



Signpost to Rolleston



ROLLESTON

We are a friendly rural community living near the spectacular Carnarvon Range and in one of the best cattle producing areas in Central Highlands.

WHERE CAN YOU FIND US?

We are located 140km south east of Emerald and 70 km from Springsure. We are situated at the junction of the Dawson and Carnarvon Highways on the headwaters of the Comet River.

Our town lays at the northern gateway to the world renowned Carnarvon National Park.

HOW DID ROLLESTON BEGIN?

The traditional owners of the area lived across vast tracks of land surrounding Rolleston including the Carnarvon and Expedition Ranges.

The first know European to explore the district was Ludwig Leichhardt who named the Expedition Range and the Brown River in 1844. Our town was originally named Brown Town but later renamed Rolleston after one of the original settlers, Christopher Rolleston.

During the 1860s the first pastoral properties established in the area grazed sheep and then later cattle. Rolleston played a key roll as a service centre when cattle were first transported by road from the area.

During the 1920's, the enormous pastoral holdings were leased as smaller properties as the area continued to develop and prosper.

The boundary rider's hut from 'Purbook' stands restored in Beazley Park as a reminder of the area's pioneering heritage.

WHAT MAKES OUR COMMUNITY UNIQUE?

We are a caring, friendly and close knit community who enjoy living in a safe environment. By 2010, our population reached 331.

We also have a long history of community involvement and working together in times of adversity and opportunity. We have united and worked as a team to rise to challenges, acknowledge our successes and secure many community facilities for our town.

We are proud of our vibrant history and work hard to preserve our heritage. Tourists and visitors are always welcome as we enjoy sharing stories and information about the area with them.

Our community benefits from many pro-active recreational, arts and sporting groups who nurture the skills and interests of their members.

We value family life and support our school, where we also host wider community initiatives. We enjoy accessing facilities such as the library, swimming pool, sporting fields and tennis court.

With the Carnarvon National Park in our backyard we can go bushwalking and camping in this spectacular place. Our rural setting also offers recreational activities such as 4-wheel driving and horse riding.

WHERE DO OUR PEOPLE LIVE AND WORK?

Many of our people work in the pastoral and agricultural sectors with increasing numbers working in the mining sector.

The beef cattle industry is a major part of the area's economy as well as raising crops such as sorghum, sunflowers and cotton.



The Xstrata Rolleston mine is an open cut coal mine located less than 20kms from the town, which provides additional employment in our area.

We have a general store, hotel and petrol station. So people also work to provide services and support for our local community.

Rolleston is a welcome stopping point for the many tourists wanting to visit the area's pristine natural attractions such as Carnarvon and Expedition National Parks and Lake Nugga Nugga.

HOW DO WE GET AROUND?

Roads are the main form of transport in our area and a vital link to surrounding centres. Emerald and Springsure are to our north and the closest towns to Rolleston.

While Emerald is a service hub for the Central Highlands region, this closeness enables us to use the airport, access specialist services, shopping and other facilities when needed.

We have a landing strip for light planes and small boats for river crossings. We are always prepared as we know heavy rains and flooding can cut us off for several days or longer.

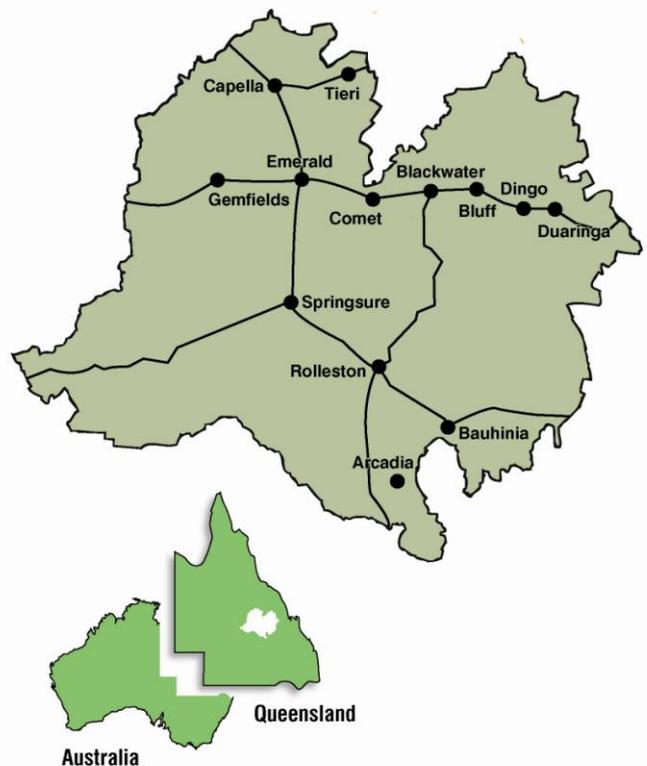
There is significant movement of cattle by road trains in the area, which often make regular trips to major centres for cattle sales.

School buses also operate collecting children for school in Rolleston and high school at Springsure.

ROLLESTON – A JOURNEY INTO THE FUTURE.

As we look to the future, we will continue to benefit from our strong united community, value our natural environment and prosper from the diverse economic activities in our area.

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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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