



Blue skies  
Abundant wildlife  
Red dirt  
Friendly people  
Wide open spaces

# Cloncurry

The Friendly Heart of Outback Queensland

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Flinders Highway / McIlwraith Street / Cloncurry, QLD 4824

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Cloncurry Unearthed Visitor Information and Museum is open 7 days a week including Public Holidays.  
(Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day and Good Friday)



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## TOURIST DRIVES:



## MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE

Please check with your mobile phone supplier to see if your phone will work in Outback Areas.

**Best Coverage** – Telstra Network

**Next Best** - Optus Digital

**NOTE:** • Vodaphone does not work in this area.

• Services are limited when travelling between towns.

It is with great pleasure that we extend a very warm welcome to you. It is hoped that the following information will assist you and make your stay even more enjoyable.

**Cloncurry** is steeped in a history of pioneers forging the way for future inland families. The dedication to the spirit and strength of the outback way has been passed through the generations to the present day local. In 2013 Cloncurry was awarded Queensland's Friendliest Town by Keep Queensland Beautiful Tidy Towns. You need to only spend a small amount of time in our town to realise that we really are "The Friendly Heart of Outback Queensland". Enjoy your stay and if you require further information please do not hesitate to ask the friendly staff at the **Cloncurry Unearthed Visitor Information Centre and Museum** for any further assistance.

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No matter which way you decide to travel,  
you're sure to discover vast landscapes,  
an abundance of wildlife and maybe a few  
ancient surprises along the way...



## ROAD

Cloncurry is situated on the Overlander's Way 770km west of Townsville and 119km east of Mount Isa. The Barkly Highway is a sealed, double lane highway accessible to all vehicles during the dry season. If travelling on unsealed roads or in the wet season, it is beneficial to check at the Visitor Information Centre for up to date road conditions or call 13 19 40 for 24 hour reports or alternatively visit: [www.131940.qld.gov.au](http://www.131940.qld.gov.au)

*It is especially important to regularly check during the wet season as conditions can change rapidly.*

## TRANSPORT NETWORK

Cloncurry is at the junction of the Landsborough Highway (Matilda Highway) and Flinders/Barkly Highway (Overlanders Way) – Queensland's major transport routes.

## RAIL

**Queensland Rail** offers twice weekly rail service (Operates between Townsville and Mount Isa) Hutchinson Parade (07) 4742 4227 or 13 16 72 or online at [www.queenslandrail.com.au](http://www.queenslandrail.com.au)

## AIR TRAVEL

**Cloncurry Airport** located on Sir Hudson Fysh Drive has five QantasLink, two Virgin Australia and four Alliance Airline flights per week. P (07) 4742 1235 for general enquiries To book a QantasLink flight phone 13 13 13 or visit [www.qantas.com.au](http://www.qantas.com.au) To book a Virgin Australia flight phone 13 67 89 or visit [www.virginaustralia.com.au](http://www.virginaustralia.com.au)

The nearby **Mount Isa Airport** caters for a broad range of regional airlines, and has rental vehicles available. There is a bus link from Mount Isa to Cloncurry and a Cloncurry Airport Shuttle Bus which can be arranged by visiting the Cloncurry Travel Agency or by calling (07) 4742 1107.

## BUS SERVICES

**Bus Queensland** has bus services in and out of Cloncurry twice daily, seven days a week at Cloncurry Travel Agencies and BP Roadhouse. Visit or call Cloncurry Travel Agency on (07) 4742 1107 to make bookings or online at... [www.busqld.com.au](http://www.busqld.com.au)

**200** metres above sea level, geographically this land was the home of the Mitakoodi & the warlike Kalkadoons, the original inhabitants of the area.

In 1861 Burke and Wills with King and Gray, were the first known Europeans to come into the area on their ill-fated expedition to the Gulf of Carpentaria. Burke named the river "Cloncurry" for his cousin, Lady Elizabeth Cloncurry of County Galway in Ireland. In May 1867, Ernest Henry (honoured as founder of the town and the vast mineral wealth of the district), came this way searching for grazing land, instead he discovered copper and named his find the Great Australia Mine. The town was surveyed in 1876 and named after the river. The Great Australia Mine still exists today as a working icon of Cloncurry's prosperous past and present. Impressive finds from the region and examples of local mineral and gems are showcased annually at the 'Rockhana Gem and Mineral Festival'.

The local pastoral industry owes its humble beginnings to three noted pioneers of the 1860's – Ernest Henry, Roger Sheaffe and Alexander Kennedy. Between them they owned many thousands of acres stocking sheep and cattle. In the 1860's, 71% of Queensland's revenue was derived from the Pastoral Industry with the rural sector also providing 94% of Queensland's exports. As the decades passed Cloncurry had the largest cattle selling yards in the North-West region. The selling yards are now mainly used for tick dipping and/or placing stock onto rail carriages and road trains. The weekly cattle sales have now been taken over by computer and paddock sales.

The railway reached Cloncurry in 1907 (opened officially in 1908) and it remains an important railway

town. Over the years Cloncurry has been the focal point for much of Australia's greatest innovations. Cloncurry was involved with the beginnings of QANTAS, and the original QANTAS Hangar is still in use at the aerodrome, where "Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Service" is still displayed above the hangar door.



The airport was also on route for early planes coming from overseas and a stopping place for contestants in the great air races of 1919 and 1934. During the Second World War, Cloncurry was the site of a major United States of America Air Base.

It was in Cloncurry that the Royal Flying Doctor Service was established in 1928. John Flynn's choice of Cloncurry was based on its proximity to the mining camps and scattered pastoralists, all of whom were poorly served by any kind of medical services. At a time when his ideas seemed wild and revolutionary, he developed a scheme which combined aircraft, radios and medicine to provide a mantle of safety for inland people.

