

THE MARY BOULTON PIONEER COTTAGE AND MUSEUM

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MISSION STATEMENT

To preserve and promote the history and heritage of Macksville and district.

OPEN

2.00 pm- 4.00 pm Wednesdays &
Saturdays,
other days or special occasions by prior
arrangement.

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This complex provides a fascinating insight into the life and times of the pioneers of Nambucca District, Mid North coast, New South Wales, Australia.

Set in an award winning cottage garden, the replica Pioneer Cottage, furnished with period pieces, makes it easy for a visitor to imagine how they would have lived 100 years ago. See the machinery and implements so important to the farmer and timber cutter; the horse drawn vehicles that travelled our early roads, imagine sleeping in the 'bark hut' or spending time in the Police Cell, and discover those bits and pieces that Grandma (or Great Grandma) used.

Local and Family History publications are available to purchase and a postcard depicting heritage scenes or occasions will be a memento of your visit.

A Nambucca Valley Pioneer Wall is being developed and plaques can be purchased.

A Research Officer can assist with your locality or family history project and arrangements can be made for the purchase of copies of photographs from our collection.

Social and School Group visits are encouraged and the grounds are a popular venue for wedding ceremonies and special occasions.

ADMISSION FEES:

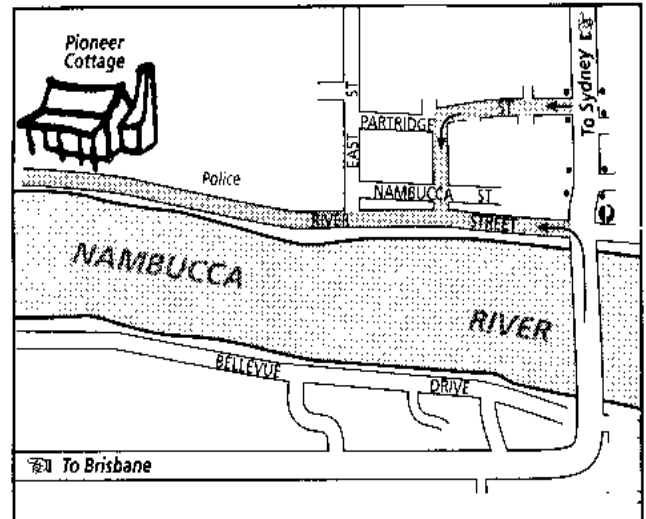
Adults	\$4
Seniors	\$3
Children	\$1
Social group	\$3 p/p (leader or bus driver FOC)
School visits	\$1 p/p (supervisor/s FOC)

DIRECTIONS TO COTTAGE:

Macksville is located on the Mid North Coast, New South Wales, Australia—approximately one hour south of Coffs Harbour and one hour north of Port Macquarie.

If you are travelling south along the Pacific Highway, cross the Macksville Traffic Bridge and immediately turn left into River Street. Gumma road is a continuation of River Street. The Museum is located two kilometres on the right.

If travelling north, turn right at either the Boundary Street or Partridge Street traffic lights; turn left at East Street and right at River Street. The Museum is located two kilometres on the right.



The late Miss Mary Boulton lived and worked in this district all her life. Her parents were Austin and Mirah Boulton. Her grandfather, Thomas Boulton of Gumma, had the first hotel near where the present Pioneer Cottage is situated.

Mary decided to develop the Cottage after seeing a similar concept in America. Opened in 1970, the Cottage was built from century old recycled timber slabs. Over the years a wonderful collection has been accumulated, and it is a credit to Mary's many capabilities.

In 1999 Mary very generously donated the whole complex to the Nambucca Shire Council for the people of the district.

Mary died in May 2003.

The replica pioneer cottage is of wood construction with a wooden shake roof (similar to shingles). It is furnished throughout with period furniture and articles used by our early pioneers. The award-winning cottage gardens within the grounds are green and pleasant and are used at times for morning teas and wedding ceremonies.





The Ellen Partridge Annexe, named for a founding member of the Macksville and District History Group, contains a huge and varied collection of artefacts. It also houses the History Group's written material on local history and families, plus an extensive photographic collection.

On an outside wall of the Annexe, the newly established Pioneer Wall holds plaques honouring our founding residents and families. An invitation is extended to anyone to place a plaque on the Wall in memory of family, resident of note or friend.

At the rear of the complex, The Shed, erected early 2008 to replace an old wooden building, shows farming equipment and machinery used in earlier years. Horse drawn ploughs, hand-held saws, a collection of early chain saws, a locally built gyrocopter are just a few of the items in the collection.



The stable (situated beside the cottage) has harness, saddles and horse drawn vehicles; the goal is claustrophobic enough to sober anyone; and the creamery (off to the right of the photo) with its buckets and tools was an essential on early dairies.

Built by the late John Ennis, the replica bark hut, surrounded by dense bush, shows the primitive conditions experienced by early timber workers and settlers in this district.



LOCAL HISTORY PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT THE MUSEUM

TITLE	COST \$
A Great Idea Which Came to Naught - proposed road to the Tablelands	5
Farewell to Punts - pening of Wilson and Congarinni Bridges	5
Nambucca heads, a Coming Sanitarium, 1910	5
Picturesque Macksville 1910 - the town, businesses and leading citizens	5
Scott of the Nmbuck - the first settlers of Scotts Head	5
Town & Country Journal - exploration of Nambucca & Bellinger Rivers in 1871	5
The Old Headland Hall - Remember those Saturday Nigh Dances?	10
Macksville Cemetery - looking behind the name on a headstone	10
Tall Tales of the Nambucca - some older residents reminisce	10
Gumma Chronicles - memories of earlier residents	15
Newee Creek - memories of Anne Unicomb	15
The Top End - stories from Burrapine and Thumb Creek	20
The Midco Book - the beginning and end of Midco	20
The Bragg Famil - the arrival in 1886 of an early settler and his family	10
Stories by Alvin Goodwin	10
Eungai & Kinki (Stuarts Point) Cemeteries	2
Who Belongs Where in the Welsh Mob - descendants of David & Eliza	15
Down Vanished years - a history of the Welsh & related pioneering families	30
Precious Memories - a photographic history of the Nambucca Valley	25
A Trail of Rocks - geology of the upper reaches of Nambucca Valley, C Gorley	10
Utungun 1914-2004	20
Our Valley - stories by Buz Brazel	20
Foods of the Nambucca Valley - typical diets, food products and recipes	20
<p>Members are compiling additional publications.</p> <p>Numerous publications and files are available for reference—contact Research officer (02 6568 1265) for details.</p>	