



NWHHS LIFESTYLE GUIDE



North West 
Hospital and Health Service

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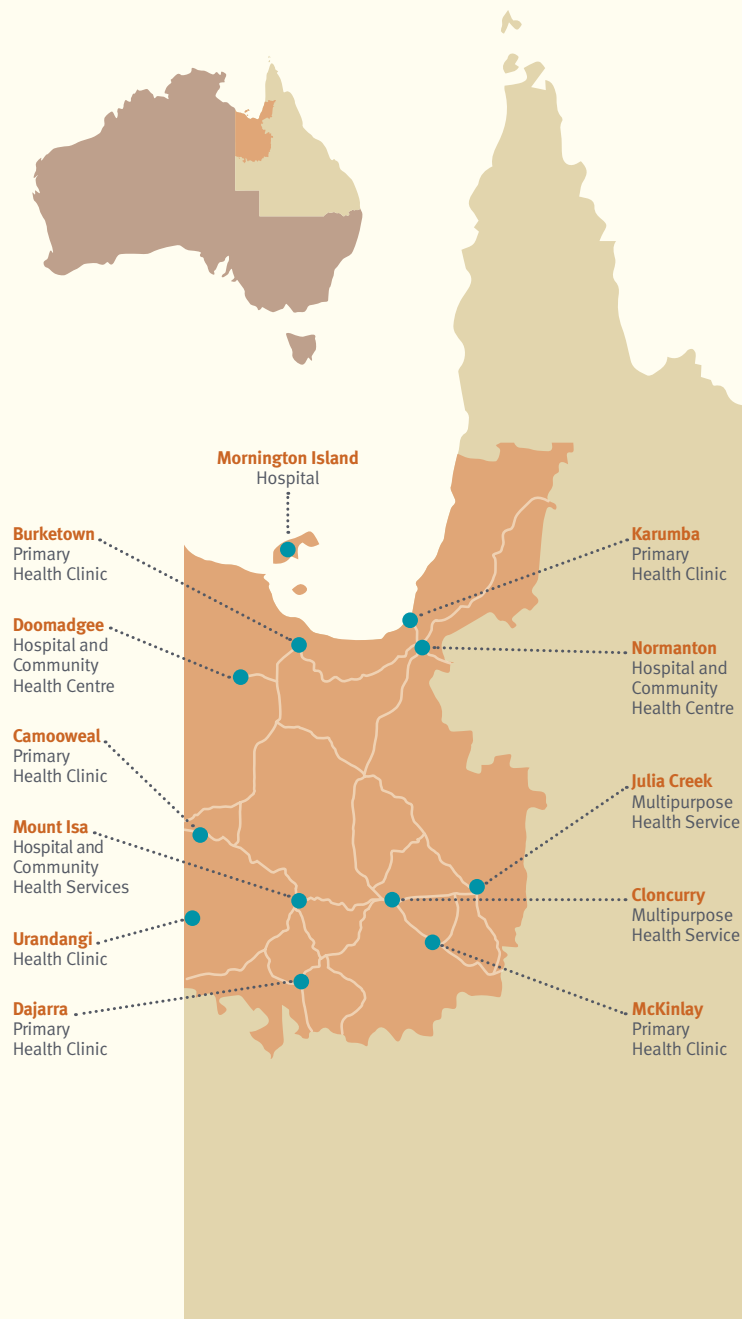
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NORTH WEST HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

THE NORTH WEST HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICE (NWHHS) IS THE MAJOR PROVIDER OF PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN THE NORTH WEST QUEENSLAND REGION, COVERING A TOTAL LAND AREA OF MORE THAN 300,000 KILOMETRES. NWHHS PROVIDES SERVICES TO A POPULATION OF APPROXIMATELY 27,000 PEOPLE.

Health services are provided from one regional hospital, two multi-purpose health services, three remote hospitals, five primary health clinics and one health clinic:



FIRST NATIONS HEALTH

WE HAVE SEVERAL REMOTE COMMUNITIES AND DISCRETE ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES WITHIN OUR HEALTH SERVICE'S AREA AND WORK CLOSELY WITH OUR HEALTHCARE PARTNERS TO ENSURE TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE ACCESS TO CARE ACROSS A GEOGRAPHICALLY CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT.

North West Queensland is rich in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and people, with First Nations peoples making up 30.6 per cent of the population, significantly higher than the Queensland state average of 4.6 per cent, making NWHHS one of Australia's largest providers of health services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The population of First Nations people within towns varies from 5.5 per cent in Julia Creek to 89.3 per cent in Doomadgee, requiring bespoke outcomes and tailored healthcare delivery within a cohesive and consistent framework.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NORTH WEST HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICE [HERE](#).





OUR REGION

THE NORTH WEST QUEENSLAND REGION IS KNOWN FOR ITS RICH LOCAL HISTORY, FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES, AND ABUNDANT CAREER AND LIFESTYLE OPPORTUNITIES. EACH COMMUNITY WITHIN OUR REGION EXUDES A UNIQUE CHARM OF ITS OWN AND WHETHER YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A TROPICAL CLIMATE, DRY CLIMATE, COUNTRY LIVING OR SEASIDE LIVING, THE NORTH WEST QUEENSLAND REGION REALLY HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Wherever you choose to live in the region the workday commute will only be a few minutes, meaning more time can be spent with family instead of battling traffic for hours. This also means that attending school, sporting and social events are much easier and don't require significant planning. Many locals also travel regularly throughout the region to support our outback businesses and events held within different communities. These events are a great way to meet new people and build your social network. Aside from the social benefits, our regional events are a great way to immerse yourself in outback culture. There are so many unforgettable experiences and outback adventures just waiting to be explored by you!

Nature lovers will enjoy our iconic vivid sunsets, beautiful stary nights made better thanks to our low light pollution and spectacular outback summer storms. Although we do experience several storms throughout the year, majority of our days will bring you clear skies – which is great for those who like to spend their time exploring the outdoors and playing sports. You will be mesmerised by the contrasting red dirt of the desert, rolling hills of the ranges and stunning outback gorges.

We also have an abundance of native wildlife roaming our lands for all the animal lovers out there too! You can spot iconic native Australian wildlife throughout the region including kangaroos, wallabies, emus, goannas,



frilled-necked lizards, and echidnas. We also have several wildlife endemic to our region including the Julia Creek Dunnart, the purple-necked wallaby and the Kalkadoon Grasswren.

Cultural history is preserved by the Traditional Custodians of the land through the protection of sacred sites, customs, beliefs, and artistic expressions such as paintings, carvings, and storytelling. There are plenty of opportunities to learn about their histories, traditional lifestyles and listen to their storytelling. The region is also home to many very talented and renowned First Nations artists and there are local art galleries located in Mount Isa, Cloncurry, Mornington Island and Normanton.

THIS GUIDE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO GIVE YOU AN OVERVIEW OF EACH OF THE COMMUNITIES WITHIN OUR REGION HOWEVER THERE ARE MANY OTHER VALUABLE RESOURCES AVAILABLE.

WE HAVE PROVIDED LINKS TO A NUMBER OF THESE RESOURCES THROUGHOUT THIS DOCUMENT - BE SURE TO CHECK THEM OUT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

EXPLORING THE VAST OUTBACK

THE EXPANSE OF NORTH WEST QUEENSLAND BECKONS WITH OVER 300,000 SQUARE KILOMETERS OF ADVENTURE WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED. AS YOU EMBARK ON YOUR JOURNEY THROUGH THIS REMOTE WONDERLAND, IT'S ESSENTIAL TO EQUIP YOURSELF WITH HANDY HINTS AND TIPS FOR A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE:

Seasonal Awareness: The wet season spans from November to April, while the dry season blesses the land from May to October.

Stay Informed: Prioritise safety by staying updated on fire, weather, and road conditions before and during your travels. Seek guidance from Local Councils, Visitor Information Centres, and digital resources such as:

Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) Weatherzone for weather forecasts.

Qld Traffic for real-time road closure updates.

Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) for bushfire warnings.

Get Ready NWQ app developed by councils in the region for disaster information and guidance.

Vehicle Safety: Understand your vehicle's capabilities, especially if venturing off-road or onto unsealed paths.

Preparedness is Key: Be ready for anything by carrying essential supplies including food, water, fuel, spare tire, toolkit, flashlight, first-aid kit, and a current road map.

Communication and Safety Equipment: While phone services may be sporadic, ensure you have reliable communication tools such as satellite phones, UHF radios, or Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRB).

Road Etiquette: Share the road respectfully with heavy vehicles and road trains. Familiarise yourself with safe driving practices through available resources.

Wildlife Caution: Exercise caution around wildlife and livestock commonly found near roadways. Familiarise yourself with safety protocols to share the road responsibly.

Respecting Nature: Pay heed to crocodile warnings around waterways and adhere to local council guidelines regarding drinking water conditions.

By embracing these tips and immersing yourself in the beauty of North West Queensland, your outback adventure promises to be an unforgettable journey filled with wonder and discovery.

<p>Mount Isa Distance from Townsville: 904km Distance from Cairns: 1110km</p>	<p>Cloncurry Distance from Mount Isa: 120km Distance from Townsville: 784km</p>
<p>Camooweal Distance from Mount Isa: 190km Distance from Darwin: 1410km</p>	<p>Dajarra Distance from Mount Isa: 156km Distance from Boulia: 149km</p>
<p>Julia Creek Distance from Mount Isa: 258km Distance from Townsville: 646km</p>	<p>McKinlay Distance from Mount Isa: 228km Distance from Cloncurry: 107km</p>
<p>Normanton Distance from Mount Isa: 498km Distance from Cairns: 678km</p>	<p>Karumba Distance from Mount Isa: 568km Distance from Normanton: 70km</p>
<p>Burketown Distance from Mount Isa: 546km Distance from Normanton: 225km</p>	<p>Doomadgee Distance from Mount Isa: 572km Distance from Normanton: 323km</p>

MOUNT ISA



PRESS PLAY

CHECK OUT THESE VIDEOS THAT CAPTURE THE SPIRIT OF LIVING AND WORKING IN MOUNT ISA:

Vidushan's Story - Medical Intern at Mount Isa Hospital

Credit: North West Hospital and Health Service

Mount Isa - The City of Opportunity

Credit: Mount Isa City Council

We're Mount Isa

Credit: Josh Arnold



Photos courtesy of Mount Isa City Council

COMMUNITY

MOUNT ISA IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 904KM WEST OF TOWNSVILLE, NESTLED IN THE HEART OF THE OUTBACK ALONG THE BANKS OF THE LEICHHARDT RIVER. THE CITY HAS A RICH HISTORY THAT DATES BACK TO THE EARLY 1920S WHEN IT WAS ESTABLISHED AS A FRONTIER MINING TOWN. OVER THE YEARS, MOUNT ISA HAS TRANSFORMED INTO A MAJOR OUTBACK CENTRE, ATTRACTING PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

Approximately 18,340 people call Mount Isa home with 21.4 per cent of the local population identifying as Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The Kalkadoon people are recognised as the Traditional Custodians of the area.

