.

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Drive two hours to Carnarvon Gorge and check into your accommodation before setting off on an afternoon walk to Boolimba Bluff – a walking track towering 200m above Carnarvon Creek.

*Allow up to three hours for the 6.4km return journey or tackle one of the shorter walks if time is not on your side.*

## DAY 3: CARNARVON GORGE

Lace up your hiking boots and set off on the main Carnarvon Gorge walking track, the 9.7km trail that crosses Carnarvon Creek as it winds towards the Big Bend natural waterhole. After your day exploring, relax with a barbecue dinner at your accommodation.

## DAY 4: MITCHELL

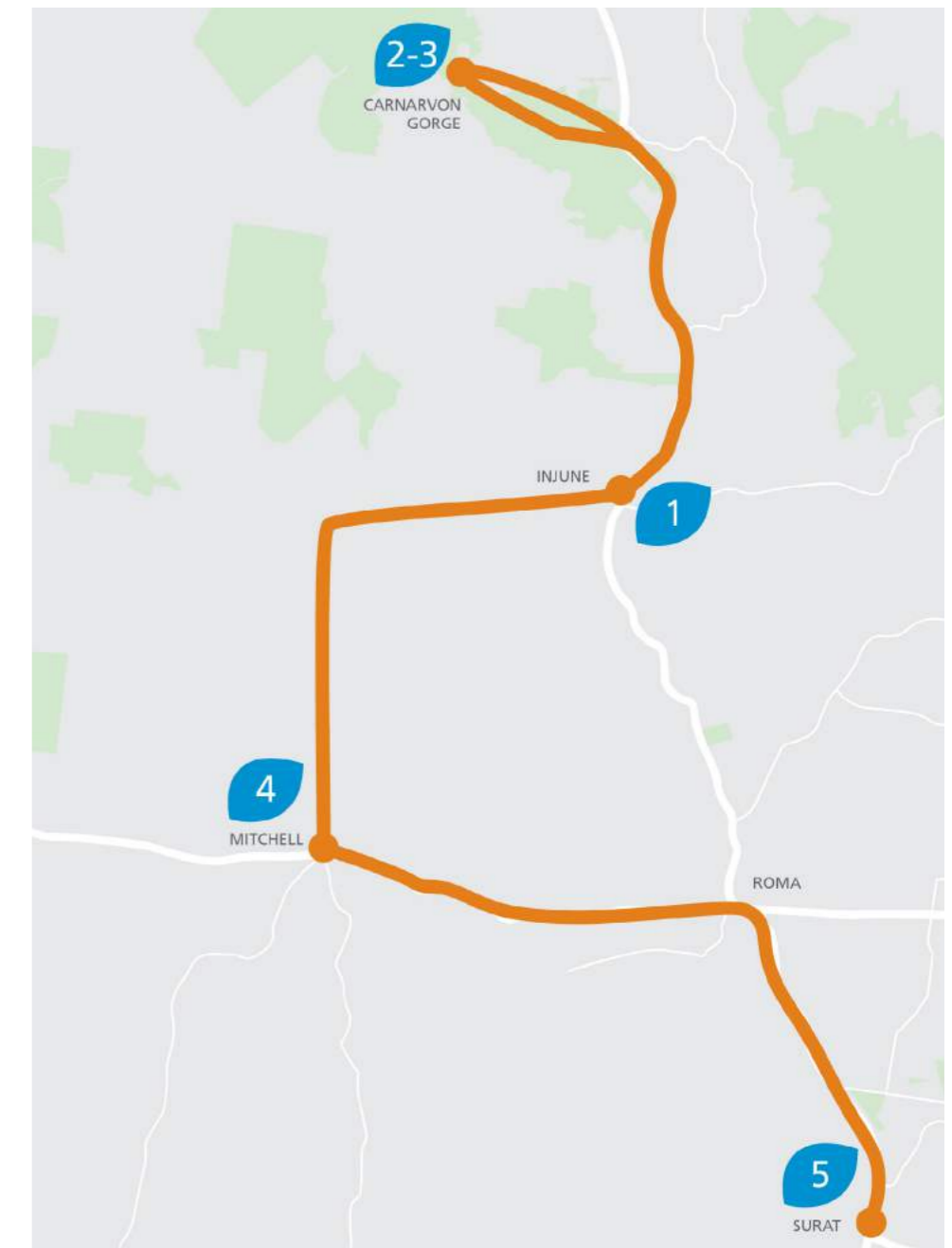
Drive from Carnarvon Gorge to Mitchell via Womblebank Gap Rd, following the Wild Dog Fence and passing Major Mitchell's Campsite. Check into your accommodation in Mitchell before visiting the Kenniff Court House and Mitchell on Maranoa Gallery. Finish your day with a picnic at Fisherman's Rest and enjoy the sunset on the banks of the Maranoa River.

## DAY 5: MITCHELL - SURAT

Start your day with breakfast at one of Mitchell's cafes. Park your car outside the Great Artesian Spa and walk along Elizabeth Street to the Booringa Heritage Museum to see a collection of historical photos and artefacts. Walk behind the museum to the riverbank to visit the A Mazing Gates, before returning for a soak in the rejuvenating waters of the spa.

*Make sure you pop into the Visitor Information Centre located to the right of the spa entrance.*

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Order lunch on the deck of the spa before jumping in the car Surat-bound. Take Tourist Drive 6 (page 43) for an off the beaten track adventure or take the highway via Roma to your accommodation in Surat for this evening. Before turning in for the night, pay a visit to the Cobb & Co Changing Station Museum. Wrap up the day with a sunset walk along the Balonne River, followed by dinner at the local pub.



Great Artesian Spa, Mitchell

Guided Tour options:

Explore the hidden wonders and secluded gorges of the Carnarvon Ranges with Boobook Ecotours.

Let Australian Nature Guides introduce you to their favourite place on earth, Carnarvon Gorge, and unlock the true beauty of the ancient micro-climate that is the Gorge.

# DOWN A COLDIE AT ONE OF THESE COUNTRY PUBS



Royal on Ninety-Nine

## ROMA

### THE QUEENS ARMS

From the moment you walk through the swinging glass doors bearing the Queens Arms logo, the exposed brick and mural-adorned walls will make you question if you're in a Roma pub or a Melbourne laneway bar. Check the chalkboard outside for daily specials.

Royal on Ninety-Nine is one of the most modern pubs in the region. With a café, dining split over two levels and four bars, including a rooftop bar, this pub offers everything from a barista-made coffee to start your day to a cocktail as a nightcap.

### CLUB HOTEL ROMA

Country hospitality is more than just a tagline, and Club Hotel Roma proves the point. This family owned and operated downtown pub has been serving locals and welcoming visitors for more than two decades.

### COMMONWEALTH HOTEL

If you think white linen tablecloths are reserved for restaurants in the big smoke, think again. At the back of The Comm (as known by locals) you'll find Bistro75, a small intimate French Bistro. For something low key, The Sports Bar serves meals for lunch and dinner.

### WHITE BULL TAVERN ROMA

Grab a table in the beer garden to top up your Vitamin D levels or enjoy a side of stargazing with your pizza or pasta. Make sure you check out their weekly specials too.

### ROYAL ON NINETY-NINE

Much like a phoenix rising through the ashes, this pub has done the reinventing act four times since establishment in 1871. The silver lining to a history of fires, means the



Yuleba Hotel Motel

## MUCKADILLA

### THE MUCKA PUB

Located 40 minutes west of Roma, you must experience the locally renowned "Mucka Pub" to truly believe it. Set in a recently restored building with the coldest beer in town and awesome country Mucka Tucka" and on the menu, this pub is a must-visit.

a steak from local Lawson's Butcher.

*The kids will love the outdoor grass area to run around.*

## INJUNE

### INJUNE HOTEL

There's more than meets the eye with this corner pub – inside you'll find walls covered with old pictures and memorabilia, as well as handwritten messages from visitors passing through town.

*Keep a look out for the resident Macaw.*

## YULEBA

Serving all your favourites from chicken schnitzel, crumbed steak to rump cooked on the grill, stop by the Yuleba Hotel for a traditional pub lunch or dinner. If you're there from 10am, grab a coffee and treat from the café.

## WALLUMBILLA

### FEDERAL HOTEL

The Federal Hotel is proof that you shouldn't judge a book by its cover. Enjoy a crisp lager with classic pub fare for lunch or dinner, the pub was the recent star of an Iron Jack television ad.



The Mucka Pub

## MITCHELL

### HOTEL RICHARDS

Known as "The Rock" by locals, this white and maroon Queenslander is not to be missed in Mitchell. Head to Hotel Richards to enjoy

## SURAT

### THE NEW ROYAL HOTEL

Conveniently located a short distance from the Balonne Riverwalk, head out for a short walk and work up an appetite before settling in for a hot meal and cold drink.

# ROMA

## Revealed

Welcome to the capital of our region, Roma. This town offers a cosmopolitan feel with boutique and specialty retailers, espresso bars and cafes, restaurants and pubs and all within a four-block radius. A short distance from town, you can learn about the agricultural history of the region at the largest cattle selling facility in Australia, or the town's importance to the oil and gas industry through interpretive tours at The Big Rig.



