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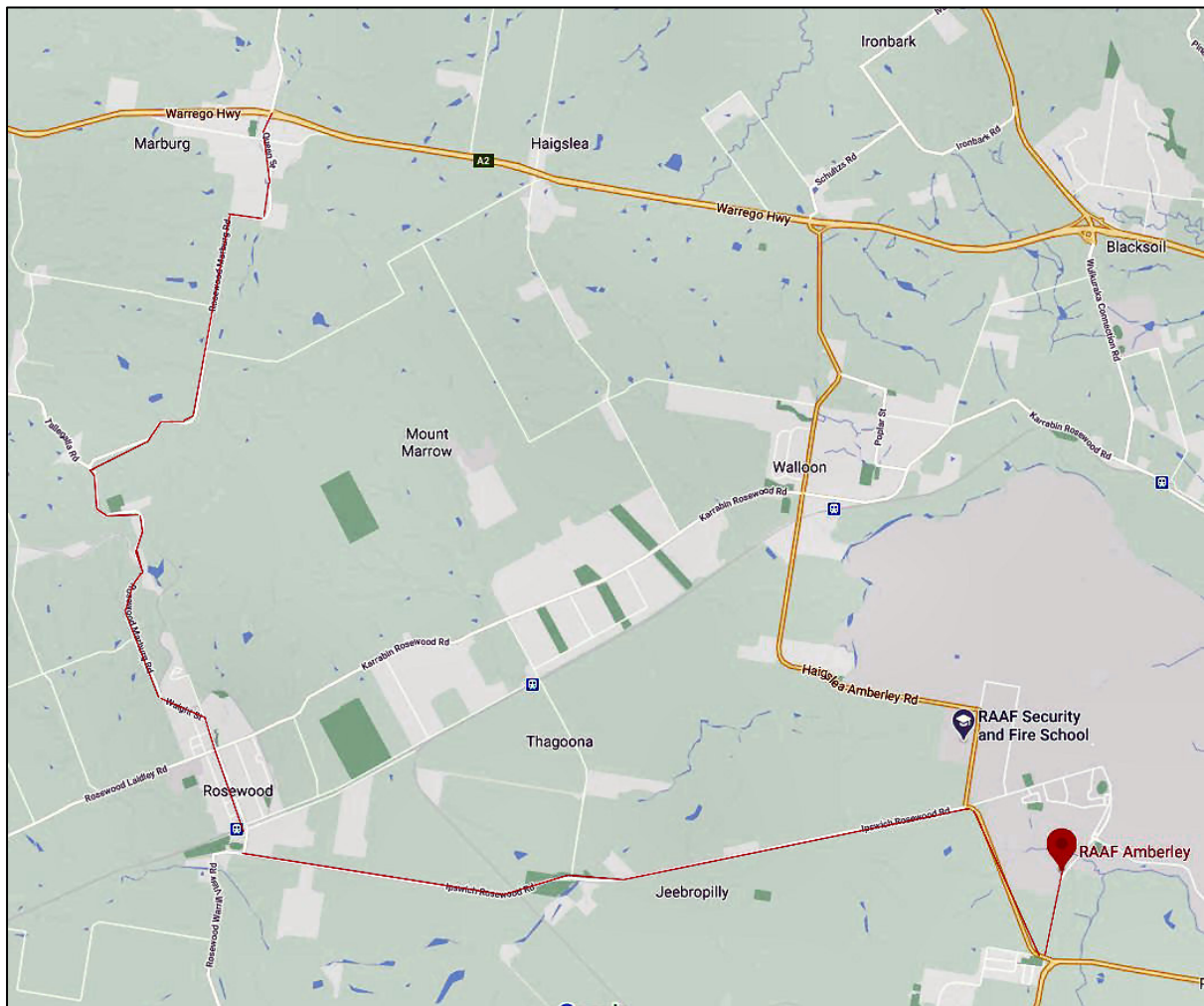
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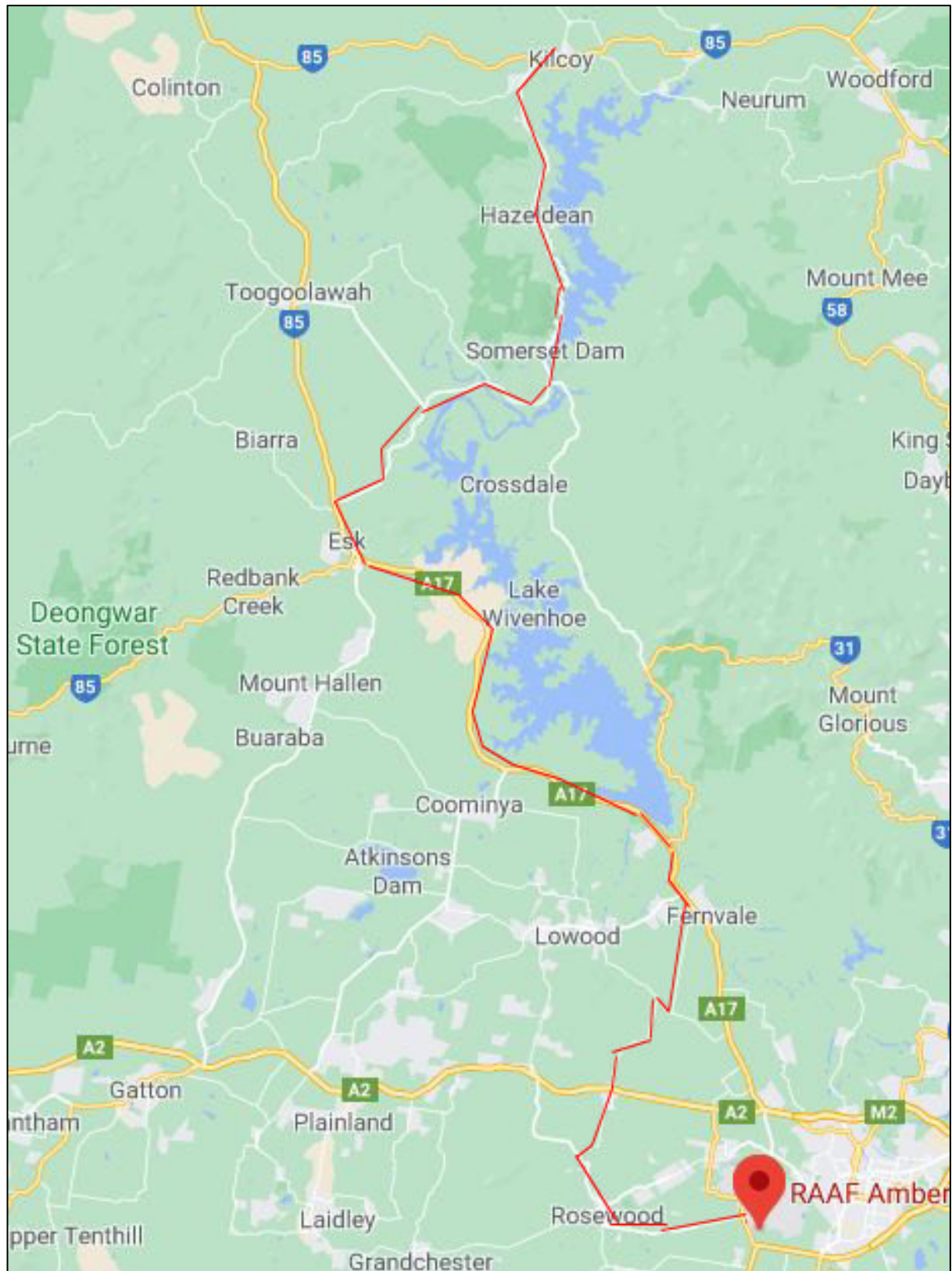
Where and when overnighting

