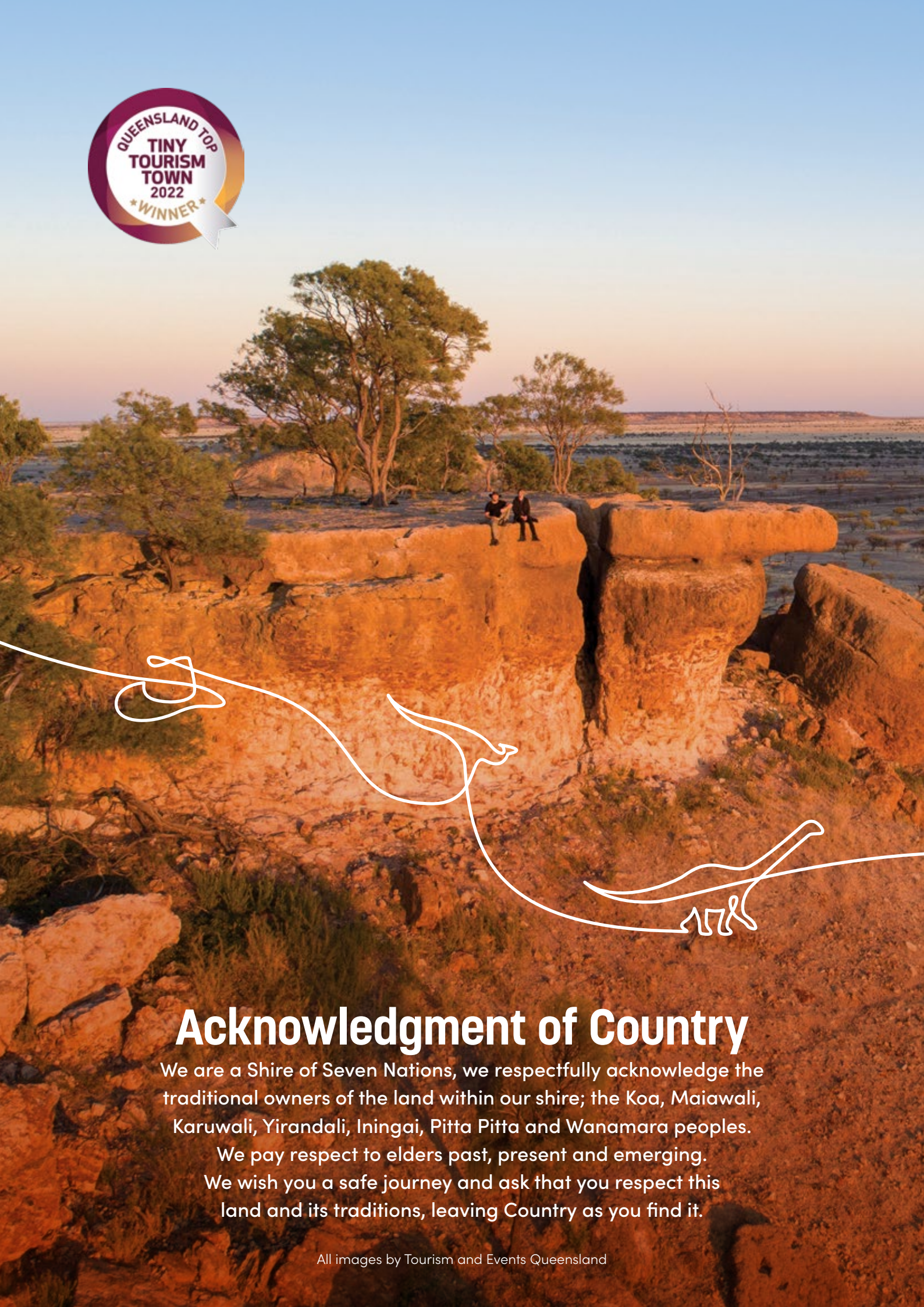




Winton



Outback
Looking Forward



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, Iningai, Pitta Pitta 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.



Winton

A warm welcome to Winton...

