

History of POMONA

Picturesque Pomona is recognised as the ‘living heritage’ town of the Noosa hinterland. Pomona’s charming timber houses, public buildings and village atmosphere make it an ideal place to explore on foot.

The region’s heritage includes many thousands of years of Aboriginal history, with the Gubbi Gubbi/Kabi Kabi people recognised as Traditional Owners.

The Protestant Unity Group moved to the region during the late 1880s. European settlers cleared the land for logging and farming. The arrival of the railway in 1891 allowed for expansion of agricultural industries and provided vital transport for people, dairy products, timber, fruit, vegetables and cattle.

Pomona was originally known as Cooroora Railway Siding and was later named Pinbarren Siding. The town’s streets were originally named after the town places, such as the hospital and school. In 1906, the town was named Pomona for the Roman goddess of fruit and orchards.

Please allow an hour and a half to walk around the heritage sites of Pomona.

If you enjoyed this heritage walk, you might also like to visit the Tewanin Heritage Walk and the Cooroy Heritage Walk. Guides can be downloaded from the Noosa Library Service website.

Discover more about the region’s history by visiting the following organisations:

Noosa Library Service Heritage Library
7 Wallace Drive
Noosaville Q 4566
(07) 5329 6555
www.libraries.noosa.qld.gov.au/heritage

Tewanin Historical Society/Parkyn Hut
Cnr Poinciana Avenue & Diyan Street
Tewanin Q 4565
(07) 5449 7353
www.parkynhut.com/index.html

Cooroy-Noosa Genealogical & Historical Research Group, Inc.
41 Miva Street
Cooroy Q 4563
(07) 5442 5570
www.genealogy-noosa.org.au

Noosa Museum
29 Factory Street
Pomona Q 4568
(07) 5485 1080
www.noosamuseum.org.au

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1 Stan Topper Park
Corner Reserve Street
and Memorial Avenue

Stan Topper Park is named after the popular local school teacher who was instrumental in initiating the annual King of the Mountain race. The park was originally part of the former Pomona School grounds.



2 Former Pomona School
21 Reserve Street

Built in 1908, this building replaced the original 1897 school. The Pomona school moved to new buildings in Station Street in 1975 and some of the original school buildings were moved to other sites. This building has operated as a kindergarten since 1985.

3 Former Cooroora Private Hospital
5 Hospital Street

The Pomona Hospital opened in the early 1920s and operated until 1952 as a general and maternity hospital. The theatre and maternity ward were located in a separate building at the rear.



4 Anglican Church and Rectory
Corner Memorial Avenue
and Rectory Street

The original church which was built in 1923, was destroyed by Cyclone Daisy in 1972. The rectory was built in 1925 and the new church was consecrated in 1980.



5 Police Station and Lockup
22 Red Street

Built in 1927, this house was the residence of the police officer-in-charge. The Police Station was located in an office at the front of the house and had a separate entrance. The lockup was used as a temporary jail. The new Police Station opened in April 2005.

6 Pomona Court House
26 Red Street

Before the Court House was built in 1934, cases were heard in the Memorial Hall. In 1987, the Magistrates Court was moved to Noosa Heads. The Pomona Court House continues to offer a range of services to Pomona and surrounding districts.

7 Pomona Memorial School of Arts Hall
6 Reserve Street

After several years of fundraising and donations of timber, the School of Arts opened in 1926. The hall has been an important centre of community life and has hosted meetings, court proceedings, a library, dances, performances and other community and social events.



8 Pomona Ambulance Centre
17 Reserve Street

Pomona's ambulance service operated from a shelter shed from 1917, firstly located near the railway station and later at a house in Ambulance Street. The ambulance service has been based at its current site since 1950.



9 Australia and New Zealand Bank
Corner Reserve Street and
Memorial Avenue

The post office was once located at this site with the bank located further down Reserve Street. Constructed in 1936, this building was originally the English, Scottish and Australian Bank, and became the ANZ Bank in 1970.

10 The Rotunda
Corner Reserve Street and
Memorial Avenue

The Rotunda was built as a memorial to honour the local men who served in WWI. The opening celebrations were held in 1939, with Federal and local politicians and other notables in attendance. It was designed by Brisbane architect, Sidney William Prior.



11 Memorial Avenue Shops
Memorial Avenue

Memorial Avenue has been a centre of commerce in Pomona since 1906. After fire destroyed ten buildings in the street in 1939, the shops were rebuilt in Art Deco style, making the Pomona streetscape distinctive among hinterland towns.



12 Former Station Master's House
1 Memorial Avenue

The house was built as the residence for the Station Master of Pomona Railway Station. In 1993, Noosa Shire Council bought the house and land from Queensland Rail. The Pomona and District Community House was opened in 1996.

13 Pomona Hotel
1 Station Street

The original Pomona Hotel was destroyed by fire in 1913, only seven years after it was built. The current building was built on the site in 1913 and has been the only hotel operating in Pomona since 1965.



14 Old Pomona Railway Station Art Gallery
10 Station Street

The railway station building was constructed in 1894, three years after the railway came through Pomona. The railway was integral to the development of Pomona as it provided vital transport for people and industry.

15 Former Queensland Country Women's Association, Pomona
4 Station Street

The Country Women's Association (CWA) was established in Queensland in 1922. The Pomona CWA hall building was the former Coles Creek School, and was moved to this location in the early 1960s.

16 Professional Offices
2 Station Street

Built in the 1920s for H.V. Wood, a tax, commission and stock agent, this building has housed professional offices ever since. This building remains an important example of Queensland's early colonial architecture.

17 Majestic Theatre (Formerly the Majestic Hall)
3 Factory Street (see cover image)

The Majestic Theatre was built in 1921 and is believed to be the oldest continuously operating silent movie theatre in the world. It has run a varied program of theatrical and musical performances, dances, sporting events and other community gatherings.

18 Site of the Old Railway Hotel
9a, 9b & 9c Factory Street

Opened in 1911, the Railway Hotel was the second hotel built in Pomona. It provided accommodation for commercial travellers arriving by train and local workers temporarily living in town. The first King of the Mountain race started here in 1959.



19 Former Page Motors Pomona Driveway
19 Factory Street

Bob Page built this garage, workshop and car showroom in 1946 on the site of the garage that his father, Herbert Page, built in 1915. The new building was considered a radical design at the time.

20 Former Pomona Butter Factory
Corner Factory and Reserve Streets

The Pomona Butter Factory operated between 1919 and 1970. It serviced the dairy industry in Pomona until the 1960s. George Page bought the Butter Factory in 1974 to allow for extensions to Page Furnishers.



21 Pomona Uniting Church
27 Factory Street

The Pomona Methodist Church opened in this building in 1921. The Kareewa Church building was added to the back of the building as a hall in 1925. The Methodist Church became the Uniting Church in 1977.

22 Page Furnishings Pty Ltd
31 Factory Street

Herbert Page started a cabinetmaking workshop in Pomona in 1919. This business has grown to become one of Pomona's largest employers and has expanded to incorporate the former Butter Factory buildings.



23 Former Noosa Shire Council Chambers
29 Factory Street

Built in 1911, the Noosa Council Chambers building has housed the Noosa Museum since 1985. The Noosa Shire was formed in 1910 and operated from the Pomona Chambers until the new offices were built at Tewantin in 1980.



24 Gubbi Gubbi Island of Reconciliation
Cooroora Creek Park

The Island of Reconciliation features a circle of stones and a commemorative plaque. It is a place of reflection and encourages respect for Gubbi Gubbi/ Kabi Kabi people and their culture.