Day 1 Sunday Kingaroy Showground pavilion	Day 2 Monday Mundubbera Showground pavilion	Day 3 Tuesday Biloela Possible show ground
Day 4 Wednesday Emerald Council - TBA	Day 5 Thursday Emerald Council TBA	Day 6 Friday Barcaldine Showground
Day 7 Saturday Longreach Showground	Day 8 Sunday Longreach Showground	Day 9 Monday Winton Show grounds
Day 10 Tuesday Hughenden Show grounds	Day 11 Wednesday Charters Towers Show grounds	Day 12 Thursday Charters Towers Showgrounds
Day 13 Friday Townsville TBA		

Day 1 – Sunday (12th September 2021)

RAAF Amberley to Kingaroy (230 kms).





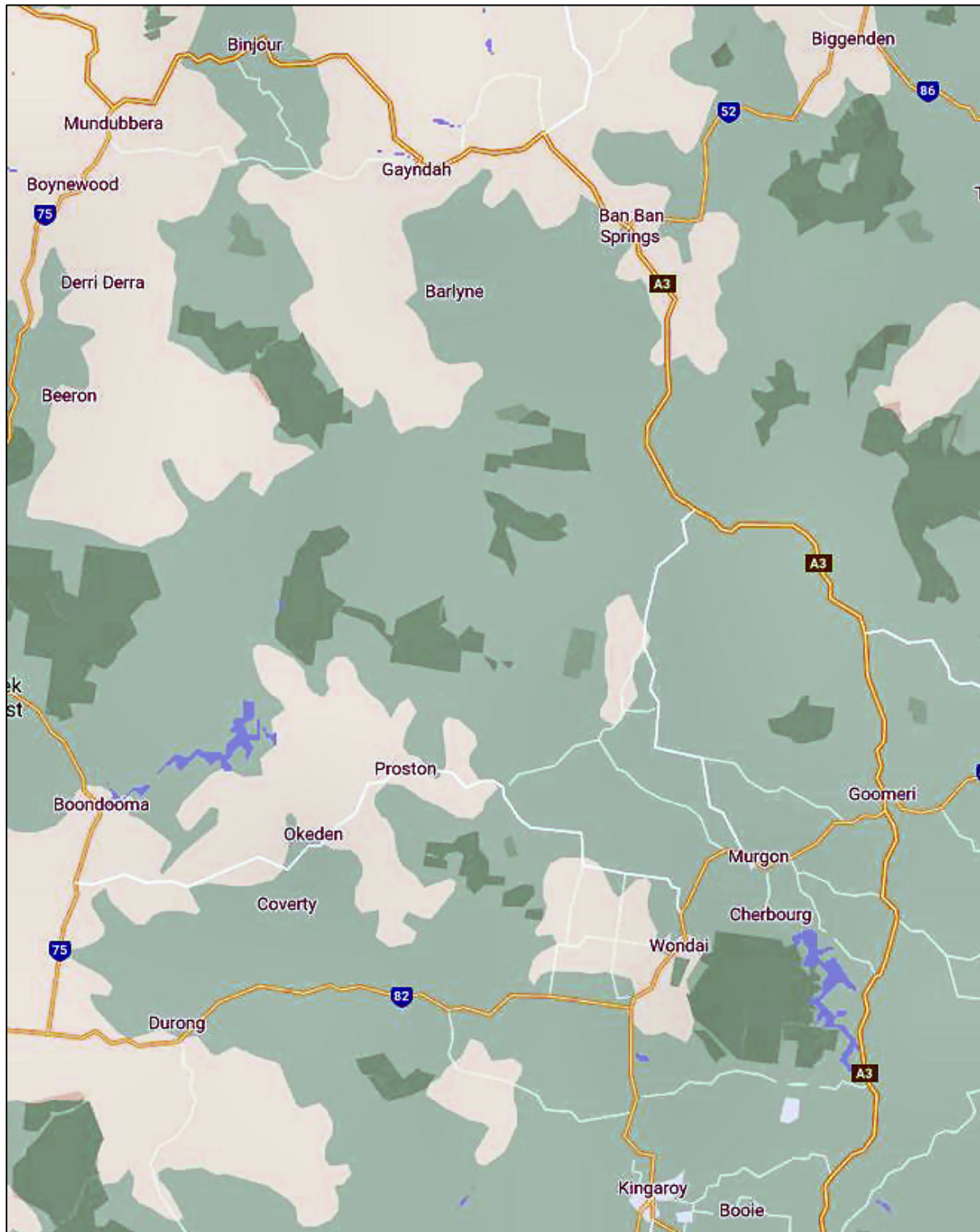
- Leg 1 Leave RAAF Amberley, at 9.00am, travel via Rosewood, Fernvale, Lake Wivenhoe to Esk. Stop for morning tea. (83 Km)
- Leg 2 From Esk, travel via Somerset dam, Hazeldean to Kilcoy (Pop 1,898), stop at Kilcoy for lunch and **Rider Change**. Refuel (52 kms)
- Leg 3 Leave Kilcoy, follow D'Aguilar Hwy to Moore, (12 kms)
- Leg 4. Steep climb out of Moore, continue along D'Aguilar Hwy to Blackbutt (Pop 836), stop at Blackbutt for break (23 kms)
- Leg 5. Continue on to Yarraman (Pop 1,064), (15 kms)
- Leg 6. From Yarraman follow D'Aguilar Hwy to Nanango (Pop 3,599) (21 kms)
- Leg 7. From Nanango follow highway to Kingaroy, (Pop 10,020) stop and overnight. (24 kms)



Kingaroy visitor information centre.

Day 2 – Monday (13th Sept)

Kingaroy to Mundubbera (211 kms).