Cloncurry is a rural town, which continues to derive its main income from the mining and pastoral industries.

Cloncurry Unearthed Museum or John Flynn Place will open the eye of any budding historian to the richness of Cloncurry's history.

## QUICK FACT

Cloncurry is host to many major events throughout the year. The Cloncurry Stockman's Challenge and Camp Draft was the first festival of its kind in Australia and is one of the biggest with men and women from across the country participating in a variety of horse events. The Curry Merry Muster Festival is another favourite with street parades, live music and Australia's Largest Single Payout Rodeo.





## CLONCURRY / MARY KATHLEEN MEMORIAL PARK COMPLEX

The Park Complex is located just off the main highway (left side from Julia Creek/Winton) with ample parking for cars, caravans and motorhomes. This is a perfect place to stop and take a break. It has something for everyone, with a playground for the kids, amenities and a covered picnic and BBQ area all set in a shaded landscaped parkland. Stretch your legs and go for a 5-minute walk up to the lookout past the unique water feature and take in a spectacular panoramic view of Cloncurry and the surrounding rugged landscape. Then stroll around the free outdoor display featuring historic mining, rail and farm equipment.

Displays in the free Outdoor Museum at the park include steam engines, a McLaren Traction Engine, farm and mining machinery and the unique 1941 Ford V8 Rail Ambulance which was used when roads were impassable and was first commissioned back in 1956 and operated until 1971. The former Visitor Information Centre was originally in the old historic Oona Police Station building, which was then moved to Dobbyn (old mining towns in the early part of the 20th Century); the building was moved and renovated again for use as a Police Station at the township of Mary Kathleen. After the mine ceased production in the 1980s and the town closed the building was relocated to its current site in the park grounds.

The park also incorporates the Cloncurry Unearthed Visitor Information Centre and Museum.

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## ATTRACTIONS

- Lookout
- Visitor Information Centre
- Cloncurry Unearthed Museum
- Gem & Mineral display
- Burke & Wills Plaque
- Park & playground
- BBQ & picnic area
- Outdoor displays
- Amateur fossicking site





## CLONCURRY UNEARTHED

At the Cloncurry/Mary Kathleen Memorial Park is an accredited air-conditioned Visitor Information Centre which encompasses Cloncurry Uearthed Museum, where friendly staff are there to assist you with all your enquiries and brochures covering Cloncurry and the surrounding area including the Gulf country, Overlanders Way, Matilda Highway and the Northern Territory.

During a visit through the museum you'll learn about the area and see memorabilia on Cloncurry and the district. See the water bottle of explorer Robert O'Hara Burke, photographs, history and the Founders Medal of the Royal Geographical Society struck in 1862. This Medal was awarded to Robert O'Hara Burke to commemorate his expedition. The medal was presented to his family in 1967 when Cloncurry celebrated its Centenary, and has been on display in the Museum since 1985.

History and photographs of Ernest Henry and the Great Australia Mine are amongst the displays.

Information and memorabilia can be found on local and surrounding towns, including Mary Kathleen (a former uranium mining town), Indigenous artefacts and archaeological items. The gem and mineral collection is ranked by experts as one of the most comprehensive in Australia and a must see for all.

There is also a theatre for you to relax awhile and view a free video on Cloncurry and district.

Cloncurry Uearthed Visitor Information Centre and Museum stocks a large range of gifts, souvenirs, gems and mineral specimens for purchase. Light refreshments including Cappuccinos are also available. If you are looking to go fossicking in the area, we are the local agent for Fossicking Licences which are needed before you set off.

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***Free entry for locals upon proof of residency.***

## MUST SEE & DO AROUND TOWN

Spend the afternoon strolling around town and imagine how life was at the turn of the century as you take the Heritage Walk. Cloncurry has many interesting examples of colonial architecture in the heart of the town, including the Courthouse, Post Office and Hotels.

- Reflect back to a bygone era, at the Afghan, Chinese and Pioneer Cemeteries.
- Picnic at one of the many parks in and around town, relax and drift away in the serenity of the region.
- Visit both of the museums in Cloncurry, John Flynn Place Museum & Art Gallery and Cloncurry Uearthed at Cloncurry / Mary Kathleen Memorial Park Complex.
- Take a stroll down the main street and visit the local shops and businesses.



*Burke's Waterbottle*





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Web: [www.cloncurry.qld.gov.au](http://www.cloncurry.qld.gov.au)

John Flynn Place Museum & Art Gallery is open from 8.30am to 4.30pm on weekdays and open 7 days from May to September.

**Free entry for locals upon proof of residency.**



## JOHN FLYNN PLACE MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

John Flynn Place Museum & Art Gallery commemorates the work of John Flynn and the beginnings of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. The museum is a three story venue which also celebrates the contribution from Fred McKay and Alfred Traeger.

The museum houses an excellent overview of the Flynn legacy. The museum's display moves progressively from an image of outback conditions at the turn of the century to the history of Flynn himself. It includes some interesting personal memorabilia and explanations of how the whole Flying Doctor system worked in the early days. The 'Radio Galley' is a tribute to the amazing work of

Alfred Traeger, the inventive genius who gave a voice to Outback Australia, through the pedal radio.

A valuable art collection is on display in the Fred McKay Art Gallery which has a variety of impressive historic artwork. Take a stroll around the gardens, a relaxing spot to wander and view the Cloister of Plaques commemorating the life and work of pioneer radio engineers and radio operators, the original flying doctors, the first aerial medical pilots and early patrol padres.

John Flynn Place has a wide range of souvenirs and light refreshments available for purchase.

## HISTORIC FACT

Rev John Flynn, a minister with the Presbyterian Church lived in the Outback for most of his life, setting up hostels and bush hospitals for pastoralists, miners, road workers, railwaymen and other settlers. He witnessed the daily struggle of these pioneers living in remote areas where just two doctors provided the only medical care for an area of almost two million square kilometres.

