

DISCOVER THE Hawkesbury



Heritage Walk

2km walk

1 hour

Map nos. 25 – 53

C. WINDSOR HERITAGE WALK

Windsor Mall Precinct

This walk explores the commercial heart of Windsor, returning to Thompson Square via The Terrace. It takes in a variety of architectural styles as well as several churches and Windsor Reservoir, an item of industrial heritage significance.

**This walk includes many privately-owned buildings which are not open for public inspection and may only be viewed from the street.*

25. BAKER STREET

Named after William Baker who had a grant in this area, this street is home to the award-winning Hawkesbury Regional Museum (opened May 2008), which features changing exhibitions on the history of the area.

Near the start of The Mall are two merchant's cottages which are typical of housing common in this area in the mid nineteenth century. On the corner of Baker and George Streets stands the two storey shop and residence of grocer and wine and spirit merchant Robert Dick. The business also incorporated the local post office and, until 1874, the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney. Charlotte Horner rented the property with her two daughters for 33 years from 1919. They ran a dressmaking shop, tea-rooms and boarding house. Situated at 3 Baker Street may be found Uralla, a fine Victorian cottage (c.1875) with face brick walls of Flemish bond pattern. The timber verandah features a decorative cast iron frieze and timber columns.

26. WINDSOR MALL

Opened in December 1984 the mall was designed as an appealing public space for visitors and residents alike. On most Sundays the area comes alive with markets that have been operating since 1992, selling locally-grown produce and handmade articles. The waterwheel situated at the Baker Street end of the mall is based on the design of James and Benjamin Singleton's tidal-powered water mill situated downstream from Wisemans Ferry. Sourcing grain from the Colo and Macdonald River valleys, the flour was then transported by river to markets in Sydney.

Along the mall can be seen many examples of nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings, some of them residences that were converted to commercial premises as the town's economy expanded. The upper storeys in particular show evidence of many interesting architectural styles. The former store Bussell Brothers store (nos. 153-155), which also had a branch in Penrith, was built in 1932, and sold grocery items and hardware. It offered 'free delivery of orders within 10 miles of the Windsor Post Office'.

27. LODER HOUSE

One of the best examples of Australian Georgian architecture in Windsor, this house was built in 1834 for George Loder II, farmer, storekeeper and member of one of the most influential families in Windsor, though he died before it was completed. The Victorian style balcony and lacework were added under the ownership of tailor Daniel Holland, who also sold a range of fabrics, hats, clothing and accessories from these premises. The disused building was bought in 1975 by the NSW Government, then leased to Windsor Municipal Council, which undertook a detailed restoration.



Loder House in George Street, Windsor 1979 by Margaret Chadwick, Hawkesbury Library Service (HLS)

28. PAINE ROSS & CO

This law firm is one of the oldest in Australia having commenced practice in 1828 under Frances Beddek in. William Walker, owner of Crescentville (located on The Terrace) served as an articled clerk here from 1841 to 1852. The firm has been owned by several generations of the Paine family since the 1930s. Previously fitted with a shop frontage, the building's classical style façade was added in 1921.

29. FORMER PYE'S PHARMACY

Although the street level frontage of this building has been modernised, evidence of the original purpose of the premises may be seen in the mortar and pestle which adorns the parapet. The original façade featured a corner-mounted doorway and a double storey verandah, supported by cast iron columns with frieze and balustrades. The building replaced a photographic studio owned by Thomas Boston and two other shops, which were destroyed by fire in 1883.



Archibald Spy ran the chemist in the 1920s-1930s, HLS

30. FORMER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AND MASONIC HALL

The foundation stone of the Congregational Church was laid by James Fairfax of Sydney in March 1869, but business must have been bad: In 1922 the church was disbanded due to a declining congregation, and the property sold to the Masonic Lodge known as Lodge Richard Coley. It has since been used for a variety of commercial uses, and its spire, topped by a decorative iron motif, is something of a local landmark.



Congregational Church, Windsor 1879, State Library of NSW

31. ELOUERA

This timber cottage on the corner of Macquarie and Kable Streets was built in the late Victorian style including bay window and front door with transom light. The adjacent commercial premises were constructed in the 1940s of Clark's Concrete Bricks which were manufactured near Richmond by Bill Clark of Kurmond (known for some unknown reason as Crumbly Bill).



House at 33 Macquarie Street by Margaret Chadwick, HLS

Cross Macquarie Street at the pedestrian lights for a closer look at Anschau House, then go back along Kable Street to Windsor Mall.

