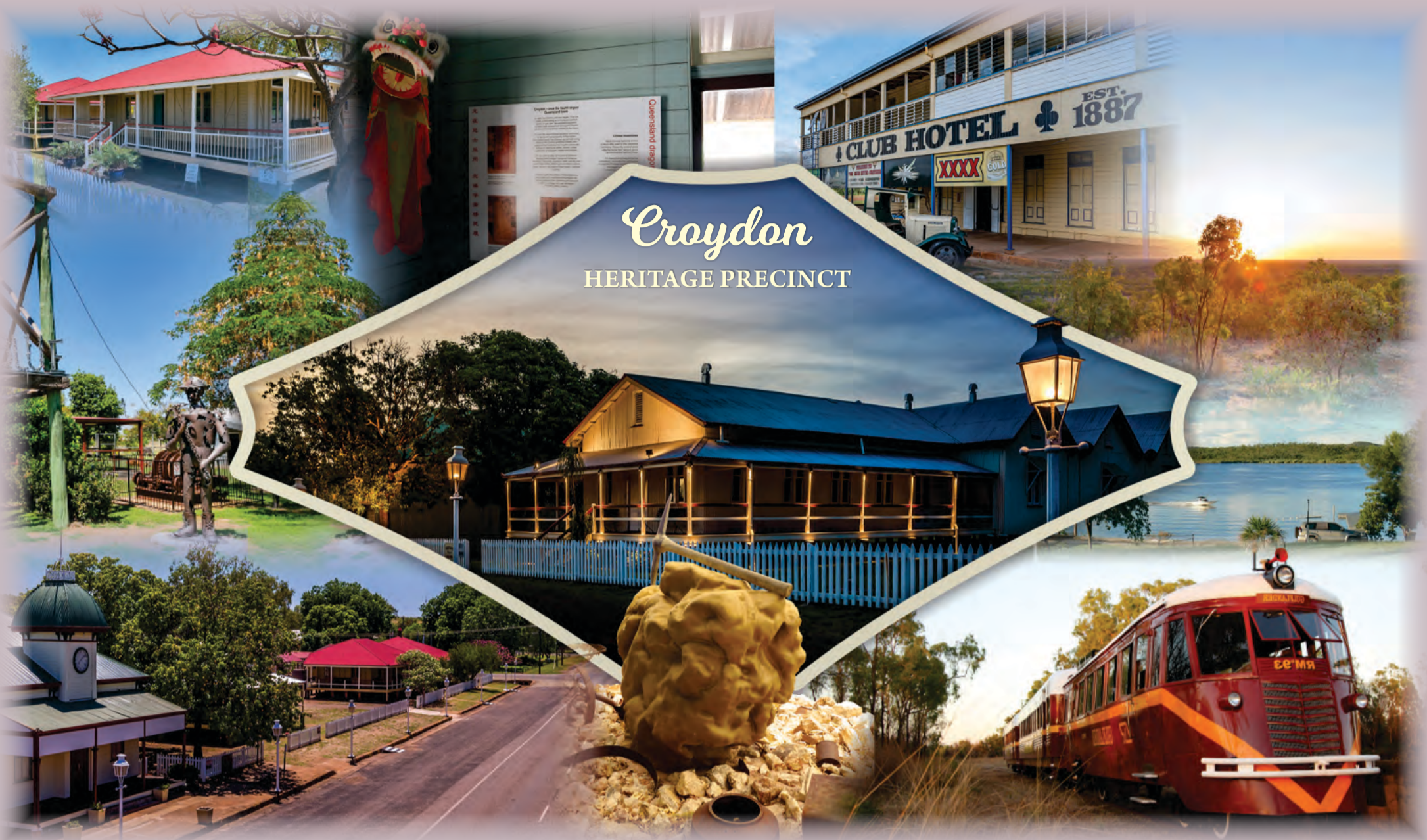


Croydon True Blue

Visit Incredible Croydon

Heritage Experience



Croydon HERITAGE PRECINCT

Immerse yourself in Croydon's wonderfully preserved heritage and natural beauty.

In the late 19th century, Croydon was a diverse, bustling town surrounded by satellite gold mining townships. It was then the 3rd largest town in North Queensland. 23,675 kilograms of gold came from these fields over a 35-year period. The gold is gone but heritage buildings and historic machinery remain.

Come and visit our proud little town where we have lavishly conserved our heritage while reinventing ourselves for the present and future.

