



# KOW PLAINS HOMESTEAD & COWANGIE

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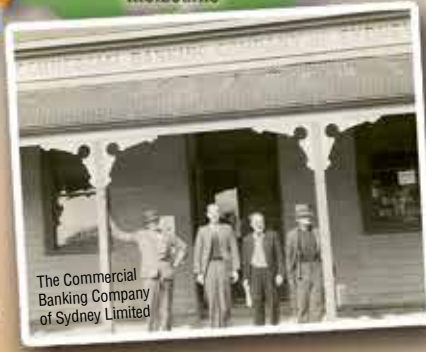
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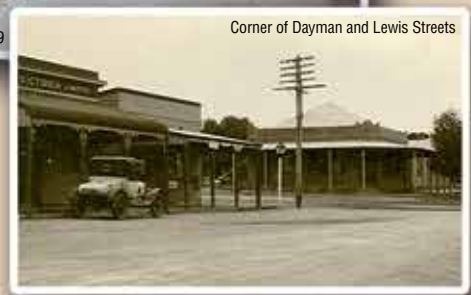
The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Limited



Cowangie Post Office 1912



Better Farming Train 1928-29



Corner of Dayman and Lewis Streets



East end of Dayman Street, Cowangie



Cowangie Railway Station 1920s



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Kow Plains Homestead 2009

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## Bakers Oven 1912-1952

The oven has been restored and a shelter has been erected over it.

## General Store

The store first operated in the tin building beside the store, which still stands today. It was said the stone building was to have been a hotel but this did not eventuate.

## The Bank Building 1918-1940

The Bank of Victoria first purchased this block in 1915. There was a resident Manager until it closed after the Second World War.

## Soldiers Memorial Hall 1924

The Hall with its interesting pressed iron ceiling and stage surrounds has always been the focal point of the town. It is still used regularly today.

## Cowangie Uniting Church 1926

This church opened as the Methodist Church, services are still held fortnightly. The stone building at the rear of the church was built for missionaries and is now used for meetings.

## Catchment Dam 1912

The Dam was sunk so the rain water could be available for the steam trains as bore water was unsuitable because of the high mineral content.



## Bush Nurse Cottage 1918-1923

The first Bush Nurse came to Cowangie in 1914 and it is believed that she had rooms at the homestead. The cottage was built for her comfort in 1918. The bush nurse attended house calls by horse and gig and treated patients at the cottage.



Step back in time and explore the restored Kow Plains Station first leased in 1859. Wander around the town of Cowangie first settled in 1911. The Homestead is on the Historic Building Register.

The township of Cowangie is a remainder and an example of the early years of settlement in a remote Mallee town, where grain growing was the main source of income. Cowangie in the early years of settlement was known as Copi (after the white powdery substance found there), Kow Plains then Kow Plains. The Lands Department finally stepped in and called the town Cowangie. The first building appeared along the main street is typical of many Mallee towns which have since vanished.



# Kow Plains Homestead



The restored Homestead of the Kow Plains Station complex first settled in 1859. The Homestead has been dated as being built in 1879, the Cookhouse 1860s and the Wells were sunk in the 1860s.

The buildings are of a drop log construction of cypress pine. The Homestead is one of the few remaining buildings of its type still standing on its original site, and an evocative remnant of settlement and life in one of the most hostile parts of the state. The Mildura Rural City Council purchased the site in 1998 and a Public Heritage Grant was received in 2001 which enabled Stage One of Registration to be completed by October 2001.

A further Public Heritage grant was received in 2002 which enabled the collapsed cookhouse to be rebuilt mainly from original materials. The sundial, privy, part of the stable and windmill were erected in 2002 and the stable was reconstructed in 2011.



Access to Kow Plains Homestead through front gate beside information box and sign. *Group tours can be arranged.*  
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