



View from Mt Basalt



Picnic table and view from Mt Basalt to Power Station



Church of All Saints Yandilla



Yarralong Weir



Owens Scrub Tree Plaque

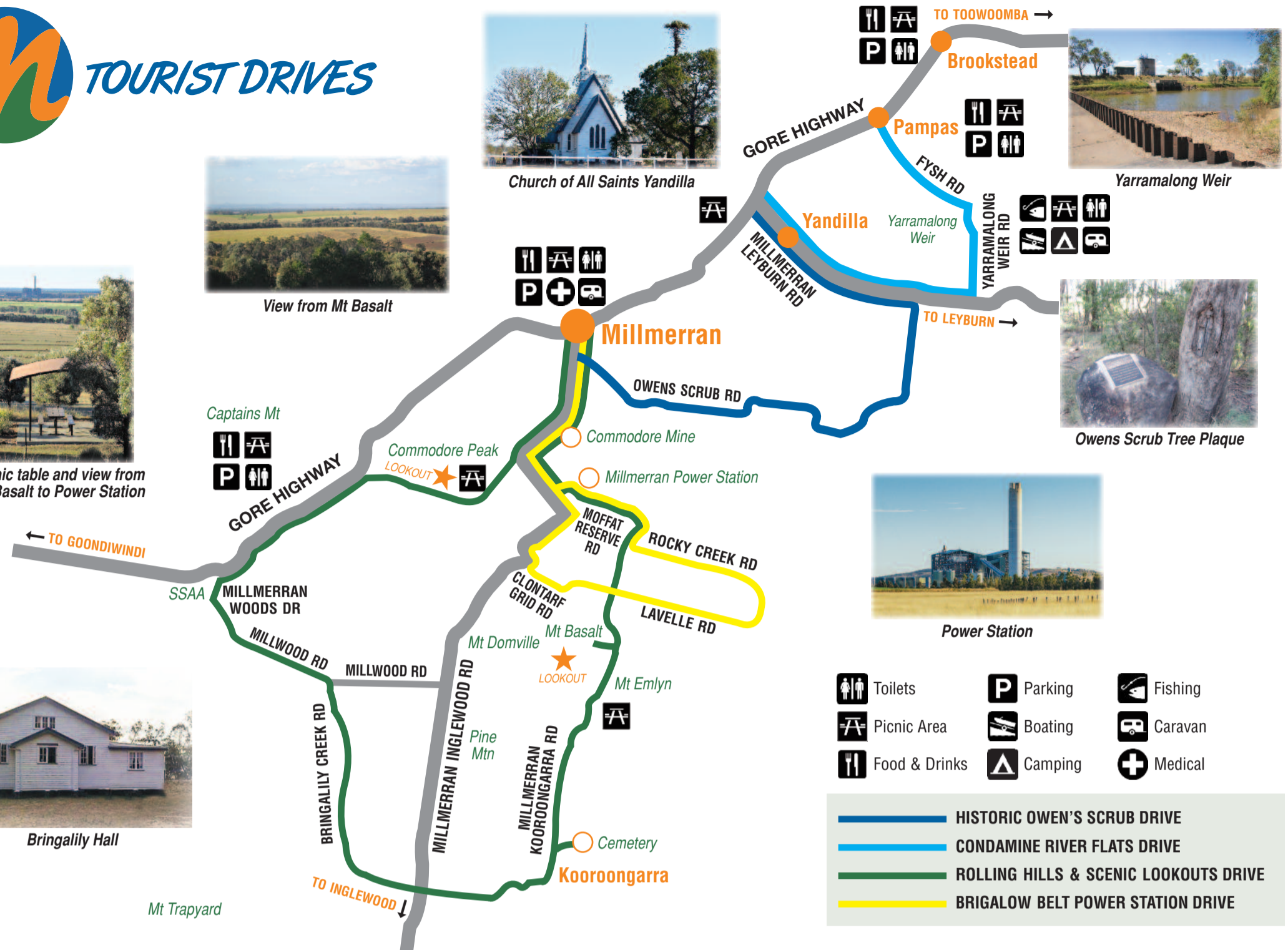


Power Station



Bringalily Hall

Mt Trapyard



## THINGS TO DO WHEN SHORT ON TIME

**Unwind** on the banks of Back Creek alongside the Gore Highway, pack a picnic and enjoy the birdlife. Throw in a fishing line if you have time or simply walk/ride the paths. Feeling more active? Enjoy the outdoor gym.

**Take a selfie** at our Tepee in William Simmons Memorial Park. The Tepee marks the Rendezvous Capital of Australia.

**Just for the kids:** Millmerran hosts a number of well-equipped playgrounds for the littlies with shaded play areas, picnic tables and toilets. Try Anzac Park in Campbell Street, Lions Park on Mary Street or for the older ones try the Factory Dam Park with skate park.

