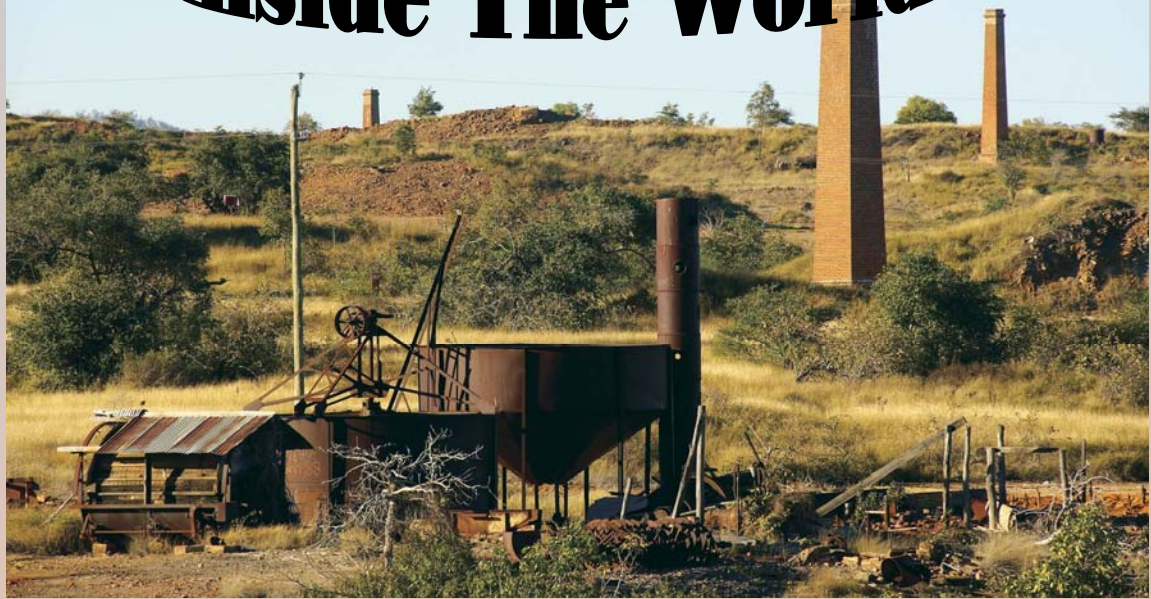


# Discover The World inside The World



## 126th IPWEAQ North Queensland Branch Conference

Hosted by  
Charters Towers Regional Council

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012  
to Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012



Council crew undertaking road work, Gregory Development Rd



White Blow Rock, Ravenswood



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## Introduction

### Delegates & Sponsors

The IPWEAQ North Queensland Branch invites you to the 126<sup>th</sup> IPWEAQ Conference, hosted by Charters Towers Regional Council from Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012 to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

Professionals with a common interest in public works will be brought together, creating a unique networking environment within Local Government and the public works engineering industry. The conference provides participants the chance to share knowledge and ideas, as well as offering ample opportunity for networking in the relaxed atmosphere of Charters Towers.

The 126<sup>th</sup> Conference of the North Queensland branch of the Institute of Public Works Engineers of Australia is expected to feature a well credentialed group of speakers addressing the theme "Discover The World within The World". Topics to be presented would expectedly include various issues challenging local government engineering managers and supervisors in their work.

A technical program supported by an enjoyable social itinerary combined with an entertaining tour of the Region's attractions for accompanying persons is part of this Conference.

The conference itinerary, registration and accommodation details are enclosed with registrations closing on 1st May 2012.

Please note that accommodation is limited. It is suggested that you book early.

The Charters Towers Regional Council has pleasure in extending a warm invitation to all persons with an interest in public works engineering to attend the Conference and assures all participants that their stay in Charters Towers will be both productive and refreshing.

Yours sincerely

Rohana Samarasekera  
Director of Engineering Services  
Charters Towers Regional Council

# Delegates, Sponsors & Trade Exhibitors

## Interim Program

Date	Time	Function
Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	6:00pm	Pre-registration Welcome Drinks & Dinner Stock Exchange Arcade Mosman Street
Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2012		Registration & Conference Arthur Tittley Centre Mosman Street
	8:00am	Conference Registration
<b>Morning Session</b>		
	9:00am – 10:00am	Paper 1—To be advised
	10:00am – 10:30am	Paper 2—To be advised
	10:30am	Morning Tea with Exhibitors
<b>Mid Morning Session</b>		
	11:00am – 11:30am	Paper 3—To be advised
	11:30am – 12:00pm	Paper 4—To be advised
	12:30pm	Lunch with Exhibitors

