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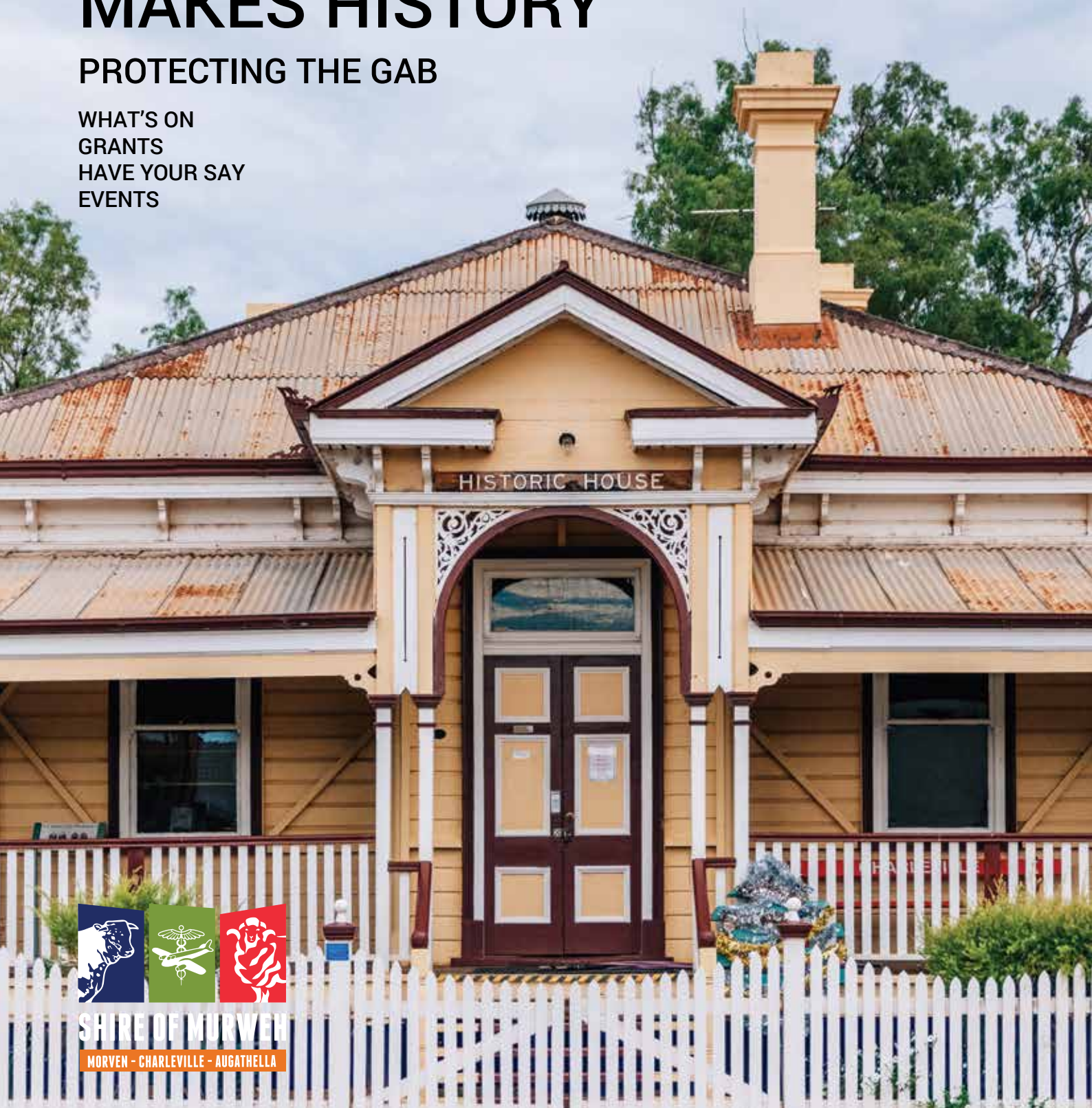
# MESSENGER

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SHIRE OF MURWEH  
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**SHIRE OF MURWEH**

MORVEN - CHARLEVILLE - AUGATHELLA

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## Work for the Council

Opportunities to work for the Murweh Shire Council frequently arise, with roles available across various departments.

