



Largest

- Charters Towers - the Venus Gold Battery is the **largest** surviving battery relic in Australia
- Charters Towers - the annual Charters Towers Country Music Festival, on the long weekend in May, is the **largest** amateur country music talent quest in Australia
- Charters Towers - the annual Goldfields Ashes Cricket Carnival, on the Australia Day Weekend in January, is the **largest** cricket carnival in the southern hemisphere boasting more than 200 competing teams
- Hinchinbrook - Hinchinbrook Island is the **largest** island national park in Australia
- Hinchinbrook - Victoria Mill is still the **largest** Sugar Mill in Australia
- Hinchinbrook – **the Australian-Italian Festival in Ingham is the largest festival in Australia outside of Adelaide and is held every year in May**

Biggest

- The Burdekin - the Burdekin is the undisputed sugar capital of Australia and contributes about a quarter of the nation's sugar production

Highest

- Hinchinbrook - Wallaman Falls at 268m is the **highest** single-drop waterfall in Australia

Oldest

- Charters Towers - the Venus Gold Battery is the oldest surviving battery in Queensland

- Charters Towers - Irish Molly's Court House Hotel is the last of the all timber, 2 storey hotels continually licensed to see liquor in Charters Towers
- Charters Towers - Queensland Ambulance is the **oldest** surviving Ambulance building still in use in Queensland
- Hinchinbrook - Broadwater fig tree is the **oldest** known fig tree in the area and is over 200 years old
- Hinchinbrook - Macknade Mill is the **oldest** operating Sugar Mill in Australia

Oddest

- The Burdekin – the Burdekin Bridge is unique in construction as it is the only bridge in Australia built without a firm foothold. Because there is no rockbed below the river sand, engineers had to sink the huge concrete caissons into more than 30 metres of sand
- The Burdekin – It's also one of the few places left in Queensland where you can witness the sheer majesty of a cane fire or 'Burdekin Snow'. Canegrowers burn their mature crop just before harvest to remove the excess leaves, or cane trash. Tourists can witness a cane fire evenings or early mornings from June to December.
- Charters Towers – Burdekin River flood marker shows all floods of the mighty Burdekin River from 1912
- Hinchinbrook - Taylors Beach is home to the 'manicured mangrove hedge'

Longest

- The Burdekin – Spanning 1103 metres, the Burdekin Bridge is **longer** than the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Brisbane's Story Bridge and Newcastle's Hawkesbury Bridge
- The Burdekin – Gubulla Munda is a 60-metre long carpet snake sculpture which is the totem for the Juru indigenous tribe
- Charters Towers - Gill Street is the **longest** street with verandahed awnings in Queensland
- Hinchinbrook - Lucinda Jetty is the **longest** off shore sugar loading facility in the world at 5.76km long

Youngest

- Hinchinbrook - Mt Fox is Australia's **youngest** dormant volcano

Closest

- The Burdekin – Alva Beach near Ayr is the **closest** point of access to the world-famous dive site, the SS Yongala Shipwreck