Mount Isa's friendly community vibe and bustling atmosphere make it a vibrant town that is full of life, and with everything in close proximity, it is a great place to settle in.



MOUNT ISA HOSPITAL

THE MOUNT ISA HOSPITAL PROVIDES AMBULATORY, SUB-AMBULATORY, AND INPATIENT SERVICES PREDOMINANTLY IN THE AREAS OF:

- accident and emergency
- specialist medical and nurse and midwifery-led services – outpatients
- general medical, including chronic disease such as diabetes and respiratory care.
- cardiac, including cardiac investigations.
- general surgical including day surgical procedures (endoscopy, colonoscopy)
- gynaecology
- ophthalmology
- obstetrics and midwifery – regional birthing facility for low and medium risk birthing (from 34 weeks' gestation). Outlying remote facilities do not have the service provision or equipment to birth except in the circumstances of emergency / unplanned births.
- critical care
- neonatal and special care nursery
- paediatrics
- telehealth (inpatient, in-reach, and outpatient)
- sub-acute care (palliative, geriatric evaluation, and management)
- mental health, alcohol, and other drugs service
- oncology – chemotherapy support by Townsville cancer care service
- breast care service – funded through the McGrath Foundation.
- renal dialysis
- allied health – including pharmacy, dietetics, occupational therapy, podiatry, social work, psychology, physiotherapy, clinical measurements and speech and hearing.
- oral health service.

The Mount Isa Hospital radiology diagnostic service is provided by iMED Radiology through a private outsourcing agreement. The radiology department is co-located within the Mount Isa Hospital providing general computerised radiography, magnetic resonance imaging, echocardiograms, ultrasound fluoroscopy, and mobile trauma services through a digitalised picture communication system supporting outlying facilities.



Subacute services include community rehabilitation in partnership with the Centre for Rural and Remote Health and North West Remote Health. We have now transitioned from Townsville Hospital and Health Service to provide renal services in Mount Isa. The renal dialysis service consists of a ten-chair haemodialysis unit based at the Mount Isa Hospital.

Specialist outreach patient services are managed from the hospital, which is the major hub for Telehealth services across the entire north-west service area, with five primary health care clinics and six hospital sites having access to 24/7 medical and nursing and midwifery support for the advice and management of lower risk emergency department presentations and other outpatient care.

The North West Hospital and Health Service is continually enhancing staff amenities, including upgrades to the Mount Isa Hospital staff accommodation, ensuring a comfortable and supportive living environment for healthcare professionals.

MOUNT ISA HOSPITAL IS THE MAIN REFERRAL CENTRE WITHIN THE NORTH WEST HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICE. PATIENTS FROM OTHER FACILITIES ACROSS THE NORTH WEST REGION WHO REQUIRE SPECIALIST TREATMENT AND CARE ARE REFERRED TO EITHER THE MOUNT ISA HOSPITAL OR TO OTHER MAJOR HOSPITALS WITHIN QUEENSLAND, INCLUDING TOWNSVILLE, CAIRNS, AND BRISBANE.



SERVICES AND RETAIL

There are numerous sports and recreational activities to choose from, including but not limited to football, soccer, basketball, netball, tennis, cricket, softball, hockey, lawn bowls, golf, cycling, gymnastics, dance, martial arts, motorsports, and water sports.

There are plenty of amenities for the kids and families including the Splashez Aquatic Centre, Family Fun Park, Skatepark, Gallipoli Pump Track and Recreational Park.

Settling into this outback city is made simple with a range of services and businesses available including shopping centres, restaurants, cafes, entertainment facilities, fitness facilities, a variety of general practice and other health services, veterinary services, and banking services.

Despite its remote location, Mount Isa provides more than just the essentials including beauty and massage services, furniture stores, electronic and home goods stores, outdoor living stores and auto goods stores.

EDUCATION

Mount Isa has a large variety of education providers including childcare, kindergartens, primary education, secondary education, and tertiary education options as well as special education, distance education and flexible learning options. Not unlike other communities throughout Australia it can be competitive to have a child care spot allocated to your child and you may need to join a waiting list.

Mount Isa has four well-established child care facilities including St Paul's Lutheran Church Childcare Centre, Good Start Early Learning Mount Isa, Red Oasis Early Education and Care, St Mary Mackillop Early Learning Centre, and Mount Isa Day Nursery and Kindergarten. There are also multiple family day care options.

There are ten kindergarten programs available including at the Happy Valley Community Kindergarten, St Joseph's Kindergarten Mount Isa, Injilinj Community Kindergarten, C & K Sunset Community Kindergarten, Eileen Fisher Memorial Kindergarten, Estelle Cardiff Community Kindergarten, Mount Isa Day Nursery and Kindergarten, Red Oasis Early Education and Care, St Mary Mackillop Early Learning Centre and Goodstart Early Learning Centre Mount Isa.

There are eight primary schools (years prep - 6) located throughout the town. Public primary school options include Mount Isa Central State School, Townview State School, Healy State School, Happy Valley State School, Barkly Highway State School and Sunset State School. The two Catholic primary school options include St Joseph's Catholic Primary School and St Kieran's Catholic Primary School.

There are two high schools in the area. Spinifex State College is a public high school which has a junior (years 7-9), senior (years 10-12) and residential campus (for boarding students). Good Shepherd Catholic College is a Catholic high school which has a single campus catering to years 7-12.

Mount Isa Special School serves students aged 5-18 with intellectual, visual, auditory, and physical disabilities. Essential services for individuals with special needs are also available in Mount Isa.

Mount Isa Flexible Learning Centre provides an alternative learning environment for students from diverse social, cultural, and religious backgrounds, with a particular emphasis on Indigenous culture.

Mount Isa is home to a TAFE Queensland North campus that provides a wide range of vocational training, as well as a remote James Cook University campus that offers a growing selection of tertiary healthcare courses.

The Country Universities Centre (CUC) Mount Isa provides a dedicated learning and study space for students who are studying higher education remotely in Mount Isa from an Australian university or non-university. The centre offers access to internet and technology services and equipment. A team is also available to provide support services and advice to students.

COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT SERVICES

Qantas Airlines offer flights to Townsville and Brisbane. Mount Isa residents may be eligible for discounted Qantas fares, view the conditions and instructions for eligibility and accessing these discounted fares [here](#).

Virgin Australia offer flights to Brisbane. Mount Isa residents may be eligible for discounted Virgin fares, view the conditions and instructions for eligibility and accessing these discounted fares [here](#).

Rex Airlines offer flights between Mount Isa, Julia Creek, Richmond, Hughenden and Townsville as well as throughout the Gulf between Mount Isa, Doomadgee, Burketown, Mornington Island, Normanton, and Cairns.

Greyhound Australia offer bus services from Mount Isa to Brisbane as well as from Tennant Creek to Townsville with a stop in Mount Isa.

Queensland Rail Inlander offer rail services between Mount Isa and Townsville. Visit for more information.

Photo courtesy of Mount Isa City Council



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Explore Lake Moondarra, a popular social spot for picnicking, fishing, birdwatching and water sports located 17km north of the city via sealed road. There are several walking trails and BBQ spots spread around the area. Visit Warrina Park, where you can admire the beautiful peacocks while enjoying the scenery.

Visit Outback at Isa, the Visitor Information Centre in Mount Isa that contains several exciting, must-see attractions. You can take an underground tour at The Hard Times Mines exhibit where your guide will take you 25 metres underground and through 1.2kms of tunnels to experience what it is like for miners working underground every day. You will hear stories and the history of the local mine as well as view mining machinery. The Isa Experience Heritage Display offers an opportunity to immerse yourself in the local history of the region. Outback at Isa also has an art gallery displaying works from local and regional artists and a native botanical garden, Outback Park, which offers a Bush Tucker Experience with a First Nations guide who will discuss traditional bush living methods. Last, but not least, is the Riversleigh Fossil Discovery Centre, an exhibit of fossils sourced from the Riversleigh World Heritage Area which is considered one of the most significant fossil sites in the world.

Discover the Underground Hospital and Museum, Australia's first and only underground hospital, and the Beth Anderson Museum which features a collection of historic medical equipment. Also located onsite is the heritage-listed Tent House, a housing solution used in the early days of establishing Mount Isa.

Discover the historic uranium mining township of Mary Kathleen, now a ghost town, located approximately 53km east of Mount Isa. Access to Mary Kathleen requires travelling off-road, however, guided tours are also offered by **North West Tours**.

Travel to Clem Walton Park and Corella Dam, a popular spot for camping, birdwatching and fishing, located approximately 69km east of Mount Isa. Access to Clem Walton Park requires travelling off-road and there are toilet facilities within the park.

LEARN MORE

ABOUT MOUNT ISA

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CAMOOWEAL



Photos courtesy of Mount Isa City Council

COMMUNITY

CAMOOWEAL IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 190KM WEST OF MOUNT ISA AND SITS APPROXIMATELY 12KM FROM THE NORTHERN TERRITORY BORDER. ESTABLISHED IN 1884 AS A SERVICE CENTRE FOR SURROUNDING CATTLE PROPERTIES, CAMOOWEAL MARKS THE FURTHEST TIP OF THE MOUNT ISA CITY COUNCIL CATCHMENT. CAMOOWEAL HAS A STRONG DROVING HISTORY AND IS FAMOUS FOR ITS 500-MILLION-YEAR-OLD UNDERGROUND CAVE SYSTEM.

Approximately 236 people call Camooweal home with 39 per cent of the local population identifying as Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The Indjalandji-Dhidhanu people are recognised as the Traditional Custodians of the area.

