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25. KALANGADOO RAILWAY STATION

In 1887 the railway line was laid & in the next year a goods shed, including an office and trucking yard for sheep & cattle were built by the Govt. The PO was in the shed & then station in 1901-13 and the Bank SA used it as well. In 1904 the Railway Station was built.

Kerosene lamps lit the station at night. Trains were the most reliable means of travel due to the wetlands. They were steam driven and special trains ran for special occasions. Timber, sheep, cattle, wool & potatoes were railed & the 3 horses, 'Ginger', 'Lightning' & 'Rocket' helped to push the trucks. The platform was built in 1952 with the onset of broad gauge. The sheds & offices were then enlarged including a passenger waiting room. Overhead cranes (80 tonnes carrying ability) were installed & the yards upgraded.

In 1973 there were 6 trains per day – 2 passenger, 2 freight & 2 mixed. In 1976, 18 carriages brought many to see the sun eclipse as it was the best place in the world to see it at the time. Advent of road transport caused it to close in 1985.

26. 8 RAILWAY TCE

Next to the PO, offices & storerooms were built in 1921 by SJ Stuckey & Son, stock agent. It was used by E,S & A Bank, Jack Chuck's & then L Campbell's butchers. Stuckey's merged with Goldsbrough Mort & Co and became Elders GM, which closed in 1988. The store was used by the Red Cross in WW2. After the war it was converted to living quarters and privately owned.

Next was a stone shop, built in 1899 by DT Ellison who ran a general store. Later owned by A & C Land who extended it. Then by A T Mitchell who called it 'The Kalangadoo Store' in 1916 and by Grace Hewitt who called it 'The Big Store' until 1944. There were various owners until 1959 when it became Eudunda farmers Coop until late 1960's. Now it's privately owned.

The stone dwelling was built by DT Ellison in 1899. He used it as a Coffee Palace and lodgings & stables for travellers until 1912. Rooms were used by professionals at various times – doctors, dentists, opticians, Police Officers. In 1919 Grace Hewitt lived in it as she had the shop next door, until 1944. It was used as flats and is now privately owned.

27. 10 RAILWAY TCE

In 1901 a baker shop & residence was built by J Billan, who also sold meat & groceries. Since then the bakers were J Hall(1914) who sent bread daily to Penola by train, G Coutanche(1922), Sutherland(1931) who also had tearooms there, Frank Bignell (after WW2) who also sold fruit, vegetables & included a dry-cleaning department. They ceased baking in 1973 and it has had many owners. It was a fast food shop in the 80's.

28. 13 RAILWAY TCE

The land was bought for £31 by Harry Bilney for a blacksmith shop. When Fred Bilney took over, it became mechanical and became a motor garage. Fred also started the "Kalangadoo Electricity Supply" in 1938 here. There were 6 lights in the town of 200 candlepower. It burnt down twice in the 50's and was rebuilt by J Campbell in 1958. Was used as a panel beating workshop until 1988 by F Dowie. Now privately owned.

29. BIG STUMP

The giant river red gum (Eucalyptus camaldulensi) stump is estimated to be over 660yrs old. In 1955 the Council removed it due to danger of limbs dropping. Nearby are the remains of another large gum tree, 360yrs old. "Kalangadoo" means 'big trees in water', referring to the large river red gums in the wetlands in this area before it was drained.

Return to the RIDDOCH MEMORIAL INSTITUTE via Ann, Adelaide, George & Eliza Streets.

Other places to visit close by:

- Yallum Park must not be missed. This 1880 two-storey Victorian Mansion 8kms west on the Millicent Road is one of the best preserved houses of its type in Australia. Group bookings by appointment. (08) 8737 2855
- Admire the stained glass windows of the Catholic Church in Penola
- John Riddoch's original winery and cellars, now known as Wynns Coonawarra Estate
- Julian Tenison Woods tree and sculptures, Coonawarra
- Penola Local History Display in the John Riddoch Centre
- Nangwarry Forestry & Logging Museum
- Millicent Living History Museum



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1. RIDDOCH MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

Opened in 1921 with the best jarrah dance floor outside of Adelaide and 'modern' Gloria pressure-type lights. Commemorating George Riddoch, benefactor of Kalangadoo, died 1919. The land was used by the Community since 1899 for meetings of various groups, performances, as a library, Kindy, Mother's & Babies Clinic, for billiards, dances, films & roller skating. The present Supper Room next door was opened in 1990.

2. ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Built in 1913-14, opened by George Riddoch, described as 'modified gothic style with heavy buttresses' with 12 foot high ceiling, curving to a height of 19 feet. Briefly closed 1938-1943. Joined Uniting Church in 1977. 1984 bought back by Presbyterian congregation & continued until 2017. Now privately owned.

