

18 The Stone Cottage

The Stone Cottage was built by Johann Georg Schaefer between 1879 – 1889. The stone blocks were quarried from the site and being protected by the buildings verandahs have retained their original colour.

The Stone Cottage now forms part of the Maclean Museum complex on the corner of Wharf & Grafton Streets.

The Museum is open Friday 10am-4pm, Wednesday & Saturday 1-4pm (other times by appointment). Drop in and explore Maclean's historical past.

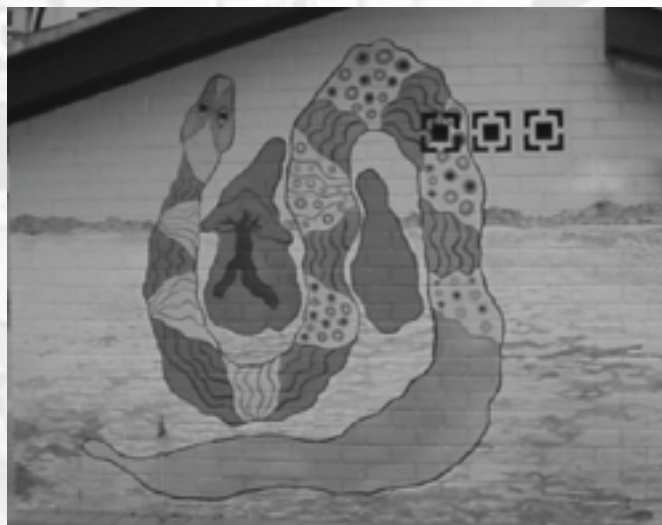


19 Maclean Mural

The Maclean community expressed an interest in exploring ways to reconnect the town with its river heritage using an artwork in the town centre. The mural is an outcome of many months work by a community committee and a local artist.

The mural design incorporates a series of five images presented in sepia postcard format. Images include:

- The SS Clarence demonstrating the significance of the river to Maclean as a transport system. The SS Clarence was launched up stream in November 1908 at Cowper. This river steamer was made of local timbers and used local construction techniques. It carried both passengers and freight up and down the river for many years.
- A recreation scene of a man fishing from a wharf, enjoying the serenity and beauty of the river.



- A small group of men using a cart on railway lines depicts how goods were transported from the riverboats and ships into Maclean township around the 1890's.
- A feature of the mural is an illustration of the Clarence River creation Dreaming Story. The illustration includes references to Ulgundahi Island, Corolamo Island and the Figtree as significant cultural symbols. This design was developed by Aboriginal students and staff at Maclean High School.
- A series of cane barges and a tug (The Beardmore) portray how the river was used to support the local sugar cane industry. In the early days sugar cane was harvested by hand, loaded on to carts and taken to the nearest derrick where it was loaded onto barges and taken under tow by a tug to the historic Harwood Sugar Mill for milling. The mill at Harwood has been crushing sugar since 1874.

We hope you enjoy your stay and visit us again soon.

CAFES & RESTAURANTS

Café Boulevard

On the River, family dining/takeaway. Our specialities include pizza, pasta and Lavazza Coffee. Open 9am to 9pm Monday-Sunday. Phone: 6645 1019

Cornflower Cottage Furniture & Homeware

Tantalise your senses with the aroma of freshly ground coffee and the taste of delicious homemade fair. Open Monday-Saturday for breakfast and lunch.