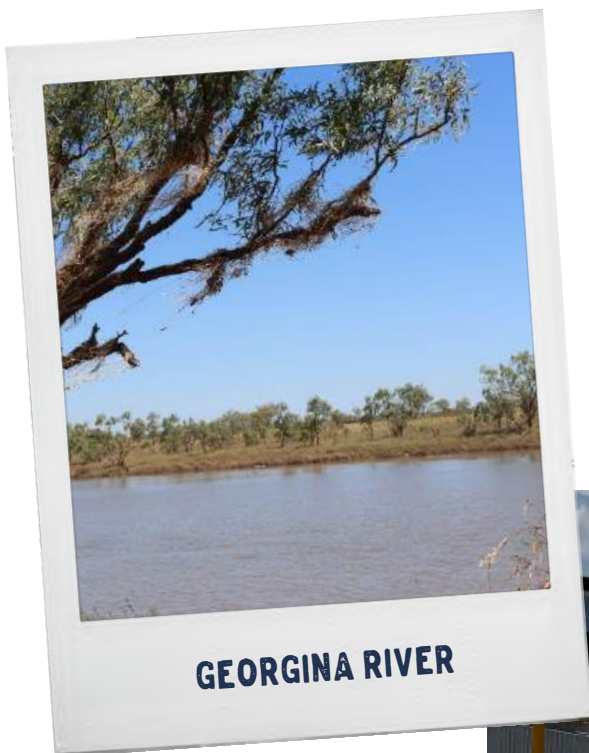
CAMOOWEAL PRIMARY HEALTH CLINIC

CAMOOWEAL PRIMARY HEALTH CLINIC IS A LEVEL 1 FACILITY UNDER THE RURAL AND REMOTE CLINICAL SERVICES CAPABILITY FRAMEWORK. THE SERVICE PROVIDES LOW-RISK AMBULATORY, ACUTE AND PREVENTATIVE CARE NURSING, ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH WORKERS, ADMINISTRATION, AND OPERATIONAL STAFF.

The Camooweal Primary Health Clinic is a nurse-led facility, providing 24-hour acute and emergency on-call service with a hospital-based ambulance. The clinic incorporates the advanced nurse model and nurse practitioner model of care and focuses on chronic disease management, preventative health, health promotion and health education. The clinic offers pharmacy services, child health, immunisation, school-based wellness health checks and community home visits.

In 2024, Camooweal received a newly built modern facility to meet the current and future health needs of the community.

The North West Hospital and Health Service is continually enhancing staff amenities, including upgrades to Camooweal staff accommodation ensuring a comfortable and supportive living and working environment for healthcare professionals.





SERVICES AND RETAIL

The Camooweal Roadhouse provides essential grocery items, takeaway items and has a restaurant for those looking for somewhere to dine out. The town also has a post office, a convenience store and tennis courts. Locals will occasionally travel to the nearby town of Mount Isa for their more diverse shopping needs outside of the essentials provided in Camooweal.

Remote delivery for orders placed with Woolworths or Coles may be arranged via a third-party delivery service. Please contact [Woolworths](#) or [Coles](#) for more information.

Camooweal is serviced only by the Telstra Network, if you are with another service provider you may want to look into bringing your own Telstra modem/dongle with you in order to connect to internet services.

EDUCATION

Camooweal State School offers a kindergarten program and primary and secondary education up to Year 10.

COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT SERVICES

There are no commercial air and rail services in Camooweal.

Camooweal residents may be eligible for discounted airfares from your nearest Virgin or Qantas port of departure. View the conditions and instructions for eligibility and accessing these discounted fares [here](#) (Qantas) and [here](#) (Virgin).

[Greyhound Australia](#) offer bus services from Tennant Creek to Townsville with a stop in Camooweal.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

LEARN MORE ABOUT CAMOOWEAL

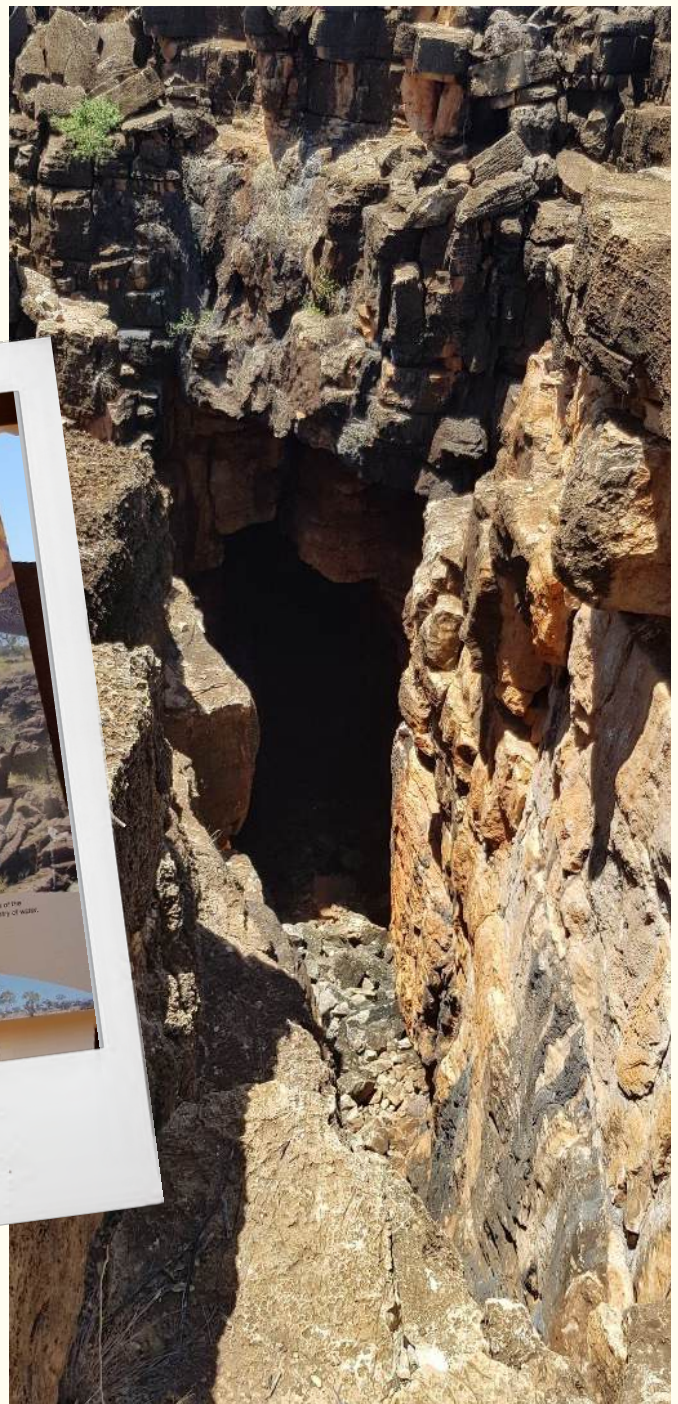
Georgina River is located a short distance west of Camooweal. The river is a popular location for fishing, birdwatching and, in the dry season, camping. Please note there are no facilities and access to Georgina River, Lake Francis and Lake Canellan require travelling off-road.

Wiliyan-ngurru National Park (formerly known as Camooweal Caves National Park) is a vast sinkhole and underground cave system formed in the Cambrian era approximately 500 million years ago. While public entry inside the caves is not permitted, safe public viewing areas are accessible via walking tracks to the Nowranie Caves. Within the Wiliyan-ngurru National Park, Nowranie Waterhole also features a public day use area that is perfect for a picnic stop. Access Wiliyan-ngurru National Park requires travelling off-road, please view the website for further details.

Driving Heritage Centre is a museum containing artefacts, memorabilia and an art gallery displaying the regions rich driving history.

Travel the short distance to the Northern Territory/ Queensland Border which is located just 12km from Camooweal.

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CLONCURRY



PRESS PLAY

CHECK OUT THESE VIDEOS THAT CAPTURE THE SPIRIT OF LIVING AND WORKING IN CLONCURRY:

Dr Cameron Hoare's Career in Cloncurry

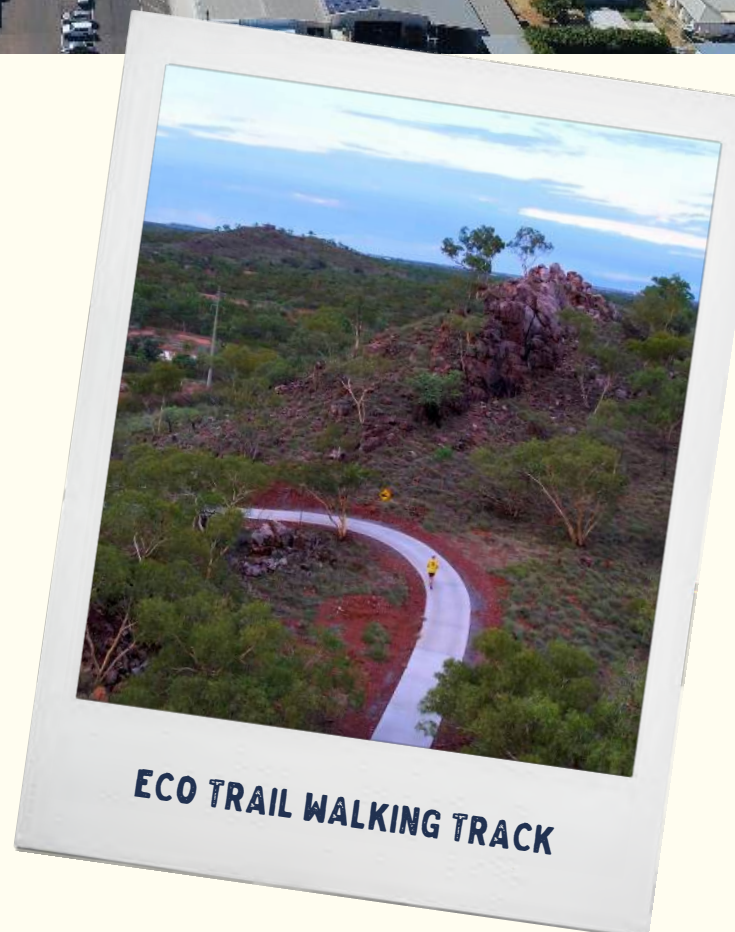
Credit: North West Hospital and Health Service

Experience Cloncurry

Credit: Cloncurry Shire Council

That's Cloncurry

Credit: Josh Arnold



ECO TRAIL WALKING TRACK

COMMUNITY

CLONCURRY IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 120KM EAST OF MOUNT ISA ALONG THE OVERLANDERS WAY AND NESTLED ON THE BANKS OF THE CLONCURRY RIVER. THE TOWN SUPPORTS MAJOR SILVER, GOLD, COPPER, AND ZINC MINING OPERATIONS AND THRIVING CATTLE AND SHEEP INDUSTRIES. CLONCURRY IS ALSO FAMOUS FOR BEING THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE.

