


Welcome to
Quilpie
Shire



Simply Unique

ADAVALE | CHEEPIE | EROMANGA | QUILPIE | TOOMPINE





Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, all of whom have a deep attachment to the Quilpie Shire. We hold in respect the Boonthamurra, Bidjara, Kullilli, Mardigan and Wongkumara peoples. The Quilpie Shire covers an area of 67,415 square kilometres – equivalent in size to the state of Tasmania – and lies on ancient floodplains known as Channel Country. The shire includes the small outback townships of Adavale, Cheepie, Eromanga, Quilpie and Toompine. The shire is also the ancestral home of the Mardigan, Boonthamurra, Bidjara, Wongkumara and Kullilli peoples; their traditional lands traverse the Quilpie Shire's local government boundaries. For many thousands of years, these tribes survived and thrived in this remote and rugged environment, managing the land and waterways, which provided a rich source of food and resources.

Simply Unique

Our Shire offers a unique rural lifestyle for its residents with all amenities you would expect such as schools, medical services, local business centre, sporting and recreation facilities and accommodation.

This booklet has been compiled to provide a quick and easy reference in regard to the services our Shire has to offer. Every care has been taken to provide accurate details for the user and contact numbers and addresses will be updated from time to time. Any further information can be obtained by contacting the Council office.

Our Shire, centred around the towns of Adavale, Cheepie, Eromanga, Quilpie and Toompine, offers many attractions for visitors and locals alike and sporting organisations and clubs extend a warm western welcome to any new residents wishing to participate.

Communication about events/issues/information occurs via the following social media pages:

Quilpie Shire Council Facebook page

Visit Quilpie Shire Facebook page

Quilpie Shire Community Facebook page

We hope you and your family love Quilpie as much as we do and will make your home here.

MAYOR'S WELCOME



KEEPING IT UNIQUE

Firstly, I must confess I'm totally Quilpie biased - born and bred here from pioneering legacy families and raised by the community on Brolga Street. When they say it takes a village to raise a child, I personally have so much to thank this community for, I'm a product of Quilpie.

So, you've discovered Quilpie - here's what you should know. It's much like one of our famous and world-renowned Boulder opals, whatever your viewpoint is of Quilpie Shire, you will appreciate the beauty in what we have - from open plains and winding rivers to red Mulga country. The Shire is as diverse as it is vast.

Once coined by the legendary Durack Pastoral Family as "Heart break corner" for its reputation for being a tough block, the founding pastoralist found a way to harness this environment and deliver the Quilpie Shire to be among one of the State leaders in sheep and wool production. Although we long have diversified into many more industries such as gas, oil, cattle, goats and tourism, we still have an enriched character born from this era. With tales of highs and lows you will find that for the most part, the way of life Quilpie offers these days is safe, easy and comfortable.

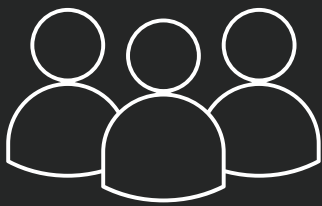
I encourage you to explore the many diverse things we have to offer - from ancient landscapes of the Mardigan, Boonthamurra, Bidjara, Wongkumara and Kullili Aboriginal people, to the prehistoric paleo discoveries, down to the unique and wonderful shops, accommodation and watering holes found in every corner of the Shire from Eromanga to Adavale and around to Toompine. Each has their own distinct character and piece of our history to share with you.

Whatever your reason for arriving here - whether it's for a short stay or something a little more immersive and longer, I'm sure you will find us friendly, inclusive, and embracing.

We appreciate you dropping by,
Ben Hall



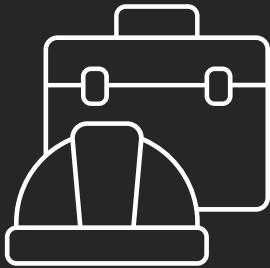
SNAPSHOT



POPULATION
709
ABS ERP 2023

GRP
\$0.08B
NIEIR 2023

UNEMPLOYMENT
1%



LOCAL JOBS
335
NIEIR 2023

LOCAL BUSINESS
209
ABS 2023

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS
358
NIEIR 2023

WINTER AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

LOWEST

9°C

HIGHEST

18°C

SUMMER AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

LOWEST

26°C

HIGHEST

36°C



LOWEST TEMPERATURE
RECORDED ON 2 JULY 1977

-2.3°C

HIGHEST TEMPERATURE
RECORDED ON 3 JANUARY 2014

47.1°C



LOCATION

Quilpie Shire is located in south-west Queensland, about 1,000 kilometres west of the Brisbane CBD.

ADJOINING COUNCILS

The local government areas of Barcoo Shire Council, Blackall-Tambo Regional Council, Bulloo Shire Council, Longreach Regional Council, Murweh Shire Council and Paroo Shire Council surround the shire.

LOCALITIES

Quilpie Shire includes the localities of Adavale, Cheepie, Eromanga, Quilpie and Toompine.

LAND USE

Quilpie Shire is predominantly a rural area. The main township is Quilpie with smaller townships in the communities of Adavale, Cheepie, Eromanga and Toompine. The shire encompasses a total land area of 67,415 square kilometres. Rural land is used largely for agriculture, particularly sheep and cattle grazing, with opal, oil and gas mining also being important industries.

MAJOR FEATURES

Major features of the Quilpie Shire include Hell Hole Gorge National Park, Idalia National Park, Mariala National Park, Lake Dartmouth, Lake Houdraman, Eromanga Natural History Museum, Bulloo Park, John Waugh Park, Quilpie Visitor Information Centre Museum & Gallery, Baldy Top Lookout, Quilpie Multipurpose Health Service, Quilpie Golf Club and Eromanga Basin (oil and gas field).

TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS

- Cooper Development Road (to Eromanga)
- Diamantina Development Road (Charleville - Quilpie - Windorah)
- Quilpie-Adavale (Red) Road (to Adavale & Blackall)
- Quilpie-Thargomindah Road (to Thargomindah, Toompine & Cunnamulla via Eulo)

CONNECTIVITY

- Quilpie has fibre to the premises (FTTP) NBN
- Satellite
- 4G and 5G Telstra Mobile



TRAVELLING TO AND FROM QUILPIE

FLY TO QUILPIE

Rex Airlines operates twice weekly flights between Brisbane and Quilpie. Brisbane to Mt Isa via Quilpie Monday and Thursdays and Mt Isa to Brisbane via Quilpie Tuesday and Fridays. The Quilpie Airport has Avgas and Jet A1 for refuelling. Rex Airlines also operates regular flights between Brisbane and Charleville or fly Qantaslink Brisbane to Longreach. Hire car facilities are available in Charleville and Longreach.

- Rex Airlines (Brisbane – Charleville – Quilpie)
rex.com.au
- Hire car facilities in Charleville and Longreach

DRIVE TO QUILPIE

Quilpie is a 212 kilometres drive from Charleville along the Diamantina Developmental Road. This is a sealed road.

Travelling north to Quilpie from Cunnamulla via Eulo is a 294 kilometres drive on a sealed road and north from Thargomindah to Quilpie is 194 kilometres.

Heading south east to Quilpie from Windorah is a 246 kilometres drive on a sealed road. Heading west from Brisbane is 956 kilometres via the Warrego Highway. Heading south west from Longreach is 515 kilometres via Jundah and Windorah.

TRAIN OR BUS TO QUILPIE

Queensland Rail Westlander Service operates between Brisbane and Charleville with a bus connection to Quilpie.

Greyhound Australia Bus – Brisbane to Charleville
(Hire car facilities in Charleville)

greyhound.com.au

ROAD SAFETY & TRAVEL TIPS

NO GIVE WAY SIGNS IN QUILPIE TOWNSHIP

Most intersections do not have a give way sign in Quilpie – slow down and always give way to your right.

SHARING THE ROAD WITH ROAD TRAINS

When a road train is approaching, slow down, identify a safe place to stop and pull right over to give way to the road train and to avoid stone damage to your windscreen.

Be mindful of the soft edges when trying to get off the road during wet weather.

Road trains can be 55 metres long in these parts of the outback and the rear trailer can sway one metre either side!

Many roads are single lane, so be aware of oncoming traffic.

Keep in mind when travelling on outback roads your odometer is on zero when leaving a town/landmark in case of a break down or an emergency. UHF40 is the channel that most travelers use to communicate.

AVOID DRIVING AT DUSK OR DAWN

Animals are more often active at dawn, dusk or night. Be aware that the lack of light, sunrise/sunset or darkness can affect how well you see the road and associated hazards. Avoid driving during these times if possible and if you are driving then adjust your speed accordingly.

TAKE CARE WHEN OVERTAKING

“Stay on Track Outback” encourages those towing to think carefully prior to overtaking any vehicle. Consideration of stopping and taking a break may be a better decision. Enjoy the outback... perhaps pull over, have a cuppa and then get on the road again.

If you do decide to overtake, allow sufficient space and make allowance for the extra length and width of your towed load. Be careful of soft, rough, steep or gravel edges and roadkill, livestock or wildlife that may impact your ability to control your vehicle. Communicate by UHF40 your intention to overtake to a heavy vehicle or another caravan driver.





THE ESSENTIALS

ACCOMMODATION

ADAVALE

- Showers and Public Toilets available at Community Hall (RFDS donation)
- Camping/Caravan at the Community Hall Camping area (RFDS donation)
- Bush Camping on waterholes
- Single units available at the Veterans' Retreat

EROMANGA

Coopers Country Lodge

2 Dinosaur Drive, Eromanga
07 4656 3084

Eromanga Motel/Caravan Park

Webber Street, Eromanga
07 4656 3276

Royal Hotel Eromanga

Deacon Street, Eromanga
07 4656 4837

Toogunna Plains Farmstay

319 Belombre Road Eromanga
0456 491 777

QUILPIE

Channel Country Tourist Park

Caravan sites and cabins

Chipu Street, Quilpie
07 4656 2087

Imperial Hotel Motel

42 Brolga Street, Quilpie
07 4656 1300

Quilpie Brick Hotel

34-36 Brolga Street, Quilpie
0488 752 434

Quilpie Motor Inn

80 Brolga Street, Quilpie
07 4656 1277

The Lake

Caravan sites available, cottages and quarters
Diamantina Developmental Road
0418 947 955

TOOMPINE

Toompine Pub - South Western Hotel

07 4656 4863

ART, CULTURE AND MUSEUMS

Adavale Police Museum

Creek Street, Adavale

Eromanga Living History Centre

Deacon Street, Eromanga

Eromanga Natural History Museum

1 Dinosaur Drive, Eromanga
07 4656 3084

Lyn Barnes Gallery

17 Sommerfield Road, Quilpie
0428 561 461

Quilpie Powerhouse Museum

24 Winchu Street, Quilpie

Quilpie Shire Rail Museum

Brolga Street, Quilpie

Quilpie Shire Military History Museum

Brolga Street, Quilpie

ATMS AND BANKING

ATMs

There are 4 ATMs in Quilpie for the withdrawal of cash

- Foodworks
- Imperial Hotel
- Friendly Grocer
- The Quilpie Club

ATMs are only available during opening hours.