Skye's Coffee Lounge and Restaurant

243 River Street, Maclean. Good food. Hot coffee. Opposite big blue hardware shop.

On The Bite

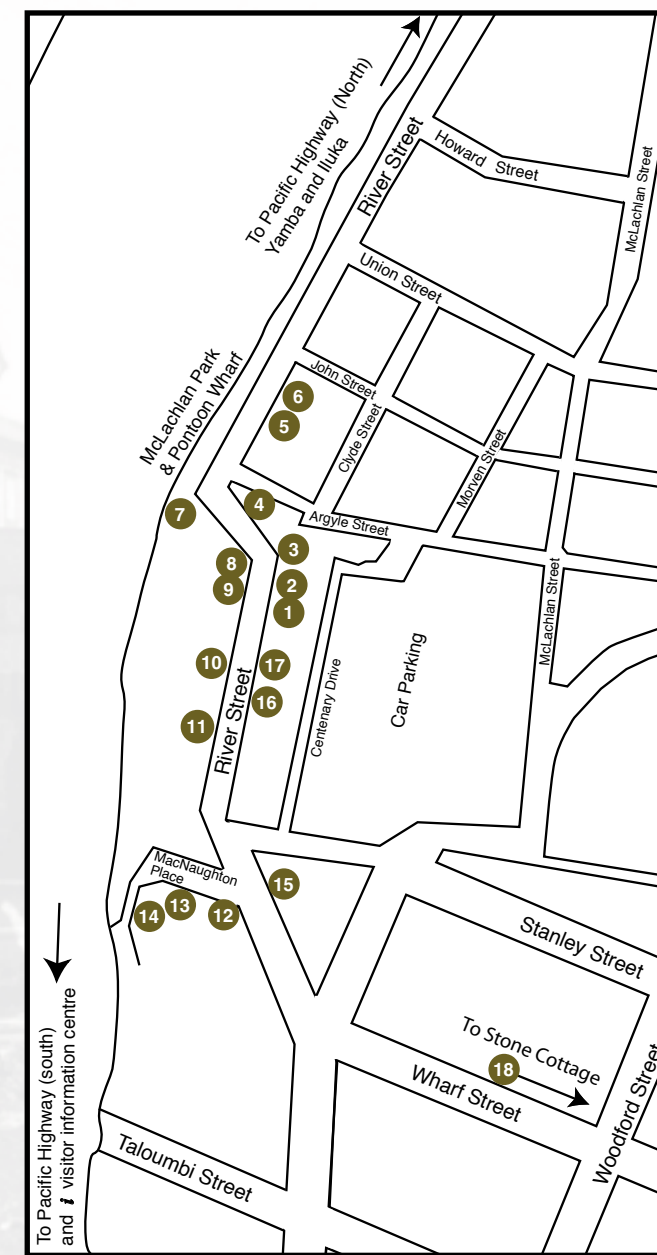
Tasty, eclectic, healthy, naughty, quick, rustic, Asian, fresh, satisfying and cooked with heart and soul. Phone 6645 4488.

B & B ACCOMMODATION

Historic Gables Bed & Breakfast is a magnificent heritage home overlooking the Clarence River offering quality, affordable accommodation and also catering for weddings and special occasions. www.gables.net.au Phone: 02 6645 2452

Maclean School House B&B

Built in 1876, Maclean's historical heritage-listed schoolhouse has been beautifully restored and is ideal accommodation for business professionals and travellers alike. 78 River Street, Maclean. Phone: 02 6645 1201 Email: myra@macleanschoolhouse.com www.macleanschoolhouse.com



FINDING MACLEAN IS EASY

Take the Maclean turn off from the Pacific Highway (just south of the Harwood Bridge).

Maclean is only 17km from Yamba and about 25km from neighbouring Iluka.

NEED MORE INFORMATION ABOUT MACLEAN

Contact the Visitor Information Centre, Pacific Highway, Maclean. Phone: 02 6645 4121 or visit the Clarence River Tourism web site www.clarencetourism.com



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MACLEAN HERITAGE TRAIL



Maclean

WELCOME TO MACLEAN

We welcome you to Maclean, NSW part of the spectacular Clarence Coast.

One of the most frequently asked questions by visitors to the area is about the origin of the town's name. So here's our story.

Maclean was named after the surveyor-general of New South Wales Alexander Grant MacLean. He visited the Clarence in 1862 with the Grafton Commissioner for Lands, Mr W.A.B. Greaves who was then ordered to layout the towns of Maclean and neighbouring Iluka on areas previously reserved as town sites.

In June 1862 Greaves named the town 'Maclean' (after his supervisor).

The town had been known as Rocky Mouth and was generally still called this until 1885 when the post office changed the name to Maclean. However, it was locally referred to as Rocky Mouth for long after this time.

Maclean has functioned as a service centre for surrounding towns, villages and rural areas for as long as anyone can remember. Many of the town's original commercial and civic buildings remain intact, their character and old world charm now admired by thousands of visitors each year.

The Clarence River has a special place in the town's development. In the early days all supplies in and out of the district were transported by water. The ships and riverboats docked at the various wharves scattered along the riverbank near where McLachlan Park is today. Back then the river was the life-blood of the township and it remains an important part of life for local residents today.

The Clarence is one of Australia's great waterways with a total length of 380 kilometres. You can enjoy views of the river from the town centre, in particular from the viewing area in McLachlan Park.

ABOUT THE HERITAGE TRAIL

The Heritage Trail offers you a snapshot of the history and heritage of our town, some of its characters and fabulous architecture. The Trail is contained within the compact town centre area. So park your car (Maclean offers on street and off street parking) and wander through this historic river town at your own pace. While you're here why not stop off at a café and soak up the atmosphere, or perhaps indulge yourself and stay at a historic B&B?

In the shop fronts of participating businesses you will find the heritage trail display panels. The panels will tell you a short story about that particular building or business. The panels are easy to find and read. Businesses hosting the display panels are marked on the adjacent map with a number, the same number appears on the corresponding display panel.

Enjoy your walking tour of historic Maclean.

The walk starts in the centre of town, through the Palace Arcade and turn right.

1 On the Bite

The building on this site was commissioned in 1932 by the local chemist, Mr Norm Kibble. After 56 years in the business the Kibbles retired. Mr Kibble was one of the longest serving businessmen in Maclean. On their retirement they remembered the town with great nostalgia, particularly the pre-war days when on Friday nights the streets were filled with the sound of the local pipe band matched by the town's own brass band. Close your eyes and it's not hard to imagine what that would have been like.