32. ANSCHAU HOUSE

In 1904 Francis Bernard Anschau bought the tannery on the bank of South Creek, established by J S Busby in 1867. Business prospered, and the works were enlarged in 1881 and again in 1895. By 1898 they were tanning some 250 hides a week. In about 1910, Anschau built a residence befitting his status as a prominent businessman in the town, and this substantial family home is the result. The land adjoining the house was subdivided into residential blocks in 1936, forming Anschau Crescent and Ross Street.

33. FORMER BANK OF NSW (WESTPAC)

The Bank of New South Wales opened in Windsor in November 1858 under the management of Mr Nicholas Nugent. The original premises, a Georgian building was in use until being replaced by this Georgian Revival style structure with two storey portico supported by Tuscan columns in 1936. In March 2007 the premises were sold and the Windsor branch of the bank relocated to the new Riverview Shopping Centre further down George Street.



Bank of NSW, George Street, Windsor, State Library of NSW

34. FORMER COMMERCIAL BANKING COMPANY OF SYDNEY

The Commercial Banking Company (CBC) of Sydney first opened in Windsor in 1874 in premises leased from businessman Laban White before relocating to this site which was formerly occupied by the Horse and Jockey Hotel operated by Richard Ridge. This building including banking chamber and residence was erected in 1879 at a cost of £3,630 and was designed by Sydney architects Mansfield Brothers who also designed the mansion Abercrombie House at Bathurst and Eulabah in West Market Street, Richmond. The windows of this imposing building feature very large double hung sashes with moulded arched lintels on the ground floor with shuttered French doors opening onto the upstairs verandah at the front. Interior joinery is mostly original and in fine condition. The cast iron columns were made by J R Bubb of Sydney. Following a merger in 1983, the bank was known as the National Bank of Australia.

35. COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK

In December 1931 the Government Savings Bank of NSW merged with Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia which had been inaugurated by act of parliament by the Federal Government in 1911. Since 1919 the Government Savings Bank of NSW had operated from premises on the corner of George and Fitzgerald Streets, Windsor (see no. 42). Following the merger the bank continued to operate from the department store premises. This two storey Art Deco style building opened in April 1936 was noticeably different to other buildings constructed at the time such as the former Westpac Bank. The restrained symmetrical facade is relieved by the fluted columns with crowned mouldings to each side of the central doorway and conservative decorative motifs.

36. FITZROY HOTEL

Named after Charles Augustus FitzRoy (governor of New South Wales 1846-1855) this hotel is credited with holding the oldest continuous hotel licence in Windsor. Built by Richard Ridge, who also built the Horse and Jockey, it is now occupied by the National Australia Bank (no. 34). The premises opened for business in 1857 on the same site as an earlier Fitzroy Hotel. Meetings to discuss the building of the Windsor School of Arts were held here in 1860 and horse drawn coaches to Parramatta ran from outside the doors in 1847. The building was remodelled and modernised in 1955.



Fitzroy Hotel, George Street, Windsor, HLS

37. FORMER POST OFFICE

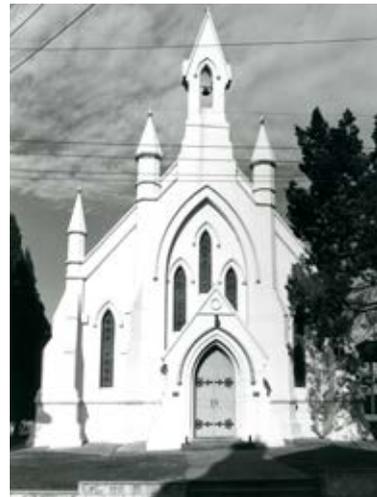
The first Post Office in Windsor opened in 1828 and was housed in a number of different private buildings, including The Doctors House in Thompson Square. This building designed by Colonial Architect James Barnet and built by Michael Leeds was opened in 1880. Thomas Cambridge II was postman at that time and the family tradition continued with his son Thomas III continuing on as postman until 1925. A single storey wing in Fitzgerald Street was added in the late 1890s to accommodate the telegraph and telephone service. In 1990 a new post office building was constructed in New Street and the former post office continues to be used for commercial purposes.



Old Windsor Post Office, George Street,
State Library of NSW

38. METHODIST CHURCH

The original Methodist church (constructed c.1838) was destroyed by the Great Fire of December 1874 along with a large proportion of the buildings in the block from Suffolk Street to Fitzgerald Street. The foundation stone for this church was laid in December 1875 and completed the following year at a cost of £2,080. The church is a fine example of Victorian non-conformist Gothic revival architecture. It is built of rendered brick with Gothic detailing and a slate roof. Most of the internal fittings are original and there is a marble memorial to the pioneer Wesleyan missionary, the Rev. Peter Turner (1803-73), who was associated with Windsor for the last twenty years of his life (see Rev. Turner Cottage, No. 62 in Walk D. Windsor Heritage Walks - McQuade Park Precinct).