- Leg 1 Leave Kingaroy at 10.00, travel via Bunya Hwy to Wondai (Pop 2,127), (30 kms), stop.
- Leg 2 Leave Wondai and travel via Murgon (Pop 2,378) (17.0 kms), Stop for Morning tea
- Leg 3 Travel onto Goomeri (Pop 664), (32 kms) (brief stop at Grand Hotel).
- Leg 3 Leave Goomeri, travel via Burnet Hwy to Tansey (Pop 144), (20 kms). Lunch. (Tansey Hall) **Rider Change**.
- Leg 4 Leave Tansey and travel via Burnet Hwy to Gayndah (Pop 2,000), long stop. (82 kms) **Rider Change**. Refuel
- Leg 5 Leave Gayndah travel via Burnett Hwy to Mundubbera (Pop 1,261), (47 kms). Stop, overnight.

The small rural service centre of Mundubbera is located on the Burnett River although it likes to think of itself as the "Meeting Place of the Waters" because both the Boyne and the Auburn Rivers flow into the Burnett 10 km west of the town.

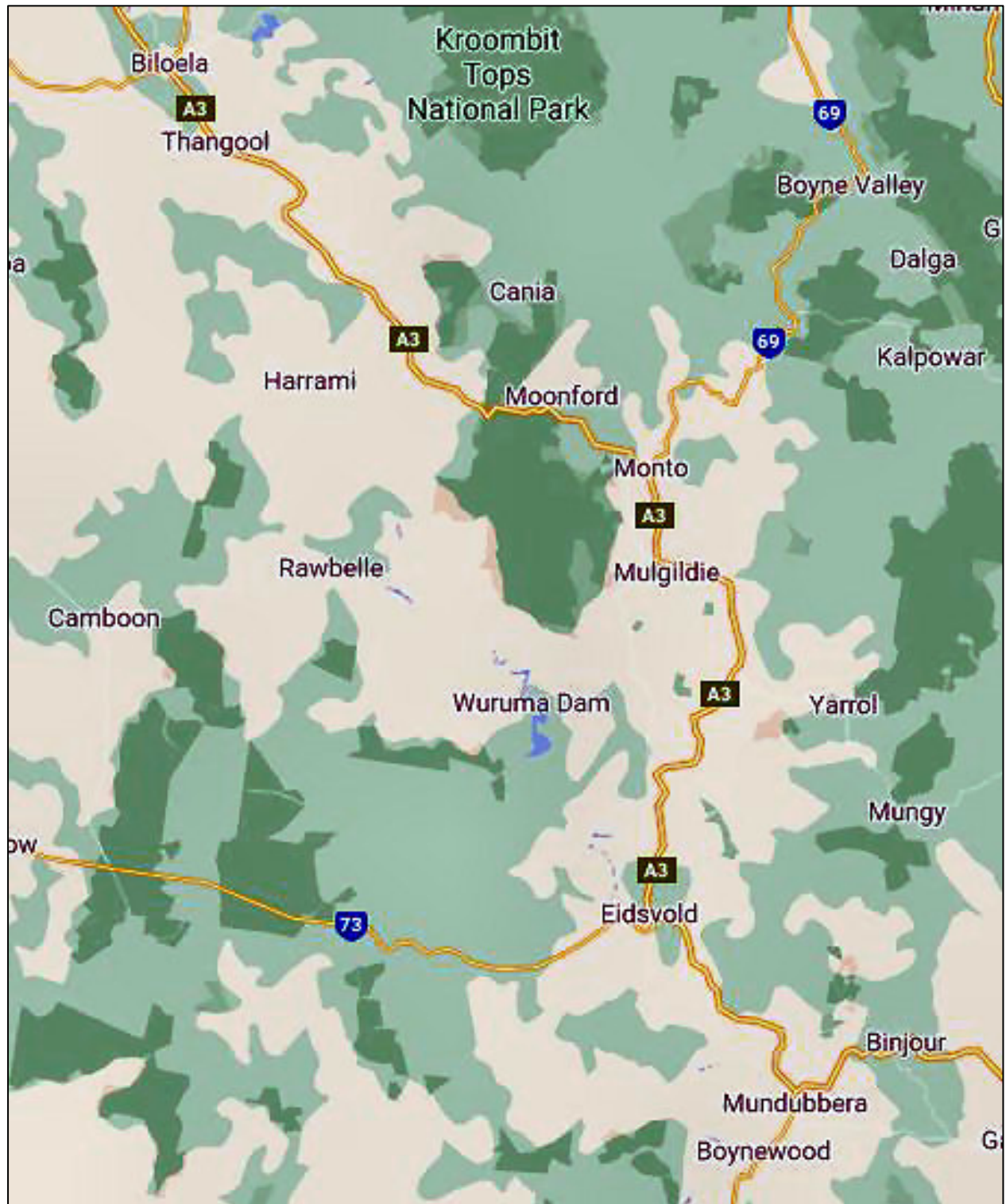
Historically Mundubbera claimed to be the Citrus Capital of Queensland. At the time the Mundubbera district produced over one third of Queensland's citrus fruit and claimed to have the largest single citrus orchard in the Southern Hemisphere. Today the Mundubbera district has diversified with local orchardists producing mangoes, avocados, lychees, peaches, nectarines, watermelons, rockmelons and blueberries.



It is now Queensland's largest producer of table grapes. The town's main attractions are the Bicentennial Park beside the Burnett River, the interesting Meeting Place of the Waters Mural and the local museum.

Day 3 – Tuesday - 14th Sept

Mundubbera to Biloela (196 kms).

