



Outback Looking Forward

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Acknowledgment of Country

We are a Shire of Seven Nations, we respectfully acknowledge the traditional owners of the land within our shire: the Koa, Maiawali, Karuwali, Yirandali, Innigai, Pitta Pilla and Wanamara peoples.

We pay respect to elders past, present and emerging.

We wish you a safe journey and ask that you respect this land and its traditions, leaving Country as you find it.

Welcome to Winton, Way Out West...

Home of Australia's unofficial national anthem Waltzing Matilda; Birthplace of QANTAS; The Dinosaur Capital of Australia; Australia's national gemstone – the boulder opal; The iconic Royal Open-Air Theatre; And a fantastic calendar of events including the Festival of Outback Opera, Outback Writers Festival, Vision Splendid Outback Film Festival, Opal Festival, and the Winton Outback Festival.

There's nowhere quite like Winton... With rich red soil, sweeping black soil plains, ancient landscapes, the vast Artesian Basin, and a sky full of stars, it's the true heart of the Outback. From iconic attractions to hidden gems, Winton is full of stories, surprises, and a larrikin spirit shaped by strong agricultural roots, surrounding opal mines, and grand old pubs – each with a tale to tell.

Winton is located in Central Western Queensland on the Landsborough Highway, 180 kilometres north-west of Longreach and approx. 1,500 kilometres from Brisbane. The region covers 54,000 square kilometres and is home to a population of around 1,200 people giving visitors plenty of room to share this very special place with friendly and welcoming locals.



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What you need to know about Winton

Winton has a rich history with links to Waltzing Matilda and Qantas but today the town is almost as well known for something far more ancient – dinosaurs.

Speaking of Banjo, Winton is known as the home of Waltzing Matilda, with Banjo Paterson writing our national song in 1895 while visiting Dagworth Station. Legend has it that the first public performance of Waltzing Matilda happened at Winton's North Gregory Hotel on April 6th 1895.

Did you know Winton is the official birthplace of Qantas? The famous flying Kangaroo was registered as a company in Winton on 16th November, 1920. This was followed by its first Board Meeting in 1921 at the Winton Club.

Winton is also home to an exciting calendar full of iconic events that bring the town to life, including the Festival of Outback Opera, Outback Writers Festival, Vision Splendid Outback Film Festival, Winton Opal Festival, and the Winton Outback Festival.

The Winton region is renowned for its stunning boulder opals. Visitors can try their luck fossicking

at nearby Opalton or browse the local jewellery stores for a beautiful piece of opal to take home.

Winton's first official dinosaur discovery was a fossilised footprint found on Cork Station in 1962. Further exploration revealed a dinosaur stampede with over 3,300 footprints, which can be seen at Lark Quarry.

In 1999, the then largest dinosaur ever found in Australia, a 20-30 ton Sauropod, nicknamed Elliott, was discovered on a property outside Winton. Before long, more Sauropods from the group called Titanosaurs (the largest dinosaurs to walk the earth) were discovered. These later discoveries also included Banjo, Australia's largest known carnivorous dinosaur.



Our wonderful towns

Winton

Situated on the Matilda Highway between Longreach and Kynuna, Winton is the gateway to Australia's Dinosaur Trail and the Outback Way.

Famous for its friendly outback hospitality and big smiles, Winton offers a great range of affordable accommodation, caravan parks, and dining options—including three classic country pubs. You'll also find Searle's Outback Store, local retail outlets, and well-stocked general stores with everything the intrepid traveller might need.

Winton is also home to a calendar full of iconic events popular with both visitors and locals. It's a great time to experience the heart of the outback.

Middleton

Middleton is best known for its classic old pub. In fact, that's all that remains of the town today!

Located 164 kilometres west along the Winton–Boulia Road, Middleton made history in 1862 when explorer John McKinlay passed through with his search party for Burke and Wills.

- The Middleton Hotel was established in 1876 and served as a Cobb & Co. changing station until 1915.
- Today, all that remains of Middleton is the historic hotel, the 'Middleton Hilton' campground, and the old hall – giving the hotel the distinction of being one of the most isolated pubs in Queensland. Cheers to that!

You can still stop in for a drink at the iconic Middleton Hotel – a true outback experience. The drive is unforgettable, with spectacular scenery and make sure you take a pit stop at Cawnpore Lookout.

Corfield

Corfield is a tiny town located about 90 kilometres north of Winton on the road to Hughenden, featuring a pub, a campground, and plenty of character.

You'll know you've arrived when you spot a small cluster of buildings amid the sweeping Mitchell grass plains.

Once a busy railway siding, Corfield now springs to life each year for its famous country race day—when punters from near and far come to experience the REAL Corfield races!

- Known for the annual 'Corfield Cup' race meeting, when the population explodes from 10 to 'who knows!'
- Contact the Visitor Information Centre for the date, and dig out your best hat for an authentic Outback races experience!

Opalton

Located 123 kilometres south-west of Winton, Opalton is the home of Queensland's spectacular Boulder Opal.

Opals were first discovered here in 1888 and the first mine was worked in 1894. By the end of the 19th century, Opalton was a bustling township. Try your luck fossicking for your own opals, you never know what you might find!

- Famous for the enormous quantity and quality of its opal.
- The largest opal ever recorded, measuring three metres long, was mined at Opalton in 1899.
- Camping facilities are available at the Opalton Bush Camp.

Winton Dinosaur Capital of Australia

Australian Age of Dinosaurs *It's fabulo-saurus!*

The Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum of Natural History is home to the world's largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils. Meet some of the country's most iconic animals, including Banjo, Australia's largest carnivorous dinosaur.

The ultimate visit includes three guided tours: Go behind the scenes in the Fossil Lab, see incredible discoveries in the Collection Room, then ride the Noble Express to Dinosaur Canyon for life-sized bronze dinos and learn about the 54-metre-long sauropod trackway carefully relocated to the Museum over three years!

Guided tours, bookings essential.

WHERE

13 km south of Winton on the Landsborough Highway then 12km from the turn off.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

General enquiries 07 4657 0078

Group bookings 07 4657 0712

Prep-A-Dino 07 4657 0079

info@aaod.com.au

www.australianageofdinosaurs.com

A Museum for knowledge and discovery

As a not-for-profit charity, the Museum is dedicated to expanding public understanding of Australia's prehistoric natural history. It's set on top of The Jump-Up, a stunning mesa with breathtaking views of rocky outcrops, cliffs and canyons that echo the prehistoric world.



Gondwana Stars Observatory

After dark, head to the Gondwana Stars Observatory, where astronomy guides take you on a laser-lit journey across the night sky. With telescope time under some of the clearest skies in the world, it's a stargazing experience you won't forget.

Guided tours, bookings essential.

