

1 School and Stableyards

In 1888, a portable building was established on this site to accommodate the primary school. By 1912, the school relocated across the road. In 1914, a stable, buggy shed, and feed shed were constructed here for the students attending the new school. Additionally, this location has served as a Shire Yard and was once considered for a retirement village.



2 Methodist/ Uniting Church

Est. 1961 in dedication to the pioneers when the church moved site from their premises in Patrick St. The church has since closed and is now a private residence.



4 Old Post Office

Established in 1925, a building was relocated from Brannigan’s Farm. Unfortunately, it was destroyed by fire in 1963, leading to the construction of a new brick structure in its place, which also served as the police station every Wednesday. Sadly, it permanently closed its doors in 2022.



5 Farrall’s General Store

Farrall’s general store was established in the late 1880’s. It was licenced to sell tobacco and wine, had a barbershop, an undertakers, a chemists dispensary and even a billiards saloon. The Post Office operated from this building until 1925.



6 ANZ Bank

The ANZ bank was established after the close of the Bank of Australasia. It operated until the mid 1990’s. The building has since housed a plumbers and is currently a private residence.



7 Blacksmiths, Service Station and Confectionary Shop

Currently vacant land. Previously home to Patterson’s blacksmith shop, JT Ryan Service Station, Betty Ryan’s confectionery and grocery shop and Roy Willis Garage.



8 General Store

Also referred to as the paper shop, the General Store closed its doors in 2024. Established in the early 1900s, this significant family business has undergone several changes in ownership throughout its history.



9 Group of 3 Shops

This group of three shops has had a rich history. It has housed Betty Ryan’s dress shop, a creamery, a tea shop, numerous bakeries, butchers, a boxing studio and even a home brewery store.



10 Bakery / Rust Motors

Originally a huge metal shed housing the original Rust Motors. It was then a Service Station and Tiger Payne’s machinery making business. The current bakery was built on this site in 1995. This photo showing the shed in the top right corner was taken during the 1917 floods.

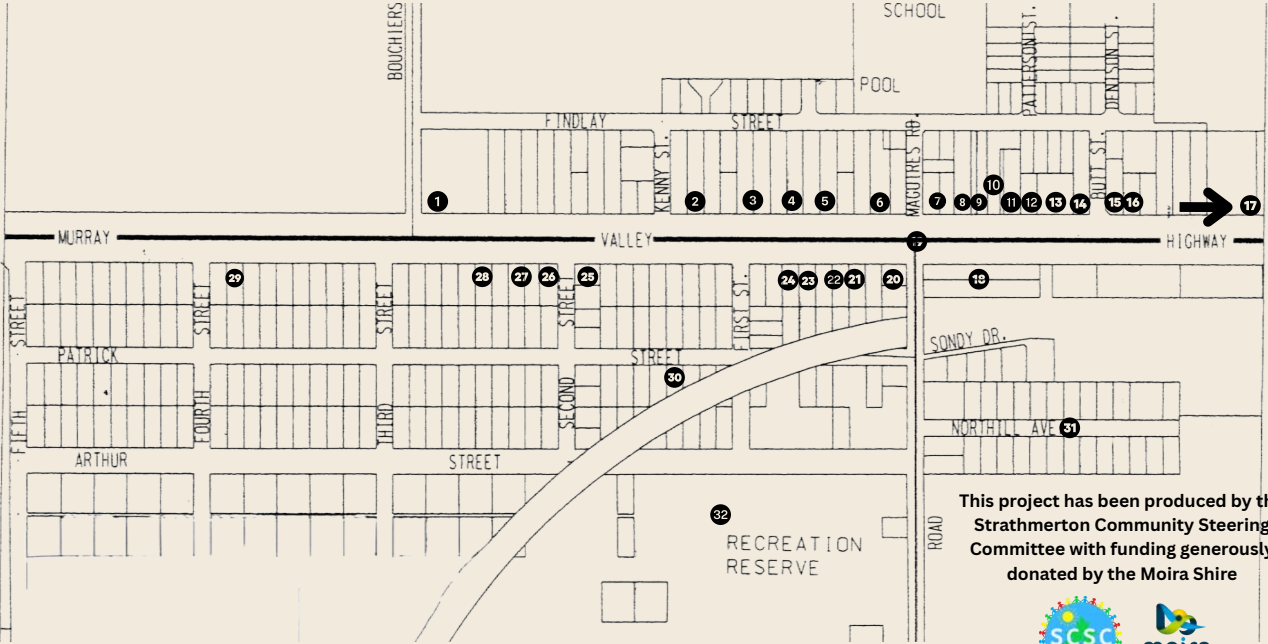


11 Railway Hotel

The Railway Hotel was established in 1887 by Elizabeth Gibson after transferring a licence from Wunghnu’s Star Hotel. The hotel underwent major renovations in 2007. This photo was taken during the floods in 1917.