Flynn's vision finally saw the establishment of the R.F.D.S. and 13 flying doctor bases around Australia, which continues to spread 'a mantle of safety' across 6.9 million square kilometres, or 80 % of the Australian continent, this is the most comprehensive aeromedical emergency and health care service in the world.







## CLONCURRY COMMUNITY PRECINCT

The Cloncurry Community Precinct in the centre of town creates an exciting, state of the art central service area for the community. Incorporated in the facility is:

- **Bob McDonald Library**
- **Dr Harvey Sutton Art Gallery**
- **Meeting/function rooms**
- **Commercial kitchen/bar**
- **Amenities**
- **Community Open Space**
- **Council Administration Centre** (entrance via Daintree Street)



### BOB MCDONALD LIBRARY

- Online catalogue available 24/7 Reserve, Renew, Request, Download
- Free membership to local residents upon proof of residency
- Free Tourist membership to visitors travelling through Queensland upon proof of identity and valid email address
- Public Access Computers (Internet & Wi-Fi available)
- Computer assistance available with appointment
- Printing, photocopying, and scanning (colour or black & white)
- Laminating services, A5 up to A3 sizes
- Free access to Ancestry.com (provided by State Library of Qld)
- Free access to microfiche (births, deaths, marriages in Qld)
- Local history items available for your perusal
- Weekly programs include:
  - Storytime for little ones
  - Mums & Bubs with the local Child Health Nurse

Address: 43 Scarr Street

Phone: (07) 4742 1588

Email: [csclub2@bigpond.com](mailto:csclub2@bigpond.com)

Library is open from 9.00am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am - 12.00noon Saturday

## Cemeteries

**CHINESE CEMETERY** - located on the junction of Coppermine Creek and Annabranche is the resting-place of many Chinese gold miners who worked in the Cloncurry District at the turn of the last century. Access to this Cemetery is off the heavy vehicle by-pass road at the Annabranche then take the old road and park under bridge.



### CLONCURRY'S FIRST CEMETERY

- located off Sir Hudson Fysh Drive, turning right into Golf Course Road. The graves are from Cloncurry's early days and it is unable to be established

how many are buried here. Burials ceased around the 1880s when the Cloncurry Cemetery opened.

**THE CLONCURRY CEMETERY** - located on the corner of Alice Street and Sir Hudson Fysh Drive where graves date back to the 1880s. It is the resting place of Cloncurry's first schoolteacher, Mary Allen who died on the 12th February 1899 from heat exhaustion while travelling between The Gorge and Cloncurry and two miners who were killed in July 1907 from an accident at the Great Australia Mine.

**THE AFGHAN CEMETERY** - located in the North-West corner of the Cloncurry Cemetery, this section has many graves of Afghan camel train drivers and a Mohammedan Priest (Syid Omar). All graves face North-South toward Mecca. These graves date from around the turn of the century to the 1950s. Cloncurry was Queensland's largest 'Ghan town' in the late 1890s and early 1900s. It was estimated that there were more than 200 Afghan Cameleers and 2000 camels providing transport in the Cloncurry District.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Dame Mary Gilmore OBE, who is featured on the ten-dollar note, rests in the Cloncurry cemetery. After her death in Sydney in 1962, Dame Mary was accorded a state funeral from St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church in Macquarie Street, Sydney and her ashes were interred in the grave of her husband in the Cloncurry Cemetery.



## Around town...

**THE AIRPORT** – Sir Hudson Fysh Drive, the original hangar with Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Service (Qantas) still on the front. See the monument to commemorate Qantas, when it flew its first passenger (Alexander Kennedy) from Longreach to Cloncurry on November 3rd 1922 at a cost of 11 pounds 2 shillings. Look for other Monuments to commemorate the RFDS and Battle of the Coral Sea.

**POST OFFICE** – Corner of Scarr and Sheaffe Street, designated as a Country Post Office in 1871, a money order office in 1883 and an official electric telegraph station that same year. This building was refurbished in the 1990s. *Heritage listed building*

**COURT HOUSE** – Corner of Daintree and Sheaffe Street built in 1898. Visitors can observe the court room through the glass door from 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday. *Heritage listed building*

**PCYC (POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUB)** – Daintree Street, Chill Out room with Xbox and PlayStations and games for children. Multi-sports hall where members partake in basketball, boxing, fitness classes, mother's group, netball, discos and movie nights. PCYC also offers children services to the community including jumping castles, water slide, blue light trailer and other games services. P (07) 4742 1523, E [cloncurry@pcyc.org.au](mailto:cloncurry@pcyc.org.au)

**PCYC COMMUNITY GYM** – 120 King Street, provides all the essential gym and exercise equipment. P (07) 4742 1523, E [cloncurry@pcyc.org.au](mailto:cloncurry@pcyc.org.au)

### RECREATION GROUNDS

– King Street, Skate park, tennis courts, netball courts, football oval – Union & League played on a regular basis.  
*No camping permitted unless travelling with stock.*

### BOWLS CLUB

– Corner of Ramsay and Sheaffe Streets, if you play bowls, or are interested in learning how, come down to the Cloncurry Bowls Club. Bare foot Bowls is a friendly and casual affair perfect for those who want to experience this very social game for the first time. Challengers are always welcome so don't hesitate to phone ahead and organise a game against the locals. Restaurant and bar facilities. P (07) 4742 1162.