WHERE

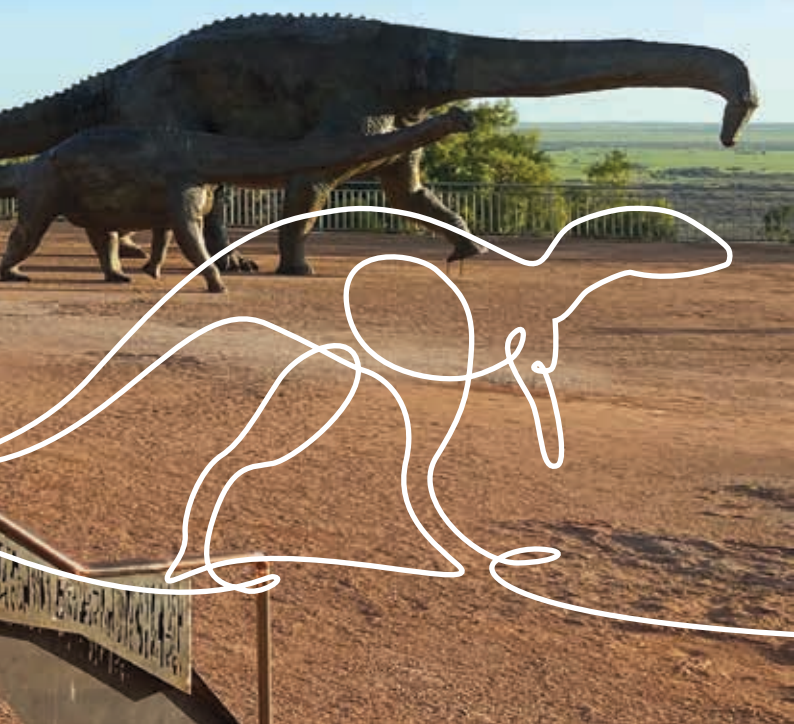
Australian Age of Dinosaurs,
Lot 1 Dinosaur Drive, 25km from Winton.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

General enquiries 07 4657 0078

info@aaod.com.au

www.australianageofdinosaurs.com



Make tracks to the Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry Conservation Park

Around 95 million years ago in Winton, herds of small dinosaurs gathered at a lake on a lush, green river plain – only to scatter in a sudden, chaotic stampede as a large theropod predator charged. Their footprints, preserved in stone at the very site where it happened, capture a dramatic moment frozen in time.

Dinosaur Stampede National Monument at Lark Quarry Conservation Park is the only known dinosaur stampede site in the world. Come and see the fossilised tracks left by some of Winton's earliest inhabitants, hear the story behind the stampede, and connect with one of the most extraordinary windows into Australia's prehistoric past.

Guided tours, bookings essential.

WHERE

Lark Quarry Conservation Park, 110km south-west of Winton, Queensland.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

General enquiries 07 4657 0078

Group bookings 07 4657 0712

info@aaod.com.au

www.dinosaurtrackways.com.au





Come a-Waltzing Matilda with Me

Waltzing Matilda Centre

If there's one song that lives in the heart of all Australians, it's Waltzing Matilda...

The Waltzing Matilda Centre is the first museum in the world dedicated to a song!

Step inside the Waltzing Matilda Museum, where interactive exhibitions and state-of-the-art displays bring to life the history of Western Queensland and the story behind A.B. 'Banjo' Paterson's iconic ballad.

Written at nearby Dagworth Station in 1895 and first performed at Winton's North Gregory Hotel, Waltzing Matilda has become Australia's unofficial national anthem.

Delve deeper into local history at the Qantilda Museum, with stories of the 1891 Shearers' Strike and the early days of Qantas. Explore Christina Macpherson's Cottage, view vintage farming equipment in the Machinery and Vehicle Sheds, and see how Winton rode on 'the sheep's back' in the Shearing Shed. Outside, a BB18¼ Class Steam Locomotive sits at the original Chorregon Siding – a tribute to the region's railway past.

Wander through the Exhibition Space to uncover the stories of WWI. Then, discover contemporary art in the Outback Regional Gallery, home to a diverse program of exhibitions and the annual John Villiers Outback Art Prize, generously sponsored by The John Villiers Trust.

Browse the gift shop or relax with a coffee or bite to eat at the Tuckerbox Café. And if you're looking for maps, brochures or local tips, our friendly team at the Visitor Information Centre is here to help you make the most of your time in Winton and beyond.

WHERE

50 Elderslie St, Winton

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Phone: 1300 665 115

Email: waltzing@matildacentre.com.au

Website: www.matildacentre.com.au

The Waltzing Matilda Centre is an iconic landmark that honours the legacy of the former centre that was destroyed by fire in 2015.

The Musical Fence

The Musical Fence is a one-of-a-kind public instrument you can actually play!

Pluck and strike the resonant fence wires like giant piano strings, bash out rhythms on the Bush Drum Kit, and explore a quirky sound park made from found objects.

It's free, outdoor, and fun for all ages – drop in and have a jam!

WHERE

Behind Winton's Diamantina Heritage Truck and Machinery Museum on the Winton – Hughenden road.



Corfield & Fitzmaurice

Corfield & Fitzmaurice Heritage Listed Building was once Winton's general store and is now one of Australia's most perfectly preserved old style general stores.

- Combo Crafts – a collection of jewellery, pottery and crafts
- Life-sized diorama of the 95-million-year-old Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry Conservation Park
- Wool industry display
- Opalton and opal mining display
- General store heritage display

WHERE

63 Elderslie St, Winton

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Phone: 0487 758 719



The CrackUp Sisters

Meet The CrackUp Sisters – Winton's own masters of whip-cracking, back-flipping, joke-slinging chaos!

Explore The CrackUp Sisters' House, Yard, and the iconic Dustarena – where the laughs are loud, and the antics never end. You can even stay at their unique outback home. It's weird, it's wild, it's Winton – and you'll love every minute!

WHERE

100 Elderslie St, Winton

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Phone: 0407 152 172

Website: <https://crackupsisters.com.au>

Email: info@crackupsisters.com





Willie Mar Heritage Site

Willie Mar Snr created his Chinese market garden in 1923 to make sure the locals got plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables. Not a simple task in the hot dry conditions of the Outback. Now you can take a self-guided walk through possibly the last working Chinese market garden in Queensland. A much-loved local character, Willie had a smile for everyone as he drove his old truck around town delivering fruit and veges to the locals.

Experience authentic early Chinese history in western Queensland. See remnants of the traditional pond watering system, and the collection of homemade rooster cages and garden tools in this rare and significant historical site.

WHERE

68 Riley St, Winton.

Arno's Wall

When German immigrant Arno Grotjahan dug up a valuable opal at Opalton in the 1960s, he was able to afford a house in Winton. He then spent the rest of his life building Arno's Wall.

Arno's Wall is two metres high and runs for more than 70 metres, so it takes a while to walk around it. The wall is constructed from concrete and rock brought in from Arno's opal mine at Opalton and is studded with old lawnmower parts, boat propellers, old machinery from businesses in Winton, vintage typewriters, even a couple of complete motorbikes. And yes, Arno did throw in the kitchen sink!

