## TOP THINGS TO DO IN YELARBON



### YELARBON GRAINCORP SILO ART



This iconic artwork is titled "When the Rain Comes", and depicts a small boy sailing a home-made paper boat on the Yelarbon Lagoon. The newspaper used to create the paper boat is based on fragments found in the old gaol to symbolise the history of the region. The silos are visible as you drive into Yelarbon and there is a viewing area that explains the story of the artwork, just on the Cunningham Highway where you can pull up, stretch your legs and admire the vibrant art among the backdrop of spinifex country. The viewing area is also home to an Artefacts Museum, an old weighbridge, and information about the Yelarbon town, making this an ideal place to stop.

**Address:** The viewing area is located directly over the road, across from the silos on the Cunningham Highway.

### YELARBON RECREATION RESERVE



Pull up your caravan or pitch your tent at the Yelarbon Recreation Reserve low cost camp grounds. Powered sites are available for a small daily fee and well-mannered pets are welcome. The original Yelarbon Railway Station building has been relocated to the Recreation Reserve and provides facilities for travellers including toilets, hot showers and tourist information, all maintained by local volunteers. The original Yelarbon gaol has been made into a museum showcasing the gaol's original set-up, a variety of old machinery and plenty of interesting facts.

Address: 26 Wyemo Street, Yelarbon QLD 4388

### YELARBON LAGOON



The Yelarbon lagoon has always been a feature of the area with the town named after the lagoon in the local indigenous language. The town's establishment was due to this permanent water source where the large river gums fringe the waterline. This is an ideal place to stop and stretch your legs, enjoy a BBQ and do a spot of bird watching. There is plenty of shade for travellers, a well-maintained grass area, a walking track, and skate park.

Address: Lagoon Street, Yelarbon QLD 4388

### **OASIS HOTEL MOTEL**

Take a break and stop in at the Oasis Hotel Motel. Enjoy a chat with the friendly staff and rejuvenate with an affordable meal, refreshments and stay a night or two in the accommodation available. There is a large mural located on the wall of the Oasis Hotel Motel which depicts a charming local scene of mates enjoying a beverage among the backdrop of the region's country side.

Address: 12 Taloom Street, Yelarbon QLD 4388



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### YELARBON DESERT AND SPINIFEX COUNTRY

The town of Yelarbon is located on the northern edge of a geologically distinct area called the Yelarbon Desert. It is characterised by a naturally occurring salinity scald, and this naturally hostile environment results in unique vegetation and habitat including spinifex. Seven species of frogs, seven species of reptiles, a native mouse-sized marsupial and nearly sixty bird species can be found in this harsh environment. Stop at the spinifex sign and stretch your legs with a stroll through the spinifex and spot some local wildlife.

**Address:** You will see the spinifex sign via the Border Rivers Tourist Drive approximately 1 km along on the left.

### **DINGO BARRIER FENCE**

The old strainer post marks the end of the original Dingo Barrier Fence that, at its construction, was the longest fence in the world being 8320 km in length. Along with the strainer post you will also find a replica of the old fence, and creative silhouettes of dingoes, kangaroo and sheep. The Dingo Barrier Fence started at the Great Australian Bight in the south west of South Australia and ran across the state to the north west, New South Wales border. It then ran into Queensland and up to Cloncurry before starting south to terminate at Yelarbon. Today, sheep flocks in Queensland, New South Wales, and South Australia are still protected by

**Address:** The old strainer post can be found on Railway Parade just off the Cunningham Highway.



### YELARBON MEMORIAL PARK

a slightly shorter version of the fence.

The memorial park has facilities for travellers including picnic tables, toilets, play equipment, and shaded spaces. Why not learn some of Yelarbon's war history in the Yelarbon Soldiers Memorial Hall.

Address: 14 Taloom Street, Yelarbon QLD 4388

### DESERT JEWELS BIODIVERSITY WALK (YELARBON RECREATION RESERVE)

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Come and experience the hidden treasures to be discovered in this unassuming place. Showcasing a variety of habitats and vegetation types including important Brigalow and Pilliga Grey Box woodlands, unique salinity scald scrublands and fragile wetlands. The Yelarbon Recreation Reserve is easily accessible, the 500-metre walk is suitable for all fitness levels, and its educational signage makes exploring effortless. Discover the frogs, reptiles, marsupials, and the many bird species that call the common home.

**Address:** The Yelarbon Recreation Reserve can be found on the eastern side of the silos on East Sawmill Road, the walk is accessible from the car park at the gate to the common.

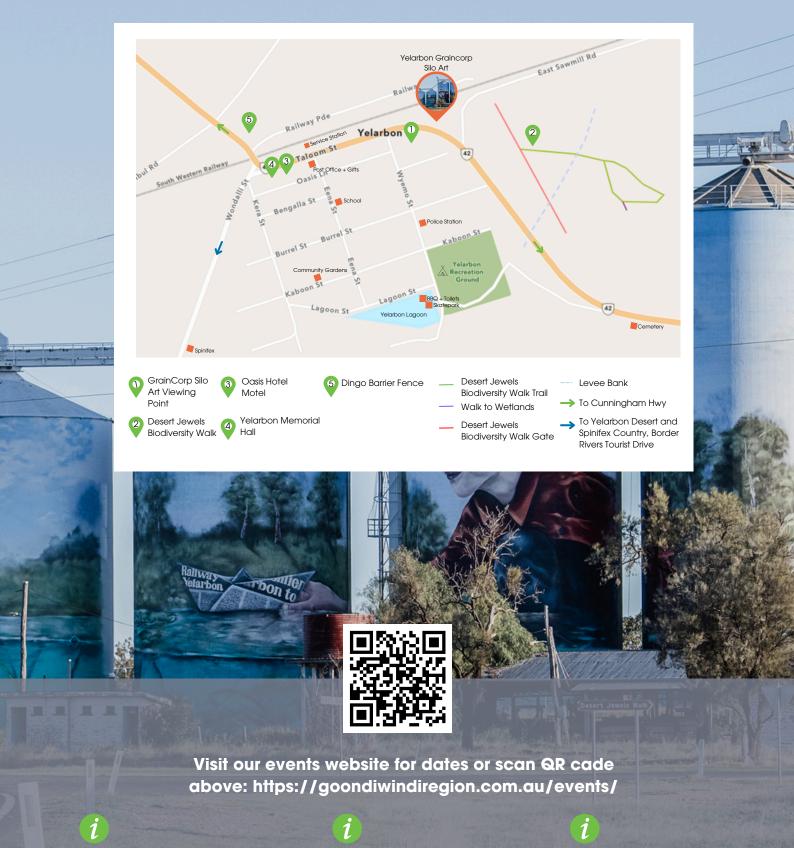
### **BORDER RIVERS TOURIST DRIVE**

Take the scenic, alternate route to Goondiwindi via the Border Rivers Tourist Drive. This sealed bitumen road follows the river with access to some brilliant camping and fishing spots. In season you will also be able to view and appreciate the stunning cotton and wheat crops in the fields beside the road.

Address: Clear signage for Border Rivers Tourist Drive, tourist drive 3, can be followed off the Cunningham Highway.



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