There are no ATMs located in Adavale, Cheepie, Eromanga or Toompine.

National Australia Bank is the only bank located in Quilpie and operates on limited banking hours:

National Australia Bank (NAB)

29 Brolga Street, Quilpie
132 265

Australia Post LPO / Bank@Post

Australia Post offer banking services such as deposits, withdrawals and account balances for many banking institutions such as Commonwealth Bank, Westpac, St George, Suncorp, Heritage, Bendigo along with many others. No ANZ banking is available from Australia Post.

44 Brolga Street, Quilpie
0427 712 177

BUILDING SERVICES AND TRADES

**A.S. McNall Plumbing
(Plumber & Gasfitter)**

0428 561 285

**Great Western Electrical
(Electrician)**

0404 580 518

**Jetson Engineering
(Boilermaker)**

0407 370 413

**Kevin Phillips
(Handyman)**

0427 662 003

**Patrick Eales
(Painter)**

0409 958 043

**Wild West Carpentry & Construction
(Carpenter)**

0409 580 285

**G&T Mechanical
(Mechanic)**

8 Chulungra Street, Quilpie
07 4656 2380

**O.C. Heavy Vehicle Repairs
(Heavy Vehicle Mechanic)**

Sommerfield Road, Quilpie
0418 221 510

**Peter Donohue
(Builder)**

0428 196 711

**Springalls Air-Con Service & Mechanical
(Mechanic)**

57 Sommerfield Road, Quilpie
0427 820 386

**Channel Country Refrigeration
(Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanic)**

0477 135 668

**Stennetts Builders Pty Ltd
(Builder)**

Heather and Matt Stennett
0459 327 964

Quilpie Hardware & Tyre Service

80 Winchu Street, Quilpie
07 4656 2050

**APV Contracting
(Remote Civil Construction and
Earthmoving Contractors)**

0408 986 582 or
07 4655 1059

**Stuart Bowen Contractors
(Earthmoving & Civil Construction)**

07 4656 04721

**B&D Hall Transport & Contractors
(Earthmoving & Civil Construction)**

07 4656 2228

**Eromanga Contracting
(Earthmoving & Civil Construction)**

Ralph Walker
07 4656 4941

**Tolbra Contracting
(Earthmoving & Civil Construction)**

Earthmovers & Haulage
0439 998 999

**Mascott Contracting
(Earthmoving & Civil Construction)**

0428 164 844

**Halliebec Towing & Contracting
(Machinery & Civil Construction)**

0429 617 878

CHURCHES

St Finbarr's Catholic Church

Buln Buln Street, Quilpie
07 4621 5200

Quilpie Community Church

Every 3rd Sunday monthly
Quilpie Shire Hall Supper Room
Contact Sandra Mocke: 0424 833 926

COUNCIL SERVICES

AERODROME

The Quilpie aerodrome is operated by the Council. Council has invested many thousands of dollars on the aerodrome to provide a bitumen surfaced east-west runway, suitable terminal building and bitumen surfacing of the tarmac and carpark. Adavale, Toompine and Cheepie have dirt airstrips, and Eromanga airstrip is sealed. Adavale, Quilpie and Eromanga are fully fenced.

The aerodrome could be classed as all weather as only on a few occasions have planes been unable to land, because of the low ceiling caused by dust storms. The Quilpie Aerodrome has a PCN rating of 15 with a length of 1500m and a width of 30m. AVGAS and Jet A1 is available and can be purchased via payWave and credit card.

Information regarding the landing of Amy Johnston is on display at the Terminal and a plaque to remember the Wool Scour is erected there.

ANIMAL REGISTRATION

Quilpie Shire Council is guided by the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* and Council's Local Laws to regulate and manage the keeping and control of animals in its Local Government area.

Dogs must be registered with Council once they turn 12 weeks old. Registration enables Council to contact owners in the event that dogs are found to be wandering or injured. Registration fees are set each year by Council.

A person who supplies a dog to another person must ensure a permanent identification device (microchip) is implanted before it is given away or sold.

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT

(Building, Town Planning, Plumbing and Drainage)

The Quilpie Shire Town Planning Scheme is open for inspection, available on Council's website quilpie.qld.gov.au or can be purchased at the Quilpie Shire Council Office, during office hours. Any person considering a Land Use application should discuss their proposals with Council before commencing. Development approval is required prior to the commencement of any building work over 10m². Council officers will endeavour to assist, where possible, with the preparation of applications.

CEMETERIES

The Quilpie Cemetery is operated and maintained by Council, and is located on Cemetery Road. Cemetery records for genealogical and research purposes may be obtained from Council's Administration Office.

Quilpie Shire maintains cemeteries in Eromanga and Adavale. There is also a small Cemetery located near the Toompine Hotel and many bush graves dotted throughout the Shire dating back to the mid 1800's.

COMMUNITY BUS

Council has a 21 seater bus and a smaller 11 seat bus available for hire in Quilpie, and an 11 seat bus in Eromanga. Hire application forms are available at the Council Office, or from the Council website quilpie.qld.gov.au

GYRICA GARDENS

Gyrica Gardens consists of 17 independent living units, many being equipped for aged and disabled use. The complex is stand alone with all yard and duplex maintenance being carried out by Council. The units are situated across the road from the Quilpie Hospital, and the residents are visited regularly by a community nurse.

OVERGROWN ALLOTMENTS

All vacant allotments in the Quilpie Shire area should be kept clean, tidy, free of long grass to discourage vermin and reduce the risk of fire. Any charges incurred by Council in cleaning private land, upon default of the owner, are recoverable in the same manner as arrears of rates.

QUILPIE SHIRE OFFICE AND HALL

On 3 May 1985 the new Shire Office and Administration Building was officially opened at 50 Brolga Street, Quilpie. Further along Brolga Street, the Shire Hall was opened in May 1955. The Hall is extremely large and provides full facilities for dancing, concerts and live entertainment. During 1966 a fully equipped supper room with seating capacity of 100 was added. The Quilpie Library was built in 2004, across the road from the Quilpie Visitor Information Centre which was built in 1997 and extended in 2008.

REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND

Council participates in the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) which is a programme jointly funded by state and local governments. It encourages arts and cultural development in regional communities. Application forms are available from the RADF Liaison Officer, Quilpie Shire Council.

VENUE HIRE

Quilpie Hall, John Waugh Park, Bulloo Park Complex, Eromanga Hall, Adavale Hall, Toompine Hall.

Council facilities can be hired for sporting and social events or private functions. If a Liquor Licence is required for a function being held, the hirer is required to advise the Council to register their application.

Applications for Liquor Licences are required to be lodged 21 days prior to the event and can be lodged online. Hire application forms are available at the Council Office, or from the Council website quilpie.qld.gov.au

WASTE COLLECTION

Adavale

There is no waste collection services in Adavale however a waste transfer station is open 7 days a week.

Cheepie

There are no waste collection services in Cheepie.

Eromanga

Waste collection for residents and businesses occurs weekly on Tuesday. Eromanga also has a waste transfer station available for use and it is open 7 days a week.

Quilpie

Quilpie residents' roadside rubbish collection occurs each Monday with business receiving twice weekly collection on Wednesdays and Fridays. Collection days change when public holidays occur. Keep up to date with changes on Council's Facebook page. Bins should be put out on the evening prior to pick-up (or before 6.00am on collection days).

Quilpie also has a waste transfer station for green waste, larger items, excess waste etc which is open 7 days a week.

Toompine

There is no waste collection service in Toompine however a waste transfer station is open 7 days a week.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Town Water Supply

Adavale – Adavale has a non-potable bore water supply from the Great Artesian Basin. The water can be used for showering, washing and gardening.

Cheepie – There is no Council supplied water to the town of Cheepie.

Eromanga – Eromanga has a potable water supply. The water is treated in a reverse osmosis plant. The water is at ambient temperature.

Quilpie – Quilpie has a potable water supply to properties from the Great Artesian Basin. The bore water has a distinct smell which is due to the high sulphur content. You may also be wondering why the sprinklers are so high in Quilpie? It is to allow the hot bore water to cool before hitting the lawn.

Hot water runs to each property direct from the Great Artesian Bore. Cooling tanks are necessary at most premises to allow for the supply of cool water.

More information on Quilpie's drinking water can be found by visiting quilpie.qld.gov.au.

Toompine – Toompine has a non-potable bore water supply from the Great Artesian Basin. The water supply is connected to the Hotel, Hall and club facilities. It can be used for showering, washing and gardening.

Sewerage

Quilpie has been completely sewered since 1938 and was in fact one of the first towns in the Commonwealth to be provided with the necessary service. During the year ended 30 June 1966 the pumping capacity was augmented and improvements were effected to the treatment plant at a cost of \$8,778. Further upgrades continue to be carried out.

Eromanga has a Common Effluent Drainage (CED) wastewater collection system that pipes effluent from homes to a central point for treatment and disposal. CED systems are similar to conventional sewerage systems, but with the addition of septic tanks at each property.

FUEL SUPPLIES AND SERVICE STATIONS

There are 3 major fuel outlets in Quilpie and 1 in Eromanga:

IOR

24hr (Account Holders or via APP)

Brolga Street, Quilpie
1300 457 467

IOR Refinery Eromanga

Webber Street, Eromanga
07 4656 4881

Lowes BP Petroleum & Fuel Depot

24hrs card facilities. Office open on weekdays during business hours.

50 Sommerfield Road, Quilpie
07 4656 1134

The Old Empire Café

Open 7 days during trading hours

24 Brolga Street, Quilpie
0476 003 404

There is no fuel available in Adavale, Cheepie or Toompine.



The Old Empire Café, Quilpie

FOOD AND BEVERAGES

ADAVALE

Adavale Hotel

Hot and cold drinks, snacks, morning teas, meals are available via bookings
07 4656 4656

Adavale Veterans Retreat

Shepherd Street, Adavale
0438 218 345

Elegant Emu Café

Nelson Street, Adavale
0408 296 404
Bookings essential

EROMANGA

Eromanga Motel & Café

Webber Street, Eromanga
07 4656 3276

Eromanga Natural History Museum Café

2 Dinosaur Drive, Eromanga
07 4656 3084

Royal Hotel Eromanga

Deacon Street, Eromanga
07 4656 4837

QUILPIE

Elle's News Quilpie

Hot drinks and snacks

31 Brolga Street, Quilpie
07 4656 1166

Imperial Hotel Motel

42 Brolga Street, Quilpie
07 4656 1300

Nana's Thai To Go! (Thai Takeaway)

Quilpie
0448 347 581

Offshear's Bakery

41 Brolga Street, Quilpie
0488 055 655

The Brick Hotel

34-36 Brolga Street, Quilpie
07 4656 2708

The Old Empire Café

24 Brolga Street, Quilpie
0475 003 040

The Quilpie Club

Brolga Street, Quilpie
07 4656 1388

Unstable Coffee

Brolga Street, Quilpie
unstable.coffee@outlook.com



Adavale Hotel



Elegant Emu, Adavale

TOOMPINE

Toompine Pub - South Western Hotel
07 4656 4863

GAS

4.5kg and 9kg swap and go cylinders for BBQs and camping are available from Lowes BP Petroleum on Sommerfield Rd, Quilpie during business hours.