# Delegates, Sponsors & Trade Exhibitors

## Continued

Date	Time	Function
<b>Afternoon Session</b>		
Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	1:30pm – 2:00pm	Paper 5 – To be advised
	2:30pm – 3:00pm	Paper 6 – To be advised
	3:00pm	Afternoon Tea with Exhibitors
<b>Late Afternoon Session</b>		
	4:00pm – 4:30pm	Paper 7 – To be advised
	3:30pm – 4:00pm	Paper 8 – To be advised
		<b>Departure for Conference Dinner</b> Bus transport is offered from your place of accommodation to the Conference Dinner. Please register your interest on the attached Registration Form
	6:30pm	<b>Conference Dinner</b> Venue: Charters Towers Equestrian Centre Flinders Highway
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	8:30am	<b>Technical Tour</b> Inspection of Charters Towers
	9:30am for a 10:00am start	<b>Golf - 4 ball Ambrose and BBQ Lunch</b> Charters Towers Golf Course Gregory Development Road



# 126<sup>th</sup> IPWEAQ North Queensland Branch Conference Delegates Registration Form & Tax Invoice (ABN: 67 731 313 583)

To assist in organising the conference, tours and catering, please indicate your planned attendance to each session by completing and returning this form together with your registration payment to:

IPWEAQ Conference, Charters Towers Regional Council, PO Box 189, Charters Towers QLD 4820 or fax to (07) 4761 5344.  
Please note, registrations can only be accepted if accompanied by full payment.

Registrations close Tuesday 1st May 2012

## Section 1—Delegate Information

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ *First Name:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Title (Mr, Mrs, Cr):* \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email address (for all conference correspondence—please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name for badge: \_\_\_\_\_ IPWEAQ Member: Yes / No

Special dietary or disability requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Accommodation: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 2—Fees

Registration (IPWEAQ Member)	\$280.00	\$.....
Registration (IPWEAQ Non-member)	\$310.00	\$.....
Conference Dinner	\$ 55.00	\$.....
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$.....</b>

## Section 3— Delegate Attendance

Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	Welcome Function	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	Morning Session	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Afternoon Session	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Conference Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	Technical Tour	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Method of Payment

Payment can be made by cheque or credit card. Payment must accompany the completed registration form. Faxed registration forms are accepted only if payment is made by credit card.

Registration forms can be faxed to (07) 47615 344 or mailed to Attn: Seminar Coordinator, Tracey Almond, Charters Towers Regional Council, PO Box 189, Charters Towers QLD 4820; Fax (07) 47615 344 or Email: talmond@charters Towers.qld.gov.au

Please note, registration can only be accepted if accompanied by full payment.

Total Payable: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Payment Option 2**—Charge my Credit Card:

MasterCard       Visa       Diners Club       Amex

Amount to be debited: \$.....

Cardholders Name:	
Card Number:	
Expiry Date:	
Signature:	

**Payment Option 3**—Electronic Funds Transfer      Direct Deposit details as follows:-

Bank:.....Commonwealth Bank, Charters Towers  
BSB No:..... 064-805  
Account No: .....00000022  
Reference to be used:.....IPWEAQ and name

**This Registration Form becomes a Tax Invoice upon confirmation of payment**

Registration forms will also be available for download from the Charters Towers Regional Council's website: [www.charters Towers.qld.gov.au](http://www.charters Towers.qld.gov.au)

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# Accompanying Persons Interim Program

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Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2012		<b>Conference &amp; Registration</b> Arthur Titley Centre Mosman Street
	8:00am	<b>Conference Registration</b>
	8:30am	<b>Accompanying Persons Tour</b>
	12:00noon	<b>Lunch</b>
	1:00pm	<b>Retail Therapy and a Ladies Indulgent Afternoon</b> Let us take you into The World of relaxation with a tour of the town's local attractions, enjoy the afternoon with a fashion parade, get pampered with some beauty therapy whilst indulging in wine, cheese, and a fashion parade.
	6:00pm	<b>Departure for Conference Dinner</b> Bus transport is offered from your place of accommodation to the Conference Dinner.  Please register your interest on the attached Registration Form.
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Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	Approximately 11:30am-12 noon	<b>Farewell Lunch</b>



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including Retail Therapy , fashion and beauty, wine and cheese

Conference Dinner at \$55.00 (inc) GST \$.....  C

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012 ——— Golf & Farewell Lunch at \$16.50 (Inc) GST \$.....  D

Bus Transport to venues  Place of Accommodation: \_\_\_\_\_

## Method of Payment

(All prices include GST)

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Tax Invoice/Receipt will be issued upon payment of registration

A  +B  +C  +D  = TOTAL PAYABLE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# Accommodation Options

Listed below are accommodation options available. There are rooms being held under "Charters Towers Regional Council IPWEAQ conference."