Uniting Church Fitzgerald Street, Windsor 1979
by Margaret Chadwick, HLS

39. WESLEYAN METHODIST HALL

This simple rendered brick Colonial Georgian building constructed in 1861 was one of the few buildings in the vicinity which survived the 1874 fire and features twelve pane windows with stone sills and rectangular fanlights above the doors. Services were conducted in the hall until the new church (above) facing Fitzgerald Street was completed.



Former Wesleyan Hall Macquarie Street, Windsor
1979 by Margaret Chadwick, HLS

40. FORMER METHODIST PARSONAGE

Built during the 1870s as a home for the Methodist clergy of Windsor Circuit this elegant two storey building was in use by the church until 1982. The building features a symmetrical façade with large windows and a four-panelled front door with transom and coloured sidelights. The two storey verandah includes attractive cast iron balustrades and paired columns.



Former Parsonage in Macquarie Street, Windsor
by Margaret Chadwick, HLS

41. MACKENZIE HOUSE

Constructed about 1915, this house was used more recently as a rectory for the minister of the adjacent Uniting Church. The house features elegant turned timber verandah posts with timber balustrade and prominent brackets. The side entrance includes a small timber castellated porch.



House in Fitzgerald Street, Windsor 1979
by Margaret Chadwick, HLS

42. FORMER DEPARTMENT STORE AND GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK

Constructed in 1919 by the Government Savings Bank of NSW at a cost of £5,071 this building included a banking chamber and an adjoining spacious shop. The premises were purchased by Maurice Pulsford in February 1935 and the bank continued to operate as the Commonwealth Savings Bank until new premises were opened along George Street in 1936. Pulsford's Department Store sold a great variety of merchandise including plants, fabric by the yard, clothing, hardware and manchester. In 1962 the business and premises were sold to brothers Hunter and Ross Hordern who were fifth generation descendants of the famous Sydney retailer Anthony Hordern and Sons. The store continued to stock everything from 'underwear to hardware' until the Hordern brothers retired in 1998.



Hordern's Store George Street, Windsor 1979
by Margaret Chadwick, HLS

43. WINDSOR FIRE STATION

A Volunteer Fire Brigade was formed in Windsor in 1863 but the effectiveness of the operations was seriously hampered by rudimentary equipment and lack of water supply. The Windsor Fire District was created in 1910 and received a contribution from Windsor Municipal Council of 44 pounds 14 shillings and 7 pence. The former fire station built in the Federation Free Classical style opened in June 1915 and refurbished in 1996. The Brigade relocated to new premises in South Windsor in 2015 and the former station has been sold into private hands.

44. WINDSOR RESERVOIR

This elevated cast iron water tank and filtration system was an integral part of the Windsor Water Works, the first reticulated water supply for Windsor and was constructed in 1889 with a capacity of about one million litres. A plaque records FJ Mortley, Mayor of Windsor and John F Sharkey, Civil Engineer of Sydney. Together with the Windsor Water Pumping Station situated on the riverbank at the lower end of Johnston Street, the reservoir is listed on the Sydney Water Heritage and Conservation Register.

Adjacent to the reservoir is the studio of the local community radio station Hawkesbury Radio. This station which commenced broadcasts in 1978 may be found on the FM band at 89.9.

45. FORMER LIBRARY AND WOMEN'S REST ROOMS

This building was constructed by Windsor Municipal Council in 1953 and housed the public library which was operated in conjunction with Colo Shire Council as well as the Women's Rest Rooms. A new library was constructed in 1980 on the corner of Dight and George Streets opposite McQuade Park and in June 2005 the Deerubbin Centre opened at 300 George Street including a new Library and Regional Gallery.

46. SUNNY BRAE

This elegant home of stuccoed brick built in 1875 for Robert Dick, first Mayor of Windsor was also designed by Mansfield Brothers of Sydney (see No 34.). The home has been passed down through many generations of the Paine family (see No. 28.). Of generous proportions this home was built in the Victorian style with cast iron decorative verandah posts, slate roof and paired brackets under the eaves. The spacious garden includes many mature trees and an interesting variety of shrubs and flowers.

The land along The Terrace alignment of the block opposite Howe Park was the site of Cadell's Brewery which was operated by Thomas Cadell from 1844 to 1870. Following the demise of the brewing industry in Windsor, apparently the citizens of the district preferred the brew imported from Sydney. The structure was damaged by frequent flooding and demolished in July 1899 with the building material being purchased by local builders, the Mullingers.