Known to the locals as “The Curry” and fondly referred to as “The Friendly Heart of the Outback”, Cloncurry is a wonderful option for those looking for a laid-back lifestyle within a caring, small community environment.

Approximately 3167 people call Cloncurry home, however the town has large transient workforce linked to the nearby mine. 23.7 percent of the local population identify as Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The Traditional Custodians of the region are the Mitakoodi, Kalkadoon and Pitta Pitta people.

CLONCURRY MULTIPURPOSE HEALTH SERVICE

CLONCURRY MULTIPURPOSE HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDES RURAL AND REMOTE HOSPITAL SERVICES INCLUDING AN INPATIENT FACILITY, A RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITY, AN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT, AND AN OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT.

Community health services provide sexual health, chronic disease management, diabetes education, mental health, alcohol and drug service, telehealth, school health, child and youth health, women’s health, palliative care, physiotherapy, dietitian, optometry services and an aged care assessment team.

North and West Remote Health provides allied health services and diabetes education.

In 2022, in response to increased demand for renal services, there was an expansion of three new dialysis units across the North West Hospital and Health Service including in Cloncurry.



SERVICES AND RETAIL

Cloncurry offers community facilities such as a post office, pharmacy, sports centre, gym, public pool, waterpark, skate park, town library, butcher, bakery, as well as a number of supermarkets, general stores, specialty stores, cafés and restaurants.

Cloncurry has a number of sporting clubs and sporting facilities for activities such as basketball, volleyball, netball, lawn bowls, golf, cricket, soccer, football and cycling.

EDUCATION

Curry Kids Early Learning Centre provides long day care services and C & K Cloncurry Kindergarten offers a kindergarten program.

St Joseph's Catholic School Cloncurry offers primary and secondary education up to Year 9.

Cloncurry State School offers prep, primary and secondary education up to Year 12.

Cloncurry has a local TAFE campus that provides tertiary education options for the community.

COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT SERVICES

Qantas Airlines offer flights from Cloncurry to Mount Isa, Townsville, and Brisbane. Cloncurry residents may be eligible for discounted Qantas fares, view the conditions and instructions for eligibility and accessing these discounted fares [here](#).

Cloncurry residents may be eligible for discounted airfares from your nearest Virgin Australia port of departure. View the conditions and instructions for eligibility and accessing these discounted fares [here](#).

Greyhound Australia offer bus services from Tennant Creek to Townsville and Mount Isa to Brisbane with stops in Cloncurry.

Queensland Rail Inlander offer rail services from Mount Isa and Townsville with a stop in Cloncurry.

Photos courtesy of Cloncurry Shire Council



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Take a trip out to Chinaman Creek Dam, located approximately 3.5km west of Cloncurry via sealed road, and explore the Eco Trail Walking Track, enjoy water activities such as stand-up paddle boarding and kayaking or have a picnic or barbeque.

Visit the [Cloncurry Unearthed Museum](#) to explore a large collection of gems and minerals and walk the Bush Tucker and Garden Trail.

Learn about early outback pioneers who helped to transform remote living, including the establishment of the Royal Flying Doctor Service, at the [John Flynn Place Museum and Art Gallery](#).

Discover the historic uranium mining township of Mary Kathleen, now a ghost town, located 68km west of Cloncurry. Guided tours are offered by [North West Tours](#) departing from Mount Isa.

Travel to Clem Walton Park and Corella Dam, a popular spot for camping, birdwatching and fishing, located approximately 56km west of Cloncurry. Access to Clem Walton Park requires travelling off-road and there are toilet facilities within the park.

Visit the nearby historic remote pubs including the [Quamby Pub](#) located approximately 46km north-west of Cloncurry via sealed road and the [Kalkadoon Hotel](#) located approximately 103km north-west of Cloncurry in the small town of Kajabbi. Please note, the drive to Kajabbi involves some off-road travel. Both pubs have recently been restored and offer onsite camping accommodation.

LEARN MORE

ABOUT CLONCURRY

THE [CLONCURRY VISITOR GUIDE](#) AND [EXPERIENCE CLONCURRY](#) ARE GREAT RESOURCES THAT CONTAIN DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL SERVICES, BUSINESSES, RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS. THE [CLONCURRY SHIRE COUNCIL WEBSITE](#) AND [CLONCURRY SHIRE COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE](#) ALSO PROVIDE USEFUL LOCAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE REGION.



DAJARRA



PRESS PLAY

CHECK OUT THIS VIDEO THAT CAPTURES THE SPIRIT OF LIVING IN DAJARRA:

Our Home Dajarra

Credit: Josh Arnold

COMMUNITY

DAJARRA IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 156KM FROM MOUNT ISA AND LIES WITHIN THE CLONCURRY SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA. DAJARRA WAS ONCE THE LARGEST CATTLE TRUCKING DEPOT IN THE WORLD BUT TODAY ITS MAIN INDUSTRY IS THE NEARBY MINE.

Approximately 186 people call Dajarra home with 50.5 per cent of the local population identifying as Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The Yulluna and Waluwarra people are recognised as the Traditional Custodians of the area.



DAJARRA PRIMARY HEALTH CLINIC

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Dajarra Primary Health Clinic is a nurse-led facility with a nurse practitioner model of care, focusing on chronic disease management, preventative health, health promotion and health education. The clinic offers pharmacy services, sexual and women's health services, antenatal and post-natal care, child health, immunisation, school-based wellness health checks and community home visits.

Visiting services include the Royal Flying Doctor Service, endocrinology, cardiology, child health nurse, women's health nurse, dentistry, diabetes nurse practitioner and the North West Remote Health team which consists of diabetes nurse educator, podiatry, occupational therapy, and exercise physiologist.

The North West Hospital and Health Service is continually enhancing staff amenities, including upgrades to the Dajarra staff accommodation, ensuring a comfortable and supportive living environment for healthcare professionals.



SERVICES AND RETAIL

The Dajarra Roadhouse serves as the local postal agency as well as providing takeaway food and essential grocery items. The Roadhouse and the local hotel/pub have restaurants for those looking for somewhere to dine out. The town also has a local skatepark for the kids.

Locals will occasionally travel to the nearby town of Mount Isa for their more diverse shopping needs outside of the essentials provided in Dajarra.

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Dajarra is serviced only by the Telstra Network, if you are with another service provider you may want to look into bringing your own Telstra modem/dongle with you in order to connect to internet services.

EDUCATION

Dajarra State School offers childcare services, kindergarten, primary and secondary education up to Year 6.

COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT SERVICES

There are no commercial air, bus, or rail services available in Dajarra.

Dajarra residents may be eligible for discounted airfares from your nearest Virgin Australia or Qantas port of departure. View the conditions and instructions for eligibility and accessing these discounted fares [here](#) (Qantas) and [here](#) (Virgin).

LOCAL

ATTRACTIONS

Popular local fishing spots include Georgina River, Carbine Creek, and Wills River.

Discover the local legend of the Min Min light at the nearby town of Boulia, located approximately 150km from Dajarra. While you are there, visit the [Boulia Heritage Complex](#) where you can find an impressive Marine Reptile Fossil Display.

Take a trip to the nearby mining town of Mount Isa located approximately 155km from Dajarra. Mount Isa has a selection of must visit venues and experiences including the [Outback at Isa](#), Hard Times Mine Underground tour, Riversleigh Fossil Centre and the [Mount Isa Underground Hospital and Museum](#).

JULIA CREEK



PRESS PLAY

CHECK OUT THIS VIDEO THAT CAPTURES THE SPIRIT OF LIVING IN JULIA CREEK:

Julia Creek

Credit: Josh Arnold



Photo courtesy of McKinlay Shire Council

COMMUNITY

JULIA CREEK, THE “GATEWAY TO THE GULF”, IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 258KM EAST OF MOUNT ISA ALONG THE OVERLANDERS WAY AND LIES WITHIN THE MCKINLAY SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA.

The two main industries in the McKinlay Shire are agriculture and mining. The world’s largest natural aquifer, the Great Artesian Basin, underpins and supports the community and the diversity of rich grazing lands and unique animal life the Shire has to offer.

Approximately 549 people call Julia Creek home with 5.5 per cent of the local population identifying as Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The Wunumara people are recognised as the Traditional Custodians of the area.

JULIA CREEK MULTIPURPOSE HEALTH SERVICE

JULIA CREEK MULTIPURPOSE HEALTH SERVICE, ALSO KNOWN AS JULIA CREEK HOSPITAL, IS A LEVEL 2 FACILITY UNDER THE RURAL AND REMOTE CLINICAL SERVICES CAPABILITY FRAMEWORK PROVIDING RURAL AND REMOTE HOSPITAL SERVICES, INCLUDING AN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT, GENERAL WARD, AND A GENERAL PRACTICE CLINIC.

The facility provides low-risk ambulatory care clinical services predominantly delivered by registered nurses and health workers. Patients requiring a higher level of care can be managed for short periods before transfer to a higher-level service.

The facility coordinates visiting specialist services including dental, mental health, optometry, allied health, women’s health, child health and diabetes education. The facility also provides residential aged care services.

In 2019, the Julia Creek community received a newly built modern facility to meet the current and future health needs of the McKinlay Shire.



SERVICES AND RETAIL

Julia Creek offers community facilities such as a post office, pharmacy, sports centre, gym, public pool, waterpark, skate park, town library, butcher, bakery as well as a number of general stores, cafés, and restaurants.

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In recent years, Julia Creek opened the Julia Creek Smart Hub which offers a 24/7 co-work area, meeting rooms and offices with modern digital facilities. Membership is required to access the Smart Hub.

EDUCATION

The Julia Creek Early Learning Centre offers childcare services and a kindergarten program for children aged 12 months to school age.

Julia Creek State School offers prep and primary education up to Year 6.

Julia Creek State School also offers Middle School education (years 7 – 9) in partnership with Mount Isa School of the Air for children who do not wish to leave the community to attend boarding school. Under this program, students are enrolled with Mount Isa School of the Air through distance education and attend Julia Creek State School in a separate room specifically for secondary students.

COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT SERVICES

[Rex Airlines](#) offer flights between Mount Isa, Julia Creek, Richmond, Hughenden, and Townsville.

Julia Creek residents may be eligible for discounted airfares from your nearest Virgin Australia or Qantas port of departure. View the conditions and instructions for eligibility and accessing these discounted fares [here](#) (Qantas) and [here](#) (Virgin).

[Greyhound Australia](#) offer bus services from Tennant Creek to Townsville with a stop in Julia Creek.

[Queensland Rail](#) Inlander offer rail services from Mount Isa and Townsville with a stop in Julia Creek.



