

WILLIE RETREAT

MACQUARIE MARSHES



Situated 110 kms north of Warren on the Carinda Rd/ Gibson Way turn-off - look for the radio tower on this corner - then proceed 1-1/2 kms along Gibson Way to the main gate on the right hand side.

WILLIE RETREAT ADJOINS THE MACQUARIE MARSHES



A list is available of the birds located in the Macquarie Marshes and the surrounding area.

Reptiles and Fauna are also included in this list which will help you to become familiar with the amazing wildlife.

Come prepared for exquisite bird life, unique to this unforgettable part of the Central West.

Why not have a week or weekend away from it all???

`Willie Retreat` is situated 110 kms north of Warren and adjoins the western perimeter of the Southern section of the Macquarie Marshes.

Your accommodation is provided at what was the shearers` quarters at `Willie` Station. Phillip & Myra, with some help from family and friends, have done them up. There is a fully equipped kitchen, lounge room and five separate rooms, each with two double bunks providing accommodation for 20 people. Rainwater is available to drink and cook. There is even a TV for those who really need it!!

The Tolhursts ventured into tourism more or less as a sideline following on from when the people from National Parks & Wildlife and Land and Water Conservation first commenced using this facility as a base station for their work within the region.

They realised that there were lots of people who would enjoy a stayover in their part of the world.

The Marshes are the main attraction, but there is the opportunity to experience life in the outback and be part of a wonderful experience with the abundant wildlife.

Phillip and Myra have a sincere interest in wild-life and domestic animals, having held a licence for bird breeding for over 27 yrs. All types of wildlife & native birds are found on Willie Station and can be seen from the homestead and Willie Retreat Macquarie Marshes.

`Willie Retreat Macquarie Marshes`

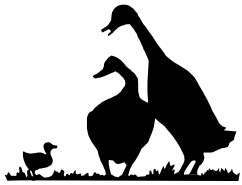
Some 18,500 ha of the Marshes are reserved as a Nature Reserve under the administration of the National Parks & Wildlife Service. Of the remaining area subject to flooding (some 100,000 ha) there are extensive areas of permanent wetlands in private ownership or occupied under leasehold.

The lignum areas provide nesting for straw-necked, sacred and glossy ibis during prolonged inundation. Up to several thousand straw-necked and sacred ibis can be observed breeding on scattered lignum heads within channels and lagoons in flood years.

Cumbungi dominates many of the more permanently soaked channels within reed bed and red gum swamps.

Other species associated with slow flowing channels and open water lagoons include submerged species such as ribbon weed and curly pondweed.





'Willie Retreat'
accommodates
twenty (20)
guests

- ◇ Bunk bed accommodation
- ◇ Linen, crockery, cutlery supplied
- ◇ Washing/ironing facilities
- ◇ Showers & Toilets
- ◇ Barbeque & Cooking facilities
- ◇ ELGAS—refill or exchange
- ◇ Coca Cola machine
- ◇ Mobile Phone area—Telstra NextG

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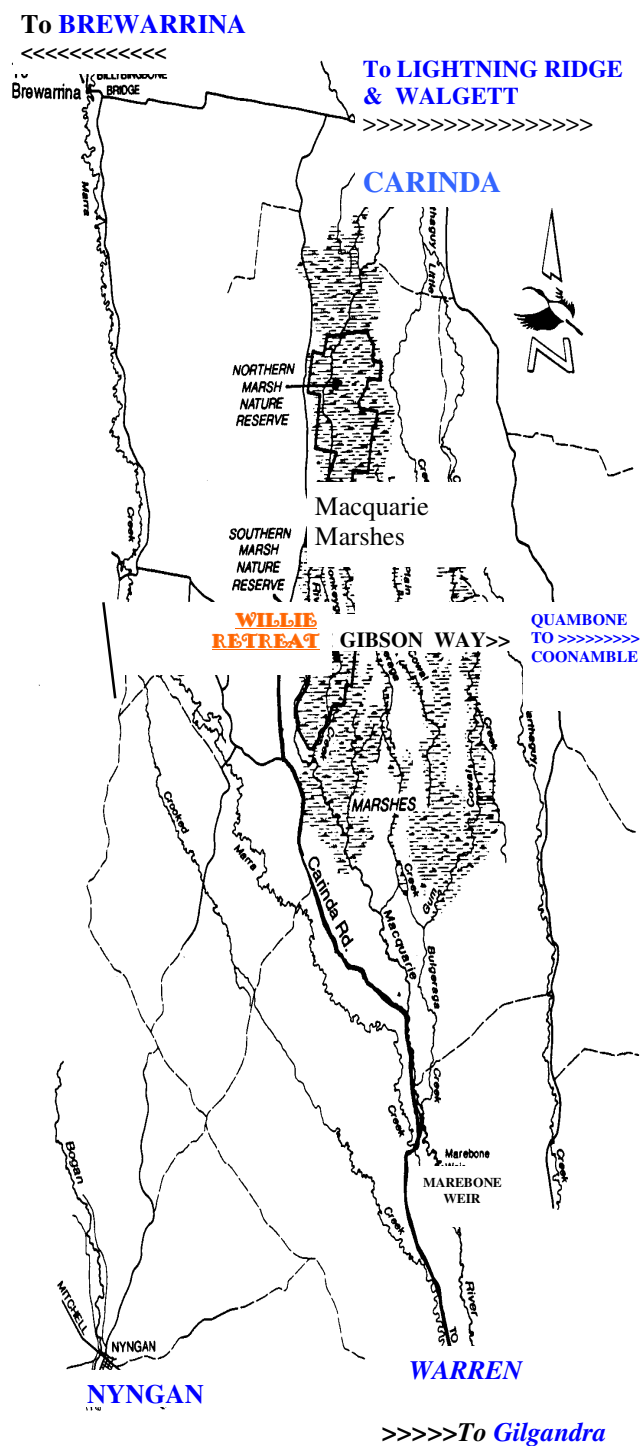
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THE WONDER WETHER  
21 YEARS—5 MONTHS—3 DAYS  
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# WILLIE RETREAT MACQUARIE MARSHES

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AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD  
BUSINESS HOUSE OF THE YEAR - 2007



MYRA & PHILLIP TOLHURST  
'WILLIE STATION'  
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