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Services			
1	Police	H6	Vindex St 4657 1200
2	Ambulance	G5	Werna St 4657 1100
3	Fire Station	H5	Vindex St 4657 1592
4	Hospital	C6	Oondooroo St 4657 2700
5	Doctor's Surgery	D6	Blomfield St 4657 1337
6	RACQ	I4	Elderslie St 4657 1256
7	Pharmacy	I5	Elderslie St 4657 1340
8	Public Toilets	J6	Oondooroo St
9	Post Office	J6	Elderslie St 4657 1547
10	Public Pool	I6	Elderslie St 4657 1560

Tourist Information and Services			
Visitor Information Centre /			
	Waltzing Matilda Centre	Elderslie St	4657 1466
	Travel Agent	Elderslie St	4657 1296

Winton Accommodation			
	Australian Hotel	Elderslie St	4657 1214
	Banjo's Overnight and Holiday Units	Manuka St	4657 1213
	Boulder Opal Motor Inn	Elderslie St	4657 1211
	Carisbrooke Station	Cork Mail Rd	4657 0084
	Matilda Country Tourist Park	Chirside St	4657 1607
	Matilda Motel	Oondooroo St	4657 1433
	North Gregory Hotel/Motel	Elderslie St	4657 1375
	Outback Motel	Elderslie St	4657 1422
	Pelican Fuel Stop and Caravan Park	Elderslie St	4657 1478
	Tattersalls Hotel	Elderslie St	4657 1309
	Windermere Station Stay	Jundah Rd	4657 0359
	Winton Hotel	Werna St	4657 1519

Banks			
	Westpac In-Store Bank	Elderslie St	4657 1466
	National Australian Bank	Elderslie St	4657 2100
	Commonwealth Bank (Post Office Agent)	Elderslie St	4657 1547

**Eftpos services are available at advertised retailers*

Restaurants and Meals			
	Boulder Opal Motor Inn	Elderslie St	4657 1211
	Coolibah Café	Elderslie St	4657 1466
	North Gregory Hotel	Elderslie St	4657 1375
	Royal Coffee Shop	Elderslie St	4657 1296
	Tattersalls Hotel	Elderslie St	4657 1309
	Twilight Café	Elderslie St	4657 1301
	Winton Hotel	Werna St	4657 1519
	Winton RSL	Oondooroo St	4657 1811

Waltzing Matilda Centre and Historic Winton Town Walk

Winton is the home of one of Australia's most enduring icons, the song 'Waltzing Matilda'. Considered by many to be Australia's unofficial national anthem, there have been over 500 different recordings of 'Waltzing Matilda'. Discover the intriguing story of this special song and the people and romance behind it through interactive displays and unique high tech audio visual presentations; it is the perfect place to begin your discovery of the Winton Experience.



Arno's Wall



Royal Open Air Theatre



Truck Museum

1 Waltzing Matilda Centre – Qantilda Museum, Outback Regional Gallery

The Waltzing Matilda Centre tells the story of the song 'Waltzing Matilda' through interactive exhibits and audio visual displays. Entry to the Centre also gives you access to the Outback Regional Gallery, with regularly changing exhibitions and access to the Qantilda Pioneer Place, which contains a large collection of artifacts and outback memorabilia from the town's original telephone exchange to railway carriages.

Trading Hours 9am – 5pm, 7 days (Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day) with reduced hours on Public Holidays and weekends from October to March. Contact: 1300 665 115.

1 Visitor Information Centre, Westpac In-store Bank – Coolibah Café and Station Store

The Waltzing Matilda Centre is also the location of an accredited Visitor Information Centre. It's free to browse, or ask our friendly staff about things to see and do around Winton and the region.

Enjoy a damper, tasty sandwich or coffee at the Coolibah Café and take the opportunity to find a special gift or book in the Station Store. You can even do your banking at the local branch of Westpac in-store.

After you visit the Centre, enjoy a leisurely walk through town to sample Winton's interesting buildings and sites. There are interpretive signs with further stories along the way. Head across the road to the Jolly Swagman sculpture for the start of the town walk.

2 Waltzing Matilda Centenary and Pelican Waterhole Sculptures

Banjo Paterson wrote 'Waltzing Matilda' in 1895 while visiting nearby Dagworth Station. 1995 marked the Centenary of Waltzing Matilda's writing and first performance at the North Gregory Hotel, and these sculptures were erected as part of the celebrations.

3 Elderslie Street Qantas Cairn

The Qantas Cairn, commemorating a registration of Qantas in Winton on 16th November 1920, was officially unveiled by Sir Hudson Fysh in July 1965.

4 The site of the first building in Winton

In 1876, Robert Allen built a hotel/store on the site of what is now the National Australian Bank. Allen also gave Winton its name. The town was originally called Pelican Waterhole, but Allen (who was the first Postmaster) found the name too cumbersome to write on postage stamps, so he called the town after Winton, the suburb in Bournemouth, England where he was born.