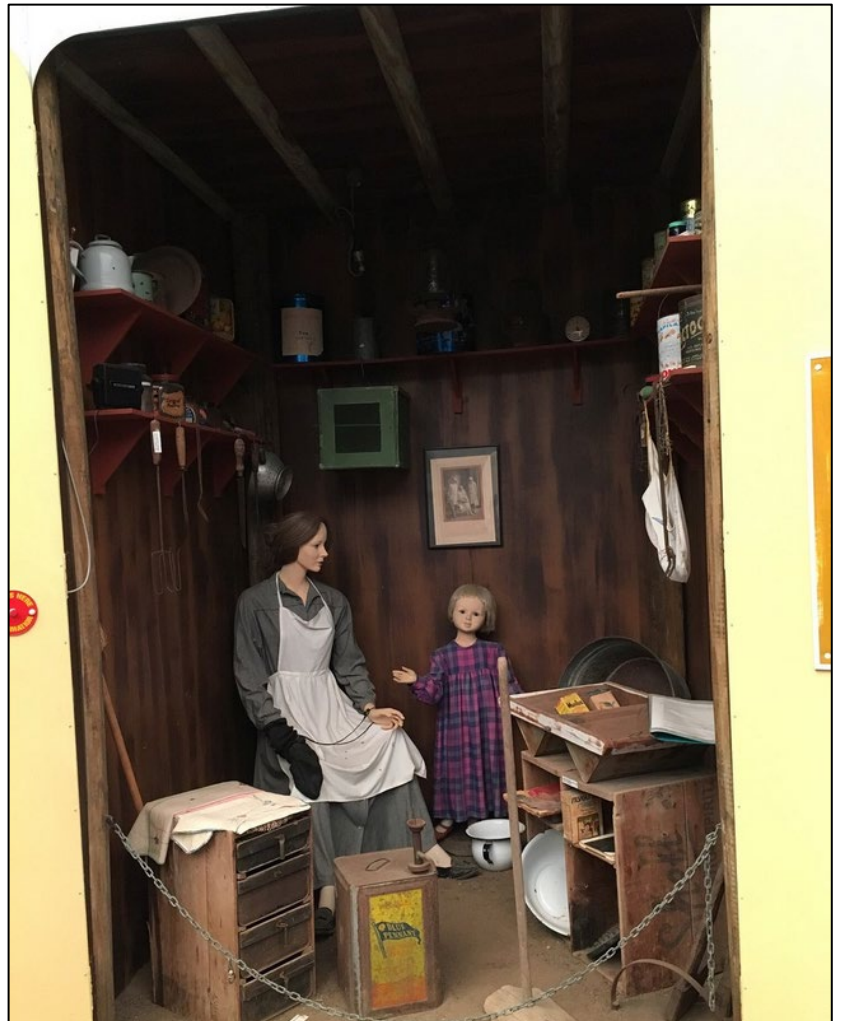


- Leg 1. Leave Mundubbera at 9.30am, travel via Burnett Hwy to Eidsvold (Pop 574), (37 kms), short stop at RM Williams centre. **No OPTUS COVERAGE.**
- Leg 2, Follow Hwy for 19 km then turn left onto Wuruma Dam Rd, towards Cynthia station (19.5km)
- Leg 3 Follow Wuruma Dam Rd, past Abercorn and Kapaldo until the turn off towards Mulgildie.– Turn towards Mulgildie (27.5km)
- Leg 4 Follow Burnett Hwy until Monto. Lunch at Rotary Park. (16.0km)
- Leg 5 From Monto, continue along Burnet Hwy until Biloela. Overnight. (96Km)▶

The Queensland Heritage Park is a celebration of Australia's glorious past, housing a large array of vintage machinery, artefacts, collectables and memorabilia.

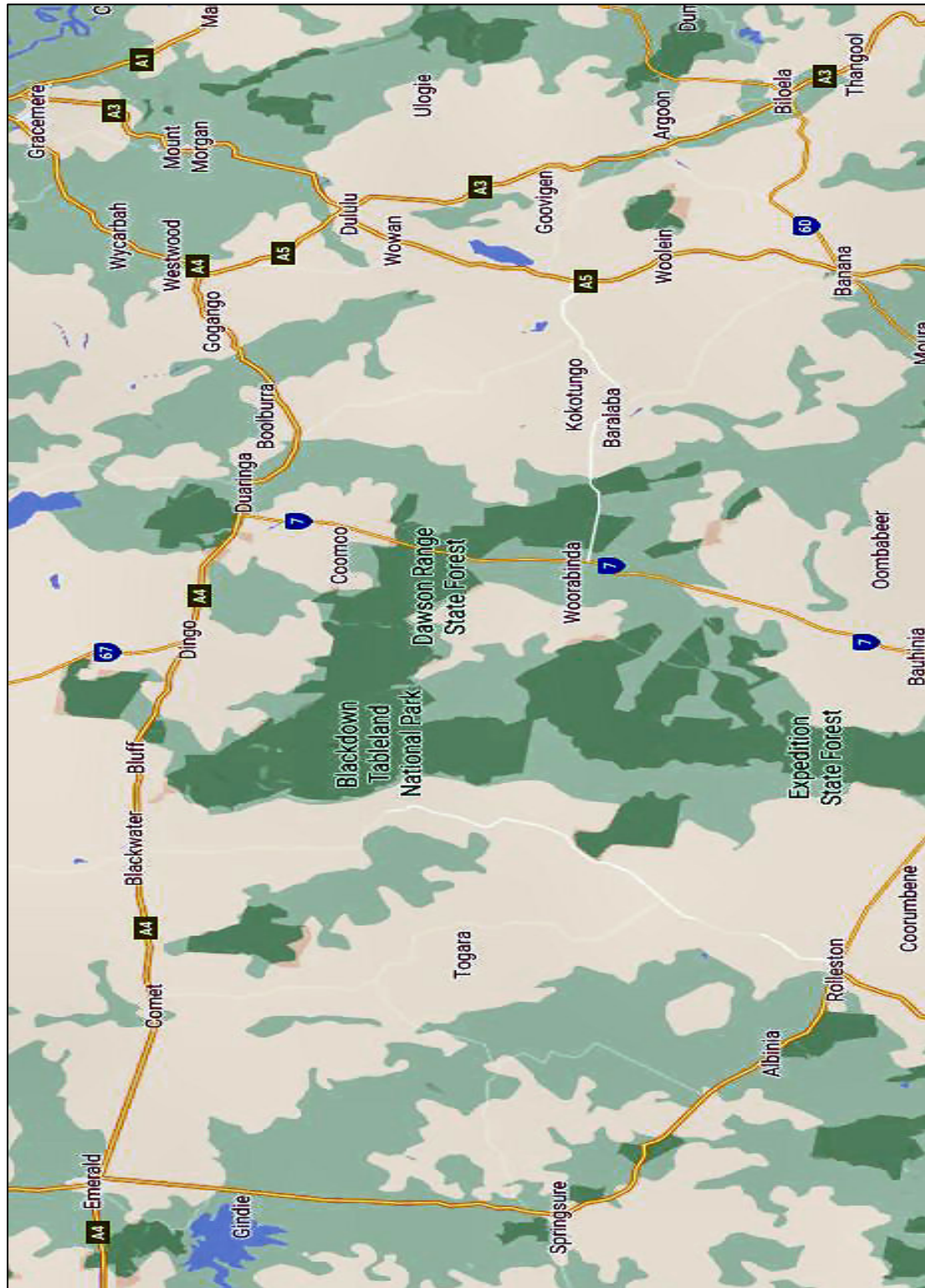
The complex also houses the accredited Rural Hinterland Visitor Information Centre, a cafe, souvenir and gift shop, conference room facilities, function areas and a 48 Hour Rest Area for motorhome and caravan travellers.

The complex is run entirely by volunteers who are here to assist you, so drop in enjoy what we have to offer and ask us about the "must do" things in Biloela, Central Queensland.



Days 4 & 5 – Wed & Thurs – 15/16 Sept

Biloela to Emerald – Long Day (317 kms).



