

Tenterfield Shire Local Heritage Register 2 of 2

During a Community Based Shire Wide Heritage Study in 2004, the Tenterfield Shire Heritage Study Liaison Committee determined that 58 community nominated places/items be recorded on a non-statutory Local Heritage Register (2 of 2).

A further 24 community nominated places/items were assessed to be worthy of consideration as entries on Council's Local Environmental Plan and listed on a Local Heritage Register (1 of 2).



Steinbrook Hall ... one of 58 community nominations recorded on the non-statutory Local Heritage Register (2 of 2).

N.B.
LOCAL THEMES CORRELATE WITH STATE THEMES IN BRACKETS
Final assessment list, November 17, 2004

Tenterfield Town Area

Naas Street:

PAM Hospital complex. Key elements isolation ward, original mortuary, ginkgo biloba tree, nurses' quarters, Braid Wing.

THEMES: Servicing the Population (Health). Evolving Community (Birth & Death)

ASSESSMENT: Local Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Conservation/adaptive re-use

Pelham Street:

House. "Hillview" 152 Pelham St. former Bruxner residence.

THEMES: Housing the People (Accommodation/Domestic Life)

ASSESSMENT: Local Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Conservation

Rouse Street:

Tenterfield Station Barn. Rouse Street between Drummond and Old Ballandean Road

THEMES: Settling & Managing the Land (Agriculture/Pastoralism)

ASSESSMENT: Local Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Record

Wood Street:

House. 50 Wood St. Tenterfield red brick

THEMES: Housing the People (Accommodation/Domestic Life)

ASSESSMENT: Local Register.

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Conservation

Wood Street:

House. 54 Wood St. timber.

THEMES: Housing the People (Accommodation/Domestic Life).

ASSESSMENT: Local Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Conservation

Tenterfield Shire Rural Area

Billarimba Road:

Drover's tin hut, Rocky River

THEMES: Settling & Managing the Land (Agriculture/Pastoralism).

ASSESSMENT: Local Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Record

Billarimba Road:

Steinbrook Hall, Steinbrook

THEMES: Evolving Community (Social Institutions).

ASSESSMENT: Shire Hall Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Conservation

Bruxner Highway:

Sunnyside Hall, Sunnyside

THEMES: Evolving Community (Social Institutions).

ASSESSMENT: Shire Hall Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Conservation

Bruxner Highway:

Hawthorn hedges

THEMES: Settling & Managing the Land (Agriculture/Environment-Cultural Landscape).

ASSESSMENT: Local Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Conservation.

Bruxner Highway:

Travelling Stock Route 224

THEMES: Settling & Managing the Land (Pastoralism)

ASSESSMENT: Local Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Record (privately owned)

Koch's Road:

Happy Valley homestead, (partly slab) circa 1870's

THEMES: Housing the People (Accommodation/Domestic Life). Evolving Community (Persons)

ASSESSMENT: Local Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Record

Mt Lindesay Road

Willson's Downfall Cemetery

THEMES: Evolving Community (Persons)

ASSESSMENT: Shire Cemetery Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Conservation/Record

Mt Lindesay Road:

F1-11 Plane Crash site, Tenterfield

THEMES: Evolving Community (Persons)

ASSESSMENT: Local Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Record

New England Highway:

Sandy Flat Post Office, Sandy Flat

THEMES: Servicing the Population (Utilities)

ASSESSMENT: Local Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Record

Scrub Road:

Canowindra homestead, (slab) circa 1882

THEMES: Housing the People (Accommodation/Domestic Life)

ASSESSMENT: Local Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Record

World War 11 Camp sites

THEMES: Evolving Community (Defence)

ASSESSMENT: Local Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Record//Interpretative Signage

Pretty Gully Post Office

Paddy's Flat Road, 17km from Bruxner Highway. Lot 30 Parish Jenny Lind. Old wooden building right on road, over grown with wisteria and lantana. Current owner, Charles Meyers. Poor condition. Once the centre of a community of prospectors who lived in humpies within a few hundred metres until the late 1950's.

