

Dowerin Heritage and Recreation Walk



10. On Stewart Street, walk south towards the main shopping precinct. Built in 1913, the Post Office has played an essential role in the development of the shire, by allowing residents to keep in touch with the wider world.

11. Further along is the Commercial Bank (Westpac), which was built in 1910 -1911. Residents had a battle to induce banking institutions to open branches in the town, but in 1909, both the Commercial and National Banks advertised their branches open.

12. Cross over Jackson Street, you will come to the Commercial Hotel, which was originally built in 1908 by FW Gustav Liebe. He also built His Majesty's Theatre in Hay Street, Perth and The Peninsular Hotel in Maylands. Pressed tin ceilings, jarrah fittings, fireplaces and staircases recall the grandeur of the first plans.

13. Further along is the National Bank, whose façade appears to be original, with its neat symmetry and decoration adding an element of Edwardian style. It was built in 1909.

14. Turn around and walk back to Jackson Street. Take a right turn and walk up to Cottrell Street and turn left. The Country Women's Association (CWA) Hall, on the left is built from locally made cement bricks and was opened in 1940. It was built as a result of community fund raising and is still in use today.

15. Further along is the Dowerin Museum, which was built in 1915 by Mr Eugene O'Shaughnessy. The building features pressed metal walls and ceilings throughout. Behind the cottage is a reconstructed saddlery and shed.

NOTE: To view inside the museum, please call in at the Shire Council offices first, which are situated only 50 metres south of the museum.

16. If you were to turn around and walk back along Cottrell Street, crossing Jackson Street, you will arrive back at Centenary Park.

NATURE WALKS: From the Tourism Information Bay at the entrance to the Townsite, the Tin Dog Creek Walking/ Cycling Trail begins.

For more information on this trail, pick up a brochure.