- Leg 1 Leave Biloela at 9.00am, travel up Burnet Hwy, brief stop at the Jambin Hotel, Smokey Creek. (30kms)
- Leg 2 Follow Burnet Hwy until the Dululu Camp-ground (45 kms), brief stop for refreshments.
- Leg 3 From Dululu follow Leichhardt Hwy to the junction with the Capricorn Hwy, turn left and head west towards Gogango, stopping at Dunphy Park for refreshments.. (38 kms). Refuel from containers **Rider Change.**
- Leg 4 From Gogango, follow Capricorn Hwy west to the NCC Brahman property (25kms).
- Leg 5. From NCC Brahman property head west along Capricorn Highway to Duaringa (Pop 278) stop (19 kms) Stop for lunch.
- Leg 6 From Duaringa, follow Capricorn Hwy to Dingo (Pop 340). (35 kms) Stop at Roadhouse for refreshments.
- Leg 7 From Dingo follow Capricorn Highway west until Blackwater (Pop 4,748), (49 kms). **Rider Change.** Fuel check Visit International Coal Centre.
- Leg 8 From Blackwater, follow Capricorn Hwy west until Emerald (Pop 14,119). Remain overnight. (76 kms).

Lake Maraboon.



Day 5 – Thursday (Emerald rest day)



Emerald is a tranquil town that is located on the Nogoa River in Queensland's beautiful Central Highlands. Surrounded by the best of Queensland's countryside, the town is known for its nearby sapphire gemfields. Whether you're stopping by for a few days or just passing through, there's plenty to explore in the town and the surrounding area.

The Sapphire Gemfields

The sapphire gemfields near Emerald, Queensland are some of the largest in the world and are a must see in Queensland. The Sapphires were first discovered in this area in 1875 and span over a 900 kilometre square radius. Nearby townships Sapphire, Rubyvale, Anakie and Willows Gemfields offer many gems of activities for visitors.

With anything from underground mine tours, digging tours and sapphire shops to visit, there's plenty to do on a day trip to the area and it can be easily explored from Emerald, located just a convenient 45 minute drive away from the town.

Emerald Botanic Gardens

Thanks to the beautiful Queensland weather, Emerald's Botanic Gardens are a tropical oasis of calm in the area and the perfect place to relax for the day. Located on the Nogoa River banks, there's plenty of space to relax and learn about the many plant species grown in the gardens. The gardens are free to enter and there are BBQ facilities available for use there.

Emerald visitor information centre.

The ideal starting point in Emerald is the Visitor Information Centre. The centre is open 7 days a week, all year round except Good Friday, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

The Big Easel

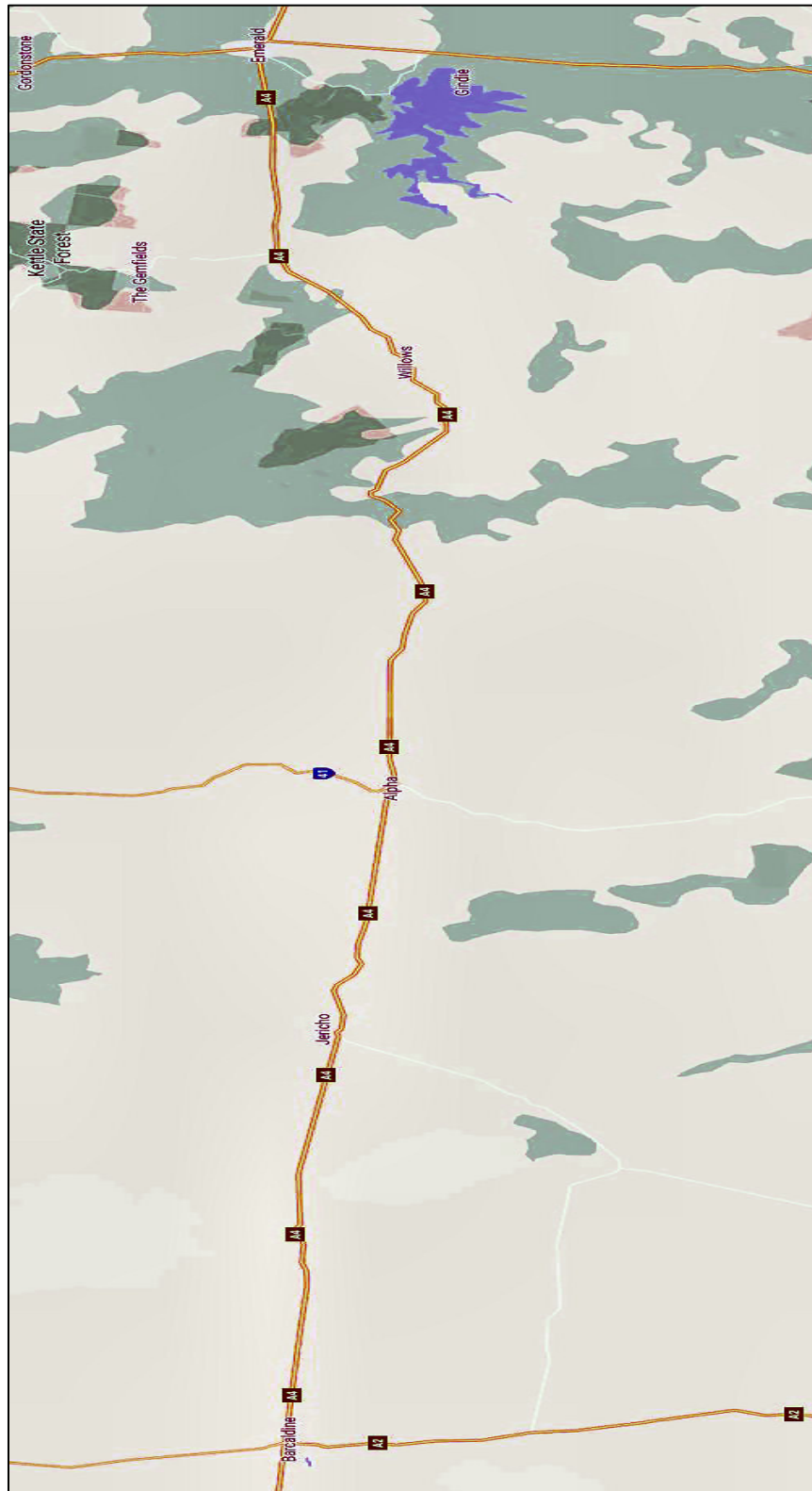
The Big Easel is a tribute to Van Gogh's sunflowers as a symbol of life and hope. Emerald is one of seven sites chosen in the world by the artist Cameron Cross where he would paint a reproduction of Van Gogh's sunflowers. Each of the seven sites chosen have a significance to Van Gogh or sunflowers. Emerald is a major centre for growing sunflowers in Australia and holds a sunflower festival each year.



Day 6 – Friday - 17th Sept

Emerald to Barcaldine– Long day – mainly flat (300 kms).