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

The **Julia Creek Caravan Park** offers two very popular activities for visitors and locals alike - relax and unwind in the mineral-rich outdoor Artesian Bathhouse and try the delicious meals offered at their weekly Bush Dinner.

Visit the **At the Creek Visitor Information Centre** to meet Dunnarts and try your hand at Cattle Mustering through the new Virtual Reality experience.

Punchbowl Waterhole is a popular spot for fishing, birdwatching, and picnicking located 45km northeast of Julia Creek.

Explore the history of the area at the **Duncan McIntyre Museum** which features old machinery and fossil displays from the region.

Walk the Nature Trail located behind the Julia Creek Caravan Park and keep an eye out for kangaroos, brolgas, emus, and other native animals.

LEARN MORE

ABOUT JULIA CREEK

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ARTESIAN BATHS

MCKINLAY



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COMMUNITY

MCKINLAY IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 108KM SOUTH EAST OF CLONCURRY. THE TWO MAIN INDUSTRIES IN THE MCKINLAY SHIRE ARE AGRICULTURE AND MINING WITH AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST SILVER AND LEAD MINE LOCATED JUST 85 KM WEST OF MCKINLAY.

Approximately 162 people call the McKinlay area home with 5.6 per cent of the local population identifying as Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The Wunumara people are recognised as the Traditional Custodians of the area.

MCKINLAY PRIMARY HEALTH CLINIC

THE MCKINLAY PRIMARY HEALTH CLINIC PROVIDES A NURSE-LED 24-HOUR ACUTE AND EMERGENCY ON CALL SERVICE. THE CLINIC PROVIDES LOW-RISK AMBULATORY, ACUTE AND PREVENTATIVE CARE PROVIDED BY NURSING AND OPERATIONAL STAFF.

The clinic focuses on chronic disease management, preventative health, health promotion and health education. The clinic also offers pharmacy services, immunisation, dressings, station and home visits, outreach to Kynuna and visiting North and West Remote Health allied health services. The Commonwealth Home Support Program is supported by the clinic.



SERVICES AND RETAIL

Remote delivery for orders placed with Woolworths or Coles may be arranged via a third-party delivery service. Please contact [Woolworths](#) or [Coles](#) for more information.

McKinlay is serviced only by the Telstra Network, if you are with another service provider you may want to look into bringing your own Telstra modem/dongle with you in order to connect to internet services.

EDUCATION

There are no education facilities in McKinlay.

Mount Isa School of the Air is an option for children located in McKinlay. Mount Isa School of the Air is a government co-educational school service for children, kindergarten – Year 10, who are located more than 16km from the nearest government school in North West Queensland.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

[Walkabout Creek Hotel](#) is famous for its inclusion in the Crocodile Dundee movie, this pub features memorabilia from the film.

Discover McKinlay's history at the Centenary Museum located behind the town library. The museum features historical story boards and display items.

Visit nearby [Kynuna](#), located approximately 76km drive from McKinlay. Grab refreshments at the Blue Heeler Hotel, famous for being the site Banjo Paterson first performed his song Waltzing Matilda. Visit the Combo Waterhole Conservation Park, a beautiful place to relax that inspired the song Waltzing Matilda and is also a popular spot for birdwatching.

COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT SERVICES

There are no commercial air and rail services in McKinlay.

McKinlay residents may be eligible for discounted airfares from your nearest Virgin Australia or Qantas port of departure. View the conditions and instructions for eligibility and accessing these discounted fares [here](#) (Qantas) and [here](#) (Virgin).

[Greyhound Australia](#) offer bus services from Mount Isa to Brisbane with a stop in McKinlay.

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NORMANTON



PRESS PLAY

CHECK OUT THESE VIDEOS THAT CAPTURE THE SPIRIT OF LIVING IN NORMANTON:

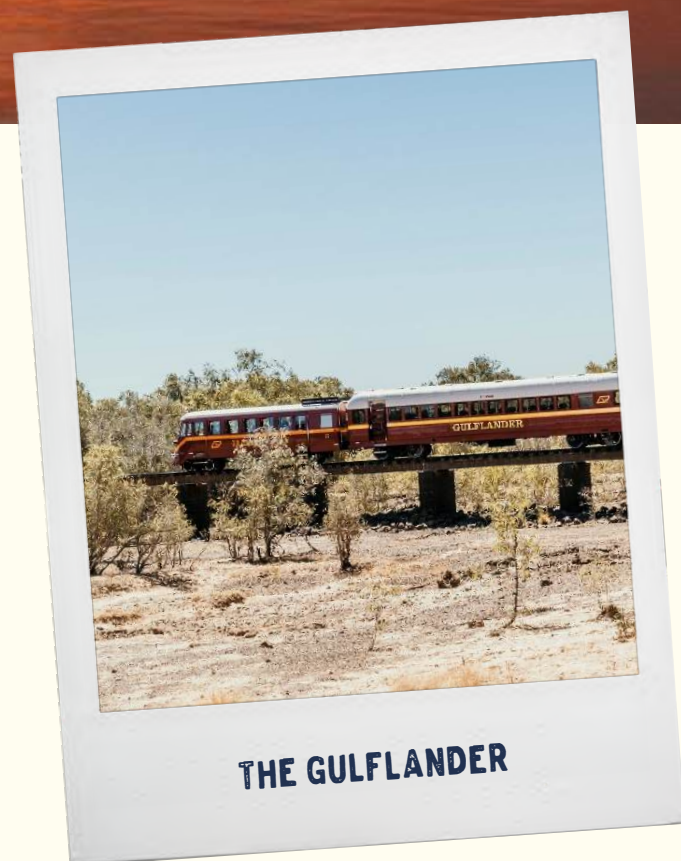
Carpentaria Shire - A great place to Work, Live and Play

Credit: Carpentaria Shire Council

Outback by the Sea

Credit: Josh Arnold

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(Photographer: Lisa Alexander)



THE GULFLANDER

COMMUNITY

NORMANTON IS LOCATED ON THE BANKS OF THE NORMAN RIVER APPROXIMATELY 498KM FROM MOUNT ISA ALONG THE MATILDA WAY. NORMANTON IS THE REGION'S GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE FOR THE CARPENTARIA SHIRE WHICH INCLUDES KARUMBA. PRIMARY INDUSTRIES ARE THE MAINSTAY OF THE AREA, ALONG WITH TOURISM.

Approximately 1391 people call Normanton home with close to 55.6 per cent of the local population identifying as Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The Gkuthaarn, Kukatj, and Kurtijar people are recognised as the Traditional Custodians of the area.

NORMANTON HOSPITAL

NORMANTON HOSPITAL IS A LEVEL 2 HOSPITAL UNDER THE RURAL AND REMOTE CLINICAL SERVICES CAPABILITY FRAMEWORK. THE FACILITY PROVIDES 24-HOUR ACUTE INPATIENT AND ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY CARE. OUTPATIENT SERVICES INCLUDE GENERAL OUTPATIENTS, NURSE AND MEDICAL LED CLINICS, RADIOLOGY, PATHOLOGY, PHARMACY AND DRESSING CLINICS. THE FACILITY HAS CAPACITY TO PROVIDE RESPITE/PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES AND PRIVATE ADMISSIONS.

Normanton Community Health consists of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers and a nurse. The team works in partnership with Normanton Hospital staff and other agencies to provide health assessments, chronic disease management and coordination of visiting services.

The model of care includes supporting and access of clinical review, health education and programs which include: Deadly Ears; Allied health services; Cardiac and respiratory services; Sexual Health; Alcohol and Other Drugs counselling; Mental Health; Dental; Diabetes Education and Renal Services.



SERVICES AND RETAIL

Normanton offers community facilities such as a post office, pharmacy, sports centre, gym, public pool, waterpark, town library, butcher, bakery as well as a number of supermarkets, general stores, specialty stores, cafés, and restaurants.

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Normanton has a number of sporting clubs and sporting facilities for activities such as golf, cricket, rugby, basketball, and lawn bowls.

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EDUCATION

The Normanton Child Care Centre provides child care services for children aged 0 – school aged.

Carpentaria Kindergarten offers a kindergarten program for children aged 3-5 years.

Normanton State School offers primary and secondary education up to Year 10.

The Gulf Christian College offers primary and secondary education up to Year 9.

Normanton has a local TAFE campus that provides tertiary education options for the community.

COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT SERVICES

REX Airlines offer flights throughout the Gulf between Mount Isa, Doomadgee, Burketown, Mornington Island, Normanton, and Cairns.

Normanton residents may be eligible for discounted airfares from your nearest Virgin Australia or Qantas port of departure. View the conditions and instructions for eligibility and accessing these discounted fares **here** (Qantas) and **here** (Virgin).

Trans North Bus offer bus services between Karumba and Cairns, including a stop at Normanton.

There are no regular commercial rail services operating in Normanton.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Take the **Normanton Town Walk** where you can visit 30 historical sites including the Normanton Railway Station famed for its Victorian architecture and Krys the Savannah King – a replica of the largest saltwater crocodile ever caught according to the Guinness Book of World Records.

Ride the Heritage-listed **Gulflander** railway line through savannah country from Normanton to Croydon. The trip will take you on a 5-hour journey during which a guide will provide information regarding the rich history of the region and local flora and fauna. You can choose to spend the night in the nearby town of Croydon and return on the train the following day or organise a return coach back to Normanton on the same day.

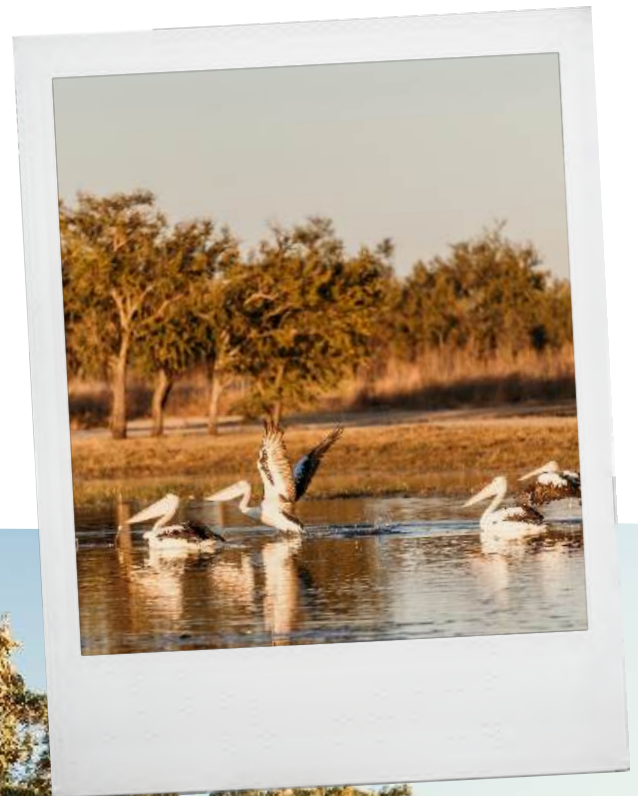
Visit the Mutton Hole Wetlands Conservation Park which is the largest continuous wetland in northern Queensland located north of Normanton. The region is of international significance for the breeding, feeding and refuge of a large variety of birdlife and therefore a popular spot for birdwatchers.

