



GHOSTS OF GOLD

The gold boom between 1872 and 1899 brought people, activity and prosperity to Charters Towers. During this period, with a population of 27 000, Charters Towers was Queensland's largest city outside Brisbane and operated one of the few regional stock exchanges in Australia. Affectionately known as 'The World', it was said that anything one might desire could be had in the 'Towers', leaving no reason to travel elsewhere.

The *ghosts of gold* Heritage Trail is one of Charters Towers' most prized tourist attractions. Comprised of four distinct venues around the city, the Visitor Information Centre, the Stock Exchange Arcade, Venus Gold Battery and Towers Hill, this trail truly brings history to life.

Tickets for all sites are available from the Visitor Information Centre. Look for the *ghosts of gold* symbol.

CITY ATTRACTIONS

- 1 Visitor Information Centre** (Inset Map E21) View the Orientation Film and Virtual Tour touch screen. Friendly staff are available for questions and directions. Open 7 days (except some public holidays). Free Wi-Fi available.
- 2 Stock Exchange Arcade** (Inset Map E21) Built as the Royal Arcade in 1888, it housed the Charters Towers Stock Exchange from 1890. Today, you can enjoy the atmosphere as you take time to browse the many shops in the arcade.
- 3 Venus Gold Battery** (Q15) The largest surviving battery relic in Australia.

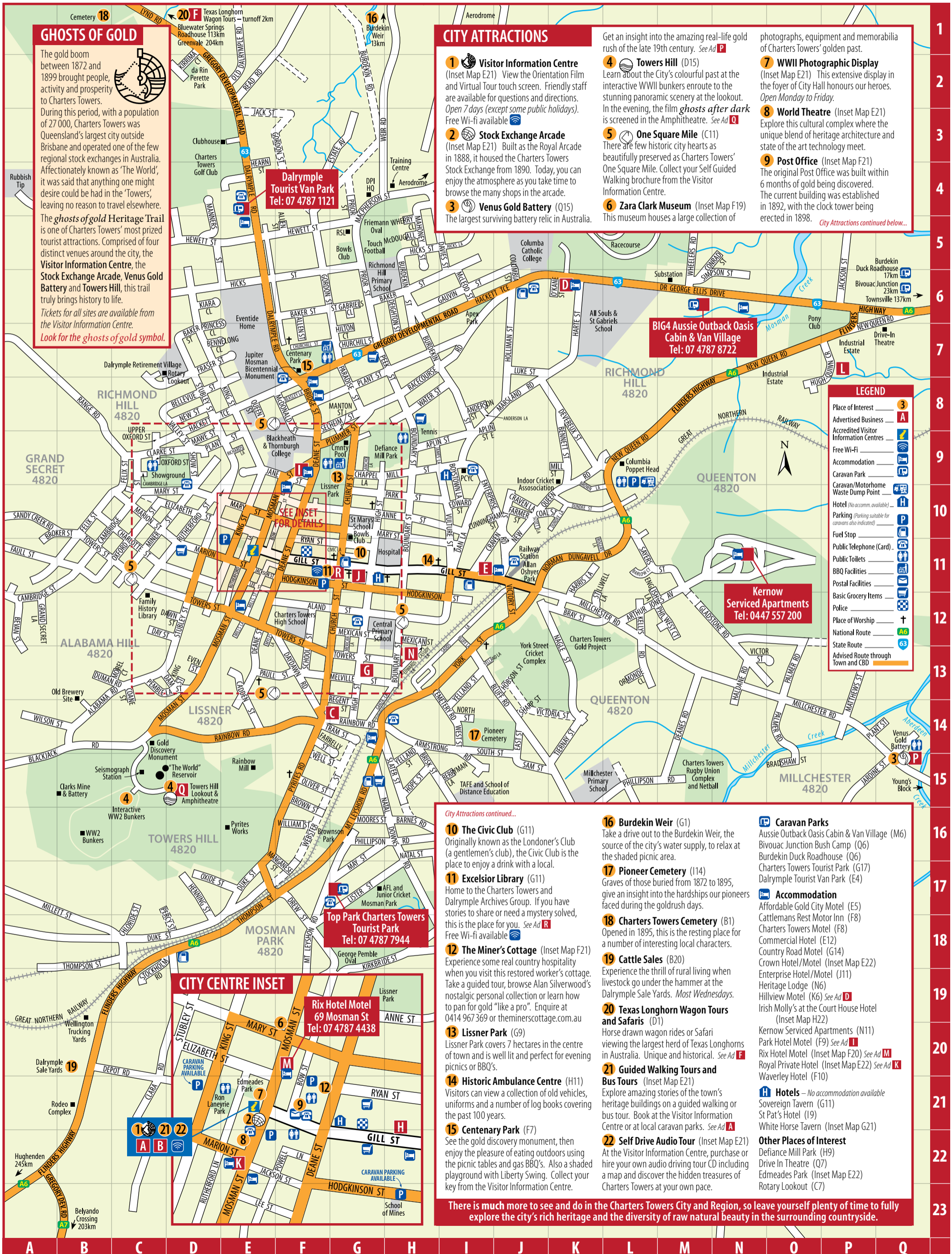
Get an insight into the amazing real-life gold rush of the late 19th century. See Ad P.