Large 45kg gas cylinders for household use can be purchased from Elle's News Quilpie and Elders in Brolga Street during business hours.

GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Quilpie Magistrates Court

Held at the Quilpie Hall
07 4656 9500

Quilpie Police Station

43 Buln Buln Street, Quilpie
07 4656 8181

- Driver Licensing
- Practical driving tests

Quilpie QGAP

9-13 Buln Buln Street, Quilpie
13 74 68

- Transport/Registrations
- Births Deaths and Marriages and
- Justice of the Peace

GROCERIES

Foodworks

Open 7 days – Check website or instore for opening hours

21 Boonkai Street, Quilpie
07 4656 1188

Friendly Grocer

Open 7 days – Check facebook or in store for opening hours

19 Buln Buln Street, Quilpie
07 4656 1377

Quilpie Butchery

**Open Monday to Friday - 8.00am to 5.00pm
and Saturday - 7.30am to 11.00am**

9-11 Buln Buln Street, Quilpie
07 4656 1126



Eromanga Natural History Museum Café, Eromanga



The Brick Hotel, Quilpie

HAIR AND BEAUTY

Crystals Country Nails

0498 463774

Outback Hair Studio

38 Brolga Street, Quilpie
0429 977 718

Flawless

Beautiful Hair in the Outback

79 Winchu Street, Quilpie
0422 815 844

INTERNET

The Library and the Visitor Information Centre located on Brolga Street, has free WIFI available.

Quilpie has NBN fibre to the premise (FTTP) in Quilpie. Visit the NBN website for potential providers. There are satellite and mobile broadband solutions available in Adavale, Cheepie, Eromanga, Quilpie and Toompine.

LAUNDROMAT

Roos Laundromat

There is a laundromat in Quilpie opposite the Visitor Information Centre that has a number of commercial washing machines and dryers available for use. The cost is \$4 per load (you will require 4 x \$1 coins) and is available 24 hours a day.

56 Brolga Street, Quilpie
0422 838 884

MAIL AND COURIER SERVICES

ADAVALE

Adavale has a Community Postal Agency (CPA) at the Adavale Hotel. Mail is delivered each Tuesday and Friday.

CHEEPIE

Mail for Cheepie is delivered via courier each Monday and Thursday to the Foxtrapp Roadhouse in Cooladdi.

EROMANGA

Eromanga has a Community Postal Agency (CPA) at the Motel. Mail is delivered to Eromanga each Tuesday and Thursday.



Foodworks, Quilpie



Friendly Grocer, Quilpie

QUILPIE

There is no mail delivered directly to your home other than items that are delivered by courier. We recommend opening a PO Box to receive all mail and elect to receive notices when mail has been placed in your box. You can receive 6 months free redirection. Notices will be left in your box. No courier service deliveries will be accepted at Australia Post. If you do not wish to open a PO Box, the post office will hold mail for 2 weeks and if not collected, mail will be returned to the sender.

TOOMPINE

Mail for Toompine is delivered via mail run each Monday and Thursday.

Bevan Bannerman

Charleville to Quilpie (Daily)

0439 773 033

bnb_alb@yahoo.com.au

Charleville Carriers

0428 334 689

admin@charlevillecarriers.com.au

Costello's Carriers

Brisbane to Quilpie

0429 870 198

gloriacostello@bigpond.com

Maney Transport Brisbane

Brisbane to Charleville (Daily)

0429 870 198

sales@maneytransport.com.au

Warrego Couriers

Toowoomba to Charleville (Daily)

0428 104 024

warregocouriers@crlnews.com

LIVESTOCK TRANSPORT AND FREIGHT

Bonseys Transport

(Livestock and Earthworks)

Sommerfield Road, Quilpie

0403 067 054

Camrandale Transport

(Livestock)

Sommerfield Road Quilpie

0408 705 554

R J Loveday Transport

(Livestock and Hay)

Sommerfield Road, Quilpie

0429 012 789 (Dick)

0477 006 198 (Skye)



Visitor Information Centre, Quilpie

**Tiger Martyr Transport
(Heavy Machinery and Freight)**

90 Brolga Street Quilpie
0428 561 411 (Tiger)

**Costello Carriers
(Freight)**

Boonkai Street, Quilpie
0429 870 798 (Gary)

**BHL & DA Hall Transport
(Heavy Haulage, Earthmoving and Dirt)**

74 Brolga Street Quilpie
0427 562 228 (Ben)

**IOR
Eromanga
(Bulk Diesel Fuel)**

1300 457 467

MECHANICAL AND WELDING

G&T Mechanical

7 Chulungra Street, Quilpie
07 4656 2380 / 0497 852 237

Jetsons Welding Works

Sommerfiled Road, Quilpie
0407 370 413

OC Heavy Machinery repairs

0418 221510

Quilpie Hardware & Tyre Service

80 Winchu Street, Quilpie
07 4656 2050

Springall's Mechanical

Quilpie
0427 820 386

REAL ESTATE & RURAL SERVICES

Bartlett & Co Livestock & Property Pty Ltd

27 Brolga Street, Quilpie
0428 020 289

**Donohue Grazing
(Hay sales)**

Galah Street, Quilpie
0457 892 789 (James)

Elders Rural Services

56 Brolga Street, Quilpie
07 4650 0600

Grant Daniel Long (GDL)

26 Brolga Street, Quilpie
07 4656 2550

Nutrien Ag Solutions

43 Brolga Street, Quilpie
07 4656 1155

**Quilpie Spell and Weigh PTY Ltd
(Livestock Spelling, Weighing
and Hay sales)**

Murana Road, Quilpie
0403 067 054 (Jake)
0457 831 858 (Laura)

RETAIL OUTLETS

Allan Kisiel Opals

Brolga Street, Quilpie
0407 741665

Bi-Rite Home Appliances

38 Brolga Street, Quilpie
07 4656 2814

Containers for Change

49 Chipu Street, Quilpie
0409 474 164

Elle's News Quilpie

31 Brolga Street, Quilpie
07 4656 1166

Quilpie Carpet Cleaning

07 4656 1123

Quilpie Country Collections

Clothing, fabric supplies

Brolga Street, Quilpie

07 4656 1271

Quilpie Hardware & Tyre Service

80 Winchu Street, Quilpie

07 4656 2050

Quilpie Licensed Post Office

44 Brolga Street, Quilpie

0427 712 177

Quilpie Pharmacy

28 Brolga Street, Quilpie

07 4656 2254

Quilpie Re-Store (2nd hand store)

37 Brolga Street, Quilpie

0419 224 929

TELEPHONE SERVICES

HOME PHONE SERVICES AND INTERNET

Mobile Phone Services

Telstra is the only mobile phone service provider currently available in the Quilpie Shire. A limited supply of mobile phones and sim cards can be purchased at the Quilpie Post Office. NOTE: Not all mobile phones work in the Shire eg, iphones purchased from Aldi.

Public Phone Booth (FREE)

There are 2 public phone booths located in Quilpie and 1 in Eromanga.

- Quilpie - corner of Jabiru and Chipu Streets, and in Buln Buln Street just outside Australia Post.
- Eromanga - Cnr Neale St and Cooper Development Rd, outside the Royal Flying Doctors Clinic.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

Ergon Energy are currently the sole provider of electricity within the Quilpie Shire.

For electricity connection or enquiries please phone 13 10 46 or [visit ergon.com.au](http://visit.ergon.com.au)

VETERINARY SERVICES

There are no veterinary services in Quilpie. The closest veterinary service is in Charleville.

Charleville Vet Surgery have scheduled visits every 6 weeks to Quilpie starting in February and ending in November every year (usually Wednesdays, but sometimes depending on booking numbers they stay overnight for Thursdays as well). They provide a variety of both large and small animal services such as, routine vaccinations, consultations as well as equine dentals and much more!

The Charleville Vet Surgery is open Monday to Friday and can be contacted after hours for emergencies:

32057 Mitchell Highway, Charleville
07 4654 2605 (24hrs)

WASHING YOUR VEHICLE

It is recommended not to use bore or dam water to wash vehicles as these are high in nutrients and salinity content (salt = rust).

We recommend the use of rainwater to wash your vehicles.



EDUCATION

There are 2 primary schools and a kindy/day care centre located in Quilpie and a primary school in Eromanga.

QUILPIE STATE COLLEGE

Public State School

Prep – Year 10
07 4656 0333

EROMANGA STATE SCHOOL

Public State School

Prep – Year 6
07 4656 4892

ST FINBARR'S SCHOOL

Catholic School

Prep – Year 6
07 4621 5200

KINDY/DAY CARE

Mulga Mates Early Learning Centre

68 Winchu Street, Quilpie
07 4656 1263

LIVING AWAY FROM HOME ALLOWANCES SCHEME

Families may decide to send students away to various boarding schools for secondary education. Financial support and allowances are available to help with education costs.

The Living Away from Home Allowances Scheme offers financial assistance to eligible families whose children live away from home to attend a state school, or an accredited non-state school.

The scheme provides 4 allowances:

- Remote Area Tuition Allowance
- Remote Area Travel Allowance
- Remote Area Allowance
- Remote Area Disability Supplement

Head to this website for more information:

qld.gov.au/education/schools/financial/ruralremote/lafhas

ASSISTANCE FOR ISOLATED CHILDREN SCHEME

The Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme can help parents and carers of school-age students who cannot go to a state school, because they either:

- live in an isolated area
- have a disability
- have special health needs

For more information head to this website:

servicesaustralia.gov.au/assistance-for-isolated-children-scheme

A group of ABSTUDY payments are available for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students or apprentices.