Limited Optus coverage.



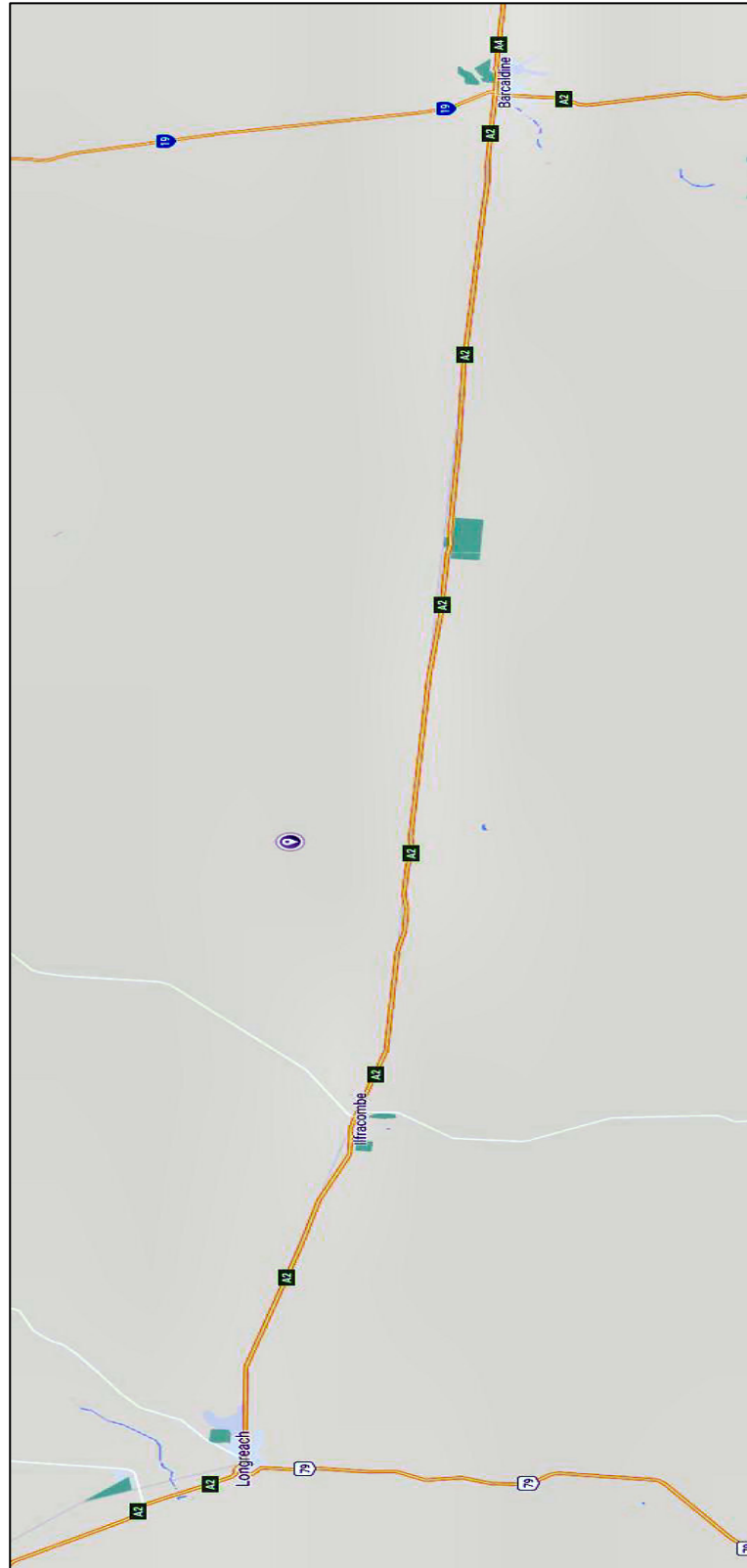
- Leg 1 Leave Emerald at 9.00am, drive west along the Capricorn Hwy, until Bogantungan (Pop 270) (98 kms), stop for refreshments, **Rider Change**.
- Leg 2. From Bogantungan, proceed west along Capricorn Hwy until Alpha. (58 kms). Stop for lunch. Refuel from containers.
- Leg 3 Continue west along Capricorn Hwy to Jericho (Pop 115) (51 kms), stop for refreshments. **Rider Change**.
- Leg 4 From Jericho, continue west along Capricorn Hwy until Barcaldine (Pop 1,422), (90 kms). Overnight. (Damper night Homestead Caravan Park)



The Tree of knowledge, Barcaldine.

Days 7 & 8 – Saturday/Sunday 18th & 19th Sept

Barcaldine to Longreach. Flat and easy (108 kms).



- Leg 1 Leave Barcaldine at 10.00am, travel west along Landsborough Hwy until Ilfracombe (Pop 259), stop and explore machinery museum. (81 kms)
Lunch and Refreshments. ***Rider Change***
- Leg 2 Leave Ilfracombe travelling west to Longreach (Pop 2,970). (27 kms).
Overnight.



(Longreach rest day)

Hall of Fame.

Not many things show off Australian agricultural life better than McLeod's Daughters, but the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame gives the tele-show a run for its money.

It might not have the climatic cliff-hangers, but with themed galleries displaying a range of artefacts and audio-visual presentations, this is a place where you can delve into the lives of Australian explorers, stockmen and Aboriginal people from the local area.



Their Dinner and Show packages are not to be missed – for \$75 tuck into a spit-roast dinner accompanied by a live Stockman's show. With a cast of dogs and horses we reckon it's worthy of its own Logie award.

Qantas museum

Fly back in time when you visit the QANTAS Founder's Museum, a cultural display of the airline's beginnings. You'll truly discover the spirit of Australia exploring a collection of genuine QANTAS artefacts that can't be described as plane (boom-tish) and boring.

There's a full-scale replica of QANTAS' first ever aircraft on display, along with other important models from QANTAS' history (Boeing 707, DeHaviland DH-61 Giant Moth and Avro 504k Dyak to name a few).



A wing walk of the Boeing 747 is the real treat, where harnessed up you can walk along the wing which spans 60m in length, the equivalent of two stories above ground level.

That's not where the fun stops either, you can go inside the cockpit and stand inside one of the Rolls-Royce engines that propelled this aviation icon across the world throughout its 23 year career.

The Welcome Home Cafe

The Welcome Home Cafe, Tearoom and Stonegrill brings the moodiness of a modern saloon to Eagle Street, Longreach.

It's out to prove that eating in the Outback can be more than meat pies and sausage rolls, with a menu for every Outback occasion – Smoko, Lunch, Dinner and Damper. Filled with old world charm, friendly staff and tasty outback grub, you can relax on one of Welcome Home's bentwood chairs or antique couches and enjoy a jacket potato decked out with veggies, chicken and sour cream, a Bushman's Burger, or Lamb Shanks for lunch. By night you'll be served up only the best cuts and freshest produce on 400-degree hot-stones right at your table, for a drool-worthy night at their Stonegrill.