**Take a walk:** There are many great walking options. Two popular choices are the Mural Walk (pages 6 & 7) to view all the murals depicting the early years of Millmerran or our Heritage Walk featuring plaques detailing the history of the buildings and Historic Heroes telling the life stories of early settlers.

## Mount Basalt Reserve

This unique geological and environmental area features rare volcanic formations and a few walking tracks and lookouts with spectacular views

### HOW TO GET THERE

From Millmerran turn right into Millmerran Inglewood Road and turn left into Moffatt Reserve Road (9.5km) and continue on this road driving past the Power Station on your left. At the 'T' intersection turn right onto Koroongarra Road (15km) and further down the road turn right onto Mt Basalt Road (20.4km). Travel through the closed gate, remembering to close it behind you.

*Mount Basalt Walking Circuit includes a summit climb. While the short walk to the saddle is easy-going, be prepared for a bit of rock-hopping as the tracks to the summit cross basalt columns about 25cm in diameter*

**Best for:** Bushwalking

**Classification:** Grade 4

**Distance:** 559m loop

**Walking Time:** 55 mins approx.

## HISTORIC OWEN'S SCRUB DRIVE (49 km)

This historic 49km drive takes you through one of the remaining sheep grazing areas in our district and also gives a small taste of our colourful past. From Millmerran take Campbell Street out of town past our local cemetery to Millmerran Inglewood Road and turn left, drive to Owen's Scrub Road and turn right, you may see Dorper sheep grazing in the paddocks, this area being home to the Bellevue Dorper Stud. Travel along Owens Scrub Road 19.6km to the historic site sign. On the right you will find the plaque of Charles Alfred Owen, who was murdered here on the 29th April, 1864. Magistrate and part owner of Yandilla Sheep Station, who is buried in Yandilla Cemetery. This road was named in his honour and the tree alongside the plaque bears the cross marking the incident. Continuing on this road will take you through to Leyburn (20km where you will be able to have a bite to eat and a cold drink along the creek if you require). Turn around, then turn right into Grasstree Road, crossing Grasstree Creek, travel along through the rich Condamine River flood plain. On your left you will see the historic Tummaville Cemetery and church, with graves of early settling families in the district. # you can join the Condamine River Flats drive on here by turning right at Millmerran Leyburn Road # (# see join next column) Turn left onto the Millmerran Leyburn Road, travel past the Yandilla Grain Corp Silos, this area being one of the largest grains producing areas on the Darling Downs. Cross Grasstree Creek, passing Yandilla Homestead on the left. Turn left on the Gore Highway. Take a break in the picnic area beside the Church of All Saints YANDILLA, before returning to Millmerran.

## CONDAMINE RIVER FLATS DRIVE (50 km)

The Condamine River Flats Drive will take you through some of the most productive farming country on the Darling Downs. The 50km round trip will take you past Cotton and Sorghum crops in the summer, Wheat, Barley and Chick Pea crops in the winter and fallowed black soil paddocks. From Millmerran travel east on the Gore Highway towards Pampas, to Millmerran Leyburn Road (11km). Turn right and travel on, passing Yandilla Station on your right and crossing Grasstree Creek (# see join previous column) to Yarralong Weir Road (10.5km). You will be travelling through farm land area for about 3km to reach the weir reserve. The picnic area has tables and toilets. Yarralong Weir is a lovely quiet spot to spend the day fishing or camp the night and maybe even catch a "Yellow Belly" or a "Cod". Travel north along Yarralong Weir Road, then turn left into Fysh Road driving to a T-intersection with the Gore Highway at the small community of Pampas, turn left and travel back toward Millmerran. On your right you will see the Church of All Saints Yandilla and historic Cemetery (the Church being the oldest building in the Millmerran area) and the two old cement silos (being a remnant from the past farming era). The picnic area has a table, shelter and toilet. Take a walk through the old cemetery. When you are finished make your way back to Millmerran or enjoy another of our drives.

## ROLLING HILLS AND SCENIC LOOKOUTS DRIVE (90 km)

This scenic drive takes you through Bora Creek, Bringalily, Koroongarra, Mt Emlyn and Rocky Creek areas. Livestock Producers in these areas are renowned for consistently

