Information about Barcaldine

Origin of the name Barcaldine: Barcaldine Castle Argyle, Scotland – the ancestral home of the Campbell’s. Donald Charles Cameron nephew of Laird who migrated to Australia in 1852. When he took up the land along the Alice River in 1863 he named it ‘Barcaldine Downs’ which was after his family’s estate, Barcaldine Castle in Scotland.
- All streets are named after trees, for example, Oak Street, Elm Street and Ash Street.
- Barcaldine is on the Tropic of Capricorn, 273 metres above sea level.

Foundation Date: November 8th, 1886
Population: approx. 1400.
First bore on the Great Artesian Basin: February 14th, 1886 at Back Creek just east of Barcaldine.
Average Rainfall: 475mm
Temperatures: Winter – dry and reaches min -1ºC. Summer – wet season, reaches max 45ºC.
The whole district relies on the Great Artesian Basin for domestic water and for watering stock.
Chief industries in the district: Wool growing, beef cattle and tourism.
Mobile Phone Service: Next G (rural tick (best coverage))

How to get to Barcaldine:
Coaches arrive every morning from Brisbane and return again in the evening.
Coaches arrive for Rockhampton every evening and depart next morning.
Passenger trains arrive every week from Brisbane returning the next day.
Three QANTAS services every week from Brisbane returning the same day (2 hour return trip)

Radio Stations
1098AM Radio 4LG Longreach
540AM ABC
100.9 FM Longreach
88FM Tourist Radio

Banks
Bank of Queensland (BOQ)
Commonwealth – Post Office
Westpac – In store Newsagency
National – Post Office
ATM – Newsagency (Westpac)
ATM– BP Roadhouse (BOQ)
ATM– IGA supermarket (Cashcard)

TV Channels
7 Central
ABC
Imparja CH 9
SBS

Eating Places
BP Roadhouse
Barcaldine Bakery
Ironbark Inn
Round the Blend Cafe
Landsborough Lodge
All Hotels (Globe, only counter snacks)
Roses n Things

Emergency Numbers
Police Ph: 000 – (07) 4651 1322
Fire Ph: 000
Pharmacy Ph: (07) 4651 1121
Council Ph: (07) 4651 1211
Ambulance Ph: 000 – (07) 4651 1311
Hospital Ph: (07) 4651 1311
Doctor’s Surgery Ph: (07) 4651 1444