

Discover our

# Macksville

History Walk

Beginning as a private town with three main architectural establishments (business and residential), Macksville began as Central Nambucca with 1887 when its name was changed to avoid confusion with Nambucca Heads. The new name honoured three businessmen whose names began with "M" - McFadyen, Miller and McQuinn. Early development focused on the river - the main artery of the valley and five bridges from Pines to now Pinesway. Pines is the last crossing towards Pines Creek. With the arrival of the railway in 1918 and construction of the Nambucca bridge in 1981, a new phase of development began.

This is a self-guided walk, stop at one of our listed hotels to enjoy a coffee and cake and explore Pinesway's heritage. Wheelchair accessible facilities are available throughout town. Shops in Pinesway St, Woodford St and Cooper Street (at Aquatic Centre) are located in Pinesway St, Pinesway St, Wallace Lane. Access is also to several parks with great paths offering scenic views. Café openings are plentiful but only in town at all - restaurants and numerous cafes and cafes nearby. Crossing at the traffic lights on Cooper Street is advised. A riverside path underneath the south approach to the bridge offers a pleasant alternative.

## Pinesway Street Corner 1905



1. Macksville Bridge: A landmark urban feature

2. Post Office: In the Commonwealth Heritage list one of the first two 1918 Post Offices awarded to Commonwealth postmarks.

3. Bridge Cafe: Explore the heritage behind the bridge

4. Milled Laboratory: Take a step back in time and witness the early days of the mill and other features

5. Former Bank of NSW: Constructed of Farnham bricks, polished maple internal woodwork

6. Former Bank of NSW: One of the best examples of early 20th century architecture

7. Nambucca Hotel: Its magnificent facade is a landmark and a reminder of the town's early days

8. Frank Partridge VC Memorial: 55 Australian Infantry Battalion AIF, 24th July 1942. Born Pinesway Macksville. The plunger and the VC awarded in 1992

9. New Hotel: The oldest two-storey, originally masonry, masonry hotel of timber construction in the north coast. Beautifully restored.

10. Site of old wharf: Used until 1982 by coast going vessels to load/unload passengers and goods

Further Afield

Mary Shuttleworth Cottage Museum: 28 Pinesway St. Explore the Nambucca Valley pioneers from 1841 to 1918. Call 02 6999 1200 to book a tour

Railway Station: Of state significance as a rare pre-war concrete and steel building. One of only a few examples of a once common building type to remain in its original state

More about Frank Partridge VC: At Nambucca Area Council, 44 Pinesway St & grounds at Cemetery in Pinesway St



More local history - Macksville Library  
41 Pinesway St Macksville

For further information please visit:  
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