5 Royal Open Air Theatre

Established in 1918, the Royal Theatre in Cobb lane is one of the few open air picture theatres remaining in operation in Australia. It still operates with original projection equipment from 1938, when it was rebuilt following a fire. Enjoy a night of nostalgia on a canvas chair under the stars every Wednesday night at 8pm, April through to September. You are welcome to take a look during the day to see Memories of Yesteryear Picture Show Museum, with entry via Wookatook Gift and Gem Centre. Take time to enjoy the opal walk and fascinating opal displays.

6 North Gregory Hotel

The original North Gregory Hotel was built in 1878, but was pulled down in 1900. It was re-built, but burned to the ground in 1916. It was again devastated by fire in 1946. The building you see here today was built in 1955 by the Winton Shire Council and was the first hotel owned by any council. Enjoy a cool drink inside and admire the beautiful etched-glass panelled doors in the lounge. The doors, by artist Daphne Mayo, depict pastoral scenes, as well as scenes from the Qantas, and 'Waltzing Matilda' stories.

7 Corfield and Fitzmaurice Store

Come in and see the skylights and 'flying fox' of Winton's magnificent heritage-listed general store, opened by partners Corfield and Fitzmaurice in 1878. For a small entry fee, visitors can view the Dinosaur Diorama, interpreting the world's only known fossilised Trackways of dinosaurs in flight, at Lark Quarry Dinosaur Trackways. The store also contains a display of boulder opal from the Queensland Boulder Opal Association, and a heritage building display. Casts of fossilised bones, and fossilised plant material, from the Australian Age of Dinosaurs collection are also housed here. Don't forget to pick up a Winton gift from Combo Crafts.



Corfield and Fitzmaurice Store



Elderslie Street Pelican Waterhole sculpture

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■ The Jolly Swagman

The Jolly Swagman was commissioned to commemorate 'Waltzing Matilda' and was sculpted by celebrated Australian artist, Daphne Mayo in 1959. It is dedicated to 'Banjo' Paterson who wrote 'Waltzing Matilda', and the many swagman who lie in unmarked graves throughout Australia. This Swagman is a bronze replica of the original fibreglass statue, which now has a permanent home in the foyer of the Outback Regional Gallery.

■ 9
■ Arno's Wall

This modern wonder of art and architecture contains almost every household item you could imagine! There's everything from motorbikes to the kitchen sink! Arno has everyone guessing about what will be incorporated next into this unusual landmark.

■ 10
■ The Winton Club

On February 10th, 1921 the first Qantas Board meeting was held here at the Winton Club. Access to view the range of Qantas memorabilia on display is by arrangement. The original building has been extended over years, and repair work was carried out after a fire in 1943.

■ 11
■ Winton Shire Council Chambers

Local Government was established in Winton in 1887. The chambers and offices were built in 1959, with extensions in 1987, and the Shire Hall was opened in 1964. The Hall houses the Rolls of Honour of the First and Second World Wars. The cenotaph opposite the Hall contains three pieces of Rockhampton granite and weighs over 12 tonnes.

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■ Artesian Bores

Winton is famous for its water supply, four bores, all around 1.2 kilometres deep, emerging at a temperature of 83°C, cooled to 44°C before being reticulated into the town supply. You might notice a strong odour from the water which comes rich in minerals and hydrogen sulphide gas. Once the gas is allowed to escape, either by letting it stand or boiling, then it is magnificent.

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■ Winton Cemetery

The Cemetery is at the western end of Cork Street. Wander through the interesting and historical markers and monuments of some of the Outback's early pioneers. A self-guided walk brochure is available from the Winton Visitor Information Centre or the Cemetery gate.

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■ Stock Trucking Yards

Pastoral leases were taken up in 1873 and the first holdings in Winton Shire were Elderslie, Vindex, Bladensburg and Oondooroo. The Winton Shire covers 53,820 sq kms and the low rainfall (400mm pa) is ideal for sheep grazing in the district – in a good season up to 100 thousand merino sheep graze the area. Recently cattle production has increased due to the international demand for high quality Australian beef. Cattle are trucked by road train to the yards for further transfers.

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■ Qantas Cairn and Musical Fence

The Winton Shire Council became the first local authority in the world to support an airline, contributing to the acquisition in 1920 for Qantas' first landing field. A memorial cairn marks the site of the first plane landing here on the 7th of February 1921. In 2003 the nearby musical fence was created as part of the Queensland Biennial Festival of Music and is open to public use for your enjoyment.



Musical Fence

■ 16
■ Winton's Diamantina Heritage Truck & Machinery Museum

Take a trip into Transport history and visit Winton's newest tourist attraction, officially opened in September 2007. View the restored heritage trucks, tractors, machinery and memorabilia. The Museum is situated just over the railway line on the Hughenden road.

■ 17
■ Long Waterhole

Long Waterhole is man-made and is a popular camping and picnic spot and is great for bird watching and fishing. A bike track designed for motorbikes runs around the waterhole.

■ 18
■ Pelican Waterhole

Winton was first known as Pelican Waterhole, and this is the site of the first camp, settled by pioneer Robert Allen. The incidence of flooding brought about the relocation of the town to its present position. Turn left along the Landsborough Highway west of the town at the sign (just after the Eric Lenton Memorial Recreational Grounds).