



*The iconic bronze statue of a Ringer by Eddie Hackman in front of the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre.*  
Credit: David Masel



*Jimmy Sharman's Boxing Troup: Legend of the Bush exhibition in the Hugh Sawrey Art Gallery.*  
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*Interior of the Hall*  
Credit: Ken Brooks

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## Profile

Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre is an excellent museum and cultural facility located in Longreach, western Queensland. Welcomed by the impressive bronze statue of the ringer, symbolic of rural heritage, the visitor is taken on a journey into the heart of Australia: 'A vision splendid of the sunlit plains extended and the wondrous glory of the everlasting stars'.

The five high quality displays provide an insight into Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage, the early exploration and rural expansion, the pioneering settlers and their hardships, the development of the great pastoral empires and how the marvellous Royal Flying Doctor Service overcame isolation. For the urban visitor it opens a fabulous window into a significant Australian story.

Significant objects and artefacts include: wool wagon, stockmen's equipment, pastoral property journals, early explorer's artefacts, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artefacts, artwork, hawker's wagon, rural sports and 16,000 images. Small collections from prominent Australians such as Sidney Kidman, Smoky Dawson, Jimmy Sharman, Hugh Sawrey and R.M. Williams give depth to the collection.

Visitors can take advantage of light refreshments in the Wool Bale Café or a lovely meal at the Cattleman's Bar and Grill. There is also the Outback Traders that carries a range of souvenirs, crafts, hats and books and jewellery.

## Did you know?

We have a collection of original letters written by Henry Lawson?

We acknowledge nearly 800 'Unsung Heroes'? Our Unsung Heroes are everyday folk who have contributed greatly to their rural communities. You can see their stories on our website.

We have a Royal Connection. Queen Elizabeth II opened the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame on the 29th April 1988. And our patron Prince Charles visited in November 2012 with his wife Camilla.

We run an annual Drovers Reunion, which sees hundreds of drovers from around Australia, catch up over a weekend filled with activities.

## What the Standards Program has meant for our museum

**Exhibition Improvements:** The Hall of Fame now has a better understanding of how it can improve its displays with simple changes to labelling and implementing a methodology of rotating display objects.

**Collection Management:** Advice given by the Reviewers around relocating sensitive items in the collection and the rearrangement of the collection store has proved very useful.