Registrants will be directly responsible for all accommodation bookings, costs and payment. Delegates are requested when booking accommodation to make reference to the conference. Bookings must be made at least two weeks prior to the conference. Payment for the accommodation is to be made directly to the motels.



<p><b>Aussie Outback Oasis Cabin and Van Village</b> 76 Dr George Ellis Drive, Charters Towers Ph: (07) 4787 8722 (Free call: 1800 812 417) Email: info@aussieoutbackoasis.com.au</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.aussieoutbackoasis.com.au">www.aussieoutbackoasis.com.au</a></p>	<p><b>Charters Towers Tourist Park</b> 37 Mt Leyshon Road, Charters Towers Ph: (07) 4787 7944 Email: ct_caravanpark@bigpond.com.au</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.charterstowerstouristpark.com.au">www.charterstowerstouristpark.com.au</a></p>
<p><b>Dalrymple Tourist Van Park</b> 24 Dalrymple Road, Charters Towers Ph: (07) 4787 1121 Email: stay@dalrymplevanpark.com.au</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.dalrymplevanpark.com.au/">www.dalrymplevanpark.com.au/</a></p>	<p><b>Gold City Motel</b> 28 Dalrymple Road, Charters Towers Ph: (07) 4787 2187 Email: goldcitymotel@bigpond.com</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.goldcitymotel.com.au">www.goldcitymotel.com.au</a></p>
<p><b>Cattleman's Rest Motor Inn</b> Cnr Bridge Street and Plant Street, Charters Towers Ph: (07) 4787 3555 Email: admin@cattleman.com.au</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.cattleman.com.au">www.cattleman.com.au</a></p>	<p><b>Country Road Motel</b> 6 Mt Leyshon Road, Charters Towers Ph: (07) 4787 2422 Email: countryroadmotel@bigpond.com</p> <p><a href="http://www.countryroadmotel.com/">http://www.countryroadmotel.com/</a></p>
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<p><b>Hillview Motel</b> 3 Hackett Terrace, Charters Towers Ph: (07) 4787 1973</p>	<p><b>Park Motel</b> 1 Mosman Street, Charters Towers Ph: (07) 4787 1022 Email: admin@parkmotel.com.au Website: <a href="http://www.parkmotel.com.au/">www.parkmotel.com.au/</a></p>

# THE WORLD

## Charters Towers



More than a century ago, the discovery of gold triggered a massive gold rush to Charters Towers, which grew to become the second largest city in Queensland.

The town's fascinating history has been restored and revived by an exciting Queensland Heritage Trails Network project, Charters Towers – Ghosts of Gold. Once dubbed "The World" in 1871 due to its cosmopolitan nature, the magnificent civic buildings of the era, including the Stock Exchange, have been beautifully preserved within an historic mining precinct. The nationally-significant Venus Battery Mill site has also been conserved.

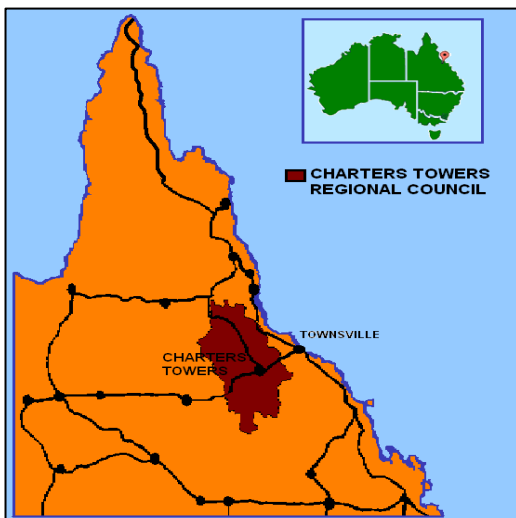


Charters Towers is located in northern Queensland, 137 kilometres inland (south-west) from Townsville on the Flinders Highway.

The Charters Towers Regional Council provides for the good rule and government of all that territory prescribed as its region under regulation and described as approximately 70 000 square kilometres of land bounded by Townsville City, Hinchinbrook, Tablelands, Etheridge, Flinders, Barcaldine, Isaac, Whitsunday and Burdekin Shires.

