11. RAVENSTHORPE
52-56 TONGARRA ROAD

This beautiful residence was built by local physician Dr Arthur Bateman in 1893. Dr Bateman was the first resident physician in Albion Park. He lived here with his wife and 11 children until his death in 1899. In 1921, his eldest daughter Mary and son-in-law John Raftery purchased the home.

12. COUNCIL CHAMBERS
127 TONGARRA RD

On 4 June 1859 Shellharbour was declared a Municipality. A stone Council Chambers was built in Addison Street in 1865. After the opening of the railway in 1887 at Albion Park Rail, Council moved its operations to this Albion Park site. The building was remodelled in 1952-1953 and a new front added. You can still see the peak of the original facade on the existing roof.

13. POST OFFICE
133 TONGARRA ROAD

Albion Park's postal service commenced in November 1861 from Robert Popple's store. This Post Office was officially opened in July 1895 with Mrs. Rosie Long as Postmistress. The Postmaster from 1913-1926 was William Harris, whose family had a lasting connection with the business for many years.
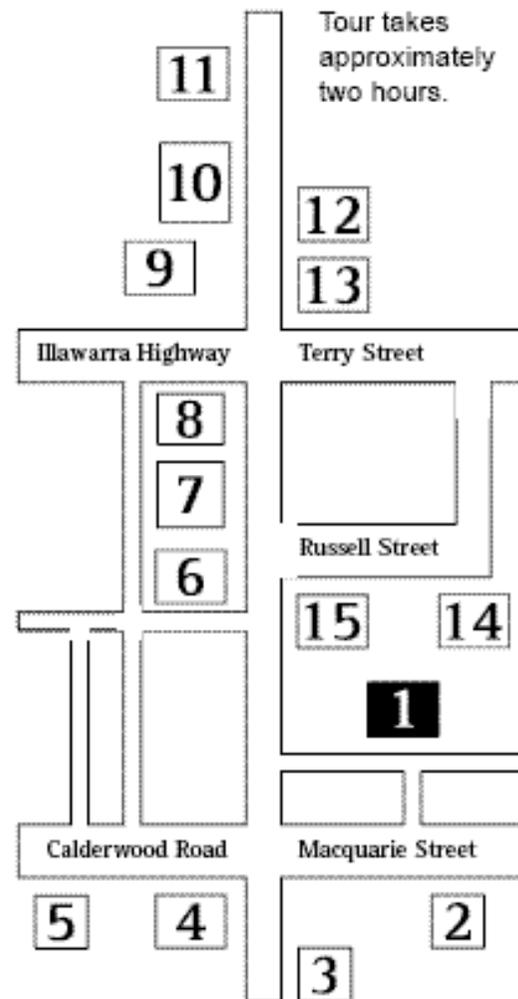
14. PIONEER CEMETERY
RUSSELL STREET

The Presbyterian Cemetery was laid out in 1876. The cemetery contains the graves of many notable pioneers, some of which predate the Civil Registry and serve as the only record of the lives of these people.

Ravensthorpe at Albion Park c.1900

This is the last stop on the Albion Park Heritage Trail. We hope you have enjoyed your walk. Please contact the museum for more information on the history of Shellharbour City.

Albion Park Heritage Trail Map

Tour takes approximately two hours.

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Illawarra Highway

Terry Street

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Russell Street

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The crossroads at Albion Park looking west, c.1890.

Albion Park Heritage Trail

Discover the rich history of Albion Park! Get to know your past with a walking tour of the township. Learn about the people and places that came before us, and paved the way for our great city. Tour takes approx two hours. Start at Tongarra Museum.

ABORIGINAL HISTORY

Dharawal was the name given to the Aboriginal people who called the Illawarra their home for thousands of years before European settlers came to the area. The 'Wodi Wodi' tribe lived in the southern areas of the Dharawal including Shellharbour. Archaeological evidence discovered at Bass Point proves Aboriginal people have lived in the area for at least 17,000 years. Many of the names of local towns are derived from the Dharawal language.