### CLONCURRY SWIMMING POOL

– Daintree Street, open from August to May each year. It is a solar heated, eight lane, 25m x 20m pool with a disabled access ramp and an area for children. There is also a shaded water play feature with a toddler's wading pool. There are amenities, a kiosk, open grassed area and BBQ facilities.  
Opening times  
Weekdays 6.00am – 9.00am and 3.00pm – 7.00pm  
Weekends 7.00am – 10.00am and 3.00pm – 7.00pm  
Public Holidays 6.00am – 9.00am and 3.00pm – 7.00pm  
Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day & Good Friday  
P (07) 4742 1403



## To the North ...

### QUAMBY

Situated 46km north of Cloncurry the Albert Hotel, now The Quamby Pub was built as the Customs House in the 1860s. With the aboriginal meaning of Quamby being, 'stop, rest a while', it is a great opportunity to see what remains of what was once a prosperous Railway Town. Quamby Hotel is closed.

**Event:** Quamby Rodeo, July

### KAJABBI

Kajabbi 100km north west of Cloncurry was once an important centre. The nearby mines at Dobbyn and Mount Cuthbert attracted copper miners to the area and, as a railhead in the 1920s, it was a location where the cattle owners from the state's far North West brought their herds for shipment to the coast. Kajabbi stands in an area that is steeped in history it is where you see the famous old corrugated iron hotel; it was named after the Kalkadoon Aboriginal tribe. The old Kalkadoon Hotel (now closed) commemorated the warrior Kalkadoon tribe who in 1884 fought their last battle against the mounted police on the slope of Battle Mountain.

#### Point of Interest:

Kalkadoon and Kalkadunga Tribe's memorial stands opposite the old hotel. Good fishing spots can be found along the Leichhardt River and Aboriginal cave paintings can also be seen in the area. Kajabbi and the rural sector predominantly utilises School of the Air.

*NOTE: The Leichhardt River is impassable during wet season*

### BURKE & WILLS ROADHOUSE

This roadhouse has 10 powered sites and sits at the junction of Wills Developmental Road and Burke Developmental Road, 182km north of Cloncurry and 184km south of Normanton. It is the gateway to Normanton, Karumba and to Gregory Downs, Adele's Grove and Boodjamulla National Park.  
P (07) 4742 5909

**Events:** Burke & Wills Camp Draft, May and Burke & Wills Rodeo, November

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NORMANTON  
KARUMBA  
BURKE & WILLS  
ROADHOUSE



## To the South ...

### MALBON

Malbon is approximately 56km from Cloncurry. Today only a few houses remain in Malbon, once a busy rail siding on the Great Northern Railway line to Mount Isa. Branch lines also went from Malbon to Kuridala then onto Selwyn.

### DUCHESS

This former mining town is a hamlet on the railway line between Cloncurry and Mount Isa, 132 km from Cloncurry and 91 km from Mount Isa. Today, relive the glory days over a drink or two at the local Duchess Hotel, where the beer and stories flow.

#### Points of Interest:

The Duchess Hotel, Duchess Mine, Old Lime Quarry

### DAJARRA

Believe it or not Dajarra was once the largest trucking depot in the world. Dajarra is now a quiet, laid back town. The older people of the area who remember Dajarra's heyday say that the area trucked more cattle than Texas in the USA. Drivers would bring cattle from as far away as Western Australia to put them on the train at Dajarra. Then came the road trains and soon the railway was turned into just a memory. Today, Dajarra is an outback town with a rich Aboriginal Heritage.

#### Dajarra Hotel

Mark Street  
P (07) 4748 4955,  
F (07) 4748 4962

#### Caravan Park

Book and pay at the Dajarra Hotel

#### Dajarra Roadhouse

2 Lethem Street  
P (07) 4748 4844,  
F (07) 4748 4876

#### Dajarra Police Station

P (07) 4748 4866

#### Centacare Agent

Jimberalla Hall,  
Free phone 13 1021

#### Dajarra State School

Matheson Street,  
Prep - Year 7,  
P (07) 4748 4914

#### Point of interest:

Post Office Museum

**Event:** Dajarra Camp Draft and Rodeo, September

..... UNSEALED ROADS

- ① BURKE & WILLS MEMORIAL
- ② FOUNTAIN SPRING REST AREA
- ③ FORMER TOWN & URANIUM MINE MARY KATHLEEN
- ④ CLEM WALTON PARK & CORELLA DAM



## CLIMATE

This region is in the semi-arid tropics and experiences typically long, hot summers and short cool winters. Rainfall pattern in summer is dominated by monsoonal weather from December to March, average rainfall: 500mm. These heavy monsoon rains can cause major flooding and therefore extremely hazardous, if not impossible, driving conditions. Caution should be exercised if you are considering driving to or through the outback.

## LAND MARKS

The Cloncurry Hills and Ranges are Precambrian. Mt. Leviathan, locally known as Black Mountain is situated near Chinaman Creek Dam, 3km from Cloncurry - a haven for the abundance of birdlife. The Cloncurry River, with its beautiful weeping Teatree's and the picturesque waterholes is home to a variety of wildlife.

## WATER

Although Cloncurry is located within the flood catchment of rural Queensland, surrounding road and bridge upgrades have ensured the town is always well prepared for the wet season. Local creeks and dams provide ideal locations for a spot of fishing or an afternoon swim.

Due to its remote location and monsoonal weather patterns, Cloncurry residents are often required to observe water restrictions. While Cloncurry is regularly operating under low level water restrictions, residents should check updates on the Council website or visit the Council Administration Office for all the latest changes to water usage rules and regulations.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Cloncurry River was named by Robert O'Hara Burke of the Burke and Wills expedition (1861) after his cousin, Lady Elizabeth Cloncurry of County Galway, Ireland.



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Cloncurry parrot is a member of the ringneck family of parrots which belongs to the *genus Barnardius*. The Cloncurry parrot is restricted to the Selwyn Range and the Cloncurry area in North West Queensland.