Information

True Blue Visitor Information Centre
(07 4748 7152 - E: info@croydon.qld.gov.au - www.croydon.qld.gov.au)

Start your visit here with:

- Museum-quality displays on Croydon history
- The well-regarded short film 'Gold to Now'
- A stroll in our shady garden to see local native plants
- Visit a replica miners' hut
- Inspect restored antique Bedford cars
- A10 Steam Locomotives
- Machinery and Equipment
- Collect Brochures and Enjoy Internet Access
- Meet Really Helpful Tourism Staff

Croydon Walking Tours

- Dreamtime to Present Day Journey with a local indigenous perspective
- 60-minute walking tour
www.croydonwalkingtours.com.au or
Ring Patrick on 0472 618 055

Croydon Heritage Precinct (Free Entry)

- Town Hall
- Court House (interactive court case)
- Former Police Station
- Gaol at the Back (say hello to the prisoner)
- Police Sergeant's Residence

Croydon Café/Supermarket

- Spar Supermarket
- Coffee
- Take-away and eat in
- Fuel, souvenirs, supplies

Accommodation

Croydon Caravan Park (07 4745 6238)

- Self-contained, A/C, Cabins
- Powered Sites
- Unpowered Sites
- Shade, Camp Kitchen, Pool
- Controlled Dogs Welcome
- Laundry, Amenities, Fire pit
- Guest Wi-Fi
- E: caravanpark@croydon.qld.gov.au

Club Hotel c. 1887

The last of dozens of gold rush-era pubs

- Self-contained rooms
- Share facility rooms
- Lunch & Dinner
- Pool
- www.clubhotelcroydon.com.au

Gulf Gate Roadhouse and Post Office

(07 4745 6169)

- Self-Contained Cabins
- Licensed Dining Hall
- Take-aways, supplies, fuel & tyres

Freedom Camping Facility

- Toilets and showers
- Permits required from the True Blue Visitor Information Centre
- Donation based

Things to Do

Lake Belmore

- Fishing, Boating
- Bird Watching
- Kids Playground
- Shelters, Free BBQ's

Sports and Recreation (some equipment available to guests of the caravan park)

- Cycling (MTB, Gravel)
- Golf
- Lawn Bowls
- Pump Track (bikes, scooters, skateboards, roller skates)
- Seasonal Swimming Pool
- Tennis
- Trail Running
- Walking

Activities

- Annual events including Poddy Dodgers and Heritage Week Festivals
- Gulflander Train (over for details or 07 4413 4641)
- Sunset viewing from Diehm's Lookout
- Sunrise over Lake Belmore
- Heritage Precinct at Night – replica streetlamps and feature lighting
- Chinese Temple – Iguana Consols Mining Museum – Croydon Heritage Cemetery – Birdwatching at Cemetery Swamp



Incredible Croydon Walking Trail

- TRUE BLUE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**
This outstanding VIC has displays, a theatrette with a renowned audiovisual of Croydon, internet service, artefacts, information and sculpture gardens, antique cars and heritage houses. Please check the website or ring True Blue Visitor Information Centre for opening times.
- THE CROYDON HERITAGE PRECINCT**
Police Sergeants Residence c. 1897
This beautiful building was once the residence of the Officer in Charge of Police.
- THE POLICE STATION c. 1896**
Photographic displays and museum artefacts tell the story of Croydon at the Police Station with the Gaol directly behind it. **Don't wake the prisoner!**
- CROYDON COURTHOUSE**
Court hasn't been in session since 1926 but the original fittings remain. Sit in the public gallery and listen to a recreation of a 1902 case. Wander the back rooms to take in the atmosphere of the old Goldfields' Administration Office.
- TOWN HALL c. 1890**
Today this lovely building is used as a Picture Theatre, Dance Hall and Live Music and Travelling Show venue. The two original 1895 lamp posts on the footpath were made in Croydon. (Public toilets at rear of building)
- CROYDON SHIRE LIBRARY AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**
Register for a Rural Libraries Queensland Tourist Card to borrow from Croydon's library, which is also home to a Seniors' Broadband Kiosk. Next to the Administration Office you'll find a collection of old mining equipment.

- SAINT MARGARET'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**
Anglican and Catholic services are held regularly (notices at VIC). All denominations are welcome to attend. The Bell Tower has a cairn under it. The church was rebuilt after a cyclonic episode demolished it in 1942.
- FEDERATION PARK/ANZAC PARK**
The sculptures are by Hans Pehl, Blacksmith Artist. The park has gazebos with plenty of seating, free electric BBQs, picnic tables and children's playground, a tennis court and the Croydon War Memorial. (Public toilets)
- DATUM POST TREE**
The Cooktown Ironwood tree, alive until the 1980s, was used as the reference point for the original survey of the town.
- CROYDON CARAVAN PARK**
Select from powered and unpowered sites or air conditioned ensuite units at this shady caravan park built atop the 'Lady Mary' gold mine site. Enjoy the swimming pool, guest Wi-Fi, laundry and camp kitchen facilities. Tennis, golf, and bowls equipment available for guests. For bookings ring 07 4745 6238.
- CHINESE TEMPLE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE**
At the height of Croydon's gold rush, it was home to one of the largest settlements of Chinese immigrants in Northern Australia. A few of their decedents remain. Here information plaques on a short walking circuit offer a window into this community. This is a site of active research, with additional improvements to come.
- LAKE BELMORE**
A drive of fewer than 4 km along a sealed road leads you to this outback gem. Here you can fish year-round (barramundi and sooty grunter), water ski, bird watch (follow the sign to the hide),

enjoy a barbeque in the shaded picnic area, or let the kids have a go on the playground equipment.

