

Cloncurry

Cloncurry is an outback copper mining town known as the 'friendly heart of the North West'. Until the advent of Mt Isa, the town was the largest settlement in North West Queensland. It has ties to three important parts of Australian history: the travels and adventures of Burke and Wills; the beginnings of Qantas; and the development of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.



Where to visit

Enjoy some of the natural beauty of the Queensland outback. Go for a walk and check out the bird life and throw in a line and catch a barramundi at the Chinaman Creek Dam and Recreational Area. Or try your luck with fossicking at Fountain Springs or Corella Creek (permits may be required).

What to do

Experience the warmth and hospitality of Cloncurry.



Cloncurry – experience the warmth of an outback town!



Historical Cloncurry

Cloncurry is proud of its link to Australian history. Visit the Mary Kathleen Memorial Park to see the display on Burke and Wills, who were the first Europeans to travel through the area.

At the Qantas hanger there is a monument to commemorate the first ever flight of the airline, which took place between Longreach and Cloncurry on 3 November 1922.

The John Flynn Place Museum and Art Gallery commemorates the founding of the Royal Flying Doctor Service – its first ever flight took place in Cloncurry on 15 May 1928.

Mining attractions

Copper was discovered in Cloncurry in 1867, and the town quickly became one of the most prosperous in the region. There are many places in and around Cloncurry that you can visit to find out more about these early days. The Cloncurry area is rich in mineral resources and today is in the midst of a mining boom. Take a tour of Xstrata's Ernest Henry Mine and check out the open-cut mine in action.

Entertainment

Like many outback towns, Cloncurry has a wide range of community events and festivals on the calendar. One of the biggest is the Cloncurry Merry Muster weekend which includes street festivals, Ute shows, horse races and the rodeo.

Throughout the year you'll also have a number of opportunities to dress up for a day at the races - racing in the Cloncurry district dates all the way back to the 1880s.

Gem and mining enthusiasts have to check out the Rockhana Gem and Mineral Festival.

For a regular day out - the monthly markets at Mary Kathleen Park showcase a variety of food and craft stalls.

Sports and recreation

Cloncurry has a wealth of community groups where you can meet and participate in sports and activities with the locals. Both Rotary and Lions meet regularly, as do the Eagles Football Club, Junior Soccer Group, Girl Guides, Campdraft and Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC). The PCYC hosts a variety of activities to keep you fit, including boxing, aerobics, judo, indoor soccer, indoor netball, volleyball, basketball, and ballet. For those who enjoy getting out on the water Cloncurry's Chinamen Creek Dam is the perfect spot to relax with friends and family. The Dam is a great place to enjoy water sports, hiking, have a picnic or barbecue with friends and of course fishing – you might even catch a barramundi!

