



Tara Lagoon

Brigalow Creek

Get Out of Town

SUNSET WAY

Extend your trip by travelling the Sunset Way! With so much to see and do, this drive trail is a favourite for grey nomads and caravanning enthusiasts who love to be immersed in the outdoors. Tara Lagoon, Brigalow Creek and Caliguel Lagoon are just some of the low-cost camping options with sunsets and bird life that will take your breath away.

WESTMAR

With its name derived from the first part of the words WESTern and MARanoa, Westmar is situated around 45 minutes west of Moonie. The Andersen brothers, owners of Western and Maranoa Transport companies, opened a fuel depot and rest stop at this location.

The Westmar Roadhouse is a community icon and offers everything from fuel and groceries to a warm country-style meal and a cold beer. Free bush camping is also available opposite the Westmar Roadhouse with toilet facilities handy too.

LAKE BROADWATER RECREATION RESERVE

Just 30kms from Dalby, Lake Broadwater is a hugely popular spot for campers, bird enthusiasts, and grey nomads. Set amongst a peaceful natural environment, Lake Broadwater is the only large naturally occurring freshwater lake in the Western Downs. A camper's delight, the lake grounds offer clean and well-maintained showers, toilets, camp kitchen, fire pits, and playground. Friendly caretakers Megan and Tim are on site and ready to greet you. No domestic animals permitted.

CROPPING

Be sure to pick up your copy of our seasonal guide to agriculture from the Visitor Information Centre and be on the lookout for sorghum (formerly known as milo), mung beans, cotton, oats, and barley, to name a few grown in and around Moonie.



Moonie Crossroads Bar

MOONIE

Situated at the intersection of the Leichhardt and Moonie Highways, the town's name is inspired by the Moonie River, which was first recorded as Mooni by Sir Thomas Mitchell in November 1846 when he passed through the region.

The first recorded European settlement in the Moonie district was in about 1849 when land at the head of the Moonie River was formed into a station and named "Weranga".



Moonie Yabbie Races Celebrations



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!

Moonie Rural Transaction Centre and Visitor Information Centre

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OPENING HOURS:

Monday - Friday 9am–3pm

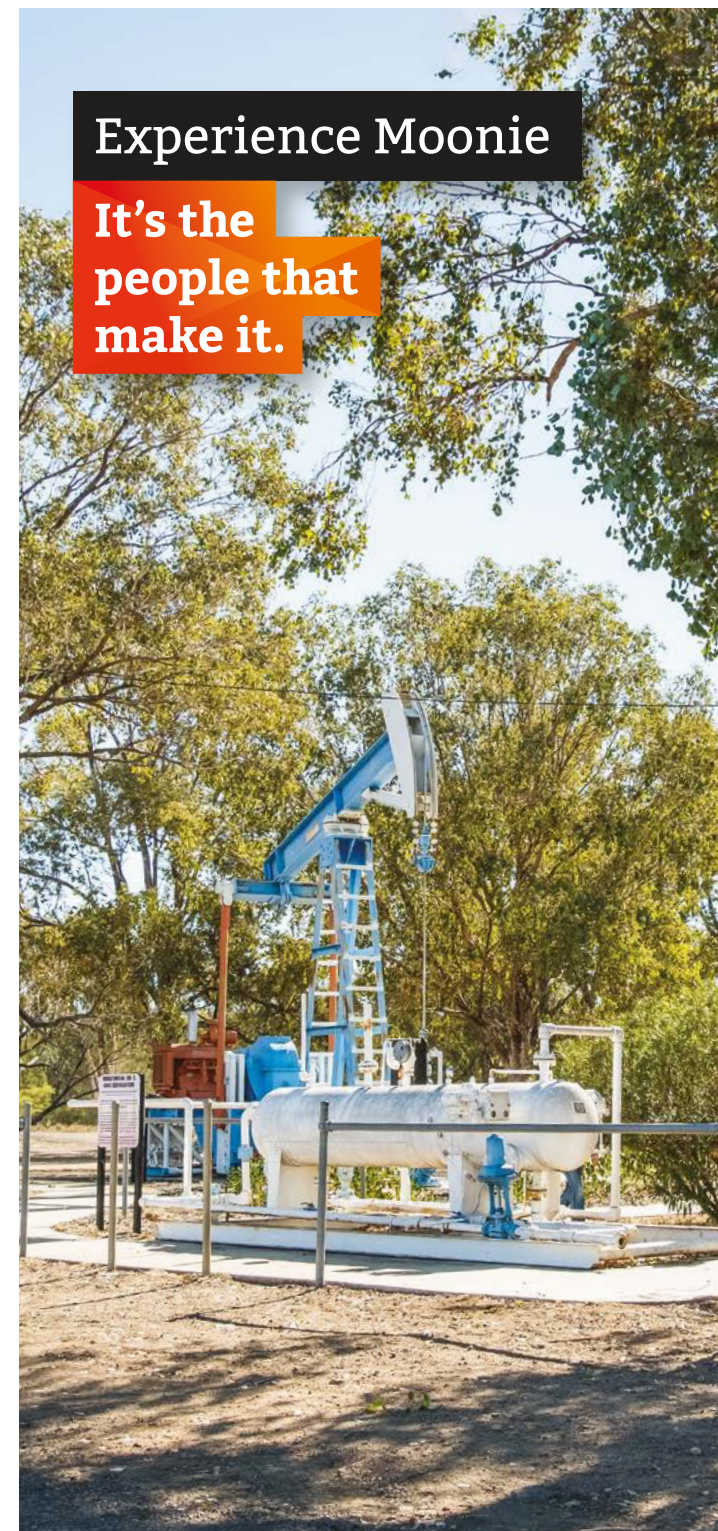
Saturday 10am–2pm Sunday 9am–12pm*

*Weekend opening hours are subject to change.



Experience Moonie

It's the people that make it.





1 MOONIE RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE

A multi-purpose facility for visitors and locals offering visitor information, souvenirs, artisan gifts and locally made produce, as well as library and postal services. Learn about the history of the Moonie Oilfields on the interpretive panels decorating the centre.

With the Moonie and Weir Rivers both close by, this region is renowned for its fishing, birdwatching, and stargazing. Be sure to pop in and discover that secret (or not-so-secret) fishing spot to hook a photo worthy Yellowbelly or Cod!



Moonie Rural Transaction Centre

2 HISTORY OF THE MOONIE PIPELINE

Moonie is home to Australia's very first onshore oilfield which was established in 1961. In the first four years, 17 wells were drilled and of which 15 successfully produced black gold.

Extraction commenced in 1964 when the production station and pipeline were completed. Production peaked in the late 1960s at around 9500 barrels of oil per day. At the end of 2008, the production rate had declined to 200 barrels per day.

Of the 38 wells drilled to-date, 32 have produced oil. Based on drilling forecasts, production will continue until the field reaches its economic limit in 2059.

The discovery of oil at Moonie is recognised as one of the most profoundly significant events in Australian history, so be sure and grab a selfie at the Oil Rig during your travels!

Fun Fact

Did you know? On her tour to Queensland in March 1963, Queen Elizabeth unveiled a plaque on Bulwer Island, at the mouth of the Brisbane River, to commemorate the nation's first commercial oil strike at Moonie!

Things to See and Do



3 THE BIG YABBIE "KNOWN TO LOCALS AS CLAWDIA"

And they're racing! Not an unusual call in the horseracing obsessed country, but in Moonie the highlight of the year is the Yabbie Races! Billed as the race that stops the outback, Moonie Yabbie Races are a one-of-a-kind quirky country event held biennially in March by the Moonie Sports Club.

Usually found in dams, these freshwater crustaceans are put to the test in an iconic six race program.

If you can't make it out for the races, catch yourself a photo with the "Clawdia", near the Moonie Visitor Information Centre.

To sink your claws further into what's on in region be sure to pick up your copy of the Experience Events Brochure or visit QR Code.

www.westerndownsqueensland.com.au/western-downs-events/



4 MOONIE CROSSROADS

The Moonie Crossroads is a unique Aussie experience and a welcome stopping point for grey nomads, visitors and weary truckers.

This one stop café, motel, caravan park, licenced hotel and fuel station offers ice cold beers, coffee to rival any city coffee house, great steaks and an ambience that reflects our true country hospitality.

Bursting with character, stories of emergency landings, brilliant murals, hunting trophies from pig hunting enthusiasts and fishing hopefuls, this place offers a signature experience.