Conferences & Events in the Roma Region:

Planner's Guide

ROMA | INJUNE | MITCHELL | SURAT | YULEBA | WALLUMBILLA | CARNARVON GORGE





About the Roma region

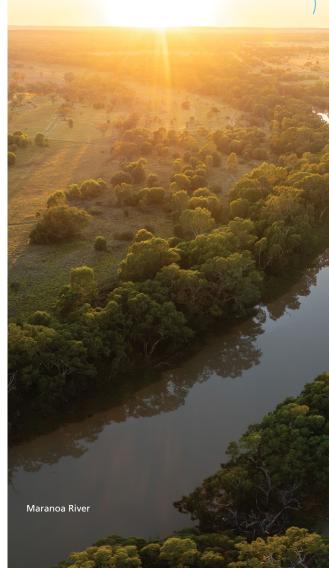
The Roma region is made up of several townships and communities – Injune, Mitchell, Surat, Yuleba, and Wallumbilla, with Roma as its major centre. Each town has their own individual charm, and all share a welcoming attitude and a strong sense of country hospitality.

Roma and its surrounding towns are located in the Maranoa region of Southwest Queensland, just 500 km west of the state's capital, Brisbane. The Maranoa region covers 58,830 km, with a population of over 13,000.

Almost 400,000 visitors per year travel to the Roma region to experience a taste of the outback – along with the charm and character of country life.

The Roma region has the comforts of a country town with all the conveniences of the city. Within the region, you'll find major supermarkets and bank branches, along with a diverse selection of boutique, convenience, and specialty stores. Community and recreational facilities including libraries, public pools, gyms, and sports grounds are also available.

There's more than meets the eye in the Roma region... Host your next conference, festival, sporting event or celebration here and discover where country meets the Outback.





Why the Roma region?

Mhy choose us for your next event?

Closer than you think:

Roma is located just half a day's drive or a one-hour flight west of Queensland's capital city, Brisbane. Once you're here, parking is free, commutes are short, and everything is at your fingertips.



Unique location:

The Roma region, where country meets the Outback, offers the perfect blend of authentic experiences with modern comfort, convenience, and accessibility.



Country hospitality:

It's good old-fashioned country hospitality that sets us apart. Immerse yourself in country life, where friendly locals are eager to share stories and make you feel right at home.



Outback experiences:

Unique events need unique experiences. Combining country charm and outback character, there's no shortage of experiences on offer here in the Roma region. And, there's always more to reveal!



Our track record:

The Roma region has been home to many successful, large-scale events and festivals which bring in high visitor numbers – Easter in the Country, Santos Festival of Rugby, Roma Cup and the Cobb & Co Festival to name just a few.



plan your next event



Local advice and expertise

Nobody knows the Roma region like us. Leverage our local connections to access essential services, operators, and hire companies for seamless event planning.

Venue recommendations

Looking for the perfect venue? We've got you covered. Let our team recommend ideal locations for your event's style and requirements.

Bid development

Our events team can assist to create compelling and successful bids. Let us leverage our expertise to help you secure the opportunity to host an unforgettable event.

Event promotion

We're happy to advise and support you in the promotion of your event. We can provide current regional media contacts and support your strategies to reach your target market.

Funding and grants

Council offers event and project support through community grants, cash sponsorship and in-kind assistance, such as fee waivers for Council facilities or equipment hire*.

Itineraries and attractions

Discover the best of the Roma region with tailored itineraries featuring local tours, must-visit attractions, and unforgettable experiences.

Site inspections and familiarisations

The Roma region has a variety of venues and services to cater to your needs.

Arrange site visits through our Visitor Information Centres or directly with operators and come experience our country charm for yourself.

*Subject to Council policy and approval



Hire & Services

The Roma region offers a range of event hire and service businesses, covering event styling to furniture hire to catering.

Contact Maranoa Regional Council's Events Team for more information.

Accommodation

With accommodation options spread throughout the region, many within walking distance to the CBD, you can enjoy the best of both worlds: authentic Outback and country experiences with comfort, convenience, and accessibility.