- 4 Towers Hill** (D15) Learn about the City's colourful past at the interactive WWII bunkers enroute to the stunning panoramic scenery at the lookout. In the evening, the film *ghosts after dark* is screened in the Amphitheatre. See Ad Q.
- 5 One Square Mile** (C11) There are few historic city hearts as beautifully preserved as Charters Towers' One Square Mile. Collect your Self Guided Walking brochure from the Visitor Information Centre.
- 6 Zara Clark Museum** (Inset Map F19) This museum houses a large collection of

photographs, equipment and memorabilia of Charters Towers' golden past.

- 7 WWII Photographic Display** (Inset Map E21) This extensive display in the foyer of City Hall honours our heroes. Open Monday to Friday.
- 8 World Theatre** (Inset Map E21) Explore this cultural complex where the unique blend of heritage architecture and state of the art technology meet.
- 9 Post Office** (Inset Map F21) The original Post Office was built within 6 months of gold being discovered. The current building was established in 1892, with the clock tower being erected in 1898.

City Attractions continued below...



LEGEND	
	Place of Interest
	Advised Business
	Accredited Visitor Information Centres
	Free Wi-Fi
	Accommodation
	Caravan Park
	Caravan/Motorhome Waste Dump Point
	Hotel (No accom. available)
	Parking (Parking suitable for caravans also indicated)
	Fuel Stop
	Public Telephone (Card)
	Public Toilets
	BBQ Facilities
	Postal Facilities
	Basic Grocery Items
	Police
	Place of Worship
	National Route
	State Route
	Advised Route through Town and CBD

City Attractions continued...

- 10 The Civic Club** (G11) Originally known as the Londoner's Club (a gentlemen's club), the Civic Club is the place to enjoy a drink with a local.
- 11 Excelsior Library** (G11) Home to the Charters Towers and Dalrymple Archives Group. If you have stories to share or need a mystery solved, this is the place for you. See Ad R. Free Wi-Fi available.
- 12 The Miner's Cottage** (Inset Map F21) Experience some real country hospitality when you visit this restored worker's cottage. Take a guided tour, browse Alan Silverwood's nostalgic personal collection or learn how to pan for gold "like a pro". Enquire at 0414 967 369 or theminerscottage.com.au
- 13 Lissner Park** (G9) Lissner Park covers 7 hectares in the centre of town and is well lit and perfect for evening picnics or BBQ's.
- 14 Historic Ambulance Centre** (H11) Visitors can view a collection of old vehicles, uniforms and a number of log books covering the past 100 years.
- 15 Centenary Park** (F7) See the gold discovery monument, then enjoy the pleasure of eating outdoors using the picnic tables and gas BBQ's. Also a shaded playground with Liberty Swing. Collect your key from the Visitor Information Centre.
- 16 Burdekin Weir** (G1) Take a drive out to the Burdekin Weir, the source of the city's water supply, to relax at the shaded picnic area.
- 17 Pioneer Cemetery** (I14) Graves of those buried from 1872 to 1895, give an insight into the hardships our pioneers faced during the goldrush days.
- 18 Charters Towers Cemetery** (B1) Opened in 1895, this is the resting place for a number of interesting local characters.
- 19 Cattle Sales** (B20) Experience the thrill of rural living when livestock go under the hammer at the Dalrymple Sale Yards. *Most Wednesdays.*
- 20 Texas Longhorn Wagon Tours and Safaris** (D1) Horse drawn wagon rides or Safari viewing the largest herd of Texas Longhorns in Australia. Unique and historical. See Ad F.
- 21 Guided Walking Tours and Bus Tours** (Inset Map E21) Explore amazing stories of the town's heritage buildings on a guided walking or bus tour. Book at the Visitor Information Centre or at local caravan parks. See Ad A.
- 22 Self Drive Audio Tour** (Inset Map E21) At the Visitor Information Centre, purchase or hire your own audio driving tour CD including a map and discover the hidden treasures of Charters Towers at your own pace.