2 Mackelly's

Mackelly's has operated continuously as a drapery and clothing store in Maclean since 1925 but was originally located further up the street next to Blairs.

3 Professionals Real Estate

This is the site of one of the town's original bakeries – the 'Rocky Mouth Bakery'. This building was reported in the Clarence & Richmond Examiner in January 1910 as being a "splendid acquisition to the business portion of the town".



4 Woolitji House

This building is an excellent example of late Victorian construction and detailing. Built in 1882 at a cost of 1,930 pounds, 18 shillings and 9 pence.

Woolitji House is a significant landmark. It is owned by the Woolitji Co-operative and will be developed for Aboriginal community enterprises. The name 'Woolitji' is a Yaegl word meaning "cut cedar".



5 To Di For on the River

This building was originally occupied by Mrs Munro, she operated a 'Coffee Palace' (then a fashionable term for boarding house) at this location. Being located adjacent to the wharves servicing riverboat traffic it was one of the busiest parts of town.

6 Hamilton Simmons

This building was constructed in 1906. Maclean's first lady chemist, Miss Lynda Clark opened a business on this site in November 1924.

Cross River Street and walk through McLachlan Park

7 Five Star Supermarket

This waterfront location has been the site of a Grocery Store as early as 1883 when it was opened by John McLachlan. It is considered to be the longest continually running Grocery Store in Australia.

In 1898 then owner E. Bishop introduced the first cash register to the town creating much excitement and interest.

8 Spirit of Bali/ Highlights Hairdresser

This was home to a long standing garage and cycle shop operated by Ernie Collins. Mr Collins ran the business from 1922 for 50 years. In 1926 the town's first petrol bowser was installed on the kerbside in front of this shop.



9 Cornflower Cottage

Originally the site of a hardware and furniture business built by Dugald Macdonald in 1889. This remained a Macdonald family business until the death of Dugald's only child Lachlan in 1942.



10 Strand Gallery

This is the original site of the stables that were attached to the adjacent Maclean Hotel. Set in the wall of the Strand Arcade is an original brick from the foundations of the Stables dated approximately 1910.

11 Conroy & Stewart

The back section of the building was constructed in 1878 by Alexander Cameron for the Australian Joint Stock Banking Co and is one of the oldest structures still in existence. In 1893 additions were made so that the building faced River Street. A legal practice has operated from this site since 1944.

Turn right into MacNaughton Place from River Street.

12 Maclean Post Office

The first post office in Maclean opened in 1862. It moved in 1875 before this purpose built structure opened for business in 1893.

The post office is one of three civic buildings including the Police Station and the Court House all constructed in the late 1890's. This significant group of buildings reflects the importance of government in the early settlement of the town.



13 Maclean Police Station

The Police Station was built in 1895-96. Fronting MacNaughton Place the building uses similar material to the Post Office with the detail defined in contrasting brickwork.

The main window displays the same half round arch style and it has a bulls eye vent above picked out in brick surrounded by a rough cast gable.

In 1914 the building was described as having two bedrooms, parlour, kitchen, dining room, charge room, three cells, a covered prisoners yard and a barrack room.



14 Maclean Court House

This is one of the last court houses designed by the colonial architect, James Barnet who passed away in 1890.

The structure was completed in 1893 for the sum of 2,581 pounds. Interestingly no opening ceremony was ever performed.

The building is a magnificent example of late Victorian architecture. The interior includes the lavish use of cedar, a vaulted ceiling and teak flooring. The impressive façade features the coat of arms. Note VR (Victoria Regina) in the cast iron work on the verandahs.

Some of the original cedar furniture is on display at the Bicentennial Museum & Stone Cottage (Cnr Wharf & Grafton Streets, Maclean).

Walk back to the Post Office and cross River Street.

15 Scottish Rifles

In 1909 the building known as the Harwood Hall was relocated to this site for use as a Drill Hall by the local Scottish Rifles (now the Salvation Army Hall).

A Company of the Scottish Rifles formed in Maclean at the end of the 1800's and was disbanded in 1911.

Today Maclean's Scottish heritage is proudly displayed on more than 100 brightly coloured tartan poles throughout the town. For more information about Maclean's Scottish connection drop into the Scottish Shop (opposite McLachlan Park) in River Street.



16 Birdscage Boutique

Originally established as a jewellers store in the 1920's. The shop has had many uses including dress-making, auctioneers office, and Cook's grocery store. This timber structure is typical of the retail buildings established in that era.

17 Maclean Newsagency

Constructed in 1912 and opened for business as a newsagency, fancy goods and stationery store. The use of this building as a newsagency has remained unchanged since that time.

One wall of the original structure was adjacent to a lane-way that once led from the main street through where the Palace Arcade is today.