

TOORAWEEENAH HISTORY

Tooraweenah began in 1837 as one of Andrew Brown's runs, which covered 16,000 acres.

The first store in the village was constructed to the north of Tooraweenah Creek to provide supplies, brought in by wagon, for shepherds and drovers pushing stock to the north and north west.

When the Land Settlement Act of 1861 was introduced, Tooraweenah Run was broken up into smaller holdings. Settlers and their families began moving into the village and surrounding district.

By 1884 the first school was established and by the outbreak of World War I in 1914, more than 15 businesses were a going concern.

Residents lived in lean-to structures and tents or wattle and daub houses. Many of these early dwellings were destroyed by floods or dismantled for use in other locations.

During the depression in the 1920s and 1930s the village boasted three football teams. Residents and property owners earned cash from the rabbit plague.

At the end of World War II land holdings were reduced again to provide land for men returning from the war. The average size of a property was 1,200 acres.

By 1938 Butler Air Transport was established, bringing with it new possibilities. Roads and motor cars improved and by the mid 1950s buses brought children into the village school.

As infrastructure expanded to include electricity, bridges and sealed roads, businesses and the village population declined. People moved on or did business in the larger towns.

The strength of community spirit has assured the survival of Tooraweenah. Many of the early buildings have been retained and although the streets are paved, the historic village charm remains.

Enjoy Tooraweenah Today...



Tooraweenah Village

Meet our friendly locals, see the historic buildings. With great options for accommodation and food, why not stay a night or two in Tooraweenah.



Recreation Area

Explore the children's playground and sports recreation area with cricket net, tennis hit-up wall and basketball hoop.



Warrumbungle Viewing Platform

Take in the breathtaking views of the Warrumbungles and see the Returned Soldier Sculpture at the GK Rohr Viewing Platform. An easy stroll from the village.



Emu Logic

Visit a working emu farm, book in for a tour and pick up emu products such as oils, soap and gifts from the shop. Located on Tourist Drive 1, well worth the trip! www.emulogic.com.au



Warrumbungle National Park

Drive along Tourist Drive 1 and explore the walking tracks, picnic areas and camping grounds in the Warrumbungle mountain range.



Tooraweenah
the village as it was
1880-1950

Visualise life as it was...



TOORAWEEENAH HISTORICAL WALK

Walk back in Time...

Learn how a small country village started, prospered and continues to survive.

3km - 2hours

Each site has a plaque describing its unique history:

1. Butcher's shop - 1925
2. Mountain View Hotel - 1911
3. The Red Geranium - 1908
4. Tooraweenah Trading Co. - 1926
5. Stock & Station Agent General Store - 1928 (site)
6. WG Rohr Mechanical Repairs - 1928
7. Frazer Brothers Cash & Carry - 1932
8. The Old Skin Shop - 1920 (site)
9. Bakery - 1930
10. CWA Building - 1911
11. Freezing Works - 1925 (site)
12. AEH Garling Commercial Store - 1894 (site)
13. Cecil Arthur Butler - 1931 (site)
14. Anglican Church Union Church - 1902 (site)
15. Tooraweenah Public School - 1884
16. 2nd Post Office - 1911
17. 'Tooraweenah Hotel' - 1886 (site)
18. St Anne's Presbyterian Church - 1936
19. Tooraweenah Showground - 1914
20. Catholic Church - 1926
21. Post Office - 1927
22. Police Station - 1961 (first 1901)
23. Bank in Tooraweenah - 1915 (first 1911)
24. Memorial Hall - 1925
25. Recreation Ground - 1950
26. Kookaburra Recruiting March - 1916 (site)

