



BLUFF

We are a family oriented community who value our rural lifestyle and are proudly known as 'the railway town' of the Central Highlands.

WHERE CAN YOU FIND US?

Our town is located on the Capricorn Highway about 170 kilometres west of Rockhampton. Travelling to our east, we are 20 kilometres from Blackwater and 95 kilometres from Emerald.

The busy Bluff Railway Station is a prominent landmark in our community and an important railway interchange point for the Central Queensland region.

HOW DID BLUFF BEGIN?

We live on ancient land, which has been evidenced by the discovery of amphibian fossils near the headwaters of Duckworth Creek, southwest of Bluff.

Indigenous people lived in this area for thousands of years leaving artefacts in the nearby Blackdown Tablelands National Park.

Sparse pastoral settlement took place from the 1860's onwards. In those early days, our town was known as Duckworth Creek. After the arrival of the railway from Rockhampton in 1877, we were renamed after 'Arthur's Bluff' hill.

We have had a long association with coal mining, which started in the early 1900s and by 1950 five collieries were operating around Bluff. In the 1970s, as large open-cut mines commenced operation in the Blackwater area, additional rail

lines were built to service these mines and we became the central interchange point.

Today, this remains Bluff's primary function with trains over two kilometres long transporting coal from the vast Bowen Basin to the international shipping port at Gladstone 150 kilometres away.

WHAT MAKES OUR COMMUNITY UNIQUE?

We are proud of our railway heritage and value our reputation as a tourist destination for train enthusiasts.

We also value the many projects and facilities our community has worked hard to establish and maintain including the Bluff Cemetery.

Our population totalled 504 by 2010 with 413 people living in Bluff and 91 in the surrounding rural area.

We are protective of our safe, quiet environment and our excellent school. Bluff is a family-focussed community and an ideal place to raise children.

We enjoy our recreation and sporting activities such as tennis, athletics, soccer and touch football. We are especially supportive of the Bluff Rabbitohs, the local rugby league team.

We are passionate about supporting our volunteers including the Country Women's Association (CWA) and hosting community events such as our annual race day. Our community spirit shines through each year when we 'light up' our town with an array of Christmas Lights.

We enjoy taking advantage of the magnificent Blackdown Tablelands National Park for swimming, bushwalking and camping.



Signpost to Bluff



WHERE DO OUR PEOPLE LIVE AND WORK?

Visiting Bluff Railway Station is like being immersed in a full-scale model railway. Our community is a thriving railway town with a large majority of our workforce employed by Queensland Rail.

While the railway remains the economic backbone of our community, a growing number of people work in the mining industry.

The Bluff area incorporates a number of large grazing properties. The town has a hotel, family store, motel, post office and school which also offer employment opportunities.

HOW DO WE GET AROUND?

Although we are 'The Railway Town', road travel is our main means of personal transport.

We are a short drive from Blackwater where we can access additional shopping, health services and entertainment. We are also located close to Rockhampton and Emerald, which are major centres offering more specialised services and airports.

A school bus collects children from outer laying areas to attend the Bluff State Primary School, then takes other students on to Blackwater for High School.

BLUFF – A JOURNEY INTO THE FUTURE.

As we look to the future, we will continue to foster a vibrant caring community that celebrates its railway heritage while enjoying the benefits of an active rural lifestyle.

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 people.

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