Visit **Bynoe Arts Centre** to check out the local indigenous artists' painting, pottery and hand-crafted items. An artist's workshop, plant nursery and a café are also onsite.

LEARN MORE

ABOUT NORMANTON

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KARUMBA



PRESS PLAY

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Credit: Carpentaria Shire Council

Outback by the Sea

Credit: Josh Arnold

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COMMUNITY

KARUMBA, AFFECTIONATELY REFERRED TO AS THE “OUTBACK BY THE SEA”, IS A RELAXED SEASIDE TOWN LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 568KM FROM MOUNT ISA ALONG THE MATILDA WAY.

Karumba’s main industries are fishing and tourism with the town seeing an influx of tourists and semi-permanent residents during the winter months each year. During this period the population may be 2000 to 3000 people at any one time.

Approximately 487 people call Karumba home with 13.1 per cent of the local population identifying as Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The Gkuthaarn, Kukatj, and Kurtijar people are recognised as the Traditional Custodians of the area.

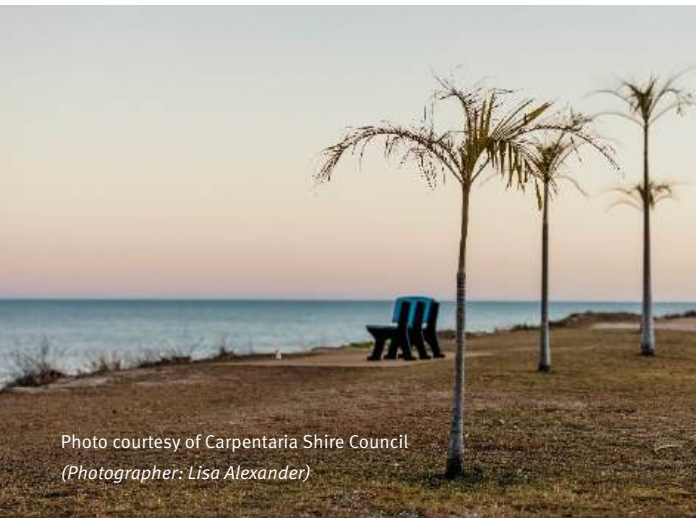


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KARUMBA PRIMARY HEALTH CLINIC

KARUMBA PRIMARY HEALTH CLINIC PROVIDES A LOW-RISK AMBULATORY CARE SERVICE PROVIDED BY NURSING, ADMINISTRATION, AND OPERATIONAL STAFF.

This Level 1 facility provides a nurse-led 24-hour acute and emergency on-call service; patients requiring higher levels of care are transferred for management to a higher-level facility by Queensland Ambulance Service or the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

In addition to services offered by the nurse practitioner, CheckUp provides doctors for skin check clinics, a women’s health GP, general practitioner including telehealth services for complex patient care, and psychology services. These psychology services are available both face-to-face and via telephone.



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(Photographer: Lisa Alexander)



SERVICES AND RETAIL

Karumba offers community facilities such as a post office, pharmacy, sports centre, gym, public pool, waterpark, town library, butcher, bakery as well as a supermarket, general stores, specialty stores, cafés, and restaurants

Remote delivery for orders placed with Woolworths or Coles may be arranged via a third-party delivery service. Please contact [Woolworths](#) or [Coles](#) for more information.

Karumba has a number of sporting clubs and sporting facilities for activities such as lawn bowls, golf, cricket, netball, basketball, and soccer.

Karumba is serviced by Telstra and Optus Networks, if you are with another service provider you may want to look into bringing your own Telstra or Optus modem/dongle with you in order to connect to internet services. Please note, Optus does not work outside of the town.

EDUCATION

Karumba Childrens Centre provides long day care services and a kindergarten program.

Karumba State School offers primary education up to Year 6.

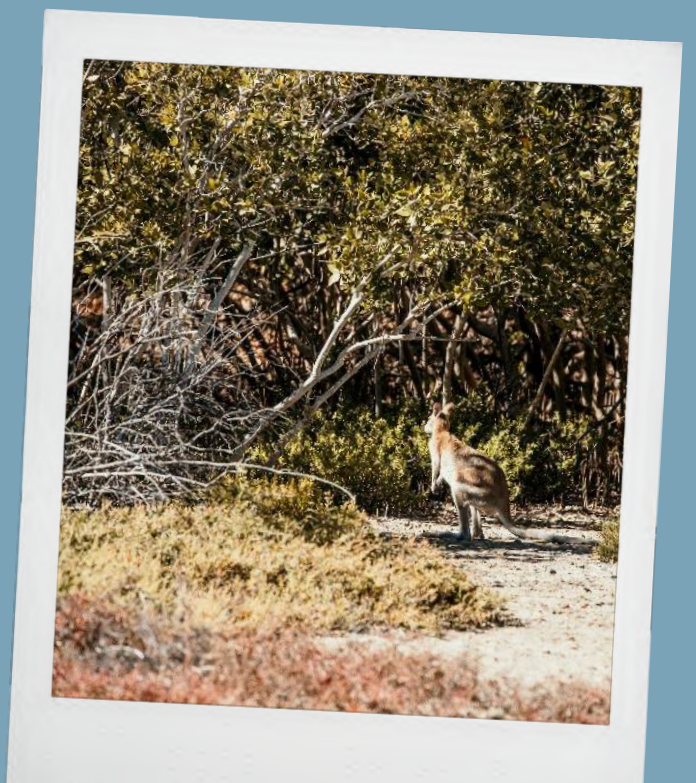
The Gulf Christian College located in Normanton offers a return bus service for students located in Karumba to attend Middle School (years 7 - 9).

COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT SERVICES

[Trans North Bus](#) offer bus services between Karumba and Cairns, including a stop at Normanton.

There are no regular commercial air or rail services operating in Karumba.

Karumba residents may be eligible for discounted airfares from your nearest Virgin Australia or Qantas port of departure. View the conditions and instructions for eligibility and accessing these discounted fares [here](#) (Qantas) and [here](#) (Virgin).



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Learn all about the Barramundi, the iconic Australian fish species, at the [Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre](#). The centre offers interactive and educational experiences and also holds a hatchery to fulfill their conservation efforts.

Take the [Karumba Heritage Walking Track](#) between the town of Karumba and Karumba Point – keep an eye out for native wildlife and take in the scenery.

Visit Karumba Point Beach and have a picnic or sit back and relax watching one of the famous Karumba sunsets over the water.

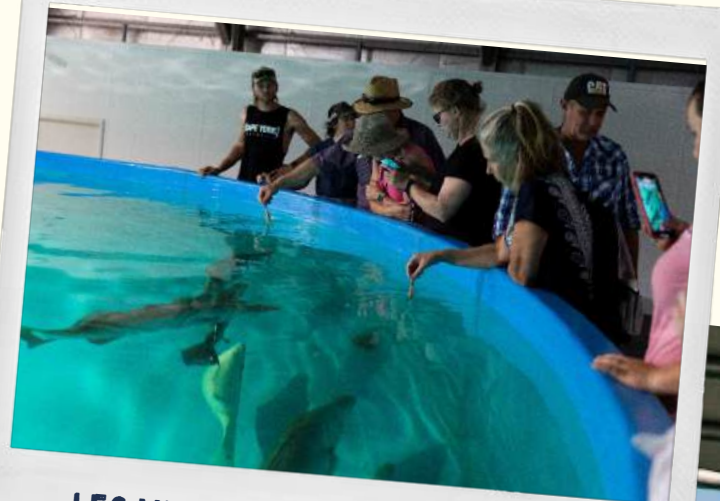
Take a cruise with one of the local tour guides – whether you want to enjoy some recreational fishing or crabbing or just wish to spot the local wildlife there are a number of options for you.

Take a scenic helicopter ride – this part of Australia is magnificent when seen from above!

LEARN MORE

ABOUT KARUMBA

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LES WILSON BARRAMUNDI CENTRE



BURKETOWN

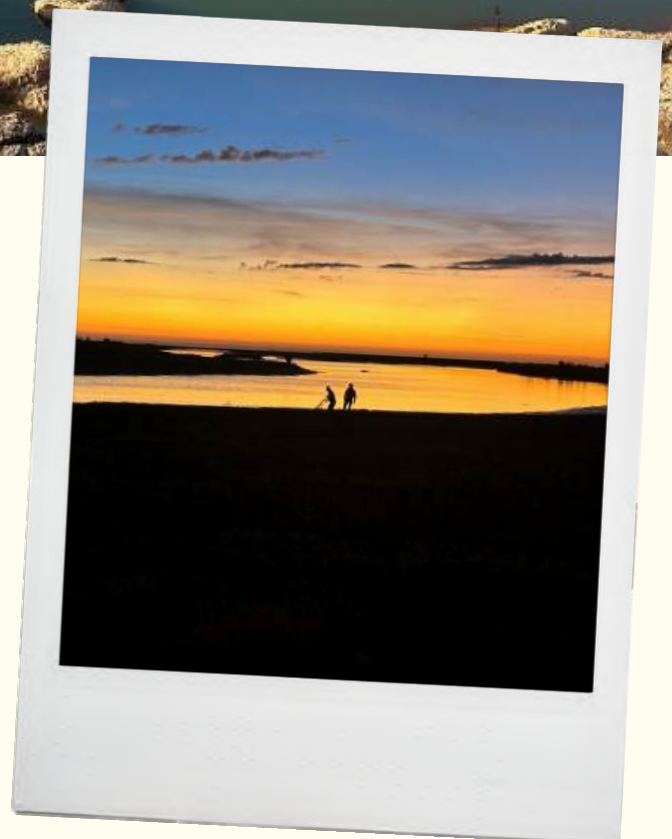


PRESS PLAY

**CHECK OUT THIS VIDEOS THAT CAPTURES
THE SPIRIT OF LIVING IN BURKETOWN:**

Welcome to Burke Shire!