Future use, record and assess for restoration.

THEMES: Servicing the Population (Utilities)

ASSESSMENT: Local Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Record

Pretty Gully pub site and cemetery,

Paddy's Flat Road, Pretty Gully. Cemetery Lot 2 Parish of Jenny Lind and pub Lot 217 Parish of Jenny Lind. Current owners, cemetery Ian Gillespie, pub site Karina McErlean. Pub site only, some bottles still visible, former publican Edward Brovey. Cemetery, 2 headstones remaining including William Easson, first settler at Pretty Gully. Pretty Gully township 1870-1910 goldfield. Future use, mark and maintain cemetery, record pub site.

THEMES: Servicing the Population (Commerce). Evolving Community (Persons).

ASSESSMENT: Local Register/Shire Cemetery Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Record

Pretty Gully water race

Paddy's Flat Road. Current owners, Plateau, Lonikai, Groves, Flynn, Gedge, Norton and Gillespie. Ditch or race cut to supply gold miners pre 1890. Reuben Bassett, Californian gold miner likely organiser. Shows evidence of community spirit and level of technology in this area. Future use, mark and conserve.

THEMES: Settling & Managing the Land (Mining).

ASSESSMENT: Local Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Record

Apple Tree Flat

"Lanikai", Paddy's Flat Road, 25km from Bruxner Highway. Current owners Jim and Lyn Wright. Remains of a gold dredge built on site in the early 1900's located in waterhole of the Clarence River.

THEMES: Settling & Managing the Land (Mining).

ASSESSMENT: Local Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Record

Paddy's Flat Cemetery

Paddy's Flat, 24km along Paddy's Flat Road travelling north. Graves date back to 1870. A bushranger is supposed to be buried here. Future use, part of a heritage trail.

THEMES: Evolving Community (Persons).

ASSESSMENT: Local Register/Shire Cemetery Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Record

Frenchman's Gully

Along Paddy's Flat Road 18km from Bruxner Highway, Lot 11 Parish Jenny Lind. Current owner David Flynn. Drives, shafts etc remaining of steam engine brought from Tooloom in the 1920's. Future use, record.

THEMES: Settling & Managing the Land (Mining).

ASSESSMENT: Local Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Record

Paddy's Flat Road

Paddy's Hill, also known as Pissing Point 20km along Paddy's Flat Road. Lookout over the Clarence Valley and Yabbra National Park. Spectacular views. Future use lookout with car parking area.

THEMES: Discovering the Natural Environment (Environment-Naturally Evolved)

ASSESSMENT: Local Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Record

Paddy's Flat Road

Jim Wright's grid, on Paddy's Flat Road at the boundary of Jim Wright's and Arrowinya, 21 km along Paddy's Flat Road travelling north. Put in place as part of the defence for the Brisbane Line and significant for the Australian Government's denial of the Brisbane Line. Future use, part of a heritage trail.

THEMES: Evolving Community (Defence).

ASSESSMENT: Local Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Record

Paddy's Flat Road

William Easson house site on "The Plateau", Lot 33 Parish of Ellerslie on Paddy's Flat Road 21km from Bruxner Highway. Site from gate opposite Flora Reserve. Several exotic trees, date palm. Current owner Ian Colditz. Kikuyu grassed paddock with scattered trees. Easson was original selector 1870's, sawmiller, gold miner, fruit and vegetable grower. Evidence of first European influence. Future use, record.

THEMES: Settling & Managing the Land (Agriculture/ Environment-Cultural Landscape).

ASSESSMENT: Local Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Record

Currawinya Road

Yellow Creek mine site at Currawinya, Tabulam, 2km along Currawinya Road. Current owner Christine Castrikum. Old mine shafts which are now bat colonies with water race made around the 1900's. Future use, bat habitat.