WHERE

66 Vindex St, Winton.

Winton's Diamantina Heritage Truck & Machinery Museum

You don't have to be a truckie to be wowed by Winton's Diamantina Heritage Truck & Machinery Museum. The museum is home to an ever-growing collection of vintage and heritage trucks and machinery – all in working order. You can easily spend an hour or two checking out the classic trucks, old fire engines and even a London taxi. If you are into trucks you could easily spend a day here!

THE TRUCKS TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR INCLUDE:

- 1910 Talbot Tourer
- 1926 International Truck
- 1949 Leyland "Hippo" Roadtrain trailer combination
- 1975 Mack Prime-Mover
- 'Toots' Holzheimer the Legendary 'Lady Truckie' original MAN Prime-mover
- 1976 Austin London Cab
- RFW Truck used in the construction of the Queensland Rail Electrification between Brisbane and Cairns from 2001-2003
- Exceptional display of static working stationary engines

WHERE

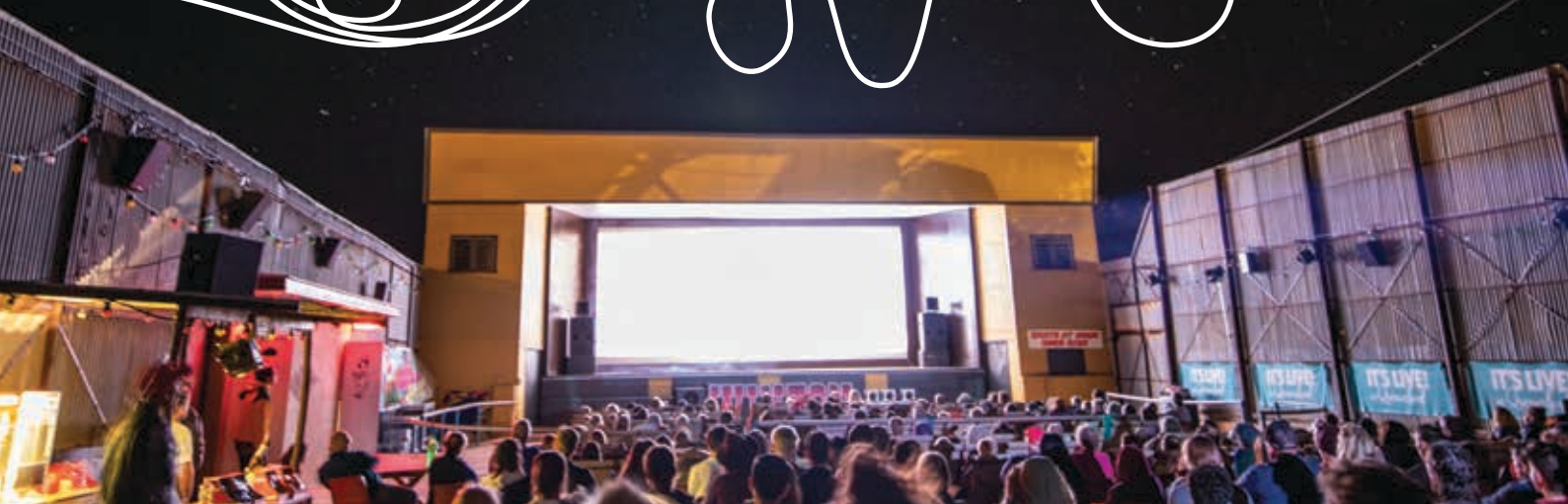
Don't miss this truckstop. You'll find us on the Winton to Hughenden Highway, just over the rail line.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call 0418 410 995

Website: www.wintontruckmuseum.com

Email: secretary@wintontruckmuseum.com.au



Winton Town Cemetery

Winton Town Cemetery offers a glimpse into the history and resilience of the town's early settlers, who faced isolation, disease, and harsh outback conditions. Among those laid to rest are pioneers who helped shape the region, as well as ex-servicemen and women. Together, their stories reflect the strength and sacrifice that continue to define the Winton spirit.

WHERE

Cork Street at the western end of town.

For a self-guided walking tour of the cemetery, pick up a guide from the Visitor Information Centre.

The Royal Open-Air Theatre

The Royal Theatre is one of only two of its kind still operating in Australia. It was registered for official screenings in 1918 as "The Royal Open Air Picture Show"

It is operated by not-for-profit group, Winton Movies Inc. and is the home of extraordinary event experiences from seeing your favourite stars on the silver screen to hosting your own business, arts or cultural event in a unique setting.

By night:

Sit back under the stars on the canvas seats for New Releases, Features, Nostalgia Nights, Sunday Classics and The Vision Splendid Outback Film Festival!

By day:

During the day you'll be able to visit the Theatre Museum and discover the unique artefacts and equipment that have been unearthed from The Royal Theatre, while learning about the theatre's unique history and its place in local culture.

WHERE

69 Elderslie St, Winton.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Email: operations@royaltheatrewinton.com.au

Parks & Gardens

Even in the heart of the outback, you'll find welcoming green spaces perfect for relaxing and unwinding.

- **ARNO'S PARK** – Vindex St between Oondooroo St and Werna St.
This park is adjoining Arno's Wall, one of Winton's quirky attractions.
- **BARRY WILSON MEMORIAL PARK**
– Elderslie St, beside the Winton Memorial Swimming Pool. Facilities include picnic tables and BBQs.
- **GORDON KENNEDY MEMORIAL PARK**
– on the south-east corner, at the junction of Manifold St and Chirnside St.
- **HOLLOW LOG PARK** – northern side of Vindex St between Oondooroo St and Manuka St. Facilities include picnic tables, BBQs, children's playground and public toilets.
- **PATRICIA BUCKNELL MEMORIAL PARK**
– corner of Vindex St and Werna St (beside the Council Chambers).
Facilities include picnic table, children's playground and public toilets.
- **TRAVELLER'S REST PARK** – Junction of Riley St and Elderslie. Facilities include a picnic table and dog park.

Recreation Facilities

- **ERIC LENTON MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUNDS** – western end of Vindex St.
The grounds incorporate a football field, tennis courts and gym facilities open several days a week. Local Central West Rugby League matches are held April through September.
- **JUDY HESLIN AND STEPHANIE GREENWOOD YOUTH & DISASTER RECOVERY CENTRE** –
Eric Lenton Memorial Recreation Grounds via Fraser St, Winton
- **SKATEPARK** – south-west corner of Vindex St and Fraser St.
- **WINTON GOLF CLUB** – western end of Vindex St.
Competition golf is held once a week on Sundays with social golfers most welcome to attend. The Diamantina Open Golf Championships are held annually.
- **WINTON MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL**
– northern side of Elderslie St between Oondooroo St and Manuka St.
Open September to April.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Check with the Winton Visitor Information Centre for availability, opening hours and/or event times.



The ancient Outback, waterholes with a story and views that go on forever

Bladensburg National Park

Bladensburg National Park was once Bladensburg Station, one of Winton's original sprawling sheep stations. Even though it's been a national park since 1994, you still get a snapshot of station history with remnants of the old homestead and shearing shed still standing.

