



# Medical Officer Opportunities

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“The Gregory River”



“Lawn Hill Gorge”



“Waterfalls at Lawn Hill”

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## Have you ever thought of an “Outback Medical Adventure”?



As the Executive Director of Medical Services in the North West Hospital and Health Service I encourage you to think about how you could apply your skills and make a real difference in a varied and vibrant community.

The community of the North West includes a large proportion of our Nation’s first people as well as a broad multicultural community who value the care and the professionalism of staff who work within NWHHS.

Our motto – “North West is the best” relates to the reputation we strive to maintain as a place where you learn and work to provide the best possible health services to the community; learning about the rural and remote challenges and the diseases and health needs we seek to address. You will learn a great deal, see a great deal and all under the watchful professional eyes of our committed and experienced Clinical Directors as well as of course myself. Possible career paths are varied and many for any medical officer working in NWHHS as many know the extremely firm clinical base which we build.

Rich and “hands on” experience in our region is well regarded as it represents a well-supported clinical experience which is enjoyed by the many who have passed through our facilities. So if you want real and varied clinical experience, work in a close multidisciplinary team and get the personalized supervision and imparting of wisdom from rural and remote practitioners then consider North West as a place to choose for a posting. Many have come to visit; some have come to love the outback life and stayed much longer than they thought and all have had the opportunity to make a positive difference.

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## Location Information

### Mt Isa



## Legend

 Hospital	 Health Service	 Outpatients Clinic
 Medical Service	 Family Centre	 District Boundary
 Primary Health Care Centre	 Centre	 Tourist Information
 Health Clinic	 Clinic	

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## Clinical Service Profile

### Services include

Accident and Emergency; Aged Care; Anaesthetics; Community Health; Day Surgery; Dental Care; Dietetics; Family Planning; General Medicine, General Surgery, Intensive Care, Maternity; Medical Imaging inc. CT, USS, Echo; Mental Health; Occupational Therapy; Oncology; Outpatients; Paediatrics; Palliative Care; Pathology; Pharmacy; Physiotherapy; Podiatry; Renal Unit; Sexual Health; Social Work; Speech Therapy; Multiple additional specialist services are provided on an outreach basis from Townsville, Cairns and Brisbane.

### Clinical

Our resident population includes a large number of Aboriginal people. Mount Isa is a land of the Kalkadoon people. The Medical staff will become familiar with indigenous health issues and management, as well as rural and remote practice.

Case management will include multiple chronic health problems such as Rheumatic Heart Disease, Diabetes and its associated complications (heart, liver and renal disease) as well as multiple other health problems including Mental Health, addiction, and many others.



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## Structure

### Mt Isa based

- 1 x Executive Director of Medical Services
- 1 x Director of Rural Services
- 1 x Director of Clinical Training

### Mt Isa Hospital

#### Anesthetics Department

- 1 x Staff Specialist – Director of Anesthetics
- 1 x Staff Specialist – Anesthetist
- 1 x Rural Generalist
  - » General Practice – Anesthetics
- 1 x Registrar (JCCA training pathway)
- 1 x Resident Medical Officer (Rotational)

#### Emergency Department

- 1 x Staff Specialist – Director of Emergency
- 4 x Staff Specialist – Emergency Medicine
- 4 x Rural Generalist
  - » General Practice – Obstetrics and Gynecology
  - » General Practice – Anesthetics
  - » General Practice – Mental Health
  - » General Practice – Emergency Medicine
  - » General Practice – Internal Medicine
  - » General Practice – Pediatrics
  - » General Practice – Indigenous Health
- 4 x Registrars (Emergency Medicine training pathway)
- 5 x Registrars/PHO (AST in Emergency Medicine training pathway)
- 9 x Resident Medical Officer (Rotational)
- 2 x Interns (Rotational)
- 2 x Interns (Rotation from Mater Brisbane)

