



Hot Baths Route



Details

 Distance - 232km

 Pub Stops - 4

 Duration - 1-2 Days

 Drive Time - 4hrs

There's nothing better than visiting and experiencing the rejuvenating qualities of a mineral rich artesian bore bath – unless you can visit a few pubs along the way.

The Hot Baths Route connects to the Barwon Route and travels the same stretch of road out past Cryon to Burren Junction before turning South and heading around through Come-By-Chance and returning back to Walgett.

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1 Walgett

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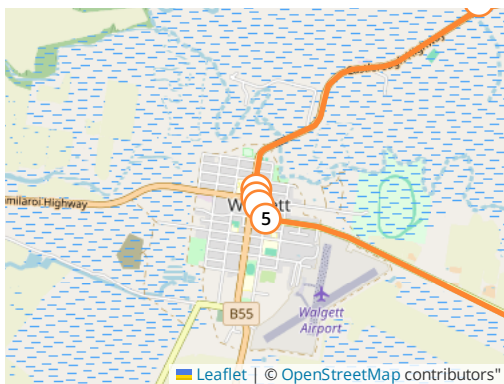


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2 PUB STOP | Gateway Motel/Motel

Call into the Gateway for a fantastically well appointed bottle shop, the best of local knowledge, and great accommodation, however, since Covid, there is no place to wet your whistle at the Gateway Motel/Motel.



3 Historical Pubs & Breweries of Walgett

While there is no substantive hotel currently operating in Walgett, the village on the junction of the Namoi and Barwon Rivers is a major hub of pastoralism and cropping, as well as place of great significance for Aboriginal people. During its history, there were at least 8 separate hotels in Walgett at different times – and a brewery.



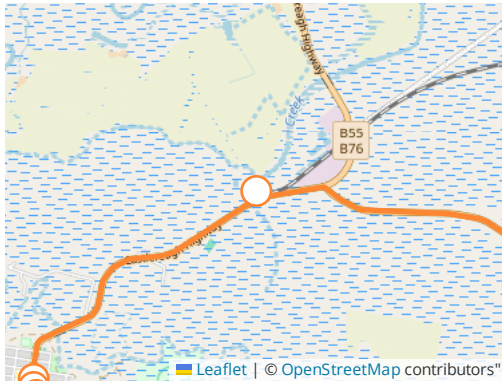
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4 Pub Spot | Two Mile Hotel (Warrambool)

Located near the twisting junction of the Barwon and Narran Rivers just a few miles from town along the road to Lightning Ridge was the Two Mile (Warrambool) Hotel.



A Warrambool is the local word for what is elsewhere called a billabong – a gully or depression which holds water for a period of time, but except in times of high flow and flood, is not connected to the main river channel.

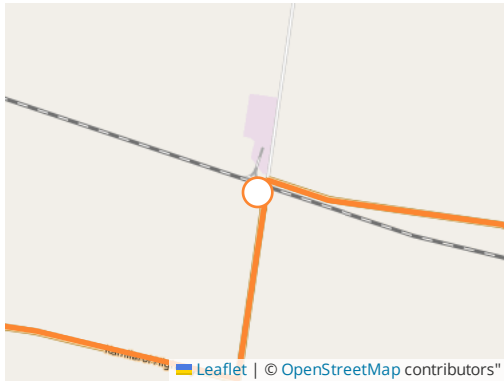


5 Pub Spot | Cryon Hotel

At a lonely crossroad on the vast black soil plains sits the little siding, and grain depot of Cryon, on of the important accommodations and hotels for itinerant workers in the region.



Not a lot of information on the hotel exists, but there are several mentions in old newspapers. Today *Cryon* is private property, but as drivers slow down to cross the railway line, you can still imagine the old days of steam trains stopping and passengers offloading and scurry to the shady verandahs of the weatherboard building, gawping at the expanse of flat, black soil surrounding them.