### ROMA'S BIGGEST BOTTLE TREE

With a diameter of 9.51m, a height of 6m and a crown of 20m, stop by to see this famous foliage. It's estimated this bottle tree's branches date back to the 19th century.

### THE AVENUE OF HEROES

Read the 140 names of servicemen from the Roma district who served during the First World War along the heritage listed avenue.

### ADUNGADOO PATHWAY

Step out along the concrete pathway along Bungil Creek – keep an eye out for local walkers, joggers or cyclists.

### THE BIG RIG

Learn about the trials and tribulations that our pioneers endured whilst trying to strike it rich with Roma oil, and how their lessons have led to a multi-billion industry today.

Venture to the top of The Big Rig Tower, with expansive views across Outback Queensland, and meander through the river-gum tree tops, as you immerse yourself in the pioneering stories, of the hope, ingenuity and mate ship that has shaped the Australian oil, gas and energy industry.

At The Big Rig Night Show Sunset Experience you can ignite your interest in the sabotage and drama through the eyes of a Roma Rigger guide, with a glass of Outback port and an original short history film under the stars in the outdoor theatre.



Roma Saleyards

### WINDOWS OF ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Marvel at the 11 leadlight and 39 stain-glass windows with the oldest dating back to 1876.

### UP THE CREEK GARAGE

Get under the bonnet of the Aussie car industry at Up the Creek Garage, where you can view a collection of automobiles, from classic cars through to rusty relics.

### BOOBOOK ECO TOURS

Discover Roma and surrounds with a Boobook eco-guide, who'll help reveal our region's secrets. With a variety of fully catered half, full day and extended tours including Explore Roma Town and Discover Carnarvon Ranges, you'll gain resident knowledge of Australia's wildlife, pioneering history, local industries and lots more.

### ROMA SALEYARDS

Experience a live cattle auction at the largest cattle selling facility in Australia, responsible for selling over 350,000 cattle a year. Tours operate 8.30am Tuesday only (subject to cattle numbers). See the new state-of-the-art interpretative centre highlighting the development of the cattle industry.



Up The Creek Garage

### TAKE A DRIVE

- Tourist Drive 1: Grass Tree Drive (page 42)

### FOR THE KIDS

#### THE ROMA EXPRESS

Jump aboard the miniature train that travels a 1.4km circuit around The Big Rig complex, over Bungil Creek and through surrounding parklands.



Boobook Eco Tours

# INJUNE *Revealed*

Found at the base of the Carnarvon Ranges and surrounded by some of Queensland's best National Parks, Injune is the perfect destination to start your next outdoor adventure. Surround yourself with breathtaking natural landscapes, while learning about the pioneering heritage and rich Aboriginal Dreamtime stories of the region.



Gunnewin Soldier Settlement Monument  
Photograph: Nathan White Images

## HENRICKS PARK

See the tribute dedicated to the region's service men and women and learn the story of Injune through artworks and paintings.

## INJUNE COURTHOUSE, MUSEUM AND INJUNE CREEK GALLERY

Get a taste of yesteryear through a collection of relics and photographs, located in the multipurpose complex housing the gallery and library.

## OLD INJUNE COAL MINE

Stop by to see the original site of the old rail loading facility from 1932, as you drive between Injune and Roma on the Carnarvon Highway.

## GUNNEWIN SOLDIER SETTLEMENT MONUMENT

Visit the monument to learn about how Injune was established as a soldier settlement. Read about the journey of those who came to live there through the storyboards.

## OLD INJUNE CEMETERY

Trace family names from the early to mid-1900s, as you walk through the cemetery. The fence has been restored to represent its original form.

### FUN FACT

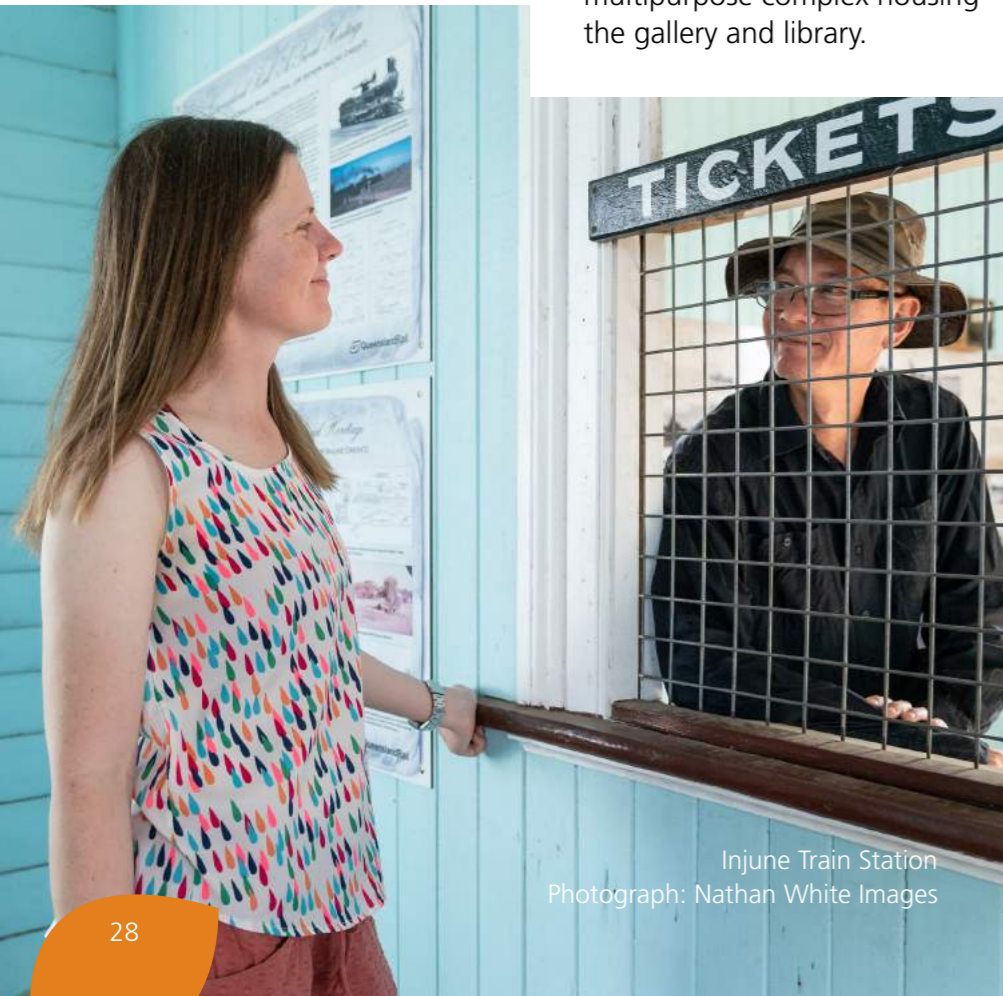
The Dingo Barrier Fence holds the record as the worlds longest fence. You cross it a number of times when travelling through the region.

## AUSTRALIAN NATURE GUIDES

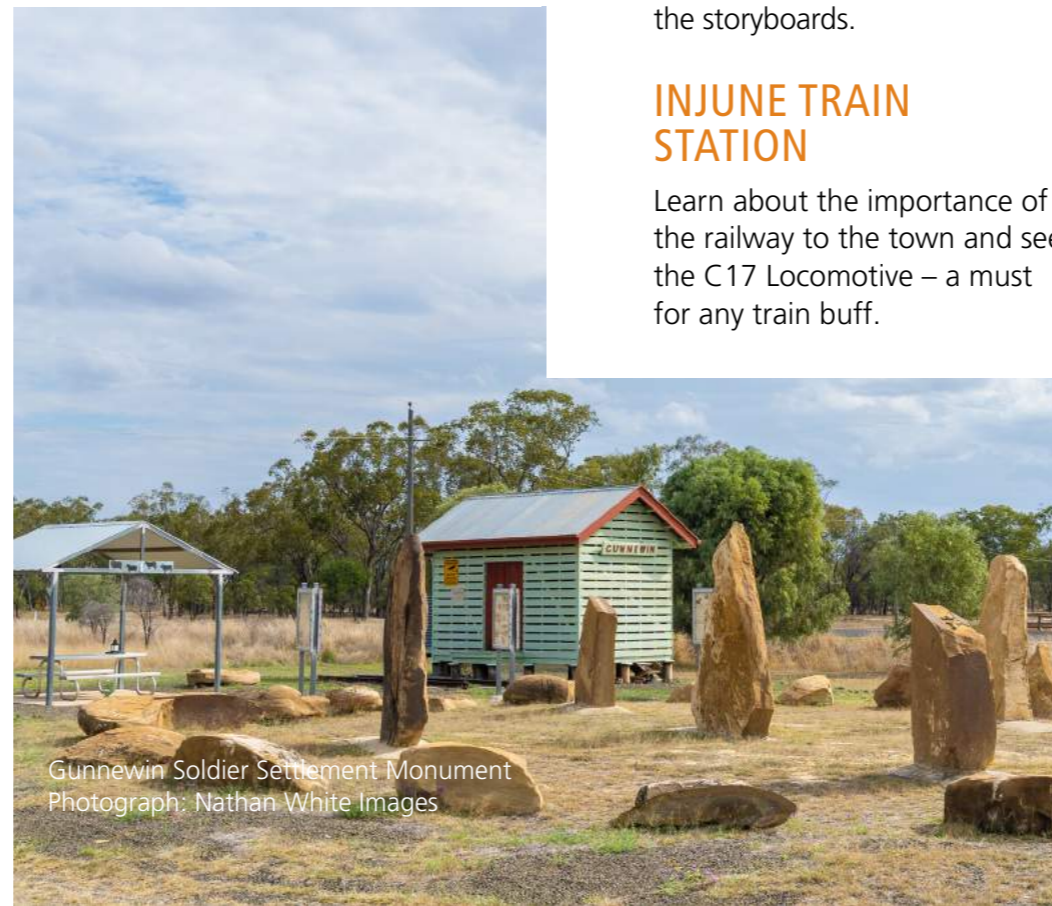
Provide guided Carnarvon Gorge experiences that help you connect with nature on a different level in one of Queensland's most iconic National Parks. Visit [www.carnarvongorge.info](http://www.carnarvongorge.info).