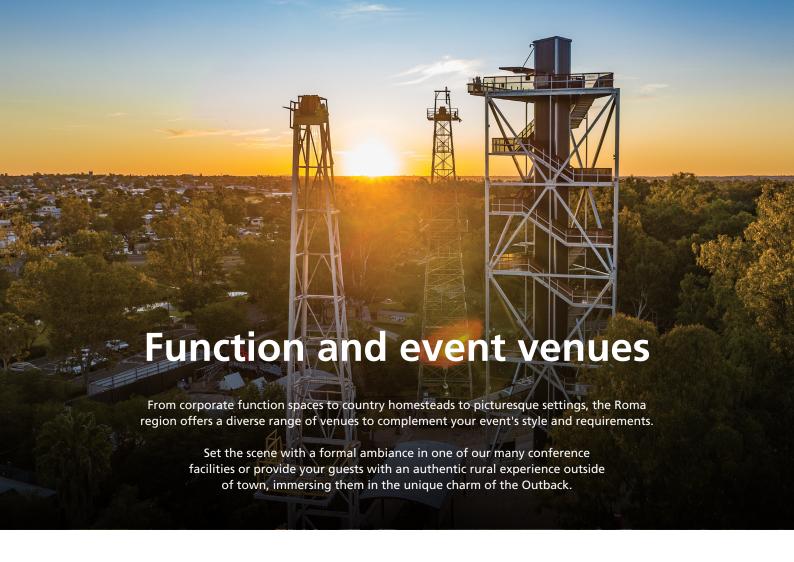
The Roma region often experiences high demand for accommodation, due to the influx of FIFO (fly-in, flyout) workers, business travellers and other visitors. To ensure availability, it is strongly recommended that event attendees book their accommodation well in advance to secure their rooms.

For those seeking a more distinctive experience, consider a farm stay, boutique B&B, or glamping under the stars at an Outback retreat.

Independent campsites are also located across the region. Please contact the local Visitor Information Centre for more information.











Bassett Park

Location: Northern Road, Roma

Contact: customer.roma@maranoa.qld.gov.au | 1300 007 662

Area: Hall | Outdoor Area | Bar Capacity: 10,000 outdoor | 350 seated

Facilities: Bar, bathrooms, commercial kitchen, onsite parking,

outdoor areas

Bassett Park is a large-scale event and exhibition space, home to Roma's racetrack, showgrounds, campdraft and rodeo grounds. Its expansive outdoor spaces are ideal for conferences, rugby games, outdoor music concerts, festivals, and weddings. Conveniently located just a few kilometres from the Roma CBD, Bassett Park offers easy access to accommodation and the airport.

The Big Rig

Location: 2 Riggers Road, Roma

Contact: tourism@maranoa.qld.gov.au | 1300 007 662

Area: Outdoor Area Capacity: 80–100

Facilities: Audio & visual technology, bathrooms, onsite catering,

onsite parking, outdoor areas, outdoor theatre

The Big Rig, one of the Roma region's top attractions, offers a captivating journey through Australia's oil and gas history, providing an ideal spot to become immersed in the area's heritage and history. Enjoy drinks and finger food beneath a 100-year-old EMSCO oil rig, climb the 40m Big Rig Tower for expansive views across the town, and watch a short history film under the stars in the outdoor theatre.





The Big Rig Parklands

Location: 2 Riggers Road, Roma

Contact: customer.roma@maranoa.qld.gov.au | 1300 007 662

Area: Outdoor area Capacity: 3,000

Facilities: Onsite catering, onsite parking, outdoor areas, toilets, power

The Big Rig's surrounding parklands serve as an excellent outdoor venue for various events, festivals, and markets. With expansive grassy areas, convenient onsite power, a mini train and playground, and amenities, as well as catering services, the parklands provide an ideal setting for gatherings of all kinds.

Moorelands Bush Nursery

Location: Dargal Rd, Roma

Contact: juliemurray105@hotmail.com | 0428 222 069

Area: Outdoor area Capacity: 200

Facilities: Bar, bathrooms, onsite parking, outdoor areas

Moorelands Bush Nursery is a charming outdoor venue that provides a beautiful setting for memorable events. Surrounded by lush plants and open bushland, the nursery provides a unique and picturesque backdrop for weddings, celebrations, gatherings, and more.