Bough Shed Hole is a popular camping spot within Bladensburg, it's well-maintained bush toilets make it even more popular. Cool off in a secluded swimming spot, or if you're on a daytrip, stop off for a picnic lunch at Engine Hole.

Who was this Scrammy bloke?

For more of Bladensburg's highlights, pick up a brochure from the Waltzing Matilda Centre and hit the Route of the River Gum to delve even deeper into the history of the area. For the adventurous, if you have a 4WD, take Scrammy Drive through grasslands and channels up to Scrammy Lookout and Scrammy Rock Hole. You'll find out all about Scrammy Jack when you get here!

Bladensburg National Park is accessible via partially unsealed road. Please check road conditions with Queensland Parks and Wildlife or the Winton Visitor Information Centre before visiting the park.

WHERE

7 kms from Winton

THINGS TO DO:

- Camping (self-sufficient)
- Four-wheel driving
- Swimming
- Picnics
- Birdwatching

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Information Centre is based in the former Bladensburg Homestead.
07 4657 1192



Combo Waterhole Conservation Park

"And his ghost may be heard as you pass by that Billabong. You'll come a-waltzing Matilda, with me."

The setting for 'Waltzing Matilda'

Combo Waterhole is reputedly where the jolly swagman met his fate in Banjo Paterson's 'Waltzing Matilda'. Not such a jolly ending but a classic piece of history.

Once part of Dagworth Station, the series of waterholes now make up the Conservation Park. The unique flagstone overshots were built by Chinese labourers to help the Cobb & Co coaches that serviced the region. The shady picnicking spots were popular with both the stagecoach passengers and Dagworth residents and are just as popular today.

The Conservation Park is accessible via conventional vehicle, although 4WD is recommended, and standard vehicles are not permitted beyond the car park. Please check road conditions with Queensland Parks and Wildlife or the Winton Visitor Information Centre before visiting the park.

WHERE

132km northwest of Winton, look for the sign. The waterhole is approximately 5km off the Landsborough Highway.

Lilleyvale Hills & Cawnpore Lookout

Cawnpore Lookout is the perfect spot to take in the spectacular panoramic views of Lilleyvale and the surrounding hills.

The drive between Winton and Boulia is one of the most stunning scenic drives in Queensland with the view from Cawnpore Lookout unforgettable. The road winds its way through Jump-Up's and Channel Country and Mitchell Grass Downs, taking you through the diverse landscapes that make this a special part of the world.

WHERE

51 kilometres west of Middleton. Well sign posted.



Pelican Waterhole

Pelican Waterhole was where Winton settlement originally stood.

The simple settlement consisted of a general store (which was also a pub and a post office), a tent town and a few buildings. After being flooded in 1876, the store owner, Robert Allen, moved to the current location of the National Australia Bank and Winton sprung from there. There are still remnants of the original settlement and a memorial at the site of Pelican Waterhole. It's definitely worth a visit.

WHERE

1.5 kilometres west of Winton.

Self-Drive Adventure

There's nothing like the freedom of being behind the wheel, anticipating the wonder of natural and historical features that lie ahead.

- Take the road less travelled to Old Cork Station and Diamantina National Park on the Pioneer Trail and Diamantina River Road.
- Discover the natural beauty plus the historic reminders of station life at Bladensburg National Park, via the Route of the River Gum.
- Travel back in time 95 million years, following the Dino Drive to the footprints frozen in time at the Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry Conservation Park.
- Try your luck fossicking for opals at Opalton, Queensland's capital of Boulder Opal.
- Experience the scenery and history of the 9 Pillars of Cobb & Co, Winton to Boulia loop drive. Drop into the Winton Visitor Information Centre to pick up your brochure and check on road conditions.

Lark Quarry Conservation Park

Lark Quarry Conservation Park isn't just home to the famous Dinosaur Stampede, it's an unmissable natural attraction in its own right. You know you're in the Outback when you're surrounded by red earth, spinifex and an ancient landscape of jump-ups, gullies and steep escarpments.

It's easy to imagine dinosaurs off in the distance. After all, this place was the inspiration for the Jurassic Park movies.

The self-guided 500 metre walking track takes you around the Dinosaur Stampede National Monument Building, onto the lookout. Time stands still as you take in breathtaking views of the vast Mitchell grass plains rolling away to the west and Coolibah trees growing along the watercourses.

Fishing, fossicking & feathers

Fishing & Camping

There are plenty of top spots to fish and camp around Winton.

Old Cork Station Historic Homestead

The Old Cork Station Historic Homestead sits beside a peaceful waterhole full of yellow belly and black bream. After wetting a line, why not wander around the homestead. Once a vintage sandstone building on one of Winton's original stations, it now lies in ruins with a series of informational panels revealing its fascinating past.

THINGS TO DO:

- Camping (self-sufficient)
- Fishing
- Four wheel driving
- Birdwatching
- Swimming & picnicking

WHERE

126km south-west of Winton on the banks of the Diamantina River.

Long Waterhole

This popular man-made camping and picnic spot is also great for both fishing and birdwatching.

THINGS TO DO:

- Camping (self-sufficient)
- Fishing
- Birdwatching
- Picnicking

WHERE

2km south-west of Winton.

Conn Waterhole

The Conn Waterhole is a haven for fishing, birdwatching and picnicking. Drop a line and you've got a good chance of hooking a yellow belly.

THINGS TO DO:

- Fishing
- Birdwatching
- Picnicking

WHERE

Turn off the Boulia Road approximately 60km from Winton.

Mistake Creek

The Cragg Family Bridge at Mistake Creek honours the pioneering family who lived here until the 1950s. It's a great picnic and fishing area with yellow belly often caught in the creek.

THINGS TO DO:

- Fishing
- Birdwatching
- Picnicking

WHERE

3km south of Winton

Fossick for opals

Precious opals have been mined at Opalton since the 1880s and you can fossick for these highly valuable stones too. You'll need to have your own equipment, a permit, a map and a sense of adventure! Bush camping is available at the Opalton Bush Camp.

WHAT YOU NEED:

- A map (available from the Winton Visitor Information Centre)
- A permit (available online www.qld.gov.au/recreation/activities/areas-facilities/fossicking/licences-permits/purchase)
- Bucket, garden rake and water

WHERE

Opalton, 123 kilometres south-west of Winton.

Birdwatching

The Winton region is alive with native birdlife. Take the time to get amongst nature and spot some of the locals!

THE BEST SPOTS ARE:

- Long Waterhole
- Pelican Waterhole
- Bladensburg National Park
- Diamantina National Park;
- Lark Quarry Conservation Park
- Opalton

SOME OF THE SPECIES YOU CAN SPOT INCLUDE:

- Red-kneed Dotterels
- Nankeen Night Herons
- Little Grassbirds
- White-plumed Honeyeaters
- Painted Finches, and many more.

A list of species and birdwatching locations are available at the Winton Visitor Information Centre, located in the Waltzing Matilda Centre.



Festivals & Events

Winton knows how to put on a show!