Credit: Burke Shire Council



Photos courtesy of Burke Shire Council

COMMUNITY

Burketown, the “Barramundi Capital of the World”, is located approximately 546km north of Mount Isa on the Albert River. Burketown offers a relaxed lifestyle with fantastic fishing locations and is a popular spot to view the rolling cloud phenomenon “Morning Glory”. During winter months the population can increase significantly with holiday makers.

Approximately 204 people call Burketown home with 43.6 per cent of the local population identifying as Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The Ganalidda, Garawa and Waanyi people are recognised as the Traditional Custodians of the area.

Fishing and Camping permits are required if you wish to access areas managed by the Ganalidda Garrawa peoples within the Burke Shire, these permits can be acquired from the Burketown Visitor Centre.

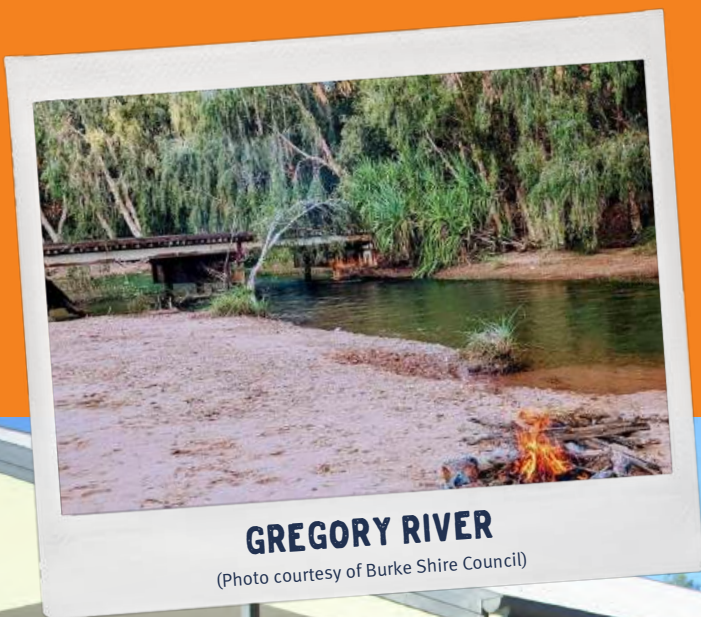
BURKETOWN PRIMARY HEALTH CLINIC

Burketown Primary Health Clinic is a Level 1 facility under the Rural and Remote Clinical Services Capability Framework. The service provides low-risk ambulatory care provided by nursing, administration, and operational staff. The Burketown Primary Health Clinic encompasses a nurse-led and visiting Medical Officer model of care.

A Royal Flying Doctor Service doctor attends the clinic weekly. The doctor is periodically supported by a social worker, child health nurse or chronic disease nurse.

Other visiting services include an endocrinologist, cardiologist, mobile dental van, skin specialist and mobile breast screening van.

Allied health services include podiatry, exercise physiology, speech pathology, occupational therapy and physiotherapy.



SERVICES AND RETAIL

Burketown offers community facilities such as an outdoor multi sports facility (tennis and basketball), town library, post office, two supermarkets, a café, and a pub. There is also outdoor gym equipment available for community use at the Morning Glory Park.

Remote delivery for orders placed with Woolworths or Coles may be arranged via a third-party delivery service. Please contact [Woolworths](#) or [Coles](#) for more information.

Burketown is serviced only by the Telstra Network, if you are with another service provider you may want to look into bringing your own Telstra modem/dongle with you in order to connect to internet services.

EDUCATION

Burketown State School offers primary education up to Year 6.

COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT SERVICES

[REX Airlines](#) offer flights throughout the Gulf between Mount Isa, Doomadgee, Burketown, Mornington Island, Normanton, and Cairns.

There are no regular commercial bus or rail services operating in Burketown.

There are no regular commercial rail services operating in Normanton.



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Partake in one of the experiences offered by **Yagurli Tours**, a tour company run by the Ganggalidda and Garawa peoples that offers a variety of tours including 4WDing, fishing, sunset cruises and stargazing and include the sharing of local indigenous cultural knowledge and storytelling.

Enjoy camping and fishing at Gregory River, approximately 120km drive from Burketown. Visit the nearby historic Gregory Downs Hotel for a meal.

Discover **Boodjamulla National Park** (formerly Lawn Hill National Park), a true outback oasis located approximately 208km from Burketown. Located within the park is the Lawn Hill Gorge and the Riversleigh World Heritage Site which is considered one of the most significant fossil sites in the world. Riversleigh D Site is the only part of the fossil area that is accessible to the public and the Miyumba camping area is located 4km south of Riversleigh D Site. Access to Boodjamulla National Park requires travelling off-road, please view the website for further details.

Visit **Wugudaji-Adels Grove** which is located a short drive from the entrance to Boodjamulla National Park. Wugudaji-Adels Grove is located along the banks of the Lawn Hill Creek and offers accommodation, campgrounds, a small store for essential items, a restaurant and bar. Access to Wugudaji-Adels Grove requires travelling off-road, please view the website for further details.



BOODJAMULLA NATIONAL PARK

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DOOMADGEE



COMMUNITY

DOOMADGEE IS LOCATED IN THE FAR NORTH-WESTERN CORNER OF QUEENSLAND ON THE NICHOLSON RIVER NEAR THE GULF OF CARPENTARIA, APPROXIMATELY 572KM VIA SEALED ROAD FROM MOUNT ISA.

Approximately 1387 people call Doomadgee home with 89.3 per cent of the local population identifying as Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The Waanyi and Gangalidda people are recognised as the Traditional Custodians of the area. There are also Garawa and Yunjulla people and many other people from Aboriginal nations who have made Doomadgee their home.

In the early 1930s, a church established the mission known as 'Old Doomadgee' which was located close to the coast of the Gulf of Carpentaria. Following a cyclone, the mission was moved to its current site on the Nicholson River in 1936. In the early 1980s, the government moved to establish self-administration at the mission and in 1988 the last of the mission workers moved out. The Shire is now governed by the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council.

Requests to camp within the Shire may be considered, but requests must be made to the Council, who can direct the request to the appropriate Traditional Owners and provide advice on local protocols. Permits from the Council are required for visitors wishing to fish within the Shire.

DOOMADGEE HOSPITAL

THE DOOMADGEE HOSPITAL PROVIDES 24-HOUR ACUTE INPATIENT AND ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY CARE.

Doomadgee Hospital is a Level 2 remote hospital under the Rural and Remote Clinical Services Capability Framework. The facility provides 24-hour acute inpatient and accident and emergency care. Culturally appropriate care is provided by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers, nursing, medical, administration and operational staff.

Doomadgee Community Health Centre is staffed by nurses and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers. Community Health staff work in collaboration with Gidgee Healing Aboriginal Medical Service and Western Queensland Primary Health Network as stated in the tripartite agreement. Gidgee Healing provides primary health care and chronic disease management.

Examples of programs are Deadly Ears; Child and adult respiratory (lung health) care, provided by the Indigenous Respiratory Outreach Care Program; Women's health and child health; Allied health services; Cardiac and respiratory services; Sexual Health; Alcohol and Other Drugs counselling; Maternal Health; Mental Health; Dental; Diabetes Education, Medical physician outreach clinic, Gynae, Dermatology, Hearing screening and services, One Sight for eye review and glasses, Paediatric cardiologist, Rheumatic Heart Disease program and Renal Services.

In 2022, in response to increased demand for renal services, there was an expansion of three new dialysis units across the North West Hospital and Health Service including in Doomadgee.

In 2023, the North West Hospital and Health Service announced the Doomadgee Hospital will be upgraded as part of the Queensland Government's Building Rural and Remote Health Program, an initiative established to improve infrastructure critical to the delivery of health services in rural and remote communities.



SERVICES AND RETAIL

DOOMADGEE OFFERS COMMUNITY FACILITIES SUCH A POST OFFICE, A SUPERMARKET, BAKERY, AND BUTCHERY. THE LOCAL ROADHOUSE ALSO PROVIDES TAKEAWAY, SOME GROCERIES AND FISHING ITEMS. THE COMMUNITY HAS A RANGE OF VISITING SERVICES INCLUDING VETERINARY AND BANKING SERVICES.

A local Community Garden was established in recent years which aims to sell produce at community markets with the profits going back into supporting community initiatives.

Remote delivery for orders placed with **Woolworths** or **Coles** may be arranged via a third-party delivery service. Please contact Woolworths or Coles for more information.

The community has a Sports and Recreation Centre with a football field, basketball court and gym. A weekly karaoke night is held here along with a range of ad hoc activities.

The Youth and Music Hub provides a space for youth aged 15 – 25 to relax and have fun. The hub has a number of activities available including table tennis, billiard tables, painting and arts and crafts.

There are also televisions, movies and internet services available.

Doomadgee is serviced only by the Telstra Network, if you are with another service provider you may want to look into bringing your own Telstra modem/dongle with you in order to connect to internet services.

EDUCATION

Doomadgee State School offers primary and secondary education up to Year 10.

COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT SERVICES

REX Airlines offer flights throughout the Gulf between Mount Isa, Doomadgee, Burketown, Mornington Island, Normanton, and Cairns.

There are no commercial bus or rail services operating in Doomadgee.



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Take a trip to Hells Gate, located approximately 75km from Doomadgee. Stop in at the nearby Hells Gate Roadhouse for refreshments.

Enjoy camping and fishing at Gregory River, approximately 126km from Doomadgee. Visit the nearby Gregory Downs Hotel for a meal.

Discover **Boodjamulla National Park** (formerly Lawn Hill National Park), a true outback oasis located approximately 214km from Doomadgee. Located within the park is the Lawn Hill Gorge and the Riversleigh World Heritage Site which is considered one of the most significant fossil sites in the world. Riversleigh D Site is the only part of the fossil area that is accessible to the public and the Miyumba camping area is located 4km south of Riversleigh D Site. Access to Boodjamulla National Park requires travelling off-road, please view the website for further details.

Visit **Wugudaji-Adels Grove** which is located a short drive from the entrance to Boodjamulla National Park. Wugudaji-Adels Grove is located along the banks of the Lawn Hill Creek and offers accommodation, campgrounds, a small store for essential items, a restaurant and bar. Access to Wugudaji-Adels Grove requires travelling off-road, please view the website for further details.

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MORNINGTON ISLAND



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COMMUNITY

MORNINGTON ISLAND IS LOCATED IN THE GULF OF CARPENTARIA APPROXIMATELY 28KM OFF THE COAST OF MAINLAND AUSTRALIA AND IS THE LARGEST OF THE NORTH WELLESLEY ISLANDS.