3. 3 JOHNS ST

The land was bought for £9 by auction in 1899 by R Land. He built this house in 1900 with 2 rooms, which was soon added to – one of the earliest houses in Kalangadoo.

4. 10 SE TERRACE

The land was bought also for £9 by auction in 1899 by A Cameron and a house built in 1900. The house has been altered. In 1949, the owner, Tom Brooksby, had a boot & shoe repair workshop close to the road. In 1952 it became tea rooms, then a marine dealers & a grocery shop. Tom, being innovative, sold drinks from a caravan outside the Institute when it was a cinema and drove a taxi, nicknamed Bald Top Taxi Service.

5. ST ALBANS ANGLICAN CHURCH

The land was obtained in 1899 and the first Anglican Church was built of wood & iron, which was removed to "Montana" property. This building was completed in 1961. Mrs Dean of Koorine Homestead (originally George Riddoch's house) collected medieval relics from various churches damaged during WW2, which are on display inside.

6. OLD WILLOW TREE

May be a descendant of the willow immortalized by William Neilson's poem, "Ode to the Willow Tree at Kalangadoo" written in 1883. The actual tree grew from a cutting from Napoleon's grave at St Helena (Atlantic Ocean) and was planted at James & Louisa Hunter's house (first house on Kalangadoo Station) west of the present town.

7. 29 ELIZA ST

First Kalangadoo PO, shop, bakery and residence, built in 1895 by D T Ellison, lined with lard & plaster. The shop was moved to Railway Tce in 1899. The PO, which had its own dicky door, was moved to the Kalangadoo Railway Station shed in 1901. Occupied as a residence since then by various owners.

8. 32 ELIZA ST (behind Cyprus tree)

At this site was Harry Bilney's wheelright & blacksmith shed, built in 1899, the 1st in Kalangadoo. It started at the back of his house on the corner in 1897. Part of the shed was dismantled and moved to Bilney's shop on Railway Tce in 1905. The building that was left was used as a garage for Bilney's truck and remained until 1970.

9. 5 SOUTH WEST TCE

Home of Bob Chuck, whose father, Jack (James) Chuck, came from China (settled in Kalangadoo after working in the goldfields). Built in 1920 with a kitchen and bedroom and was extended in 1936. Home of his son, Reg Chuck, poet & writer, until 1948.

10. ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Built in 1904. A special train brought 150 visitors from Mt Gambier to open it in Jan, 1905 when it was dedicated to St Joseph. In 1959/60 it was extended. In 2005, the centenary was celebrated by an active congregation and is now used occasionally.



11. 28 ANN ST

The main house was built in 1914 with a kitchen and bedroom. It was extended in 1930.

12. METHODIST CHURCH

Built in 1906 mostly with bricks hand-made by Llewelyn R Davies, a farmer & trustee. Had a special train for the opening. An unused school room was bought from Tarpeena & placed at the rear for a Sunday School.

The Hall was built in 1959 & was rented as the first Kindy 1961-1966. From 1977 owned by the newly formed Uniting Church that ceased in 2008. Privately owned in 2010. Used for Kalangadoo Farmers' Market since April, 2011.

13. 7 GEORGE ST

Bought by Jack Chuck in 1901. A & C Land's General & Produce Store was in a wood & iron building until 1912 when they moved to Railway Tce.

After WW2 bought by E Canute & built present house & Delicatessen. Had grape vines and made his own wine. Donated a section to RSL. Tony & Nella Paccanaro took over with large stocks of European foods for the immigrants, acting as interpreter and sold petrol. Left in 1975. MacDonalds and then Assenders used it as a Takeaway Shop until 2001.

14. RSL HALL

In 1900 there was a small wood & iron building with a verandah over the footpath on George St for E Clarke's watch-repair centre. When vacant, Cubs & Scouts used it briefly. Early 1930's, it became R Walker & W Evan's butcher shop. Later, Smith & Battye Hairdressers.

In 1956 it was dismantled & RSL Hall built. The ex-servicemen & women's club had games including poker & carpet bowls. Saturday dances with a squeeze box, banjo & piano drew crowds. Senior Citizen's also used it until 1979. Sold in early 2000's.

15. CNR ADELAIDE & GEORGE ST

Second Kalangadoo School built in 1893 by Penola Council with a single room for Miss Elizabeth Hay, the only teacher until 1903. Then, Mrs Shaw's tuck shop. Was extended by Mt Ingham as a residence for tenants. Home for Miss Ridgway, music teacher. Later, for Mounted Constable Hastings and Police Station until 1937. Various owners since.