- Caravan Parks**
Aussie Outback Oasis Cabin & Van Village (M6)
Bivouac Junction Bush Camp (Q6)
Burdekin Duck Roadhouse (Q6)
Charters Towers Tourist Park (G17)
Dalrymple Tourist Van Park (E4)
- Accommodation**
Affordable Gold City Motel (E5)
Cattlemans Rest Motor Inn (F8)
Charters Towers Motel (F8)
Commercial Hotel (E12)
Country Road Motel (G14)
Crown Hotel/Motel (Inset Map E22)
Enterprise Hotel/Motel (J11)
Heritage Lodge (N6)
Hillview Motel (K6) See Ad D.
Irish Molly's at the Court House Hotel (Inset Map H22)
Kernow Serviced Apartments (N11)
Park Hotel Motel (F9) See Ad I.
Rix Hotel Motel (Inset Map F20) See Ad M.
Royal Private Hotel (Inset Map E22) See Ad K.
Waverley Hotel (F10)
- Hotels** - No accommodation available
Sovereign Tavern (G11)
St Pat's Hotel (I9)
White Horse Tavern (Inset Map G21)
- Other Places of Interest**
Defiance Mill Park (H9)
Drive In Theatre (Q7)
Edmeades Park (Inset Map E22)
Rotary Lookout (C7)

There is much more to see and do in the Charters Towers City and Region, so leave yourself plenty of time to fully explore the city's rich heritage and the diversity of raw natural beauty in the surrounding countryside.

1 Five Trails of Discovery (E7)

These five designated trails are designed for the drive enthusiast to explore the region at your own pace. Take your time to explore the countryside in greater depth, you might even discover a few hidden treasures!

- These trails are not recommended for vehicles towing caravans or trailers.
- Most suited to 4WD and depending on current road conditions some larger conventional vehicles could be suitable.
- Check at the Visitor Information Centre for further details before heading out.

Tropics Trail:

Charters Towers – Mingela – Dotswood Road – Herveys Range Road – Hidden Valley – Mt Fox Road – Lynd Highway. 392km.

Heritage Trail:

Charters Towers – Ravenswood – Burdekin Falls Dam – Collinsville. 311km. Or... Charters Towers – Ravenswood – Burdekin Falls Dam – Mt Coolon – Belyando Crossing – Charters Towers. 533km.

Desert Uplands Trail:

Charters Towers – Pentland – Yarrowmere Station Homestead – Lake Buchanan – Mirna Station – Charters Towers. 500km.

Geological Trail:

Charters Towers – Pentland – Great Inland Way (Lynd Highway) – Charters Towers. 348km.

Explorer's Trail:

Charters Towers – Greenvale via the Bluff Downs ring road back to the Great Inland Way (Lynd Highway). 323km.

2 Homestead (D8) Population: 100



Check out the mural depicting local history and admire early Australian domestic architecture around the town.

3 Pentland (C8) Population: 250



Things to see and do: Check out the local arts and crafts gallery and the old Norwood jail cells. Enjoy a dip in the town pool. Drive to the Burra Range Lookout and enjoy the wildflowers during Spring. The Annual Campdraft is held in May and the Annual Picnic Races are in November.

4 Torrens Creek (C9) Population: 20



Things to see and do: Sign your name on the ceiling in the pub, visit the airstrip used by the American Air Force during WWII and play the toughest golf course in the west with sand greens and no green fees.

5 Prairie (B9) Population: 50



Visit the historic Prairie Hotel to see the extensive collection of memorabilia. Enjoy a cool drink at the bar whilst reclining in the old barber's chair or dentist's chair. Ask for information on Kooroorinya Falls and Porcupine Gorge National Park.

6 Bluewater Springs Roadhouse (D5) Population: 2



Located 113km northwest of Charters Towers, this is the perfect place to break your journey north, so pop in and say hello.

7 Greenvale (B4) Population: 150



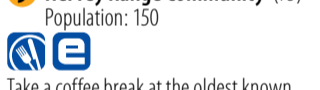
Things to see and do: A beer at the Three Rivers Hotel made famous by Slim Dusty in a song of the same name. There is a 9-hole golf course, birdwatching and fossicking. Enjoy the annual campdraft at Easter and the annual golf championships in August.

8 Hidden Valley (E4) Population: 15



Stay a night or two in the world's first carbon neutral resort. The log cabins and furniture have been built using local timbers. Eco tours are available for those keen on spotting the 130 species of birds or seeing a platypus play in Running River. Usually 8 degrees cooler than the coast.

9 Hervey Range Community (F5) Population: 150



Take a coffee break at the oldest known building in North Queensland. This historic split log inn, that now houses the Heritage Tea Rooms, was the stopping place for bullock teams and Cobb & Co. Coaches. Also a scenic range drive, walking tracks and lookouts.

