



- Central Queensland.
- Assets:
  - Dinosaurs
  - Disasters
  - Local governments who take an active role in tourism



Dinosaur centre - $26 million.
Driven by one family
Did a lot of construction themselves - in stages.







Entry fee – adults $80 - $120 per person.



Quirky



Lots of accommodation in town.
5 cabins ($260 per night) – now adding another 5.





Good signage





Blackall

- Have BIG cultural centre and Memorial Park ($80,000 bronze statue funded by community).
- Lovely main street – grassed centre with bougainvillea.
- 2 massive shed being built. Owned by Shire for storage of historical society equipment.
- Many arts and cultural buildings and businesses.





- Popn 1000 with 2300 in area.
- Have 34 room aged care facility. No deposit, just pay rent.
- Have a retirement village that also caters for younger people with disability.
- Several community facilities funded by the Stockwell family and other community donations.

Blackall

- Shire owns the cattle yard through which 6000 organic cattle pass every 2 weeks.
- Now implementing a Shire ‘shop front’ improvement project (Shire will contribute $ for $ up to $15,000).
- Youth Council democratically elected with reps from 3 schools
- Looking for new ways to support volunteers – would love to have a BPA in their town!
- LGA seeks out community partnerships. Give buildings on peppercorn rents to community groups. They believe projects must be community driven to achieve success.
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Isisford

- Population 100 (45% are over 55 yrs).
  - Employ 2 Shire works & services employees in town.
  - Have community bus
  - Have police station, post office, pub and 13 kids at school.







Isisford (population 100):
Large, new Interpretive Centre with museum and theatre (for 60)
Also have 2 smaller museums – one leased by Shire.







Machinery Mile







Created by community.
Insured by local government.

Winton

- Winton (population 850 in town and 1100 in area):
  - Waltzing Matilda centre ($22.5 million)
  - Hospital $11 million
  - 100 powered overflow camping sites in showgrounds
  - A big dormitory available for emergency cases eg DV.
  - Used Disaster Funds to fund part of this. “Council has been given a bucket of money so we are building a parking area”.



- A big skatepark (with Advisory Committee)
- Large youth centre with excellent facilities.
- Their Neighbourhood Centre (funded by Federal and State) runs youth centre, daycare and aged care facilities.
- Now building social housing
- Population 850…….



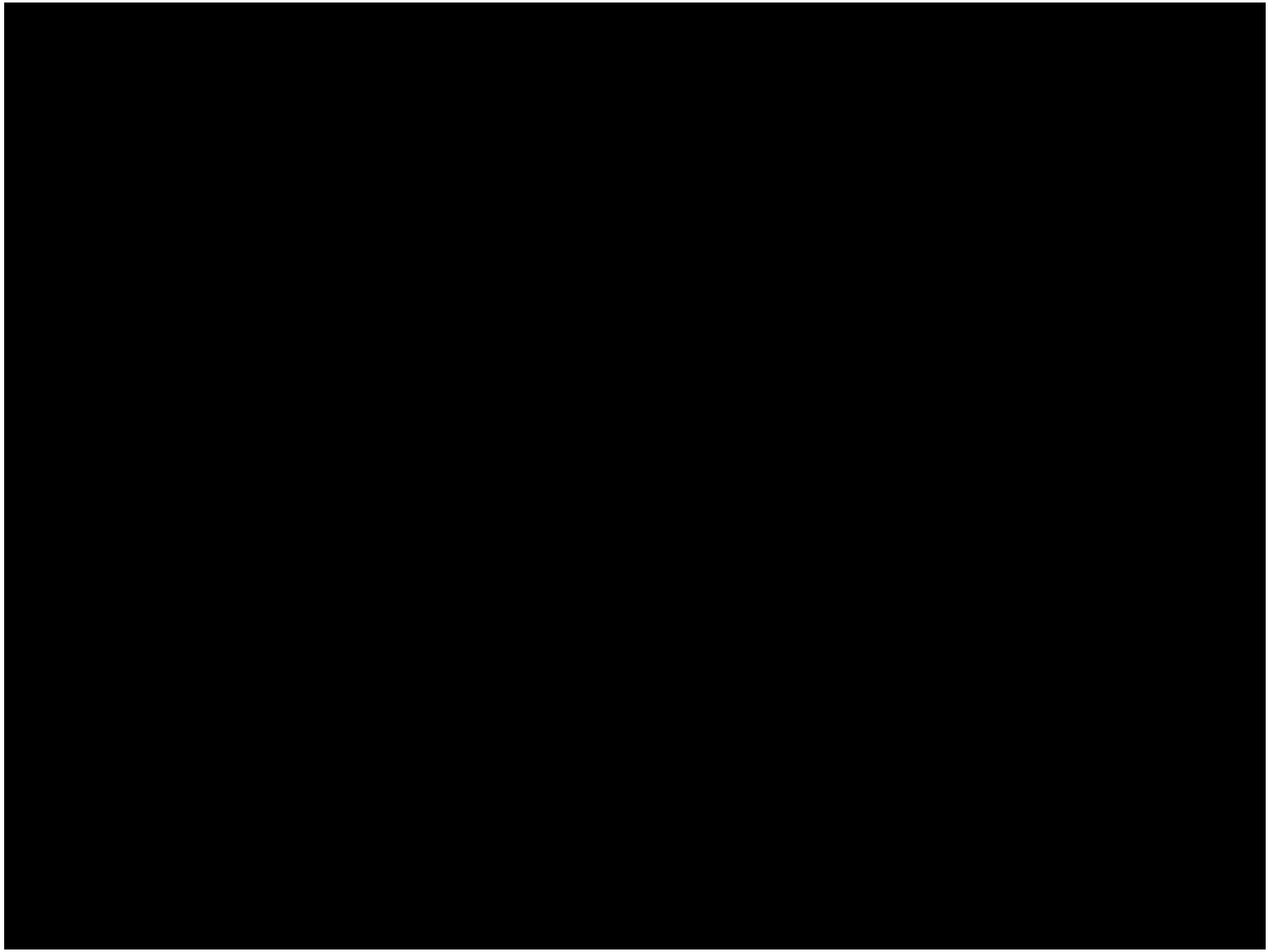




Winton



- AB Patterson school (Gold Coast) built a $6 million accommodation facility with gym/kitchen for their students to visit. This is also available for community.



Ideas



- Make use what you have eg spectacular sunsets

Ideas



- Peter Kenyon – Main Street revitalisation.
- What is our unique cultural heritage?
- Sculpture/art – ‘treasure trail’? (Artisans project?)

Imagine this on Packing Shed

Central Queensland LGAs

- Barcaldine Shire has 5 towns and each town has Shire staff and an artesian swimming pool.
- Staff include District Managers in small communities (most were young females).
- Aramac has 380 people, 1 swimming pool and 11 admin /tourism /community officers.
- Aramac also has 4 Shire owned aged care units.