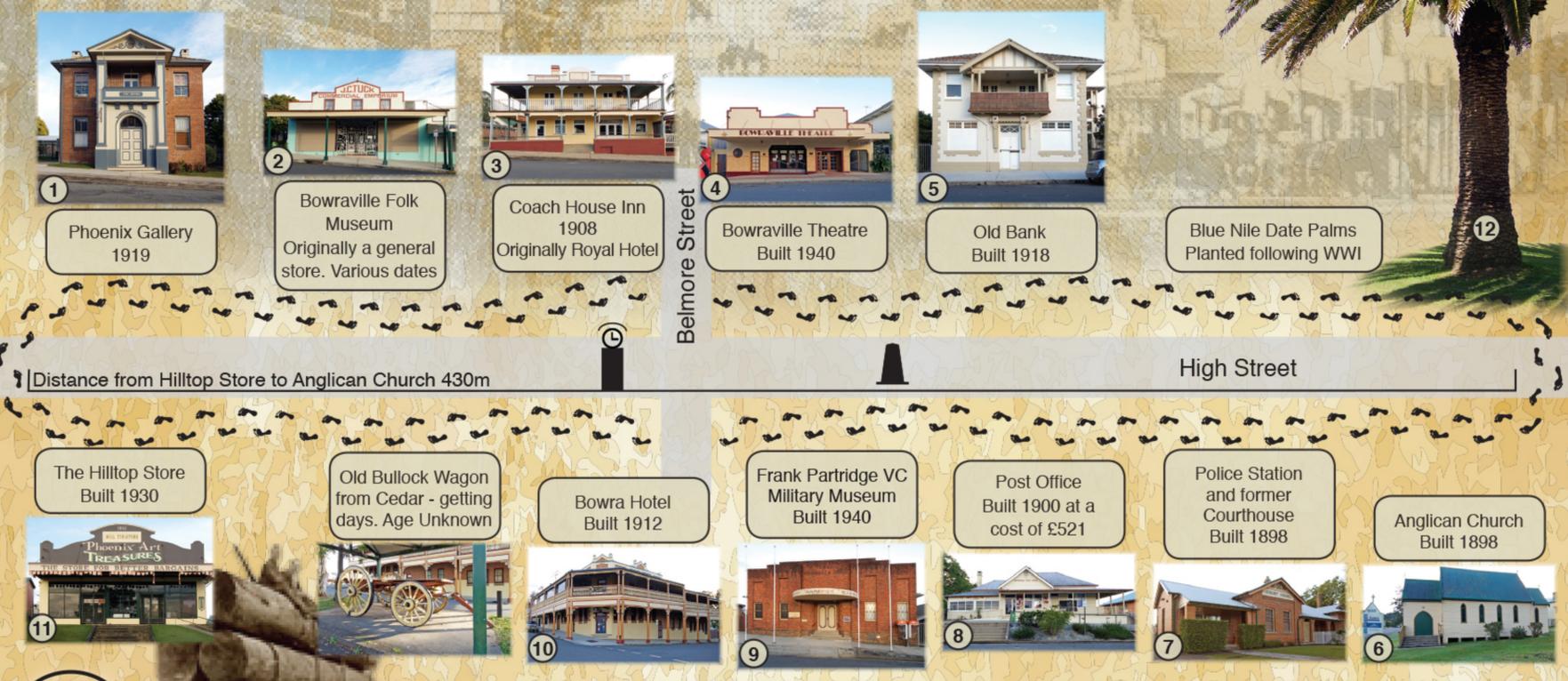


# Discover our Bowraville History Walk



Called "Bowra" until 1870 from the Aboriginal Gumbaynggirr place name Bawrrung, Bowraville was initially settled in 1842 when cedar getters came and established a valuable timber industry. The town developed after construction of the first Lanes Bridge in 1888. Once the administrative centre of Nambucca Valley, the historic town of Bowraville has wide streets initially built for bullock teams; and heritage buildings now housing cosy tea rooms, charming galleries and country pubs. Known as "The Verandah Post Town", this peaceful hideaway is home to two excellent museums and the art deco Bowraville Theatre. Beautifully restored older buildings and historic Blue Nile Date Palms line the main street. Take our self-guided walk and explore the town's built heritage.

## Bowraville High Street Circa 1905



Bowraville's History Walk can be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities. People using a mobility aid should be aware that gutter crossings are limited and footpaths towards the south are steeper - you may need assistance.

An accessible car parking space and toilet are centrally located. Due to the age of many buildings, wheelchair access may be limited. If in doubt ask, the town is friendly and relaxed, with a warm country welcome.

- 1. Phoenix Gallery:** Old bank residence upstairs via beautiful timber staircase. Old bank safe in the main Gallery.
  - 2. Folk Museum:** Large collection of memorabilia; town's first Presbyterian Church c1885, beautifully restored. Boarding House façade from the set of Australian movie "The Umbrella Woman" 1987 starring Rachel Ward, Bryan Brown and Sam Neill.
  - 3. The Coach House Inn:** A fine example of an all timber, country hotel – simply styled and little altered in time. Retains historic charm in upstairs accommodation.
  - 4. Bowraville Theatre:** 1940 – 1965. Stop-off point for the Aboriginal Freedom Rides 1965. Art deco style, restored by the community in 2003, back in use.
  - 5. Former Bank:** Now offices and private residence.
  - 6. Anglican Church:** Oldest building in High Street and Nambucca Valley's oldest church still used. Fine example of a simple country church, little altered.
  - 7. Police Station:** Built from locally-made bricks and local Tallowood, Beech and Red Mahogany timber. Original condition.
  - 8. Post Office:** Weatherboard building with skillion verandahs.
  - 9. Military Museum:** Replacement of 1900 building destroyed by fire. Nambucca Shire Council 1936 -1987. The exhibits honour and preserve memory of Service personnel.
  - 10. Bowra Hotel:** Built from local brick and locally-sourced Beech and Red Cedar timber. Restored to old world charm.
  - 11. The Hilltop Store:** Retains original shopfront and leadlight skylights.
  - 12. Blue Nile Date Palms:** Planted with seeds brought back from the Middle East by WW1 soldiers.
- Further Afield:** Church at 4 Carbin St: 1927 Impressive building. Many stained glass windows.



For further information please visit:  
[militarymuseum.org.au](http://militarymuseum.org.au)  
[nambuccatourism.com.au](http://nambuccatourism.com.au)  
[bowraville.nsw.au](http://bowraville.nsw.au)

