

HERITAGE & ARTS TRAILS

HERITAGE TRAIL

- 1 **Sunbeam Coach.** Cobb & Co. set up its coach factory in Hay, from 1877 until 1896. This coach was built in 1886 for Cobb & Co. by Henry Proctor, and ran on the Deniliquin-Hay-Booligal-Ivanhoe-Wilcannia route of over 300 miles. Originally licensed to carry 11 passengers, it was converted in 1901 to carry 17 passengers. Restored in 1972, and has been on display in the coach pavilion since 1989.
- 2 **Horse Trough.** From the estate of Annis and George Bills, given to Hay in 1938.
- 3 **Witcombe Fountain.** The Mayor, John Witcombe gave the fountain to the people of Hay, in 1884. John Witcombe was one of the town fathers, serving on the Municipal Council from 1872 until his death in 1905.
- 4 **Sportfirst.** Formally Baxters, built by T F Hill in 1877 for JP Baxter of Melbourne, and remained in the Baxter family until 1978. The business was a drapers, milliners, outfitters & shoe store, and it enjoyed a high reputation.
- 5 **Old Fire Station.** The fire station was built by Butterworth's in 1917 and the official opening took place in 1918.
- 6 **Antonakas Home Hardware.** Formally Magestic Theatre. Built in 1932 as a picture theatre. The building was constructed partly from the iron from the old Federal Hall, which had been in Alma St. Has been a hardware store since 1991.
- 7 **Japp's Pharmacy.** This was built in 1913 by Andrew Duncan and Victor Sylvander and housed a saddlery and tailor's in those days. It has been a pharmacy since the early 1930's.
- 8 **Shire Office.** Built by Witcombe Brothers in 1877 to be Hay's second courthouse, which then became the Athenaeum building in 1885. The north wing was removed in 1926, and the old Commonwealth Bank erected (now replaced). The Hay Municipal Council leased the building for Council Chambers and library in 1942.
- 9 **Lands Office.** Built by Mr. McDonald in 1896, to designs by W.L. Vernon, on the site of the Hay's first Post Office. Architecturally very important, as it was one of the first designed for the outback climate. Walls and roof are corrugated iron; ventilation is by ceiling grills and floor level hatches. Restored in 1987.
- 10 **Post Office.** Erected in 1881 by Robert Duncan for E Noble & Co, to plans by James Barnett. The clock tower was added in 1901. The building is of brick, stuccoed on the front façade and side verandahs. The site of Hay's first courthouse and lockup (1860).
- 11 **Westpac Bank.** Built in stuccoed brick, by Witcombe Bros. in 1877 for the A.J.S Bank. In 1910 became the Australian Bank of Commerce, in 1931 became Bank of NSW, and in 1982 the name changed to Westpac.
- 12 **Foodworks.** Built in 1897 by Sylvander & Butterworth. Owned for many years by the Tyson Family, then sold in 1925 and extended. Special features include the light wells in the ceiling and the verandah roofing iron posts and lace work.
- 13 **St Andrew's Presbyterian Church.** Was built by the Witcombe Bros. in 1872. Mr. Franklin, who built the first Hay Bridge, designed the tower and spire. The spire was capped with copper in 1978.
- 14 **Presentation Convent.** John Witcombe built this in 1900 for Susan Tyson. Built of weatherboard, it features French roof tiles, Wunderlinch inside paneling and a painted glass door. Purchased by the Sisters of the Presentation Order in 1921, it was their convent until 1993. It is now privately owned.
- 15 **Boer War Memorial.** Commemorating the district volunteers who lost their lives in Sth Africa, unveiled in 6 May 1903.
- 16 **St Paul's Anglican Church.** Built in 1885, it continued for 100 yrs with the status as Pro-Cathedral for the Diocese of the Riverina. A time capsule was put there in 1972 and opened in 2000. It was sealed again and is to be opened in 2025.
- 17 **Courthouse.** Brown & Hill, with architect W. Vernon built this in 1892. Tiles replaced the slate roof in 1962. Marble fireplaces, stained glass windows, Queensland Maple veneer paneling, and furniture dating back to 1818 are some of the features.
- 18 **Public Works Department.** Built in 1909 by Dixon & Butterworth to be the Sergeant's quarters for the nearby police station.

ARTS TRAIL

- A **Library Mosaics.** Created in 2009 by students and local art tutors, the mosaics are designed to reflect the spirituality of the plains country and the life-force of the Murrumbidgee River.
- B **Mosaics at Post Office.** The Mosaic garden was created in 2007 by students from Hay War Memorial High School in conjunction with local community.
- C **Foodworks Mural.** Under the guidance of artist Mr Norm Conner, the mural was created in the early 80's by the community of Hay including school children. It was thought to be a wonderful way to depict Hay's past.
- D **Chris McClelland Gallery.** Internationally recognised fine pencil artist. Come and see Chris at work and marvel at his artworks of wildlife both African and Australian.
- E **Bidgee Riverside Trail Sculptures.** Drive or wander along the banks of the Murrumbidgee River and see the collection of sculptures and the original crossing place.
- F **Warakirri Murals – Hay Bridge Pylons.** Created by the inmates of the Warakirri Correctional Centre at Ivanhoe in 2005. The amazing paintings depict varying moods and ideas of the artists from the inspiration of their surrounds.