THEMES: Settling & Managing the Land (Mining).

ASSESSMENT: Local Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Record

Currawinya Road

Frying Pan mine site at Currawinya, Tabulam, 3km upstream on the Clarence from its junction with the Cataract River. Old mine shafts and gold processing area, also ochre grinding area for aboriginals.

THEMES: Settling & Managing the Land (Mining).

ASSESSMENT: Local Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Record

Paddy's Flat Road

Tooloom Cemetery, also known as Billy May's Point. 5km before Tooloom Creek crossing gate on left. Ten intact graves back to 1870. Connected with early gold mining in area.

THEMES: Evolving Community (Persons).

ASSESSMENT: Shire Cemetery Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Conservation

Paddy's Flat Road

Tooloom Hotel on Paddy's Flat Road, Tooloom, 2km before Tooloom Creek crossing on right side. Hotel that is now a private residence with sandstone chimney. Room numbers on doors. Early hotel on the Tooloom goldfield.

THEMES: Housing the People (Accommodation/Domestic Life). Servicing the Population (Commerce).

ASSESSMENT: Local Register/Recommend LEP

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Conservation

Paddy's Flat Road

Water Race on Tooloom diggings, Paddy's Flat Road, Tooloom opposite Tooloom Hotel. 16km water race dug by European miners.

THEMES: Settling & Managing the Land (Mining).

ASSESSMENT: Local Register

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Record

Four nominations removed from or re-located within nomination list.

The following two separate Rouse Street nominations were removed from the nomination list after assessment and incorporated into the Central Business Area precinct

Rouse Street:

Tenterfield Star building, 325 Rouse St.

THEMES: Servicing the Population (Commerce).

ASSESSMENT: Local Register/Recommend LEP as part of Central Business Area precinct.

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Conservation, adaptive re-use.

Rouse Street:

Peberdy House, 182 Rouse Street.

THEMES: Housing the People (Accommodation/Domestic Life). Making a Living (Education)

ASSESSMENT: Local Register/Recommend LEP as part of Central Business Area precinct.

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Conservation, adaptive re-use.

The following nomination was referred to Tenterfield Shire Council for attention...

Scrub Road:

Dwyer's Creek re-signposted Tenterfield Creek

THEMES: n/a

ASSESSMENT: Not a heritage listing issue

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: Refer to Tenterfield Shire Council

The following nomination removed after failing to meet necessary criteria

East Street:

Dairy on Smith family's "Merton Villa"

THEMES: Making a Living (Industry/Labour). Servicing the Population (Commerce)

ASSESSMENT: Failed to meet listing criteria.

FUTURE MANAGEMENT: n/a

Community Halls

In response to community nominations for both the Steinbrook and Sunnyside halls, the numerous halls dotted about the Tenterfield Shire were considered for inclusion in the Local Heritage Register. However, it was agreed not to list the halls as part of the Local Heritage Register because the Tenterfield Shire Council already demonstrates responsibility for community halls across the shire and provides a fair degree of statutory protection and financial support.

Most of the halls in the Shire were built during the early to mid 20th century, as a result of community initiatives. A variety of fund raising activities would have been held in order to finance the building with most being constructed by working bees. Sometimes they replaced earlier halls but always they became an integral part of community life. Their uses have been many and varied including dances, school concerts, Christmas parties, twenty-first birthday parties, wedding receptions, meetings for sporting groups, bushfire units, political rallies etc. In earlier times these events included celebrations for Empire Day (May 24). The rural community halls were often located beside tennis courts or a recreation ground.

Some halls have been demolished, others have had their adjoining recreational facilities fall into disrepair. All appear to be highly valued by their community and still seen as a meeting venue and a venue for social functions. The management of these halls has in recent times become difficult, often requiring great efforts to meet regulatory financial commitments. Electricity costs are seen as a major problem, along with insurance with high premiums despite no known claims.

