

# TEMORA TOWN TOUR

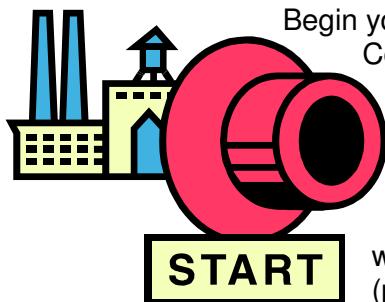


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# WHERE TO START?



Begin your tour at the Temora Visitor Information Centre in Hoskins Street, heading North (towards Barmedman and West Wyalong). On the right you will notice the Temora Medical Centre in a large cream brick building. Note the name on the top of the building – AUSWILD. This was the main office of Sir James Auswild (pronounced Oswald) whose accountancy

firm was renowned in its time as the finest experts on taxation matters in Australia. Every major company in Australia consulted Sir James before filing their taxation return and there are many apocryphal stories of him over-ruling the Taxation Department of the time.

On the left hand side of the first block you will note the Shamrock Hotel, one of the many older pubs in Temora. The Shamrock was first built in 1882 and was burned down or rebuilt on several occasions but has the distinction of being owned by only four people in all that time

Approaching the first roundabout, on the right you will see the Westminster Hotel, the oldest hotel still standing in Temora. At the height of the gold rush, Temora had as many as 60 hotels in th gold mining days to slake the thirst of the thousands of miners working the area.

As you come through the first roundabout, note on the left-hand side the old Meaghers Emporium (now partially an arcade) This was the first brick building in Temora , built in 1882 by John Meagher who had a string of stores serving the gold mines at Locksley, Trunkey, Hill End, Tarana, Mandurama and Rockleigh



A canola field outside Temora



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On the right hand side you will note the Commonwealth Bank building, delightfully restored, in part as a result of the Temora Shire Council's campaign to bring the facades of all buildings back to their former glory.

Opposite the Commonwealth Bank is the Royal Hotel, once the premier hotel of Temora and graced by many vice-regal and VIP presences.

Just along from the Commonwealth Bank is the Target Country store, formerly one of Meagher's Emporiums. John Meagher, who founded the chain, established his head office in Temora and the family expanded his chain of stores to 12 other locations throughout the region..



a former bank building (now a solicitor's office) and the Post Office to the ANZ Bank on the corner of Loftus Street.

This façade of restored buildings is treasured by the people of Temora and has a high rating with the Council for preservation. Indeed, the Council provides some financial incentives to people and organisations in the town wishing to restore their old premises.

Immediately opposite the ANZ Bank is Sadie Michaels' Salon, a ladies fashion store, which stands on the site of the former Deitz's Royal Exchange Hotel.

On the left, note the style of the Temora Hotel, before taking in the row of buildings on the right, ranging from

Diagonally opposite the ANZ Bank building is the Westpac Bank, dating back to when Temora was a young and vigorous town.



restored to its former grandeur.

Further along, also on the right is the "Main Street Mall" store, a variety store with something to interest just about everyone, which was formerly Temora's Cinema.

As you approach the second roundabout note the beautiful Railway Hotel on the corner on the left. If you look back down Hoskins Street you might just be able to imagine a street filled with verandahs such as this on both sides of the road as it was in the 1940's

Turn right at the roundabout and travel two blocks, passing the Temora Public School on the right and then the Temora Recreation Centre – heavily used for all sorts of indoor sports including basketball and volleyball.

Turn right at Asquith Street and travel one block, noting some of the grand old homes of Temora in this suburban street. At the end of the street, take a dog-leg right-left into Gardner Street. At Victoria Street (at the Aromet Motor Inn) turn right again and travel down Victoria Street for two blocks and turn right once more (into De Boos Street).

The fire station (on the right) includes a fire museum and an enquiry at the station (or booking at the Aromet reception desk) will secure you a special guided tour of this museum.

On the opposite corner is Paleface Adios Park, on the right, with a statue commemorating "The Temora Tornado" the greatest pacer of all time.

Adjacent to Paleface Adios Park is the AWB building, formerly a bank and now

- a gold stamper and much more.

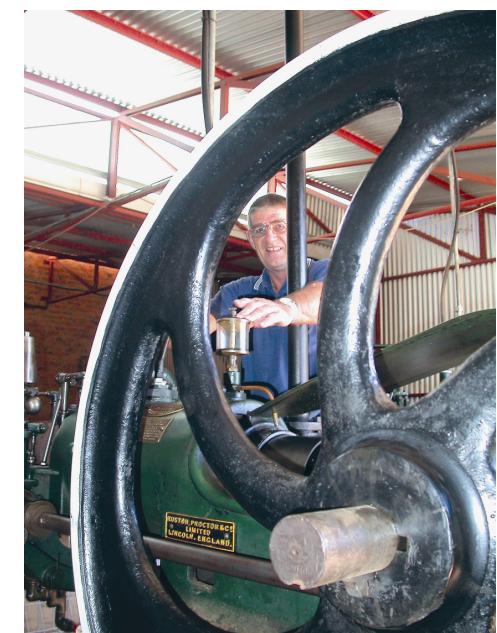
It is 2.5 hectares of "living" Australian history and will be a visit you will find hard to forget.

Check out the carefully maintained exhibits inside the main building of the museum which also houses Temora's archives in a specially-designed area beneath the museum.

There's also a genealogical research area for those tracing their family history.

Make sure you also check out the Temora Greenstone found in the geological exhibition.