There's nowhere in the world like Winton. It's the utterly authentic Outback with spinifex, rich red soil and ancient rock formations at your feet and vast star-filled skies above. Below? Well deep below is where the largest and deepest artesian basin in the world flows, providing Winton with the sweetest water you'll ever taste.

We're way out west

Winton lies on the Landsborough Highway in Central Western Queensland, 180 kilometres north-west of Longreach and 472 kilometres south-east of Mount Isa.

1,500 kilometres from Brisbane.

Covers 53,935 square kilometres.

Population of around 1,130.

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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.

The Winton area is also famous for its precious opals. Visitors are welcome to try their luck fossicking for opals at Opalton or you can skip the digging and simply purchase a spectacular piece of opal jewellery.

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

Winton's first official dinosaur discovery was a fossilised footprint found on Cork Station in 1962. Further exploration revealing a stampede with over 3,300 footprints!



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.

Winton town is famous for its friendliness and big smiles. You'll find a range of good affordable accommodation, caravan parks and food outlets (including four classic country pubs), Searle's Outback Store, various retail outlets and general stores offering a range of supplies for the intrepid traveller.

Winton is home to many events popular with both visitors and locals. It's a great time to visit with the town really buzzing.

Corfield

Corfield is a tiny town 90 kilometres north of Winton on the road to Hughenden.

When you see a small cluster of buildings on the rolling Mitchell grass downs, you know you're in Corfield. Once a bustling railway siding, things have slowed down a bit but they get busy again on their big famous country race day.

- Corfield is now 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 a real Outback races experience!

Middleton

Middleton is known for its pub. In fact, that's all there is at Middleton these days! Located 164 kilometres along the Winton-Boulia Road.

Middleton made history in 1862, when the first white men, McKinlay and his search party for Burke and Wills, explored the area.

- Middleton later became the site of the Middleton Hotel in 1876 and was a Cobb & Co. changing station until the service ceased in 1915.
- The small town that grew up around the hotel has since disappeared, leaving the Middleton Hotel with the distinction of being one of the most isolated pubs in Queensland. Cheers to that!

You can still stop off for a drink at the Middleton Hotel and the drive there is unforgettable. The scenery is absolutely spectacular and make sure you take a pit stop at Cawnpore Lookout.

Opalton

Home of Queensland's spectacular Boulder Opal. Located 123 kilometres south-west of Winton.

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!

- Famous for the enormous quantity and quality of its opal.
- In 1899 the largest opal ever recorded, measuring three metres long, was mined from Opalton.
- Camping facilities at the Opalton bush park.

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. Come and meet famous Aussie dinosaurs including 'Banjo', Australia's largest carnivorous dinosaur.

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

We're not for profit, we're for knowledge and learning

The museum is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to broadening the public's knowledge of Australia's incredible natural history. Fittingly, the museum is located on an ancient mesa (flat-topped rock hills known as jump-ups) with huge rocky outcrops, cliffs, canyons and jaw-dropping views.



Make tracks to Dinosaur Stampede

At Lark Quarry Conservation Park

Imagine time standing still 95 million years ago – and you're there. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience! Over 3,300 footprints from the only known dinosaur stampede on the planet are immortalised in stone at this amazing place.

In a remarkable piece of scientific detective work, scientists from the Queensland Museum have pieced together a dramatic tale of hunter and hunted from the footprints left behind.

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

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Gondwana Stars Observatory

When you're done staring down a diamantinasaurus, point your eyes to the skies. As Australia's first international dark-sky sanctuary, the stargazing here is as good as it gets – there are few places on earth where you'll see the stars brighter and sharper. And get your wishes ready – you'll see plenty of falling stars too.

Guided tours, bookings essential.