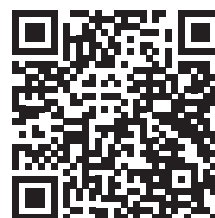
From opera under the stars to dusty outback races, Winton is home to an exciting calendar of iconic festivals and events that celebrate the arts, the land, and the true spirit of the outback.

These events bring our community to life and attract visitors from across the country – and beyond!

For dates and details, scan the QR code or visit the event calendar on the Experience Winton website.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Festival of Outback Opera
- Outback Writers Festival
- Vision Splendid Outback Film Festival
- Winton Opal Festival
- Winton Outback Festival



It's important to take care when travelling in the Outback and always carry plenty of water with you. The main town of Winton has Telstra 4GX reception only, and outlying areas have no mobile phone reception at all, except via satellite.

How to get out west to Winton

Rail

Queensland Rail, Travel Train, operates Spirit of the Outback rail services twice-weekly to and from Brisbane to Longreach. There is a rail coach link to Winton – so you can book your entire trip to Winton on Travel Train.

Air

Regional Express (REX) has flights into Winton every Tuesday and Thursday on a loop departing from Townsville, which connect with Qantas Link flights in Longreach.

Please be aware that Winton's airport is located 5km from town, so you'll need to organise a pick-up directly with your accommodation provider before you arrive.

An alternative to flying directly into Winton is taking the daily QantasLink flight from Brisbane to Longreach where hire cars are available through Avis and Budget.

Bus

Greyhound coach services operate from Brisbane to Mt Isa and Mt Isa to Brisbane, stopping in Winton on the way. Greyhound also operate services between Rockhampton and Longreach.

Take a tour with an expert

Let the guys with local knowledge show you the best of the Winton while you sit back and make the most of your Outback adventure. We have several excellent tour companies offering a range of half and full-day tours.

These include:

- Lark Quarry Dinosaur Stampede National Monument
- Australian Age of Dinosaurs
- Carisbrooke Station
- Merton Gorge
- Opalton
- Bladensburg National Park
- Sunset Tours

TOURS DEPARTING FROM WINTON

RED DIRT TOURS

Book at www.reddirttours.com.au
or phone 07 4657 1466

OUTBACK FROM ABOVE

Book at www.eliteaviationservices.com.au
or phone 0467 735 483

WINTON TOURS DEPARTING FROM LONGREACH

OUTBACK PIONEERS WINTON DAY TOUR

Book at www.outbackpioneers.com.au
or phone 07 4658 1776

OUTBACK AUSSIE TOURS

Book at www.outbackaussietours.com.au
or phone 1300 78 78 90

Trails, Highways & Byways



Australia's Dinosaur Trail

One hundred million years ago, parts of the Queensland Outback lay under ancient inland seas alive with marine reptiles, while prehistoric creatures roamed the land. Now you can follow Australia's Dinosaur Trail linking Winton, Hughenden and Richmond where some of the world's most amazing fossils are still being found.

Australia's Dinosaur Trail is a rare adventure that takes you across Queensland's stunning Outback. The trail leads you to not just Winton, but on to Hughenden and Richmond which are also alive with dinosaur fossil history.

A journey along the Dinosaur Trail is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Grab your Dinopass and save

A Dinopass gets you discount entry to all four awesome attractions all along Australia's Dinosaur Trail:

1. Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry Conservation Park
2. Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum
3. Flinders Discovery Centre in Hughenden
4. Kronosaurus Korner in Richmond

Passes can be purchased from any of the four attractions or the Visitor Information Centre in Winton.

VISIT: www.australiasdinosaurtrail.com



Dig the Tropic

Dig the Tropic is a geo-tourism trail linking fifteen significant attractions along the Tropic of Capricorn in Queensland. From exploring the remnants of an ancient inland sea in Boulia to uncovering the wonders of the Great Barrier Reef, this trail is a self-drive holiday like no other.

Spanning approximately 1200km along the Capricorn Highway from the Capricorn Coast, inland to the Central Highlands and towards the Outback, Dig the Tropic will see you uncovering the history of Australia – from the Jurassic era to the present day.

Discover the stories of our planet's history, from prehistoric marine life to geological marvels, all while soaking up Queensland's unmatched landscapes and hospitality.

VISIT: www.digthetropic.com.au



Matilda Way

Stretching more than 1700 kilometres from Bourke to Karumba on the Gulf of Carpentaria, the Matilda Highway is custom-made for travellers searching for a taste of the Outback with all of its unique heritage, legendary hospitality and friendliness.

The Matilda Way encapsulates the true spirit of Outback Queensland, offering a road trip rich with history, nature, and character-filled towns.

VISIT: <https://www.outbackqueensland.com.au/drive/matilda-way/>



The Outback Way

An epic Road Trip, on Australia's Longest Shortcut, the Outback Way takes you from Winton, Queensland to Laverton, Western Australia, 2,700 kilometres (1,300 kilometres of dirt road).

As a self-drive route it passes through central Australia's deserts, Uluru, The Olga's, Alice Springs and a swag of other fascinating places.

VISIT: www.outbackway.org.au

What's the weather like out west?

Winton is in a temperate arid zone. Rain falls on an average of 39.6 days with an average of 400mm per year. Winton is subject to the northern monsoonal season, where the majority of rain falls in January and February.

Temperature & Rainfall

	SUMMER (October – March)	WINTER (April – September)	ANNUAL
Min temp.	5.6°C	-1.7°C	-1.7°C
Max temp.	46.8°C	40.2°C	46.8°C
Average min temp.	21.5°C	11.7°C	16.6°C
Average max temp.	36.5°C	23.7°C	32.1°C
Average monthly rainfall	53.5mm	15.2mm	412.3mm

The sweetest water in the world from the Great Artesian Basin

Winton is famous for its town water. Most of the towns and properties in the area plumb the Great Artesian Basin as their main water source. Thanks to four bores, all around 1.2km deep, the precious water thrusts its way to the surface, emerging at a temperature of 83°C, cooled to 44°C before being reticulated into the town supply.

Magnificent

When you turn on the tap you may notice a strong odour. Because the Great Artesian Basin is rich in minerals and hydrogen sulphide gas, the water arrives with a distinct smell. However, once it's been boiled, or simply allowed to stand, it's magnificent. Some say it's the sweetest water they have ever tasted.