## BIRD WATCHING

There are a number of birds that are possible to be sighted here in Cloncurry and in the surrounding regions, so if you are interested in birds visit:

- Anywhere around the Cloncurry River
  - The back of Chinaman Creek Dam
- In this area you can find Blue-winged Kookaburras, Grey-crowned Babblers, Spotted Bowerbirds, Double-bar Finches, Pheasant Coucals and the

Cloncurry Ringneck Parrot (we call them Buln-Bulns). The Ballara breed of the Dusky Grasswren has been recorded on approaches to the Dam & Recreational area. You can obtain a Bird-Watching list and also a list of the most common snakes, spiders and lizards from the Visitor Information Centre.

## FISHING

Located 3 km West of Cloncurry, the Chinaman Creek Dam is a veritable oasis of local flora and fauna, perfect for fishing. Common fish often caught in the area include Barramundi, Sooty Grunter, Sleepy Cod, Red claw Cray fish and Catfish. Some of the fishing places around Cloncurry: Cloncurry River, Fort Constantine Crossing, Kajabbi, Lake Julius, Clem Walton Park and Corella Dam.

## WILDLIFE

An abundance of wildlife can be seen around the Cloncurry area, from rock wallabies, kangaroos, goannas, lizards and snakes to the odd camel or two. You may find as you are wandering around the parks of Cloncurry the Gilbert's Dragon more commonly known as the 'ta-ta lizard'. You will know him when you see him because he will wave ta-ta just before he runs off!







## CHINAMAN CREEK DAM & RECREATIONAL AREA

3kms west of Cloncurry, near the Normanton turnoff, Chinaman Creek Dam is the perfect spot to relax with friends and family. The Dam is a great place for bushwalking, a picnic or having a BBQ with friends and, of course, going fishing. Chinaman Creek Dam is also an ideal spot from which to view the spectacular outback sunsets.

**Boating:** Chinaman Creek Dam is open to all forms of boating. A concrete boat ramp is provided.

**Facilities:** toilets, swings, picnic tables

**No camping permitted**

## INTERESTING FACT

Cloncurry and its surrounding area has an abundant mineral wealth. There are many mines in the region including Glencore's Ernest Henry Mining operation located 38 kilometres north east of Cloncurry. Ernest Henry Mining is a copper, gold mining and processing operation and is named after the founder of Cloncurry, Ernest Henry, who explored, prospected and mined in the local area back in the 1800's.

## FOSSICKING

A variety of minerals or gemstones can be found in the surrounding area of Cloncurry so it is not surprising that fossicking is a very popular activity among tourists and amateur collectors. For the amateur fossicker a site has been provided in the grounds at Cloncurry / Mary Kathleen Memorial Park. A fossicking bag can be purchased at the Visitor Information Centre. Many areas around Cloncurry have being protected from mining activities so that material will remain available for fossickers to collect. Fossicker's licenses and mud maps of where you are allowed to fossick can be obtained from the Visitor Information Centre. Always check locally before setting out. These following collecting sites are in the Cloncurry region: Fullarton River, Kuridala, Mary Kathleen, Crystal Mountain and Fountain Springs.

**Fossicker's licences are required before you set off.**

## 4X4 DRIVING IN AND AROUND CLONCURRY

There are lots of 4WD historical adventure trails between Cloncurry and Mount Isa, where you can visit places like the former Mary Kathleen Uranium Mine and township. The Cloncurry Trails book can

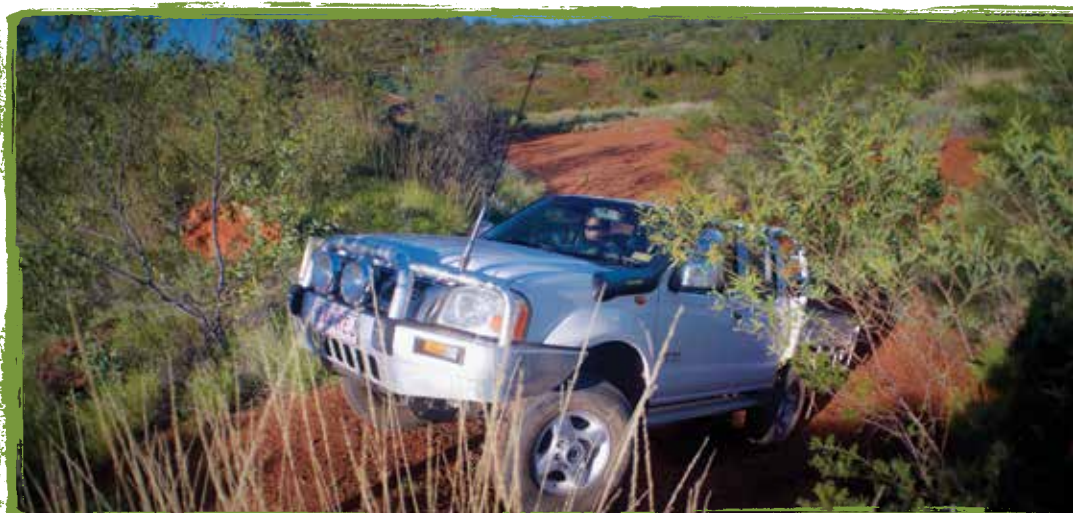
be purchased at the Visitor Information Centre and contains mud maps, route descriptions and historical notes on a number of off road destinations. Heading West to Mount Isa turn left at the Ballara Heritage Trail Sign just before the Fountain Springs Rest Area. This track will take you into the heart of the Argylla Ranges and can be difficult in places, particularly after rain. Travel about 19.6 kms and you pass the site of the old Ballara township, then a further 3.8 km to Fountain Springs – a permanent waterhole. Continue back through Ballara and onto Hightville and Wee McGregor Mine. Be sure to heed the warnings provided, respect the sanctity of the sites and remember you are on private property. The Ballara Mining Heritage Trail brochure is available at the Visitor Information Centre. Explore and enjoy.

