

# The Wild Dog Barrier Fence Time Line

- 1880** ● Built during the 1880s and finished in 1885
- 1930** ● Up until 1930 there was estimated to be 32,000km of dog netting in the state
- 1948** ● The Dingo Fence Scheme was first proposed in 1948
- 1950s** ● Completed in the late 1950s
- 1970** ● The Fence was generally maintained but in early 1970s regular instances occurred where landholders failed to maintain the fence
- 1975** ● In 1975 an estimated cost of repairs was \$915,000.  
The estimated cost of wild dogs to rural industries of Queensland is between \$40 million and \$50 million annually
- 1978** ● In 1978 Stock Routes and Rural Lands Protection Board was formed
- 1981** ● In 1981 survey of the existing fence was carried out. It was determined that due to extensive deterioration and rough terrain, a plan was devised to shorten the fence.  
  
Total length to be reconstructed and maintained 2,125 km  
  
Funding of \$3.6 million over 3 years was provided  
  
The fence now only provides protection to southern sheep producing areas
- 1983** ● In 1983 7.3 million stock were protected by fence
- 1999** ● In 1999 5.9 million stock were protected by fence



## VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRES



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# Wild Dog BARRIER FENCE



**Welcome to Jandowae! Home of the  
World's Longest Fence.**

**Western Downs**  
Queensland



## The History

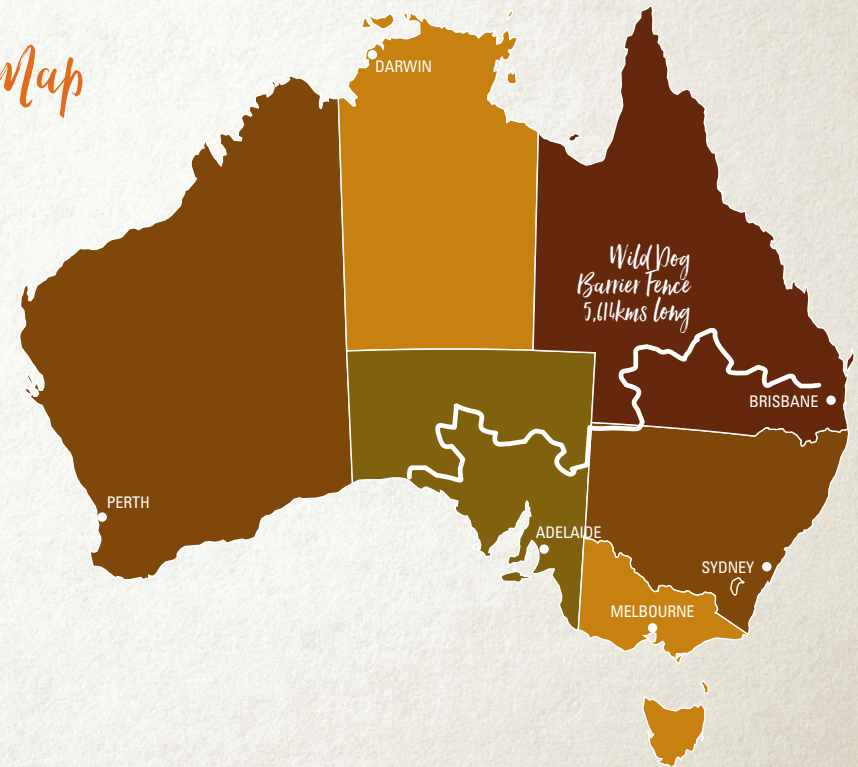
Did you know that Australia is home to the second longest man-made structure in the world? **The Wild Dog Barrier Fence**, also known as **The Dingo Fence** was erected during the 1880's to keep dingos out of the relatively fertile south-east part of the continent and to protect the sheep flocks of Southern Queensland. It stretches 5,614km, although at one stage it did stretch for over 8,000km. The fence passes through Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia.

Here in the **Western Downs** you can find the start of the northern end of the Dingo Fence, located between **Jandowae** and **Jimbour**. It extends through thousands of kilometres of arid land, ending west of Eyre Peninsula, on the cliffs of the Nullarbor Plains and above the Great Australian Bight some 5,614km away.

The fence line is cleared on both sides to a width of 5 metres. It has been constructed using wooden posts, strainers, star pickets, wire and different types and sizes of netting. The fence is nearly 2 metres (6ft) high and extends approximately 30cm underground to prevent dingos and wild dogs digging under it. The fence is maintained by eight teams of men who patrol their section of the fence each week and is funded by Local and State Governments.

In the township of **Jandowae** a dingo sculpture surrounded by a replica of the fence, as it stood in 1948, has been erected to commemorate this nearby landmark. The sculpture is located on the corner of George and High Streets opposite the **Jandowae Cultural Centre**. Following the sign posts 19.6km along the Dalby-Jandowae Road brings you to the corner post marking the start of the fence. There is access to a 110km stretch that you are able to drive along - this is an unsealed road and subject to weather conditions.

## Wild Dog Barrier Fence Map



## Quick Facts

- ❓ To protect livestock the Australian Government built a 5,614 km long dingo fence, however at one time it did stretch for over 8,000 km
- ❓ The Dingo Fence is one of the longest structures on the planet and the world's longest fence
- ❓ The fence is nearly 2 metres (6ft) high and extends approximately 30 cm underground to keep the dingo from digging under it
- ❓ The fence helped to reduce losses of sheep to predators
- ❓ It was only partly successful as Dingos can still be found in parts of the southern states to this day

# DINGO BARRIER FENCE