Roma Cultural Centre

Location: Maranoa Regional Council Building,

Cnr Quintin & Bungil Streets, Roma

Contact: customer.roma@maranoa.qld.gov.au | 1300 007 662

Area: Hall (Auditorium) | Function Room

Capacity: 500 auditorium | 300 Ernest Brock Room

Facilities: Audio & visual technology, bathrooms, semi-commercial

kitchen, stage

The Roma Cultural Centre is a modern and versatile complex located in the heart of the Roma CBD. It features an auditorium with a stage, sound system, and lighting, alongside the Ernest Brock function room, available for separate or simultaneous use. The Cultural Centre is a popular venue for concerts and performances, dinners, and seated functions

Roma Explorers Inn

Location: 44778 Warrego Highway, Roma

Contact: functions@romaexplorersinn.com.au | 07 4620 1400

Area: Boardroom | Restaurant | Function room

Capacity: 300

 $\textbf{Facilities:} \ \, \textbf{Audio} \, \, \textbf{\&} \, \, \textbf{visual technology, bar, bathrooms, commercial} \, \,$

kitchen, onsite catering, onsite parking, outdoor area, stage/dancefloor, onsite function coordinator

The onsite function centre at Roma Explorers Inn provides comfortable, modern, and spacious facilities tailored for functions and events. The centre's function rooms are equipped with modern audio and visual technology and can accommodate 300 guests. Onsite catering packages and a fully licensed bar are readily available to enhance your event experience.





Roma Gun Club

Location: 155 Geoghegan Rd, Roma

Contact: functions@romagunclub.com.au | 0476 674 514

Area: Outdoor area, clubroom, function room

Capacity: 250 seated

Facilities: Audio & visual technology, bar, bathrooms, commercial

kitchen, onsite camping, onsite catering, onsite parking,

outdoor areas, stage

The Roma Gun Club is tucked away just outside town, offering a quiet, private, and relaxed atmosphere. The Robinson's Room is a spacious hall featuring high ceilings and a fully equipped bar. The room opens onto a covered, insulated verandah that provides open views of the club's scenic grounds. Sit down catering, BBQ on the verandah and more options are available.

Roma Saleyards

Location: 44589 Warrego Highway, Roma

Contact: council@maranoa.qld.gov.au | 1300 007 662

Area: Outdoor area Capacity: Open capacity

Facilities: Audio & visual technology, bathrooms, commercial

kitchen, onsite catering, onsite parking, outdoor areas,

outdoor auditorium

The Roma Saleyards offers a unique setting to incorporate the distinctive character of Roma into your event. As the largest cattle selling centre in Australia, spanning 123 acres, the Saleyards boast various facilities including an outdoor amphitheatre, boardroom, grassy outdoor areas, and onsite catering services.





Western Queensland Spirit

Location: 50 Bungeworgorai Ln, Dargal Road

Contact: info@westernqldspirit.com | 0486 028 193

Area: Outdoor area | Cellar door

Capacity: 160

Facilities: Bar, bathrooms, commercial kitchen, onsite parking,

outdoor areas

Experience an event destination like no other at Western Queensland Spirit, Western Queensland's first hand-crafted, artisan distillery. Located on a 55-acre former citrus and grape farm, with four event spaces, it provides the perfect natural outback ambience for your next event.

Injune Memorial Hall

Location: Hutton Street, Injune

Contact: customer.injune@maranoa.qld.gov.au | 1300 007 662

Area: Hall Capacity: 250

Facilities: Audio & visual technology, bar, bathrooms, commercial

kitchen, onsite parking, stage

The Injune Memorial Hall is in the heart of Injune, next to the Visitor Information Centre and Injune Creek Gallery. This venue features a spacious open-plan area with timber flooring, including a stage and a supper room. It serves as a great venue for various events such as performances, productions, conferences, and training sessions.





Mitchell Shire Hall & Great Artesian Spa

Location: 2 Cambridge Street, Mitchell

Contact: customer.mitchell@maranoa.qld.gov.au | 1300 007 662

Area: Hall Capacity: 250

Facilities: Audio & visual technology, bar, bathrooms, commercial

kitchen, stage

Mitchell Shire Hall is located within a complex at the eastern entrance to town, incorporating the Mitchell Swimming Pool and the Great Artesian Spa -- pools filled with natural mineral waters from the Great Artesian Basin. The Hall sets itself apart with elegant features including timber polished floors, pressed metal accents, checkerboard tiled wings and red velvet acoustic curtains.