## CLEM WALTON PARK & CORELLA DAM

Stop at Clem Walton Park, a picturesque spot 57 km west of Cloncurry just off the Barkly Highway on your way to Mount Isa, this spot provides a recreational/ camping area with abundant birdlife. Over the years the water level has dropped at the dam, but it is still a great place to fish and bird watch. The Corella Dam is open to all forms of boating; no boat ramp is provided however boats may be launched from the bank with care. Clem Walton Park and Corella Dam's bird-life include Blue-winged Kookaburras, Grey-crowned Babblers, Spotted Bowerbirds, Double-bar Finches, Pheasant Coucals and Cloncurry Parrots (*Barnardius zonarius macgillivrayi*), or locally known as the Buln-Buln. The Ballara breed of the Dusky Grasswren has been recorded on the approaches to the park.

**Facilities:** toilets & picnic tables

**Camping is permitted, however think of others and take your rubbish with you.**



## EXPERIENCES

- Adventure
- Caravan & Camping
- Flora/Fauna
- Lakes/Rivers/Dams
- Nature based
- Wildlife

## ACTIVITIES

- Bird watching
- Bushwalking
- Boating
- Cycling
- Off Road Driving
- Self-Guided 4 WD trails
- Swimming



## ACCOMMODATION

Cloncurry can cater to everybody's taste in comfort and style of accommodation. With a large range to choose from, caravan parks, motels and hotels, you can rest assured that wherever you choose to stay, you will be well looked after.

### Central Hotel/Motel

46 Scarr Street  
P (07) 4742 1418  
F (07) 4742 2290  
E jimandlorene@bigpond.com

### Cloncurry Caravan Park Oasis

56-74 Mcllwraith Street  
P (07) 4742 1313  
F (07) 4742 0029  
E ccpoasis@bigpond.net.au

### Cloncurry Motel

41 Sheaffe Street  
P (07) 4742 1268  
F (07) 4742 1768

### Coyote Inn

25 Mcllwraith Street  
P (07) 4742 0786  
F (07) 4742 0781  
E coyoteinn@bigpond.com

### Discovery Holiday Park

2 Mcllwraith Street  
P (07) 4742 2300  
Free Phone 1800 635 559  
F (07) 4742 2303  
E cloncurry@discoveryparks.com.au

### Gidgee Inn Motel

Mcllwraith Street/ Flinders Highway  
P (07) 4742 1599  
F (07) 4742 2431  
E info@gidgeeinn.com.au

### Leichhardt Hotel/Motel

5 Scarr Street  
P (07) 4742 1389  
F (07) 4742 1741

### Oasis Hotel/Motel

17 Ramsay Street  
P (07) 4742 1366  
F (07) 4742 1802  
E oasisism@westnet.com.au

### Post Office Hotel/Motel

Cnr Sheaffe & Scarr Street  
P (07) 4742 1411  
F (07) 4742 2356

### Red Rock Motel

56-58 Scarr Street  
P (07) 4742 2728  
F (07) 4742 2133  
E redrockmotel56@hotmail.com

### Wagon Wheel Motel

54 Ramsay Street  
P (07) 4742 1866  
F (07) 4742 1819  
E reception@  
thewagonwheelmotel.com.au

### Wal's Camp

Phillip Street (2kms south of Town)  
P (07) 47 42 1606  
E mrmidget@bigpond.com

## DINE IN OR TAKEAWAY

Our Restaurants may vary in price, but you are guaranteed a great meal at them all, accompanied throughout by great service. Most diet tastes and requirements can be met by any of our Cafes and Restaurants. Although Cloncurry Shire is cattle country, we're not far from the Gulf of Carpentaria, one of the best spots in Australia for seafood. What more can we say?

### BP Roadhouse Cloncurry

Ramsay Street, P (07) 4742 2407  
Open 5.00am - 9.00pm, 7 days a week, including public holidays

### Central Hotel/Motel

46 Scarr Street,  
P (07) 4742 1418  
Monday to Saturday  
Lunch: 12.00pm to 2.00pm  
Dinner: 6.00pm to 8.00pm

### Cloncurry Bakery & Café

Scarr Street,  
P (07) 4742 1442  
Dine In or Take Away,  
Mon-Fri 6.00am - 4.00pm,  
Sat 7.00am - 1.00pm,  
Sun 7.00am - 1.00pm,

### Gidgee Inn

Mcllwraith Street  
P (07) 4742 1599  
Fully Licensed A la Carte Restaurant  
Mon - Sat 6.30pm to 9.00pm

### Cuppas on Ramsay

Ramsay Street  
P (07) 4742 0731  
E roadrunnerroadhouse@  
bigpond.com.au

### Grinners Pizza & Pasta

Take Away  
Ramsay Street (situated in the  
Wagon Wheel Restaurant)  
P (07) 4742 1480

### Leichhardt Hotel/Motel

5 Scarr Street ,  
P (07) 4742 1389  
Fully Licensed, Bistro style meals  
Mon-Sat Lunch 12.15pm - 1.30pm  
Mon-Sun Dinner 6.30pm - 8.30pm

### Oasis Hotel/Motel

17 Ramsay Street  
P (07) 4742 1366  
F (07) 4742 1802  
E oasisism@westnet.com.au

### Post Office Hotel/Motel

Sheaffe Street,  
P (07) 4742 1411  
F (07) 4742 2356  
Lunch: Mon-Sat 12.00pm - 2.00pm  
Dinner: Mon-Sat 6.30pm - 9.00pm  
Sunday BBQ in the Beer Garden -  
7.00pm - 8.00pm

### Roadrunner Roadhouse & Café:

Mcllwraith Street  
P (07) 4742 1416 / UHF 40

### Wagon Wheel Restaurant

54 Ramsay Street  
P (07) 4742 1866  
F (07) 4742 1819

## DID YOU KNOW...

**The Wagon Wheel Motel** is the oldest liquor licensed premises in North West Queensland with a licence that was granted more than 135 years ago. It was established as the Prince of Wales Hotel in 1876. The current restaurant building was built in 1926 after the previous building was destroyed by fire. There's lots of history, antiques and artefacts to be seen.

