## POINTS OF INTEREST

## **Lockington Heritage Walk**

The Lockington Heritage Walk will take approximately 45 minutes.

- **1.Heritage Complex:**This was the site of one of Lockington's earliest businesses; a Blacksmith Shop. The site was then purchased by the Shire of Rochester, and given into the care of a local Committee of Management to be redeveloped as a Local History Museum and community venue. The Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex was officially opened in April 1997.
- **2. O'Brien Residence:** This Federation-style residence was the home of the O'Brien Family who operated the General Merchants business next door. Constructed as a farm residence it was moved to Market Street on a log lorry (c. 1917) where it became one of the first homes in the newly formed township.
- **3. Lockington Railway:** The Lockington Railway Station occupied this site from 1915, and was known as the Bamawm Railway Station a stopping point on the Elmore-Cohuna Railway Line. The station was renamed in 1921, when the township was gazetted as Lockington. The line closed in 1981.
- **4. Lockington Consolidated School:** This school was constructed in the early 1950s when improvements to roads and availability of buses enabled children from farming properties to access a central school that catered for both primary and secondary students until the early 1970s.
- **5. Masonic Temple:** This building was constructed in 1923/24, and opened on 9th July 1924. It was one of the earliest substantial buildings in Lockington, and has a long history associated with the people of the district.
- **6. St Mary's Anglican Church:** was built by Mr W A Hill, in 1930 and officially opened on 7th December. In 1938, St Mary's joined the Parish of Milloo. A rectory was built at Lockington in 1965, and the exterior of the church building was later renewed in cream brick.
- **7. Dockery's Cottage B&B:** Operated at the rear of this simply-styled weatherboard cottage from 1920s to 1970s. The Cottage Garden was established in the mid-1990s.
- **8. Heritage Strip:** This portion of Hopetoun Street was the business hub of Lockington during the 1920s.
- **9. St Canice's Catholic Church:** was designed by Mr Leo Donegan of Bendigo and built by volunteers. The foundation stone was laid in July 1957 with the Church opening in 1958. The Church was built as a memorial to Rev Fr. Terence McGoldrick, OSA who died in 1956.
- **10. Schroen Irrigation Improvements:** The building was built in 1928 as a Bank of New South Wales branch. The bank had a long and proud association with the town until it closed in 1993.



## Map of Campaspe Region

## **Lockington Area Information**

Situated approximately 29 kms north west of Rochester, and was named after "Father Lockington" a Temperance Priest. Three of the blocks on which Lockington is built were originally known as Archibalds.

Before irrigation, Lockington and district was a grazing and cropping area, and was then known as Panoo-Bamawm. The first Government subdivision sale of town allotments was held in 1921, and subsequent allotments of the Joyce and Archibald estates were sold in 1923.

"Locky" as it is termed by the locals is an impressive small town, beautifully landscaped and has a progressive community. It has a Business Centre, Bank, Pub, Supermarket, three Churches and a Primary School.

The local pub is well known for its traditional home cooked meals and friendly atmosphere. The Lockington Living Heritage Complex has a magnificent collection of historic memorabilia ranging from antique farming implements, vehicles and records from yesteryear.







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