Mulga Belt Living

Location: 1203 Vee Gate Lane, Mulga Belt, Mitchell **Contact:** events@mulgabeltliving.com.au | 0419 232 740

Area: Hall | Function room | Outdoor area

Capacity: 120

Facilities: Audio & visual technology, bathrooms, mobile bar, onsite catering, onsite function coordinator, onsite parking,

outdoor areas

Mulga Belt Living is a unique, country venue located south of Mitchell on the historic estate of the Noon Family. The property features extensive amenities including on-site boutique 5-star accommodation for up to 24, camping & caravanning, a private airstrip, tennis courts, rooftop bar, and 'paddock to plate' dining experiences.





Surat Shire Hall

Location: 56 William Street, Surat

Contact: customer.surat@maranoa.qld.gov.au | 1300 007 662

Area: Hall Capacity: 250

Facilities: Audio & visual technology, bar, bathrooms, outdoor area

The Surat Shire Hall, constructed in 1929, holds the distinction of being listed on the Queensland Heritage Register. This timber shire hall, designed with art-deco style architecture, has been a venue for balls, dances, weddings, and parties throughout the decades. The Supper Room and Shire Hall are connected via a covered walkway and courtyard area.

The Barn at Mt Hope

Location: Wallumbilla

Contact: thebarnatmthope@outlook.com | 0428 634 933

Area: Function room | Outdoor area

Capacity: 170

 $\textbf{Facilities:} \ \ \textbf{Bar, bathrooms, commercial kitchen, onsite accommodation,}$

onsite catering, onsite parking, outdoor areas

The Barn at Mt Hope is a rustic, country-style event and function centre situated on a working 34,000-acre cattle station in Wallumbilla. It provides both indoor and outdoor function areas, along with onsite furniture hire. Additionally, the venue offers station tag-along tours, hopon coach tours, workshops, and onsite accommodation options tailored for groups.

Function Venues

	AREA	CAPACITY	
Roma & Surrounds			
Bassett Park	Hall Outdoor Area	350 10,000	
Best Western Bungil Creek	Restaurant/dining room Function room Meeting room	25	
Big Rig Parklands	Outdoor area	3,000	
Desq	Function room Meeting room Outdoor area	200	
Hibernian Hall	Hall	100	
Life Church Roma	Function room Meeting room Outdoor area Auditorium	250	
Maranoa PCYC	Hall	200	
Moorelands Bush Nursery	Outdoor area	200	
Pete's Place	Restaurant/dining room	60	
Roma Bowls Club	Clubhouse	120	
Roma Cultural Centre: Auditorium	Hall/auditorium	500	
Roma Cultural Centre: Ernest Brock Room	Function room	300	
Roma CWA Hall	Hall	-	
Roma Function Centre (Roma Explorers Inn)	Boardroom Restaurant Function Room	300	
Roma Gun Club: Clubhouse	Clubroom	-	
Roma Gun Club: Robinson's Room	Function room	250 seated	
Roma RSL Hall	Hall	150	
Roma Saleyards	Outdoor area Meeting room	Open capacity	
St Paul's Anglican Church Roma	Church	-	
Starlight Motor Inn	Meeting room	30	
The Club Hotel	Restaurant/dining room	50	
The Commonwealth Hotel	Restaurant/dining room Outdoor area	70	
The Overlander Homestead	Restaurant/dining room Meeting room	20	
The Queens Arms	Restaurant/dining room Outdoor area	40-60	
The White Bull Tavern	Restaurant/dining room	100	
Western Queensland Spirit	Function room Outdoor area Cellar door	160	
Injune & Surrounds			
Eumamurrin Hall			
Injune Bowls Club	Clubroom	50	
Injune Golf Club	Clubroom	50	
Injune Memorial Hall	Hall	250	
Injune Rodeo and Cutting Grounds	Outdoor area	5000	
Possum Park	Outdoor area	100	
Wallaroo Outback Retreat	Hall. Outdoor area	50	