WHERE

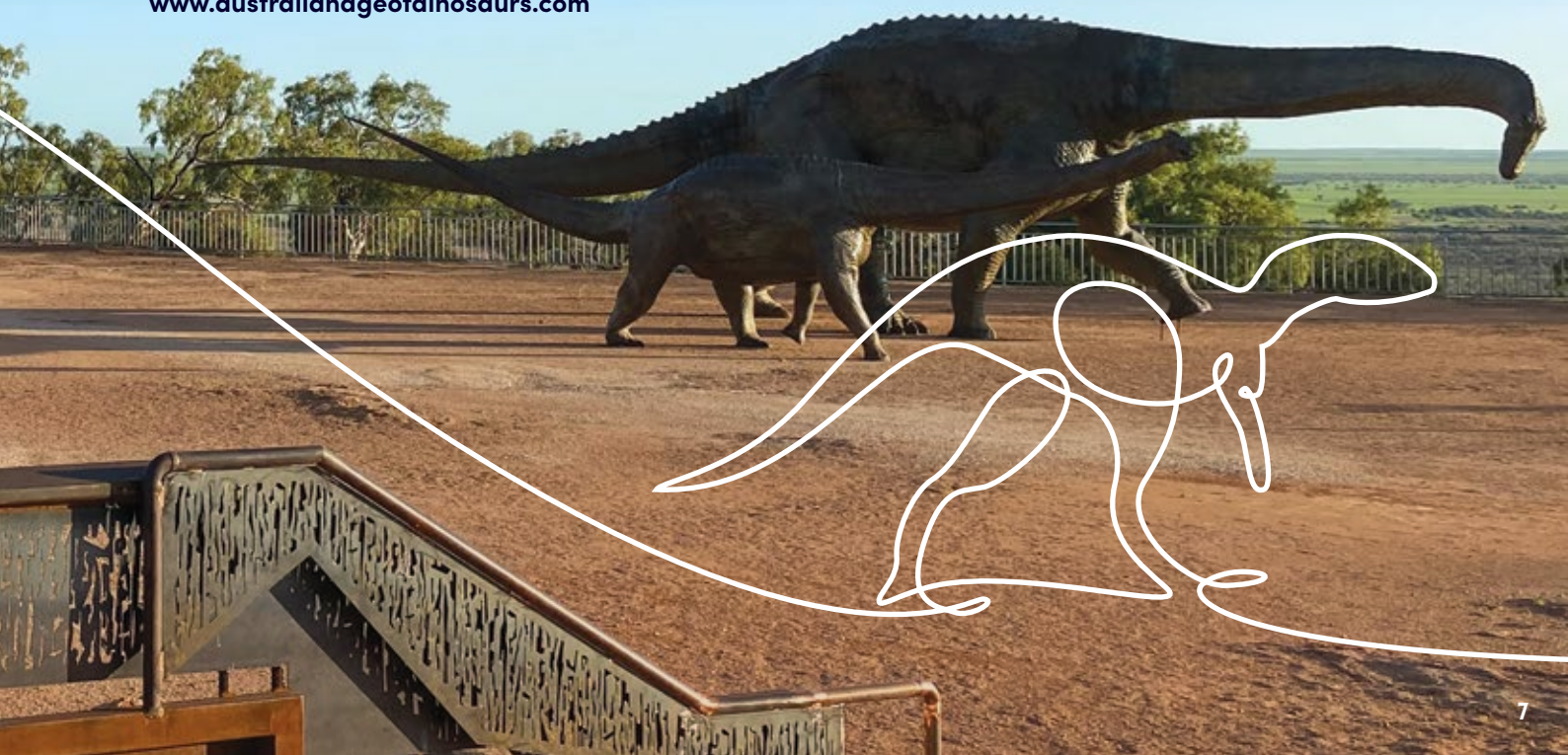
Australian Age of Dinosaurs,
Lot 1 Dinosaur Drive, 25km from Winton

FOR MORE INFORMATION

General enquiries 07 4657 0078

info@aaod.com.au

www.australianageofdinosaurs.com





Come for a waltz around town

The Waltzing Matilda Centre

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

The centre uses state-of-the-art technology to tell the stories of our region and of the song every Aussie knows. Hear locals share their stories of growing up in Winton, see beautiful images from local photographer Peter Knowles, Outback Regional Gallery, walk across to Qantilda Place and experience what life was like in the Winton region last century, then take a break in our cafe. We don't boil the billy these days but we make a great cup of tea or coffee.