#### Mental Health

- 1 x Staff Specialist – Director of Mental Health
- 2 x Staff Specialist – Psychiatrist

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## Medical Department

- 1 x Staff Specialist – Director of Medicine
- 1 x Staff Specialist – Medicine
- 1 x Registrar (Basic Physicians training pathway)
- 1 x Registrar (Internal Medicine AST training pathway)
- 1 x Principal House Officer
- 1 x Resident Medical Officer (Rotational)
- 1 x Intern (Rotational)

## Obstetrics and Gynecology

- 1 x Staff Specialist – Director of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- 1 x Staff Specialist – Obstetrician
- 1 x Registrar (DRANZCOG Advanced training pathway)
- 1 x Resident Medical Officer (Rotational)
- 1 x Intern (Rotational)

## Pediatrics

- 1 x Staff Specialist – Director of Pediatrics
- 3 x Staff Specialist – Pediatricians
- 1 x Registrar (General Pediatrics Advanced Training pathway)
- 1 x Registrar (Pediatrics AST training pathway)
- 1 x Intern (Rotational)

## Palliative Medicine

- 1 x Staff Specialist – Director of Palliative Medicine
- 1 x Resident Medical Officer (Rotational)

## Surgery

- 1 x Staff Specialist – Director of Surgery
- 1 x Staff Specialist – Surgeon
- 1 x Principal House Officer (Rotational)
- 1 x Resident Medical Officer (Rotational)
- 1 x Intern (Rotational)

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## Cloncurry Hospital

- 1 x Medical Superintendent with Private Practice
- 3 x Medical Officer with Private Practice

## Julia Creek Hospital

- 2 x General Practitioners (Rotational)

## Mornington Island Hospital

- 2 x General Practitioners (Rotational)

## Normanton Hospital

- 2 x General Practitioners (Rotational)

We offer a range of full time and part time (including fly in fly out) opportunities and are committed to working with you to meet **your work life balance needs!**



*“Rodeo”*



*“The Outback”*



*“Mount Isa City”*

## Remuneration Packages

### Interns and Resident Medical Officers

Approximate Remuneration Package – as at 1/07/17

Remuneration Package*	L1		L7	
	Fortnightly amount	Yearly amount	Fortnightly amount	Yearly amount
Base Salary	\$ 2,810	\$ 73,306	\$ 4,683	\$ 122,176
Professional Development Allowance	N/A	N/A	\$ 767	\$ 1,576
Locality Allowance - Mt Isa	\$ 43	\$ 1,121	\$ 43	\$ 1,121
Inaccessibility Allowance - Mt Isa **		\$34,500		\$ 34,500
Superannuation	\$ 358	\$ 9,347	\$ 597	\$ 15,577
<b>TOTAL REMUNERATION</b>	<b>\$ 3,211</b>	<b>\$ 118,274</b>	<b>\$ 6,090</b>	<b>\$ 174,950</b>
Plus				
On-Call	1:3 or 1:4 paid per occurrence (N/A for Interns)			
Recalls	Paid per occurrence			
Overtime	Paid per occurrence			
Shift Penalties	Paid per occurrence			
Leave Loading	Up to 27.5% paid on leave			
Rent Free Accommodation	Yes			
Utilities	Subsidised			
Salary Sacrificing	\$17,000 grossed up taxable value			
Professional Development Leave	1 weeks per year (N/A for Interns)			
Annual Leave	Up to 6 weeks per year			
Range of special leave types	Yes			
Indemnity	Yes			

\* Paid pro-rata for engagement period or part time employee

\*\* Paid at half paid at completion of 6 months service and variable depending on location

