

Historic Lenroy Slab Hut

Built in 1893 this well constructed and preserved slab hut was completely hand built from local cypress to house a family of 12, while the verandah has been replaced, the basic structure is, as it was built more than 100 years ago.

Located – opposite the Big Rig, Riggers Road

Mini Steam Train Locomotive

The “Red Robin” is a 7 ¼ narrow gauge coal fired steam locomotive. The train which was patterned off a 1915 American locomotive was built by George Hadley in 1990. These locomotives were quite common in America between 1860-1900 and were used to haul timber from the mountain country. The boiler pressure operates at 100 pounds per square inch and the train is fitted with a chime whistle, bell and electric headlight. The train line is 1235 metres long and the Bailey Bridge is some 74 metres with an 8 metre drop. The train line is one of sixteen cemented lines in Queensland. The duration of the ride is 12-15 minutes.

Located at the Big Rig, Riggers Road

Bailey Bridge

The centre span of the rail bridge over the Bungil Creek is a section of a World War 2 vintage Bailey Bridge. These were designed to carry great loads without supporting piers. Bailey Bridging could only be linked to span considerable lengths, and these were quickly constructed by army engineers. The widths of the bridges were determined by the planking used.

Located at the Big Rig, Riggers Road

Wall of Fame

The indoor sports complex caters well for the sports enthusiast and assures that the Roma district continues its reputation for producing superior sports-people. The Wall of Fame displays photographs of locals, Darren Thrupp – Paralympian, Richard Dean – Clay Target Shooting and Darren Lockyer – Rugby League and more, all of whom have represented Australia in various sporting activities.

Located – Corner George Street and Quintin Street

Largest Bottle Tree

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Located – end Edwardes Street off McDowall Street

Central Business District

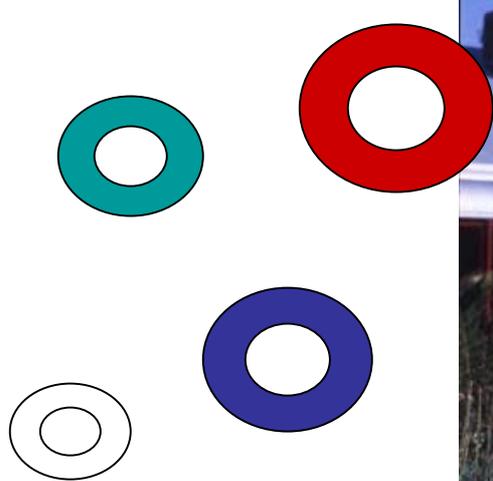
View some buildings dating back to World War 1. A disastrous series of fires between the turn of the century and 1939 destroyed almost all timber buildings in McDowall Street business area. The town council insisted that replacement buildings should be of concrete or brick.

Located – McDowall Street

Cemetery

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Located – Tiffin Street



Things to See & Do in & around Roma

Romavilla Winery

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Windows of St Pauls

43 Leadlight and stained Glass windows dating back to 1876. This impressive display is open for viewing every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9am to 10.30am from April through to October.

Located - Corner Bungil Street and Arthur Street

Duck Pond

See some of the most photographed and friendly ducks (wild and domestic) in the west at this relaxing rest area an ideal picnic spot.

Located - adjacent to the Big Rig, Riggers Road

Roma Bungil Cultural Centre

A modern complex, which includes a large auditorium, arts/crafts area, town library and administration offices of the Roma Town Council.

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China Town

The northern side of the Bungil Creek, between the Orr Bridge in Bungil Street and the Ewan Bridge on the Warrego Highway, was often referred to as "China Town". During the early years of Roma's settlement, many Chinese lived in that area, not through any form of segregation, but because the sandy loam on the north side of the creek was well suited for their market gardens. The Chinese had several businesses in the locality, including hotels and chemists. In 1878, Benjamin and Co built the Great Western Brewery in Chinatown. Some of the renovated cottages in Chinatown today date from the 1880's.

Council Boat

This riveted iron boat was the last of a series of vessels owned by the Roma Town Council, over the last 100 years. The age and origin of this particular boat is uncertain, as is the origin of its name, the "Minnie Palmer". Prior to the high level bridges being built across the Bungil Creek, the boat was regularly used to ferry and rescue persons during flooding of "China Town".

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