A celebration of our region and our resilience

Our fascinating museum is more than a celebration of our vibrant history. Opening in April 1998, the building was tragically destroyed by fire in June 2015. The fire was heartbreaking because the centre had a significance to the whole of Australia, not just Winton. It was a huge tourist attraction and an important employer.

The Waltzing Matilda Centre was rebuilt and re-opened in April 2018 is the pride of Winton and Outback Queensland once more and our landmark celebrates the resilience of the region.

WHERE

50 Elderslie St, Winton

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Phone: 1300 665 115

Email: waltzing@matildacentre.com.au

Website: www.matildacentre.com.au

The North Gregory

once a jolly swagman...

You can almost hear the timeless lyrics as you walk through the door, The North Gregory Hotel is more than just a hotel, it's where Banjo Paterson's Waltzing Matilda was first performed in 1895.

The heart of Winton's history, the North Gregory is an art deco masterpiece and an attraction itself. Many more significant historical events happened here, while plenty of famous faces have enjoyed the hospitality at this legendary hotel of yesteryear.

You haven't been to Winton until you've been to the North Gregory.

The Musical Fence

In July 2003, local and visiting artists gathered in Winton to perform in a truly unique composition – the world premiere of The Musical Fence.

The Musical Fence, designed by percussionist and composer Graeme Leak, is a wire fence that can be played as a musical instrument and is the first permanent musical fence installation in the world.

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

If you're looking for a laugh, the biggest giggles in town are the gals called the CrackUp Sisters.

You'll crack a smile while they crack their whips. The hilarity is guaranteed with death-defying stunts, crazy acrobats, mad-cap magic, juggling, dancing, singing and plenty of audience participation.

WHERE

100 Elderslie St, Winton

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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





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 and 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 (travelled over 8m km)
- '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 0429 806 140 (Secretary)

Website: www.wintontruckmuseum.com

Email: heritagetruckswinton@hotmail.com.au

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Winton Town Cemetery

The Winton Historic Cemetery was established in around 1876, with records starting in June 1881 with more 150 burials in unmarked graves. In 1929, a special area was allocated for the interment of ex-servicemen and women, with the first burial taking place on June 7th, 1929.

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.

Royal Open Air Theatre & Opal Walk

The Royal Theatre is one of only two of its kind still operating in Australia. Built in 1918 the Royal is a rare gem.

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: info@royaltheatrewinton.com.au

Parks & Gardens

Just because your way out west it doesn't mean you can't find a great greenspace to relax in.

- **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, public toilets and showers.
- **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 St.

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.
- **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. 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, with its well-maintained bush toilets making 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 swaggie 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 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 and 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 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 in and you're a good chance of hooking a yellow belly.

THINGS TO DO:

- Fishing
- Birdwatching
- Picnicking

WHERE

Turn off the Boullia 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! Good luck!

WHAT YOU NEED:

- A map (available from the Winton Visitor Information Centre)
- A permit (available from the Winton Visitor Information Centre)
- Bucket, garden rake and water

WHERE

Opalton, 123 kilometres south-west of Winton.

Birdwatching

The Winton region is alive with birdlife.

THE BEST SPOTS ARE:

- Long Waterhole
- Pelican Waterhole
- Bladensburg 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
- Spinifex Pigeons
- Rufous-crowned Emu-wren
- Grey Falcon

A list of species and birdwatching locations are available at the Winton Visitor Information Centre.



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. You're not in the suburbs any more!

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 when flying into Winton that the airport is 5km from town so you'll need to organise an airport pick-up so check with your accommodation or contact Winton Visitor Information centre about the Winton minibus service.

An alternative to flying directly into Winton is taking the daily Qantas Link 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
- Town tours in a 100yr old horse drawn carriage

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 ADVENTURE TOURS

Book at wintonadventuretours.rezdy.com
or phone 0410 695 055

WINTON TOURS DEPARTING FROM LONGREACH

KINNON & CO WINTON DAY TOUR

Book at www.kinnonandco.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 Discover 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

Take a geo journey back to Gondwanaland, when Australia was part of a colossal southern continent crawling with extraordinary creatures. As the earth shifted in a gradual, sensational, evolution of the land, Queensland edged closer to its current position along the Tropic of Capricorn. Dig the Tropic showcases the results of an incredible geo journey that has seen species irradiated, sceneries transformed, and time buried in layers and folds.

