

Discover our

# Bowraville

## History Walk

**B**owraville was established in 1842 when cedar getting came and established a valuable timber industry. The town developed after construction of the first Larua Bridge in 1888. Once the administrative centre of Nambucca Valley, the historic town of Bowraville has some streets initially built for public works and heritage buildings now housing craft and artists.

Starting galleries and creative studios. Bowraville is home to two excellent restaurants and the art deco Bowraville Theatre. Beautifully restored older buildings are houses like Blue Hill Gate House and the main street. Take our self-guided walk and explore the town's built heritage.

### Bowraville High Street Corner 1843



**B**owraville's history walk can be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities. Please wear a hat and sun block for extra sun protection as we stroll and talk back towards the built-up streets - you may need sunscreen.

An accessible car parking space and toilet are centrally located. Due to the age of many buildings, wheelchair access may be limited. If possible, use the town's friendly and relaxed, well-maintained pavements.

- 1. Phoenix Gallery:** Old bank premises upstairs via beautiful timber staircase. The bank was in the main gallery.
- 2. Fuller's Warehouse:** Large collection of memorabilia from the first Presbyterian Church of 1842, beautifully restored. Stairway leads to the roof of the main house 'The Emerald Woman' 1847 showing timber floor, brick chimney and iron roof.
- 3. The English House:** A fine example of an old brick, country house - simply styled and first shown in 1888. Features feature shown in a picture on the street.
- 4. Bowraville Theatre:** 1942 - 1948. Stop off and see the original wooden stage 1948. Not shown in the picture, restored for the community in 2002. Back to front.

- 5. Post Office:** Two offices and a late residence.
- 6. Anglican Church:** Old building in High Street and Nambucca Valley's oldest church still used. Fine example of a simple country church. Not shown.
- 7. Police Station:** Built from locally made bricks and first Nambucca, South and West Nambucca Water District building.
- 8. Post Office:** Weatherboard building with timber verandah.
- 9. Military Museum:** Reproduction of 1880 housing destroyed by fire. Nambucca Water Council 1888 - 1987. The exhibit honors the progressive memory of service personnel.

- 10. Bowen Hotel:** Built from local stone and locally sourced bricks and first Cedar house. Restored to its original state.
  - 11. The Milling Stone:** Features original structure and beautiful design.
  - 12. Blue Hill Gate House:** Famed with wood brought back from the Islands East by 1887 settlers.
- Further Street, Church at 4 Corner St. 1887. Impressive building. Many stained glass windows.

