

Jandowae Heritage Trail



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1. Athlone Cottage

Built around 1890, the cottage originally had an ant bed floor and was situated where the town dam is today. It was moved to its present site in 2001, and is the feature of a precinct that shows how the early settlers lived. Shearer's quarters (1907), a dairy, windmill, gardens and the creek side setting make this an attractive stopover. It is frequently used as a setting for wedding photos and is the venue for various community events. The latest addition to the precinct is Jandowae's second school building, which was built in 1899. The building is currently being restored to its original condition.

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2. The Railway

When the railway came to Jandowae in 1914, it allowed access to the market place for the district's produce, livestock and timber. The train no longer comes but the Station, relocated to Lion's Park, sits alongside the miniature railway - call in at our Visitor Information Centre in the Community & Cultural Centre to find out when the miniature railway is making its next journey around the track.

3. The Stationmasters House

With buildings being constructed from 1900 until the present day, there are many different styles of architecture to be seen in our town. The Stationmasters House, built around 1914, is now a private residence and a good example of an early Queensland.

4. The Catholic Church

Built in late 1909, the Catholic Church was the first church in town. The Presbytery was built in 1937. A new church was built in 1964 and the original building is now used as a hall.

5. Queensland National Bank Building

Built in late 1913/14, the Queensland National Bank later became known as the National Australia Bank. Like the hitching rail in the front of the building, the bank too has gone. Today it is a private residence.

6. The Club Hotel

Built for Mr W Mulholland in 1913 by Mr Tim Towell, who featured in the book "The Little Digger", the Club Hotel was the first two story hotel in town. Originally it was known as "Mulholland's Hotel", but was later named "The Club Hotel". It is better known today as "The Top Pub" or "The Pink Pub".

7. The Memorial Hall

The first Memorial Hall was burned down in 1932. At a cost of \$2534.75, a new hall was opened in March 1935. It was built by a local carpenter, Mr Alva McBarron, who built many of the buildings still in use today.

8. Jandowae's First School Building

In 1877, the first school was built. A second school was built on the site of the present day school in 1899. This building was replaced in 1916.



9. Old Post Office

A post office operated from a store in High Street from 1889. It was relocated into Mrs Mulholland's house in 1894 and remained there until the post office became "official" in 1913. The house, moved from its original position in High Street, can now be found in Warra Street. It is a private dwelling.

10. The Gatehouse Medical Practice

In 1930, our first doctor practiced from a private house on the corner of High and Jimbour Streets, with patients bedded down on the verandah. Miss Bea Stewart built a private (later public) hospital in the mid-1930s. A modern hospital was opened in 1963, with the old hospital converted into nurse's quarters. It was later divided into two buildings and is today used as private dwellings. Dr Ashton built a combined surgery/residence near the hospital that he named "Gateside". Today it is still used for this purpose and is "The Gatehouse Medical Practice", named after the gatehouse entrance built for Dr Ashton.

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11. Bottle Tree

Bottle trees grow well in the district. This fine example is located in Warra Street where the new nurse's quarters replaced Bea Stewart's old home.

12. Dingo Barrier Fence

A two meter tall sculpture of a dingo stands behind a replica of the Dingo Barrier Fence on the corner of George and High Streets. The sculpture was made from

galvanised steel segments by Andy Scott of Glasgow, Scotland. The northern end of the fence starts between Jandowae and Jimbour and finishes over 5000km away at the Great Australian Bight in South Australia. Building commenced in 1880 and was finished in 1885. It is the longest man made structure in the world.

13. The Church of England

The Church of England built a church in 1917 in Market Street. With a growing congregation, a new church was built in 1953. For a time the old church was used as a hall, but with the construction of a two storied hall, the old building was moved to High Street and is today used by the local Scouting Group.

14. Jandowae Light Horse

The Jandowae Light Horse became famous when in 1929 it won an interstate competition for the third consecutive time, thereby securing the Lord Foster Cup. Some memorabilia and trophies are on display in the Jandowae Visitor Information and Cultural Centre on the corner of George and High Streets.

15. Golf Club

Golf commenced near the creek in Jandowae in the late 1920s. Today, just a short drive from town, the club features a 9-hole grass green, 18-tee course, with a modern club house. Visitors are welcome.