Routine maintenance is accepted as a necessary task, however vandalism can create problems for a community, as can the huge cost of upgrading kitchen facilities to adhere to new standards.

The presence of halls and nearby recreation grounds, once the lifeblood of a buoyant community now appreciated but under utilised may offer opportunities for enterprising groups and individuals for events or activities that ribbon a wider sphere of patrons.

Tenterfield Shire Council currently allocates about \$20,000 annually from its Community Halls Initiative to alleviate the financial burden on communities which are trying to retain and maintain their hall. This initiative is welcomed by the various committees. Many of these halls have a particularly colourful history and therefore important in terms of the community's heritage. It may be feasible to compile a local register of halls that are available for functions, and may be included in a national register of halls which may be suitable locations for film and television purposes.

Of the rural community halls listed below, nine are currently being used. Those no longer in use are marked *.

***Acacia Plateau Hall:** Built early 1930's on land owned by Dick Tyler. Served the community until 1968 when all but the floor was blown away by a tornado on November 22.

Bolivia School of Arts: Built 1914

***Bungulla Hall.** Built 1926.

Black Swamp Hall: Built circa 1915, used up to the 1940's.

Drake School of Arts and Miners Institute Hall: Built side by side 1897. Both halls along with the adjoining Post Office were destroyed by fire on August 29, 1983. The first concrete pour for the current Drake School of Arts and Community Hall was made on April 12, 1986.

***Leechs Gully Hall:**

Legume Public Hall: Built 1911. Supper room added in 1944 from materials from the Army Camp at London Bridge, near Tenterfield. Electricity was connected in 1966-67. Both the hall and supper room were lined in 1970 under an unemployment programme (known as the 'red scheme').

Liston Hall:

Mingoola Hall: Built 1908.

***Old Koreelah Public Hall:** Built early 1900's. Electricity connected October 27, 1967.

Decision made to close the hall was made in 1994 due to declining use, subsequently demolished in 1995.

***Sandy Flat Hall:** Built 1917. Relocated from original Bluff River hall 2km away built 1905. Demolished in the 1900's and materials used in Paul Petrie's barn, Rouse Street north, Tenterfield.

***Sandy Hills Hall:**

Steinbrook Hall. Built 1921 with the former cheese factory managers' residence (built 1906) becoming the hall's kitchen.

Sunnyside Hall:

Torrington Hall. Built 1955. Replaced original hall built in the early 1900's.

Urbenville RSL Memorial Hall. Built in the 1920's. The hall was originally sited at Rocklea (Brisbane) and used as an annex by the Army during World War 1. It was transported to Urbenville by local publican Charles Naughton and used as a private hall. After World War 11, the Urbenville RSL sub-branch purchased the hall and extensions were built. Today the hall is cared for by the Urbenville Progress Association and remains a focus for community activities.

Wylie Creek Hall:

Cemeteries

Cemeteries were excluded from the Local Heritage Register in view of reasonable statutory protection already afforded by the Tenterfield Shire Council since accepting responsibility for public cemeteries across the Shire in 1968.

Cemeteries are archives of the Shire's history providing information about certain areas and the life and times of those who lived there. They also give clues to broader concepts like architectural tastes and spiritual philosophy.

Lone burial sites and cemeteries are historical records of local communities and in some cases are important records of significance to the whole of Australia.

In view of the heritage significance of cemeteries the committee considered expanding the Willsons Downfall cemetery nomination to include general cemeteries at Tenterfield, Bolivia, Boorook, Boonoo Boonoo, Drake, Legume, Maryland, Stanum, Sunnyside, Torrington, Urbenville, White Swamp, private cemeteries at Millera, Bolivia Station, Cooredulla and known lone graves in rural areas. A number of these cemeteries are no longer in use.

Recorded by Study Co-ordinator Ken Halliday after final assessment by committee Wednesday November 17, 2004.