Depending on a student's circumstances, ABSTUDY can help with:

- school fees
- boarding fees
- living costs
- travel costs
- buying school materials

For more information head to this website:

servicesaustralia.gov.au/abstudy

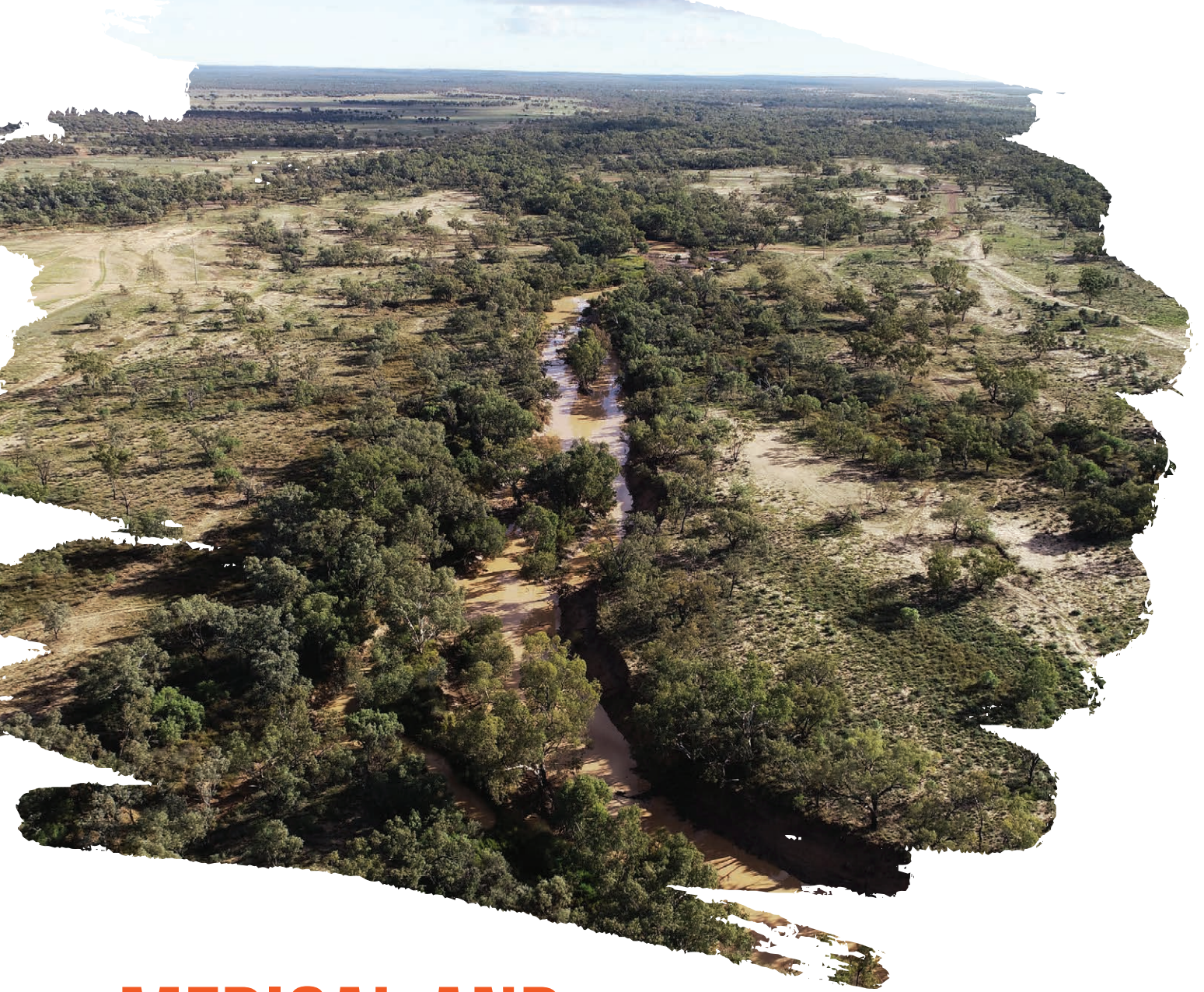
CHARLEVILLE SCHOOL OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

Charleville School of Distance Education is a Queensland State School offering quality educational services to home-based learners from Prep to Year 10 in rural and remote Queensland and beyond.

Our students complete their education through daily use of online resources supplied within the Learning Place, telephone and video conferencing 'on-air' lessons, email and through materials sent via Australia Post. This is enhanced through attendance at Field Events, held each term when students come together at various locations to meet their classmates and teachers face-to-face.

Charleville School of Distance Education has a vibrant school community despite its members being separated by distance, hence their motto 'Divided by Distance, United by Voice'.





MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

If you require Emergency Medical Attention after hours, please call **000** immediately.
If you require other medical attention after hours, please present to Quilpie Hospital / MPHS (Multipurpose Health Service) or call 4656 0100.

Specialist Services such as Heart Health checks, women's clinics, massage services etc are offered at regular times throughout the year. These dates/months may vary, please contact the Quilpie Hospital / MPHS for more information on these services. Also see quilpie.qld.gov.au/community/visiting-services for more information for services available in Quilpie.



CWAATSICH

Charleville and Western Areas Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Community Health Limited

CWAATSICH (ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE)

49 Brolga Street, Quilpie
07 4656 1391

Our mission is to deliver holistic, culturally appropriate health services that improve health and well-being outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our communities. Please contact the number above for more information on specialist services.

DENTAL HEALTH

There is no dental surgery in Quilpie. For enquiries for future dental services that may be provided in Quilpie, please contact South West Hospital & Health Services on 1300 215 659, 07 4621 2280 or email SWHHS-Dental-Admin@health.qld.gov.au To be eligible for an appointment with SWHHS you will need: Health Care Card, Pension Concession Card, Commonwealth Seniors Health Card, Queensland Seniors Card or a Veteran Affairs Card.

For emergencies, please contact the dental department at Charleville Hospital on 46212200. Charleville Hospital is located at 72 King Street Charleville and 207 kilometres away from Quilpie.

HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES

Quilpie
07 4656 0100

NDIS COORDINATOR

Quilpie Shire Council
Assists with all areas of the NDIS
07 4656 0500

QUILPIE HOSPITAL / MULTIPURPOSE HEALTH SERVICE

30 Gyrica Street, Quilpie
07 4656 0100
Open 24hrs 7 days a week

QUILPIE MEDICAL PRACTICE

30 Gyrica Street, Quilpie
07 4656 1158
Open Monday to Friday (Bulk Billing)

QUILPIE PHARMACY

28 Brolga Street, Quilpie
07 4656 2254

ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE

The Royal Flying Doctors Charleville holds clinics in Eromanga on regular occasions throughout the year.

The Emergency Telehealth line is available 24/7 by phone 1300 MY RFDS (1300 69 7337).

EMERGENCY SERVICES CONTACT NUMBERS

ADAVALE POLICE STATION

Cnr Creek Street & Shepherd Street, Adavale
07 4656 4833

ADAVALE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

07 4656 4833

EROMANGA POLICE STATION

Webber Street, Eromanga
07 4656 8100

EROMANGA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Ph 07 4656 8100

EROMANGA SES

Webber Street, Eromanga
132 500

QUILPIE POLICE STATION

Buln Buln Street, Quilpie
000 / 07 4656 8181 / 131 444 (Policelink)

QUILPIE AUXILIARY FIRE STATION

61 Pegler Street, Quilpie
000

QUILPIE SES

59 Winchu Street, Quilpie
132 500





SPORTING FACILITIES/GROUPS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES

ADAVALE SPORT & REC

The Adavale Sport & Recreation Association is a community group that holds and runs an Annual Rodeo and Campdraft event which also includes a Gymkhana and Bikekhana.

For more information check out their Facebook page: Adavale Sport & Recreation Association

Or email adavalesportandrec@outlook.com

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND SENIORS PROGRAM

WQPHN / QSC

A Monthly calendar of free events are held at the CWA Hall and the Gyrica Gardens Multi-Purpose Centre.

Activities include:

- Healthy Ageing Exercise
- Healthy Ageing Luncheons
- Healthy Ageing Information Sessions
- Tai Chi
- Craft
- Men's Group
- Healthy Minds

EROMANGA SWIMMING POOL

The Eromanga Town Pool is open to the public by qualified staff, but opening hours may be subject to change pending staff availability.

Opens seasonally from September to April.
0413 201 534

Keep up to date with their facebook page for opening dates/times:

[All About Aquatics - Eromanga](#)

EROMANGA CAMPDRAFT & RODEO

Eromanga District Rodeo Association are a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to fostering community connection and resilience whilst backing the spirit of rodeo and equestrian sports. Their flagship annual event currently spans three exhilarating days over Easter, showcasing Campdraft, Rodeo, and a Children's Horse Gymkhana.

For further details on how to become part of this group please contact via email: eromangarodeo@gmail.com or jump on the Facebook page for more information: [Eromanga District Rodeo Assoc](#)

QUILPIE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Regular activities are held for primary and secondary students after school during school terms at the CWA Hall and the Quilpie Library.

For up-to-date information on activities and other happenings visit Council's website quilpie.qld.gov.au or follow us on Facebook.

QUILPIE BI-CENTENNIAL PARK

Bi-Centennial Park in Brolga Street is a newly refurbished park that is fully fenced. There is an undercover playground, a monorail, amenities block and barbecues.

QUILPIE BOWLS

Social bowls are played on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons. Contact the Quilpie Club Inc on 07 4656 1388 for more information or email office@quilpieclub.com



QUILPIE BULLOO PARK COMPLEX

Bulloo Park caters for mainly horse sports – polocrosse, pony club, rodeos and gymkhanas as well as the race track. It is home to the annual Quilpie & District Show & Rodeo.

QUILPIE CULTURAL SOCIETY

Quilpie Cultural Society provides educational workshops using renowned tutors on a broad range of art and craft activities, and development in arts and culture. Facebook page: [Quilpie Cultural Society](#)

QUILPIE DIGGERS RACE CLUB

Quilpie Diggers hold an Annual Quilpie Race Day on the second weekend in May. For more information or to get involved contact via email: quilpiedrc@gmail.com or keep up to date with their Facebook page: [Quilpie Diggers Race Club](#)

QUILPIE GOLF CLUB

The Quilpie Golf Club is an 18-hole sand green course situated on Eagle Drive (off Diamantina Development Rd west of Quilpie) approximately 2 kilometres out of town. Social play is available every day and fees can be paid via honesty box at the clubhouse.

Regular social competitions are held on the weekend during April to October. Contact email address is quilpiegolfclub083@gmail.com. Check out their Facebook page: [Quilpie Golf Club Inc.](#) for regular updates on upcoming events.

QUILPIE GYM & FITNESS CENTRE

This is a fantastic place to get a sweat up. It is fully functional with all the bells and whistles of a big city gym and the team will take very good care of you.

Visits can be on a casual basis, or you can join as a member with options of paying monthly, 3 monthly, 6 monthly or annually.

Email to make an appointment for membership gsportrec@gmail.com or keep up to date with their Facebook page: [Quilpie Sport and Recreation Inc.](#)

QUILPIE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

For further information on how to join Quilpie Junior Rugby League (4 to 12-year olds) please visit their Facebook page: [Quilpie Junior Rugby League Club](#) or contact the committee via their email address: quilpiemagpiesjrl@gmail.com Players will need to register at PlayNRL.com



QUILPIE LEGENDS SWIMMING CLUB

Operates seasonally. Please check out their Facebook Page: [Quilpie Swimming Club](#) or contact via Quilpieswimmingclub@gmail.com

QUILPIE LIBRARY

The Quilpie Library is located next to the Quilpie Shire Council Administration building. The current opening hours are Monday to Friday, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm. There are no costs associated with library membership and library members have access to a wide range of fiction and nonfiction titles, magazines, children's ebooks and DVDs, audiobooks, large type books, ebooks and audiobooks. Visitors can also make use of our free WIFI, public access computers and Makerspace, equipped with a sewing machine, cricut machine and other creative equipment.