Leaving the Rural Museum, return to Temora along the main road and you will reach the Visitor Information Centre to complete the tour.



After crossing the railway line you will reach a T intersection facing a magnificent old home (still with its servants quarters in place). It is one of the magnificent mansions of Temora. On the right-hand corner there is an equally magnificent old home partially hidden behind a hedge.

Turn left into Vesper Street and travel till you reach the Old Temora Cemetery. Stop at the gates and take a stroll through the cemetery with its history of old Australia and old Temora.

Those resting there can be “brought back to life” by the Friends of the Old Temora cemetery who not only care for the area, they also conduct tours where they tell the stories behind the tombstones. The stories reflect the life of early Australia and the challenges our pioneers faced. Tours can be organised through reception at the Aromet.

At the gates of the cemetery do a U turn and travel to the first street on the right and turn into it (Austral Street). Follow it through until you reach the Junee-Wagga Road (beside the railway crossing) and turn right. Shortly you will see the Temora Rural Museum which is packed full of “living history”. Every item of equipment in the museum is operational and you should allow a few hours to wander around its treasures. It’s open from 2pm to 5pm daily, although special arrangements can be made through reception for it to open earlier. Tickets can be purchased at the Aromet reception desk.

Make sure you have a look at::

- the first home of Sir Donald Bradman (he was born at the hospital that is displayed at Cootamundra) a tiny, two-room slab timber hut lined with hessian
- an old telephone exchange,
- a old “bush school house” and tiny country church (disappearing from the landscape nowadays)
- operational tractors,
- a Pioneer Cottage,
- the bar of an old pub (retrieved from the Sebastopol Hotel when it closed),

Resume your journey north along De Boos Street and on the left is the historic Court House, beautifully restored to its original style.

Take a look inside (if the court is not sitting). A little further along De Boos Street on the corner of Loftus Street is the magnificent Catholic Church on one corner, the Anglican Church on the diagonally opposite corner, the Shire Council Chambers on a third corner and the Temora Town Hall on the fourth corner.

As you travel further north you will pass the Presbyterian Church (next to the Council Chambers on the left), St. Anne’s Catholic School on the right and the Temora Public School. Turn left at the Public School (into Anzac Street), travel across Hoskins Street into Parkes Street and through to the Temora Railway Station at the end of the street, superbly restored and virtually unused nowadays. After inspecting the station travel back one block (to Crowley Street) and turn left, travelling past the skateboard park and tennis courts. At the end of the tennis courts turn left and cross the railway line, noting the old Pardey’s Flour Mill building on the right. The building is owned by BFB, the largest agricultural company in Temora, which has plans for its restoration.



Maintaining your westerly direction, drive to Vesper Street and turn right, crossing the line shortly after passing the BFB head office complex, and turn left after you cross the line. The road takes you past the Temora Showgrounds and Trotting Track on the right (you may even see some pacers exercising on the track). As you pass around the showgrounds you are travelling through an area of Temora which is home to trainers of pacers and trotters so don’t be surprised to see some activity of that type in this area.

Continue on till you reach a T intersection and turn right into North Street (where you will see the saleyards of Temora) and then travel to the next T intersection (Airport Street) and turn left.



This brings you to the Aviation Museum turn-off (Menzies Street).. The Museum is open from 10am to 4pm daily and is one of the finest in Australia. Australia's only operational Spitfires (there are two of them) live here along with the world's only operational Hudson Bomber, the world's only operational Gloster Meteor and much more. Take time to have a look in the theatrette to see these old warbirds in action and to hear the tales of those who flew them.

After visiting the Museum return to Airport Street and turn left and within 100 metres you will find the turn-off to the Airport at 10 EFTS Avenue. This is named after the 10<sup>th</sup> Elementary Flying Training School which was based in Temora during the Second World War. Thousands of pilots were trained here on Tiger Moths (the one you saw in the Aviation Museum was one of them). Just inside the front gate is an illustration of the layout of the base as it was at that time. Today, it is the site of an Aviation Estate which mixes house and hangar (such as the first house on the left as you drive in) to a series of hangars built for various industries that are establishing themselves in Temora. Information on the Estate is available from the Council Chambers.

At the end of 10EFTS Avenue is the Temora Flying Club and its licensed clubhouse (you're welcome to call in for a refresher) and



the base of Temora Skydiving which will teach you how to skydive or take you up for a tandem jump to experience the sights of Temora from a new angle. As you leave the airport you will note the



gliders in their covers around the airport.Temora is a hive of gliding activity during January each year. Returning to Airport Street turn left again, cross the railway line and you will meet the main road to

Barmedman and West Wyalong. Turn left. About half a kilometre or so along the road you will see the turn-off to Lake Centenary (on the right).

The Lake is Temora's aquatic playground with barbecue facilities and picnic tables as well as a children's play area and is the home of numerous water sports during the warmer months, including jet boat racing, water skiing, mud boat racing and more. But most of the time is used for the more leisurely activities of swimming, sailing and canoeing.

Returning to the main road, turn left to go back into town. As you enter Temora, note Cleverdon's Steelworks on the right (manufacturer of all types of metal and steel structures for the farms around Temora) and Hutcheon and Pearce (the local John Deere dealer) on the left.

Hutcheon and Pearce has fascinating display of ride-on toys for kids which is worth an inspection and you may even be attracted to buy one.

Travelling south along Hoskins Street you will pass Intersales, the local CASE IH dealer, which also sells throughout the State and exports internationally.

Travel along Hoskins Street to the second roundabout and turn right into Victoria Street.