The island is situated approximately 444kms north of Mount Isa. Approximately 1022 people call the Wellesley Islands home with 80.4 per cent of the local population identifying as Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The town of Gununa is where majority of the population live on Mornington Island.

The Lardil people are the Traditional Custodians of the North Wellesley Islands including Mornington, Sydney and Wallaby Islands. Yangkaal tribal lands consist of the islands between Mornington Island and the mainland. The Kaiadilt tribal lands consist of the South Wellesley Islands including Bentinck and Sweers Islands. Following European settlement, these tribes and tribes from the mainland were relocated to Mornington Island, including the Gangalidda peoples.

In the early 1910s, a church established a mission on the island. In 1978 the Island achieved self-administration, the Shire is now governed by the Mornington Island Shire Council.

If you wish to travel outside of the town of Gununa, the Council can provide advice on local protocols. Permits from the Council are required for visitors wishing to fish within the Shire.

IN 2022, IN RESPONSE TO INCREASED DEMAND FOR RENAL SERVICES, THERE WAS AN EXPANSION OF THREE NEW DIALYSIS UNITS ACROSS THE NORTH WEST HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICE INCLUDING ON MORNINGTON ISLAND.

MORNINGTON ISLAND HOSPITAL

MORNINGTON ISLAND HOSPITAL IS A REMOTE LEVEL 2 HOSPITAL UNDER THE RURAL AND REMOTE CLINICAL SERVICES CAPABILITY FRAMEWORK.

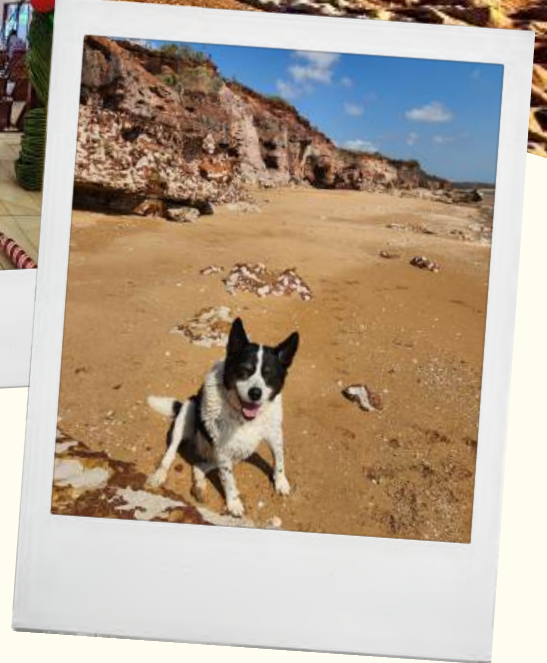
The facility provides 24-hour acute inpatient and accident and emergency care. Staffing consists of a medical officer and registered nurses on each shift 24 hours a day, with administration support, cleaners, and maintenance workers.

Gidgee Healing Aboriginal Medical Service provides primary and community health care from the community health building. Plans to expand the primary care facility are underway.

The model of care includes clinical review, health education and promotion programs. Examples of programs are Deadly Ears; Child and adult respiratory (lung health) care, provided by the Indigenous Respiratory Outreach Care Program; Women's health and child health; Allied health services; Cardiac and respiratory services; Sexual Health; Alcohol and Other Drugs counselling; Maternal Health; Mental Health; Dental; Diabetes Education and Renal Services.

Several other outreach services are also provided including alcohol and other drugs counselling, maternal health, mental health, dental, diabetic education, nurse practitioner, renal services, mobile women's health services and sexual health.





SERVICES AND RETAIL

The town offers a post office, supermarket, butcher, bakery, cafe, and variety store. There is a local gym that can be accessed via a membership which can be arranged through the Mornington Shire Council. The community has a range of visiting services including veterinary and banking services.

The Mornington Island PCYC provides a range of activities including cooking classes, arts and craft, and sports such as volleyball, basketball, and football.

Mornington Island is serviced only by the Telstra Network, if you are with another service provider you may want to look into bringing your own Telstra modem/dongle with you in order to connect to internet services.

EDUCATION

Mornington Island State School offers primary and secondary education up to Year 10.

COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT SERVICES

REX Airlines offer flights throughout the Gulf between Mount Isa, Doomadgee, Burketown, Mornington Island, Normanton, and Cairns.

There are no commercial bus or rail services operating on Mornington Island.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Mornington Island is home to some world-renowned indigenous artists. While on the island be sure to visit the art gallery, **MIArt** (Mornington Island Art), which features local indigenous artists' paintings and hand-crafted items as well as an artist's workshop.

Mornington Island is also home to one of the longest established aboriginal performing arts groups in Australia. In 2023, the Mornington Island Shire Council re-established the annual MIFestival (Mornington Island Festival), also known as the Yalmiyal Dance and Music Festival, an event where you will be able to experience dances performed by the Mornington Island Dance Troupe.

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MAJOR REGIONAL EVENTS



Cloncurry Beat the Heat Festival
(Photo Courtesy of Cloncurry Shire Council)

THE WET SEASON IN NORTH WEST QUEENSLAND RUNS FROM NOVEMBER TO APRIL AND THEREFORE MANY OF OUR ANNUAL MAJOR REGIONAL EVENTS ARE SCHEDULED DURING THE DRY SEASON (MAY – OCTOBER) TO ALLOW TRAVELLERS FROM ACROSS THE NORTH WEST REGION TO ATTEND.

In addition to the major events listed below, local councils and groups from across the region also hold regular community and inaugural events within each town. Links to local council websites and Facebook pages have been included in each community profile.



JULIA CREEK DIRT N DUST FESTIVAL
(Photo Courtesy of McKinlay Shire Council)

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

Ronald McDonald Charity Ball, Mount Isa
Sign On Expo, Mount Isa

MARCH

St Patrick's Day Races, Mount Isa
Cloncurry and District Races, Cloncurry

APRIL

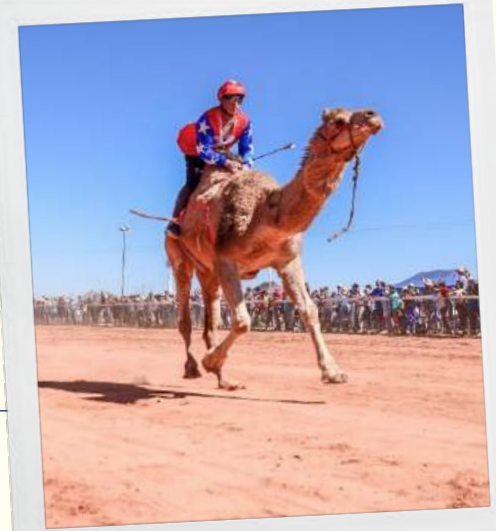
Dirt n Dust Festival, Julia Creek
Artesian Express Races, Julia Creek
Mount Isa Eisteddfod, Mount Isa

MAY

Saddles and Paddles Races, Gregory Downs
Gregory River Canoe Marathon, Gregory Downs
Road to Rodeo, Mount Isa

JUNE

Rockhana Gem and Mineral Festival,
Cloncurry
Isa Cup Races, Mount Isa
McKinlay Races, McKinlay
Cloncurry and District Races, Cloncurry
Cloncurry & District Show, Cloncurry
Mount Isa Show, Mount Isa



BOULIA CAMEL RACES
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Yelvertoft Campdraft and Rodeo,
via Mount Isa
Normanton Rodeo, Campdraft and Show,
Normanton
Saxby Roundup, Taldora Station
via Julia Creek
Mount Isa Border Ride, Mount Isa

JULY

Cloncurry Stockman's Challenge and
Campdraft, Cloncurry
Boulia Camel Races, Boulia
Quamby Rodeo, Quamby via Cloncurry
Big Red Bash, Birdsville

AUGUST

Curry Merry Muster Festival, Cloncurry
Rodeo Ball, Mount Isa
Isa Street Festival, Mount Isa
Mailman Express, Mount Isa
Mount Isa Mines Rodeo, Mount Isa
Camooweal Drovers Camp Festival, Camooweal
Doomadgee Rodeo, Doomadgee
Sedan Dip Races, Campdraft and Rodeo,
via Julia Creek



ISA STREET FESTIVAL
(Photo courtesy of Mount Isa City Council)

SEPTEMBER

Cloncurry Beat the Heat Festival, Cloncurry

Multicultural Festival, Mount Isa

Dajarra Rodeo, Campdraft and Gymkhana, Dajarra

Spring Cup Races, Mount Isa

Cloncurry and District Races, Cloncurry

RFDS Mount Isa Hangar Ball, Mount Isa

Outback by the Sea Festival, Karumba and Normanton

Ocean and Outback Film Festival, Karumba

OCTOBER

Rock Pop Mime Show, Mount Isa

Lake Moondarra Fishing Classic, Mount Isa

Karumba Fishing Classic, Karumba

NOVEMBER

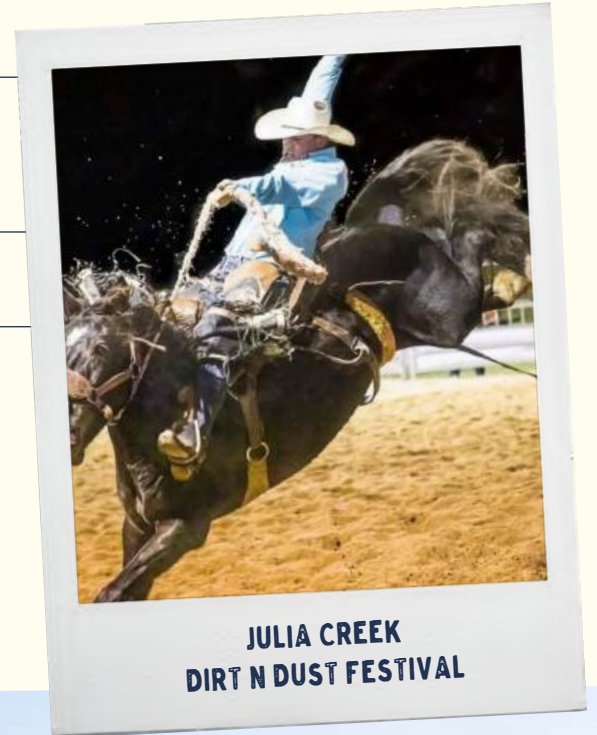
Cloncurry and District Races, Cloncurry

Beach Races, Julia Creek

DECEMBER

Cloncurry Community Christmas Party

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