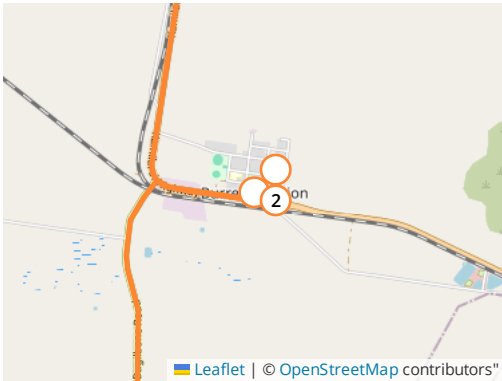


6 **Burren Junction**

An hour's drive east of Walgett along the Kamilaroi Highway brings you to Burren Junction. This small, welcoming town features a few streets with churches, a school, a post office, and a pub.



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7 PUB STOP | Junction City Hotel

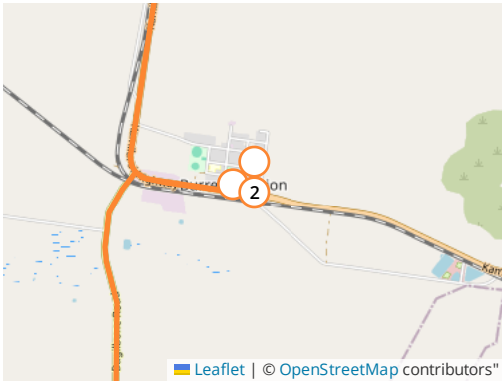
A large, modern tavern style pub locates on the very edge of town, the Junction City Hotel offers everything a traveller requires and doesn't expect to find in a small village.



63 Slacksmith Street, Burren Junction, Australia

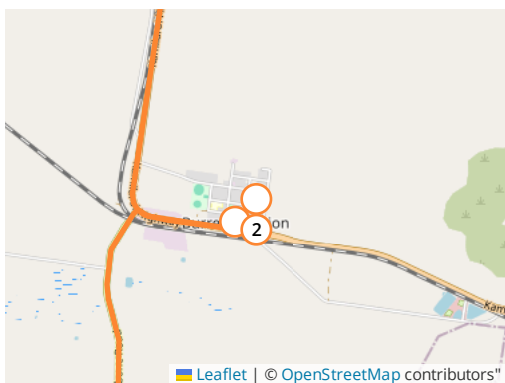


Arrive via Car from PUB STOP | Gateway
Motel/Motel
92.5 km / 57.5 mi - 53 minutes



8 Historical Pubs & Breweries of Burren Junction

There has only ever been two hotels operating at any one time in Burren Junction, and also a 'Refreshment Room'



9 Pilliga

Pilliga is a small town with a population of about 300, located 105 kilometers west of Narrabri. It is home to the Pilliga Artesian Bore Baths, constructed in 1902 as a permanent town water supply after a severe drought. Pilliga originated from the early development of the timber industry and was gazetted as a township in 1885. It was once an important center of the Cobb and Co route.



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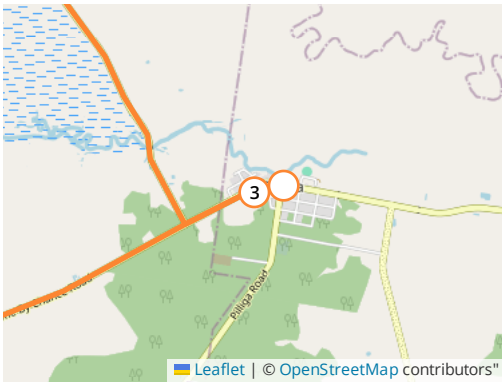
10 PUB STOP | Pilliga Hotel



91 Dangar Street, Pilliga, Australia



Arrive via Car from PUB STOP | Junction City Hotel
39 km / 24.2 mi - 26 minutes

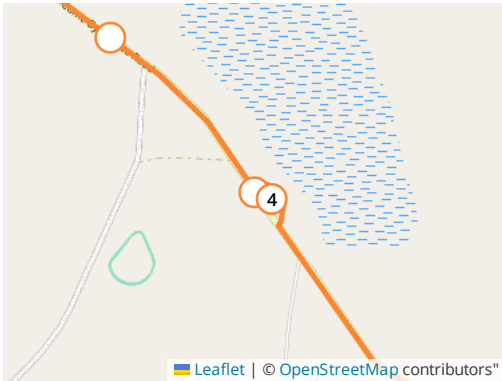


11 **Come by Chance**

Come by Chance is a name that often appears on lists of unusual place names. This small town, with a population of around 125, is situated on Baradine Creek, known locally as Bungle Gully Creek.