Free programs at the library include a monthly book club, monthly digital literacy/computer skills presentations, monthly craft and chat sessions, weekly Code Club for ages 8-12 (run during school term times), and weekly storytime, songs and playtime with our First 5 Forever sessions (run during school term times).

QUILPIE MOTORCYCLING ASSOCIATION INC.

For ages 4-99 years and includes social riders, competitive and non-competitive days, memberships, and riding licences. They hold Club events and other activities throughout the year. For more information please head to the Facebook page [Quilpie Motorcycling Association Inc.](#) or email kerri@apvcontracting.com.au

QUILPETA NIGHT SHOW – VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Take your seat on the expansive green space in front of the supersized outdoor screen for the Quilpeta Night Show. Meet your digital host, Q the Stone Curlew, who will guide you through an interactive journey of the story of Quilpie, stepping back some 95 million years ago. Along the way, you'll meet giant Titanosaurs Cooper and George, and learn about Quilpie's First Nation Maranganji people. You'll discover the colourful boulder opal story and early pastoral settlements. It's a wonderful introduction to Quilpie, its people and the beauty of the Channel Country.

Operates twice weekly during April-October.



QUILPIE NOT QUITE PARK RUN

Quilpie not quite a park run is held at Baldy Top on most Saturdays at 7.00am during the cooler months.

Keep up to date via the Quilpie Shire Community Facebook page: [Quilpie Shire Community](#)

QUILPIE POLOCROSSE CLUB

For information contact email quilpiepolox4480@gmail.com or keep up to date with their Facebook page: [Quilpie Polocrosse Club Inc.](#)

QUILPIE SINGING GROUP

Come and share your passion for singing with the Quilpie singing group. Regular Open Mic Nights are held throughout the year. Contact Jenny Harris for details on 0428 552 725 or via quilpiesingers@gmail.com

QUILPIE & DISTRICT SHOW SOCIETY

The Quilpie Rodeo is held annually in September (weekend after Birdsville races). The rodeo is Friday night with the Show on Saturday. If you would like to get involved or find out more information email: quilpieshow@gmail.com or checkout their Facebook page: [Quilpie & District Show & Rodeo](#)

QUILPIE SPORTING CLAY SHOOTERS

Monthly practice shoots are held on the third Sunday of every month and a two-day carnival is held on the second weekend in August every year.

Keep up to date with events and practice days on Facebook [Quilpie Sporting Clays Club Inc.](#) or contact via email on quilpiesportingclays@gmail.com

QUILPIE SWIMMING POOL

The Quilpie Swimming Pool complex located in Brolga Street has a 25 metre pool complete with shade cover and also a heated multi-purpose pool. A Disability Hoist is available for use. Children will love the Leisure Play Pool equipped with interactive play features. Free Entry! Some of the many services offered include Learn to Swim, Stroke Clinic, Squad Training and Aqua fitness and is run by All About Aquatics.

Opens seasonally from September to April.
07 4656 1201 / 0413 201 534

E: quilpie@allaboutaquatics.com.au

Keep up to date with our facebook page for opening dates/times: [All About Aquatics - Quilpie](#)



QUILPIE TRIATHLON CLUB

Social gathering for all ages and abilities.
The club operates seasonally. Keep up to date on information on their Facebook page: [Quilpie Sunday Triathlon](#) or contact via email: kerri@apvcontracting.com.au

QUILPIE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Centre facilities include:

- Art Gallery & Museum
- Free Wi-Fi
- National Park Bookings

Brolga Street, Quilpie Qld 4480
07 4656 0540
tourism@quilpie.qld.gov.au
visitquilpieshire.com

Opening Hours:

March to October: Open Monday to Sunday
November to February: Open Monday to Friday

TENNIS COURTS – ADAVALE/ EROMANGA/QUILPIE/TOOMPINE

Tennis courts are available in Adavale, Eromanga, Quilpie and Toompine. All tennis courts are free however you need to bring your own equipment.

Quilpie tennis courts are located next to the gym in Quilpie. The courts have lighting if you wish to have a bash at night and this is also free, just remember to switch them off when you are done. The lighting panel is located between the tennis and netball courts.

TOOMPINE CLAY TARGET SHOOTING AND POLOCROSSE

Toompine Progress Association covers the Toompine Clay Shooters and the Toompine Polocrosse. For enquiries keep up to date with their Facebook page: [Toompine Progress Association Inc.](#) and [Toompine Polocrosse Club](#)



KEY EVENTS

DATES/MONTHS MAY VARY FOR SOME EVENTS

JAN

Australia Day Community
Celebration

MAR

Eromanga Campdraft & Rodeo
Toompine Easter Gunshoot

APR

Adavale Rodeo & Gymkhana
Anzac Day Services

MAY

Quilpie Cup
Opera Queensland – Quilpie
(Month May Vary)
Qld Music Trails
(Month may vary)

JUN

Toompine Polocrosse
Quilpie Polocrosse

AUG

Quilpie Sporting Clays
Club Carnival
Quilpie Golf Club Open Weekend

SEP

Kangaranga Do Street Party
Quilpie & District Show & Rodeo
Quilpie Bike Gymkhana & Enduro



OCT

Quilpie Two Day Bowls Carnival

NOV

St. Finbarr's School Fete
Remembrance Day
Christmas In The Gallery

DEC

Combined Business
Community Christmas Party

QUILPIE STREET NAMES

Quilpie is stated to be a corruption of Quilpeta or Quilpeter meaning Stone Curlew. Most of the streets are named after birds:

Boobook – Owl found in most parts of Australia and is commonly called a Mopoke.

Boonkai – Black necked ibis, Sickle bird. Found in swamps and shallow lake margins. Breeds in colonies from September – April. Nests consist of a platform of sticks built on low plants.

Brolga – Native companion, Australian Crane usually found in pairs or flocks, frequently on plains and in swampy areas. A large bird with silver grey plumage and a red patch on the head. Brolgas perform a courtship dance, which was occasionally mimicked by aborigines in ceremonial dancing.

Buln Buln – Mallee ring necked parrot. Usually found in pairs or small flocks in scrub, open forestland or timber bordering watercourse.

Chipu – Whistling duck, tree duck. Seen in flocks on stream or lagoons.

Dukamurra Pelican – Usually seen in flocks in rivers and lakes of inland areas and sea estuaries.

Galah – The grey backed, pink-breasted cockatoo. Usually seen in flocks of 30 to 1,000 birds foraging together all over Australia.

Chulungra – Plain turkey or Kori Bustard. Usually seen singly or in pairs on inland plains. They roost in clumps of trees, or in treeless country on the ground, usually on some high vantage point.

Gyrica – The night Owl.

Jabiru – Black necked stork. Found singly or in pairs or family parties in swamps and lagoons. The storks are fresh water foragers. The female has yellow eyes and mate has brown eyes.

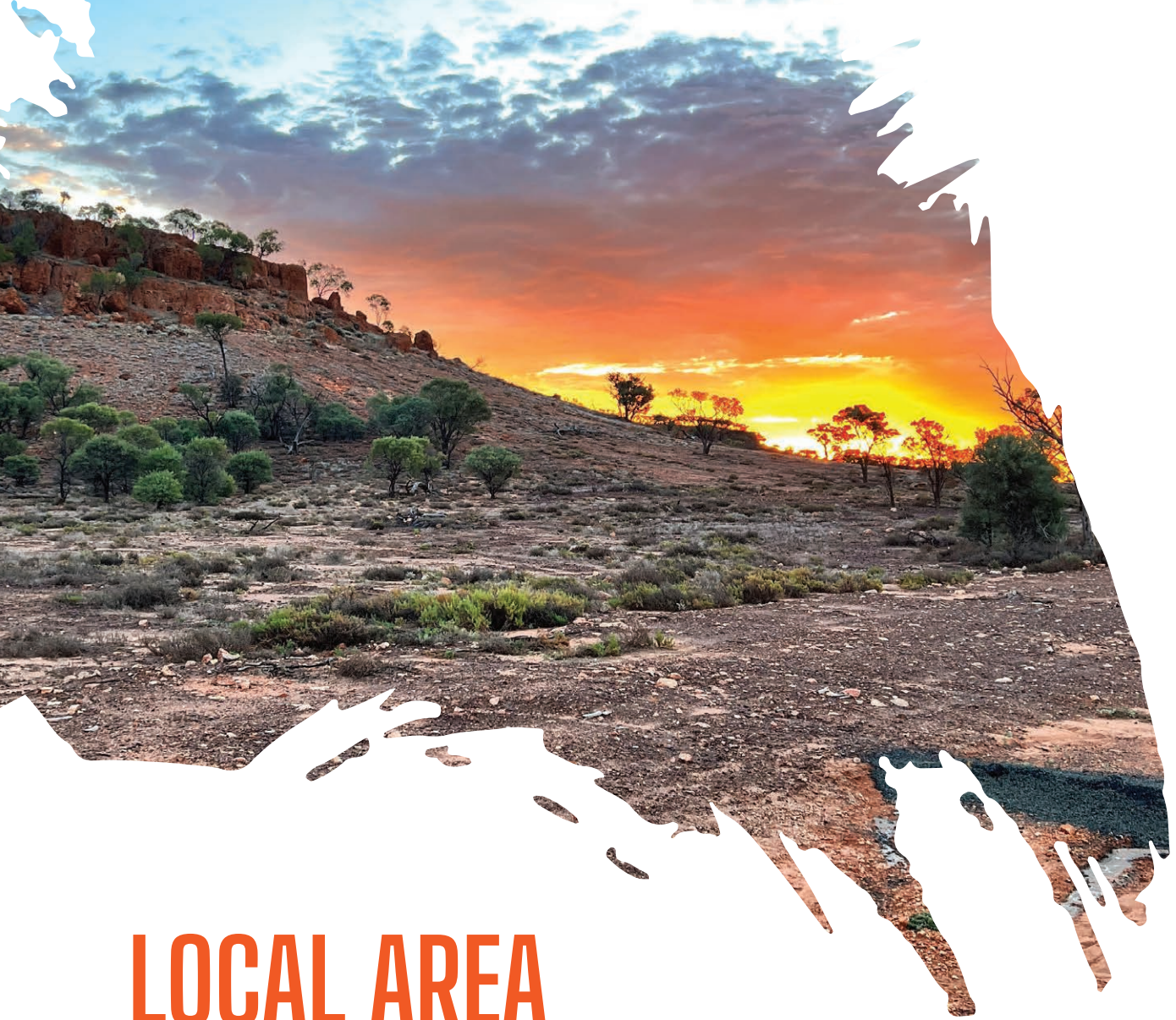
Kookaburra – Found in pairs or in territorial groups consisting of dominant pair with subordinate helpers.