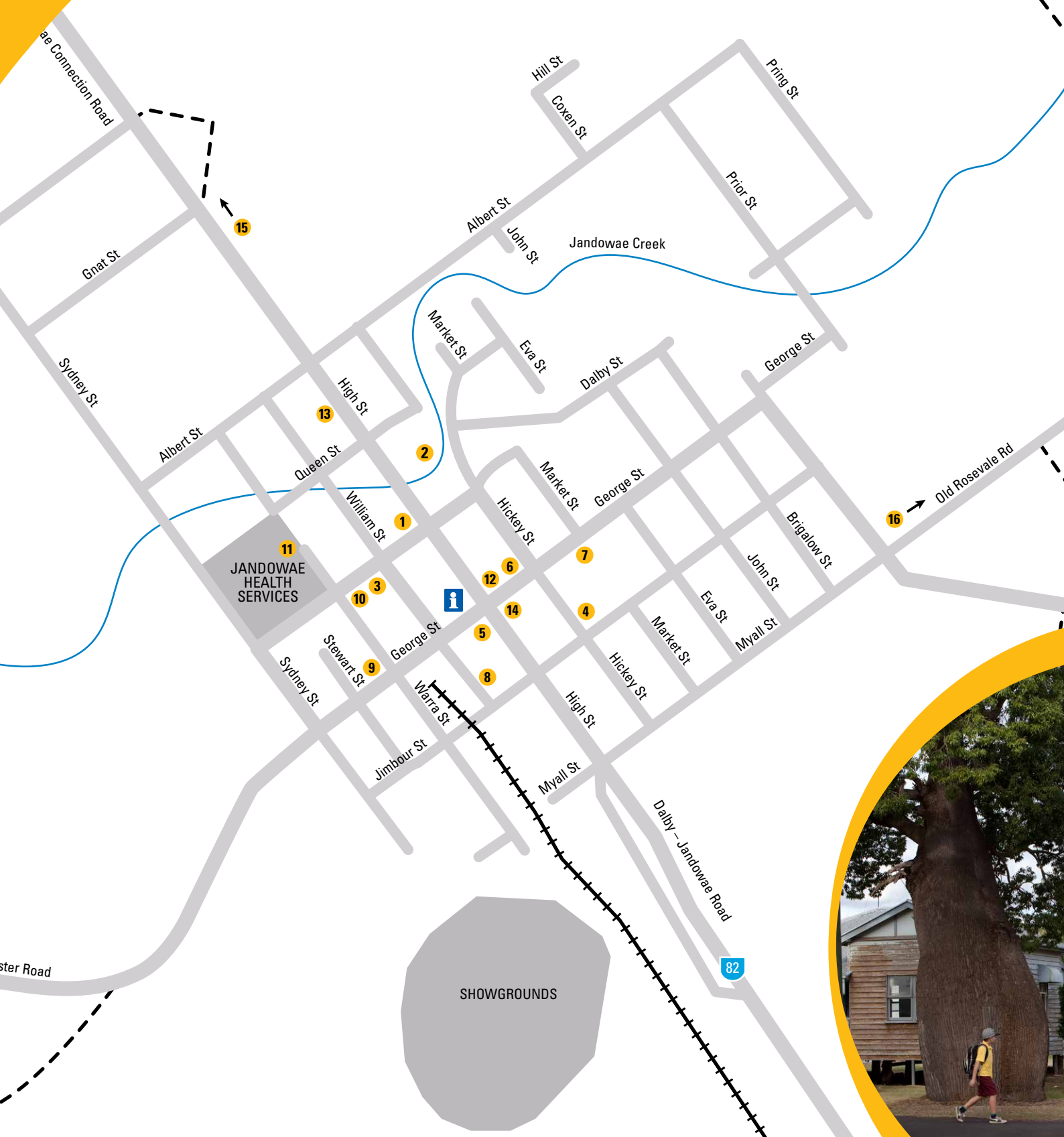
16. Jandowae Dam

Visit the town dam for fishing, water skiing or just relaxing. Picnic facilities are available.

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