## SMOs / Rural Generalist Provisional Fellows / Rural Generalists

Approximate Remuneration Package – as at 1/07/17

Remuneration Package*	L13		L25	
	Fortnightly amount	Yearly amount	Fortnightly amount	Yearly amount
Base Salary	\$ 5,676	\$ 148,091	\$ 7,840	\$ 204,543
Professional Development Allowance	\$ 767	\$ 20,000	\$ 767	\$ 20,000
Locality Allowance - Mt Isa	\$ 804	\$ 21,000	\$ 977	\$ 25,500
Inaccessibility Allowance - Mt Isa **	\$ 1,987	\$ 51,832	\$ 2,744	\$ 71,590
Superannuation	\$851	\$ 22,214	\$ 1,176	\$ 30,681
TOTAL REMUNERATION		\$ 34,500		\$ 34,500
Superannuation	\$ 809	\$ 21,103	\$ 1,117	\$ 29,147
<b>TOTAL REMUNERATION</b>	<b>\$ 10,894</b>	<b>\$ 318,739</b>	<b>\$ 14,621</b>	<b>\$ 415,962</b>
Plus				
On-Call	1:3 or 1:4 paid per occurrence			
Recalls	Paid per occurrence			
Overtime	Paid per occurrence			
Shift Penalties	Paid per occurrence			
Locality Allowance	Paid per location			
Leave Loading	14% paid on leave			
Rent Free Accommodation	Yes			
Utilities	Subsidised			
Salary Sacrificing	\$17,000 grossed up taxable value			
Professional Development Leave	3.6 weeks per year			
Annual Leave	5 weeks per year			
Range of special leave types	Yes			
Indemnity	Yes			

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## Staff Specialists

Approximate Remuneration Package – as at 1/07/17

Remuneration Package*	L18		L27	
	Fortnightly amount	Yearly amount	Fortnightly amount	Yearly amount
Base Salary	\$ 6,556	\$ 171,044	\$ 8,312	\$ 216,865
Professional Development Allowance	\$ 767	\$ 20,000	\$ 767	\$ 20,000
Motor Vehicle Allowance	\$ 804	\$ 21,000	\$ 977	\$ 25,500
Attraction and Retention (50%) – Assigned Model	\$ 3,278	\$ 85,522	\$ 4,156	\$ 108,433
Rural and Remote (15%)	\$ 983	\$ 25,657	\$ 1,247	\$ 32,530
Inaccessibility Allowance - Mt Isa **		\$ 34,500		\$ 34,500
Superannuation	\$ 1,028	\$ 26,811	\$ 1,303	\$ 33,994
<b>TOTAL REMUNERATION</b>	<b>\$13,416</b>	<b>\$384,534</b>	<b>\$16,762</b>	<b>\$471,821</b>
Plus				
On-Call	1:3 or 1:4 paid per occurrence			
Recalls	Paid per occurrence			
Overtime	Paid per occurrence			
Shift Penalties	Paid per occurrence			
Locality Allowance	Paid per location			
Leave Loading	14% paid on leave			
Rent Free Accommodation	Yes			
Utilities	Subsidised			
Salary Sacrificing	\$17,000 grossed up taxable value			
Professional Development Leave	3.6 weeks per year			
Annual Leave	5 weeks per year			
Range of special leave types	Yes			
Indemnity	Yes			

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## Staff Specialists – Emergency Medicine