producing prime fat cattle for local butchers and markets. Enjoy the changing scenery from rolling hills with cropping and cultivations, grazing cattle and mountain views. From Millmerran travel south on the Millmerran Inglewood Road, turn right onto Commodore Peak Road. On the right stop at the Commodore Peak Lookout, take in the views over the Millmerran Power Station, Mine and surrounding farmland. Travel past the Millmerran Pistol Club on your right, go over the grid as you pass through the Rabbit Proof fence. Turn right into Blackwell Road, you will have West Ridge on your right, with a gravel quarry which is in use periodically, continue until you reach the Gore Highway, turn left. (There is a Roadhouse 1km to your right at this point if you require a pitstop). Travel along the Gore Highway until you reach the Sporting Shooters Association Headquarters, turn left (signed as SSAA RANGE & WONDUL RANGE National Park) into Millmerran Woods Drive, travel along this road for about 1.5km, turn left across the grid onto Millwood Road, travelling through the district's rich Brigalow Belt, turn right onto Bringalily Creek Road (now 8km) and enjoy the travel through our rich grazing land. The Brigalow trees being an indication of rich fertile soil, you will come across the local Hall of Bringalily (now 17.2km) on your right where you will turn left remaining on the Bringalily Creek Road till you come to a road junction with Millmerran Inglewood Road (now 20.3km). Go direct across onto Koroongarra Road (gravel road) to Koroongarra. You will travel through the remains of the old Historical Koroongarra Village (now approx. 26.6km travelled to the outskirts of Koroongarra). Turn right onto Koroongarra Cemetery Road, the Historical Cemetery is on the left through a white gate. Return to the

Millmerran Koroongarra Road, and turn right to travel to Mt Basalt Road (approx. 10.5km) on the left driving up to the lookout. Enjoy your lunch in the picnic shelter and take a walk and enjoy this unique landscape, take in the views of the Darling Downs from the lookout. Mt Basalt reserve is a unique geological and environmental area featuring rare volcanic formations. Travel back (turning left from Mt Basalt Road) along the Millmerran Koroongarra Road, turning left into Moffatt Reserve Road. Travel past the Millmerran Power Station (the Power Station looks most spectacular at night), back to the Millmerran Inglewood Road, turn right and continue back to Millmerran (approx. 20.4km for this section)

## BRIGALOW BELT POWER STATION DRIVE (55km)

This scenic 55km route will take you past Mt Domville and through the rich Brigalow Belt, the Brigalow trees being an indication of the rich fertile soil. From Millmerran travel south on the Millmerran Inglewood Road, turn left onto Clontarf Grid Road. Mt Domville will be on your right and the Power Station on the left, turn right into French's Road. Cross the Millmerran Koroongarra Road to Lavelle Road, you will pass a gravel quarry on your left and at the peak of Lavelle Road, you will see expansive views of the Darling Downs, Lavelle Road being the water shed for the district. Continue on Rocky Creek Road, through our district's rich cattle grazing area. Turn right onto the Millmerran Koroongarra Road, then left onto Moffatt Reserve Road, travelling past the Millmerran Power Station. Continue back to the Millmerran Inglewood Road taking in the views of Mt Domville and back to Millmerran.

## MORE TIME

**TAKE A DRIVE** Country drives are a great way to see our area. Try one of those listed on the lift-out map.

**GET ACTIVE** in our wonderful sports facilities. Try out the golf or bowling clubs or hit the gym at our Indoor Sports Centre. Take a swim next door in our olympic size swimming pool.

**HISTORY BUFF** The Millmerran Museum is the place for you to take a walk down memory lane with historic buildings, displays and memorabilia. Visit our historic cemeteries at Yandilla and Tummaville.

**LIKE TO SHOP** Enjoy the friendly country hospitality in our shopping precinct. Browse the gift shops, pick up some groceries, grab your pharmaceutical or hardware supplies or stop for a beauty treatment.

**EAT OR DRINK WITH THE LOCALS** Enjoy our renowned bakery, heritage hotel, tavern, coffee shops and cafes. There is a great range of food and drink on offer - eat in or take away.

# Millmerran Township



See Insert

- Ambulance
- Firestation
- Hospital
- Library
- Police Station
- School
- Toilet
- Railway
- SES
- Open Space Area
- Federal / State Road
- Local Road (Major)
- Local Road (Minor)
- Gravel / Unformed

- F** Fuel
- S** Supermarket
- B** Bank
- H** Hairdresser
- E** Eatery
- R** Real Estate
- B & B** Bed & Breakfast
- 1** Australia Post
- 2** Medical Centre
- 3** Veterinary Surgery
- 4** Kindergarten
- 5** Day Care Centre
- 6** Swimming Pool
- 7** Indoor Sports Centre
- 8** Community & Cultural Centre
- 9** Council Service Centre
- 10** Sports Oval
- 11** Gold Club
- 12** Law Bowls Club
- 13** Apex Park
- 14** Anzac Memorial Park
- 15** Walpole Park (Overnight Stop self-contained Vehicles)
- 16** Lions Park (BBQ)
- 17** Williams Simmons Memorial Park (Tee Pee)
- 18** Factory Dam Park (BBQ & Skate Park)
- 19** Back Creek Park (Exercise Equipment)
- 20** Airport
- 21** Showgrounds
- 22** Community Support Service
- 23** Museum & Visitor Information Centre
- 24** Village Caravan Park
- 25** Caravan Park
- 26** Yallambee Aged Care
- 27** Tavern / Motel
- 28** Hotel / Accommodation
- 29** Newsagent
- 30** Butcher
- 31** Pharmacy
- 32** Hardware
- 33** Motel
- 34** Farm Supplies / Hardware
- 35** Domville Place



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