

Follow the Shamrock Trails around Historic Boorowa



- ♣ **Trail one - 25 minutes**
- ♣ **Trail two - 60 minutes**
- ♣ **Trail three - 75 minutes**

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1 Court House ♣ ♣ ♣ **1884 NT**

Judge Forbes presided on the first case in January 1886. It ceased to function as a court house in 1988 and is now the Tourist Information Centre and an Arts and Crafts Shop and Tea Room. The original court fittings remain. Open daily from 10.00am to 5.00pm.

2 St. Patrick's Church ♣ **1877**

Presbytery (1864) - Convent (1885 - now a private residence) - St. Joseph's School (1888). The church has outstanding stained glass windows and marble altars. The south windows, above the main entrance, were imported from Ireland in 1881 and depict Daniel O'Connell, the Liberator of Ireland, with the saints Patrick, Bridget and Columba. Open daily.

3 The Dairy ♣ **1854 NE**

This rare slab dwelling was the residence of one of the town's first dairymen. The house was in two sections - living quarters at the front and amenities at the rear. These are still clearly visible though they were connected in later years with more living space. The slab shed at the rear was moved from the adjoining block. The house was named Denavilleigh by the current owners. Private residence

4 Post Office ♣ **1876**

The original Post Office (1874) adjoins this building and is now a private residence. It was originally known as the Burrowa Post Office but was changed to Boorowa in 1914 to conform with the other public buildings.

5 Guild Hall ♣ **1909**

Built for the Holy Catholic Guild, it was used for social functions and later the Empire Theatre. The Guild also conducted the St. Patrick's Day Carnival. The building is basically unchanged.

6 Crown Inn ♣ **1853**

The original hotel was a little further down Pudman Street. The Inn changed its name to the Court House Hotel in 1866 as local court sittings were held there. The present building was constructed in 1908.

7 Burrowa News Printery ♣ **1936**

The Burrowa News was first printed in 1874. This building, housed the paper from 1936 to the war years. The masthead was changed to the Boorowa News in 1951. The original name remains on the building façade.

8 J.J.Cummins Building ♣ **1919**

Mr. Cummins was a builder, carpenter and furniture manufacturer. Additions were made in 1922 and 1927 to accommodate his expanding business. In 1951 a fire destroyed the timber yards and residence.

Mayor (1889-1890 & 1904-1905) Behind is the current council building which was completed in 1956.

Entry to river walk

12 Central Hotel ♣ **1912**

The first hotel built on this site was the Harp of Erin in 1876. The slab and galvanised iron building was destroyed by fire in 1911. This double-storey building replaced it and was named the Central Hotel. The hotel closed in 1998.

16 George Patterson Store ♣ **1882 NT**

One of the few buildings constructed of pise (rammed mud) known to still exist in a commercial precinct. The building has had many uses including that of an undertaker. The building opened as the Boorowa Museum in 1975. Open Saturday 10.00am - 12 noon, or by appointment.

17 Royal Standard Hotel ♣ **1880 NT**

The last hotel to be built in Boorowa. First a single-storey structure, the second floor was added in 1905. Note the different brickwork at the side and the original footpath flagging. The last additions were in 1924. The name was subsequently changed to Boorowa Hotel.

18 Star Hotel ♣ **1867 NT**

The name was changed to Clonoulty in 1874 by the third licensee William Corcoran after his home village in Ireland. The hotel became a boarding house in 1895 and is now restored as a private residence.

19 Glenara ♣ **1866 NT**

This Victorian Georgian six bedroom residence was built for the owner of the Burrowa Union Flour Mill. The building retains most of its original features.

20 Mill Manager's House ♣ **1866**

This picturesque little cottage was built for the Manager of the then adjoining Flour Mill. The cottage remains in its original form as a private residence.

21 J.J. Kershaw Store ♣ **1883**

Unique for its time, this store had a pine plankled footpath and stone guttering, later to be replaced by flagstones. The interior was remodelled extensively with timber in 1907 and remains in this condition today.