**The Gidgee Inn Restaurant** and motel is made from rammed earth which was selected as the preferred building media because of its wonderful natural insulation qualities. Rammed earth comprises a mixture of local gravel, coarse sand and clay which is mixed and bound with about 6% of white cement. The damp mixture is shovelled into in-situ moulds and compacted using a compressed air rammer. The moulds are removed immediately and the surface is brushed to give a natural earth appearance. A silicon coating is sprayed on the surface to seal and proof the walls. The colour is natural - Cloncurry Red!

## WHAT'S ON IN CLONCURRY

To find out what's on in Cloncurry - read the local notice boards or shopfronts around town, try the Newsagency, Woolworths, Foodworks, Bakery and the Post Office. By doing this you are assured of a more up to the minute overview of what's happening within our community.

All of our venues have various entertainment throughout the year, so it's best to ask what's happening this week, as some things can occur quite quickly.





## SCHOOLS

### Cloncurry Kindergarten

65 Seymour Street, P (07) 4742 1148  
E cloncurrykindy@bigpond.com

### Cloncurry Multifunctional Childcare Centre

80 Steele Street, P (07) 4742 1728  
E currykids@bigpond.com

### Cloncurry State School / P-12

Cnr Sheaffe & Daintree Street  
P (07) 4742 8333, F (07) 4742 8300

### Cloncurry TAFE Campus

35 Ramsay Street  
P (07) 4742 2380

### Saint Joseph's Catholic School

Cnr Ham & Sheaffe Street  
P (07) 4742 1633  
E clncry@tsv.catholic.edu.au

### School of the Air

Predominantly utilised by the rural sector where the majority of the families live on stations within a 450km radius from Mount Isa.  
P (07) 4744 8333  
F (07) 4744 8300

## CLUBS

### Cloncurry Scout Association

Scout Shed is on Seymour Street  
P (07) 4742 0101

### Girl Guides

Guide Hut is at cnr of Uhr and Mcllwraith Street

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Police, Fire, Ambulance: 000

### Cloncurry Police Station

Scarr Street, P (07) 4742 8888

### Queensland Ambulance

Musgrave Street, P (07) 4742 1100

### Queensland Fire & Rescue Service,

42 Scarr Street, Emergency 000,  
P 4742 1642

### State Emergency Service

Alice Street  
Emergency 13 25 00

## MEDICAL SERVICES

### Blue Care Nursing Service

88 Steele Street, P (07) 4742 1613

### Cloncurry Dentist

Sheaffe Street, P (07) 4744 4407

### Cloncurry Hospital & Aged Care Annexe

Musgrave Street, P (07) 4742 4500

### Cloncurry Pharmacy

33 Ramsay Street, P (07) 4742 1454  
F (07) 4742 1099  
E clonphcy@tpg.com.au

### Cloncurry Veterinary Surgery

Mcllwraith Street, P (07) 4742 1254  
F (07) 4742 1858  
E cloncur@bigpond.net.au

### Community Health

49 Daintree Street, P (07) 4742 1102  
F (07) 4742 2343

### Flinders Medical Centre

Unit 4/27 Ramsay Street  
P (07) 4742 2233  
F (07) 4742 2266

### Cloncurry Health Precinct

Hosts Medicare Local and other health services  
19 – 21 Scarr Street

## BANKING SERVICE

### Commonwealth Bank Agency

Located at Cloncurry Post Office  
47 Scarr Street, P (07) 4742 1497

### Rabobank

39 Ramsay Street, P (07) 4742 2831

### National Australia Bank

39/41 Ramsay Street, P 13 22 65

### Westpac

30 Ramsay Street,  
P (07) 4742 1155 / 13 20 32

## GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

### Centre Link Agent

12a Ramsay Street  
(Near Gidgee Baskets) P 13 10 21

### Cloncurry Courthouse

Sheaffe Street  
P (07) 4742 4209

### Cloncurry Railway Station

Hutchinson Parade  
P (07) 4742 4209

### Department of Animal, Forestry and Fisheries

Sheaffe Street  
P (07) 4742 1311

### Department of Natural Resources and Mines

Cloncurry Court House  
Cnr Sheaffe & Daintree Streets  
P (07) 4742 3010

### Department of Transport & Main Roads

16 Ramsay Street  
P (07) 4742 0486 or 13 23 80

## CHURCHES

### Anglican Church

Uhr Street, M 0419 717 207

### Assembly of God

Ramsay Street, P (07) 4742 2760

### St Coleman's Catholic Church

Sheaffe Street, P (07) 4742 1398

### Uniting Church

King Street, P (07) 4742 1441

## FUEL STATIONS

### Ausfuel

Sir Hudson Fysh Drive  
P 1300 887 003  
Accepts Ausfuel and AFD cards.