## INJUNE TRAIN STATION

Learn about the importance of the railway to the town and see the C17 Locomotive – a must for any train buff.



Injune Train Station  
Photograph: Nathan White Images



Gunnewin Soldier Settlement Monument  
Photograph: Nathan White Images

### FOR THE KIDS

**CHARACTERS OF INJUNE**  
Wander down the street and meet local characters through a series of rustic metal statues around town.

**INJUNE LAGOON WALK**  
Enjoy a relaxing walk along the 1.2km track a short distance from the town centre. Go early morning or late in the day to see the birdlife and marsupials that frequent the lagoon.

How did Injune get its name? Visit the Injune Visitor Information Centre to find out.

### TAKE A DRIVE

- Carnarvon Ranges Carnarvon Gorge
- Mt Moffatt section of Carnarvon National Park
- Tourist Drive 8: Arcadia Valley Loop (page 49)



# MITCHELL *Revealed*

Located on the banks of the Maranoa River, 87km west of Roma, Mitchell has enough Australian history to support its own miniseries. From the infamous Kenniff Brothers capture to Major Mitchell's expedition across the region, follow the stories of yesteryear as you travel the region. You won't be stuck in the pages of a history book forever, take a break and rejuvenate the mind and body with a soak in the precious minerals from the Great Artesian Basin.



Arrest Creek monuments



Great Artesian Spa, Mitchell

## GREAT ARTESIAN SPA

Soak in the thermal mineralised waters of the Great Artesian Spa – naturally heated all year round.

## ARREST CREEK MONUMENTS

See an artist's impression of the capture of one of the Kenniff Brothers, and the monument commemorating members of the police force who fought the bushrangers throughout Australia.

*The sculpture was designed by Peter Baulch and depicts two police officers standing over Patrick Kenniff, while an Aboriginal tracker turns his back to the scene.*

## KENNIFF COURT HOUSE

Step into the original courthouse where the Kenniff Brothers were committed to stand trial in 1902.

## MUNGALLALA CLUB HOTEL, MUNGALLALA

The town of Mungallala may only have 136 residents, but it is worth a visit to the town's only watering hole. Grab a coldie and spin the yarn with the locals to learn about the pub's history, including the fire of 1917 which destroyed the original building.

## SPRING HILL CRAFT RETREAT, AMBY

Grab your needle and thread and learn the art of patchworking. Plan your visit for market open day where the community demonstrates their craft skills.

## YUMBA TRAIL

Learn about local Indigenous families of the region.



Spring Hill Craft Retreat, Amby

## FISHERMAN'S REST

Pack a picnic and drive 5km to this popular camping, fishing and birdwatching spot on the banks of the Maranoa River.

### TAKE A DRIVE

- Tourist Drive 6: Mitchell – Dunkeld 'Outback Landscapes' Drive (page 47)

## FOR THE KIDS

### MARANOA RIVER WALK

Follow the trail to Neil Turner Weir along the banks of the Maranoa River.

### A MAZE-IN-GATES

Head to the banks of the Maranoa River behind the Heritage Museum on Elizabeth Street to the Cattle Grid Fence. Let the kids wander through the maze-like arrangement to the drum and musical grid in the centre.

# 7 DAY EXPLORE THE REGION ITINERARY

When you can't decide which sights to see, why not see them all? From Australia's largest cattle selling facility in Roma, to a 288-hectare National Park north of Injune and the historical red dirt Cobb and Co stagecoach run between Surat and Yuleba, this itinerary promises a journey of discovery across the region.

Enjoy the sights of the whole region and all five major towns with this seven-day itinerary.



## DAY 1: ROMA

Plan your arrival for mid-afternoon and kickstart your exploration of the region with The Night Show Sunset Experience (November - March: Monday, Wednesday or Friday; April - October: Monday - Friday), or a self-guided tour of The Oil Patch (daily) at the Big Rig.

## DAY 2: ROMA – INJUNE

Start your morning with either a tour of Australia's largest cattle selling facility (Tuesday), breakfast surrounded by native flora and fauna at the Moorelands Bush Nursery onsite café – The Feed Shed (Saturday or Sunday), or a morning stroll downtown to the Avenue of Heroes and Roma's largest bottle tree.

Drive one hour north to Injune and park outside the Visitor Information Centre on Hutton

Street. Take a stroll to learn about the Characters of Injune, visit the memorial in Henricks Park or head along Second Avenue to the lagoon – keep a lookout for local birdlife and wildlife around the 1.2km track. Join the locals at the pub or Bowling Club (Friday night only) for dinner.

*Stop into the Visitor Information Centre for local advice and enjoy morning tea or lunch at Café on Second.*

## DAY 3: INJUNE

Take the day to explore the Arcadia Valley and Lake Nuga Nuga via The Arcadia Valley Loop, Tourist Drive 8, Carnarvon Ranges, or Mt Moffatt.

*Learn more about the National Parks on page 10.*

## DAY 4: INJUNE – MITCHELL

Start your morning with breakfast at Café on Second. If you missed any of the local attractions on the first day, tick them off your list this morning before driving 165km to Mitchell via Womblebank Gap Rd, following the Wild Dog Fence and passing Major Mitchell's Campsite.

Take a self-guided tour of Mitchell, starting at the Kenniff Court House along Cambridge Street. Continue to the Great Artesian Spa and Booringa Heritage Museum before enjoying a sunset walk along the Maranoa River Walk and dinner at the local pub or restaurant.

*If it's getting dark don't venture too far, as the path continues along an ungraded track for 4km (one way).*

*Overnight in one of Mitchell's motels or caravan parks.*

## DAY 5: MITCHELL – SURAT

Stretch your legs along the Maranoa River Walk and grab a light breakfast before driving to Surat. Take the backroads and detour via Dunkeld Road (Tourist Drive 6 – see page 47) or for the comfort of a sealed road, stay on the main highway, both will travel via Roma.

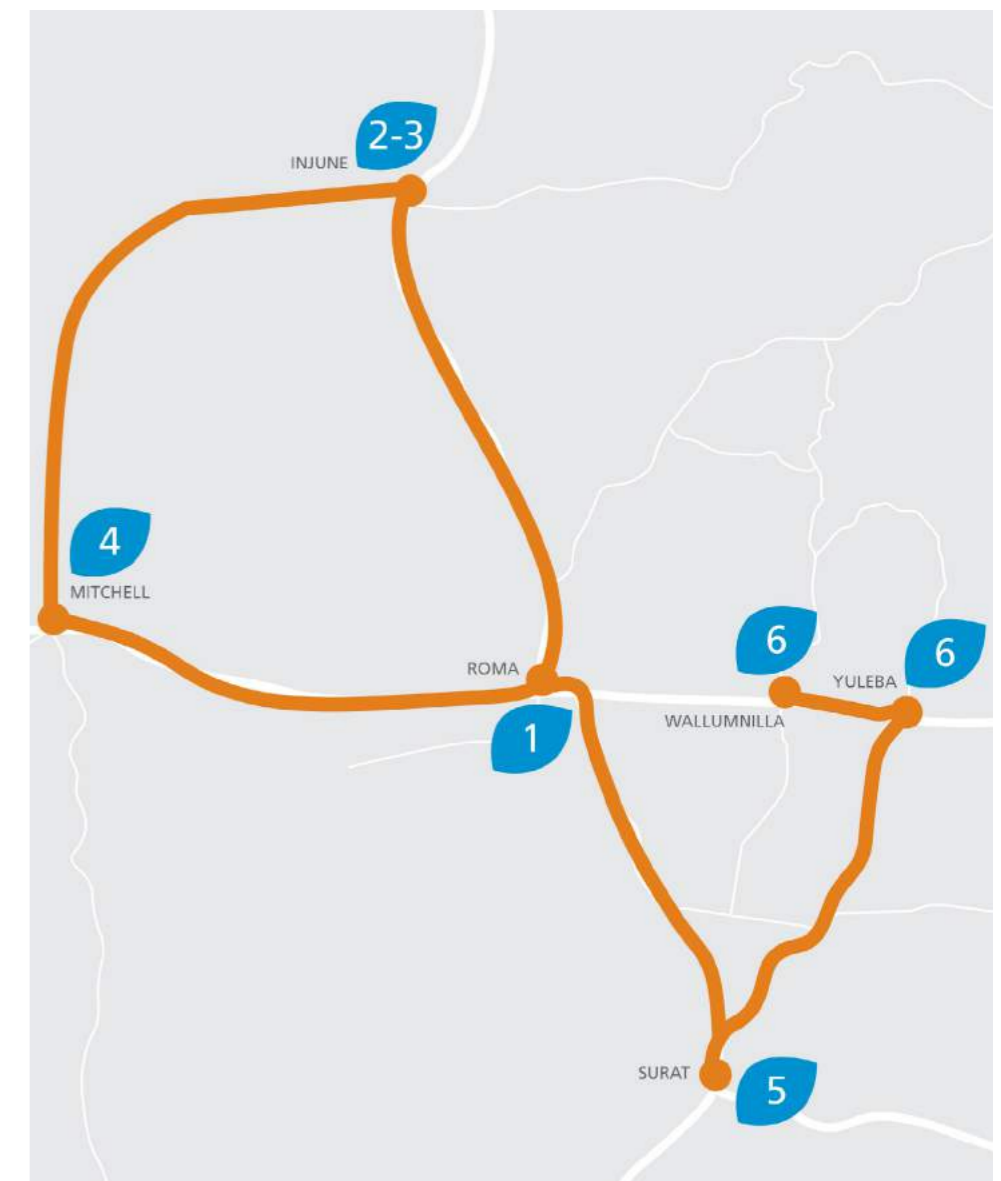
Spend the rest of the day enjoying the sights of Surat with a visit to the Cobb & Co Changing Station Museum, Surat on Balonne Art Gallery, Shire Hall or Aboriginal Traditional Campsite and Interpretative Shelter.