For the sweet tooths, they've got CWA-style biscuits, slices and cakes to rival Parisian patisseries. It truly is Outback fare with flair.

Sunset cruise on the Thomson River.

To see the sunset from the water, join Outback Pioneers for their Starlight's Cruise Experience. This four-hour cruise motors down the river on a historic paddle-wheeler, the only paddle-wheeler west of the Great Divide.

There are endless photo opportunities and an insightful commentary as you pass natural features before going ashore for a traditional stockman's camp-fire dinner. This is the real outback experience with inspiring and humorous traditional entertainment featuring our barefoot bush poet and your Kinnon family host. Next, the bush is illuminated by the Starlight's Spectacular Sound & Light Picture Show – a unique big-screen presentation featuring the Kinnon family and locals in the amazing adventures of the notorious cattle thief known as 'Captain Starlight'. Includes transfers from and to your accommodation.



Book at 126 Eagle St, Longreach.

Day 9 – Monday – 20th Sept

Longreach to Winton. (203kms)

No Optus Coverage until Hughenden



- Leg 1 Leave Longreach at 10.00am, travelling north along the Landsborough Hwy until Rest Area – refreshment stop. (40 kms).
- Leg 2 Continue further up Landsborough Hwy to further rest area, – Lunch stop (30 kms) **Rider Change**
- Leg 3 Continue to next rest area, (40 kms). Stop
- Leg 4 Continue to next rest area (20 kms).
- Leg 5 Turn Left towards Australian Age of Dinosaurs (37kms).
- Leg 6 Continue to Museum (12km) **Rider Change.** Afternoon tea
- Leg 7 Return to Hwy (12km)
- Leg 8 Continue to Winton (Pop 954), Overnight. (12 kms)



The Winton Shire covers 53,935 square kilometres and has a population of just 1,600 people. It is the centre of an important cattle and sheep raising region of predominantly flat grassland known as the Channel Country. The area around the



town is technically described as "hot, semi-arid." The town has two very legitimate claims to fame: it was where that alternative national anthem, *Waltzing Matilda*, was written and first performed and it has some of the best dinosaur fossil remains in the world. There are an excess of interesting and unusual attractions: the Musical Fence, the Truck Museum, the memorabilia inside the North Gregory Hotel; the Australian Age of Dinosaurs exhibits and tours.

Day 10 – Tuesday (21st Sept)

Winton to Hughenden. (215kms) Long, flat and boring.

Refreshment stops at discretion of support personnel.



Leg 1 Leave Winton at 9.30am, follow the Kennedy Development Rd north east towards Corfield (Pop 183), stop for refreshments (80 kms). **Rider Change**

Leg 2 From Corfield, continue along Kennedy Development Rd until Stamford (Pop 75). Stop 74 kms). Lunch. Container refuel **Rider Change**



Leg 3. From Stamford, continue along Kennedy Development Rd until Hughenden (Pop 1,136). Overnight. (61 kms).

Hughenden is a classic Queensland outback town. It owes its existence to the railway line and the surrounding cattle grazing land. Its primary appeal is based on its position on the edge of Australia's ancient inland sea which existed between 95 and 120 million years ago and left a rich supply of fossils in the area. The most important fossil discovery has been that of a Muttaborrasaurus which is displayed prominently in the Flinders Discovery Centre. The skeleton was the first entire fossil to be found in Australia. Equally impressive is Mutt the Dinosaur, a recreated sculpture of the Murraburrasaurus, which is located outside the Grand Hotel.



Porcupine Gorge

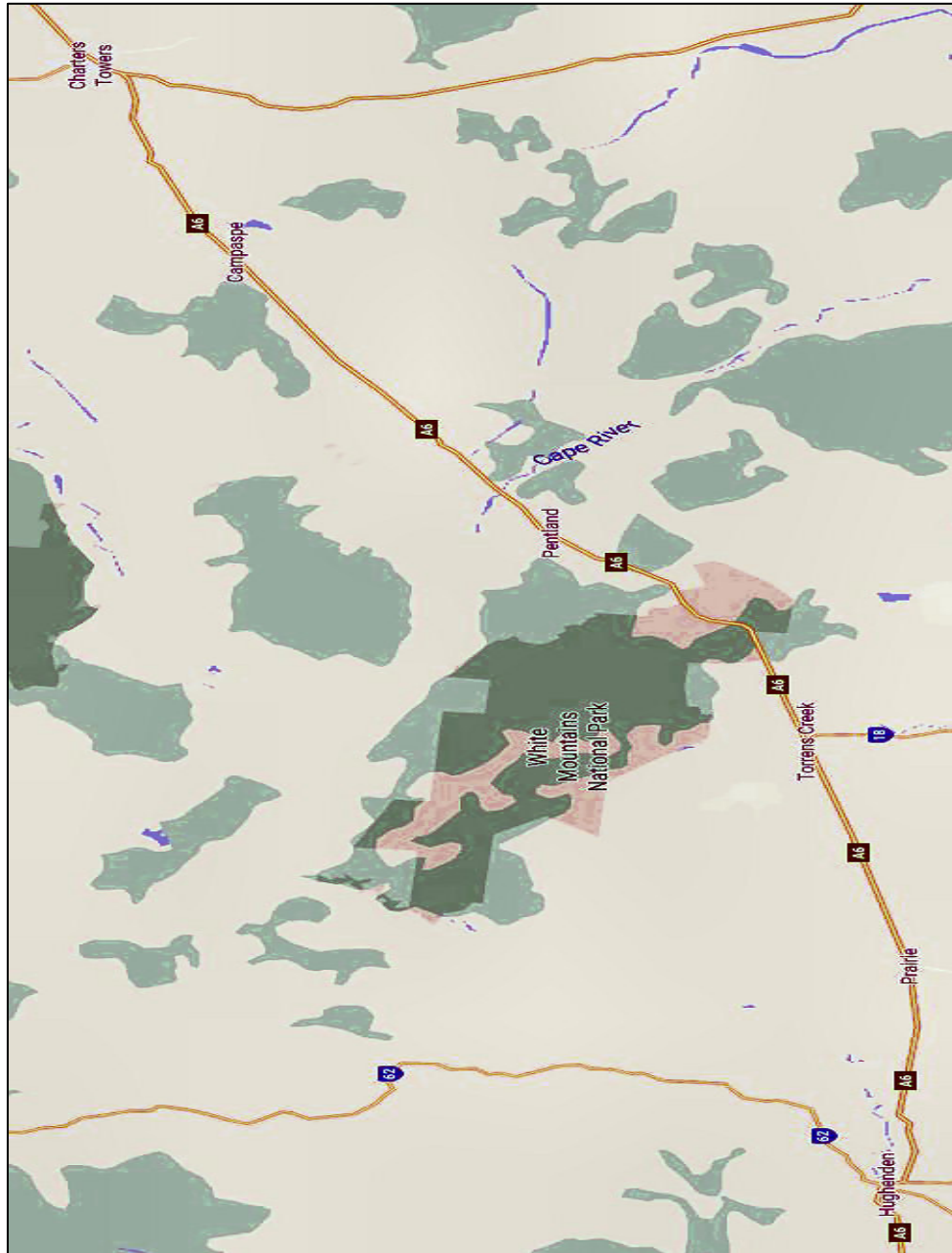
The beautiful and dramatic Porcupine Gorge National Park is located 74 km north of Hughenden on the Kennedy Development Road. Covering a total of 5410 ha, it is sometimes known as the 'little Grand Canyon' as features a gorge which drops 120 metres from the surrounding countryside. The sides of the gorge reveal layers of basalt and coloured sandstone which are hundreds of millions of years old.



