

Discover Sarina Heritage Walking Trail

WELCOME to the self-guided Sarina Heritage Trail. If you are doing this walking trail please make sure to take a water bottle, apply sunscreen and wear a hat. Public amenities are marked throughout the trail and there will be plenty of great stops along the way to grab a bite to eat, refreshments and rest breaks.



GET THE FULL EXPERIENCE:

There is an online version of this trail that includes interactive mapping and provides a full multi-media experience, including fantastic historic images, videos and audio from some of Mackay's local historians. To jump onto the online trail, visit the Heritage Planning section of the Mackay Regional Council website at mackay.qld.gov.au/heritage

***A history of the name Sarina:** Sarina comes from the Latin Serena (serenus) meaning plain, clear, tranquil or serene. Sarina was originally known as Plane Creek, which some raise should have been Plain Creek.*



1. SARINA RAILWAY STATION

Sarina could first be reached by rail in 1915 when the large wooden station was erected. In the early days of rail in Sarina, local services ran by rail motors, which provided passengers with their own train to Mackay, or the choice of joining the longer distance trip to Carmila. Today, the railway building serves as the Mackay Region's state-of-the-art Visitor Information Centre. The centre is open seven days a week from 9am to 3pm. Take a step inside to see the inside of this historic building and use the latest technology.

2. SARINA BAKERY BUILDING

Constructed in 1936 the bakery was the first two-storey masonry building to be built in Sarina. The original "Sarina Bakery" lettering remains visible on the parapet of the original portion today and the bakery use continues in the 1950s extension to the building. The bakery is important in demonstrating the growth and success of Sarina during the Interwar period, and the trend towards masonry buildings following the 1918 cyclone and 1924 fire in Broad Street.

3. SARINA WAR MEMORIAL

This State Heritage-listed Sarina War memorial was erected in 1919 with a public ceremony held. The cenotaph was erected as a tribute to the people of the shire who lost their lives in the great war. The names of these service personnel are listed on the cenotaph plaques, which now also includes those from other campaigns. In celebration of the coronation of King George VI on May 17, 1937, Sarina residents held a Coronation Celebration Program, which involved church services, an official tree planting ceremony and laying of a foundation stone for a sundial commemorating the coronation. The war memorial at Sarina is still used for Anzac Day services.

4. SARINA AIR RAID SHELTER

This State Heritage-listed Sarina Air Raid Shelter is important as a surviving component of the Air Raid Precautions that were implemented as part of the defence of Queensland during World War II. The proximity to Mackay aerodrome meant that there was a credible threat of aerial attack on Sarina during the war years. It demonstrates the urgent measures taken by State and local authorities for protection of the public from attack by hostile forces during a time of war.

5. SARINA PIE CART

The Sarina Pie Cart, known by locals as "The Diner", is one of the most iconic buildings in Sarina, standing on this spot since 1937. This is the oldest original eating house in Sarina, with meals still cooked on a wood stove. At the Pie Cart you will receive a hearty home-cooked meal and great burgers.



Construction of Sarina Distillery 1927

6. SARINA COURT HOUSE AND WATCHHOUSE (FORMER)

A new Court House and Police Station were completed in October 1901, with Constable Robert Brett appointed the new Clerk of Petty Sessions. The Police station included two small watch cells towards the rear of the building. The Court House was renamed to Clerk of Petty Sessions, Sarina, when the town was renamed in 1911. Due to the insufficient space to accommodate the growing police force, the Court House closed in August 1961 after the new Court House was approved for construction in 1960. When the new Court House was built, the original building was relocated to St Anne's Catholic school, where it was used as a classroom. When the building was no longer needed by St Anne's, it was relocated to Railway Square, now known as Field of Dreams. In 1995, the building was fully restored. The Sarina Arts and Crafts Centre is now housed in the historical Sarina Court House.

7. MT PELION SCHOOL BUILDING (FORMER)

Mt Pelion School opened on February 26, 1924, and continued to be used for schooling, meetings and entertainment until its closure on December 12, 1970. A previous pupil of the decommissioned school, John Preston, purchased Mt Pelion School as a reminder of his struggles with his education. John donated the building to Northview State School, where it was located from August 11, 1987, to October 24, 2014. Due to the building continuing to age and deteriorate, the building was relocated to Sarina Field of Dreams in 2014 and restored for community use. This building is now used as an administrative office and function room for Sarina Arts and Crafts.

8. SARINA FAMILY PLAQUES

The Sarina Family Plaques serve as a local history record for the town. The plaques include the names of residents who have lived in Sarina for more than 15 years. These plaques represent the families who have helped shape Sarina into the town that you see today.

9. SARINA CATHOLIC PRESBYTERY (FORMER)

The former St Anne's Catholic Convent building was built by Brown and Broad Pty Ltd and opened on November 18, 1923, as a Presbytery for the Catholic Priest in Sarina, Fr Thomas Hogan. It was in 1925, when the first group of Sisters of Mercy were appointed to the town to establish a Catholic school, that there were slight changes made to the building as it became the Convent. This included the 1930 refurbishment to allow the sisters to do their prayers in the front room. In 1988, for the upcoming 10 years, the Convent was the Parish Centre for St Michaels Catholic Church, as well as being home to the Blue Nursing Respite Care Centre. The building was donated to Sarina Shire Council in 1998 for use of the community after St Michael's parish decided to build a new Parish Centre. The convent was relocated on January 19, 2001, to the Field of Dreams and handed over to the Heritage Committee for use by Sarina District Historical Centre on May 2002. The building reopened as a museum on May 31, 2003, after renovations.

