

## The Details

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Suited For Children: Yes  
Disabled Access: Yes

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## THE ECONOMY

When you think of what makes the wheels of the Australian economy turn today, most people think of mining and agriculture. But in the 1930's the rabbit industry was at the top.

The Texas Rabbit Works continues to record the history of the rabbit industry both locally and nationally.

Officially opened on 13th May 2017, this largely intact example of the struggle to control the rabbit plague and the industry that developed as a result is a must-see on your visit to Texas.



*A truly  
Unique Visitor  
Experience*

Venture back in time by entering this unique old building. Learn about the feral rabbit industry and the vital role it played in local and Australian history.

*"Listen to some of the stories  
- Leave some of your own".*





*Time  
Capsule*

## A THRIVING INDUSTRY

Built in 1928 the Texas Rabbit Works is the last feral rabbit processing works remaining in Australia. The business ceased operation in 1992 but during the period between 1930 and 1960 this was a thriving industry when rabbits were in plague proportions throughout the district.

Employing 33 people and processing 6,000 rabbits a day the rabbit works was a major business in the area.

## SURVIVING THE DEPRESSION

Like many communities in the southern parts of Australia, the Texas community survived the great depression by trapping and selling rabbits for export to America and England.

Restoration of the building began in 2002 and in 2016; Texas Qld Inc. and the Goondiwindi Regional Council began a major refurbishment project to retain this unique piece of Australian history.



In a period where the economy suffered, workers of all trades found they could earn more money through trapping rabbits rather than pursuing their normal occupation. Entire families would rabbit together, regularly earning up to the equivalent of AUD900 a week.