	ADEA	CARACITY
Mitchell & Surrounds	AREA	CAPACITY
	Hall	100
Amby Hall / Booringa Shire Hall	Hall	100
Cambridge Motel	Restaurant/dining room Function room Meeting room Outdoor area	250
Dunkeld Hall	Hall	100
Hotel Richards		100
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Maranoa Diggers Race Club	Clubroom Outdoor area	200
Mitchell Bowling Club	Clubroom	80
Mitchell CWA Hall	Hall	60
Mitchell Golf Club	Clubroom	60
Mitchell Great Artesian Spa	Café area	250
Mitchell RSL & Combined Sports Complex	Hall Clubroom Outdoor area	100
Mitchell Shire Hall	Hall	200
Mitchell Showgrounds	Outdoor area Function room	5000
Mulga Belt Living	Hall Restaurant/dining room Function room Meeting room Outdoor area	50/120
Mungallala Hall	Hall	100
Western Hotel	Restaurant/dining room	-
Surat & Surrounds		
Surat Recreation Grounds	Outdoor area	Open capacity
Surat Shire Hall: Hall and Supper Room	Hall	250
The New Royal Hotel	Restaurant/dining room	80
Warroo Sporting Complex	Outdoor area	Open capacity
Yuleba, Wallumbilla & Su	ırrounds	
Jackson CWA Hall	Hall	100
Noonga Hall	Hall	100
The Barn @ Mt Hope	Function room Outdoor area	170
Wallumbilla CWA Hall	Hall	-
Wallumbilla School of Arts Memorial Hall	Hall	100
Wallumbilla Showgrounds	Function room Outdoor area	Open capacity
Yuleba Memorial Hall	Hall	140

Please note that this information is intended as a guide only. Contact Maranoa Regional Council's Events Team for venue management contact details to ensure they can meet your requirements.

Additionally, there are boutique spaces available throughout the region, including art galleries in Roma, Mitchell, Injune, and Surat. If you are interested in any of these spaces, please contact the Maranoa Regional Council for further assistance.



Sporting Facilities

The Roma region offers a variety of sporting facilities for your next event. Our region has played host to many sporting events and competitions including:

- Australian Off Road Championship
- Outback Queensland Masters
- Queensland Rugby League's Hostplus Cup 'Activate! Queensland' Country Week
- Queensland State Country Showjumping Championships
- Santos Festival of Rugby and Roma Rugby 7s
- Southwest Outback Basketball Carnival
- State Junior Motorcross Championships

Contact details for sporting facilities can be provided by Maranoa Regional Council.

FACILITY	ROMA &	INJUNE &	MITCHELL &	SURAT &	YULEBA &
	SURROUNDS	SURROUNDS	SURROUNDS	SURROUNDS	SURROUNDS
Lawn bowls					
Golf					
Gym facilities					
Cricket					
Tennis					
Rugby					
Basketball					
Netball					
Touch Football					
Soccer					
Swimming					
Boxing					
Speedway & Drags					
Gun Club					
Rifle Range					
Archery					
Little Athletics					
Mud Derby					
Equestrian					
Horse Racing					
Campdraft					
Pony Club					
Rodeo					
Polocrosse					
Darts					
Dance					







Transport

Cetting to the Roma region

The Roma region is an easy drive from Southeast Queensland - less than 500kms from the state's capital Brisbane, via sealed roads.

Rex Airlines operate regular passenger services between Brisbane, Roma, and Charleville, including 28 weekly flights to and from Roma and Brisbane. Flight time from Roma to Brisbane is just under an hour with connections to other major centres. *rex.com.au* | 13 17 13

Queensland Rail's Westlander is a leisurely alternative for those wishing to explore the scenic western region by rail. The service operates between Brisbane and Charleville, stopping in several destinations in the Maranoa including Yuleba, Wallumbilla, Roma, and Mitchell

queenslandrailtravel.com.au | 1800 872 467

Greyhound offers regular coach services from Brisbane to Roma. *greyhound.com.au* | 1300 473 946



Getting around the Roma region

Roma Cabs

Roma Cabs is a convenient taxi service for those that wish to explore a little more of our region in their own time, or for a lift to and from the airport. Roma Cabs have a mix of both maxi cabs and cars in their fleet. Bookings can be made by calling (07) 4622 1555.

Rental Cars

Several vehicle rental hire companies operate in the Roma region, including Avis, Budget, Hertz, Thrifty, and Sixt. Vehicles are available for collection at Roma Airport and Roma town centre.

