



# Key

-  - Mural location
-  - Plaque location

## Plaque 1

Byethorne Park

Murals at A  
 Here there are 3 murals:  
 "Early Map of Nairne"  
 "Steam Train Scene"  
 "Country Fair"

## Plaque 2

1. Railway Station
2. Uralia
3. Shelley's Cottage  
"Railway Reminiscence"

Mural B  
 "Amos Howard"

## Plaque 3

4. Nairne Cemetery
5. First Church Site
6. Soldiers Memorial Hall
7. Old School
8. Millers Arms Hotel
9. Crooked Billet

## Plaque 4

10. The Stables
11. Pioneer Cottage
12. Stoddart's House
13. Albert Mill
14. The First Agricultural Show

The Old Gum Stump  
 This massive gum once stretched across the Main Street to the Millers Arms Hotel. Used not only as a meeting place for picnics and celebrations, prisoners were chained to its base during the change of guard.

"First Flour Mill"  
 "View of Nairne 1891"

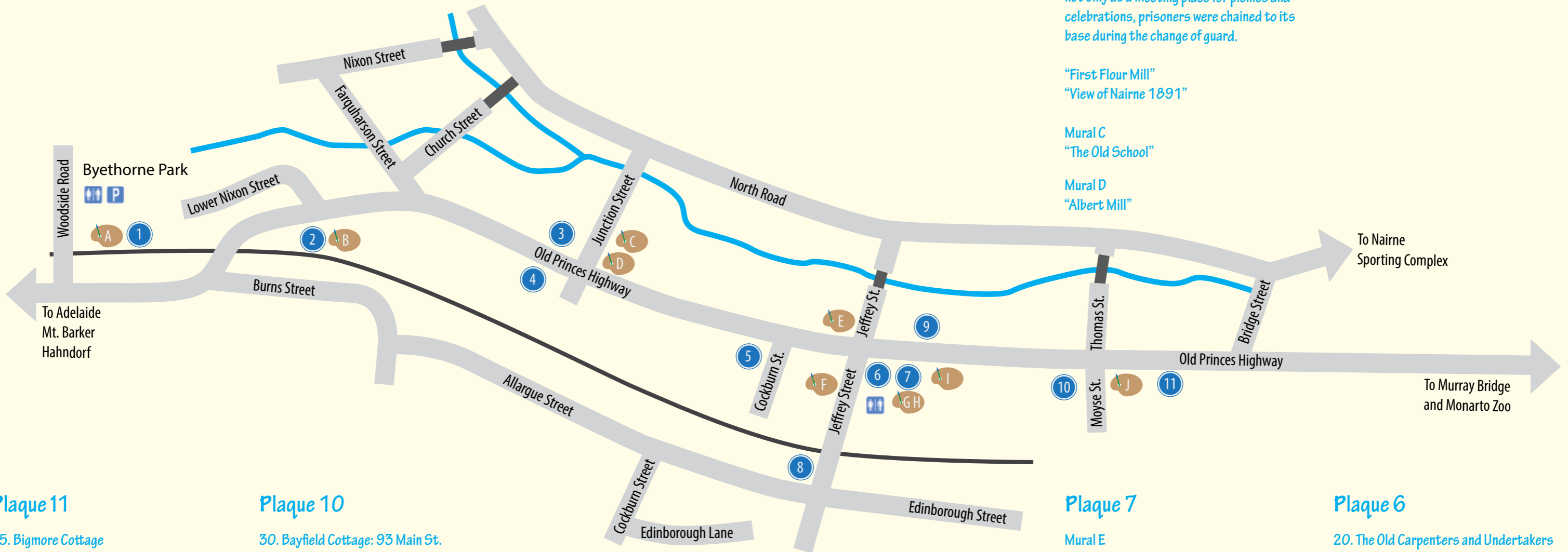
Mural C  
 "The Old School"

Mural D  
 "Albert Mill"

## Plaque 5

15. Site of the First Inn
16. Murphy's Deli
17. District Hotel
18. Elders Building
19. Nairne Institute

"Main Street Nairne 1904"



## Plaque 11

35. Bigmore Cottage
  36. Paired Cottages
  37. Chapman's Factory
- "Looking West From Chapmans"  
 (Circa 1906)
- "Chapman's Bridge, Bridge Street"  
 (Circa 1906)
- "Advertising the Chapman Produce"  
 (Circa 1880's)

## Plaque 10

30. Bayfield Cottage: 93 Main St.
  31. Cottage at 97 Main Street
  32. Timmins Cottage
  33. Tannery
  34. Timmins House
- "Origin of Geo. Chapman's Curing Business"  
 "Pleasant Short Walk"
- Mural J  
 "The Tannery"  
 Shows the hard life endured by Tannery workers.

