

# INFORMATION ON CLERMONT



## ACTIVITY

Find the four frogs (one each) on the four train carriages located at the Historic Clermont Central Train Station on Herschel Street.

## Clermont Information Centre

Peak Downs Highway, Clermont  
Open Wednesday to Saturday  
9:00am-3:00pm

## Beale's IGA

Capella Street, Clermont  
Open 7:30am-7:00pm Mon to Fri  
8:00am-4:00pm Saturday  
9:00am-4:00pm Sunday

## Clermont Pharmacy

48 Daintree Street, Clermont  
Open 8:30am-5:30pm Mon to Fri  
8:30am-12noon Saturday

## Bakery is closed weekends

## Hoey Moey (Clermont Hotel Motel)

Open 7 days 2:00pm till late  
Meals from 6:00pm

## Rose Harris Markets

Capella Street, Clermont  
First Saturday 8:00am till 12 noon

## Annually

Clermont Races Last Saturday in July  
Gold Festival 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in August

\* Please note... we do not know where the gold is located. ☺

Clermont is an agricultural town and located in the Isaac Regional Shire, Queensland, Australia. It is 274km south-west of Mackay and 108km north of Emerald, on the junction of the Gregory and Peak Downs highways. At the 2016 census, Clermont had a population of 3,131. Today, Clermont is a major hub for the large coal mines and solar power plants in the region as well as serving agricultural holdings, with crops of Sorghum, Wheat & Lucerne.

Ludwig Leichhardt was the first European to pass through the Clermont area in 1845, but it was the discovery of gold in 1861 that was responsible for the establishment of the town, close to what was Babbiburra clan land. The town reserve was proclaimed on 25 March 1864, although a gold field had been declared in 1862. Clermont is named after Clermont-Ferrand in France; Clermont-Ferrand was the ancestral home of Oscar de Satge, one of the first European graziers who owned the Wolfgang Downs pastoral run.

Theresa Creek Post Office opened in 1863, then was replaced by Coppermines Post Office at the end of 1863 and Clermont Post Office in 1864. Clermont State School opened on 27 August 1867.

Copper was discovered soon after. In the 1880s up to 4000 Chinese people were resident in Clermont, mining for gold and copper. This led to racial riots and the Chinese were removed from the region in 1888. The decorated soldier Billy Sing was born in Clermont in 1886 of a Chinese father and English mother.

The railway was extended north from Emerald to Clermont in February 1884. However, no passenger trains are available to or from Clermont today.

The town was originally established on low-lying ground next to a billabong, but flooding was always a problem, with four substantial floods occurring between 1864 and 1896. The greatest flood, in 1916, killed 65 people out of a town population of 1,500 and remains one of Australia's worst natural disasters in terms of life lost. Following the 1916 flood, many of the wooden buildings of the town were moved, using steam traction engines, to a new townsite on higher ground. The Clermont public library was opened in 1962

Glencore is currently operating the Clermont Mine, located 12kms northwest of the township of Clermont in central Queensland. When the mine reaches full capacity it will produce up to 12.2 million tonnes of thermal coal for international markets. Clermont Mine delivered its first conveyor of coal in April 2010. Clermont also hosted another larger coal mine; Blair Athol coal mine, located 20kms northwest of Clermont. The mine supplied customers in Asia and Europe with up to 12 million tonnes of thermal coal per annum. The coal deposit was originally discovered on the site in 1864 and was first mined in 1890. Between 1920 and 1945 coal was mined with an underground method, which is still visible today. The most recent open cut operation started in 1984. Blair Athol Mine was closed by Glencore on 26 November 2012. Orion Mining Ltd reopened the mine in June 2017 with expectation to produce 1.9Mt of product in the first full year of operation.

Clermont Solar Farm, on completion, will be a single-axis tracking project with an installed capacity of approximately 89-megawatt peak and will span an area of 497 acres. Owned by WIRCON GmbH, parent company of WIRSOL, Australia's largest integrated renewable energy developer, Clermont will be the company's third large-scale solar operation in the state. Clermont Solar Farm is financed by the CEFC (Clean Energy Finance Corporation) and commenced construction in February 2018 and is due to be completed in November 2018. Once operational, the solar farm will produce enough energy to power approximately 31,000 homes in the region, whilst preventing the emission of approximately 107,000 tonnes of Co<sup>2</sup>.

## LEGEND

1. Hoey Moey Pub (Best Food in town)
2. The Outback Prospector - fossicking gear & Cornetts Supa IGA (ATM Machine)
3. Dump Point (Lime Street)
4. Hoods Lagoon (Picnic Area)
5. Isaac Council Office
6. Rose Harris Park (monthly markets)
7. Bakery
8. Newsagency
9. Beales IGA (open 7 days)
10. Australia Post
11. Choice Service Station (good height)
12. Police Station
13. Historic Clermont Central Train Station
14. To Theresa Creek Dam/Rubyvale
15. To Clermont Museum/Info Ctr/Moranbah
16. To Gregory Highway (Emerald/BP Servo)
17. To GPA Mining Areas
18. Doctors Surgery/Hospital
19. Pharmacy
20. Tyre Repairs
21. Mechanic
22. Auto Electrician
23. Sports Fields
24. Bowls Club
25. Golf Club
26. Showgrounds
27. 'Piano in the Tree'
28. Veterinary Clinic
29. Butcher
30. Caltex Service Station (24hrs credit card)