Murana – Willie Wagtail, found all over mainland Australia is also known as Black and White Fantail.

Quarrion – Cockatoo or Cockatoo parrot. Usually found in pairs or flocks in open country dotted with scrub or timber bordering watercourses.

Winchu – White fronted heron, blue crane. Found in pairs or small flocks in swamp areas.





LOCAL AREA ATTRACTIONS

REGIONAL OVERVIEW

The Shire of Quilpie is a local government area in South West Queensland. It covers an area of 67,415 square kilometres which is the size of Tasmania, and its administrative centre is Quilpie.

The Quilpie Shire was created on 17 July 1930 and includes the towns of Adavale, Cheepie, Eromanga, Quilpie and Toompine.

BOULDER OPAL

Most of the histories written about the settlement of Queensland indicate that the squatters headed the expansion to the west of the state, and therefore the pastoral industry was the reason many isolated areas were inhabited. While this is certainly true, there is evidence to suggest that while the early pioneers of the Quilpie district, the Costellos, Tullys and Duracks were settling the district, opal prospectors were also on the move chasing the gemstone which had, because of its magical, brilliant colour, captivated the interest of the young Queen Victoria.

The famous Bond Mining Company followed the footsteps of the prospectors and was one of the first mining concerns to recognise the potential of large-scale opal mining. As early as 1897, Bond was granted three freehold mining leases in the Eromanga area. Two of these mines, the Scotchman and Aladdin mines are still being worked today and so are links to an opal mining history as rich and colourful as the stone itself. In fact, these two mines are indirectly linked to one of the greatest myths ever invented. In the years after the crown had granted freehold title to Bond's three opal mines, it became evident that Queen Victoria had a preference for opal jewellery.

Opals became fashionable and as their popularity increased, the fledgling de Beers diamond mining and marketing operation was concerned that opals would overtake diamonds as the desired gem. Legend has it that de Beers concocted a story loosely attributed to ancient Egypt, that opals were bad luck, that misfortune would certainly befall the wearer. The ploy worked and not even the Queen's love of the fiery opal could undo the bad press the diamond merchants had created. To this day, some people believe that it is unlucky to wear opal, but fortunately discerning jewellers and their customers ignored the dire warning, making Queensland Boulder Opal one of the world's most sought after gems.

Since the days of the early prospectors and companies like Bond Mining, opal mining in the Quilpie Shire has continued along a somewhat chequered path. As gold towns boomed and died, so too have opal settlements flourished and disappeared. Duck Creek was a flourishing town riding high on the good fortune of the opal miners, today only a couple of camps remain. Duck Creek and nearby sheep Station Creek are both places where travellers may try 'noodling', a quaint term used to describe fossicking for opal amongst the old mullock heaps.

The rise and fall of settlements such as Duck Creek, does not however reflect the fortunes of the industry overall. Queensland is the world's only producer of ironstone Boulder Opal and the Quilpie mining district is the largest boulder opal producer in the state with approximately 200 leases currently being worked. Opal produced in the Quilpie Shire finds its way to not only jewellery houses in Australian cities, but to stores in Tokyo, Osaka, New York, Hamburg, Paris, London and Geneva. So in terms of its export value and the wealth it has brought to the Shire, opal certainly is not an unlucky stone.

Examples of beautiful boulder opal can be seen at the local opal shops in Brolga Street, at the Quilpie Museum and Visitors Centre, St Finbarr's Catholic Church and at the local Shire office.



QUILPIE

Just like the unique Australian bird that is Quilpie's namesake, there is a sense of authenticity and downright 'realness' when you roll into town. It's overflowing with Aussie heritage, a vibrant local art scene and outdoor activities.

RICH IN COLOUR

The sun in Queensland's far south west beckons like a drop of burning gold for curious road-trippers. If you're looking for colour, you'll find it in the opal town of Quilpie, specifically the Boulder Opal. Unique to Queensland, the formation of this beautiful gemstone dates back to one hundred million years ago at the end of the Jurassic (dinosaurs) period. While in town visitors can try their hand at fossicking, and see the fascinating opal altar at St Finbarr's Church.

Quilpie also has an impressively colourful pioneering history. The Quilpeta Night Show will give insight into early settlers names such as Tully, Durack and Costello.

At the Quilpie Local History Museum, discover the link between the Durack family and what some say is the best saga of pastoral Australia ever published – Kings in Grass Castles.

BIRTH OF A RAILWAY

Over 100 years ago in April 1917 the Great Western Railway Line came to Quilpie and changed the course of history. Quilpie may be the business centre for the shire but it is also the youngest of the towns. Prior to the rail line, Quilpie was no more than just a few humpies and Adavale was considered the main centre. Grand plans to extend the service further west were abandoned due to wartime restrictions making Quilpie the official "end of the line". Locals tell the story of "The Flying Flea" so named because it was the fastest rail time in Queensland connecting Charleville with Quilpie.

ARTESIAN WATER WONDER

It's been hailed as the greatest single event in the history of the Outback and Quilpie residents agree. Artesian water has been the lifeblood of Quilpie since the first bore was sunk in 1933. There's not much demand in town for hot water systems, rather most residents have cooling tanks. This is because the 75 degree Celsius water is piped straight to the house and needs to be seriously cooled before use! Don't be concerned with the water's unique odour – it's very healthy! Much has been written about the amazing health benefits of Artesian water. Just ask a local!

ROCKING THE SUNSETS

Picture yourself perched atop a rugged rocky summit with nibbles and drinks ready to toast the glorious outback sunset. Located around 6.8 kilometers from downtown Quilpie, it's an easy 10 minute climb to the crest of Baldy Top Lookout. Feeling energetic? Consider following the scrambling trail to explore loads of ancient caves and crevices. Also rocking the nearby Lake Houdraman, aka "the Lake". Home to masses of Aussie birdlife, this privately owned lake is popular for birdwatchers and serenity seekers alike.

BALDY TOP LOOKOUT

Be amazed by the panoramic view and experience the beauty of this magnificent boulder formation formed naturally over millions of years.

Baldy Top is located approximately 6.8 kilometres from Quilpie on the Toompine Road on a fully sealed road where you'll find a BBQ, a covered picnic area and toilet facilities. The climb to the summit is a relatively easy ten-minute scramble where you will be rewarded with breathtaking landscapes that stretch as far as the eye can see and spectacular sunsets! Baldy Top is also now lit up at night!

THE LAKE

Lake Houdraman, commonly known as ‘The Lake’ is a privately owned natural lake situated on the flood plains of the Bulloo River, approximately 6 kilometres east of Quilpie.

On the eastern side you will find a unique farm stay meets caravan park meets rustic lodge with accommodation options catering to every traveller’s desire. The turn off is located 4 kilometres east of Quilpie on the Diamantina Development Road and will take you to the site office where the managers will greet you with that friendly Outback charm.

Day visitors are welcome to explore the western side of the Lake with access via Adavale Black Road off the Diamantina Developmental Road (first left after John Waugh Bridge).

This literal ‘Oasis in the Desert’ has easy access for 2 wheel drive vehicles, buses, motorhomes and caravans. Dogs must be on a lead due to livestock.

BULLOO RIVER WALK

A stroll along the Bulloo River Walk is a tranquil way to appreciate the native Flora and Fauna of the Bulloo River Catchment. Follow the informational signs and learn about the plant species located along the walk or relax under a shady tree and bird watch whilst enjoying the natural sounds of the bush.

Flora and fauna lists are available at the Information Centre and keen birdwatchers are encouraged to identify as many species as they can.

The Bulloo River is an ideal place to cast a fishing line and catch a Yellowbelly (Golden Perch) or throw in a yabby pot and snare some delicious yabbies (freshwater crayfish). You could have yourself one of the freshest feeds the outback has to offer.

OPAL FOSSICKING

Local fossicking – Council operates a free fossicking area, just out of Quilpie located at the entrance of the airport. This provides a real opportunity for all ages to have a go at uncovering this pretty gemstone. Bring your own equipment or pick up a bucket and spray bottle at the Quilpie Visitor Information Centre. No permit is required.

RICK “MILO” MILOSEVIC MEMORIAL

Rick’s memorial is located on a natural jump up 65 kilometres east of Quilpie on the Diamantina Developmental Road. It consists of a sweeping memorial to commemorate local soldier, Lance Corporal Rick Milosevic and his mates Private Robert Poate and Sapper James Martin - 2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment who were tragically killed whilst serving with the ADF in Afghanistan.

The memorial also features the natural elements from the site, including informal seating to allow for views to the west. This memorial was opened in 2021 and is free for people to access with car parking available on site. For more information about Quilpie Shire’s rich military history, including Rick Milosevic make sure you visit the Quilpie Shire Military Museum on Brolga Street Quilpie.



QUILPIE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

When you arrive in the Shire be sure to make us your first stop! Our Centre is located on Brolga Street and is stocked with maps and brochures for the local area and surrounding regions. Our knowledgeable staff can help with any enquiries, the Centre is also a booking agent for QLD National Parks and boasts free WIFI.

Step out the back through our courtyard and wander through our Quilpie Shire Museum and Art Gallery. Our interactive museum proudly displays the history and hardship of the early pioneers. Opal mining; cattle barons and their role in developing the Outback; native flora and fauna; and hardships faced by early settlers are just a few of the interesting topics covered in the museum.

Our Art Gallery displays six exhibitions a year featuring accomplished artists from far and wide as well as local works. Next door to our Centre, you will also find our Quilpie Shire Military History Museum and Quilpie Shire Rail Museum.

ST FINBARR'S OPAL ALTAR

St Finbarr's Opal Altar is one of Quilpie's most iconic attractions and the church itself rests on the foundations of an intriguing history.

In 1976, the Priest at the time, Father John Ryan, decided to complement the opal mining background of the area by commissioning local miner, Des Burton to install a border of opal around the carving of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. Instead, Des offered the Priest "a bit on the wall". This turned out to be almost an entire wall, which is now installed on St Finbarr's altar, lectern and baptismal font.

Bill Durack who was part of a Toowoomba Architectural firm who designed Quilpie's St Finbarr's Church and his sisters Mary Durack, author of Kings in Grass Castles, donated the beautiful coloured glass windows in the western side of the church, in memory of their famous ancestors. The church is open daily so head on in and see this beautiful display of Quilpie's opal in all its glory!

EROMANGA

Eromanga has a population of approximately 45 and is 106 kilometres west of Quilpie. The road to Eromanga is fully sealed. Eromanga is famous on several counts, firstly for being the furthest town from the sea in Australia and secondly for the significant palaeontological discoveries of Australia's largest dinosaurs on a property near Eromanga.

