

# Wall Mosaics

- **The Clear** - This mosaic depicts the clean upper reaches of the local rivers of the Barrington Tops and the excellent trout fishing these rivers provide.
- **Dairy** - The first non-indigenous settlers took advantage of Gloucester's green valleys bringing dairy farming to the region. Technology and economic efficiency has changed dairy farming from many small farms to a few large producers.
- **Steam** - The steam train records the importance of transport for the district, from the earliest bullock teams and stage coaches from the past to the XPT of today.
- **Goldmining** - In the early days there was gold in the hills around Copeland and you can still find specks in the rivers if you're lucky.
- **Captain Thunderbolt** - The infamous bushranger that rode this country, legend says he was a gentleman bushranger who never killed a man and was respectful to women.
- **Timber** - The timber industry has been a vital part of life in Gloucester from the earliest settlement to recent years.



# Alfresco Games

Play Snakes & Ladders and Chess under the trees. Just down from the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) you'll find mosaic tables with the board games of chess and snakes. Playing pieces can be collected from the VIC at no cost, all you need to do is leave a small security deposit to ensure the pieces are returned.

**OPEN** | Mon to Fri - 9am to 4.30pm | Sat & Sun - 9am to 3pm | 27 Denison Street

# Gloucester

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# Mosaic Walk

The history of Gloucester told through a series of mosaic murals.



Gloucester Mosaic walk depicts the story of Gloucester from the earliest days to present time. Take yourself on a journey back in time and learn about Gloucester through the mosaics. The Walk begins outside the Visitor Information Centre. The mosaic tables in the meeting place were created by local school children.

Across the street you will find six wall mosaics depicting different industries and historical events. The pavement mosaics begin just down from here on the corner of Church and Denison Street outside The Newsagent.

### To follow the Mosaic Walk

- Walk north toward the roundabout.
- Cross to the other side of the road and walk south along Church until you reach Hume Street.
- Cross the road and head back to the meeting place near the Visitor Information Centre

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# Footpath Mosaics

- **The Butter Factory** - Gloucester was once a prize winning butter producing area. The closure of the butter factory is part of the reason we have mosaics in the footpath. A federal government grant was given to Gloucester for the retaining of the butter factory workers who were made redundant by the closure in 2001. They became known as the 'Orange Men' (due to their orange safety vest) as they learned new skills commencing with the concreting of the pavements of Church Street. Where they left squares in the pavement in readiness for the mosaics.
- **Cattle breed - Friesian**
- **Waterfalls** - Clear sparkling waterfalls tumble in to many beautiful swimming holes in the Barrington Tops National Park attracting many tourists to our region. With tourism now playing a vital role in the Gloucester economy.
- **Diphtheria Epidemic 1910** - At 90 years of age Dorrie Ridgeway remembered the Gloucester diphtheria epidemic. As a young girl Dorrie helped nurse the patients who were quarantined at District Park at a makeshift kiosk. Bread, milk and other provisions were brought to the fence and the nurse and Dorrie were isolated with the patients. Dorrie's sister was a patient and instructed her in the art of cooking for the patients, she also remembered the bath in the tent at the park.
- **Cow Pat**
- **Robert Dawson** - Robert was the Australian Agricultural Company's chief agent. In 1826 a land grant made to the Australian Agricultural Company(AAco) and covered the area between the northern shore of Port Stephens, Stroud, Gloucester and Taree



- **Milk can**
- **Gloucester Shire Council Logo** - 2003 Centenary
- **1929 Floods** - Kimbarra Lodge residents remember the amusement of the haystack floating down Church Street with its load of cackling hens on top.
- **Cattle breed - Highland**
- **Horse drawn coach** - Church Street Gloucester 1930, a horse-drawn coach and ladies dressed in their best on a visit to town.
- **Riding to school on horseback** - Going to school in 1939 kids would ride double on their horses and ride four miles to school with other kids having to walk the distance.
- **Cattle Skull**
- **Silos** - These silos were once an old Gloucester landmark, they were demolished in 2000.
- **Bullocks** - A team of bullocks pulls a load of logs to the timber mill.
- **Cattle at saleyard**
- **Ring tailed possum** - Peering out between the tree ferns and Antarctic Beech leaves remind us of the importance of the ancient mossy Antarctic Beech Forests (Nothofagus Southern Beech) part of the Gondwana rainforest.
- **Calf feeding**
- **The train comes to town** - The first train arrived in Gloucester in 1913
- **Working dog**
- **St Clements Anglican Church** - Was the first church built in the Gloucester district.
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- **The Clock Tower**  
Located in Gloucester Memorial Park the clock tower was built as a tribute to the Diggers involved in World War I

- and honours all who died serving in later wars.
- **Goldmining** - Copeland was once a thriving metropolis of 1500 goldminers. If you've got the time take the Mountain Maid Goldmine Tour.
- **Ploughing** - Working the fields in the early days was hard work - ploughing with horses.
- **Cattle breed - Brahmin**
- **Goanna in the sun** - Recognizing the traditional Aboriginal owners of the Barrington Tops; the Worimi, Biripi and Wonnarua people.
- **Broad Toothed Rat** - This endangered rat is the only surviving species of the Mastacomys genus. A small isolated population lives in the sub-alpine swamps of Barrington Tops.
- **Cattle breed - Hereford**
- **Milk cart** - Dairy farms were a vital industry for Gloucester, the women remember the hard work milking by hand and churning the butter.
- **The Royal Hotel** - Was located in Park Street and survived the big flood of 1929 only to be burnt to the ground a few years later.
- **Cattle breed - Galloway**
- **Captain Thunderbolt** - Fred Ward was the bushranger known as Captain Thunderbolt.
- **Cattle breed - Black Angus**
- **Wood Cutters** - Lumberjacks standing on boards after they felled the massive trees.
- **Cattle breed - Murray Grey**