## DAY 6: SURAT – YULEBA – WALLUMBILLA – ROMA

Step it out along the banks of the Balonne River before grabbing a coffee and breakfast at one of the cafes along Burrowes Street. Prepare to get red dirt on your tyres as you follow the Cobb & Co Way, Tourist Drive 7 (page 48), winding from Surat to Yuleba.

Once you arrive in Yuleba, take in the town highlights with a stroll along the Bendemere Walk before stopping by the Yuleba Hotel for a pub lunch, or if you've stocked your esky, drive 5km to Judd's Lagoon for a picnic.

Continue 20km west to Calico Cottage in Wallumbilla and enjoy a stroll along the Harry Thompson Walk taking in local streets, Wallumbilla Creek and the showgrounds. Continue to Roma for your final night.



## DAY 7: ROMA

Start your day at one of Roma's cafes and fuel-up for a day of sightseeing. Head to the Roma Visitor Information Centre at The Big Rig for local insight and ask the friendly staff to get in the know about what's on in region.

If you didn't catch the Night Show Sunset Experience during your first night in Roma, stop into the Big Rig for the show before heading downtown for dinner at one of the local pubs or restaurants.

*Can't decide where to eat? Read more about some of Roma's favourite pubs on page 20.*



Echidna



Wallaroo Outback Retreat

# SURAT

## Revealed

Step back in time with a visit to the picturesque township of Surat. On the Great Inland Way, 78km from Roma, Surat offers visitors a chance to explore its pioneering history and learn about the town's significant involvement during the Cobb & Co era, just a stone's throw from the banks of the Balonne River.



Cobb & Co Changing Station

### COBB & CO STORE MUSEUM

View original artefacts, photographs and the replica Cobb & Co Stagecoach.

### ABORIGINAL INTERPRETATIVE SHELTER

Walk through the interpretive shelter displaying family histories of Aboriginal families who lived on the site in the mid-1900s.

### SURAT FREEDOM TREE

The Freedom Tree is a Community Memorial dedicated to the gallant young men and women from Surat, who enlisted in any of the armed services in any conflict and saw active duty (served in a war zone) and returned home or not. Located in Surat Memorial park.

### SHIRE HALL

Take in the art deco architecture from this 1930s building.

### THE CORDUROYS

Gives a glimpse into the Cobb & Co past when young saplings of Cyprus Pine were laid down in wet and boggy areas to allow a coach to travel through.

#### TAKE A DRIVE

- Tourist Drive 7: Cobb & Co Way (page 48)



The New Royal Hotel Motel

#### FUN FACT

In 1921, residents in the Surat district were still receiving their mail via Cobb & Co Coach, while residents in other remote locations such as Longreach, were receiving their mail via aeroplane.

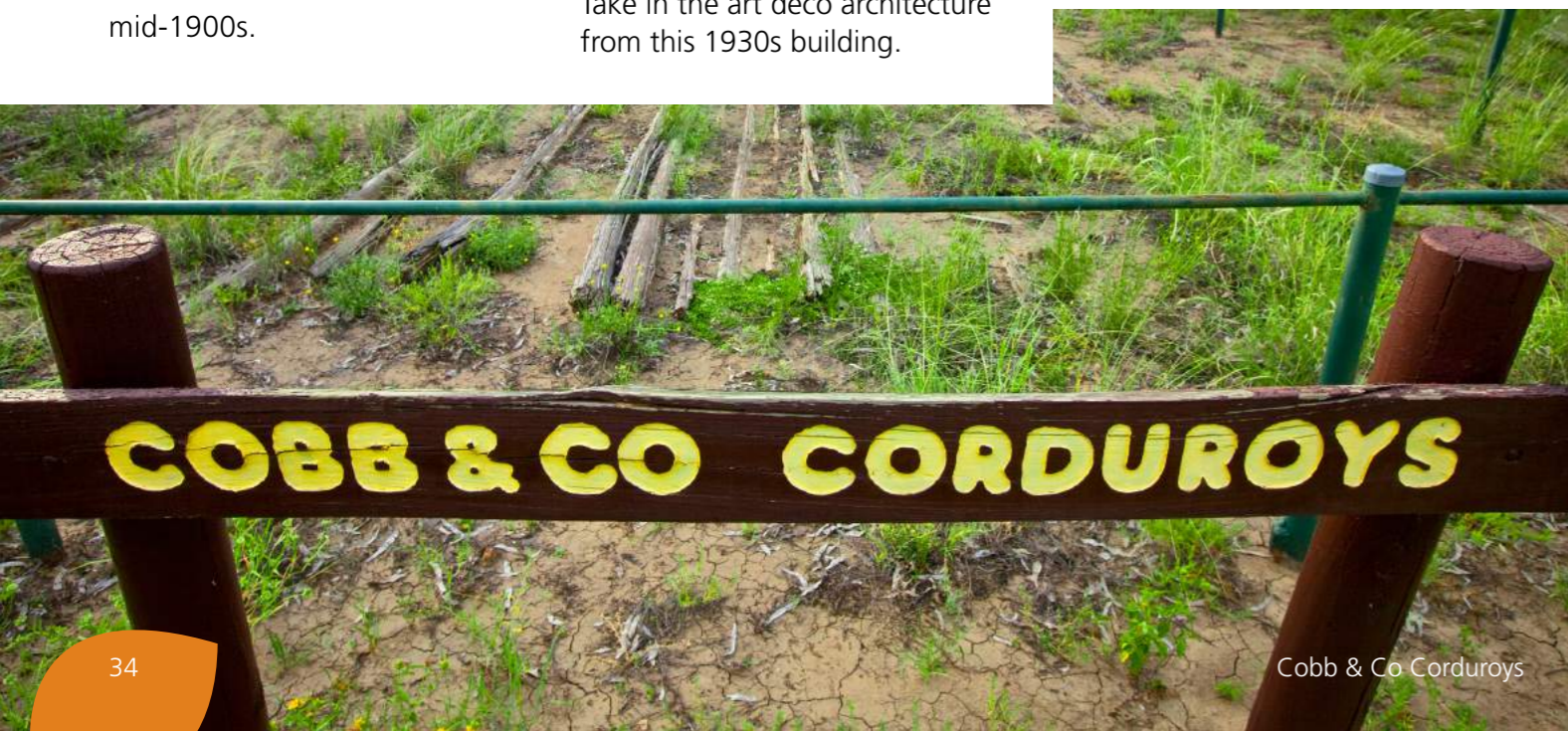
#### FOR THE KIDS

##### COBB AND CO CHANGING STATION

Spot the local species of fish in the 25,000-litre freshwater aquarium at the Cobb & Co Changing Station.

##### SURAT RIVERSIDE PARKLANDS

Head to Surat Riverside Parklands for a picnic along the Balonne River. The river is a popular place for bird watching, bushwalking, fishing and water sports in summer, with playgrounds and exercise equipment for the whole family.



Cobb & Co Corduroys



Fishing at Surat Riverside Parklands

# YULEBA & JACKSON *Revealed*

Located 60km east of Roma, enjoy the charm of a small community town while learning about the region's history. Take in artwork and relive the last horse drawn coach mail service from Surat to Yuleba in 1924 with a day trip along the Cobb & Co Way.



Judd's Lagoon, Yuleba

## NATIVE WELLS

See how the local Mandandanji Aboriginal people crafted wells out of rocks as a means to access a regular water source.

## COBB & CO MURAL

Enjoy the artistic impression of the Cobb & Co Coach service and its journey from Surat to Yuleba.

## WAR MEMORIAL MURAL

View the artwork from an ex-serviceman, providing a historical insight into society of yesteryear.

