

# Mudgee CBD Walk

**DISTANCE: APPROXIMATELY 2.8KMS**

**START: VISITOR INFO CENTRE, 90 MARKET STREET, MUDGEE**



## 1. ROBERTSON PARK

Market Square was the original name and in April 1846, the site of the first Mudgee Show. The 1914–1918 War Memorial Band Rotunda was built in 1903 to honour Sir John Robertson, Premier, and Member for Mudgee. Those who served in the African Conflict (The Boer War 1899–1902) are also honoured here. Restored by the Shire Council it holds National Trust classification.

## 2. POST OFFICE

Corner of Market and Perry Streets. Named as The Post and Telegraph Office, the original building was erected in the 1860s. Over time there have been several additions, completed in ways making the original and the additions difficult to identify. The first Post Office, though not on this site, was built in 1840.

## 3. DEAR, LONERAGAN AND HOGAN, SOLICITORS

70 Market Street (next to Big W). This double-storied building was originally a CBC Bank (Commercial Banking Company of Sydney), later to become part of National Australia Banking Company. The CBC opened in Mudgee in 1864 and closed in 1974. This building was erected in 1884 and holds National Trust classification.

## 4. THE TOWN HALL BUILDING

Market Street (next door). Built in 1880 and holding National Trust classification, extensive renovations were carried out over 2012–2013. It now houses the re-furbished library and a magnificent theatre where monthly movies are shown as well as concerts, book launches and the like are held. The lamp posts nearby are designed to hold gas lamps.

## 5. LOUISA LAWSON STATUE

64 Market Street (next to library). Dubbed the mother of Women's Suffrage in 1902 by the NSW Government, Louisa Lawson was a pioneer, poet, Australia's first public feminist and a Mudgee woman. A leader in the fight for women's rights, Louisa launched the first magazine for women, by women. Local artist Margot Stephens' sculpture depicts Louisa sitting pride of place writing poetry on her pedestal of books.

## 6. HANNAFORD COX CONNELLAN & MCFARLAND SOLICITORS

62 Market Street. This was built in the late 1920s and was occupied by the

State Bank of New South Wales, at the time called the Rural Bank of New South Wales, from about 1935. This building holds classification by the National Trust.

## 7. THE ANGLICAN PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Corner Market and Church Streets. This magnificent church was completed in 1861 replacing the 1841 building. The church contains excellent examples of stained glass and the church itself is classified by the National Trust.

## 8. THE CLOCK TOWER

Intersection Church and Market Streets. The clock tower was donated by Mr Ivan Adams as a War Memorial. Turn left into Church Street.

## 9. THE REGENT THEATRE

Church Street. The Regent Theatre opened on Wednesday 21st August 1935. Designed by George Newton Kenworthy, the theatre was originally designed to accommodate live presentations. It hosted the world premiere of The Nugget, which was filmed in and around Mudgee and starred Australian celebrities Eric Bana, Stephen Curry and Belinda Emmett among others. The theatre accommodated 986 people and is a rare example of an Art Deco Theatre.

## 10. SAINT MARY OF THE PRESENTATION ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Corner of Church and Market Street. The Presbytery was built in 1851 and along with the Church is classified by the National Trust. The original church was demolished and replaced with a sandstone building in 1860. This, except for the sanctuary and vestry, was in turn demolished and replaced with the present body of the church from 1873 to 1876. In 1911 the steeple was added. It is believed the spire is the third highest in New South Wales. The church has a beautiful mix of Gothic and Byzantine architecture. The acclaimed artist George de Pyro painted 'The Stations of the Cross'. Noted for their colour and realism they are regarded amongst the best in the country. Visitors are always welcome.

## 11. LONERAGAN'S STORE

Church Street (just past the pedestrian crossing). This retail outlet was originally a department store. The store first opened in 1870 (next to the Lawson Park Hotel) and moved in 1873 to the present

location. The complex is now subdivided into several stores. With the arrival of major national chains, Loneragan's finally closed their doors in 1984.

## 12. KELLY'S IRISH PUB

Corner Church and Mortimer Streets. Formerly The Mudgee, The Waratah, The Sydney Hotel and before that at one time Lamont's General Store, which was one of the earliest stores in Mudgee. Apparently, Lamont's boasted a fully tailored men's suit in six hours. Turn left into Mortimer Street.

## 13. THE ORIENTAL HOTEL

Corner Mortimer and Lewis Streets. Built in 1876, 'The Ori' is one of the few hotels in Mudgee that has traded under the same name since opening.

## 14. THE UNITING CHURCH

89 Mortimer Street. Formerly the Methodist Church, built in 1860–1864 and holding National Trust classification. A Wesleyan Chapel was built here in about 1853 and is now part of the shops on the corner of Church and Mortimer Streets. Turn left into Perry Street.

## 15. PERRY STREET HOTEL

Corner Perry and Gladstone Streets. Formerly the Mechanics Institute and erected in 1865, The Perry Street Hotel was previously branded De Russie Suites. Mechanics Institutes originated in England and were centres for technical education. They housed libraries and were often the centre of a town's social life. In fact, it is recorded that Henry Lawson used the library here regularly. It also appears to have housed The Mudgee School of Arts at some stage and was used as the Mudgee Municipal Library during the 1950s. Now regarded as one of the country's top boutique hotels. Head back towards Market Street.

## 16. THE COBB & CO BOUTIQUE HOTEL

Corner Perry and Market Streets. The Cobb & Co Court is one of the oldest known original hotel buildings still standing in Mudgee. Built in the late 1850s, it was well known as an overnight stop for the Cobb & Co Royal Mail Coaches. It was a substantial brick building, with the restaurant section being used to house the Cobb & Co coaches and store fodder for the horses. For 2 shillings, a traveller could obtain bed and breakfast. It cost 8 shillings to stable 2 horses.