Service Directory

Emergency Services:

Emergency Services

Winton 000

Ergon Energy

Customer service 13 10 46

Faults 13 22 96

Emergencies 000 / 13 16 70

Medical Practice

Blomfield St 4657 2755

RACQ

81 Elderslie St 13 11 11

State Emergency Services

75 Vindex St 13 25 00

Winton Hospital

Oondooroo St 4657 2700

Winton Pharmacy

73 Elderslie St 4657 1340

Accommodation in Town:

19 Cobb Lane Bed & Breakfast

19 Cobb Lane 0438 741 269

Boulder Opal Motor Inn

16 Elderslie St 4657 1211

Cottage on Cork

Cork St 0409 916 634

Matilda Motel

20 Oondooroo St 4657 1433

No. 27

27 Dagworth St 0427 571 801

North Gregory Hotel

67 Elderslie St 4657 0647

Olive Grove

19 Cork St Airbnb

Outback Motel

95 Elderslie St 4657 1422

Qantilda Quarters

Werna St 0427 571 634

Tattersall's Hotel & Van Park

Elderslie St 4657 1309

The Crackup Sister's House

100 Elderslie St 0407 152 172

Pelican Caravan Park and Cabins

92 Elderslie St 4657 1478

Red Cabins on Cordial Lane

Cordial Lane off Werna St 4657 1309

Winton Hotel

43 Werna St 4657 1519

Winton Outback Homestead

19 Dagworth St 0428 118 723

Winton Roadhouse, Cabins & Caravan Park

43 Chirnside St 4657 0404

Winton Wanderers Van Park

Kennedy Dev. Rd 0456 354 975

Accommodation in the Shire:

Corfield

(Free, unpowered caravan & camping sites)

Long Waterhole - Winton

(Free, unpowered caravan & camping sites) Winton

Opalton Bush Park

(Fee applies, unpowered caravan & camping sites)

Rangelands Outback Camp

Rangelands Station 0434 079 834

Winton Middleton Hotel

Middleton 4657 3980

Restaurants & Meals:

4D Love of Bread

76A Elderslie St 4657 0142

Boulder Opal Motor Inn

16 Elderslie St 4657 1211

North Gregory Hotel

67 Elderslie St 4657 0647

Tattersalls Hotel

78 Elderslie St 4657 1309

The Coffee Cube at Winton News

74 Elderslie St 4657 1147

The Lost Poet

79 Vindex St 0499 502 474

Tuckerbox Cafe

50 Elderslie St 4657 2630

Winton Hotel

43 Werna St 4657 1519

Winton Roadhouse

35 Chirnside St 4657 0199

Grocery Stores:

Orlando Orchards

11 Oondooroo St 4657 1398

Shoprite Discount Store

38 Manuka St 4657 1244

Spar Supermarket

37 Vindex St 4657 1254

Tour Operators

Elite Aviation Services

Winton Airport 0467 735 483

Red Dirt Tours

90 Elderslie St 1800 568 968

Banking Services:

Commonwealth Bank (Post Office Agent)

58 Elderslie St 4657 1547

National Australia Bank

61 Elderslie St 4657 2100

Service Stations & Mechanical Services:

Central Motors Garage (& RACQ Agent)

81 Elderslie St 4657 1256

Central West Panel Repairs

Manifold St 4657 1698

Ampol Fuel (Distributors)

1 Chirnside St 4657 1146

Tuff Tyres

Cnr Manuka & Chirnside St 4657 0700

Winton Automotive Repairs

Hughenden Rd 4657 0107

Winton Roadhouse

35 Chirnside St 4657 0199

Winton West Hydraulics

46 Elderslie St 4657 1655

Other Shops & Service:

Australia Post

58 Elderslie St 4657 1547

Brodie Agencies Pty Ltd

62 Elderslie St 4657 0694

Brodie Merchandise

1 Oondooroo St 4657 1970

Corfield & Fitzmaurice
Elderslie St..... **0487 758 719**

Dept. of Natural Resources & Mines
57 Vindex St **4657 1727**

Desert Edge Outdoors
Manuka St..... **0499 242 480**

Diamantina Engineering
Lot 6 Woodstock Cres **4657 1632**

Elders Winton
20 Manuka St **4650 2200**

Evert Opals
62 Elderslie Street **4657 0556**

Gift & Gems Centre
69B Elderslie St..... **0438 741 269**

HBB Electrical Pty Ltd
37 Elderslie St..... **4657 1336**

Ironstone Garden Centre
Cnr Vindex & Sesbania Sts

KL Carpentry
Vindex St..... **0405 043 141**

Little Swaggies Childcare Centre
47 Cork St **4657 1522**

Mann Made Constructions
PO Box 397 **0409 629 143**

Nutrien Ag Solutions
66 Elderslie St **4657 1600**

Opaltown Boulder Opal
80 Elderslie St **4657 0747**

Outback Plumbing Service
15 Vindex St..... **4657 1134**

Pinky's for Hair
16A Cobb Lane..... **4657 1174**

Queensland Government Agent
57 Vindex St **4657 1536**

Qld Boulder Opal Association
PO Box 334..... **0448 667 529**

RoadTek
Blomfield St **4657 2200**

Searle's Outback Store
72 Elderslie St..... **4657 1450**

Stockham Building Service
Blomfield St **0417 974 667**

St Patrick's Catholic School
Oondooroo St **4657 1652**

Sunset Opal Factory
46 Elderslie St **4657 1655**

TAB
(North Gregory Hotel) – Elderslie St **4657 0647**

The Opal Miner
73 Elderslie St..... **0488 488 696**

Winton Date Farm
Vindex St..... **0422 202 324**

Winton Hardware
77 Elderslie St **4657 0224**

Winton Health and Fitness Gym
Eric Lenton Memorial Grounds **0447 570 110**

Winton Information Centre
50 Elderslie St **1300 665 115**

Winton Library
76 Elderslie St..... **4657 0393**

Winton Memorial Swimming Pool & Water Park
45 Elderslie St..... **4657 2696**

Winton Newsagency & Travel Service
74 Elderslie St **4657 1147**

Winton Neighborhood Centre
75 Elderslie St **4657 2680**

Winton Opal Company
80 Elderslie St **0428 513 535**

Winton Opal Gems
59 Elderslie St..... **0414 818 100**

Winton Shire Council, Office, Chambers & Shire Hall
75 Vindex St **4657 2666**

Winton State School
71 Cork St..... **4657 2333**

Passenger Services:

Greyhound Bus Service
Services from Brisbane and Mt Isa which pass through Winton. Tickets and information available at the Winton Newsagency..... **4657 1147**

Queensland Rail's Spirit of the Outback
Runs between Longreach and Brisbane twice weekly with Travel Train Buses that transport you between Longreach and Winton **1800 872 467**

Regional Express (REX)
Services Winton, with flights on Tuesday and Thursday from Townsville into Winton, which connect with Qantas Link flights in Longreach and return. Bookings **13 17 13 or www.rex.com.au**

Freight Services:

Followmont
From Longreach Mon-Fri – Departs Winton 12:00pm-1:30pm **4658 2339**

Security Express
From Longreach Mon-Fri
– Arrives Winton approx. 11:00am
From Winton Mon-Fri
– Departs Winton 12:00pm-1:30pm
Drop off point at Landmark..... **0456 654 475**

Winton Express
Townsville – Winton Tues & Fri
Winton – Townsville Wed & Sat
Contact Shawn on..... **0427 002 030**

