



Walking through history...

Bundaberg has a wealth of heritage treasures for the history-conscious. Below is just a small sample taken from the heritage walk. The full details and route are available from any Bundaberg Region Visitor Information Centre.

The **School of Arts** in Bourbon Street is the oldest public building still standing in Bundaberg, built in 1888/89. The wide colonial veranda, iron lace balustrades and iron lace decorations on the roof are features of late Victorian architecture.

The **Post Office Building** and Tower was opened in 1890 and the exterior has remained virtually unchanged since its construction. The ground floor features wonderful pillars and arches and the upper floor is dominated by colonial verandas with cast-iron balustrades.



The **Linden Medical Centre** in Barolin Street was built in 1913 as a home for Doctor Egmont Schmidt whose father had emigrated from Berlin, Germany. The home was named after Lindenstrasse, an avenue of striking linden trees, in Berlin. A time capsule containing money and newspapers of the period was placed in one of the walls when it was built. The building design shows a very distinctive European influence (in the Queen Anne style) and has been used as a group medical practice since 1975.

The **Dental Surgery** in Barolin Street was built around 1910. The architectural style of the building, including bay windows, was a feature of homes built in the early 1900's. Of great interest are the pressed metal walls (both inside and out) and the ceilings of the building.



HERITAGE WALK 1

- 1 Post Office (Clock Tower)
- 2 Linden Clinic
- 3 Holy Rosary Church
- 4 Robert Cullen Pharmacy
- 5 Dental Surgery
- 6 Senior Citizens Community Centre
- 7 Blockbuster Video
- 8 Anglican Church
- 9 St Andrew's Church
- 10 Buss Park and Hinkler Memorial
- 11 & 12 Council Chambers and Civic Centre
- 13 School of Arts
- 14 ANZAC Monument

HERITAGE WALK 2

- 15 Facade
- 16 Old National Australia Bank
- 17 Old Police Station
- 18 Old Department of Works
- 19 Railway Bridge
- 20 Burnett Traffic Bridge
- 21 Bundaberg Arts Centre
- 22 RSL
- 23 Old Bank Building
- 24 QUNABA House
- 25 Grand Hotel
- 26 Balcony
- 27 Black's Building
- 28 Buss & Turner





The **Old National Australia Bank** is a colonial design building constructed in 1891. The wide colonial verandas are embellished with cast iron lace balustrades, a distinctive feature of buildings of that period. Other features include a shingled roof, louvred wooden window shutters, arches and moulded railings on the lower verandah. The small building located behind the bank was originally used as a stable for horses.



Burnett Bridge

The first **Anglican Church** was built in Quay Street in 1876. In 1899 the church was moved to Woongarra Street near the present site. The present church was completed in 1927, built in an English Gothic style with the characteristic features of pointed arches, bell tower and a 34-metre spire tower. The stone walls surrounding the grounds, the lichgate and the wayside cross are in keeping with old English custom.

The **Water Tower** in Sussex Street (not included in the CBD Heritage walk) is listed by the National Trust. "On each storey the brick work is punctuated by eight round arched windows, four blind and four glazed, and each with stone sills. The tower is a landmark in East Bundaberg and a structure of industrial archaeological significance."



Memorial Statue, Bundaberg CBD



The **Holy Rosary Church** was the first church in Bundaberg, opening on this site in October 1875. A new brick building facing Barolin Street was completed in 1888, reconstructed with transept and sanctuary in the shape of a cross in 1926. The design of the present building is an adaptation of a Roman temple, similar to early Christian churches built in southern Europe. Note the Roman Doric columns at the front entrance, the cross and statues above the cornices and the large stained glass windows.

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