Entry to river walk

22 St. Patrick's Church ♣ **1855**

The site of the first Catholic church which was built from stone rubble with a shingle roof. On Good Friday 1865 a portion of the ceiling fell on worshippers. Though repaired it was decided that a new church was needed. The church has decayed with time.

23 Ellerslie ♣ **1880**

A notable owner of this house was Dr. Le Fevre who practised in Boorowa for 40 years, retiring in 1947. He was related to the explorer Hume's family through marriage to Vera Hume in 1912. Their house is typical of a townsman who was "comfortably off". The detached kitchen is still noticeable though it has since been connected to the house. Private residence.

24 Wentworth House ♣ **1885**

Anything and everything of the best quality could be purchased here. Once the most significant emporium in Burrowa, it was a grand renovation of a neglected hotel. The building was almost destroyed by fire in 1914. A reminder of its splendour can be seen in the two-storey section on the eastern side, with its wrought iron enclosed balcony. The single-storey section was rebuilt in 1915.

25 Royal Hotel ♣ **1860**

This is the oldest hotel in Boorowa and retains its initial structure including the footpath of sandstone slabs. It was a single-storey building until 1925 when a second floor was added. The hotel guest list boasted many prominent people of the time including John Dunmore Lang and Banjo Paterson. The hotel was renamed the Ram and Stallion in 1989.

26 Mechanics Institute ♣ **1883**

Established to 'educate and elevate the tone of the town' the Institute boasted 2000 books by the year 1900. It was a popular venue for social functions and later the town's first picture show. In 1901 Banjo Paterson spoke at a political rally. The building was occupied by the Country

Marsden Street looking south



36 Oriental Bank ♣ **1879**

The Oriental Bank operated here until its suspension in 1894. The building was then occupied by the Commercial Bank until 1893 when it too was suspended. The Union Bank purchased the property in 1898 and operated here until 1930. The Bank and outbuildings remain as constructed including the streetscape signage. Private residence.

37 Carpenter's Arms Hotel ♣ **1860**

Successive licensees gave it a different name - Telegraph, Burrowa, Farmer's Arms and finally the Queens Arms when it was purchased by the licensee of the first hotel bearing that name. The original building was demolished in 1914 to be replaced by a weatherboard structure. The hotel closed in 1925 and was then used as a boarding house and later as a general store. Private property.

38 Court Street ♣

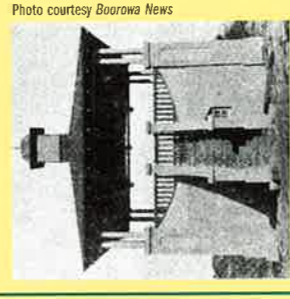
Original main street of Burrowa. This double-storey building was a produce store that was enlarged in 1927 to accommodate a farm machinery business. Next was the billiard hall (vacant block), then the White Rose Café. Further along was the barbershop, a haberdashery, the drapery store, which under previous occupiers had been a dentist and a gunsmith. On the opposite side the first Post and Telegraph Office can still be seen behind the Ram and Stallion Hotel.

39 Municipal Chambers ♣ **1909**

Boorowa was proclaimed a municipality in 1888. Six aldermen were appointed the following year and met in the Mechanics Institute. A prize of five pounds was awarded to the designer of this building. Council first met here on the 10th January, 1910. The names of the first six mayors appear above the door. The Council moved to new facilities in 1956.

40 Boer War Memorial ♣ **1901**

George Tom Cooper was a member of the NSW Bushman Contingent in the Boer War. He was killed in action on the 12th October, 1900. This memorial was paid for by public subscription.



The Rozunda

41 Boorowa Recreation Ground ♣ **1850**

The survey of 1850 set aside 95 acres in the centre of the town for recreation. The reserve was divided by Ryan's Creek and dedicated in 1881. You are invited to rest a while - BBQ, child play facilities and public toilets are provided.

42 Market Street ♣ **1850 - 1880**

Stroll back up Market Street and let your imagination wander. In the early days of Boorowa this was the main street. There was a large two-storey general store and other shops, the Telegraph Office, the Bank of New South Wales, a builder and the Commercial Hotel. The remaining monument to those early entrepreneurs is a few sections of brick wall.