- SUNSET AT DIEHMS LOOKOUT**
The lookout provides a bird's eye view of Croydon and is located on the road to Lake Belmore.
- CROYDON CAFÉ/SUPERMARKET**
The cool, shaded annexe is perfect for coffee, cake and meals. Takeaways, cold drinks, groceries, souvenirs and fuel and gas also available. Phone: 07 4745 6159



Trails to explore for mountain biking, bush walking, trail running and bird watching



Catch a Barramundi



For more information

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- OLD BUTCHER SHOP (Replica)**
The original was brought in from Little River around 1940. The iron and weatherboard structure collapsed in a storm in 1996 and was rebuilt from corrugated iron.
- REESE PARK**
Originally the site of the Bank of NSW, this central park has shaded picnic tables for weary travellers. (Toilets)
- CLUB HOTEL, CROYDON**
Built in 1887 this is the last of 36 hotels in Croydon town, and still operating today for drinks, meals and accommodation. Phone 07 4745 6184.
- FREEDOM CAMPING**
The Freedom Camping area, at 2 Aldridge Street, is accessible by permit only. Visit the True Blue Visitor Information Centre to make a donation and collect your permit. Outside of office hours find permit forms and drop box near the front door of the centre. Maximum stay: 2 nights, with use of showers and toilets.
- CENTENARY PARK**
The stone cairn marks the spot where gold was thought to have been discovered in Croydon. A nugget was found in a post hole, dug while fencing for cattle, in 1885.
- MINING MUSEUM**
An original Iguana Consols Mine with an operable 'stamper', mining machinery and chimney, and a replica of the original Bing Chew family home' and information plaques.
- MALE WARD FROM THE OLD HOSPITAL (MATRON MORROW HALL)**
Originally built in 1894, this building was moved to make place for the new hospital and is still used for community purposes.

- CROYDON RAIL STATION AND GULFLANDER RAIL MOTOR TERMINUS**
The Croydon Rail Station is an award-winning steel replica of the timber original. It's here the Gulflander train arrives from Normanton each Wednesday at 1:30 pm and departs for the return journey on Thursdays at 8:30 am (February to December, weather permitting). From June to August an evening ride is on offer – the Golden Sunset Tour, which includes dinner at the Golden Gate Railway Station, departs at 5:30 pm every Wednesday. Make bookings for Normanton with QLD Rail on 07 4413 4641, for Sunset Tours contact the True Blue Visitor Information Centre.
- CROYDON CEMETERY**
Located 2km past the Rodeo Grounds this cemetery is heritage listed and has operated since 1885. The old graves reveal the severe hardship of life on outback goldfields.
- GULFGATE ROADHOUSE and POST OFFICE**
Fuel, restaurant, hot and cold drinks, take-away food, batteries, tyres, souvenirs, post office and cabins.
- GOLF COURSE**
Enjoy a free 9-hole game of gold on Croydon's Savannah Golf Course (endorsed by Greg Norman's pro team in 2011). The course, with artificial turf tees and greens to allow for year-round play, suits beginners yet challenges experienced players. Get a course map at the True Blue Visitor Centre. Guests at the caravan park can borrow a set of clubs there.
- RECREATION GROUNDS & BOWLS GREEN**
Enjoy a game of bowls on artificial greens at the sport and recreation grounds. Bowls are available for guests of the Caravan Park.
- SWIMMING POOL**
25-metre outdoor pool with 6 lanes, wheel chair access into the pool, fenced toddler pool with shade cover. Check website or Visitor Information Centre for opening times.
- CWA**
The CWA in Croydon started up in 1926 to support the hospital and those struggling to survive when the gold field faltered. It declined in 1934 and was reformed in 1948. The gorgeous little CWA building was placed on Department of Justice land in 1964.
- CROYDON ASPHALT PUMP TRACK**
Multi-use asphalt pump track with different challenges, suitable for all ages using bikes, scooters, skate boards and rollerblades.
- HERITAGE PARK**
The latest addition to Croydon's Heritage District is Heritage Park. Take a moment to sit and enjoy the quiet under the gazebo to imagine Croydon's bustling past while soaking in today's tranquillity.