

*History is alive in the
Wheatbelt...*

A visit to the Dowerin District Museum offers a
unique view of how settlers lived in a genuine
cottage with furnishings from 1915- 1930's
and various artefacts from around the district

The building was originally built in 1915 by
Eugene O'Shaughnessy to bring his new bride
to Dowerin. . Bookings are by arrangement
through the Dowerin Visitors Centre or the
Shire Administration Offices.



16 Cottrell Street, Dowerin



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DOWERIN DISTRICT MUSEUM

16 Cottrell Street, Dowerin



*'A unique insight of how settlers lived
in a genuine pioneer's cottage...'*



...nestled right within the heart of the Wheatbelt'

Open by appointment—call 08 9631 1202

"Many pioneers used to say when welcoming a visitor 'You must take us as you find us', the Dowerin Museum echoes that phrase. What the visitor finds moreover is well worthy of the visit"

Tin Dog Creek, The Dowerin Story 1897-1997—Stan Gervas

DELVE INTO HISTORY RIGHT FROM THE DOORSTEP...

The stories of number 16 Cottrell Street and its inhabitants are rich accounts of life in Wheatbelt WA during the first half of the 20th century offering a unique and compelling vision of family and business life at that time. The building itself is a very authentic weatherboard and iron-roofed cottage, constructed in 1915 by Eugene O'Shaughnessy the local Saddler and Harness Maker.

Complete with many of its original features the cottage was purchased for the Museum Committee by the Dowerin & Goomalling Apex Club and is now vested within the Shire of Dowerin.



*Pictured left:
Official opening
of the Dowerin
District Museum*

THE COLLECTION

The museum is brimming with history from Dowerin and the surrounding area complete with some important and invaluable items that date back to the very settlement of Dowerin itself and each piece has its own unique story to tell.



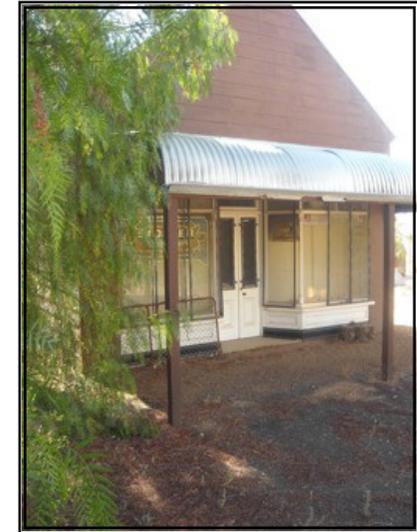
The Dowerin Museum Committee have furnished the house as it could have been in the 1920's but many people local people have generously donated items that would have been used during the next decade, thereby extending the historical display.



The passage and vestibule is used as the Dowerin Pioneer Gallery complete with original photographs, letters and district history records.



THE SADDLERY SHOP



Eugene O'Shaughnessy's Saddler business was established in 1910. The building situated at the rear of the museum is a replica. However, the original shop front from the business premises run by E. O'Shaughnessy in Stewart Street Dowerin has been preserved and re-erected.

The building does not only house items from the saddler business but original machinery and fittings from other establishments. fittings from other establishments.