



Top Things To Do

Located off the major highways between Stanthorpe and Goondiwindi, Texas offers great hospitality and a real country experience.

1. Explore the charming Texas main street, with country **shops** and delicious **cafes**, as well as local storytelling signs to guide you.
2. Browse through the masterpieces at the Texas Regional Art Gallery which displays an array of artworks from local & regional artists.
3. Visit the **Texas Rabbit Works Museum** the last rabbit processing works in Australia and discover how it saved the town during the Great Depression.
4. Learn more about the rich history of the town at the **Texas Railway Museum** and **Texas Heritage Centre & Tobacco Museum**.
5. Join the friendly locals for a social round at one of the **best sand green golf courses in Queensland**. Or, roll into the **bowls club** and have a game of barefoot bowls.
6. Refresh at **The Stockman Hotel** which provides accommodation and great country pub meals.
7. Pull up your caravan, at the award-winning, free camp site along the majestic **Dumaresq River**. You can enjoy this popular **free camp** area for up to 14 days for fully self-contained RV's, or check out Bushland Hideaway on the River at Glenarbron.

TEXAS HISTORY

There are just a few remains of the 'original' Texas on the banks of the Dumaresq River. The town was moved to its present site after the 1890 and 1921 floods. The primary objective of the first settlers in the Dumaresq Valley and the surrounding country was to use the land for cattle production.

The rich alluvial river flats soon attracted farmers to the area. Corn was an early crop and by the late 1860s, Chinese workers were employed to grow tobacco. The tobacco industry expanded rapidly all along the river as water for the crop was drawn from it or rather shallow wells along its flats. As the area under the crop increased European growers gradually took over from the Chinese farmers.

During the 1880s a small factory produced plug tobacco and in 1908 a stemmery was established. Tobacco was one of the mainstays of the area for many years, even during the Great Depression of the 1930s. Following WWII, migrants from Italy, Spain and other European countries grew tobacco. The crop is no longer grown in the region, although many tobacco barns may still be seen.

Primarily a sheep and cattle grazing area, Texas now boasts a variety of other industries some of which include feed-lots, dairy, fodder, small crops, orchards, and a growing tourism industry. Local stock breeding pursuits range from cattle and sheep to horses and deer.

HOW DID TEXAS GET ITS NAME?

The McDougall Brothers originally settled on the land where Texas Station is now situated in about 1840. The property was abandoned in the 1850s while the brothers tried their luck on the goldfields.

When they returned they found their land taken by another settler and it was some time before they were able to establish their prior claim.

Once the McDougall Brother's legal right to the land was recognised, they named the area Texas in honour of the State of Texas (USA) declaring independence from Mexico in 1836.