



## International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians

Winton, Queensland Fly-in

8 -11<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

### Winton, Outback Queensland

Winton has been a well-known town for a very long time, mainly because Winton was the birthplace of QANTAS, having the first board meeting at the Winton Club in 1921. Also, the poet Banjo Patterson first performed his epic poem “Waltzing Matilda” in Winton, having composed the well-loved lyrics at nearby Dagworth Station in 1895. Winton has now re-claimed its place in the outback, being the custodian of the largest collection of dinosaur fossils in Australia.

The first [North Gregory Hotel](#) was built by Corfield & Fitzmaurice in 1878, and legend has it that on April 6th, 1895, it was the site of the first public performance of ‘Waltzing Matilda’.



1. Located in the town centre
2. [Daphne Mayo Dining Room](#)
3. [Musical Fence Café](#)
4. [Horseshoe Bar and Banjos Beer Garden](#)

Join us in May 2020 for our Autumn Fly-in as we visit Winton and everything that has made the town so widely known. We will visit the QANTAS Centre, the Waltzing Matilda Centre, The Age of Dinosaurs Museum, the Dinosaur Stampede site, Arnos Wall, the Musical Fence, the Royal Open Air Theatre, and much more that Winton has to offer. We will be staying at the North Gregory Hotel and joining Red Dirt Tours for a tour of the Winton surrounds in their 4WD off-road coach.

## Experience Winton

The first prehistoric discovery in Winton Shire was made in 1962, on Cork Station – a fossilized footprint. This led to the discovery of the world’s only recorded dinosaur stampede, now known as the Lark Quarry Dinosaur Trackways.

Later discoveries, of no less importance, were the then largest dinosaur skeleton found in Australia, a 20-30 ton Sauropod, nicknamed ‘Elliot’, discovered on a property outside Winton in 1999, and his friends, more Sauropods of varying sizes and types.

European settlers took up land around Winton from 1866 and the first properties were Elderslie, Vindex, Bladensburg and Oondooroo. The town was officially gazetted on 5 July 1879.



[Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum](#) of Natural History is home to the world's largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils, including some of our most famous such as Australovenator (Banjo) and Diamantinasaurus (Matilda). Not surprisingly, it's also the site of Australia's largest fossil preparation laboratory!

Located on top of a huge mesa plateau near Winton called "The Jump-Up", a wonderful attraction in itself with huge rocky outcrops, cliffs, canyons and spectacular distance views. Self-guided walking trails let you explore The Jump-Up at your own pace.

## GETTING TO WINTON

### Bus

[Bus Queensland](#) coach services operate from Brisbane to Mt Isa and return, and this service stops in Winton. There are also Greyhound services operating from Longreach to Emerald.

### Rail

[Spirit of the Outback rail services](#) run twice-weekly to and from Brisbane to Longreach. There is a coach link to Winton.

For registration details, visit:

[www.iffir.org.au](http://www.iffir.org.au)

## Red Dirt Tours



Visit Carisbrooke Station and the Dinosaur Stampede in one day tour. The Dinosaur Stampede at Lark Quarry Conservation Park preserves 3300 dinosaur footprints that were made 95 million years ago. We will be enthralled by the tour at this site. Then we travel to Carisbrooke Station to marvel at the natural wonders and history of this spectacular location. See the Three Sisters, Python Gorge, fossick for opal and just sit back and enjoy the open expanse of the landscape.

**Tour Includes:** Morning tea, lunch, tour at Lark Quarry and access to Carisbrooke Station.

### Air

[Regional Express \(REX\)](#) services Winton. There are flights on Tuesday and Thursday into Winton, on a loop departing from Townsville, which connect with Qantas Link flights in Longreach. Please be aware when flying in to Winton that the Airport is located 5km from the town, so be sure to organise an airport pick up or ask at your accommodation provider if they would be willing to provide a pick up service. Winton runs a mini-bus service for Winton airport transfers - check out the Winton Visitor Information Centre for the service. An alternative to flying directly into Winton is to take the daily [Qantas Link](#) flight from Brisbane to Longreach, where there are several hire car companies available - [Avis](#) and [Budget](#).