

Experience Dalby

It's the
people that
make it.

Dalby Heritage Trail

Take a pleasant walk around some of Dalby's historical buildings, homes and Churches.

Below are a list of places of interest along the walk.

Begin your trail at picturesque Myall Creek Parkland.

Approximately 4km in length, be sure to read the historic plaques along the way.

1 Cactoblastis Cairn

In 1925, Prickly Pear which was the greatest example of any noxious plant invasion known to man, infested 50 million acres of land in Queensland. Dalby and surrounding districts all suffered during this ecological disaster and for many years the districts referred to this period as B.C or A.C, before or after Cactoblastis.

Dalby proudly boasts the only cairn to have ever been erected in commemoration of an insect, which brought an end to the farmland devastation. The unique cactoblastis memorial cairn can be found on the bank of the Myall Creek.

2 Anzac Park War Memorial

Situated in Anzac Park, is the bronze digger War Memorial. This "digger" statue is rare, being one of only two in Queensland cast in bronze. The foundation stone was laid on 11 December 1920 and the Memorial Gates carry the dates 1914 and 1919. The Treaty of Peace signifying the official end of the Great War was signed on 28 June 1919, although the Armistice to end fighting had been signed on 11 November 1918. This explains why some memorials carry the dates 1914 – 1919, while most carry the dates 1914 – 1918.

The park honours the 64 service personnel from Dalby who lost their lives in the Great War, 66 from World War 11, and one each in the Korean and Vietnam Wars respectively.

3 George Anderson Memorial Park

Honouring their son Flight Lieutenant George Anderson who was killed in service during WWII the George Anderson Memorial park was officially opened on July 15, 1951. The land donated to the Dalby Municipal Council by his parents Mr & Mrs WJ Anderson.

The park is well appreciated and used as a place for rest and recreation. It also forms the location of many events such as Dalby's Delicious & DeLIGHTful festival and is an integral part of the beauty of Myall Creek Parklands.



4 Dalby Railway

The railway line opened to Dalby in April 1868 and remained a major rail centre until the westward extension of the line in 1876.

The original 1868 station was replaced with a more substantial wooden building in 1913-1914 but was destroyed by fire on 16 January 1930. Today's existing station and platform was later built, in pre-cast concrete that same year.

The major significance of the railway station being that when the station was built, Dalby had 700 people, and by the end it had boomed to 4000. The Railway station was built primarily for the wool trade and at the time "Wool was like Gold" was a valuable commodity.

5 Wendy's On Cunningham

Built in the late 1880s Wendy's is one of the oldest remaining buildings in Cunningham Street today. In 1916 a disastrous fire broke out in the main street which led to at least a dozen adjoining properties being destroyed, this building spared only by its firewall and the efforts of the "bucket brigade".

Proudly known as EJ Ogden's Draper from 1912-1993 this business continues to specialise in mens and womens clothing, fabric, work wear and accessories today. Purchased by the Jiggins family in 1993, be sure to stop in at Wendy's and see the cash dispenser display, pressed tin ceiling and history of this amazing retail beauty.

6 CBC Bank Building

Situated beside Dalby Florist and the soon to be new public space project at 120 Cunningham Street (former Mary's Commercial Hotel site), the Dalby Branch of the Commercial Banking Company was built and opened in 1908 still features stained glass window, pressed steel walls and ceilings and retains the original bank safe. A snow porch over the front door a unique building feature in a warm western town. A cutting from a paper in 1979 states the porch was probably designed by an Englishman who expected it to snow here.

7 Early Dalby Hotel Scene

The Country Club originally the sight of the Dalby Arms Hotel in 1858 is recognised in Dalby's history for organising the first ever race meeting in July 1859. Built in 1912 the Country Club now stands as one of the oldest remaining hotels in Dalby.

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8 St Joseph's Catholic Church

A beautiful sample of Romanesque Architecture, this church was opened on 14 December, 1921 by Archbishop Duhig. The beautiful Rose window on the back wall is a memorial to the fallen of World War 1. The 12 panels depict different aspects of the Passion of our Lord.

9 St John's Anglican Church

The first Church of England know building was established in Dalby in 1866. The fine brick building know as St John's was erected in 1922 and the Parish was constituted as the Brotherhood of St John in 1938. Built from timber which was pit-sawn at the Bunya Mountains, the greater part of the interior is Cedar.

10 Quambi House

Built in 1914, Quambi House was fully restored and is now a contemporary, award winning, family friendly café and boutique. Be sure to enjoy a refreshing drink, steaming cup of Di Bella Coffee or signature chef specials to complete your journey.



More places to explore in our region

1 Bunya Mountains

The Bunya Mountains is a spectacular wilderness range forming an isolated section of the Great Dividing Range. Situated about 150km from the east coast, the range sits almost centrally between Kingaroy and Dalby. The Bunya Mountains are pristine, peaceful and spectacular.



2 Chinchilla Botanic Parkland



There are plenty of fun activities at the parkland! Be sure to pack your swimmers to cool off at the watermelon themed water play area, complete with a watermelon shaped tipping bucket. Come and meet the Diprotodon — a mega-marsupial 80 times larger than its closest living relative; the wombat.

3 Miles Historical Village Museum

Recognised as one of Australia's best Historical Villages, experience early history at the Miles Historical Village Museum. With over 30 buildings and countless displays, this complex has become an important tourist destination and preservation of history





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