Job listings include positions in administration, community service, public works, and more. These jobs are regularly posted on our website. Scan the code or check the website [www.murweh.qld.gov.au/council/employment](http://www.murweh.qld.gov.au/council/employment) for the latest listings.



Scan me

## From the Mayor



A few weeks ago, the State Premier announced the government's decision to reject Glencore's proposal to pump carbon dioxide

into the Great Artesian Basin (GAB). When Murweh Shire Council first called for a halt to this trial last year, every council throughout Queensland unanimously backed the call.

Within weeks, numerous regional organisations and independent groups joined the call to stop, presenting a united front to the State government. It was truly heartening to see such widespread cooperation.

Common sense prevailed, and the State Government stopped the GAB proposal in its tracks. This is a significant victory for all 80 local communities that depend on the GAB, including ours. The GAB should never be used as a dumping ground.

It's the lifeline for many people, essential for living, and crucial for Queensland's economy. It's simply not something to mess with.

While this latest announcement from the Queensland State Government is a big step forward, there is more to the story. The State government has acknowledged this precious resource with money in this year's State Budget for a Security Program for the GAB. The GAB spans three states and the NT, making it a federal government issue. Rest assured, Murweh Shire was there at the start and will continue to stand firm until this vital resource is fully protected for future generations.

Anyway, there's always a lot going on in the Shire, which you can find all about in the following pages. As always, stay safe, Murweh.

**Cr Shaun "Zoro" Radnedge**  
**Mayor of Murweh Shire Council**





# Money for Kids Sports

The FairPlay Vouchers program has expanded to \$40 million and will now be available to **all Queensland children aged 5 to 17!**

From 1 July, an additional 150,000 FairPlay vouchers of up to \$200 will be available to every Queensland child aged 5 to 17, with another 50,000 vouchers of up to \$200 for children under the current eligibility criteria. **To learn more, scan the QR code.**



## Growing up in Hotel Coronas

Author Sarah Todman has written a book based on her life growing up in the Coronas Hotel as the daughter of the publicans. Called *New Year's Eve*, Sarah launched the book in Charleville a few weeks ago. She told the *Courier Mail* that her young life, "was filled with 'transient' characters, providing her with a rich patchwork from which she could draw the novel's characters." The book has received widespread acclaim. Find out more at: [www.sarahtodmanwriter.com](http://www.sarahtodmanwriter.com)



Regional Development Australia (RDA) is a federal organisation that works with all levels of government, business, and community groups to support their region's economic and social development. A wide range of grants are available, and the website allows a quick search based on industry. Follow the QR code to the site.





## KEEP UP WITH THE REGION'S EVENTS

The Experience Charleville website now has an events section listing everything coming up in the region. Know what's coming up and list your local events. Contact Robyn if you'd like your event listed in the section.  
**[robyn\\_richen@murweh.qld.gov.au](mailto:robyn_richen@murweh.qld.gov.au)**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**3**  
JULY

TEEN GEOMETRIC MANDALA DRAWING WORKSHOP

**5-6**  
JULY

CHARLEVILLE NETBALL CARNIVAL  
GRAHAM CONNERS CONCERT

**6-7**  
JULY

STEP UP DIRT BIKE RALLY  
MORVEN WINTER BALL  
LIBRARY JIGSAW PUZZLE COMP

**13-14**  
JULY

OUTBACK GOLF MASTERS  
**28**  
CHARLEVILLE MARKET

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THESE EVENTS VISIT [WWW.EXPERIENCECHARLEVILLE.COM.AU](http://WWW.EXPERIENCECHARLEVILLE.COM.AU)

TO ADD YOUR EVENT CONTACT: [ROBYN\\_RICHEN@MURWEH.QLD.GOV.AU](mailto:ROBYN_RICHEN@MURWEH.QLD.GOV.AU)



# Lifeline Shines

Lifeline do great work building awareness and visibility for survivors and victims of domestic violence. Thank you for your efforts to bring awareness to our community. It was a beautiful display through the streets of Charleville by Lifeline Darling Downs & South West QLD Ltd in support of LGBTIQ+ Domestic Violence Awareness Day.



