

POINTS OF INTEREST

Rochester Heritage Walk

The Rochester Walk is approximately 1.5km long, starting from the Main Bridge to the Red Brick Rail Bridge.

1. Saleyards (Bull Ring)

These were established on this site in 1911 and enlarged in 1958. This site is now a skate park.

2. River Views

3. Random House

Historic Random House was built in 1868.

4. Old Water Tower

In June 1884 the Shire of Echuca commenced construction of this brick water tower. This was used until 1914 when the Rochester Water Trust built the concrete tower.

5. Main Bridge (Over Campaspe River)

6. Red Brick Bridge (Over Campaspe River)

Built in 1864 by Mephan Pherguson for the first train to Echuca to help carry riverboat freight and produce to Melbourne.

7. Rochester Shire Hall

Built around 1892 at a contract price of 3,300 pounds. Roofing difficulties resulted in an extra 1,100 pounds being added to the original cost.

8. Oppy Statue

Hubert Opperman was born in Rochester in 1904 and was world famous for his cycling exploits in France and later became an M.P. He was also High Commissioner and was knighted in 1968.

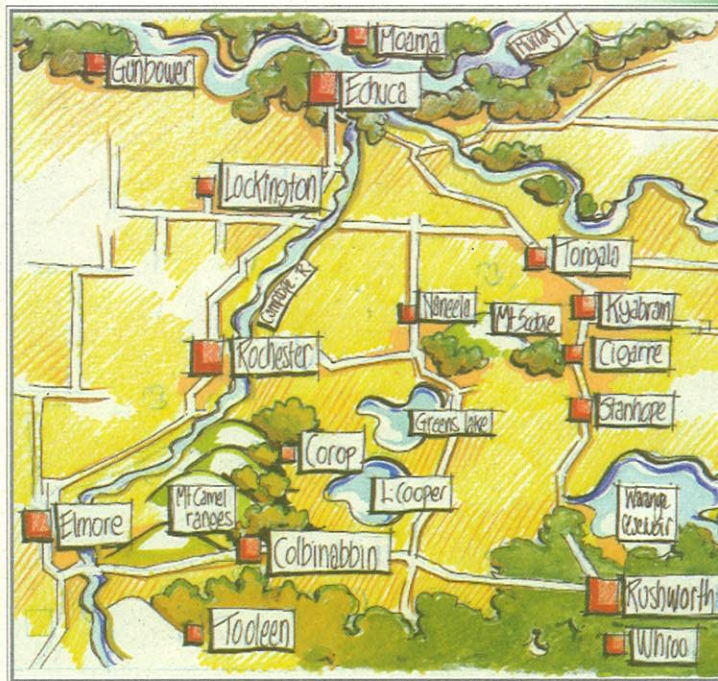
9. Oppy Museum

The Oppy Museum is presently situated in the old railway station (Circa 1864) and contains memorabilia of Sir Hubert Opperman's cycling days.

10. Rochester Outdoor Swimming Pool – Built in 1952 and is open during the summer months.

Historical Display

The common school built in 1874 still stands here today although not on the map, it is located just North of Random House in High Street.



Map of Campaspe Region

Rochester Area Information

Rochester is the principal service centre for a diverse agricultural region in the central part of the Shire. Rochester is primarily a convenience centre specialising in a range of retail, business, community / civic and recreational services.

The industrial composition of the town is made up of agriculture related and manufacturing businesses. The principal business is a dairy processing factory, with other businesses being involved in concrete production, agricultural machinery and a wide range of manufacturing including silos.

Dr John Pearson Rowe set up accommodation for the many drovers and prospectors passing through the district. In 1854, the settlement about his hotel, was known as "Rowe's Camp" which after being named "Rowecheester" in the township survey was then, in 1855, gazetted as the traditionally English "Rochester".

