



Gulgong Symbol Trail

The secret travellers' language was used internationally – by the gypsies of Europe and carried by migrations to the hobos of America and the swaggies of Australia.

During the last Depression and in the Gold Rush days, people travelling country roads in search of work, food or just a place to sleep the night, used a secret code of symbols via stones, sticks or scratches on the ground, to communicate 'the lie of the land' to fellow swaggies.

Local identity and well-known potter Chester Nealie was commissioned by our local Council to research the symbols and make decorative paving tiles representing this secret language. Wander Gulgong's historic streets and see how many you can find and what they refer to. Tiles appear in Coronation Park and Mayne Street (from White to Herbert Streets).

Look around and see if you can find some of the humorous locations like the ones that say 'dangerous drinking water' (outside the pubs!).

The Cemetery is on the southern edge of Gulgong and is accessible by foot. The Gulgong Historical Walk booklet is available for a small cost at the Mudgee and Gulgong Visitor Information Centres and many outlets in Gulgong, and is an essential touring guide to this unique town.

The Gulgong Historical Walk booklet is a comprehensive walking guide to the town's historic buildings, and includes the Henry Lawson Driving Trail and the Gulgong Cemetery walk.



1 HISTORICAL CHURCH HILL

Gulgong has three churches that conduct Sunday Services: St Luke's Anglican Church c.1876, St John the Baptist Catholic Church c.1890 and the St Andrew's Presbyterian Church c.1909. The Wesleyan Chapel built c.1871 and the Uniting church built in the early 1900's are now private residences. See the Gulgong Historical Walk Booklet for more information.

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