Several dinosaurs have been unearthed and the bones are now displayed in the Eromanga Natural History Museum located 3 kilometres from Eromanga. A visit to this Museum is an absolute must! And don't miss your chance to get a photo of a Sauropod and her 2 babies at Knot-A-Saurus Park!

The Eromanga region also has the claim to fame of being the largest oil producing area in mainland Australia. The township plays host to a mini refinery that has been continuously refining 1250 barrels per day of crude oils into automotive distillates, jet fuel and specialty chemicals. The IOR Refinery has fuel available for visitors via a 24-hour card machine.

The Royal Hotel, built in 1885, is one of the original buildings and was once a Cobb & Co Staging Post. Make your way there every Saturday for the local community BBQ, with all proceeds going to charity or local groups.

Take a walk around the town's historical walk and enjoy the informational signs depicting the history of the buildings that once stood. Discover more about Eromanga at the Living History Centre incorporating an Object Theatre and enjoy a picnic in the park adjoining the Museum and check out the stunning Opal Mining Memorial. Visit the Eromanga Hotel for access to the museum.



EROMANGA NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

The Eromanga Natural History Museum (ENHM) nestled in the Australian Outback is home to Australia's largest dinosaur, a 95-98 million-year-old titanosaur called 'Cooper'. He is one of many significant fossil discoveries in the heart of the South West Queensland Channel Country.

Not only does the museum have dinosaurs but some of the world's largest megafauna and a variety of micro fauna which were discovered nearby in Eulo and are thought to be 50,000 to 100,000 years old.

Stage 2 is now finished and includes a reception, office space, café and theatre gallery. The museum is located three kilometres outside of Eromanga, and approximately one hours' drive west from Quilpie and also boasts luxury accommodation in the 4-star semi self-contained suites named the Cooper's Country Lodge. Functions or events can also be catered for at the museum with a minimum of 14 days notice.

ADAVALE

Adavale has a population of approximately 22 and is 96 kilometres from Quilpie. The Adavale Red Road to Adavale will be fully sealed. The Adavale Black Road is unsealed. There is no fuel available in Adavale and none until you reach Blackall if you are heading further north. Blackall is 309 kilometres from Quilpie.

A once flourishing town, Adavale like many towns boomed, settled quickly and at its peak housed a population of around 300 residents. First gazetted in 1878, it opened its first hotel a couple of years later. If you draw a straight line between Charleville and Windorah, you will find Adavale about halfway along, ideal for a Cobb & Co Change Station. Remnants of the coach road can still be seen in town.

In the late 1880s, Adavale was once a thriving town and the business centre would have looked very different; six pubs, a Police Station, Chinese Market Gardens, Baker Shop, General Store and School, Hospital and Post Office. Changing the planned railway from Adavale to what is now Quilpie was the beginning of the end for this pioneering town's prosperity.

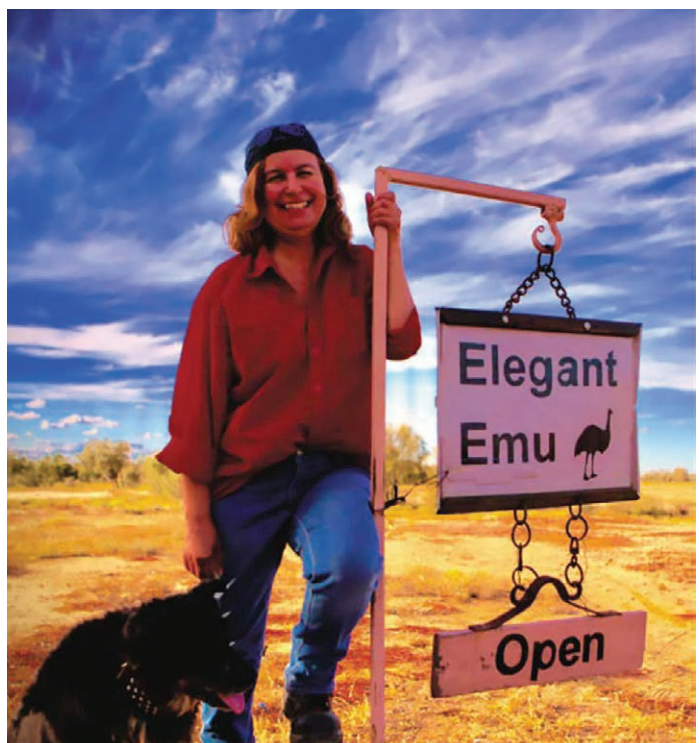
While you are in town explore more of the town's history by taking a stroll along the historical walk. Informational signs explain the history of each site and help you visualise what this once bustling town looked like.

The Adavale Hall grounds have a coin operated BBQ, picnic table and chairs, toilets and showers and offer free camping for visitor's convenience. While you are here, take a walk along the veranda of the Hall and enjoy the incredible historical photos from Adavale's past.

Lovers of the great outdoors and the outback scenery will love Adavale, as the drive from Quilpie is one of the most scenic in the Shire. Adavale is home to great fishing spots, birdwatching and is also the gateway to the stunning Hell Hole Gorge National Park, Mariala National Park and Idalia National Park.

ELEGANT EMU

If you find yourself looking for a new handbag or a decadent high tea, then, visit the Elegant Emu and treat yourself to a selection of yummy home baked bread, biscuits, cakes and pastries. Relax on the breezy veranda of what was once the old Adavale doctors' residence.



HELL HOLE GORGE NATIONAL PARK

National parks are plentiful in the Quilpie Shire and the stunning Hell Hole Gorge, north west of Adavale, is one of the most scenic in Outback Queensland. Hell Hole Gorge National Park provides opportunities for camping and related activities such as 4WDing, hiking, bird watching, swimming and photography.

Picture rugged gorges framed by cliffs carved out over millions of years by the Powell and Spencer creeks. There are two popular swimming holes, Hell Hole Gorge and Spencers Gorge. Explore around the waterholes or stroll along the top of the plateau high above the creek. You may even spot wildlife resting in the cool gorge below. The park is one of a few places where you may see the elusive Yellow-footed Rock Wallaby. Access to Hell Hole Gorge is via council roads passing through working pastoral properties.

Take care to avoid stock on unfenced roads and leave gates as you find them. Take the Adavale-Blackall Road then turn left and follow the Milo-Gooyea Road to the park. Roads within the park follow old seismic lines and boundary fences.

- Bush Camping is allowed near Hell Hole Waterhole – Caravans cannot access the National Park due to road conditions however camper trailers can get in
- Camping permits are required from National Parks before you enter. Contact the Quilpie Visitor Information Centre.
- Visitors must be self-sufficient. Bring at least 7 litres of water per person per day
- Roads are unsealed. Access via 4WD only. Check road conditions before travel
- No phone coverage
- There are no facilities including water and toilets

ADAVALE VETERAN'S RETREAT

Adavale Veterans Retreat was originally conceived by a small group of Veterans who purchased an acre plot of land with an old, dilapidated, derelict, corrugated iron hut on it, which had been built nearly 100 years ago, to use as an escape for themselves.

With the demise of Alaric Homestead as a retreat they decided to donate the land to the charity that had been established.



TOOMPINE

Toompine has a population of around 6 and is 77 kilometers south of Quilpie on a fully sealed road. Toompine is a “Pub without a town”. So how does a pub end up minus a town? The South Western Hotel (circa 1893) is all that remains of what was once a bustling frontier opal town. This old Cobb & Co staging post became the stomping ground for dusty miners and pioneering pastoralists following the discovery of opal in the 1860s. By the turn of the century Toompine had a police station, several houses, hotel, butcher, blacksmith and stables.

Quilpie locals, Stu and Kate Bowen, bought the pub in 2019. After a two-year restoration project, the pub has now re-opened. They serve barista coffee and cake, lunch and dinner. Accommodation is available in dongas at the rear of the Toompine Pub - South Western Hotel. Excellent fishing and yabbing spots are just a stone’s throw from the pub, fossick for opal at nearby Duck Creek and Sheep Station Creek Opal fields. The Opal fields are very remote and offer no facilities or telephone coverage.

Toompine Cemetery consists of a handful of graves, all dated during the first two decades of the 20th century. Tourist information posted at the Toompine pub includes the following details:

“Some distance to the west of the hotel is a small cemetery in which there are ten graves. Only three of these have headstones.”

“Two young children (3 years) are buried there with one dying from gastroenteritis and the other from strychnine poisoning. The strychnine poisoning was caused by the young lad playing on some kangaroo skins that had been treated with arsenic.”

“The sister of this young lad travelled to the Toompine area and found the graveyard in disrepair. She carved a sign “Cemery” in a piece of Mulga to mark the graveyard. Quilpie Shire Council has since fenced this cemetery and has used this sign so lovingly placed to mark her brother’s final resting place. Other graves are unmarked and information on those graves is limited.”