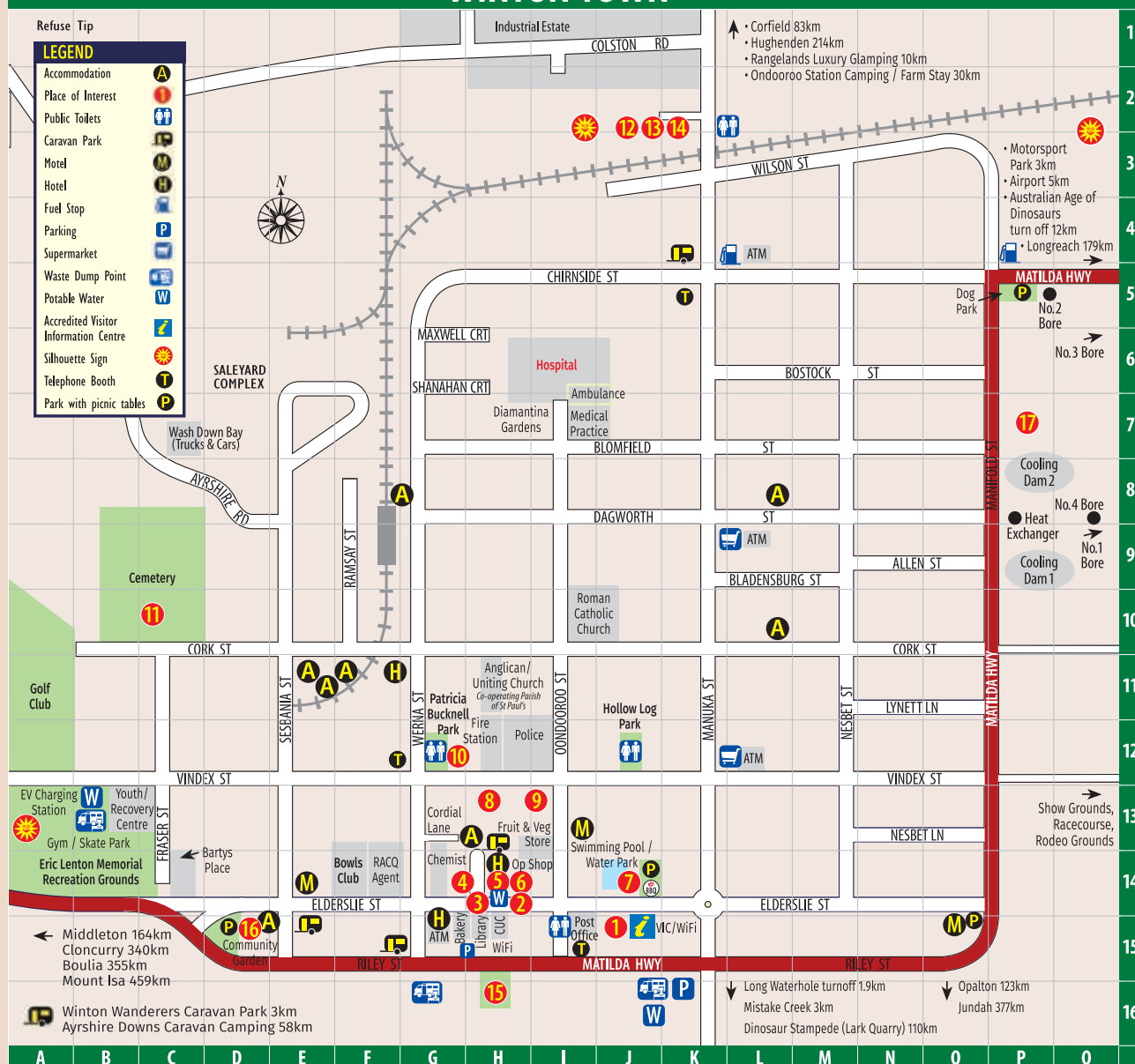
Church Services:

St Patrick's Catholic Church
Cnr Oondooroo St & Cork St. Days and times change, please check notice board at the Church

St Paul's
Cork St (Between Oondooroo St & Werna St)

Winton Christian Fellowship

WINTON TOWN



- 1 Waltzing Matilda Centre (J15)
- 2 Elderslie Street Waltzing Matilda Centenary Sculptures (H14)
- 3 Qantas Memorial Cairn (H14)
- 4 Royal Open Air Theatre & Museum (G14)
- 5 The North Gregory Hotel (H14)
- 6 Corfield & Fitzmaurice/Combo Crafts (H14)
- 7 Jolly Swagman Statue (J14)
- 8 Arno's Wall & Park (H13)
- 9 The Winton Club (I13)
- 10 Winton Shire Council Office, Chambers, Shire Hall, & Patricia Bucknell Memorial Park (G12)
- 11 Winton Cemetery (C10)
- 12 Qantas Airfield (J2)
- 13 Musical Fence (J2)
- 14 Winton's Diamantina Heritage Truck and Machinery Museum (K2)
- 15 Willie Mar Heritage Site (H16)
- 16 Crackup Sisters (D15)
- 17 Winton Water Supply (P7)

M Motels:

- Boulder Opal Motor Inn (O15)
- Matilda Motel (I13)
- Outback Motel (E14)

H Hotels:

- North Gregory Hotel (H14)
- Tattersalls Hotel (G15)
- Winton Hotel (F11)

A Accommodation:

- Cottage on Cork (L10, E11, F11)
- 19 Cobb Lane (H13)
- Crackup House (D15)
- No:27 (L8)
- Qantilda Quarters (G8)

Caravan Parks:

- Pelican Caravan Park & Cabins (E15)
- Tattersalls Caravan Park (F15)
- Winton Roadhouse, Cabins & Caravan Park (K4)
- Winton Wanderers Caravan Park (A16)