## 'Your Gateway to the Galaxy'

### WHAT'S UP

The Cosmos Centre has a lot happening in the coming months, offering a range of events and activities that cater to astronomy enthusiasts and curious minds alike. Here's a glimpse of what's happening in the skies above:

#### Astronomical events in June 2024

 <p><b>July 6th</b> New Moon</p>	 <p><b>July 7th</b> Ceres at opposition</p>
 <p><b>July 15th</b> Conjunction of Mars and Uranus</p>	 <p><b>July 21st</b> Full Moon</p>
 <p><b>July 29th</b> Southern δ-Aquariid meteor shower</p>	 <p><b>July 29th</b> α-Capricornid meteor shower</p>





## The Long Ride Visits the Ville

Hundreds of motorbike riders from across Australia converged on Charleville last month as a stopover on their Long Ride to Port Douglas, raising funds and awareness for prostate cancer. This annual event attracts participants nationwide, united in their support for this important cause.

Murweh Shire Mayor Shaun "Zoro" Radnedge expressed his enthusiasm, noting the economic boost such events bring to the area. "Local motels get booked months in advance, and visitors dine at our restaurants and shop locally, significantly benefiting our economy," he said. The mayor also highlighted the event's role in raising prostate cancer awareness within the community. Murweh councillors met with Long Ride founders Gail and Christopher Dunne before joining all the riders for dinner at the RSL. Since its inception in 2007, the Dunes have led 11 Long Rides in Australia, focusing on raising money and awareness for prostate cancer and men's health.



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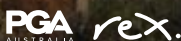
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## THE OUTBACK MASTERS JUNIOR CLINIC

If you know a champion golfer in the making or a young person who may be interested in trying golf for the first time, the Outback Queensland Masters is holding Junior Golf Clinics where they are touring, including Charleville. Certified PGA Pro Darren Weatherall will be on site to give first-hand knowledge and skills in golf.

**Charleville Golf Club**  
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# GRAEME CONNORS

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# Making history

## Historic House Museum was named as a 2024 Tourism and Events Queensland “Best of Queensland Experience”

**ON JUNE 25, 1973**, a meeting to form a historical society was held at Coronas Hotel with the aim of preserving the heritage and history of Charleville and the district. This was four days before tenders closed for the purchase of the old National Bank building in Alfred Street.

Almost a year later, on the 25th of March 1974, this wonderful building was officially signed over to the society and, only a month later, on April 22, 1974, the very first meeting of the society took place in this iconic building.

This inaugural meeting of the Charleville and District Historical Society began a journey that continues today—a journey that

seeks to preserve and enhance the history of Charleville and the Murweh Shire, centred around the iconic Historic House Museum.

Fifty years on, this milestone was recently celebrated as Charleville’s first National Bank, established in 1887, opened its doors to tourists and locals alike for an unforgettable Open Day featuring static displays, working steam machinery and the ultimate pioneering experience—discovering Charleville on Historic House Museum’s fully restored 1924 International Bus.

That evening, as the dusk of an outback sky settled, invited guests met on the lawn of the Museum to celebrate that initial meeting and dwell on the achievements of the subsequent

committee members whose passion and dedication has led to Historic House Museum being named as a 2024 Tourism and Events Queensland “Best of Queensland Experience”.

The current Charleville and District Historical Society committee were joined by special guests including previous members, local business owners, Murweh Shire Councillors and the Murweh Shire Mayor, Shaun “Zoro” Radnedge as the Society President, Robert Eckel, paid tribute to the work so many have done to make Historic House Museum the attraction it is today. Charleville’s Historic House Museum – keeping our history alive long into the future.