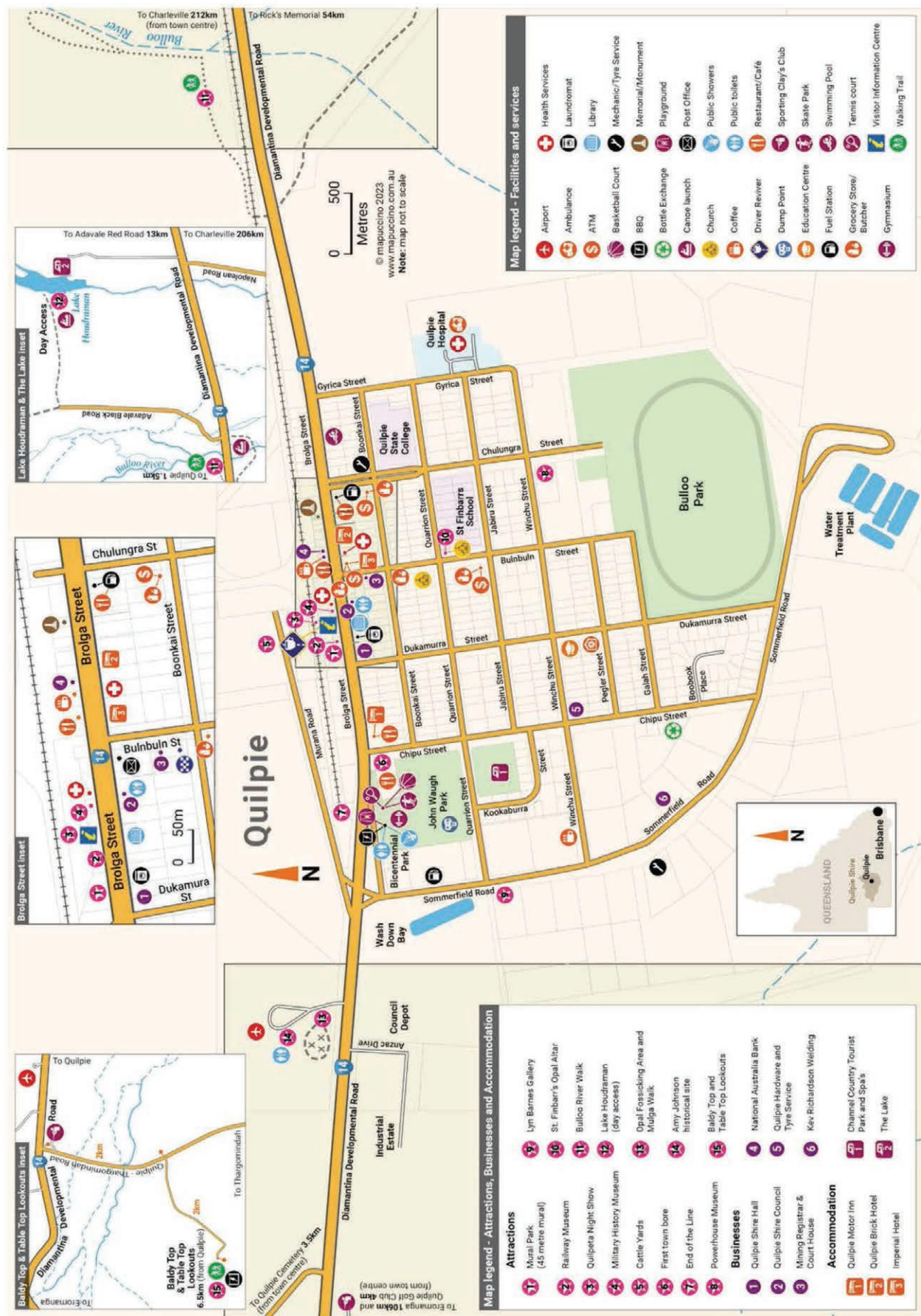
CHEEPIE

Once a town, now a home to 2. If you travel east from Quilpie for about 77 kilometers on a sealed road, you’ll stumble across the remote town of Cheepie.

In another, more prosperous life, Cheepie served as a Cobb & Co Change Station and as a Railhead from Charleville. Turn back the clock to the early 1900s and you would find a butcher, baker, blacksmith and town policeman. Locals of that time could quench their thirst at the Royal Mail Hotel.

Sadly, little more is known about the hotel except it burnt down in 1987. The town did have a railway station, which still stands today – although no longer in Cheepie. It was relocated to Quilpie in 2017 to become what is now the Quilpie Rail Museum.







WEEKEND/HOLIDAY GETAWAYS

Some interesting places you can visit while based in Quilpie Shire. You don't need a four-wheel drive; just a car with a bit more clearance and lots of drinking water.

BIRDSTVILLE BEDOURIE CIRCUIT

Travel along the Diamantina Developmental Road to Windorah. Just before Windorah, you can pull over and camp at the famous Cooper's Creek. This is the only creek formed by two rivers in the world. You can also stay at great accommodation in Windorah or if you are up to a big day continue onto Betoota and Birdsville. Birdsville is 638 kilometres from Quilpie. See outstanding beauty at Sando's sandhill outside Windorah, The jump Up on the Birdsville Developmental Road, the Betoota Pub, the Rainbow serpent, and then onto the famous Birdsville Track just outside Birdsville. Stay overnight at the Birdsville Hotel or other accommodation.

Travel north the next day for a few hours to Bedourie and visit the Capital of Diamantina Shire. The horizons are so far away. After visiting Bedourie, back track slightly and then head back to Windorah and Quilpie by the Diamantina Developmental Road.



Windorah



Birdsville



Noccundra



Thargomindah

NOCCUNDRA AND THARGOMINDAH

Head out to Eromanga on the Cooper Developmental Road to Eromanga, 1 hour and 15 minutes. Visit the pub and the Eromanga Natural History museum, a world class museum. See one of only three working oil refineries in Australia in the main street! Head on further for a few hours to Noccundra; a limestone pub in the middle of nowhere with friendly hosts. You can stay there or camp at the Wilson River nearby. If you are up for a big day, travel east on the Bulloo Developmental Road to Thargomindah. Check out the beauty of the Grey Range before arriving in Thargomindah or Thargo as the locals call it. Visit the Old Hospital, Pelican Point, the hydro power station and eat up at the pub or the roadhouse. Continue north back to Quilpie and break the journey at Toompine Pub if you are thirsty.



HELL HOLE GORGE NATIONAL PARK

Travel north up the Quilpie Adavale Red Road. A one-hour drive gets you to Adavale, the original capital of Quilpie Shire. Visit the famous Elegant Emu French Patisserie, the pub and chat with Koss. Check out the historic photos on the Shire Hall external walls and do some time in the old jail cell and check out how few people have served as the local police officer over such a long time.

Travel onto Hell Hole Gorge National Park. If it's dry, a higher clearance car is all you need but if it's wet take a four-wheel drive. It's an hour to the park. Follow the signs in the park to the Hell Hole and to Spencers' waterhole. In summer, Spencer's waterhole is great spot to swim. You can camp at the park or back at the Shire Hall in Adavale. But, its an easy day trip there and back from Quilpie.

MARIALA NATIONAL PARK

Travel to Adavale and then turn east onto the Adavale Charleville Road. Travel for an hour on good gravel road to the turnoff to Mariala National Park. This is a great place to see birds, and to explore the ruins of the old station including water tanks, windmill and a steam engine. You can camp here or just head on back to Quilpie. Also check out Ambathalla Lakes on the Adavale Charleville Road and watch out for Crucifix Frogs in the mud.



CUNNAMULLA HOT SPRINGS

Opened in 2024, Cunnamulla Hot Springs is nestled beside the Warrego River, where mineral-rich artesian water flows beneath the ground. Explore our constellation of geothermal mineral pools, as well as a cold plunge pool, sauna and steam room as you relax under the shade of the riverside coolabah and eucalyptus trees. At night, experience the incredible starry skies of the outback while immersed in natural hot springs.



YARAKA

Head out towards Windorah on the Diamantina Developmental Road. Around 30 kilometres past the Barcoo Shire boundary there is a rest area. Turn right here onto the Retreat Road. At Retreat (large station sign), turn for Yaraka.

Yaraka is a unique little town but with a massive Mountain; Mt Slowcombe that you can drive right to the top. On the way look for the sign of the Shanty where “The Bush Christening” by Banjo Paterson was written. Spectacular scenery.

CHARLEVILLE

Charleville screams adventure! Whether you're stargazing at the Cosmos Centre, fishing under a star-studded sky on the banks of their peaceful rivers, visiting the cute and cuddly wildlife or wandering along the Warrego river, there really is something for everyone!

Take part in the Bilby Experience, visit the Cosmos Centre, Historic House and Museum, WWII Secret Base, Charleville Royal Flying Doctor service and many more attractions that will keep you busy all weekend.



YOWAH

Yowah is situated 165 kilometers west of Cunnamulla. Try a day trip to Yowah to discover the Opal digs and take in the sights at the lookout. Yowah has easy access from main roads and has shops, fuel, telephone and a caravan park. Be sure to visit the Bluff Lookout!

CORONA CREEK LOOKOUT

Plan an afternoon trip to the Corona Creek lookout, 40 kilometres from Quilpie along the Quilpie - Adavale Road (the Red Road) and have a picnic, watch the sun set, the night roll in and do a bit of star gazing. Try some of the star gazing apps that are available via the app store.



CAMERON CORNER

Cameron Corner is where the States of Queensland, New South Wales, and South Australia meet.

The original wooden boundary post was surveyed back in 1880 by John Cameron, the NSW Lands Department Surveyor and has been replaced with a commemorative post which marks all three states.

Each year thousands pass through the iconic location, and it is a favourite place to stop for travellers on their way to anywhere and everywhere.

The Cameron Corner Store is a popular and central meeting place to meet new friends or catch up with past travellers for a drink and a yarn. Here you will receive good old-fashioned hospitality, a cold drink, a hearty meal, a good laugh and a fix up for anything that is broken.

Check road conditions before you travel to Cameron Corner. Parts of the road are unsealed and will be weather dependant.



KYABRA CREEK

Head out to Eromanga and then turn north onto Kyabra Road. Around 40 kilometres north you come to a permanent waterhole on Kyabra Creek. Great for fishing and swimming.



FARMSTAYS

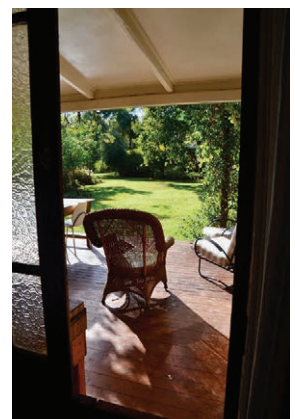
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MOBLE HOMESTEAD

Not far from Quilpie is Moble Homestead, a working station offering a range of accommodation options from hosted camping to fully catered accommodation in the Homestead. You can even fly in as they have a private airstrip!

The Rutledge family has called Moble home for five generations and today this magnificent property is open for others to explore. There's a little of everything here: fishing, birdwatching, walking, cookery masterclasses and even a spot of tennis! Raise a glass to the setting sun from the edge of the Grey Range, dine on freshly prepared fine food or be inspired by the glorious country garden.

Book to stay in Bill's Hut and soak under open skies in the antique French galvanised bathtub as the relaxing water from the sub-artesian basin gently nurtures your mind, body and soul. If you are wanting to stretch your legs and really get a sense of the unique landscape, book into one of their new, catered walking packages, fully guided by Kylie. Trek to the private waterhole and enjoy evening drinks and a superb camp dinner before overnighting on a shearer's stretcher under the stars. There's even a hot shower and flushing loo.



THE LAKE

Also, just near Quilpie, The Lake is a working sheep and cattle property offering a range of accommodation options from lakeside unpowered camping sites, to powered sites and self-contained accommodation in the old Shearers Quarters and Outback Cottage.

Lake Houdraman itself is a beautiful natural expanse of water set amongst shady gum trees, fringed with water lilies growing around the edges – the perfect spot to spend the afternoon, and watch the glorious outback sunset.

Activities include swimming, fishing, and walking around the property. The lake is home to a large variety of bird species and native animals, making it an ideal location to birdwatch and photograph wildlife. Children also enjoy visiting the farm animals located in pens next to the old shearing shed – including sheep, and Marilyn the bush pig.

The bush track access road is suitable for caravans and trailers, but only in good weather.



TOOGUNNA PLAINS FARMSTAY

Toogunna Plains is an exciting new farmstay located in the channel country midway between the towns of Eromanga and Quilpie. This 4th generation family-owned sheep and cattle property offers 20 beautifully presented ensuited rooms suitable for groups or individual visitors. They offer a range of gourmet foodie experiences and bespoke station tours.

Guests are guaranteed a unique experience at Toogunna Plains Farmstay nestled on a vast open plain with panoramic views. They work closely with the team at Eromanga Natural History Museum (20 minutes drive away).



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