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to
**ARCADIA
VALLEY**



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We are a welcoming rural community nestled within a rich fertile valley renowned for its idyllic and pristine natural landscapes.

WHERE CAN YOU FIND US?

We are located along the Arcadia Valley Road just off the Carnarvon Highway and situated between the Carnarvon and Expedition Ranges. Emerald is to our north, while Injune and Roma are to the south along the Carnarvon Highway. Our area stands on the famous Central Queensland sandstone belt.

HOW DID ARCADIA VALLEY BEGIN?

Indigenous people have a long history in our area, which is evident in the rock art and carvings found in the ranges at Expedition and Carnarvon National Parks. Also, local Aboriginal Dream-time stories are linked to the tranquil Lake Nugga Nugga, which bursts into colour when the water-lilies are in season.

Little is known about our first European settlement except that explorers Leichhardt and Mitchell, and surveyors the Gregory brothers came close but did not discover our valley. The area did not remain hidden as our first pioneers arrived in the late 1850's and early 1860's.

It was these settlers who named Arcadia, which comes from Greek origins meaning 'Ideal Paradise'. Right from early settlement, this is the impression our area has given visitors due to the abundance of flora and fauna, with the spectacular sandstone ranges.

By 1863, several pastoral leases in the area were established and taken up. One hundred years later in 1963, the Brigalow Scheme and Warrinilla ballot attracted more settlers and further development to the area.

For these people to succeed, as with the early pioneers, they had to battle tough conditions and remoteness to carve out productive pastoral and agricultural properties.

Today, we are a prime cattle grazing area, producing some of the best cattle in the Central Highlands region. Cropping is also a big part of our region with sorghum, wheat, barley and sunflowers grown here.

WHAT MAKES OUR COMMUNITY UNIQUE?

We are a welcoming and friendly community that works together to support each other in times of adversity and opportunity. By 2010, our population reached 348 people.

We live in a peaceful and idyllic location with spectacular scenery and access to some of the most pristine natural places in the Central Highlands.

We take advantage of popular outdoor activities such as nature watching, bushwalking, camping, canoeing, fishing and swimming. Our community gathers to enjoy social events at the community hall and sporting grounds.

After a long campaign, our school opened in the Valley in 1974. Along with educating our children, the school is an important focal point for our community.



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WHERE DO OUR PEOPLE LIVE AND WORK?

A large number of our community work in the pastoral and agricultural sectors, either as property managers and owners or as support workers.

As these sectors are the economic mainstay of our community, it is important for us to continue developing our industries while caring for our pristine environment.

Along with our primary school, an increase in tourist visits to the area offers additional employment opportunities. The large properties, spectacular geography, flora and fauna of our area make it popular with tourists wanting a unique farm experience and to relax in our peaceful location.

HOW DO WE GET AROUND?

Roads are the main form of transport in the area and a vital life-line for our community. We drive to surrounding centres to access many services and facilities.

Arcadia Valley Road connects to the Carnarvon and Dawson Highways, which provide us with access to major regional centres such as Roma and Emerald.

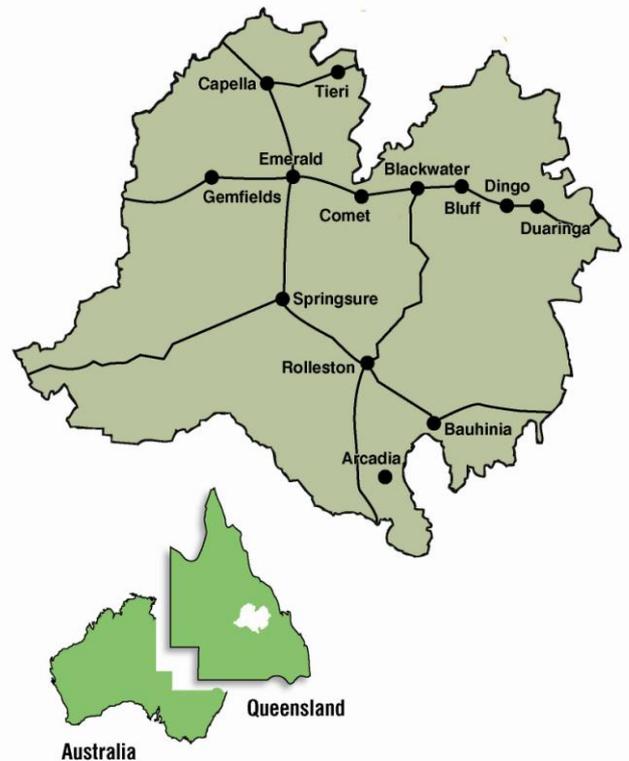
These road networks provide transportation for cattle and grain across the area and are significant facilities supporting our grazing and agricultural operations.

The Carnarvon Highway is an important route for freight and tourists coming from the south into the Central Highlands region.

ARCADIA VALLEY – A JOURNEY INTO THE FUTURE.

As we look to our future, we will continue to foster our welcoming community spirit while valuing and sustaining our rich fertile valley and pristine natural landscape.

Central Highlands Region



This signpost was created as a brief introduction to our town/locality. Information was accessed from a variety of sources including brochures, web-sites and local people.

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