## JUDD'S LAGOON & WETLANDS

Enjoy a picnic surrounded by local flora and fauna in a traditional bush camping area.

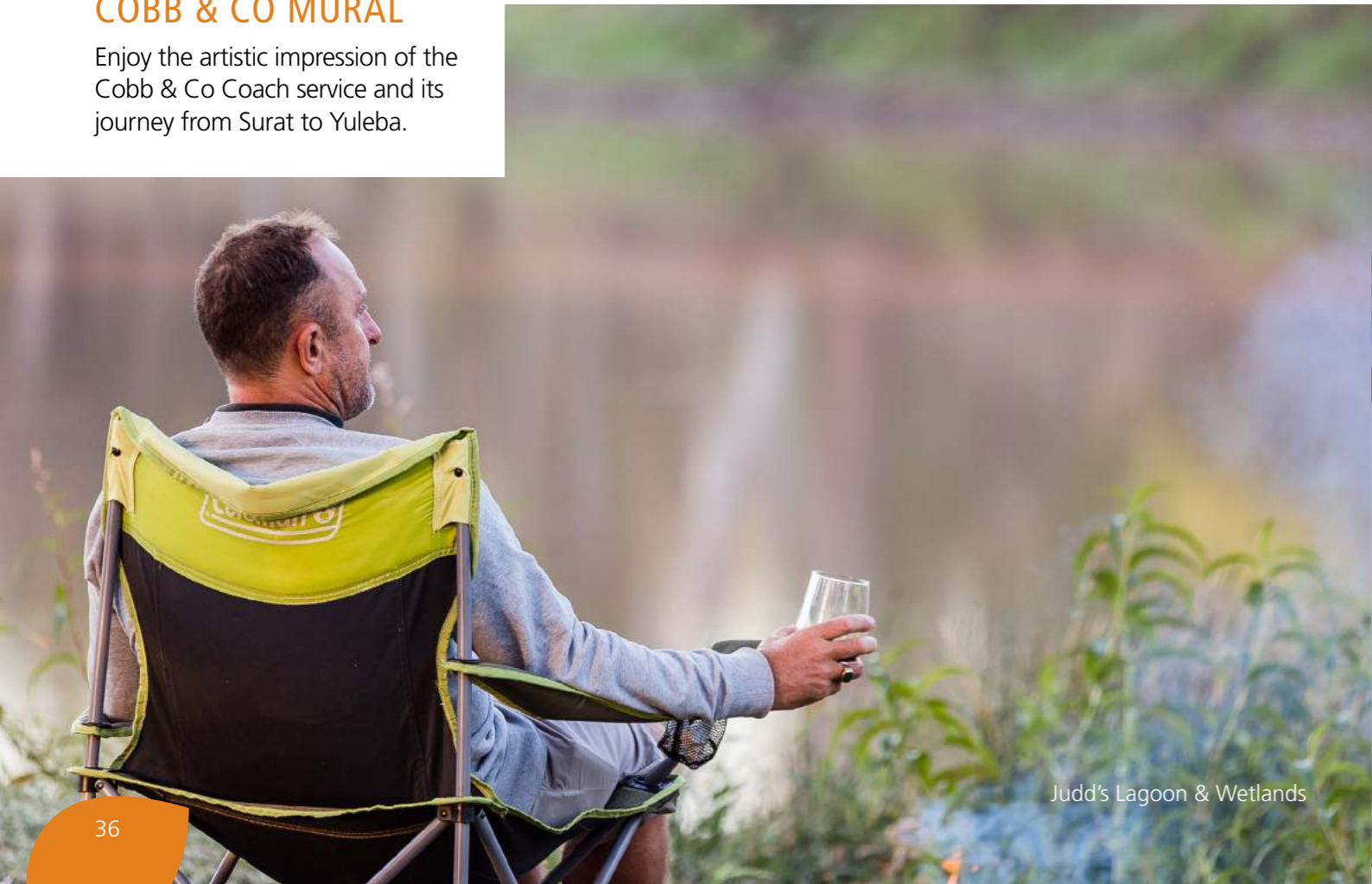
## COBB & CO FESTIVAL

The Cobb & Co Festival takes place every five years and celebrates the anniversary of the last horse-drawn coach service in Australia.

The Cobb & Co Festival will celebrate the centenary event in August 2024.

## TAKE A DRIVE

- Tourist Drive 3: Jackson to Noonga 'Country Insights Drive' (page 44)
- Tourist Drive 7: Cobb & Co Way (page 48)
- Tourist Drive 2: Yuleba to Wallumbilla 'Cattle Country Loop' (page 43)



Judd's Lagoon & Wetlands



Pub feed at Yuleba Hotel Motel



Native Wells

## FOR THE KIDS

### JACKSON OLD PLAY SHED

Visit the locally restored play shed off the Warrego Highway and relive the bygone years of the school yard.

# WALLUMBILLA *Revealed*

Experience the charm of Wallumbilla and good ol' fashion country hospitality with a visit to Calico Cottage. Located 40km east of Roma on the Warrego Highway, this quaint township is dedicated to sharing the area's local heritage. Wallumbilla's residents will ensure you experience the country charm that makes our region so special.



Calico Cottage



Wallumbilla Heritage Complex

## CALICO COTTAGE

Stop by for home baked country treats and view locally made arts and crafts. Calico Cottage also doubles as the Visitor Information Centre, and the locals are happy to share their knowledge with you.

## WALLUMBILLA RAILWAY STATION

Look through railway memorabilia and learn about the district's tragic rail disaster of 1956.

## PICKANJINNIE MONUMENT

Visit the monument along the Warrego Highway.

### WALLUMBILLA FACT

Wallumbilla had the one of the worst train disasters in Queensland history in 1956. Five people died at Wallumbilla and 11 people were injured when the passenger train "The Westlander" ploughed head on into the stationary mail train.

## THE BARN AT MT HOPE

As well as a wedding and functions venue, the Barn at Mt Hope run workshops and events. If you time your visit with an Emu Club evening (held on the first Friday of the month), you will be treated to an evening of country hospitality. Ask them about their accommodation options.

## WALLUMBILLA HERITAGE COMPLEX

Learn about the shire's heritage and social history through their collection of artefacts and photographs.



## TAKE A DRIVE

- Tourist Drive 4: Wallumbilla to Yuleba 'Southern Country Loop' (page 45)
- Tourist Drive 5: Pickanjinie Early Settlement Drive (page 46)



Calico Cottage



## FOR THE KIDS

**HARRY THOMPSON WALK**  
Learn the story of local Harry Thompson as you take in the surrounds of this 1km walk. Stop off at the pool, skateboard park or make use of the exercise equipment along the way.

# WHERE TO STAY

## ROMA

### MOTELS

#### Athena Studio Units

69 - 71 Quintin St, Roma  
P: 07 4622 4434

#### Best Western Bungil Creek Motel

5 - 7 Bowen St, Roma  
P: 07 4624 2200

#### 22 on Bowen

22 Bowen St, Roma  
P: 07 4622 6111

#### Bryants Motel

67 Gregory Street, Roma  
P: 0477 765 628

#### Club Hotel/Motel

42 McDowall St, Roma  
P: 07 4622 1322

#### Mandalay Motel

39 Quintin St, Roma  
P: 07 4622 2711 or 1800 069 698

#### Motel Carnarvon

19 Northern Rd, Roma  
P: 07 4622 1599 or 1800 621 155

#### Roma Central Motel

17-19 Bowen St, Roma  
P: 07 4622 8746

#### Roma Inland Motor Inn

12 Northern Rd, Roma  
P: 07 4622 5515

#### Roma Cottage

Arthur Street, Roma  
Book via Airbnb

#### Roma Explorers Inn

44778 Warrego Hwy, Roma  
P: 07 4620 1400

#### Roma Mid Town Motor Inn

41 Hawthorne St, Roma  
P: 07 4622 2416

#### Roma Motel

11 Bowen St, Roma  
P: 07 4622 2288

#### Pete's Place Roma

77 Quinton St, Roma  
P: 0417 547 175 or 80457 771 115

#### Starlight Motor Inn

20b Bowen St, Roma  
P: 07 4622 2666

#### Overlander Homestead Motel

Warrego Hwy, Roma  
P: 07 4622 3555

### HOTELS

#### The Queen's Arms

88 McDowall St, Roma  
P: 07 4622 1330

#### Commonwealth Hotel

75 Wyndham Street, Roma  
P: 07 4622 1286

### CABINS ONLY

#### Roma Aussie Tourist Park

6 Bowen St, Roma  
P: 07 4622 6464

### CABINS, CARAVAN PARKS & CAMPING

#### Roma Big Rig Tourist Park

4 McDowall St, Roma  
P: 07 4622 2538

#### Roma Gun Club Caravan and Camping

155 Geoghegan Rd, Roma  
P: 0476 674 514

#### Villa Holiday Park

67 Northern Rd, Roma  
P: 07 4622 1309

#### Ups N Downs

78 Hartley Ln  
(5km from Roma)  
P: 0407 740 252

## INJUNE

### MOTELS, HOTELS & CARAVAN PARKS

#### Injune Motor Inn

12 - 16 Hutton St, Injune  
P: 07 4626 1720

#### Injune Motel

60 Hutton St, Injune  
P: 07 4626 1328

#### Injune Haven

17 Station St, Injune  
P: 07 4626 1667

#### Injune Hotel

Crn Station St & Second Ave, Injune  
P: 07 4626 1205

#### Injune Caravan Park

2 Third Ave, Injune  
P: 13 0000 7662

#### Possum Park

Racecourse Rd, Injune  
P: 07 4626 0503  
(Injune Visitor Information Centre)