It contains the municipality of Charters Towers, the townships of Ravenswood, Pentland, Mingela, Homestead and Greenvale, and the localities of Hervey Range, Hidden Valley and Balfes Creek.

The lead industries within the region are mining, beef production, agriculture and education, which are serviced by approximately 5000 km of regional roads and over 1000 km of state controlled roads.



# THE WORLD



## The Stock Exchange



Designed by Sydney architect, Mark Day and built by Sandbrook Brothers of Sydney in 1888 as a prestigious shop and office arcade for local civic leader and business Alexander Malcolm, the Royal Arcade housed the Charters Towers Stock Exchange from 1890. It was Australia's first regional stock exchange, and needed to raise capital for the deep reef mines throughout the region. The Stock Exchange building was hooked into the world via telegraph from 1890, with three calls a day five days a week.

The exchange is a great open thoroughfare and it is easy to imagine the stockbrokers busy at work in their offices, which have now been converted into shops. There is also an excellent assay mining museum here.

## The Venus Gold Battery

On the outskirts of town, the Venus Gold Battery offers an insight into an amazing real-life gold rush in the late 19th century. The Battery is of national cultural significance as the largest surviving battery relic in Australia and oldest surviving battery in Queensland. Constructed in 1872, it was a public or custom mill in its heyday and became a State battery in 1919 to provide ore crushing facilities for small miners long after other mills had closed. It ceased commercial operations in the early 70s, after a century of service.

New interpretive displays present the process of extracting gold from quartz with interactive characters telling the stories of not only how the battery worked, but also of their working lives and times and events of Charters Towers.



## Towers Hill

Gold was first discovered in Charters Towers in December, 1871 by Aboriginal stockman Jupiter Mosman on this rugged site. Today, the pink and grey grandiorite rises 420 metres above the plain, dominating the skyline behind the town. Since the discovery of gold, the hill's three peaks have been subject to much use, including as a mining site. The early telegraph route to Cardwell passed overhead, and the valley below was used for ordinance storage during World War II.

The Towers Hill lookout was enhanced with interpretive displays, so visitors can learn of more of the region's colourful past while taking in the panoramic views of Charters Towers to the coast.

## Cattle Sales

Experience the thrill of livestock going under the hammer. Cattle sales are held every Wednesday (dependent upon numbers) at the Dalrymple Saleyards. Beef is produced on 250 commercial properties that run some 600,000 head of cattle. The Saleyards sells over 100,000 head per annum of store and prime cattle and hosts North Queensland's premier bull and horse sales.



# THE WORLD

## Greenvale

Greenvale is located 203 kilometres north of Charters Towers along the Gregory Development Road. Greenvale is affectionately known to the locals as Slim Dusty country. It is an outback oasis for tourists to see and experience.



Home of the Three Rivers Hotel made famous by Slim Dusty with the song of the same name written by Stan Coster during the mining boom. Greenvale is a small mining town that was built especially for the purpose of housing mine workers.



## Mingela

Mingela is located 44 kilometres east from Charters Towers along the Flinders Highway. The Hotel has accommodation and serves meals.

## Ravenswood

Ravenswood is a heritage listed township with unique history and legendary ghost tales. Ravenswood stands today as a living monument to the historic gold rush era when the town thrived with a booming population and over 30 pubs. Only two remain and they have been magnificently restored, capturing the essence of this historic era.

Ravenswood is located approximately 45 kilometres along the Ravenswood Road, having departed the Flinders Highway approximately 44 kilometres east of Charters Towers.



## Balfes Creek

Balfes Creek is a very small town with long history. With the arrival of the Great Northern Railway in 1883, Balfes Creek became the original rail and road junction for this basalt country and further north. It is located 33 kilometres west of Charters Towers along the Flinders Highway. Dairies and Chinese market gardens once flourished here.

## Homestead

Homestead township was named by the pastoralist WD Stewart who owned and established Homestead Station. Homestead is located 73 kilometres west of Charters Towers along the Flinders Highway. Gold was discovered to the north of Homestead in 1883 and was mined intermittently for the next 50 years. Two hotels, two butcher shops, two stores, a bank and a cordial factory were part of the town during the railway era. A sleeper cutter sawmill operated here until 1970.