# Protecting the GAB



## How local government united to protect the Great Artesian Basin

**IN A WIN FOR MANY REGIONAL COMMUNITIES,** the Miles State Government recently took decisive action to not only stop mining giant Glencore's plan to pump waste carbon dioxide (CO<sup>2</sup>) into the underground Great Artesian Basin (GAB), but in this year's State Budget allocated \$32 million over the next four years to a GAB security program.

Last year, at the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) in Canberra, Murweh Shire Council, with the unanimous backing of every Queensland council, called on the Australian Government to immediately stop a subsidiary of coal-mining giant Glencore from injecting its waste CO<sup>2</sup> captured from Millmerran Power Station into the GAB, Australia's largest groundwater basin and water source for millions of Australians.





**“We must protect our water supply.”**

*Mayor Radnedge*

At the time, The Mayor Murweh Shire, Shaun (Zoro) Radnedge was forthright about the trial. “It’s madness,” he said at the Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG). “Most of Queensland depends upon this basin, one way or another, and we’re letting a coal mine pump its waste into our water.”

Over the following months, the movement to stop the proposal found support, with calls growing louder from the regions. The Western Alliance of Councils, South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils, every Mayor in Queensland, the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ), Queensland Farmers Federation, AgForce, and countless individuals joined in the chorus to bring this to the State Government’s attention.

Ultimately, the Department of Environmental Services and Innovation (DESI) quashed it at the end of May, deeming that Glencore’s application was unsuitable to proceed due to its potential impacts on groundwater resources.

When Premier Steven Miles made the announcement, he was handed a bottle of water taken from the GAB by Mayor Radnedge. The premier lifted the bottle and chugged back the crystal-clear water without hesitation.

After the announcement, Mayor Radnedge expressed his gratitude to the Premier and said, “This kind of



action should never be permitted. Most of Queensland depends on this basin somehow and we can’t let this happen in the future.”

In this year’s State Budget, the GAB Water Security Program was allocated \$32 million over four years, subject to matching Australian Government funding to cap free flowing bores. This will add to the more than \$89 million the Queensland Government has already invested to protect the GAB. Since work began to improve the GAB, more than 226,000 megalitres a year has been returned to the basin.

The Great Artesian Basin supports around 80 communities, including Murweh, in outback Queensland and is

essential to agriculture, industry and the environment.

To help border communities in New South Wales and Queensland, the Miles Government is establishing a Cross-Border Commissioner. This new role will help manage cross-border issues and work collaboratively with NSW on service delivery matters and to pursue economic opportunities.

“I would like to thank the other councils for joining us in this effort and for the tremendous support we received from the LGAQ, QFF, and AgForce, who have been instrumental in getting this issue in front of the right people,” said Mayor Radnedge. “We must protect our water supply,” concluded Mayor Radnedge.



## BUSINESS MINGLE

**DOMINIQUE LAMB**, the Queensland Small Business Commissioner, made a significant impact during her visit to Charleville earlier this month.

The Business Mingle event she hosted was a platform for local businesses to connect, discuss the future of the Charleville Chamber of Commerce, and share valuable insights. The evening was not only successful and productive but also enjoyable, leaving a lasting impression on all attendees. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Commissioner for her time and invaluable insights.



## MAYOR'S LEADERSHIP MORNING TEA

The Mayor's Leadership Morning Tea, held at the SQRH Training Center for future leaders, was a big success. Small Business Commissioner Dominique Lamb delivered an inspiring speech, sharing her remarkable life story. The morning tea was to thank our junior leaders for their dedication and to emphasise the crucial role they play as future community leaders.

**Above from the left:** Linda Mofflin, Tourism Manager. Sharon Ible, Senior Engagement Officer Queensland Small Business Commissioner's Office. Michelle Ebsworth, Councillor MSC. Peter Alexander, Councillor MSC. Dominique Lamb, Queensland Small Business Commissioner. Shaun 'Zoro' Radnedge, Mayor MSC.



**Above:** Dominique Lamb, Queensland Small Business Commissioner. Shaun 'Zoro' Radnedge, Mayor MSC – with students from Charleville State Primary and High School, Cunnamulla State School, St Mary's Charleville, Morven State School, Charleville School of Distance Education.



