

In 1885, the town site was surveyed and named Dirranbandi. Several slightly different meanings have been identified to this aboriginal word, the most popular and readily recognised is “Frogs croaking in a swamp at night”.

Close to all amenities, Railway Park in Dirranbandi is a cool and shady spot for the traveller to rest. Located in the park is the old Railway Station Master’s office built in 1913. The office floor is of magnificent Western Australian jarrah timber. The historic building has been carefully restored and is used as a meeting room for the local Arts Council. Railway Park has become the ‘hub’ of the town with the addition in 2001 of a second historical railway building, the old station masters residence. It is currently operated as the Dirranbandi Rural Transaction Centre. The old renovated Queenslander houses a variety of services. In 2001, the federation style gazebo, water fountain and water cotton bale memorial were also created in the park by the Dirranbandi cotton growers in memory of well known and widely respected cotton grower the late Des Stevenson of Cubbie Station.

While walking through Dirranbandi take the time to explore the unique Centennial Walk a display of mosaic tiles made by the locals, each with a story of their own. Starting at the Post Office and continuing down Main Street, these tiles depict the history and personal input of the community. When you visit the Dirranbandi Hostel and Caravan Park it is possible to take a trip back in history. The hostel was established in 1954 for the Catholic Church as a school for town and district students. The Sisters of St Joseph order taught here for 21 years before the hostel closed in 1977. Tours of the building are welcome.

Cubbie Station in the Dirranbandi district is the largest privately owned cotton property in Queensland. Once grazing land, Cubbie has developed a unique water harvesting system that stores and uses water efficiently.

Annual events include the Dirranbandi Show held on the weekend after Easter The Polocrosse carnival is held in July each year with a number of teams travelling from Northern NSW and southern Queensland to compete. Pony Club is strong in Dirranbandi as is golf and tennis. Campdrafts are held twice a year in and August. The Rugby League has the Cubbie Cup in March each year. The Rugby Union Cotton Cup is hotly contested in July between the Goondiwindi and St.George NRU teams.