VISIT: www.digthetropic.com.au



Matilda Highway

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.

VISIT: www.outbackholidays.info/getting_around/highways-&-byways/matilda-highway.cfm



The Outback Way

The Outback Highway is the world's longest shortcut, extending 2,750km from Winton, Queensland via central Australia to Laverton, Western Australia. 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:

Anglicare	
91 Elderslie St	4657 1734
Doctor's Surgery	
Blomfield St	4657 2755
Emergency Services	
Winton	000
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
Ergon Energy	
Customer service	13 10 46
Faults	13 22 96
Emergencies	000 / 13 16 70

Accommodation in Town:

Boulder Opal Motor Inn	
16 Elderslie St	4657 1211
Cottage on Cork	
Cork St	0409 916 634
Hamilton Retreat	
111 Vindex St	4746 1209
Matilda Motel	
20 Oondooroo St	4657 1433
North Gregory Hotel	
67 Elderslie St	4657 0647
Olive Grove	
19 Cork St	Airbnb
No:27	
27 Dagworth St	0427 571 801
Outback Motel	
95 Elderslie St	4657 1422
Qantilda Quarters	
Werna St	0427 571 634
Tattersall's Hotel & Van Park	
Elderslie St	4657 1309
Winton Hotel	
43 Werna St	4657 1519
Winton Fuel Stop & Caravan Park	
92 Elderslie St	4657 1478
Winton Outback Homestead	
19 Dagworth St	0428 118 723
Winton Roadhouse, Cabins & Caravan Park	
43 Chirnsie 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	
Winton Middleton Hotel	
Middleton	4657 3980
Opalton Bush Park	

Restaurants & Meals:

Australian Hotel	
70 Elderslie St	4657 0149
Balamara Bakery	
76A Elderslie St	4657 1242
Boulder Opal Motor Inn	
16 Elderslie St	4657 1211
Musical Fence Café	
69 Elderslie St	4657 0647
North Gregory Hotel	
67 Elderslie St	4657 0647
Tattersalls Hotel	
78 Elderslie St	4657 1309
Tuckerbox Cafe	
50 Elderslie St	4657 2630
Winton Hotel	
43 Werna St	4657 1519
Winton Roadhouse	
35 Chirnsie St	4657 0199

Grocery Stores:

Balamara Bakery	
76A Elderslie St	4657 1242
Orlando Orchards	
11 Oondooroo St	4657 1398
Shoprite Discount Store	
38 Manuka St	4657 1244
Spar Supermarket	
37 Vindex St	4657 1254
Winton Butchery & Deli	
Cnr Cork & Oondooroo Sts	4657 1351

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 Chirnsie St	4657 1146
Ludwick Mechanical	
Colston Rd	4657 0578
Tuff Tyres	
Cnr Manuka & Chirnsie St	4657 0700
Winton Automotive Repairs	
Hughenden Rd	4657 0107
Winton Roadhouse	
35 Chirnsie 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.....	4657 1486
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	
60 Elderslie St	4657 1500
HBB Electrical	
Winton	0408 712 095
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
Matilda's Wardrobe	
72A Elderslie St.....	4657 1699
Nookies Nursery	
23-25 Cork St.....	4657 1481
Nutrien Ag Solutions	
66 Elderslie St	4657 1600
Opaltown Boulder Opal	
80 Elderslie St	4657 0747
O'Regan & Partners	
11 Oondooroo St.....	4657 1300
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
St Vincent De Paul	
13 Oondooroo St	131 812
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 Electrical	
37 Elderslie St.....	4657 1336
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	
45 Elderslie St.....	4657 1560
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	
75 Vindex St	4657 2666
Winton State School	
71 Cork St.....	4657 2333

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 Uniting & Anglican Church

Cork St (Between Oondooroo St & Werna St)

Winton Christian Fellowship

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:

