

Walking Historic Tour of Oberon Township

Oberon Railway Station Opened 3 October 1923 with steam trains in use until 1963. Diesel engines were used for sixteen years and the Station finally closed in 1979. **Oberon Railway Stockyards** Corner North Street and Albion Street. These lovingly restored cattle yards are a great place for a photo.

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Inc. (OTHR) Local hardworking community members are dedicated to establishing and operating a heritage tourist attraction by restoring the Railway Station and rail line from Oberon to Hazelgrove and eventually from Carlwood to Tarana. Much of the track has been restored to Hazelgrove and some rolling stock has been accumulated for the possible opening of 6km of the track for tourist enjoyment by diesel motor rail in the near future. The Heritage Railway Display is open monthly on the first Saturday 10am - 2pm & by appointment. Ask about Australia's only Skoda and Tatra Museum next door and Barry Hughes' private Tractor Museum, both worth a look.



1918. A pise' building still standing in North Street and now a privately owned home.

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church Queen Street. The Original Iron Clad St Joseph's Church was built in 1896. It was later replaced by St Ignatius Church in 1937. St Ignatius was rebuilt again in 1987 and is now the largest Church in Oberon.

The Convent Cottage corner Queen & Fleming Street, built 1914.

The Old Grave near St Joseph's School is a most interesting feature. The lonely tombstone near the laneway marks the grave of two members of the Hogan Family who were buried there during the time of the Old Brighton Hotel.

The Imperial Stores Built in 1888 by Albert Fox. The original Imperial Stores building was a two story building, rebuilt in its present form after being destroyed by fire in 1908. At various times it has been home to or owned by, the Mawhood's, Haggerty's Menswear, Parramatta Livestock Co and a News agency. It is currently the home of First National Real Estate and Country Belle clothing.

Oberon District Museum Scotia Ave 2nd Building on Right hand side before Pine Street. Look for Signage. Local family histories and collections, agricultural artefacts, historical photos, pottery reproduction of Oberon in the 1930's and original furnished 1880's cottage. Open monthly on the first Saturday 10am - 2pm, Sundays 10.30am-4pm & by appointment.

Oberon's First Hospital – Located in North Street, a maternity hospital, was opened by mid wife, Nurse Edith Fox in her home in



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Ramsgate Centrally located in Oberon Street is one of Oberon's most significant buildings. Built by storekeeper Albert Fox in 1906, the two storey Victorian Home has been a private residence over the years, but it was also the location of the Doctors Surgery during the time of Doctor Perkins as well as Doctor Lance Robey. Ramsgate also served as a Guest house but is now a private residence again.

Malachi Gilmore Hall A fine Art Deco building



designed by Italian Architect Virgil Cizzio, opened in 1937 and built on land donated to the Catholic Church in memory of and named after, local land owner Malachi Gilmore from the Duckmaloi area. The Malachi Gilmore Hall has been used for generations as a Dance Hall, Area Cinema, School Presentation Nights, Anzac Celebrations, Public Meetings, Auctions, a Skating Rink and was also home of the renowned Cobweb Craft Shop. The Malachi is currently being restored to its original state as a Theatre.

The Commercial Banking Company now the National Australia Bank. Built in 1882 and also known as the Australian Joint Stock Bank or the AJS Bank. Locally produced bricks were used in the building at a cost of three thousand pounds.

The Original Bank of New South Wales Established in 1817 is now Oberon Pies and Pastries Bakery. Above the doorway is an inscription referring to the Banks National History In 1946. Reopening opposite, now Ray White Real Estate.

Oberon Council first formed at a public meeting in March 1906. Meetings were held in Templers Hall just off Ross Street which is now a refurbished grey building in Whittakers Lane west. In 1927 the Memorial Hall (now the RSL Club) was built by the citizens of Oberon and the Council. Council took up office here until 1949. The next move for the Council was to a house, its present site; the small house having extensions in 1960 and 1963. Oberon Council finally received more extensions including a second story added in 1968.

Oberon Showground Ross Street. Oberon Show commenced in 1899 and has run almost continually to this day. The Oberon Show is a well attended Agricultural Show held usually early in February every year. The Show grounds are a popular venue for the Annual Camp draft, Annual Swap Meet, Rodeo and many other Community Events.



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Oberon Dam Construction –The Fish River Water Supply was built by the Public Works Department of New South Wales. The first sod was turned 23 October 1943. Stage one was completed in December 1949. Stage two was completed in March 1958 raising the wall height to 110 feet with a spillway level at 100 feet. Stage three began in 1954 involving pipeline connection to the lower Blue Mountains including a 1,100 meter tunnel under Hampton where the pipeline crosses the Great Dividing Range. The catchment area is 54 square miles and has a Storage capacity of 10,000 million gallons, with storage level 1,150 meters above sea level. Kayaking and canoeing may be accessed from The Reef Reserve.



Anglican Church, Saint Barnabas oldest of the Church Buildings in Oberon and constructed by Billy Robinson 1869.

The Tourist Hotel (Pictured above)

Royal Hotel opposite Established in 1881 the oldest of the remaining Hotels in Oberon, it once had a lace fringed balcony which was removed some decades ago.



Uniting Church In 1873 the pretty little church on the hill known as the Methodist Church was opened and stands 2 miles from the original Methodist chapel at Glyndwyr.

Seventh Day Adventist Church Dart St, Built 1958 - many families were baptized in the Fish River at Honeysuckle Falls dating back to the Hawken Family Christenings in 1904.

Rosedale Wasn't just a Laundry. Jack Hanrahan, local Blacksmith opened it up as a Guesthouse with his wife. They also ran a Tea House across the road which is now the location of a Café at 87 Oberon St.

Tallys Cottage – Has been owned by many families over the years including Leon and Garfield Cunnyngame who eventually sold it to Tally Cunnyngame in the 1930s. Situated on the corner of Raleigh Street on Tally's Lane, a lovingly restored B&B, now a private residence

The Old Post Office Raleigh Street - This brick building in Raleigh Street was built in 1878 and later extended to include a telephone exchange, when eventually on 6 February 1967 the Post Office was moved to its present location in Oberon Street



Masonic Lodge Oberon Street— Built in 1923, the Oberon Lodge and the Masons had a strong association with Jenolan Caves. The Masonic Lodge promotes the Masonic Debutant Ball annually in Oberon and meets on a regular basis.

Oberon Public School Dart Street— circa 1872. In conjunction with the Fish River School, it started as a half time school, where the first teacher was Miss Whalan. In 1876 it was granted full-time Public School status and a school building approved with a teacher's residence added. The school gained Central School status in 1944

Oberon RSL Club CNR Oberon & Dudley Street. In 1927 the Memorial Hall (Now the RSL Club) was built by the Citizens of Oberon. The Council took up office until 1949, before Council moved to its current location in 1960.



Oberon Military Museum Corner of Dudley and Oberon Street opposite the RSL Club

The Museum houses artifacts and displays from past wars to the present. Come and meet the local volunteers who are passionate in presenting displays of all things Military and from all corners of the World.

Briar Cottage Oberon St – Located halfway down the Church Hill on the corner of Oberon and Earl Street. Built by John English in the late 1890s from mud and straw, known as 'Pise', was later rendered on the outside after the Second World War.

Mount Erin Two storey home located halfway down the Church Hill. This home was built by Mr Touk for the Whalan family before the Hogan families took up residence. For several generations it was used as a maternity hospital where Mrs Behan was the midwife. Past families also include the Ryan family.

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