Approximate Remuneration Package – as at 1/07/17

Remuneration Package*	L18		L27	
	Fortnightly amount	Yearly amount	Fortnightly amount	Yearly amount
Base Salary	\$ 6,556	\$ 171,044	\$ 8,312	\$ 216,865
Professional Development Allowance	\$ 767	\$ 20,000	\$ 767	\$ 20,000
Motor Vehicle Allowance	\$ 804	\$ 21,000	\$ 977	\$ 25,500
Attraction and Retention (50%) – Assigned Model	\$ 3,278	\$ 85,522	\$ 4,156	\$ 108,433
Emerg Department Allowance (25%)	\$ 1,639	\$ 42,761	\$ 2,078	\$ 54,216
Rural and Remote (15%)	\$ 983	\$ 25,657	\$ 1,247	\$ 32,530
Inaccessibility Allowance - Mt Isa **		\$ 34,500		\$ 34,500
Superannuation	\$ 1,028	\$ 26,811	\$ 1,303	\$ 33,994
<b>TOTAL REMUNERATION</b>	<b>\$ 15,055</b>	<b>\$ 427,295</b>	<b>\$ 18,841</b>	<b>\$ 526,037</b>
Plus				
On-Call	1:3 or 1:4 paid per occurrence			
Recalls	Paid per occurrence			
Overtime	Paid per occurrence			
Shift Penalties	Paid per occurrence			
Locality Allowance	Paid per location			
Leave Loading	14% paid on leave			
Rent Free Accommodation	Yes			
Utilities	Subsidised			
Salary Sacrificing	\$17,000 grossed up taxable value			
Professional Development Leave	3.6 weeks per year			
Annual Leave	5 weeks per year			
Range of special leave types	Yes			
Indemnity	Yes			

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## Testimonials



**Dr Kristen Haakons**

**Intern Rotation – Emergency Department: Mount Isa Hospital**

*“I think the best thing about my Emergency Medicine term at Mount Isa was the supervision and the opportunity to practice my procedural skills. I found I got a lot more hands on experience than I’m sure I would have in a bigger urban hospital. I also found that while the supervision allowed me to feel comfortable and safe in my practice, it was always at a distance so I really had good control over the workup and management of my patients. There was also a wealth of opportunities for education and professional development. More so than in my rotations in major centres and most of this time was protected or given as time off in lieu!*”

*You get an opportunity to see and experience things you just don’t see in the larger cities or major centres. The extent of disease and the experience you get dealing with patients in different social contexts will be invaluable to my role as a doctor. I was pushed outside my comfort zone with some patients and really had to learn to be adaptable and respectful in a variety of settings. I also learned to appreciate the slower pace and simple pleasures of country life.*

*I think the most unexpected thing was how much fun I ended up having. On my first string of days off I wasn’t sure what I had gotten myself into. As I became more familiar with the layout of the town and met more of my colleagues I quickly formed a great group of friends and learned about the community around me and some of the events that were put on in the surrounding area. The general attitude of people working at MIBH is positive and most people are there to experience something new which means that you can find a lot of friendly faces amongst your colleagues.”*



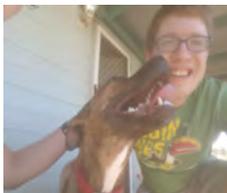
**Dr Wilson Ong** (UK trained – joined NWHHS in Oct.2014)  
Registrar – Anaesthetics 2016: Mount Isa Hospital

*“The medicine is more diverse and interesting than those I have encountered in a larger hospital, and there’s a great community feeling amongst staff in the hospital. Everyone is very helpful and supportive, and the admin staff and senior management are very flexible in trying to accommodate any requests for recreational leave and courses. There is a good offering of various sports in town and the social calendar is packed with rodeos and festivals, not to mention plenty of opportunities to explore the outback, waterholes, mines, Gulf coast of northern Australia, Uluru, etc.”*



**Dr Maureen Khan**  
Senior Medical Officer (FACRRM) 2016: Mount Isa Hospital

*“I started in Mount Isa in 2009 as a Junior House Officer IMG. There is a wide variety of training offered here and I have managed to finish all my training to complete my fellowship within the District. The ED is a very well supported environment for young doctors to start. It is a convenient and close knit community and a great place to raise a young family.”*



**Dr Cameron Hoare**

**Medical Officer with Private Practice 2016: Cloncurry Hospital**

*“I came to Cloncurry as a Medical officer with the right to private practice just over 9 months ago, after having fallen in love with the town a few years ago. Cloncurry is a fantastic small town, which is well resourced, and connected to Brisbane, and Townsville by 3 direct flights a week. This is a fantastic place to learn and grow as a doctor, and I am doing my RACGP and ACCRM training here. You do not need to move for RACGP, as Cloncurry meets the diversity of practice requirements. You get to practice cradle to grave medicine, working both in the GP practice and hospital.*