CQX

From Longreach Mon – Fri
Arrives Winton approx 11:00am
To Longreach Mon – Fri
Departs Winton 12:00pm – 1:30pm **07 4922 7144**

Emerald Refrigerated Logistics

Specialising in refrigerated and general cartage
From Brisbane Mon-Fri – Arrives Winton Wed & Fri
From Mt Isa Thur-Sat – Arrives Winton Thur & Sat
For more information contact..... **07 3277 9116**

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**

WINTON TOWN



1 Waltzing Matilda Centre (J15)

2 Elderslie Street Waltzing Matilda Centenary Sculptures (H14)

3 Qantas Memorial Cairn (H14)

4 Opal Walk and 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 (H13)

9 The Winton Club (I13)

10 Winton Shire Council Chambers (G12)

11 Winton Cemetery (C10)

12 Qantas Airfield Commemorative Cairn (J2)

13 Musical Fence (J2)

14 Winton's Diamantina Heritage Truck and Machinery Museum (K2)

15 Willie Mar Chinese Market Garden Heritage Site (H16)

16 Crackup Sisters House (D15)

M **Motels:**
Boulder Opal Motor Inn (O15)
Matilda Motel (I13)
Outback Motel (E14)

H **Hotels:**
Australian Hotel (H15)
North Gregory Hotel (H14)
Tattersalls Hotel (G15)
Winton Hotel (F11)

A **Accommodation:**
Cottage on Cork (L10, E11, F11)
No:27 (L8)
Olive Grove (M10)
Qantilda Quarters (G8)
Winton Outback Homestead (M8)
Hamilton Retreat (D12)

Caravan Parks:
North Gregory Hotel (H14)
Pelican Caravan Park (E15)
Tattersalls Caravan Park (F15)
Winton Roadhouse, Cabins & Caravan Park (K4)
Winton Wanderers Caravan Park (A16)

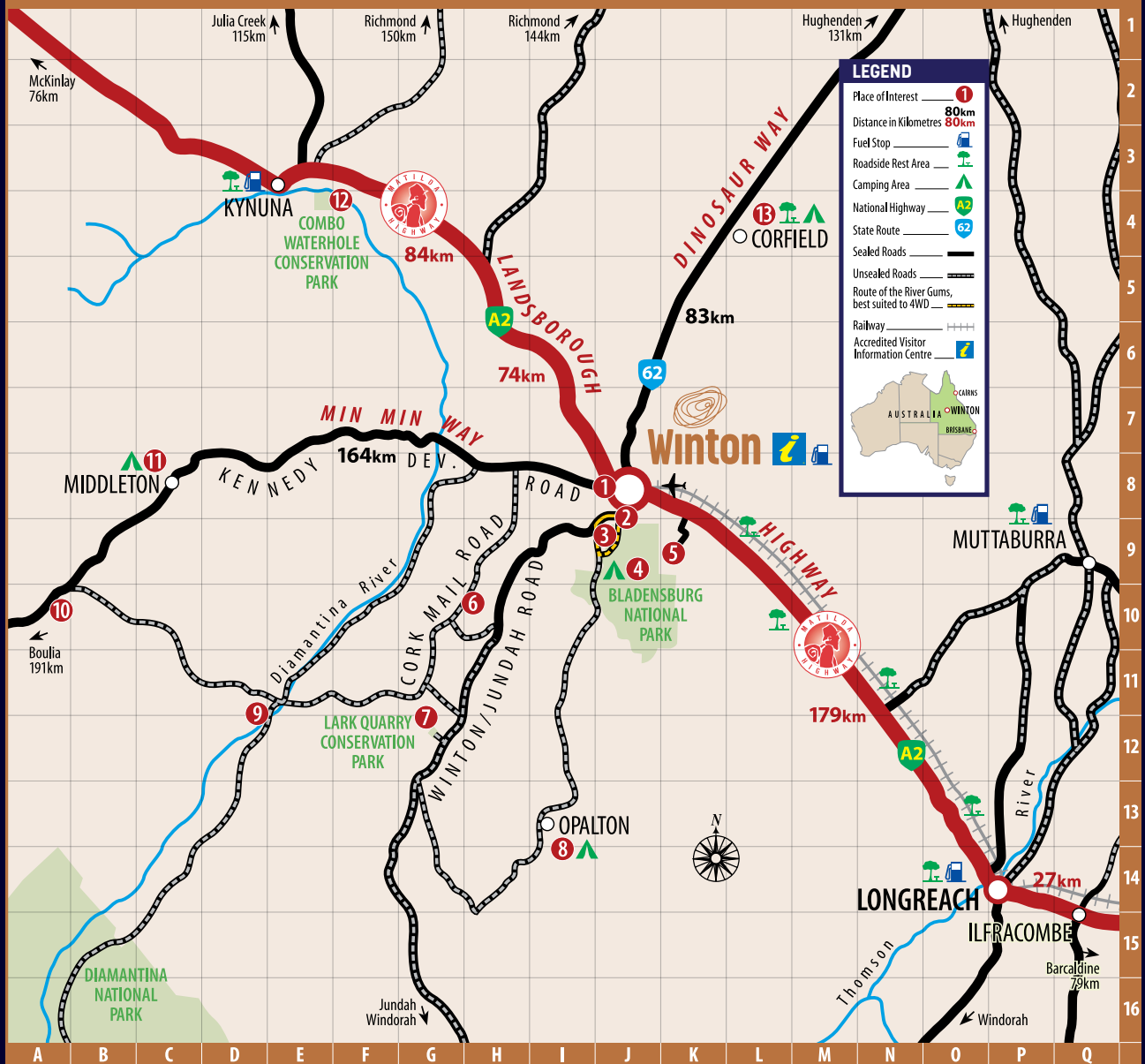
Other Places of Interest:

