



SCAVENGER HUNT KATHERINE THROUGH THE AGES



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STOP 1

The crossing below here is known to the Jawoyn people as Mundubbrah and associated with the travels of the left-handed kangaroo.

STOP 2

Nitmiluk, pronounced “nit-me-look”, is the Jawoyn name for Katherine Gorge.

STOP 3

“Here lie the bones of Maggie Bray.”

STOP 4

In 1926 the Katherine Railway Bridge opened with the first train crossing the river on Australia Day, shifting the town closer to where it is today.

STOP 5

“Katherine or Catherine?” – One of the town’s oldest quirks is its very name.

STOP 6

Take a dip!

Australia Day 2026 Scavenger Hunt Katherine

Stop 1

- Knotts Crossing
- DCA Building/Katherine Museum
- Overland Telegraph Pylons 1870s
- Katherine Memorial Cemetery
- Katherine Hospital Site 1930s
- Old Airstrip 1930s

Stop 2

- Nitmiluk Visitor Centre

Stop 3

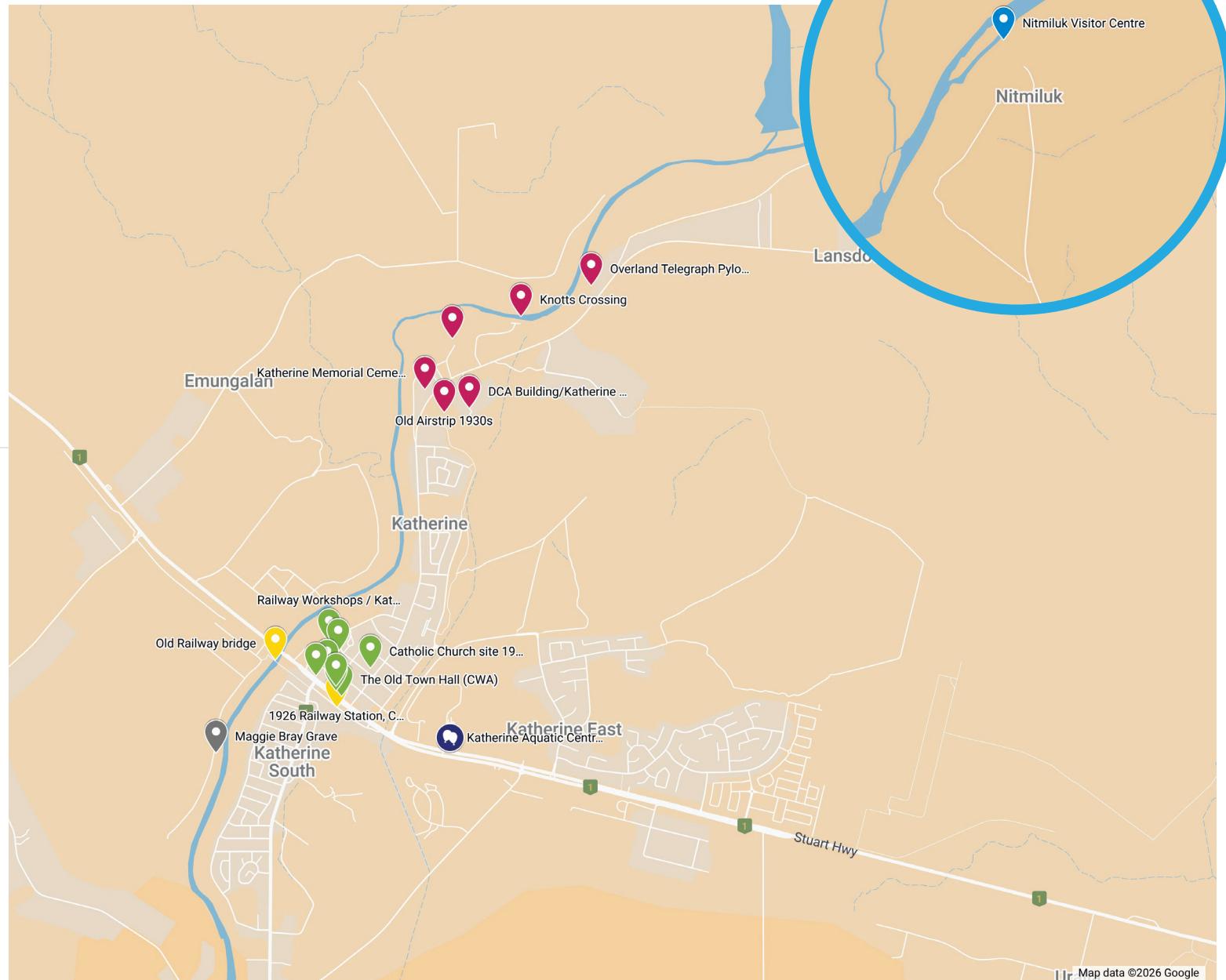
- Maggie Bray Grave

Stop 4

- 1926 Railway Station, Cattle Yards, Tank Spur line
- Old Railway bridge

Stop 5

- Railway Workshops / Katherine Club
- Ted Fuller's Butcher shop 1947 – 1974
- The Uniting Church of Katherine
- The Old Town Hall (CWA)
- Katherine Stores 1926
- Commercial Hotel
- Picture Theatre 1950s
- Catholic Church site 1950s



Centenary Scavenger Hunt Quiz

Stop 1: Knott's Crossing

Flooding at Knott's Crossing would isolate the township's early residents. How high has the river risen in the past?

A) 5 metres B) 10 metres C) 15 metres D) More than 20 metres

Flooding in Katherine

Cyclone Les in 1998 brought over 400 mm of rain in 48 hours, overwhelming Katherine, hitting the town with the worst flood in its recent history. On Australia Day, 28 years ago, the river rose to 21.3 metres, submerging the town. The date is now etched in local memory for both a moment of progress and a moment of chaos. Katherine was declared a National Disaster Area with three lives lost and 1,100 homes damaged.

How high is the river today?

Stop 2: Nitmiluk

By tradition, who inhabits the deep pools of the second Gorge?

A) Barrava B) Bolung C) Nabilil

Stop 3: Maggie Brae's Grave

How old was Billy Bray when Maggie Bray died?

A) 21 B) 51 C) 70 D) 40

Records online

While an engraved plate and a local saying kept Maggie Bray alive in the hearts and minds of Katherine residents, today records are kept online.

To search for burial locations for loved ones at the Katherine Memorial Cemetery, you can go to:

<https://apps.byond.cloud/deceased-search/83eb120a-ce4d-4cb1-d03c-d38c3a092eee>

Do you have any relatives buried in Katherine? Tell us if you can find them.

Stop 4: Railway Bridge

CHALLENGE:

Railway Tce and the Railway Bridge is full of memorials from the past 100 years,

Find at least three, photograph or tell us the date and name of them.

Share your challenge photos online tagged with
#KatherineCentenaryScavengerHunt or send them to us on [Facebook](#)

Stop 5: Katherine Town

CHALLENGE:

Find and photograph five historical signs or shopfronts.

Share your challenge photos online tagged with
#KatherineCentenaryScavengerHunt or send them to us on [Facebook](#)

Stop 6: Take a dip!

When did Katherine get its first public swimming pool?

A) The 1950s
B) In 1982
C) After the year 2000