*A house is supplied on top of a pre-tax income of over \$180,000 a year. When I am not working, I am happy to play with my dog Bindi, enjoy time with my partner, or go camping or exploring. I am planning to stay here for the long term, as the medicine and lifestyle is a perfect mix.*

*The GP is mixed billing, and incredibly well set out, having been designed by doctors from the ground up, and is without equal in western Queensland.*

*I would strongly recommend Cloncurry to any registers or GP’s that are not afraid to work hard, play hard, and learn and grow as a doctor and a good person. The environment is very supportive and social, and there are fantastic social events to attend throughout the year. You work as part of a team, and do not need to worry about being socially isolated.”*

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## North West Hospital and Health Service - *where the outback meets the sea*

Nothing beats Outback Queensland. Rich with the tales and trappings of yesteryear, awe-inspiring landscapes and fair dinkum friendly locals, it's a 'big country' waiting to be explored. On or off the beaten track, all roads lead to unexpected adventures and unforgettable experiences.

**Mount Isa** offers primary, secondary and community health services in addition to specialist services such as anaesthetics, paediatrics, psychiatry, surgery and obstetrics and gynaecology.

The staff from Mount Isa and other health providers service our outlying facilities with our "Outreach services" which including paediatrics, obstetrics, mental health, allied health, sexual health, women's health and palliative care services.

**FACT:** Mount Isa covers an area of over 43,310km<sup>2</sup>, making it geographically the second largest city in Australia to Kalgoorlie-Boulder WA. Mount Isa has one of the most intensive air quality monitoring systems in Australia

**Cloncurry** is steeped in history of pioneers forging the way for future inland families. The dedication to the spirit and strength of the outback way has been passed through the generations to the present day locals. You need only to spend a small amount of time in the town, to realise that they are really "The friendly Heart of Outback Queensland".

Outreach services available in Cloncurry include an Indigenous health team conducting health screening, health promotion and health education activities for surrounding communities.

Visiting services to Cloncurry include a flying surgeon, flying obstetrician and gynaecologist, nutritionist, women's health, mental health, child health, paediatrics, social work, podiatry, dietetics, hearing health, child health, speech pathology, physiotherapy, respiratory medicine, aged care assessment and palliative care services.

**FACT:** The Royal Flying Doctor Service started in 1928 with their first official flight from Cloncurry to Julia Creek in response to an emergency call.

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**Julia Creek** the home to the famous “Dirt n Dust” festival which attracts over 3,000 including from overseas to the town for a fantastic 3 day festival and is the home to the rare and endangered “Julia Creek Dunnart” a small nocturnal hunter only found in this area. The health service provides the community with primary, emergency and some inpatient services.

**FACT:** You will never run out of hot water as the town is located above the Great Artesian Basin which is a vast natural resource of flowing heated water

**Normanton** is a genuinely delightfully town with an excess of old world charm. Located near the coast of the Gulf of Carpentaria and is known as the “Barramundi Capital of the North”. The community has access to primary health, emergency and community health services as well as visiting specialists from psychiatrists, respiratory physicians, paediatricians, obstetricians, dieticians, podiatrists, physiotherapists, oral health professionals, pharmacists, mental health experts, aged care assessors and palliative carers, the Mobile Women’s Health Clinic and the Royal Flying Doctor Service (child health).

**FACT:** The largest ever taken saltwater crocodile at an amazing 8.64m, was shot by Krystina Pawlowska in 1957 and Normanton is the home to the Big Barramundi which is 6m long

**Karumba** enjoys the distinction of being the only town along the southern Gulf of Carpentaria that is within sight of the Gulf itself.

During the dry season the town’s population increases significantly with the “Grey Nomads” embarking on their yearly journey to the town. The most important possession to live in Karumba is a fishing rod.