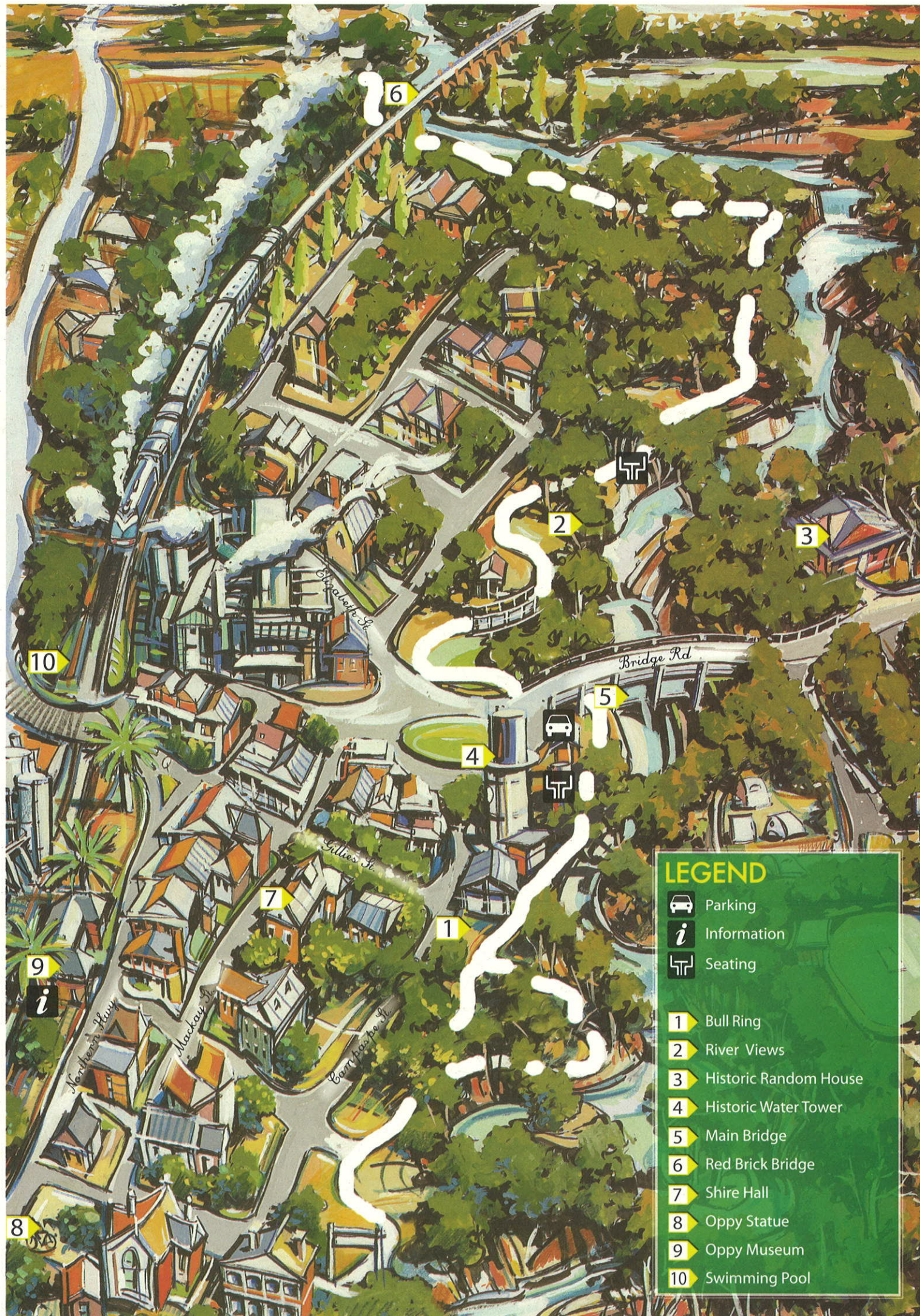


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Rochesters' Famous "S" Bend



LEGEND

-  Parking
-  Information
-  Seating

-  Bull Ring
-  River Views
-  Historic Random House
-  Historic Water Tower
-  Main Bridge
-  Red Brick Bridge
-  Shire Hall
-  Oppy Statue
-  Oppy Museum
-  Swimming Pool