Gurulmundi State Forest

Get Out of Town

GULUGUBA - A small settlement on the Leichhardt Highway (between Wandoan and Miles) and home to just over 40 families. Guluguba came into being with the coming of the railway. The branch line from Miles to Juandah (now called Wandoan) being opened on 16 December 1914. Guluguba is an aboriginal word meaning squatter pigeon. Known for its cattle and grain production, Guluguba was a thriving farming area.

MILES - Originally named Dogwood Crossing in 1844 by explorer Ludwig Leichhardt, Miles was later named in honour of William Miles, Minister for the Railways and local Member of Parliament. Its wide streets are a legacy of the time when bullock wagons turned here at the teamsters camp. Explore the pioneering era buildings at the remarkable Miles Historical Village Museum, catch an exhibition at Dogwood Crossing @ Miles or take a stroll along the Dogwood Creek Walking Track to view the spectacular native waterlilies on Chinaman's Lagoon.

MILES - GURULMUNDI - WILDFLOWER TOUR (105.6km round trip). Why not venture off the main highways to immerse yourself in the true heart of the Western Downs with a self-guided tourist drive to view the wildflowers during spring.

Wandoan

WATERLOO PLAIN

Waterloo Plain

ℹ️ ASK A LOCAL

We hope you enjoy your stay. The information is a guide only. Always drive to conditions and if in doubt, ask a local!

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OPENING HOURS:
Open when volunteers available, information signs in the park when centre is closed.

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Explore
WANDOAN

Welcome to Wandoan! We invite you to explore our town and surrounding district.

Experience Western Downs

It's the people that make it.

Things to See and Do

1. **Wandoan Windmill & Visitor Information Centre** This iconic windmill marks the entrance to Wandoan and stands next to the Visitor Information Centre. The mill has a 40-foot tower, a wheel diameter of 27-feet. The mill was originally erected to pump water from a bore on "Bungaban" station. The Visitor Information Centre is housed within the original Juandah Railway Station building which was relocated to this spot in 2008.

2. **Mick the Dog & O'Sullivan Park** The family friendly O'Sullivan Park is home to the Visitor Information Centre, Wandoan Skate Park, excellent amenities, play equipment and our cherished statue of Mick the dog.

3. **Water Tower** The beautiful mural painted on one of the storage tanks acknowledges the story of our early settlers, the people from our district who served in the Wars and our industries.

4. **Cultural Centre & Wandoan Heritage Stone** Opened in December 1987. Located in the quiet courtyard of the Centre is a huge piece of local sandstone with the history of our district depicted on its face.

5. **Old Town Hall** Old Town Hall was built in 1939. An official Opening Ball was held with local people providing the music. The hall continued to be an important social venue until 1987.

6. **Waterloo Plain Environmental Park** This man-made lake has a central island for the protection of birdlife. The park area has exercise stations, picnic tables and free camping for caravans and RV's.

7. **Wandoan War Memorial Showgrounds** This was named in memory of the local men and women who had served their country in the Wars. The showgrounds have been known to host State Polocrosse Championships as well as the annual Wandoan Polocrosse Carnival, Wandoan Diggers Race Day and Wandoan Show.

8. **Juandah Historical Site** This is the scene of the first European settlement here in the late 1840s. With some original buildings and structures still intact or carefully retained, and a Folk Museum capturing social history with beautifully displayed heritage items, it is well worth a look inside these grounds.

Wandoan

Wandoan traces its European origins back to Ludwig Leichhardt's journey from Jimbour to Port Essington which passed through the region in 1844. The land grab which followed in the wake of Leichhardt's glowing report on the area resulted in the establishment of Juandah Station, the first European settlement of the area. The station eventually grew into a settlement and after the coming of the railway in 1914, expanded into a township which was renamed Wandoan in 1926.

Juandah Historical Site