The southern boundary of the gorge is approximately 45 km north of Hughenden. The Gorge Lookout is 63 km north and the Pyramid Lookout is a further 11 km. It is identified by a small monolith known as the 'Pyramid'.

Days 11 & 12- Wed & Thurs 22/23rd Sept

Hughenden to Charters Towers. (248 kms)



- Leg 1 Leave Hughenden at 10.00am, travel east along the Flinders Hwy to Torrens Creek (Pop 20), stop for refreshments **(91kms)**.
- Leg 2 From Torrens Creek, head east along Flinders Hwy to Pentland (Pop 250), stop for lunch. Refuel. **(51 kms)**. ***Rider Change.***
- Leg 3 From Pentland, continue east along Flinders Hwy, brief stop at Campaspe rest stop (Balfes Creek), Refuel, **(16kms)**
- Leg 4 From Campaspe rest stop, continue east to Charters Towers (Pop 8,120). **(90 kms)**. Overnight.



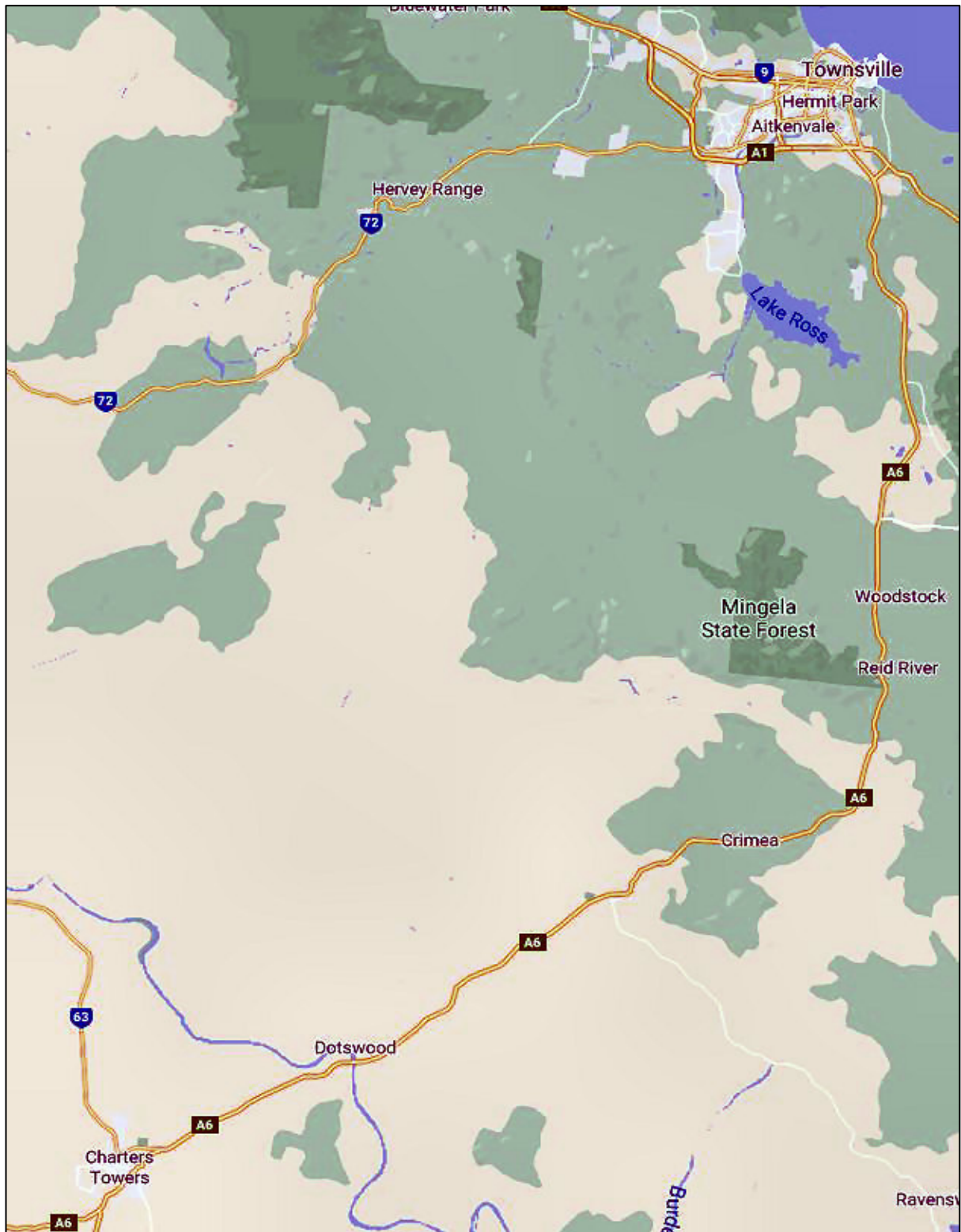
Charters Towers is arguably the most beautiful inland city in Queensland. It may not have the range of domestic architecture that makes Ipswich so distinctive but in terms of public architecture it is unrivalled. Like Kalgoorlie, Cue and Coolgardie in Western Australia it is a city built from the huge profits of goldmining and, as such, the city fathers were determined to flaunt their wealth.

Today the city is beautifully preserved and the best of the buildings are concentrated on Mosman Street and Gill Street.

See [HERE](#) and [HERE](#)

Day 13 – Friday. 24th Sept

Charters Towers to Townsville. (135 kms)



- Leg 1 Leave Charters Towers at 10.00am, head east along Flinders Hwy to Mingela [Ravenswood] (48 kms). Refreshment break.
- Leg 2 From Mingela, follow Flinders Hwy to Reid River railway station, (33 kms), refreshment stop. **Rider Change.**
- Leg 3 Continue to Townsville (Pop 192,730), stopping at Puma Service station at Calcium for break. (67 kms).

FINISH!