Strathmerton Township Historical Buildings

What is visible today can hide the historic past. Explore this map to discover the buildings that have changed, moved or disappeared in the Strathmerton township.



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12 General Merchant Store / Op Shop

This was the site of the original Brown and Corke building opened in 1887. Other owners have been Fox, Rickards, Howe, Trewin and Dobbo’s Mart.



13 Rust Motors second site and Golden Fleece Servo

Currently this site hosts an electrical business, but was previously another home to Rust motors and the Golden Fleece service station.



14 Pre School

The Pre School first opened in the Methodist Church Sunday School Hall in 1967, and the current building was built and opened in 1971.



15 Bank of Australasia

Although the Bank of Australasia is no longer present, it played a significant role in the town’s history since its establishment in the 1890s. Today, a private residence occupies the site where this important building once stood.



16 Police Station and Lock up

Currently vacant land, this site once housed the local constabulary, a police stableyard and lock ups.



17 Kraft / Bega Milk Factory

The factory took its first milk delivery in 1950 and had an expansive upgrade in 1995. It has since changed hands to Bega and is an important employer in our region.



18 Lions Park former Railway Station and Grain Storage Shed

The Lion’s Park where you are currently standing was once the busy Strathmerton railway station. Complete with grain storage and yards for cattle it was a busy area, with a dam for watering stock



19 War Memorial

Currently located at the Hall, the War Memorial was once located in the centre of the main intersection. It was moved shortly after the incident shown in this photo.



20 Strich and Rich and Naismith’s Store

(no image available) During the 1950’s this site was Naismith’s General Store. Prior to that it was a merchant shop owned by Strich and Rich. A list of business owners from 1884 list Strich as a storekeeper. In 2025 it hosts a hairdressing studio.

21 Public Hall

The original public hall was a wooden building built in 1887. The current hall was built in 1963 and at the time cost 25,000 pounds to build.



22 Mrs Dyden’s Dress Shop & Peppercorn Cottage

A host of business have operated out of this building, including dress shops run by Mrs Dryden and also Pat and Joan Evans, an upholsterer, and a hairdressers.



23 Butchers

(no image available) This building, founded by Adrian Doyle as a butcher shop, has an unknown original establishment date. Although it currently serves as a private residence, the bricked-up window serves as a reminder of its past as a butcher shop.



24 Ruby Rose

Perhaps one of the oldest buildings in Strathmerton, this has housed Tuck’s butchers, Jimmy McLennan’s butchery, Chadwick’s Pharmacy and even an antique store.



25 Old Tennis Club / Motel

This location is now known as the Gazebo Motel, but it was previously the Strathmerton Tennis Club, which was founded before 1914. In 1917, tennis activities relocated to the newly established public courts in Bearii.



26 School House

The schoolhouse was constructed around 1912 to accommodate the teachers at Strathmerton School No. 2970. As illustrated in the photo, it also experienced flooding in 1917.



27 Strathmerton Primary School - third site

The Strathmerton Primary School established itself at this location in 1912. By 1953, the school operated at both this site and the current site on Findlay St. In 1954, the school fully transitioned away from this location to where the present Primary School operates.



28 St Aidan’s Anglican Church

St Aidan’s was built on this site in 1901 with the first service held on 1st December 1901. An offer to build the church from Mr Gus Farrall was accepted by the vestry. The church has since closed its doors but the church is still maintained by descendants of Mr Farrall.

29 Beer Trucks

This business ran for over 60 years by Albert “IAN” Beer, carting many things including sand and fruit to market. The family business is no longer running but the last 2 Dodges and vintage loaders remain in the family.



30 Wesleyan / Uniting Church and Guide Hall

The Wesleyan Church opened on this site in Patrick St 6th April 1890. By 1961 the Church had changed to the Methodist Church and in this year moved to a newly built Church in the main street.



31 First Primary School in Strathmerton

(no image available) In 1886 a school was opened in a single room in Mrs Ruttle’s house in Northhill Avenue. In 1887 a portable building was supplied by the education department. In 1888 the building was moved to a second site at the corner of the Murray Valley Hwy and Bouchiers Road.

32 Strathmerton Recreation Reserve

(no image available) Circa 1892 seven pioneers, Albert Ruttle, William Smith, Patrick Goram, Murdoch Collie, Leonard Reynoldson, George Reynoldson and James Sullivan got together and purchased this land for recreation purposes for the town. A committee of residents was formed to hold different sporting functions. The current recreation reserve is a testament to the far sightedness of these seven pioneers.



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