

Tottenham Historic Buildings Trail

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Self-Guided Tour with map



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Self-Drive

1 St Mark's Anglican Church

Mogille Street, Tottenham

St Mark's Anglican Church opened in the late 1920s. Originally having weatherboards, the building was later clad with artificial brick sheeting and more recently covered in vinyl cladding. The timber bell tower was added in 1944.



2 CBC Bank - Second Branch

99 Umang Street, Tottenham

This branch opened in around 1958, purpose-built by the bank after purchasing the site in 1955. The CBC was later taken over by the National Australia Bank. The branch has closed in September 2017.



3 Service Station

97 Umang Street, Tottenham

A good example of a 1960's style Service Station building.



4 CBC Bank - Original Branch

91 Umang Street, Tottenham

This branch opened in late 1929, the building was built and owned by Mr Hudson, the local Stock and Station Agent and leased to the CBC Bank. There was a banking chamber at the front and manager's residence at the rear of the building. By the 1950s, the building required major renovations, which the owner was reluctant to carry out. The bank unsuccessfully tried to purchase the building from Mr Hudson, so in 1955, they purchased a nearby block of land and built a new branch in around 1958.



5 Detached Bakehouse

90 Umang Street, Tottenham

The Old Bakery's detached Bakehouse



6 The Old Bakery

88 Umang Street, Tottenham

The old bakery had a shop at street front and a detached bakehouse at the side, where the bread was baked. The bakehouse is made from concrete blocks to imitate stone. There was also a residence behind the baker's shop where the baker lived.

It is told that the baker brought around hot pies for sale during interval when the movies were run by a Mr and Mrs Wall on Saturday nights.



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7 Former Gander's Store (Now Foodworks)

84 Umang Street, Tottenham

The original part of the former Gander's store was built around 1912 and is one of the oldest buildings in the main street. In 1939, Emily Gander purchased the store and ran it with the assistance of her children. It was a typical country store selling a large variety of goods including hardware, linoleum, mattresses, food and women's and men's clothing. Fuel was sold from three bowsers positioned under the front verandah. In 1971, it was converted into a supermarket and in 1980, Ganders sold the store the McCarthys. The new owners constructed the modern brick extension. The store has had several owners since then and continues to be the main retail outlet.



8 Mosaic Display

84 Umang Street, Tottenham

The beautiful mosaic work is located on the side wall of the form Gander's store which is now the FoodWorks building. Each mosaic panel is representative of the Tottenham cultural landscape.



9 Hudson's Shops Block

91 Umang Street, Tottenham

This Edwin Hudson arrived in Tottenham in 1906, setting up a stock and station agency in this block in 1923. The first shops were destroyed by fire in 1929.

In 1930, he built the group of shops in its present form, using patterned cement bricks. Later he added two more shops built from poured concrete. Hudson's Stock and Station Agency flourished on this site for over seventy years.

It is said that Mr Hudson was a returned soldier, he was captured by the Japanese & held in Changi for a few years. He was a great townsman & a wonderful auctioneer.



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10 Tottenham Hotel

77 Umang Street, Tottenham

The first hotel on this site, known as the Miners Arms Hotel, was opened in March 1908 by Mr Chris Kearney. It was a single storey weatherboard building with twenty rooms.

In 1912, the hotel was extended by new owner, Mr Givney. In March 1930, while under the ownership of Mr Gordon Veitch, the hotel was destroyed in a huge fire. Nothing could be saved. Work commenced on building the new hotel in October 1930. The two-storey hotel was built of brick with timber verandahs wrapped around the corner site. Mr Veitch opened his new hotel in around April 1931.



11 The Police Station

76-78 Umang Street, Tottenham

The Police Station, Court House and officer's residence opened in November 1929. At the rear were two gaol cells and an exercise yard for prisoners.



12 The Permewan Wright's Store

75 Umang Street, Tottenham

The former Permewan Wright's Store was a general store that sold groceries, clothing, shoes, haberdashery, gifts, produce, and hardware.



13 The Old Shop

73 Umang Street, Tottenham

This small old shop retains its street front awning.



14 Brown's Service Centre

73 Umang Street, Tottenham

Old service station and garage which is no longer in use and which was originally built by the Bertram family. The building was also used as a Holden dealership for many years.



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15 The Post Office

69 Umang Street, Tottenham

The Postal services were first established in Tottenham in early 1908. In February 1928, a fire destroyed 5 shops and the post office and the service was conducted from temporary premises while the new post office was built. The new post office was built from concrete blocks resembling stone. This was quite a popular building material at this time and features in several commercial buildings in the town. The new post office opened early 1930 and still trades from the same location today.

The telephone exchange was also located in the Post Office. The exchange went automatic in 1990.



16 Old Service Station & Garage

62 Umang Street, Tottenham

The Residents recall that this shed was owned by a Dave Gatsby. Later it was a shop owned by a Bert Watson and later owned & run by Oscar Roach as a garage. Oscar Roach later built new premises in Bulbodney Street. Later a Kevin Williams moved into this building & used it as a garage again.



17 Seventh Day Adventist Church

57 Umang Street, Tottenham

Former Seventh Day Adventist Church that is now privately owned.



18 St Anthony's Catholic Church

73 Umang Street, Tottenham

Old St Anthony's Catholic Church opened in the 1920 under the leadership of Fr Hennessy. The small adjacent building being possibly the old presbytery.



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19 Tottenham Central School

Cnr Meryula & Merilba Streets

The first provisional school opened in October 1908, in a small wooden building and with an enrolment of 17 students. By January 1909, the school was classified as a public school. A permanent site was approved in 1916 and new school buildings, consisting of three class rooms, two hat rooms and a veranda, as well as a four-roomed teacher's residence, were completed in 1917. Further buildings were added in 1960 and the 1990s.



20 The Uniting Church

72 Merilba Street, Tottenham

The Uniting Church opened in March 1927 as the Methodist Church. It is now privately owned.



21 Presbyterian Church Hall

70 Merilba Street, Tottenham

This was the hall for the Uniting Church building next door before the split when the Uniting Church took over the Methodist & Presbyterian churches in the 1970's.



22 Former Masonic Hall

Cnr Moodana & Meryula Streets, Tottenham

The Masonic Lodge opened in April 1927, in a ceremony attended by representatives from many of the nearby lodges. The land was given by my Bro. R Metcalf. The timber building had the internal wall lined with fibro sheets. The lodge closed many years ago and it is now a private residence.



23 The Water Tower


84 Moodana Street, Tottenham

The concrete water tower was completed in 1949, standing 120ft tall and with a capacity of 100,000 gallons. It became known as the 'thirsty white elephant' because it took nearly 20 years before the tower was connected to the Forbes-Tottenham water supply pipeline.





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 Tottenham Multi Purpose Hospital

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 Tottenham War Memorial Hall

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Tottenham Central School 

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