

## STONE HUT STORY

Stone Hut was named after the old stone cottage erected on the banks of the Rocky River about 1km west of the township in the 1850s for Frederick White and his bride. It still survives as a relic of the mail coach days. It was also a stopping place for teamsters busily carting wood from the forest to the mines in Burra.

Stone Hut was surveyed in 1874 and trade expanded the little settlement. Coach passengers would have stayed at the Royal Mail Hotel on the main road, but this has since been demolished.

Other buildings were quickly erected, including a Methodist Church in 1879, which has also since been demolished, and the first school in 1877. A number of blacksmiths were in constant demand and masons were fully employed building houses for the newcomers.

A new school was built in 1877 and by 1904 there were 70 children attending. It was closed in 1967. It is now a private residence and has been lovingly restored.

With the advent of the railway line in 1910, Stone Hut became a major marshalling area for grain, which was trans-shipped from the Stone Hut railway siding. The town became a home for railway workers, although it was never known as a railway town. The railway closed in 1986.

Community activity waned after the first 20 years, due no doubt to the droughts of that decade, access by rail to larger trading centres and later the ravages of World War 1 on the male population.

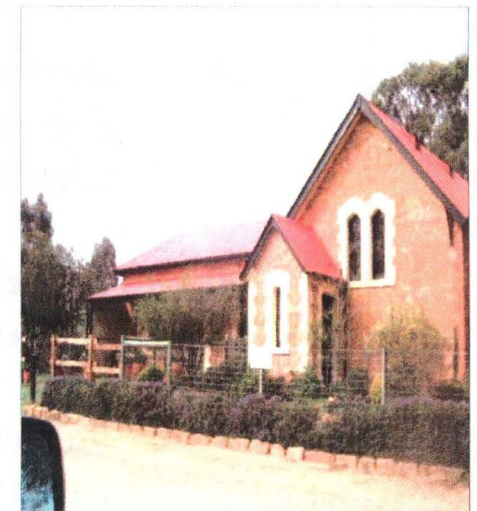
In 1926 the residents raised money for the erection of a building as a memorial to the soldiers of World War I. This became known as the Stone Hut Soldiers Memorial Hall and it is still used today for social events and markets.

\* Information obtained from "Laura Days" (Laura Centenary Celebrations Publication 1972)

## STONE HUT HERITAGE WALK

The Stone Hut Heritage  
Walk

Is a project by the  
Stone Hut Development  
Committee and the  
residents of Stone Hut

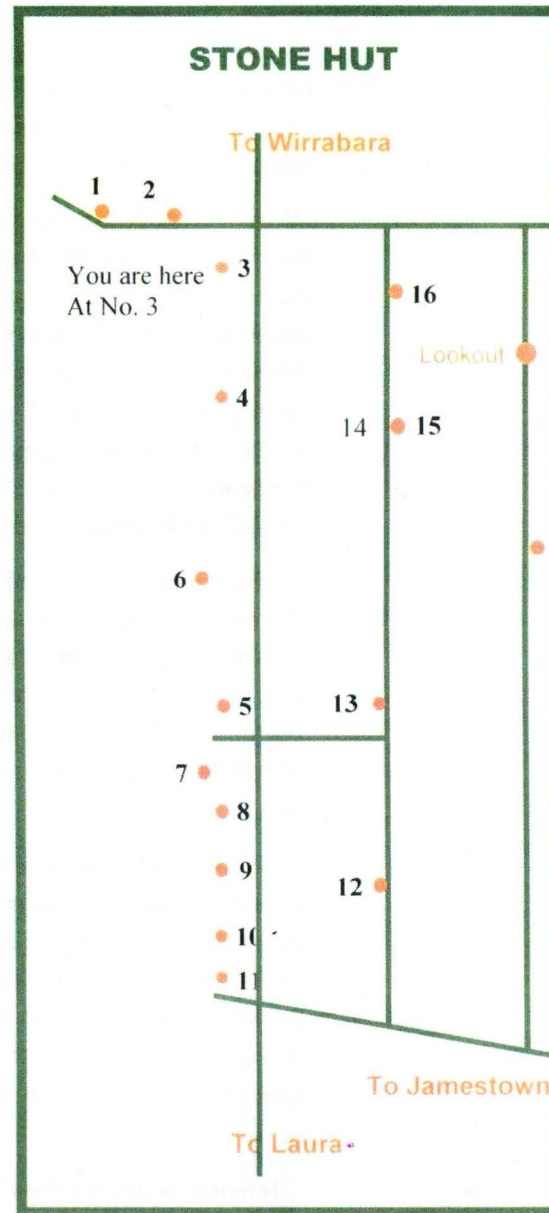


*Take a walk back in time  
and discover the pioneering  
past of the historic township of  
Stone Hut*

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## Stone Hut Heritage Walk

1. Dee Family Cottage
2. Railway cottages  
4 built after 1910
3. The Blacksmith  
Established 1874
4. Methodist Church  
Erected 1879  
Closed 1968
5. Soldiers Memorial Hall  
Opened 1926
6. Railway Station  
Laura to Booleroo Line  
Opened 1910  
Closed 1986
7. Stone Hut Cottage  
Built 1850's



8. Kotz Cottage  
Kotz family home
9. Butcher, baker, grocer  
& bootmaker
10. General store 1930-1968
11. Royal Mail Hotel  
Built 1874. Closed 1941
12. School 1875-1877
13. Tennis Club, Football Club  
& Cricket Club
14. Tobin's Cottage  
21 children born to  
Fred & Dulcie Tobin
15. Stone Hut School  
Built 1877/78  
Closed 1967
16. Settler's Cottage typical  
of late 1800's