16. 8 ADELAIDE ST

Third Kalangadoo School, built in 1903 with Limestone from the Wandilo Quarries & opened by George Riddoch 1904 with 2 rooms. Some children came from long distances, walking or by horse. In 1908, it needed 2 new transportable rooms for 84 students.

In 1919, headmaster, Mr T Moore, won an award for best kept flower & vegetable garden in SA. In 1950's 2 more rooms in town were used as classrooms. When the fourth school was built in 1966 on Millicent Rd (with 150 pupils) this building was used as residence for teachers. Now privately owned.

17. 9 ADELAIDE ST

The first house was built in 1903 by P Prider with a blacksmith shop. Later occupied by Bennett & Sarah Hill & daughters for many years. Sister Florence Hill was a well-respected midwife, ailment & illness advisor for the district. A Doctor's consulting room was built close to the road in 1949. The house burn down in 1985.

18. 9 JOHNS ST

Bought by Balnaves Brothers in 1899 for £12 10 shillings, who built a store for general goods in 1912. Had various leases, then sold to John S McDonald in 1920, who improved it. The store had a saddlery & leather workshop as well as tearooms. In 1932 John's son, George, took over & remodeled it as a drapery. In 1957 it was sold to John McDonald & Wilba & Jean Humphries & was renovated in 1961. Back to being a General Store in 1986, owned by Anne & Graham Mueller. Used as backpackers accommodation for a few years and now privately owned.

19. KALANGADOO HOTEL

The land was bought for £12 10 shillings by J Sutton In 1899. Mrs Horton then bought it and built the Hotel in 1902. Has had many extensions & owners – Smiths, Harrolds, Max Basheer (major renovations in 1957 – owned for 50yrs), Scudds...

In 1945, during Peace Celebrations, the large glass panel above the main entrance was shot at by "Dumper" Bennier. Jock Murray rode a horse into the hotel at one stage. Still a popular Hotel with accommodation & some meals.

20. 16 JOHNS ST

Bought in 1899 for £15 by William B Prider for a house & detached shop. In 1900 it included ironmongery, footwear, bicycles & Prider Brothers Stock Feed. The Men's Club used the shop in 1908-11 for meetings & the house was used by Mounted Constables.

Fallon bought it in 1926 & leased it to A Strachan as a shop until the end of WW2. Old J B Hill (Bennett) used a lean-to-type room on the side repairing & selling boots & shoes. Later leased to Tom Brooksby (fruit & vegetables), Ploenges, Gray Brothers (Laurie & Bruce), Raidis (fish & chips), Ambrose (pastries & tearooms). Demolished in 1960's with a new building on the corner, used by Bank of NSW & later as a hairdressers.

21. THE SHOP

In 1903 John & William Prider built sheds on this land for chaff, bran & produce for their shop across the road. Hills used it for stables & harness rooms. In 1947, new building for Elder Smith & de Garis (Dalgetys) & living quarters. The first stone shop was built in 1956 by J O'Dowd, called "The Kalapen Electrical Store".

Then sold to Ted Williams as Chemist & Gift Shop. See sign writing on its western wall between the 2 buildings. The present stone shop was built by Laurie Gray in 1961, sold to Nichols, Hardaches, Halls, McLellans & now owned by Kerry Dowdell.

22. 20 JOHNS ST

First owned in 1919 by DeGaris & Sons & Co, stock & station agents with a wood & iron building. There were offices & a store room, which was used by the Scouts for many years. Leased to Tom Brooksby (fruit & vegetables), Jack Chuck (butcher), Jim Major (butcher) until 1961. In 1965 Bennett & Fisher Stock Agents rebuilt the offices. Later owned by Jim McManus & SEAS Timber Co. Now a private home.

23. 24 JOHNS ST

The land was bought in 1899 for £40 by Mrs Plate. In 1905 a house & 2 shops were built by Mr G Webber, a hairdresser, newsagent & photographer, with bricks made by L R Davies. Miss Ridgway taught music in one shop for many years. Used by W Osborne & F Bilney (newsagents), E Tompkins (hairdresser).

In 1920's it was bought by E. S. & A. (English, Scottish & Australia) Bank & in 1957 a new residence & office were built as separate buildings. They merged with ANZ in 1970 & it operated full time until 1979, when hours were reduced. Since 1990 it is privately owned but the vault still stands.

24. KALANGADOO POST OFFICE

In 1913 the land was bought by Mrs Plate for £55. She sold half to the Postmaster General's Dept in 1913 when the service was transferred from the Railway Station. The mail came on a night train and people would come to collect it at night.

A new PO & house was built in 1932 when telephonists worked around the clock. The postal service was moved to Krieger's Store on Millicent Road in early 2008. Now privately owned.