Come-by-Chance, NSW, Australia

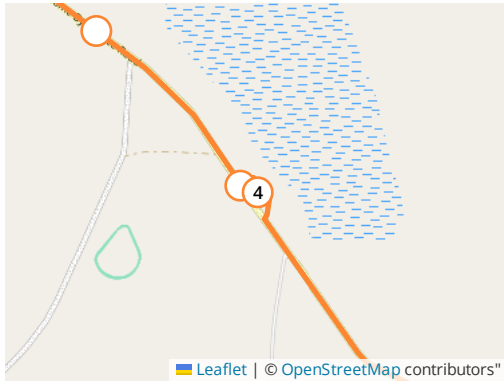


12 **PUB STOP | Comby Store**

Comby Store serves as the post office, supermarket, and of course, the pub for this curious community that should be on everybody's 'must see' list.



Arrive via Car from **PUB STOP | Pilliga Hotel**
42.9 km / 26.7 mi - 27 minutes



13 **Pub Spot | Come By Chance Hotel**

The Comby Store serves as the local hotel these days, but there was once a thriving hotel in the community on the black soil plains.

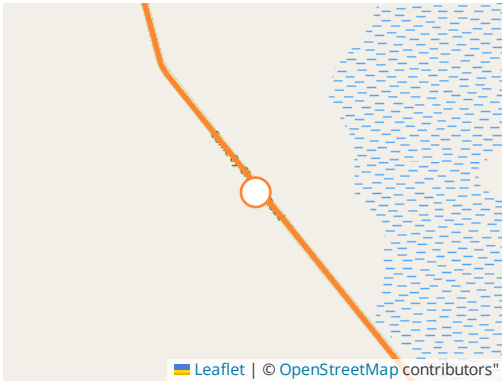


The first record available was that in 1899 tenders were called for the lease of this hotel. In 1902 Henry Evans was the licensee (and or owner) Management was to change many times over subsequent years. In 1929 the hotel was destroyed by fire. Harold E Colless held the license in 1930, presumably for a temporary bar. In June 1930 it was reported that the license was to be surrendered, though an interesting tale of inflation



14 **Pub Spot | Evandale Hotel**

Located between Walgett and Come-by-Chance the hotel was originally owned by George Colless-Evans – the building was destroyed by fire in the 1900s.

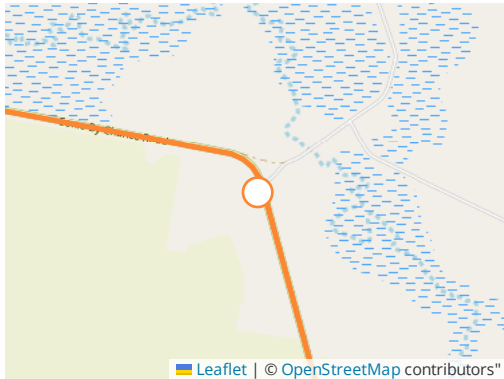


15 **Pub Spot | Goangra Hotel**

Goangra was a surveyed town on the Namoi River about 15 miles from Walgett on the Pilliga Road. In 1878-79 there was a hotel there named the Goangra Hotel



In 1882, Edward Nash built a hotel at Goangra, which continued to operate for many years.



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Arrive via Car from **PUB STOP | Comby Store**
57.2 km / 35.6 mi - 36 minutes



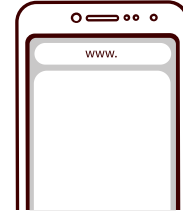
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