



The Barwon Route



Details

- Distance - 257km
- Pub Stops - 3
- Duration - 1-3 Days
- Drive Time - 5hrs

The Barwon Route carves a large rough triangle of the North-West as it traverses the black soil plains. Twisted Coolabahs line the roadsides while broadacre farm fields stretch to the horizon beyond.

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1 Walgett

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2 Historical Pubs 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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3 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.



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.



Ted McGuire's 2 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 | Mercadool Hotel

While there is little remaining evidence of this short-lived hotel, being regarded as 'long since obliterated' as far back as 1920, there is still an interesting mystery concerning the death of the proprietor's son.

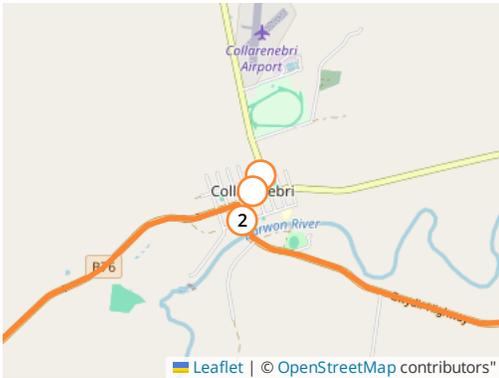


6 **Collarenebri**

A crossing on the Barwon previously known as Rocky Ford, Collarenebri is the home of the Might Murray Cod in the upper basin.



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7 **PUB STOP | Tattersalls Hotel**

The Tattersalls Hotel is a beautiful art deco building on the banks of the Barwon River at Collarenebri. With motel rooms at the back, meals seven days a week, friendly staff and cold beer always, the Tattersalls Hotel, Collarenebri is an essential stop on the Pub Route.



Tattersalls Hotel

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1 Wilson Street, Australia



Arrive via Car from Gateway Motel/Motel
74.6 km / 46.3 mi - 43 minutes



8 Pub Spot | Pubs & Breweries of Collarenebri

While records detail 6 Hotels in Collarenebri over a long period, it could be possible that there could be duplication resulting from change of names. This was not uncommon as the licensees were registered annually, and would sometimes change the name of the hotel depending on their preference.



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9 Pub Spot | Federal Hotel (Pokataroo)

With a name derived from the Aboriginal word 'Bukkitaro', roughly translated as 'river going wide', Pokataroo is a small locality on the Western fringe of the Liverpool Plains.



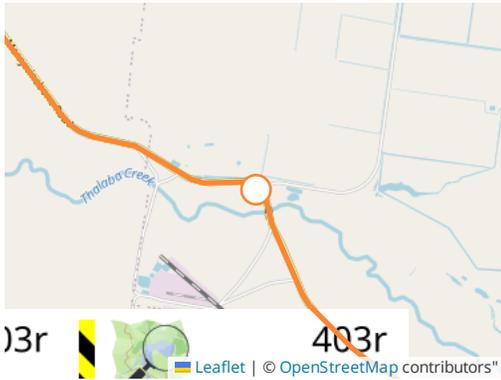
10 Pub Spot | Avondale Hotel (Merrywinebone)



The Avondale Hotel was at Merrywinebone siding, a horse-changing station for the coach line, and probably continued with the arrival of the railway.



Licensed by the Shearer family including the impressive matriarch, Harriet Shearer, the Avondale Hotel was licensed from the late 1800s until 1926.



11 **Rowena**

Rowena was once a stop along the Pokataroo Railway Line, marked by a wheat stack and a hotel. While trains carrying wheat and cotton still pass through the town, the station is now closed, and all business is conducted through the Rowena Pub.



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Rowena, NSW, Australia

12 **PUB STOP | Rowena Village Inn**

The front facade of the Rowena Pub gives little clue as to what lies inside. opening up like a tardis and revealing fantastic spaces for eating, relaxing, and entertaining for adults and kids, the Rowena Pub is definitely worth a visit.



Arrive via Car from PUB STOP | Tattersalls Hotel
57 km / 35.4 mi - 35 minutes

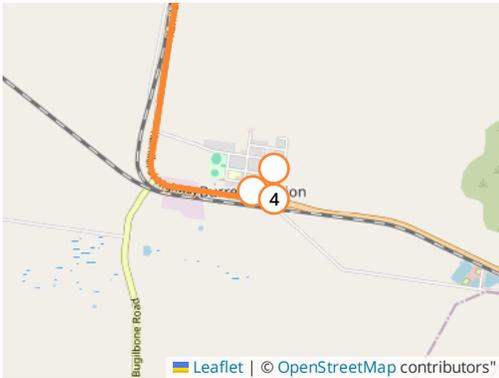


13 **Burren Junction**

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.

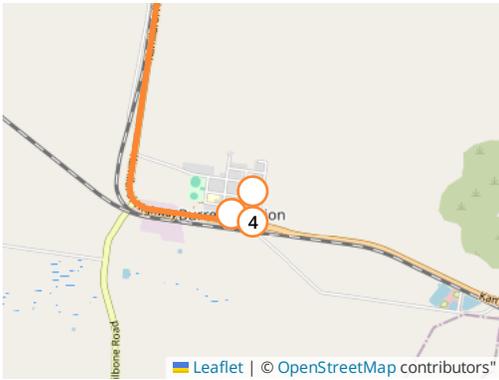


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14 **Historical Pubs of Burren Junction**

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



15 **PUB STOP | Junction City Hotel**

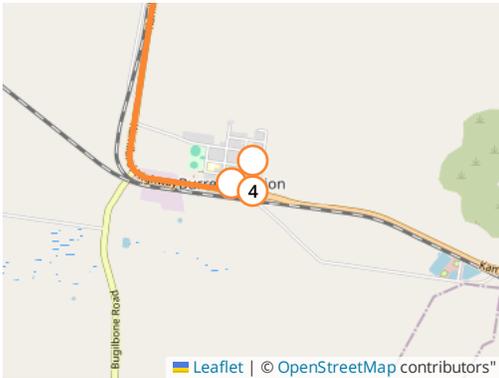
A large, modern tavern style pub locates on the very edge of town, the Junction City Hotel offers everything a traveller requires and doesn't expect to find in a small village.



63 Slacksmith Street, Australia



Arrive via Car from **PUB STOP | Rowena Village Inn**
43.2 km / 26.8 mi - 26 minutes



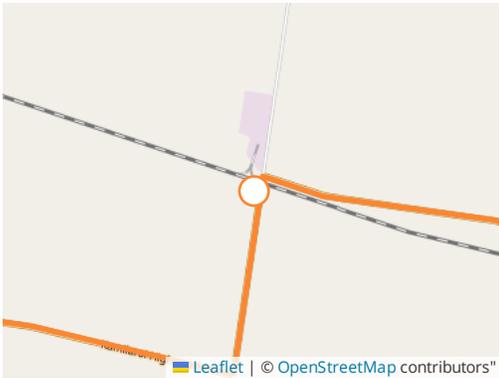
16 Pub Spot | Cryon Hotel



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.



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Arrive via Car from PUB STOP | Junction City
Hotel
91.4 km / 56.8 mi - 51 minutes



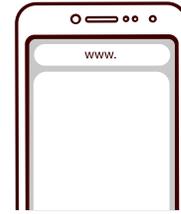
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