



Signpost to Bauhinia



BAUHINIA

We are a community that celebrates our 'country hospitality', located in the abundant heartland of the Central Queensland Brigalow area.

WHERE CAN YOU FIND US?

We are located on the Dawson Highway in the lower south-east corner of the Central Highlands region. Our closest centres are Moura (74 kilometres) and Biloela (140 kilometres) to the east, with Rolleston (76 kilometres) and Emerald (266 kilometres) to the north. We are a short distance north of the rugged sandstone gorges in the Expedition Range National Park.

HOW DID BAUHINIA BEGIN?

For thousands of years, indigenous people lived in this area, leaving behind stencil art and other sacred sites. The explorer Ludwig Leichhardt and his party passed through the area in November 1844. Leichhardt was a keen botanist and collected vegetation samples, among them were several species of the bauhinia tree from which our community draws its name. Leichhardt's glowing reports of the areas' open grassland or 'downs country' led to settlement by sheep pastoralists in the 1850/60s.

However, it wasn't until the clearance of the brigalow for agriculture in the 1960s that our little town was gazetted and established in 1967.

Today Bauhinia prospers from the rich fertile soils which support intensive grain growing and produces quality cattle grazing pastures. With reliable water from artesian sources and surface streams, our area offers some of the most dependable grazing country in Queensland.

WHAT MAKES OUR COMMUNITY UNIQUE?

Although our area developed only 45 years ago, we have a well established community that prides itself on its country hospitality. By 2010, our population reached 341 people.

We are a pro-active community developing many of our community facilities such as the Bauhinia Hall. We have learned to be independent, self-reliant and draw on the energy, resources and experience of each other to meet any challenges and create opportunities.

The majority of people in Bauhinia are families who live on properties scattered throughout the area. We gather at our hall, school or sporting grounds for community functions such as ladies' craft gatherings, social outings, church services, school activities and sporting events including camp-drafts, pony club or polocrosse. We do not hesitate to travel long distances to meet for community events, which often attract visitors from far and wide.

Our State School is an important asset and its motto, 'Striving to Succeed', reflects a sense of purpose that permeates our entire community.

WHERE DO OUR PEOPLE LIVE AND WORK?

With over 80 per cent of the people in our area employed in primary production, we are in direct contrast to urban Australia. We are mainly a community of farming families, managers and rural workers who live and work on our properties. We work hard to grow fine crops of wheat and sorghum and breed first class cattle to send to cattle markets in Central and Southern Queensland.



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The primary school and town store offer 'in town' employment. They both provide valued services to our community and the store is a cheerful and welcoming rest-stop for passing travellers and tourists.

HOW DO WE GET AROUND?

Road transport networks are vital lifelines which provide critical access in and out of our area. As we live in somewhat isolated locations, it is important for us to have reliable vehicles such as 4WDs to access our properties in all kinds of weather. Heavy rains and flooding can cut us off for several days or longer. Our little town is situated on the Dawson Highway, which is used by heavy transport vehicles passing along this vital route. We are also at the junction of this highway and the Fitzroy Development Road, which is a handy 'short cut' link to the Capricorn Highway to the north.

We drive long distances to bigger centres for most of our essential needs such as shopping, health services, banking, farm services and property supplies, cattle saleyards, grain depots and accessing air transport.

We have a school bus service to Bauhinia so students can travel by bus to Moura State High School.

We are fortunate to stay in touch with each other and the outside world through mobile phone coverage and satellite ADSL.

BAUHINIA – A JOURNEY INTO THE FUTURE

As we look to the future, we will build on our greatest asset, which is our community spirit and 'country hospitality' to maintain the social heart of our area and achieve a sustainable future.

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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