Avis:

avis.com.au | (07) 4638 2999

Budget:

budget.com.au | 07 4632 8598

Hertz:

hertz.com.au | 07 4622 5120

Thrifty:

thrifty.com.au | 13 61 39

Sixt:

sixt.com.au | (07) 5658 4910

Coaches

Several coach and bus operators offer charter services and coach rentals in the Roma region.

Murrays Coaches:

murrays.com.au | 13 22 59

LorKen Transit:

rodneywaugh1@gmail.com | 0414 224 871

Stonestreets Coaches:

stonestreetscoaches.com.au | 07 5218 6594



getting here

Our events calendar

The Roma region is home to a range of unique, signature events that capture our 'country meets the Outback' spirit, including rodeos and races, festivals celebrating local culture and black-tie balls. Plan your visit around our event calendar and experience life like a local for a day.

February

- Santos Festival of Rugby (every two years)
- Roma Rugby 7s Tournament
- Bendemere Cup

March

- Roma Picnics Black Tie Ball & Races
- Wallumbilla Bulls, Broncs and Barrells
- Tooloombilla Rodeo & Campdraft

April

- Easter in the Country
- Injune Campdraft

May

- Wallumbilla Show
- Roma Show
- Mitchell Show
- Booringa Festival (every two years)

June

- Sculptures Out Back (June September)
- Injune Cup Races
- Roma Rugby Races

July

• Cities Race Day

August

- Fillies & Families Day
- Cobb & Co Festival (every 5 years)
- Rugby League Grand Final
- Rugby Union Grand Final
- Eumamurrin Campdraft

September

- Surat Digger's Races
- Mitchell Campdraft
- Roma Campdraft

October

- Injune Rodeo
- Mitchell Rodeo
- Mitchell Races

November

- Roma Cup
- Roma Country Music Festival

December

• Christmas Races











Make the most of your time here, stay a little longer and create memories that last well after your event is finished. The Roma region has so many hidden gems just waiting to be explored...

Visit romarevealed.com.au to learn more.

Roma

Roma is the centre of the Maranoa region, offering a cosmopolitan feel with boutique and specialty retailers, espresso bars and cafes, restaurants and pubs and all within a four-block radius.

Learn about the region's agricultural history at the largest cattle selling facility in Australia, Roma's importance to the oil and gas industry at The Big Rig, or the region's first craft distillery at Western Queensland Spirit.

Injune

Found at the base of the famous Carnarvon Ranges and surrounded by some of Queensland's best national parks, Injune is the perfect destination to begin your next outdoor adventure.

Surround yourself with breathtaking natural landscapes, learn about the pioneering heritage and Aboriginal Dreamtime stories of the area, or take a guided tour in one of the national parks.

Mitchell

Mitchell, on the banks of the Maranoa River, is full of heart and rich in Australian history.

Visit where Australia's last known bushrangers the Kenniff Brothers were captured and committed to trial, soak in an outdoor spa filled with naturally heated water from the Great Artesian Basin, cast a line out at Fisherman's Rest and wander through the Mitchell on Maranoa Gallery.

Surat

The charming, picturesque township of Surat, nestled on the Great Inland Way, beckons you to rediscover the history of pioneering spirit and life on the land.

Visit the Cobb & Co Changing Station to learn about the lifestyles of yesteryear and the town's pivotal role during that era. Stroll along the River Walk, relaxing on the serene banks of the Balonne River. Don't miss the gorgeous, art-deco style Surat Shire Hall.









Yuleba

Yuleba, a small town east of Roma, is known for its rich history and scenic landscapes.

Retrace the historical last run of the horse-drawn Cobb & Co Coach mail service in 1924, discover native water wells and public art murals, and enjoy a picnic surrounded by local flora and fauna at Judd's Lagoon.

Wallumbilla

Experience the charm and good old-fashioned country hospitality of Wallumbilla.

East of Roma, this quaint township is dedicated to sharing the area's local heritage. Visit the Calico Cottage for home-baked country treats, learn about the area's history at the Heritage Complex, and enjoy a touch of country life.

Carnarvon Gorge

Hidden in the rugged ranges of Outback Queensland just north of Injune, Carnarvon Gorge features towering sandstone cliffs, vibrantly coloured side gorges, diverse flora and fauna and Aboriginal rock art. Whether you enjoy a guided tour experience or take one of the many self-guided walks, you will be captivated by the abundance of native wildlife and the rare wilderness on offer at Carnarvon Gorge.



discover our region