Hospital (I6)
Waste Dump Point (B13, J16, G16)
Police Station (H12)
RACQ Agent (F14)
Visitor Information Centre (J15)
Sunset Silhouette Signs ☀

For More Information:

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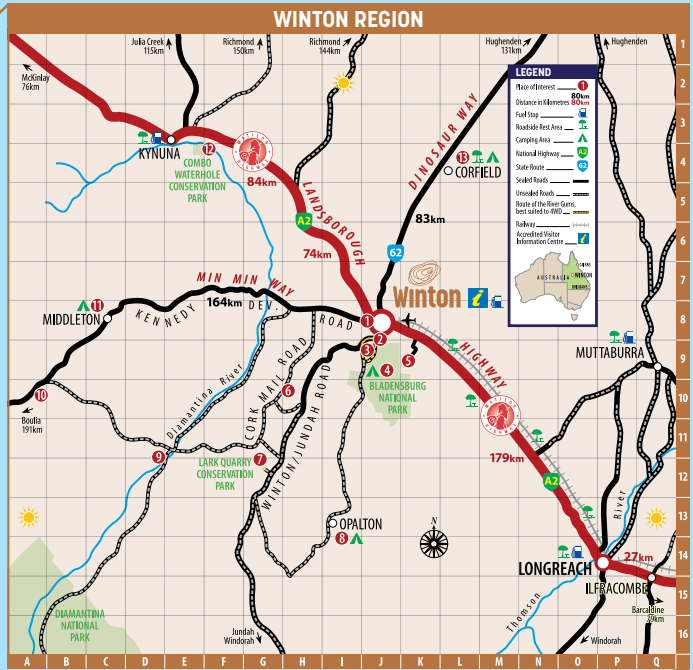
- 1 Pelican Waterhole (J8)
- 2 Long Waterhole (J8)
- 3 Route of the River Gum (J9)
- 4 Bladensburg National Park (J9)
- 5 Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum (K9)
- 6 Carisbrooke Station (H10)
- 7 Dinosaur Stampede and Lark Quarry Conservation Park (G12)
- 8 Opalton (I13)
- 9 Old Cork Station (D11)
-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

Sunset Silhouette Signs





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- Australia's Country Way —
- Capricorn Highway —
- Great Inland Way —
- Leichardt Hwy & Newell Hwy —
- Matilda Hwy & Kidman Way —
- Overlander's Way —
- Pacific Coast Touring Route —
- Savannah Way —
- Warrego Highway —

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