Sunny Brae Fitzgerald Street, Windsor, HLS

47. ROYAL EXCHANGE HOTEL

The earlier hotel on this site was operated by Isabella Bushell from 1875 to 1908. It was modernised and rebuilt by AS Turnbull in 1936 using similar bricks to that of the former Westpac Bank completed the same year.

48. JOHNSTON STREET TERRACE

Built about 1840 in this narrow side street, this simple two storey brick home laid in English bond has elegant turned timber columns supporting the verandah and six pane six windows with sandstone sills. It is now occupied by medical specialists.



Johnston Street Terrace, Windsor, HLS

49. FORMER WINDSOR AND RICHMOND GAZETTE OFFICE

It was within these premises that the local newspaper, *The Windsor and Richmond Gazette*, first commenced. Established by John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick, the first edition which circulated on 21 July of 1888 consisted of eight pages and sold for three pence. An enthusiastic supporter of free public libraries he served as a trustee of the Public Library of NSW from 1900 until his death in 1932. The newspaper is still in publication as the *Hawkesbury Gazette*.

50. O'BRIEN'S BUILDINGS

Constructed in 1930 to replace an earlier structure, this building features a central clerestory along the ridge of the roof, which provided a source of natural light to the interior, and an elaborate decorative parapet. From the mid 1940s until 1994 it was known as Hall's Hardware and Produce selling bulk fertilisers, seeds, stockfeed and hardware to the farming community of the Hawkesbury.

51. FORMER ROYAL PICTURE THEATRE

Opened in January 1926 with the Cecil B De Mille's mammoth production The Ten Commandments the theatre was owned by Messrs Terry and Dixon and was constructed by George Rush of Coogee. Contemporary advertising noted the marble stairways which lead to the dress circle and the brown morocco leather chairs in the gallery. The floor was made of tallow wood which was ideal for dancing and the building was lit by electric light. The theatre closed in January 1963 due to falling attendances caused according to a local newspaper article by the introduction of television several years before. It housed for many years the Windsor Antique Centre run by Alex Hendrikson.



Royal Picture Theatre, Windsor 1979 by Margaret Chadwick, HLS

52. GAMBRILL'S GROCERY SHOP AND FORMER INN

This property which dates from 1840 is distinguished by the still intact original shop display window and the large central chimney. The land was originally granted to Joseph Smallwood in 1797 and was part of Maria Cope's subdivision in 1838. In August 1839 the property was sold to John Suffolk for £80 who sold the property the following year for £300. It is thought that the great increase in the value of the property indicates that the building was constructed at this time.



Corner George and New Street, Windsor, HLS

53. FORMER CHURCH OF ENGLAND HALL

Built for St Matthews Church of England in 1880 this building originally served as a school and then a hall but is now privately owned.

OTHER WINDSOR HERITAGE WALKS

A. THOMPSON SQUARE PRECINCT

With the focus on Thompson Square, this walk features many fine examples of nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings. The square was named by Governor Lachlan Macquarie in honour of his friend Andrew Thompson and was originally the centre of the village known as Green Hills which was proclaimed the town of Windsor by Governor Macquarie in December 1810.

500m walk
30 mins

B. THE PENINSULA PRECINCT

This walk starts at Thompson Square and explores what is known as 'The Peninsula', site of early land grants and many significant public buildings of the Colonial era. Today The Peninsula is a popular residential area, boasting a variety of housing styles, all contributing to the character of the streetscape. Within this precinct John Tebbutt also built several observatories from which he made important astronomical discoveries.

2 km walk
1 hour

D. McQUADE PARK PRECINCT

Continuing along George Street from New Street to the Windsor Railway Station and back along The Terrace, discover the residential areas of Windsor as they have developed around McQuade Park. The park was planned by Macquarie when the town was laid out in 1810. Of special interest is Francis Greenway's iconic St Matthews Anglican

3.5 km walk
2 hours



For further information call the
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The Centre is at Ham Common
(opposite Richmond RAAF Base)
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Open 7 days. Managed by Hawkesbury City Council.

C. WINDSOR HERITAGE WALK - Windsor Mall precinct

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| 28. | Paine Ross & Co. | 43. | Windsor Fire Station |
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| 30. | Former Congregational Church
and Masonic Hall | 45. | Former Library and Women's Rest Rooms |
| 31. | Elouera | 46. | Sunnybrae |
| 32. | Anschau House | 47. | Royal Exchange Hotel |
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