



Carmila Police Station



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Locality Profile & General Information

Situated 101 kilometres south of Mackay and 240 kilometres north of Rockhampton, Carmila is situated 5 kilometres inland from the coast, first established in 1880. The Carmila Police Station was opened in 1933. The district supports a wealthy sugar cane industry and grazing industry. Professional fisherman work alongside numerous amateur fishing enthusiasts. Approximate town and rural population is 550 to 600 people.

The weather is a tropical climate with high summer temperatures and extremes of humidity at times, the winter months are cooler and a more temperate climate which attract many southern state tourists to the area. Temperatures can range from extreme winter cold of 6 degrees to an extreme summer high of 40 degrees. The summer average temperature is 35 degrees. Annual rainfall is 1220-1460mm approximately. The town is built adjacent to the Carmila Creek, Connors Range is to the west and is part of the Great Dividing Range.

The division is governed by the Broadsound Shire Council, who conservatively estimate the division's area to be 2216 square kilometres. This includes about 85km of coastline and from Cape Palmerston National Park in the north to the St Lawrence Creek in the south.

The Carmila Police Division includes the towns of Carmila, Ilbilbie, Greenhills, Westhill and Clairview. It also covers the localities of Carmila West, Notch Point, Orkobie, Flaggy Rock, Elalie and Kalarka and some 30 tropical islands.

In 1954 the Honourable Bill HAYDEN (retired) Governor General of Australia served as a Police Officer at Carmila Station. Documents of his recollections of service in the division can be found at Carmila.

Police Station

Most police work is related to Highway Patrols and serious traffic accidents with some 85km of Bruce Highway in the Division and an estimated 2300 vehicles per day pass through the Division.

Hospital/Medical

There are no hospital facilities at Carmila. The closest hospital is at Sarina 63km north. Medical evacuation is usually by road but there are facilities for air evacuation in an emergency. The Queensland Ambulance Service has a QAS Centre at Carmila which provides priority 24hour service by a paramedic at all times. Most medical or dental needs are provided at either Sarina, Mackay or Rockhampton, with specialist care also available at those centres.

Education

No child minding facilities exist. "Joey's" occasional child care is held once weekly for the under pre-schoolers and conducted by the Broadsound Shire Council. There is a Pre-school at Carmila. The Carmila State Primary School has 53 students with two full time teachers and three teacher aides. Secondary school education is away from Carmila with most students attending the Sarina State High School or boarding schools at either Rockhampton or Mackay. The closest Catholic schools are situated at Sarina and Mackay.

Shops

There is one general store / Post Office which provides most staple foods but shopping locally is expensive. Most people here shop at either Mackay or Sarina. There is a Hotel, 24 hour service station and RACQ depot.

Sport/Leisure

There is a sports ground and indoor sports complex where touch football, tennis and competition basketball is played. Fishing is popular at Carmila where anglers fish the beach, estuaries and creek areas. Reef fishing is also conducted off Carmila with good reef fishing spots and island fishing sites nearby. Mud crabs, Barramundi, mangrove jack, salmon, flathead and whiting are some of the species taken with trout, sweetlip and mackerel found off shore. Five television channels are received being channel 2,7,9,10 and SBS. Most of the population have installed Austar Satellite TV. Radio stations are 4MK AM, FM, and the ABC. The 24hour service station has a limited stock of videos available for hire. Video outlets in Sarina and Mackay provide weekly rentals.

Banking

There is a Commonwealth Bank agency at the Post Office. EFTPOS available at the Hotel and 24 hour service station. Full banking available at either Mackay (101km) or Sarina (63km) north.

Transport and Communication

Public transport is available with two coach companies providing daily services north and south. The RACQ depot is the coach agency. A shuttle service is provided to

Sarina and Mackay once a week. The main rail line between Brisbane and Cairns runs through Carmila. Usually the passenger train is boarded at either Sarina or Mackay. There is an air strip for private aircraft at Flaggy Rock, 8km south of Carmila. There are no commercial flights available. Mail is delivered to Carmila daily and Telstra provides telephone services. Computer access to the Internet is available also, as are most telecommunication facilities including digital mobile telephone.

In an emergency, dial Triple Zero (000).