### FREE CAMPING

#### Rodeo Grounds

Carnarvon Hwy, Injune  
P: 07 4626 0503 (Injune Visitor Information Centre)

*Free camping*

### FARM STAYS

#### Arcadia Valley Escape

Arcadia Valley Rd, Injune  
P: 07 4626 7197

#### Wallaroo Outback Retreat

252 The Basin Road Injune  
P: 4626 3746

## CARNARVON GORGE

### CARAVAN PARKS

#### Sandstone Park

2858 Carnarvon Gorge Road Carnarvon Gorge  
P: 07 4984 4679

#### Carnarvon Gorge Holiday Park

Obriens Road, Carnarvon Gorge  
carnarvongorge@breezeholidayparks.com.au

## MOUNT MOFFATT

### FARM STAYS

#### Maree's Farmstay

Mount Moffatt  
Book via Airbnb

## MITCHELL

### MOTELS, HOTELS, CARAVAN PARKS & CABINS

#### Berkeley Lodge Motor Inn

20 Cambridge St, Mitchell  
P: 07 4623 1666

#### Mitchell Motel

7 Caroline St, Mitchell  
P: 07 4623 1355

#### Major Mitchell Caravan Park

Warrego Hwy, Mitchell  
P: 07 4623 6600

#### Claravale

Waroong-Tooloombilla Rd, Mitchell (52km north-east from Mitchell)  
P: 07 4623 2721

#### The Bank

68 Mary St, Mitchell  
P: 0408 287 325  
*Self contained units*

### FREE CAMPING

#### Neil Turner Weir

River St, Mitchell  
Donation Box

#### Fisherman's Rest

Warrego Hwy, Mitchell  
(6km West from Mitchell)  
Donation Box

#### Major Mitchell Campsite

Forest Vale Rd, Mitchell

## AMBY

### FARM STAYS

#### Springhill Country Craft Retreat

Amby  
P: 4623 1601

#### The Principal's House

0487978260  
theprincipalshouse@yahoo.com

## SURAT

### MOTELS, HOTELS & CARAVAN PARKS

#### New Royal Hotel

Burrowes St, Surat  
P: 07 4626 5310

#### Cobb & Co Country Motel

47 - 49 Charlotte St, Surat  
P: 07 4626 5533

#### Surat Caravan Park

Burrowes St, Surat  
P: 07 4626 5218

### FREE CAMPING

#### Fisherman's Park

Warrego Hwy, Surat  
Donation Box

## MUCKADILLA

#### Muckadilla Hall

Warrego Hwy, Muckadilla  
Behind Hall - Donation Box

#### The Mucka Pub

49122 Warrego Highway, Muckadilla  
P:0499644840

## MUNGALLALA

#### Club Hotel

12 Redford St, Mungallala  
P: 07 4623 6192

## WALLUMBILLA

### MOTELS, HOTELS & CARAVAN PARKS

#### Federal Hotel

May St, Wallumbilla  
P: 07 4623 4315

#### Wallumbilla Cabin Park

49 George St, Wallumbilla  
P: 07 4623 4000

### FREE CAMPING

#### Wallumbilla Showgrounds

Warrego Hwy, Wallumbilla  
Donation Box

## YULEBA

### HOTELS/MOTELS

#### Yuleba Hotel/Motel

Warrego Hwy, Yuleba  
P: 07 4623 5211  
*Caravans welcome*

### FREE CAMPING

#### Judd's Lagoon

Moongool Rd (5km from Yuleba)  
Donation Box

#### Old Yuleba

Moongool Rd, Yuleba

#### The Maryanne

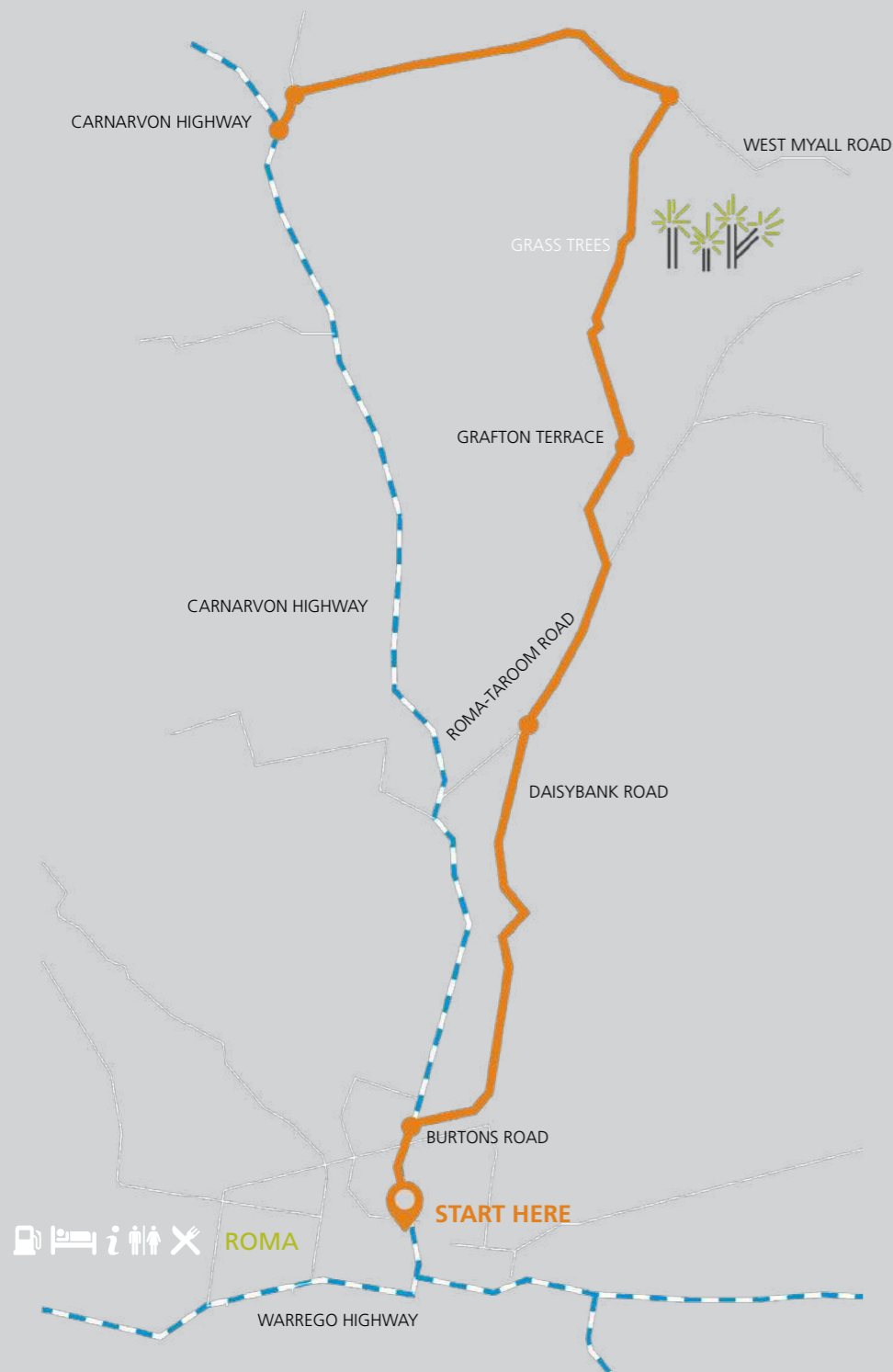
Cobb & Co Way  
Between Yuleba and Surat (16km from Yuleba)  
*Caravans welcome*

## TOURIST DRIVE 1 GRASS TREE DRIVE

If you're a 4WD enthusiast who loves nothing more than to get out and explore nature, it's time to buckle up. Enjoy changing landscapes along the drive with views of native flora and fauna, including the prehistoric Grass Trees.

**START: ROMA**  
**END: ROMA / INJUNE**  
**TOTAL DRIVING DISTANCE: 119KM (ROMA); 125KM (INJUNE)**  
**ALLOW: A FEW HOURS / HALF DAY**

### ^ INJUNE



### DIRECTIONS:

1. Head north from the traffic lights at the corner of McDowall and Quintin Streets, Roma for 6.3km.
2. Turn right onto Burton's Road and follow for 7.2km.
3. When the road splits, continue left onto Daisy Bank Road for 9.9km.
4. Turn right onto the Roma-Taroom Road and follow for 7.2km.
5. Turn left onto Grafton Terrace (unsealed for 16km), see the Grass Trees at 7.6km.
6. Follow Grafton Terrace for 16km.
7. Turn left onto West Myall Road and follow for 16.9km.
8. Turn left onto Eumamurrin Road and follow for 1.8km.
9. Turn right to Injune or left to Roma onto the Carnarvon Highway.