10. YUKAN RAILWAY STATION (FORMER)

The Sarina Art Gallery is housed in what used to be the Yukon Railway Station built in 1911, originally named the Eungella Range Railway Station. In 1913, the station was renamed Netherdale Railway Station and served as such until 1973 when the track behind Finch Hatton fell into disuse. The Netherdale Station was moved to Yukon in 1978 and in 2002 was moved to its forever home in the Sarina Field of Dreams Parkland. When in the Field of Dreams it was used for a Railway Display and later the current Art Gallery you see today.

11. SARINA SUGAR SHED

Sarina Sugar Shed celebrates the rich history of sugar cane farming in the Mackay Region. Visitors can enjoy a one-hour guided tour and learn how sugar cane is grown, farmed and processed. The tour takes you through the early harvesters, shows you how sugar cane is crushed on the replica sugar mill and demonstrates how sugar cane juice is extracted. The tour includes tasting of sugar cane juice, plus tastings of award-winning rums and liquors (for 18+ members) that are produced onsite in the boutique distillery, tastings of chutneys, sauces, ginger beer and freshly spun fairy floss. Visit this miniature mill for a massive experience while you're in Sarina!

This is the final location along the Sarina Heritage Walking Trail. Thank you for taking time to appreciate and immerse yourself in the cultural and historic heritage of our region. If you would like more information on heritage within Mackay, visit Mackay Regional Council's Heritage Planning page.



Plane Creek Mill

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If you would like more information the Library's Heritage Collection, located at Dudley Denny City Library, houses an extensive range of historical and current resources relating to the development of the Mackay region.

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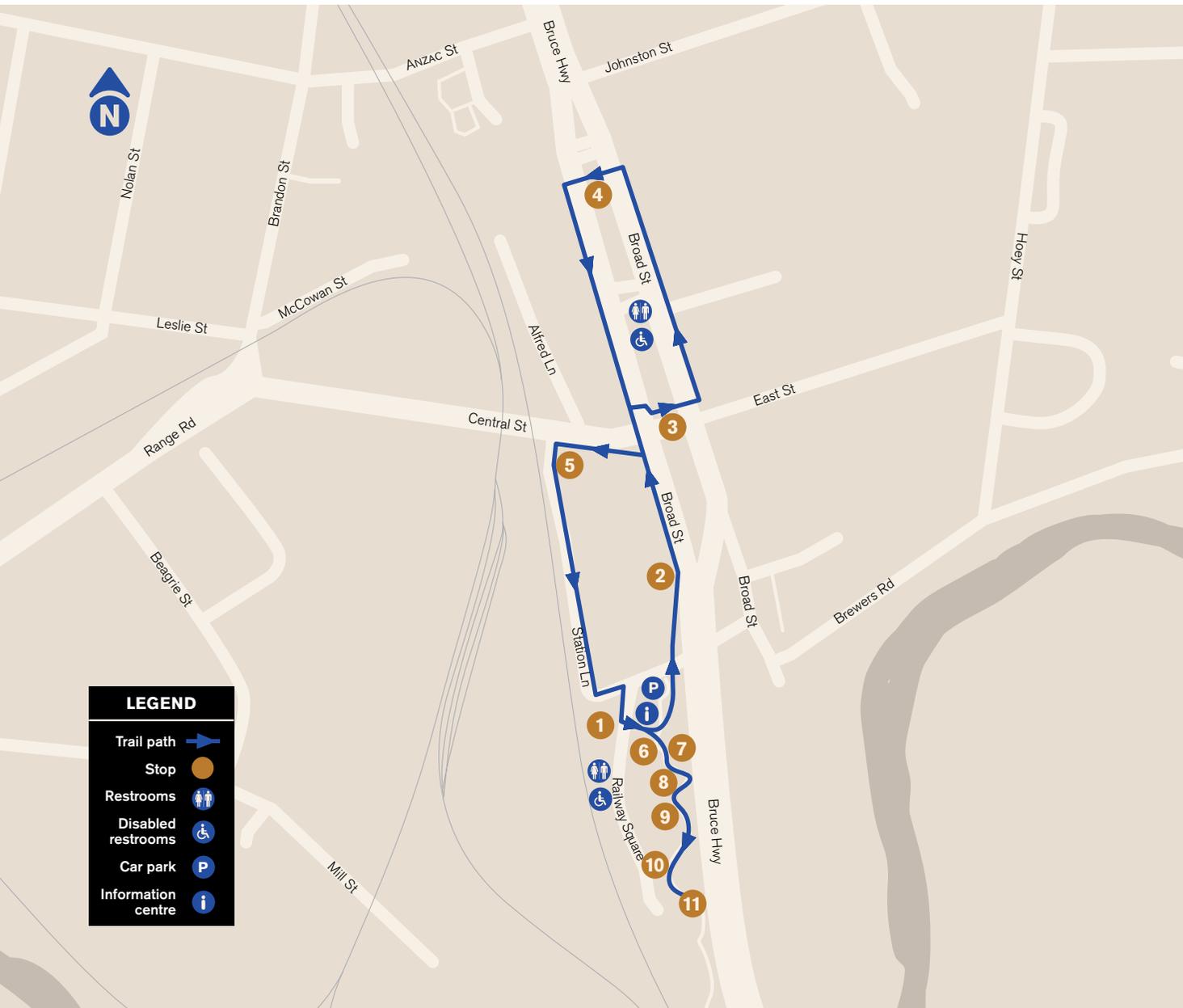
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