### Australian Fuel Distributors

(AFD) Phillip Street, P (07) 4742 1655

### BP Roadhouse Cloncurry

Ramsay Street, P (07) 4742 2407

### Caltex Service Station

6 Ramsay Street, P (07) 4742 1260

### IOR Petroleum

Sir Hudson Fysh Drive  
P (07) 4742 0179

### Roadrunner Roadhouse & Cafe

Mcllwraith Street  
P (07) 4742 1416 / UHF 40

### Woolworth's Petrol Plus

Ramsay Street, P (07) 4742 2807

## TRANSPORTATION

### Cloncurry Taxi Service

14 A Scarr Street, P (07) 4742 1408  
or M 0428 46 8294

### Europcar Hire Service

Gidgee Inn, P (07) 4742 1599

### Cloncurry Travel Agencies

39 Ramsay Street, P (07) 4742 1107

## VEHICLE SERVICE

### Cloncurry 4WD Service

28 Ramsay Street, P (07) 4742 1487

### Caltex Service Station

6 Ramsay Street, P (07) 4742 1260  
F (07) 4742 1426

### Cloncurry Tyre Service

Mcllwraith Street, P (07) 4742 1239

### Niverak Smash Repairs

29 Ramsay Street, P (07) 4742 2204  
F (07) 4742 2205

### RACQ Road Service

(24 hrs) P 13 19 05

## GROCERY SHOPS

### Foodworks Supermarket

Ramsay Street, P (07) 4742 1303

### Woolworth's Supermarket

Scarr Street, P (07) 4742 1173

## LOCAL BUSINESSES

### Access Electronics

22 Scarr Street, P (07) 4742 2590  
F (07) 4742 2591

### Brodie Hardware

Cnr Sheaffe and Scarr Streets  
P (07) 4742 1414, F (07) 4742 1371

### Chaplain's Newsagency

Cnr of 23 Ramsay and King Street  
P (07) 4742 1457

### Cloncurry Cleaning & Laundry

67 Mcllwraith Street  
P (07) 4742 2907, F (07) 4742 2905

### Cloncurry Post Office

Cnr Sheaffe & Scarr Street  
Mon - Fri 9.00 am to 5.00 pm  
P (07) 4742 1497

### Lemmon's Clothing Store

42 Scarr Street  
P (07) 4742 1227

### MAX Employment

26B Ramsay Street  
P (07) 4742 0475, F (07) 4742 0647

### St Vincent de Paul Society

Ramsay Street, P (07) 4742 1195

### Workpac Group

3/41 Ramsay Street  
P (07) 4738 5622

## RADIO STATIONS

### ABC Carpentaria 567AM

### 4LM 696AM

### Hot FM 104.5 FM –

to a 5km radius of Cloncurry

## TV STATIONS

- ABC
- 7 Central
- Imparja
- SBS
- Digital channels
- Austar (Paid Service)



A diverse range of events occur throughout the year...



## MARCH

### Curry Day

"It's about us" - this fun community event is held to inform new arrivals to the community what is available in Cloncurry in the way of clubs, sporting groups and organizations.

## MAY

### Breast Friends Day

Raising money for the McGrath Foundation, this is a fun event for everyone. All proceeds go to breast cancer research.

## JUNE

### Cloncurry District Show

Locals showcase their best produce, handcrafts, cooking and more. All the fun of the fair!

## JULY

### Rockhana Gem and Mineral Festival

This 3 day festival showcases the impressive wealth of minerals and crystals in the region. Be dazzled by the array of displays, sales and activities on offer.

### Cloncurry Stockman's Challenge & Camp Draft

This true blue stockman's festival is one of the best with competitors from all over Australia displaying their horsemanship skills.

### Quamby Rodeo

This country rodeo is a fun day for all the family.

## AUGUST

### Curry Merry Muster Festival

3 days of family fun and entertainment. Do not miss the action of the Richest Single Payout Rodeo in Australia.

## SEPTEMBER

### Westpac & Northern Agricultural Mining Expo

Held biannually, this event showcases the latest mining and agricultural technology.

### Ernest Henry Memorial Art Show

An annual art competition that draws entries from around the nation.

### Dajarra Camp Draft and Rodeo

Witness the thrills and spills of an outback rodeo.

## DECEMBER

### Cloncurry Christmas Festival

A great family event with a visit from Santa and a range of markets.

## REGULAR EVENTS

### Sunday Markets

Held at the Cloncurry/Mary Kathleen Memorial Park on the 4th Sunday of the month from May to September. New stall holders always welcome!

### Race Meetings

A great day out with country hospitality and fashions of the field, five race meetings held throughout the year.

### Bluecare Bingo

Every Wednesday and Friday at the Bluecare facility on Steele Street.

*Ask for a Calendar of Events at the Cloncurry Unearthed Visitor Information Centre*

## WHEN TRAVELING & CAMPING IN THE OUTBACK IT IS WISE TO..

- ✓ Plan ahead and make sure you have significant supplies, plenty of fuel, water, food and always carry spare tyres and a well-stocked first-aid kit.
- ✓ Ensure you have a current road map and call into the local Visitor Information Centre for all up to date weather and road conditions before leaving.
- ✓ Remember to take regular breaks to prevent fatigue.
- ✓ Take care and drive to the conditions of all roads, extra care must be taken on unsealed and loose surfaces as these can be unpredictable.
- ✓ Take care when overtaking road trains, be sure that you have clear vision around these long vehicles (some of these vehicles can be as long as 53 metres in length), heavy vehicles and caravans should only overtake when you can clearly see at least 1km ahead. Be aware that loose surfaces such as dust and gravel can be flicked up. Remember when travelling behind a road train if you can't see his mirrors, he can't see you.
- ✓ When travelling on single lane sealed roads, give road trains right of way, and slow down and move off to the left as far as possible, allowing the road train to remain on the road. In wet conditions the road edges can be soft, so when pulling off to the left, you should always keep your right wheels on the bitumen.
- ✓ If the road condition is only accessible to 4WD – use only a 4WD Vehicle.
- ✓ When travelling to remote areas ensure you advise the Police or a responsible person on your intended itinerary and report back in on your arrival.
- ✓ When entering private property, i.e. Stations/Properties remember that this is someone's home, and should be treated as such, all gates should be left as you find them, open gates are left open and closed gates should be closed after passing through them.
- ✓ Beware of stock and wildlife on all roads; dawn and dusk are the time when animals are most active.
- ✓ Beware of certain areas which are unfenced.
- ✓ Should your car break down in the Outback, it is important that you stay with your vehicle at all times, stay in the shade and keep hydrated, do not attempt to walk to safety.