10 Mingela (F6) Population: 20



The tiny township is located 50km east of Charters Towers on the Flinders Highway (Overlander's Way). Drop into a real outback pub – the Mingela Hotel.

11 Ravenswood (F7) Population: 150



One-hour drive from Charters Towers is historic Ravenswood. The township is listed by the National Trust. Today, around 130 gold miners support the local population of 150, however Ravenswood was once home to approximately 5000 during the boom times. Remaining today are two hotels that are magnificent examples of the prosperity of this town's wealthy beginnings. Self-guided walks and drives are the way to discover the history and heritage – maps are available from the historic Court House Museum, which is open daily. A must-do activity is a visit to the gold mine lookout and the White Blow Environmental Park which is 5km from the town centre and features a large white quartz rock outcrop dating back some 300-million years.

12 Burdekin Falls Dam (G8) Population: 5



Located 80km south of Ravenswood is the largest freshwater lake in Queensland, Lake Dalrymple, four times the size of Sydney Harbour. It was filled in 1987 following the construction of the Burdekin Falls Dam. Excellent camping and picnic facilities are available in the shady grounds.

13 Belyando Crossing (F10) Population: 5



The roadhouse, known as Belyando Crossing, is located 200km south of Charters Towers where the Gregory Developmental Road and offers a shady picnic area for customers passing through. Nearby Lake Buchanan, a large flat salt lake, is no more than a metre deep when full. Bird life is magnificent after a good wet season and access is via a 4WD track only.



Other Places of Interest

- Burdekin River Flood Marker, Macrossan (E7)
- Burra Range Lookout (C8)
- Court House Museum, Ravenswood (F7)
- Dalrymple National Park (E6)
- Herveys Range Tea Rooms (F5)
- Lake Dalrymple (F8)
- White Blow Environmental Park, Ravenswood (F7)
- White Mountains National Park (B8)

Caravan Park

- Belyando Crossing Caravan & Camping (F10)
- Bivouac Junction Holiday Camp (E7) See Ad 0
- Bluewater Springs Roadhouse (D5)
- Burdekin Duck Roadhouse (E7)
- Burdekin Falls Dam Caravan & Camping (G8)
- Greenvale Caravan Park & Cabins (B4)
- Herveys Range Tea Rooms (F5)
- Pentland Caravan Park (C8)
- Ravenswood Caravan & Camping (F7)
- Ravenswood Top Camp Caravan Park (F7)

Hotels & Motels

- Imperial Hotel, Ravenswood (F7)
 - Mingela Hotel, Mingela (F7)
 - Pentland Hotel, Pentland (C8)
 - Railway Hotel, Ravenswood (F7)
 - Three Rivers Hotel/Motel, Greenvale (B4)
- Other Accommodation**
- Bluff Downs Farm Stay – Bookings Essential
 - Grass Hut Station, Mingela (F7)
 - Hidden Valley Cabins (E4)
 - Ravenswood Top Camp Cabins (F7)

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Guided Walking Tours & Bus Tours

• Explore the fascinating heritage of Charters Towers!
• Book at Visitor Information Centre (4761 5533) and some local caravan parks.
Charters Towers Historical Tours
Tel: 0477 516 344 City Inset Map (E21) **A**

Ghost Tours

• Discover the haunted heritage of Charters Towers & Ravenswood
• Bookings essential
• 90 minute walking tour, April to October
• Meet and book at Visitor Information Centre
www.chartertowersghosttours.com.au
Tel: 07 4761 5533 City Inset Map (E21) **B**

A & D Auto Electrical

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22 Rainbow Rd, Charters Towers
ad_auto@bigpond.net.au
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Hillview Motel

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motelhillview@bigpond.com
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Rix Hotel Motel City Inset Map (F20) **M**

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Millchester Rd, Charters Towers
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Ghosts After Dark

Head to Towers Hill Lookout to watch the stunning sunset before the big movie screen lights up to reveal the secrets of Charters Towers' past. Bookings essential at the Visitor Information Centre.
tourinfo@chartertowers.qld.gov.au
Tel: 07 4761 5533 City Map (D15) **Q**

Excelsior Library

• Library Hours: Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri 10am - 5pm,
Thurs 9am - 5pm, Sat 9.30am - 1pm • WIFI/Internet
library@chartertowers.qld.gov.au
Tel: 07 4761 5580
Home to Charters Towers & Dalrymple Archives Group
Mon-Wed 10am - 2.30pm, Sat 9.30am - Noon
ctadag@chartertowers.qld.gov.au
Tel: 07 4761 5589
130 Gill St, Charters Towers City Map (G11) **R**

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