## Plaque 9

25. Post Office
  26. Old Police Station
  27. Chapman's Cottage
  28. Maternity Hospital
  29. Dove Cottage
- "Troopers on Horseback"
- Mural I  
 "Old Police Station"

## Plaque 8

23. Uniting Church
  24. Wesleyan Church
- "Nook 'N Cranny"  
 "Nairne c 1870's" (no railway line)

## Plaque 7

- Mural E  
 "The Blacksmith at Work"
- Murals F  
 "Reverend Collins and the Bell"  
 "Melting the Bell"  
 "The Pig Run"  
 "Elizabeth Smillie Going to Church"
- Murals G  
 "Anzac Day"  
 "Country Fire Service"
- Mural H  
 "Post Office 1919"

## Plaque 6

20. The Old Carpenters and Undertakers
  21. Jackson's Butcher Shop
  22. Stables and Hayloft
- "Main Street Nairne (c 1904)"  
 "Main Street Nairne (c 1948)"



# Nairne Mural & Historic Walk

Take a stroll back through the history of one of the oldest townships in South Australia

## The Peramangk

The Peramangk nation are the Traditional Custodians of the Adelaide Hills region and is a living Culture. Womma Mukurta (the Mount Barker Summit) remains a very significant site to Aboriginal peoples.



## 1876

### New School

The first licensed school was opened in Nairne in 1851, with an enrolment of 33 students. It moved to the new school.

## 1839

### The founding of Nairne

The first peg of the survey was placed in the footpath near the Nairne Institute by Matthew Smillie. He named the village Nairne in honour of his wife's maiden name, Elizabeth Corse Nairne.

## 1841

### Toll road to Adelaide

A Toll house and gate were erected at, Glen Osmond and continued to operate until December 1847, by which time the road was at least functional.

## 1842

### First flour mill

John Dunn builds the first wind-driven flour mill in the state, in Hay Valley. Built with a tree trunk as the central support and seven uprights.

## 1844

### The Valleys

Matthew Smillie builds The Valleys using local stone, Mica Schist. It has been extensively renovated over the years by private owners.

## 1845

### The Crooked billet

Established by James Shakes it remained an Inn until 1860. This was where Sir R. Torrens gave the first country address on his proposed system of land registration, now known as a "Torrens Title".

## 1870

### Timmins' House

Built by Henry Timmins in a style reminiscent of his native Cornwall. Initially it was used as a leather shop and later as a butchers.

## 1857

### The Old Mill

Built by Thomas Stoddart, called the Albert Mill and mortgaged for 1000 pounds to Henry Ayres. Sold to John Dunn in 1864 and operated as a mill until 1906.

## 1851

### District Hotel

Built by Andrew Trewartha and kept by Mrs Stoddart. The original policeman's quarters and jail are in the basement.

## 1880

### Soldiers Memorial Hall

Originally the Oddfellow's lodge, it was built at a cost of 920 pounds. In 1921 it was purchased by the town as a public meeting place.

## 1883

### Railway station

Nairne railway station opened in 1883, reducing travelling time to Adelaide to just 2 hours (formerly a 15 hour horse-team journey).

## 1889

### Amos Howard

With the decline of wheat, and the mills idle, it was indeed fortunate that in 1889 he discovered subtterranean clover in the Bald Hills Valley.

## 1899

### ChapmansFactory

In 1926 there were 19 employees. At its peak it employed almost 400. The factory finally closed in 2002.

## 1904

### The Institute

Built at a cost of 450 pounds, it has been used at various times as a library, polling booth, bank agency, and for civic and social gatherings.

## 1939

### Centenary celebrations

Held under The Old Gum Tree that once provided shade for many meetings and marked a watering point for horse.

The proposed township is situated in a beautiful valley, well-sheltered from the prevailing winds, including both sides of the creek, in which there is at all seasons abundance of fine water.

The adjoining hills afford extensive views of Mount Barker and the country around. As the climate is salubrious, and the elevation from the plains considerable, it is a most desirable spot for summer residences, particularly for persons requiring change of air.

The soil is deep, dark loam, thickly covered with a rich sward of grass, and the neighbourhood abounds with good building freestone & limestone.

From an advertisement in The Register (predecessor of today's Advertiser) of 23rd November 1839.

Nairne was transformed in the early 1880s by the railway, Chapmans factory, the tannery, sawmills, mining and a smelting works.

Bypassed by the freeway, it has retained its stone village charm.

For more of the fascinating history of Nairne visit

[www.nairne.org.au](http://www.nairne.org.au)



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"THE HALL"  
THE CHAPMAN'S FACTORY

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