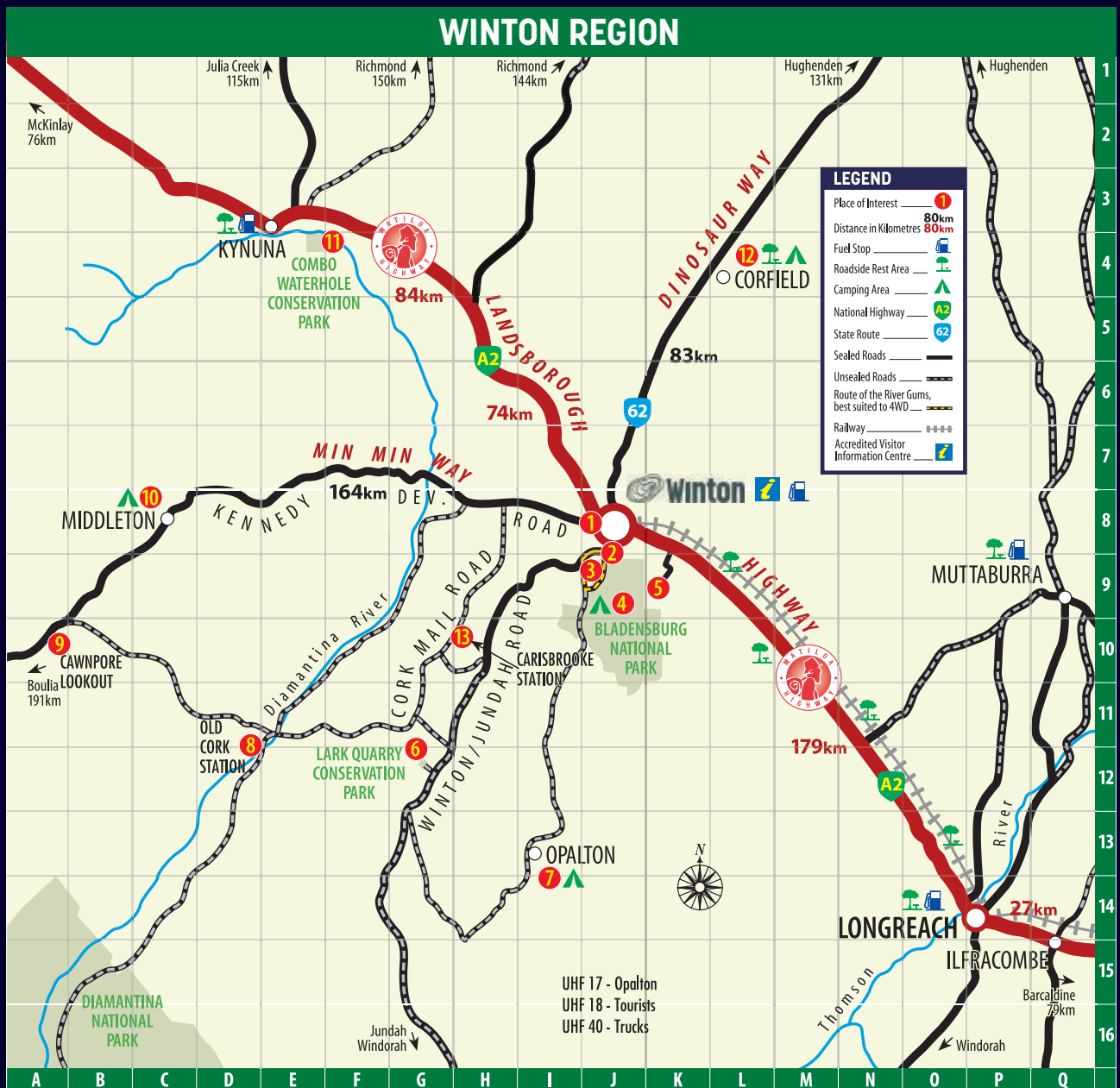
Service Points:

- Hospital (I6)
- Police Station (H12)
- Waste Dump Point (B13, J16, G16)
- Water (B13, J16)
- EV Charging Station (B12)
- RACQ Agent (F14)
- Community Garden (D15)
- Visitor Information Centre (J15)

Sunset Silhouette Signs

For More Information:

Winton Visitor Information Centre
 50 Elderslie Street, Winton QLD 4735
 Call: 1300 665 115
 Email: waltzing@matildacentre.com.au
 Visit: www.experiencewinton.com.au

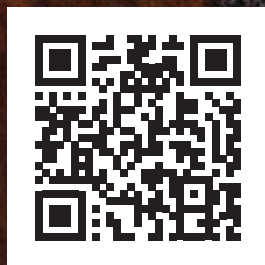
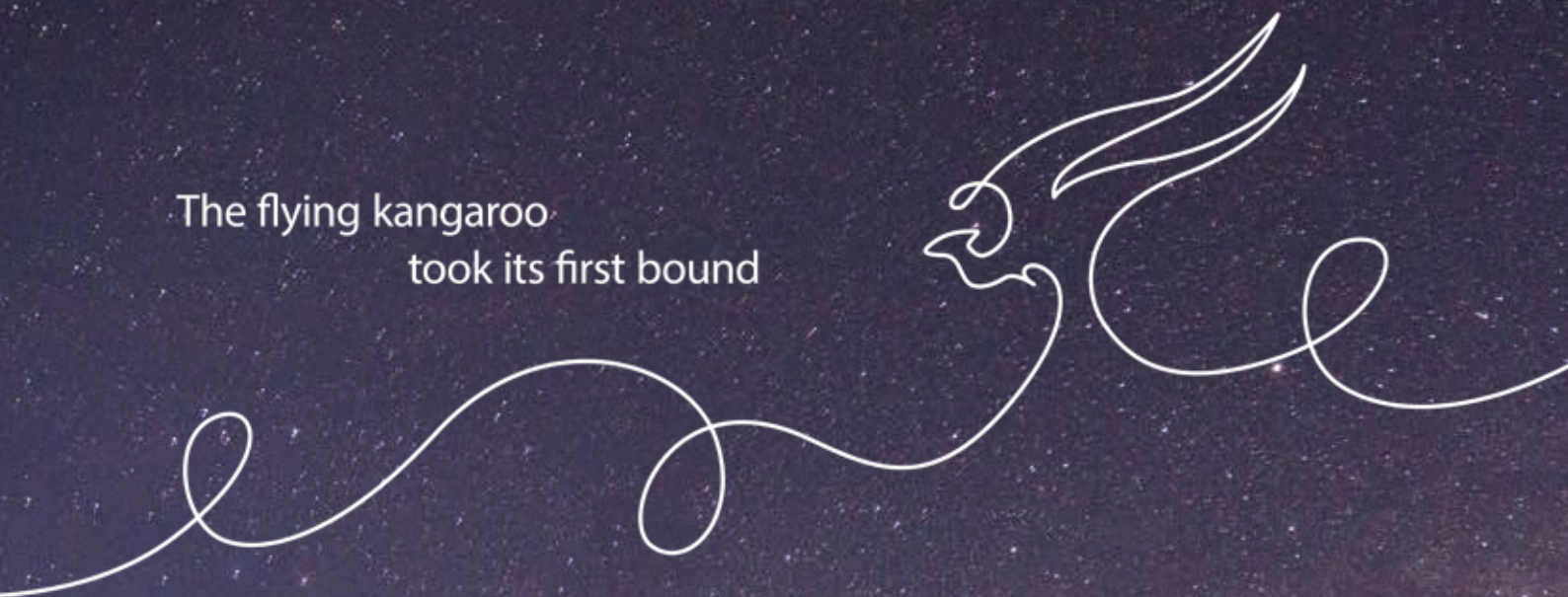


- 1 Pelican Waterhole (J8)
- 2 Long Waterhole (J8)
- 3 Route of the River Gum (J9)
- 4 Bladensburg National Park (J9)
- 5 Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum (K9)
- 6 Dinosaur Stampede and Lark Quarry Conservation Park (G12)
- 7 Opalton (I13)
- 8 Old Cork Station (D11)
- 9 Lillyvale Hills and Cawnpore Lookout (A10)
- 10 Middleton (C8)
- 11 Combo Waterhole (F4)
- 12 Corfield (L4)
- 13 Carisbrooke Station (H10)

Sunset Silhouette Signs



The flying kangaroo
took its first bound



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50 Elderslie Street, Winton QLD 4735

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