Karumba is a Primary Health Centre and has visiting specialist service the area.

**FACT:** The Red Hot Chili Peppers song Animal Bar from their 2006 album Stadium Arcadium is about Karumba

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**Doomadgee** is an Indigenous community located on the Nicholson River in the far north western corner of Queensland, near the Gulf of Carpentaria.

The Indigenous community of Doomadgee is friendly, strong and proud. Working in Doomadgee your knowledge or willingness to learn about Indigenous health is crucial. Services provided including primary health carers, outpatient services, emergency services and observation capacity. In addition, visiting specialist service the area including allied health.

**FACT:** The original site of Doomadgee lies approximately 100km to the north of the existing site. Now known as Old Doomadgee, the site was abandoned in 1936 just 5 years after its establishment, due to its remoteness and lack of reliable fresh water

**Mornington Island** is a small Indigenous community part of the Wellesley Island Group in the Gulf of Carpentaria. It is rich with culture and art and offers a relaxed and quiet lifestyle with beautiful beaches, an abundance of fish and marine life including sea turtles and the endangered dugong.

The Primary Health Care Centre provides the community with primary health care, emergency and a range of community health services. A community Indigenous health program provides outreach services to surrounding communities and several visiting services are accessible by patients.

These visiting services include obstetrics and gynaecology, paediatrics, psychiatry, social work, podiatry, the Royal Flying Doctor Service (child health), hearing health, women's health, oral health, physiotherapy, pharmacy, palliative care and aged care assessment and renal nursing.

**FACT:** Australia has a grand total of 8,222 islands in its maritime borders. Mornington Island is one of 10 Islands that are greater than 1,000km<sup>2</sup> in size (1,002km<sup>2</sup>)

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## Local Attractions

### Mount Isa Underground Hospital

Venture underground at Mount Isa Underground Hospital and discover how residents lived in fear of being bombed. With the advent of World War II and the bombing of the Darwin Hospital, precautions were taken to protect Mount Isa district hospital in the event of an air raid. As history will tell, the Japanese did not reach Mount Isa, therefore the Underground Hospital was not used or needed. However right up to the 1960s night shift nurses would sleep there as it was cool, dark and quiet.

As the new hospital was being built in 1959 construction damaged the Underground Hospital. The local community protested and the remainder was saved and left to deteriorate.



Vandals burnt out the timbering and in 1994 the community had to decide what to do with this unusual structure. The underground hospital was restored and has since received a prestigious award from The National Trust of Queensland for heritage restoration.

### The Outback at Isa

The Award Winning Hard Times Mine, or the fantastic Isa Experience and Outback Park. Discover Australia's ancient past at the Riversleigh Fossil Centre or many of the other exciting attractions that Mount Isa has to offer.



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## Lake Moondarra

Moondara Dam was constructed in 1957 for the purpose of town water & industrial use. The lake's name, Moondarra, came from a public contest held at the time. It has a surface area 2375 hectares and holds 106,000mL of water at an average depth of 6m when full.

The lake is used for various recreational activities such as canoeing, sailing, boating, skiing, swimming, picnics, and increasingly, fishing. The lake is also the main source of freshwater for Mount Isa and a Fresh Water Lagoon was built to allow the water to naturally filter through reeds and for particles to settle out before pumping to Mount Isa.

Fish Species available are Barramundi, Sooty Grunter, Saratoga, Alligator Gar, Fork-tailed Catfish, Jew, Archerfish, Spangled Perch & Sleepy Cod.



## Mount Isa Family Fun Park

The Mount Isa Family Fun Park is the largest all abilities playground in Queensland!

Opened in 2009, the park cost over \$4.25 million to design and build ... and offers locals and visitors alike the perfect facility to play, relax, and enjoy.

The Family Fun Park is built to be accessible to everyone, regardless of their level of ability or movement... and to have something for everyone, regardless of their personal interests!