*Please be aware as parts of this road are quite sandy, this journey is suitable only for high clearance/4WD vehicles and should only be taken when the road is dry. Sections of this road may not be suitable for caravans.*

## TOURIST DRIVE 2 YULEBA TO WALLUMBILLA 'COUNTRY CATTLE LOOP'

Leave the highways behind and take the roads less travelled for a lesson about life on the land. Enjoy a series of historical sites along the way, offering an insight into early settlement of the area.

**START: YULEBA**  
**END: WALLUMBILLA**  
**TOTAL DRIVING DISTANCE: 102.1KM**  
**ALLOW: A FEW HOURS / HALF DAY**

### DIRECTIONS:

1. From the Water Tower in Yuleba, head east on the Warrego Highway for 1km.
2. Turn left onto the Yuleba-Taroom Road and continue for 12km. Pull over on the left to see the Bendemere Station Heritage Site.
3. From the Bendemere Station Heritage Site, continue for 26.7km (Don't turn right onto Horse Creek Road). Keep your eyes peeled for the Wild Dog (Dingo) Barrier Fence on both sides of the road – the longest fence in the world.
4. Continue on the Yuleba-Taroom Road for 14.1km then turn left onto Cattle Creek Road.
5. Continue on this road for 20.6km to the intersection.
6. Turn left onto Wallumbilla North Road and continue for 13km. Be sure to stop in to see the Chadford State School Heritage Site on the right.
7. From the Chadford State School Heritage Site, continue on Wallumbilla North Road for 7.1km, turn left at the intersection to remain on the same road for 7.6km. You are now at your final destination – Chadford Street, Wallumbilla.
8. Return to Roma, driving 40km or approximately 30 minutes.



< ROMA (40KM)

*All roads on this journey are sealed, making this suitable to drive in all weather, though please be aware of industry vehicles that could be using this road and always drive to conditions.*

TOURIST DRIVE 3

# JACKSON-NOONGA COUNTRY INSIGHTS DRIVE

If you're looking to gain an insight into life on the land or the oil and gas industry, this drive promises more than just country scenery.

**START: JACKSON**  
**END: YULEBA/WALLUMBILLA/ROMA**  
**TOTAL DRIVING DISTANCE: 80 KM (YULEBA) / 100KM (WALLUMBILLA) / 140KM (ROMA)**  
**ALLOW: A FEW HOURS / HALF DAY**

## DIRECTIONS:

1. Start at The Old Jackson Play Shed in Railway Street, Jackson (25km from Yuleba). A great tribute to early pioneers & stop for a picnic.
2. On the western approach to Jackson, turn north onto the Jackson-Wandoan Road.
3. Travel 21km to the Gullagimbi turnoff. Park your vehicle in a safe area to visit the Noonga State School Heritage site and the Old Noonga Cream Shed.
4. Continue north on the Jackson-Wandoan Road.
5. In 1km on the left see the Noonga Community Hall and Tennis Courts – the meeting place for locals, Old Time Dances and community events.
6. Continue for 7.5km and turn left at Crossroads Road (unsealed). As you travel, you'll see the Wild Dog (Dingo) Barrier Fence to the left (you are now on the Dingo side of the fence), on your right is the Wooleebee Lateral Gas Pipeline, which begins in the Gas Fields of the surrounding area and ends at the port of Gladstone.
7. Continue on Crossroads Road for 21km (sealed).
8. Turn left onto Horse Creek Road.
9. In 4.5km turn left onto Yuleba – Taroom Road and travel south for 12km. Be sure to stop in to see Bendemere Station Heritage site on your right.
10. Continue on Yuleba – Taroom Road for another 11km. You are now at the intersection of the Warrego Highway. Turn right for Yuleba, Wallumbilla and Roma.

*The drive includes both sealed and unsealed sections and is recommended for high clearance vehicles only and should not be taken following rain. Sections of this road may not be suitable for caravans.*

TOURIST DRIVE 4

# WALLUMBILLA-YULEBA SOUTHERN COUNTRY DRIVE

This easy drive provides insight into some of the region's most productive agricultural land and heritage sites.

**START: WALLUMBILLA**  
**END: YULEBA**  
**TOTAL DRIVING DISTANCE: 30.7KM**  
**ALLOW: UNDER AN HOUR**

## DIRECTIONS:

1. From Calico Cottage Heritage Complex, head west toward Roma on the Warrego Highway for 200m.
2. Turn left onto Wallumbilla Southern Road and continue over the railway tracks for 4.8km. If you need to grab a bite to eat before setting off on the drive, stop into the Federal Hotel on the left.
3. Turn left on the Yarrawonga Road. Stop off to see the Wallumbilla Station Heritage site to the left in 4km.
4. Travel for a further 900m. Look out for the Yarrawonga station on your right - the largest Santa Gertrudis Cattle Stud in Australia. Please note, it's private property so there's no entry.
5. In 2.4km, stop in to see the Yarrawonga Provisional School historic site.
6. Follow the road for a further 1km. Continue left on the Six Mile Lane for 8km (unsealed). Stop in to see the Pleasant Fields State School Historic Site on the right.
7. In 400m turn left onto the Yuleba-Surat Road, continue for 9km to Yuleba.

*This drive contains both sealed and unsealed sections and is recommended for high clearance vehicles only and should not be taken if the road is wet. Sections of this road may not be suitable for caravans.*



< WALLUMBILLA (19KM)  
 < ROMA (60KM)

MILES (57KM) >



< ROMA (40KM)

> SURAT (76KM)



## TOURIST DRIVE 5

# PICKANJINNIE EARLY SETTLEMENT DRIVE

With exceptionally fertile land, it's no surprise the area surrounding Wallumbilla was once described as the largest wheat and dairy district in the Maranoa.

Following the First World War, the land surrounding this drive was divided into soldier settlement blocks. This easy drive takes you through some of the region's earliest settlement villages, providing insight into the lifestyle of early settlers to the region.



**START: WALLUMBILLA**  
**END: WALLUMBILLA/ROMA**  
**TOTAL DRIVING DISTANCE: 69.5 KM (ROMA); 43.5 KM (WALLUMBILLA)**  
**ALLOW: A FEW HOURS**

## DIRECTIONS:

1. From the Calico Cottage Heritage Complex, head west on the Warrego Highway for 250m.
2. Turn right onto Chadford Street and continue for 500m before turning left at Russell Street.
3. After 1km continue right onto Stakeyard Road and driver a further 6km. Stop off at the Stakeyard State School Heritage Site on the left.
4. Continue on Stakeyard Road for 3.8km and at the intersection turn left onto Raslie Road.
5. Travel along Raslie Road for 3.3km. On the right is the Raslie State School Heritage Site and the Wild Dog (Dingo) Barrier Fence in a further 2km.
6. Continue on Raslie Road for 2.2km and turn left onto Pickanjinie North Road over the grid.
7. Continue on Pickanjinie North Road for 15.5km where you'll reach the Warrego Highway intersection. Pull over to see the painted rock Pickanjinie Monument.
8. Turn left onto the Warrego Highway (A2) and in 50m turn right onto Pickanjinie South Road. Continue straight ahead over the railway line. In 100m stop off to see the Pickanjinie State School Heritage Site on the right.
9. Continue on the Pickanjinie South Road for 1km, where you will cross another grid. After 800m, you'll see the Cobb & Co Dalby - Roma Road Heritage site.
10. Where it is safe, turn around and travel back to the Warrego Highway.
11. Turn left for Roma or right for Wallumbilla.

*This drive includes both sealed and unsealed sections and is recommended for high clearance vehicles only and should not be taken if the road is wet. Sections of this road may not be suitable for caravans.*

## TOURIST DRIVE 6

# MITCHELL-DUNKELD 'OUTBACK LANDSCAPES' DRIVE

Like many of Queensland's outback towns, the keen sense of community spirit in Dunkeld is both inspiring and humbling.

This easy two-hour drive, from Mitchell, takes in the historic Kenniff Monuments to the south of Mitchell and the community of Dunkeld before continuing through the stunning red soil landscapes and agricultural land of the back road to Muckadilla.

**START: MITCHELL**  
**END: ROMA / MITCHELL**  
**TOTAL DRIVING DISTANCE: Approx. 165 KM for both Roma and Mitchell**  
**ALLOW: A FEW HOURS**

## DIRECTIONS:

1. From the Great Artesian Spa, travel west on Cambridge Street for 450m, then turn left onto Alice Street.
2. Continue on Alice Street, which then becomes the Mitchell - St George Road for 7km. On the left pull over to see the Kenniff Monuments - the large installation represents two police standing guard after capturing one of the Kenniff brothers.
3. Continue on Mitchell - St George Road for 57.5km. Take the next left after you see the school to visit Dunkeld. In 200m on your right you'll see the Dunkeld Golf Course. If you'd like to join the locals for a round of Golf (on Sundays), please contact the Club Captain on (07) 4623 2822.
4. When you're ready, travel back to the Mitchell - St George Road and turn right toward Dunkeld. In 2.5km, turn right onto Dunkeld Road.
5. You will immediately cross the Maranoa River, which begins at Mt Moffatt (north of Mitchell) and continues south into the Murray Darling Basin.
6. In 900m, turn left to continue on Dunkeld Road. Keep your eyes peeled for emus and kangaroos as you travel along the unsealed road.
7. In 5.2km, turn left onto Ashmount Road and continue for 47.5km. Enjoy red soil plains and stunning agricultural landscapes.
8. At the turnoff, continue left on Mirrabooka Road.
9. Shortly you will meet the Warrego Highway. Turn right to visit the historic community of Muckadilla. Make sure you visit the Whistle Stop Museum and Leichhardt monument,
10. Continue straight to Roma or turn around to head back to Mitchell to finish your journey.