## CHARLEVILLE SHOW A BIG HIT

Once again, the Charleville Show was a big hit with both adults and children. This year's show was a resounding success, and we want to thank the Charleville & South West Queensland Show Society and all the contributors who made this event one of the best shows on record. Well done.





# A lot on at the library

## Second week of school holidays (1-4th July)

Make your own beehouse school holiday craft.

## Jigsaw puzzle competition (6th July)

The puzzle competition will be out of this world! RSVP—there are only eight tables available!

## Dog parking/Mystery stick station at the library

We've got your furry friends covered! Check out our awesome dog parking station at the public library. Water and Mystery sticks are available to all dogs, and they can even return for seconds!

## Writing Friday – Stuck with writer's block?

Join us at the monthly writing Friday in the Mulga Lands Gallery. It's a great opportunity to cultivate your writing habits and connect with other passionate writers in the community!

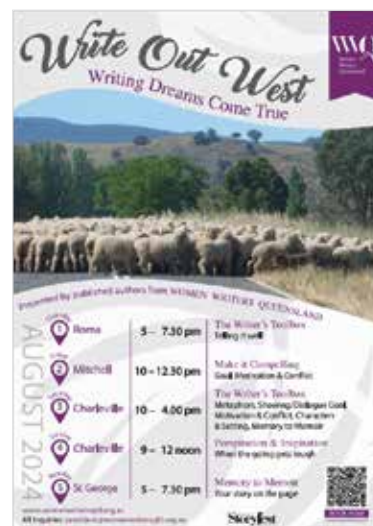
## Street Library

### Check out our new little street library!

You can take a book, give a book, or share a book.

## Write Out West workshops August

Don't forget to book for the half-day or full-day writer's workshop in August!







# Survey About Communications

## *Help the Community Stay Informed*

**MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL** has teamed up with The University of Southern Queensland to improve its communication with the community during major events, including events like the floods earlier this year.

According to Mayor Shaun 'Zoro' Radnedge, "We have recently had several different disasters within our community, including Christmas Day storms, power outages, and the recent flood event, and it has once again highlighted one of the Murweh Shire's main objectives, which is to keep the community safe and informed."

Dr. Ashley Jones of the University of Southern Queensland reminds us that, "we always need to review our processes and know how

people are communicating. We have so many different tools available to us today. It is not just one but many ways we connect."

With the recent floods affecting the community, this is a good time to check in and learn how to improve our current communication methods.

"Whether it's the day-to-day business of Council, community events in towns, or alerts that the community needs to be made aware of, we want to understand how residents would like this information shared, and this survey is an opportunity for the community to have their say," Mayor Shaun 'Zoro' Radnedge said.

Dr. Jones states that the data will inform

future communication methods during major events, like the flood, and future plans for general communication within the community.

"We need as many people as possible to complete the short, anonymous online survey. It will take a few minutes to complete," Dr Jones said.

Dr. Jones further explains, "There is a section for those who belong to community groups and take the lead in one or more groups. This is aimed at finding out what groups use to communicate."

We currently share information through various media services and social media platforms, and it's important to know what residents are currently utilising today to source their information during major events so we can update our current communication tactics.

Residents are encouraged to scan the QR code and anonymously complete the short survey. The link will also be shared across all Council social media platforms for those who cannot access QR codes.





# CHARLEVILLE'S WINGS ON THE WARREGO

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## CAREER EXPO - SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

Wings on the Warrego is a unique event in Charleville, spanning across 3 days. The Career expo will be taking place on the main day at the Outback Museum of Australia and we're inviting companies to host an exhibit during the expo.

### Why exhibit?

Due to its location in Charleville it offers companies an opportunity to connect with a rural audience. If you have any connection to the aviation or FPV industries, this is an unmissable opportunity to showcase your business, training platforms and career prospects to a new and untapped market.

### Opportunities:

Powered site: \$50  
Unpowered site: \$25

Potential to host a  
demonstration / display



Contact for more information:  
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Outback Queensland



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