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## Adels Grove Camping Park

Adels Grove is located 10 km from the Lawn Hill Gorge, Boodjamulla National Park and 50 km from the world heritage Riversleigh Fossil fields. Visitors have the option of Camping or enjoying our dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation in either furnished river tents or rooms. Relax on our licensed deck area or by Lawn Hill Creek between swims.

- Exploring - The World Heritage Riversleigh Fossils and Lawn Hill Gorge can be done self-guided or make the most of your time and hop on a guided tour of them or of Harry's Hill Sunset or an exclusive escarpment tour.
- Swimming - Or float around in Lawn Hill Creek, a perennial and spring fed waterway.
- Bird Watching - Several different environments in the area promise a wide variety of birds species. Savannah woodlands, open Savannah plains, lush rain forests and rocky escarpments to explore.
- Canoeing - Available for hire from reception for use at both Adels Grove and Lawn Hill Gorge. No fast water and a delightful way of viewing the gorge and creek.
- Fishing - Try your skill against Barramundi, Bream, Grunters, Perch, Cod, Catfish and more.
- Walking - Excellent short walks around Adels Grove and a further 20 km of walks in the National Park.
- Eat & Drink - Our restaurant is open for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.
- Relax - With new friends around a campfire at night.
- Enjoy - A drink on the deck overlooking the spring fed Lawn Hill Creek



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## Lake Moondarra Fishing Classic

Lake Moondarra Fishing Classic is part of the vibrant calendar of events that makes Queensland the best address on earth. Experiences are at the core of any destination event and I hope you come away from the Lake Moondarra Fishing Classic with some amazing Queensland memories. Events play an important role in showcasing a destination, driving visitation, fostering community pride and creating jobs for the local community.



## Mount Isa Rodeo

The Mount Isa Mines Rotary Rodeo is where the romance of the Australian Outback meets the grit of a mining town, East meet West and man meets beast. Non-stop rodeo action – bull riding, saddle bronc, bareback bronc, rope and tie, steer wrestling, team roping, barrel racing, breakaway roping, NEW unearthed and behind the scenes tours. The legend continues since 1959.

The Isa Rodeo is more than just a rodeo – it is nothing short of a week long program of fun and festivities for all the family. Activities include the Isa Street Party, Mardi Gras, the Rodeo Queen Quest, Rodeo Ball, Brophys Boxing Troupe and the Mailman Express Sprint Time Trial. Don't forget the Rodeo Rock of live performances and open-air concerts.



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## Julia Creek Dirt & Dust Festival

From modest beginnings, today's event brings together people from all walks of life – people from Queensland, Australia and overseas. Julia Creek, based in McKinlay Shire, is proud to host what is fast becoming Queensland's "Must go-to" event. Each year the Committee aims to reproduce the highlights of the previous years and add new attractions to continually showcase the town, its people and the true Aussie outback.

Building on the success of previous years, the Festival is quickly becoming more than bulls, bikes and butts. Situated in the centre of the adventurous Overlander's Way, the Julia Creek Dirt & Dust Festival provides the focal point in the magnificent month of April for our many visitors who gather and celebrate, before heading out to explore or work in our glorious outback.

The Julia Creek Dirt & Dust Festival now offers visitors three jam-packed days of fun and entertainment. Experience real outback hospitality when the tiny North West Queensland outback town of Julia Creek swells from 400 people to 3,000 in one weekend! See the gutsy outback triathlon teams in action, back a winner at the Artesian Express Outback Horse Races and kick on til late with nightly outdoor concerts

## Boulia Camel Races

This must-see event at the Show Grounds in Boulia consists of three days packed with thrilling entertainment, including the camel races. The most prominent races are the Quarter-Mile Flyer and the Camel Cup.

The event attracts people from all over the world and the town bursts at the seams with around 3000 people attending the weekend. Festivities commence on Friday night with great music and entertainment including a magic show.







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