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On the Road Again

This is a special edition of our newsletter with photos from George

Where's George?

George has been escaping the Canberra chill with a road trip up through outback Queensland.

He stopped off in Barcardine for a few days, where he watched this miniature train exhibition.

We have some words from the traveller himself:

'Hi, the locals had a miniature train weekend here in Barcardine. The locals were out in force supporting them. Many young families were also present'.



More from Barcaldine and north to Aramac

Barcaldine has a population of around 1500 people and is at an elevation of around 265 metres.

It is 'out there', being 1073km from Brisbane and 520km inland from Rockhampton.

With an annual rainfall at around 500mm it is a bit drier than Canberra's 630mm. We don't need any stats to know it is hotter.



Top right: Thomas maybe?

'Hi from Aramac. How would you like to travel from here to Barcaldine in this motor rail'? (see left)

'Note the starting piece on the front'.

It is 67km between Barcaldine and Aramac. Aramac is quite a deal smaller with a population of around 300 (see the map on page 6).

Aramac is named after Robert Ramsay Mackenzie, the first explorer to the area. He carved his name (R R Mac) in a tree. The tree was found by explorer William Landsborough and the name Aramac was born.



'I took these photos on the road between Aramac and Lake Dunn. The sculptures are by a local called Milynda Rogers. I found them very good. There are others on dirt roads but with recent rain I won't travel on them'.

In total this sculpture trail is a 200km circuit, but probably a wise decision taken by George not to venture too far from the bitumen.

There are more photos of the Lake Dunn sculpture trail to view on the next page.





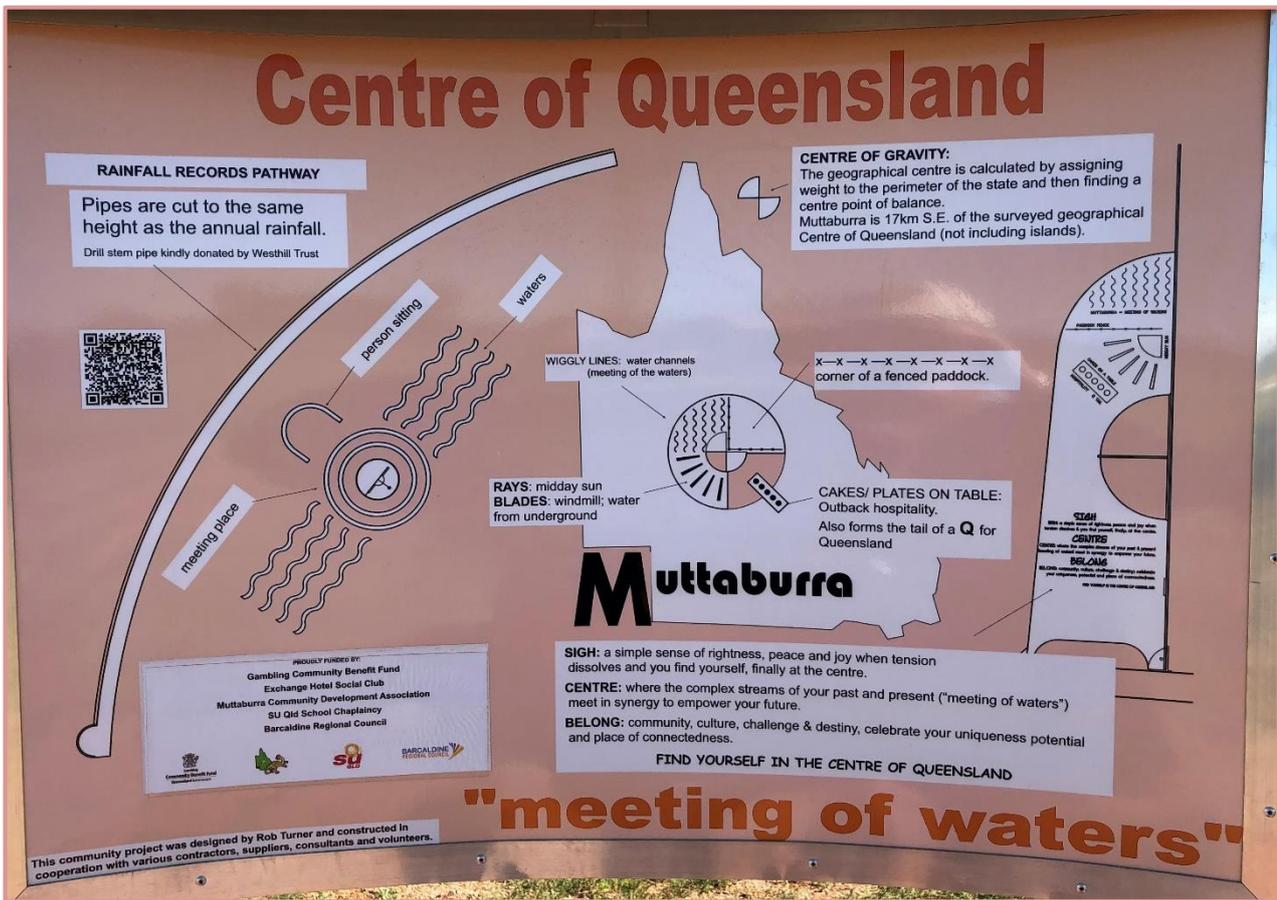
A bit of a hidden gem, George.

And there are more...



George made it to the very centre of Queensland.

'The tubes denote the yearly rainfall. The area is very green and devoid of stock at this stage'.



Muttaborra (pop. 100) is at the geographic centre of Queensland. In 1963 a local grazier, Doug Langdon, uncovered the fossilised skeleton of a dinosaur. The bones below are a replica of the leg of that Muttaborrasaurus Langdoni - interesting name: not too many towns or people get to have a dinosaur named after them.