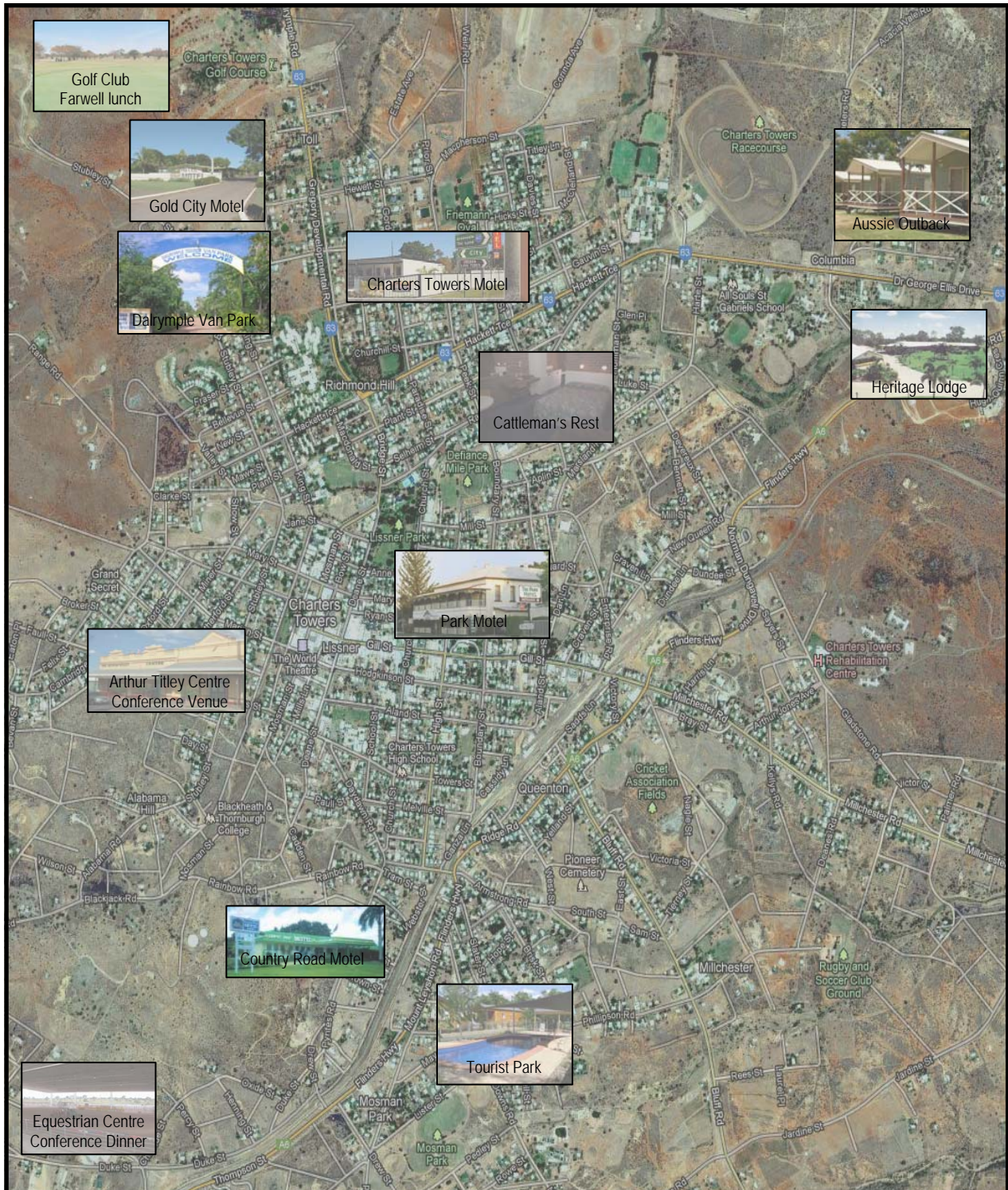
## Pentland



Pentland is one of the lovely small towns that developed from inhabitation in this region in the mid 1850's and then became a critical rail and communication junction of the day. The discovery of gold, then timber and cattle and subsequently sawmill and meatworks industries maintained its early thriving position.

Today the small town offers many historical and natural attractions such as the historic Railway Station, Norwood Lockup, Burra Range Lookout, birdlife and the impressive dry inland salt lake of Lake Buchanan.

# Charters Towers



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## SUCCESS

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### Golf Ambrose Morning — 9 hole 4 Ball Ambrose

**Venue** - Charters Towers Golf Course, Gregory Development Rd, Charters Towers QLD 4820

**Date** - FRIDAY, 18th May 2012

**Time** - 9:30am for 10:00 am start **Dress Code:** Neat Casual **Footwear:** Sandshoes/soft spikes

At conclusion of Golf Presentation of Prizes, drinks and BBQ will be held

Name: .....

Company: .....

Handicap: .....

This registration is a **Tax Invoice** for GST when you make a payment to Charters Towers Regional Council—ABN 67 731 313 583

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