

Croydon True Blue

Visit Incredible Croydon

Heritage Experience



Immerse yourself in Croydon's wonderfully rich decadent history, starting with a very lucrative gold strike in 1885. Croydon was once the third largest town in Queensland and serviced an 18km long gold field which produced 23,675kg of gold from 35 years of blood, sweat and intrigue. Access to the gold ran out but the story of Croydon lives on. Come and visit this proud little town which has lavishly conserved its heritage while it reinvented itself.

Information

True Blue Visitor Information Centre (07 4748 7152) Start your visit here with:

- Short 'Gold to Now' Film in Theatre
- The Gold Wall, Social Information
- Gardens, Mining Architecture
- Restored Antique Bedford Cars
- Hans Pehl Sculptures
- A10 Steam Locomotives
- Machinery and Equipment
- Brochures, Internet
- Really Helpful Tourism Staff
- E: info@croydon.qld.gov.au

Links

www.croydon.qld.gov.au; info@croydon.qld.gov.au
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HJ2O8kL4VAK>

Croydon Heritage Precinct Restored Museums, 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 (07 4745 6159)

- Spar Supermarket
- 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 (07 4745 6184) Last pub of 64 on the Croydon Gold Field 1887

- Self-contained rooms
- Share facility rooms
- 3 Star Chef Lunch and 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

- Golf
- Mountain Biking
- Tennis
- Seasonal Swimming Pool
- Walking

Activities

- Annual Poddy Dodgers Festival
- Gulflander Train (every Wednesday from Normanton, returns Thursday (07 44134 641)
- Gulflander Sunset Tour (every Wednesday night, seasonally, bookings can be made at the True Blue Visitor Information Centre)
- Heritage Week
- Sunset viewing from Diehm's lookout
- Multi-use asphalt pump track
- The Heritage Precinct night lighting
- Trails to explore
- Check the www.croydon.qld.gov.au and social media for other events

• Chinese Temple • Iguana Consols Mining Museum • Croydon Heritage Cemetery • Croydon Railway Station and Line



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 c.1887**
Sit at the table in the public gallery and read about past events. Enjoy the court case unfolding while you sit, relax and are taken back in time. Wander through the back rooms and take in the atmosphere of the former Goldfields Administration Office. **Last court held was in 1926.** Enjoy the historical and medical memorabilia.
- 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 COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**
Next to the Administration Office there is a Ten Head Stamper Mill brought into town by the Council from the southern end of the gold field. The Croydon Public Library and the Seniors Broadband Kiosk are on the left of the Administration Office.

- SAINT MARGARETS 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**
The Park is situated on the "Lady Mary" gold mine. It is centrally located, close to all businesses and amenities, has a pool, plenty of shade, green grass, guest Wi-Fi, air-conditioned en-suited units and powered and unpowered sites. For bookings phone 07 4745 6238.
- CHINESE TEMPLE**
The Croydon Chinese Temple Archaeological Dig Site is a revealing window into Chinese settlement in northern Australia. Ongoing research will continue to disclose more about the policies of the day and the attitudes that triggered them. The information plaques along the walk-way provide insights into the personal lives of the Chinese living in Croydon.
- LAKE BELMORE**
Less than 4km from town Lake Belmore has sealed road access and a turn around opportunity, boat ramp, free electric BBQs, all year round fishing (Barramundi and Sooty Grunter),

- 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



- 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 Railway Station is an award winning steel replica, replacing the original timber structure. The Gulflander arrives on Wednesdays at 1.30pm from February – December, depending on the weather. From the beginning of June to the end of August, each Wednesday you can do a 'Golden Sunset Tour' including a meal leaving at 5pm. The Gulflander returns to Normanton on Thursday morning at 8.30am. Bookings can be made by phoning QLD Rail in Normanton on 07 4413 4641 and Sunset Tours bookings can be made through 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, licensed restaurant, hot and cold drinks, take-away food, batteries, tyres, souvenirs, post office and cabins. Phone 07 4745 6169.
- GOLF COURSE**
Enjoy a free 9 hole game of golf on Croydon's Savannah Golf Course, endorsed by Greg Norman's pro team in 2011. The course, with its artificial turf on the tees and greens, suits beginners and challenges experienced players. Get your self-guided map from the True Blue Visitor Information Centre.
- 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.

- 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 facility is located at 2 Alldridge Street and is accessible by permit only. Please visit the True Blue Visitor Information Centre to obtain a permit. Permit is by donation only and is a maximum of two nights with the 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.

For more information

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