EUROPEAN HISTORY

Samuel Terry was a convict transported to Australia for the theft of 400 pairs of silk stockings. He was known for his shrewdness and when he died in 1838 he was the richest man in the colony. Terry was granted land at Albion Park which he named Terry's Meadows. Many of the earliest settlers in Albion Park came to work on Terry's estate. When his nephew John Terry Hughes inherited the estate, he renamed it Albion Park. The main benefactor of the town was Gabriel Timbs Snr. In 1875 he purchased adjoining blocks in the town and set about developing many commercial buildings.

1. TONGARRA MUSEUM
RUSSELL STREET

Tongarra Museum was established in 1988. The Museum's collection includes objects associated with the local history of Shellharbour City, including artefacts, photos, maps, books and clothing. The Museum changes its exhibition annually.

2. PRESBYTERIAN MANSE
42 MACQUARIE STREET

This late Victorian Presbyterian Manse is one of the best and least altered of the area's 19th century buildings. The Presbyterian Church sought new accommodation for its Minister in the late 1800's, and the Manse was built for this purpose in 1890. It is now a private residence.

3. ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH
253 TONGARRA ROAD

All Saints is the last remaining church in the area dating from the nineteenth century. The gothic revivalist church was built from sandstone quarried at Yellow Rock. The architect was Mr. E Blackett of Sydney, and the builder Mr. Schadel. The Reverend's wife, Mrs. Rowsell, laid the foundation stone in the north east corner of the building in 1875. Under the stone was placed a glass bottle time capsule containing a copy of the *Australian Churchman*, the *Illawarra Mercury* and an inscribed scroll.

4. ST ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN
250 TONGARRA ROAD

F. Lemm built this gothic style church in 1907 - 1908. The first Presbyterian Church in Albion Park was built of rubble stone in 1866 but was demolished due to disrepair. The new Presbyterian Church was built with half the cost being met by Albion Park pioneer John Russell. Stone from the previous church was used to build the wall in front of the existing church along the street frontage.

5. TULKEROO
23 CALDERWOOD ROAD

Tulkeroo was the managers residence for the former Albion Park Butter Factory. This quaint weatherboard home was built c1885 next door to the first butter factory in Albion Park. The factory was built in 1884 in a co-operative effort from local farmers and part of it still remains to this day next door to the homestead which is now a private residence.

6. ALBION PARK SCHOOL & RESIDENCE
CNR TAYLOR AND TONGARRA ROAD

The Government Architect's Office under William Edmund Kemp designed the Albion Park Public School. The school and residence was built c.1892 and are a fine example of the architectural beauty and skill of the era. In those days each school had one teacher who was provided accommodation on land nearby the school.

Albion Park Public School.

7. ES&A BANK
148 TONGARRA ROAD

This is the only remaining example of a late 19th century commercial building in the area and represents a major period of growth in the town. The former English, Scottish and Australian Bank ltd opened in 1884. Former bank manger Mr. Caldwell was father to world renowned World War Two fighter pilot Clive 'Killer' Caldwell, who rode his tricycle on the footpath outside the bank as a small child.

8. LR MOOD PARK
CNR ILLAWARRA HIGHWAY AND TONGARRA ROAD

Named after Shellharbour Alderman, Mayor, and Blacksmith, Louis Robert Mood, the park contains historic plaques and a timeline relating to the local area. Mood's blacksmiths made buggies, wagons, drays, and sulkies for people all over Shellharbour. Leather seats were filled with horse hair and all metal fitments were made on site.

9. ALBION PARK SHOWGROUND
HALKET LANE

Pioneer John Russell gave land for this showground. The Albion Park Agricultural and Horticultural Association was established in 1887 and the first show opened in 1888. The Albion Park Show has been a integral part of life in the town for over 120 years.

10. ALBION PARK COURTHOUSE
94 - 96 TONGARRA ROAD

The courthouse was designed by Government Architect Walter Liberty Vernon after the people of Albion Park petitioned for land for a police station, courthouse and post office in the 1890's. The town was at peace once again from the larrikins that disturbed the quiet of the town!

Mood's Blacksmith shop at Albion Park.