*This drive includes both sealed and unsealed sections and is recommended for high clearance vehicles only and should not be taken if the road is wet. Sections of this road may not be suitable for caravans. Please be aware of livestock as sections of this road are not fenced.*



## TOURIST DRIVE 7 COBB AND CO WAY

You're invited to relive the history of an Australian icon, with a journey along the Cobb & Co Way. This 76km journey provides a wonderful insight into the lifestyle of early settlers and the journey of passengers using the coach service. The last Cobb & Co mail service in Australia travelled from Surat to Yuleba on 14 August 1924.

**START: SURAT**  
**END: YULEBA**  
**TOTAL DRIVING DISTANCE: 76KM**  
**ALLOW: A FEW HOURS**



### DIRECTIONS:

1. For an insight into the history of the Cobb & Co Coach Service and its association with Surat, be sure to stop in at Surat's Cobb & Co Changing Station Museum on the corner of Burrowes and Cordelia Street.
2. Travel north along the Carnarvon Highway toward Roma. In 2.2km, turn right onto Frogmoor Road. In 2.6km stop in to see the Corduroys on the left.
3. Continue on Frogmoor Road for 5.4km. Stop in to see the historic site of Frogmoor.
4. Continue for 1.2km, turn right at the intersection onto the Yuleba-Surat Road. In 10.9km stop to see the historic site of Bainbilla Changing Station.
5. From Bainbilla Changing Station, travel 3.8km north to see 'Sunnybank' historic site.
6. Continue on Yuleba – Surat Road.
7. Turn right onto Roma – Condamine Road in 1.7km then turn left onto the Yuleba – Surat Road. In 4km, see 'Duffy's Camp' historic site.
8. Travel a further 3.8km and stop to see historic site of Waldegrave Changing Station.
9. Continue on Yuleba – Surat Road for 4.1km. On the right you can see Corduroys still at their original site.
10. As you continue toward Yuleba, in 2.4km stop in to read the fascinating history of 'Wilbah' on your left.
11. Continue toward Yuleba for 8.3km. On the left stop and enjoy The Maryanne – a rock hunter's paradise!
12. Just past The Maryanne in 700m on the left is the Native Wells. Enjoy a break under the shelter and experience this region's Indigenous history.
13. Continue along the Yuleba – Surat Road for 2.7km to see the site of 'Pleasant Fields'.
14. Continue for a further 5km and stop in to learn about 'Wilderness' and its past with cattle duffers.
15. In 6.2km you will veer right onto Stephenson Street. In 800m at the intersection turn left onto Perry Street.
16. Be sure to stop and visit the Cobb & Co Park on the corner of the Warrego Highway and Perry Street, Yuleba.

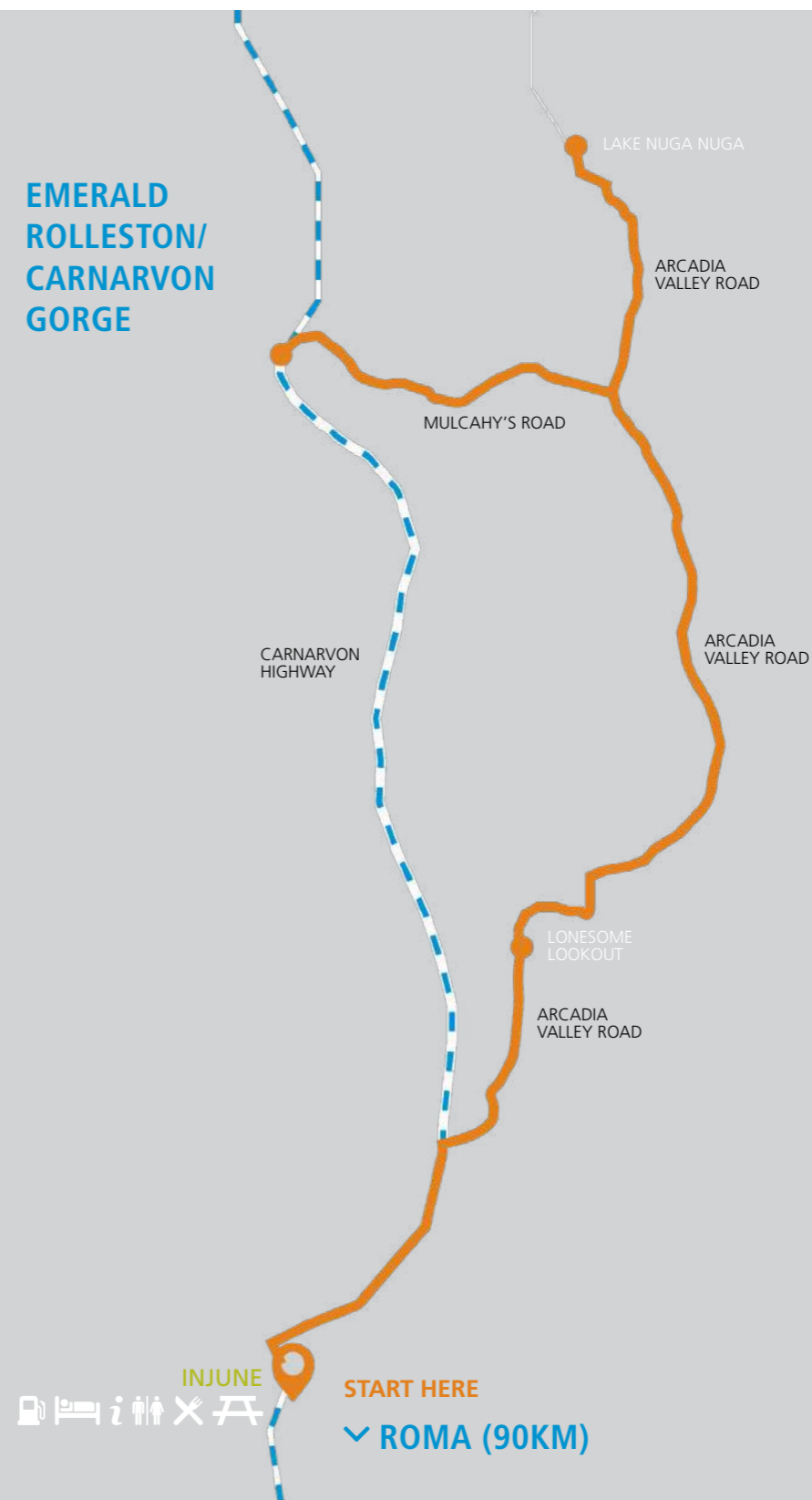
For detailed information and a comprehensive map of the Cobb & Co Way, please see the friendly staff and volunteers at any one of the region's Visitor Information Centres.

*This drive includes both sealed and unsealed sections of the road. Sections of this road may not be suitable for caravans.*

## TOURIST DRIVE 8 THE ARCADIA VALLEY LOOP

Get your camera ready as you pass through the Lonesome Section of Expedition National Park taking in the agricultural landscape and vantage points to enjoy the breathtaking views across the Arcadia Valley. The drive continues to the pièce de résistance – Nuga Nuga National Park.

**START: INJUNE**  
**END: INJUNE**  
**TOTAL DRIVING DISTANCE: 271KM**  
**ALLOW: FULL DAY**





### DIRECTIONS:

1. From Injune, travel north on the Carnarvon Highway for 38km. Turn right onto Arcadia Valley Road.
2. Continue on Arcadia Valley Road for 16km. On the right, drive 500m to Lonesome Lookout for breathtaking views over the Arcadia Valley. If towing a caravan, you'll need to walk the 500m to the lookout.
3. When you're ready, continue north on Arcadia Valley Road. Beware - this is quite a steep and narrow decline.
4. A further 4km from the lookout, you'll cross the Dawson River, which is part of the Fitzroy Basin. If you're ready to pull up for the day, head to the campground on the right within the national park (fees apply).
5. When you're ready, continue north on Arcadia Valley Road for 31km and turn right to continue onto Arcadia Valley Road.
6. In 30km, turn left toward Nuga Nuga National Park.
7. Continue on this road for 4km and you'll enter the National Park and arrive at the water's edge. See if you can spot the many species of waterbirds or are lucky enough to time your visit with the flowering of the giant waterlily.
8. When ready, travel the 34km back to the intersection of Arcadia Valley Road and Mulcahy's Road, turn right onto Mulcahy's Road.
9. Continue on Mulcahy's Road for 25km. Here, you will meet the Carnarvon Highway. Turn left to travel back to Injune (89km), or right for the Carnarvon Gorge, Rolleston and Emerald.

*This drive includes both sealed and unsealed sections of road and is best suited to high clearance vehicles and not recommended following rain. Sections of this road may not be suitable for caravans. Be sure to fuel up before departure as there are no fuel stations between Injune and Rolleston.*

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