



The Paroo Shire Covers 47 633 sq km and is part of the South West Outback Queensland Region. It includes the towns of Cunnamulla, Yowah, Eulo and Wyandra, with Cunnamulla being the hub of the Shire; is centrally situated on the crossroads of the Balonne and Mitchell Highways. The Shire has a vast cultural diversity within its vibrant rural communities and has a population of approximately 2600.

The Paroo Shire lies in a semi-arid zone with summer temperatures ranging from 15 degrees to 37 degrees and winter temperature ranges from 2 to 25 degrees. The Paroo Shire has an ever changing landscape, from the Open Mitchell Grass Flood Plains in the East to the Moriarty Ranges, the Opal fields and the Mulga Lands to the West. It is an area rich in history, eco systems lend themselves to ideal habitats for many species. Visitor numbers are increasing each year as visitors have an urge to rediscover the “real Australia” and the pastoral and pioneering history of the region.

Cunnamulla, meaning long stretch of water, gets its name from the picturesque Warrego River which meanders past the town and is popular spot for fishing and water sports. The main industries within the Shire are beef, fat lamb and wool production, apiary, grapes, wildlife harvesting, opal mining and the growing Tourism industry. Cunnamulla is serviced twice a week by Qld Rail and MacAir from Brisbane and three time per week by Kynoch Coaches from Toowoomba.

A large number of services are available within Cunnamulla including two schools (State Prep – Year 12 and Catholic Primary School), a medical centre, hospital, chemist, baker, butcher, childcare centre, caravan park, post office, library, swimming pool, four churches, hotels, motels, bowling club, golf club, coffee shops, gift shop, newsagent, police station, ambulance, fire brigade, fruit shop and nursery, hardware stores, electrical shop and a clothing outlet.

As well as the bowling club and golf club there are a number of strong sporting clubs and social activities such as the bike riders, polocrosse, gun club, tennis club and swimming club. A number of events are held throughout the year from race meetings to the annual show – with the highlight of each year being the annual “Cunnamulla Fella Festival & Bullride” held each November. The bi-annual Masters Games will be held in Cunnamulla in 2009.