

Continuing along Laidlaw Street:

(5) Yass Public School. Opened in 1878, this was the first Government School to be built in Yass.

On your right:

(6) Victoria Park and Triggs Memorial Gates. These gates were erected in 1938 in honour of one of Yass's benefactors Arthur Bryant Triggs, a businessman and grazier.

Continue along Laidlaw Street. On your right:

(7) Rosebank (31 Laidlaw Street). Built in 1855 as a hotel for travellers to the gold fields. It has been a private residence for over 30 years.

Turn right into Castor Street, then right into Glebe Street. On your right:

(8) Old Linton (22 Glebe Street) c 1857 was built by Moses Moses, an early Jewish inn keeper. The building was later extended by AB Triggs and used as a war veterans' home from 1947-1992. It is now a private residence, accommodation and cafe.

Continue on Glebe St and turn right onto Orion Street:

(9) Oak Hill (Cnr Orion St & Cooks Hill Rd) is a site of cultural and heritage significance to Yass Valley's Aboriginal community, many members of which lived at Oak Hill until the mid-1950s.

Continue along Glebe Street then turn left into Grampian Street. Follow Grampian Street and turn right into Ford Street. This will take you to :

(10) Flat Rock Crossing. One of the original crossings of the Yass River and the site of the earliest cemetery in Yass.

Follow Warrambululah Street then left into Church Street. On your left:

(11) Montrose (10 Church Street) c1881. Once the Home of Scottish stone mason George Thomson, later a Mayor of Yass.

Turn left into Rossi Street, right into De Mestre:

(12) Devonia (7 De Mestre St) c1861. Built as a private residence but used between 1927 and 1958 as a maternity hospital. The front of the building faces Comur Street.

Continue along De Mestre St. On the right:

(13) Boree Log Cottage (29 De Mestre) c1876. This is the birthplace of Australian poet Father Patrick Hartigan alias "John Obrien".

Follow De Mestre Street and turn left into Polding Street. The gates of Yass Showground are straight ahead. Enter the gates:

(14) Yass Showground. The first Yass Agricultural Show was held in North Yass in 1863. Various locations were used over the next few decades with the first show held on this ground in 1902. The historic grandstand was relocated from its former site in Adele Street.

Leaving the showground, turn left into Grand Junction Rd and follow this to Yass Valley Way. Turn left and drive approx. 3.5km to Cooma Cottage. On the left:

(15) Cooma Cottage c1833. This building was home of Hamilton Hume and is now a National Trust property. It is one of the oldest buildings in the Yass district. Please check the opening hours at the Yass Valley Information Centre.

If time Permits, return to Yass and visit:

(16) Yass and District Historical Museum. View the exhibitions and check opening hours at the Yass Valley Information Centre.

(17) Yass Town Railway Station. Learn the history of the Yass Tramway, see the shortest station platform in Australia and view the restored rolling stock. Open Sundays.



Yass Valley

Town Drive

Total Town Drive is 18 km
Allow at least one hour to complete the drive.
Extra time is required if visiting museums.



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Your town drive commences at:

Yass Valley Information Centre and follows Comur St towards the Yass river. Turn left into Rossi St at the round-about just before the Hume Bridge and cross the old tramline, up the hill to the end. This is an area known as:

(1) Hatton's Corner. This area is geologically famous for fossils. From here you will see a spectacular view over part of the Yass Valley.

Drive back down Rossi St and turn left into Irvine Dr. Continue until you reach the Yass Cemetery. The Anglican section hosts:

(2) Hamilton Hume's Grave. Born in 1797 in Toongabbie, Sydney, he was the son of free settlers. In 1821 he discovered the Yass Plains and along with Captain William Hovell he discovered the first overland route between Sydney and Melbourne in 1824. He settled at Cooma Cottage in 1839 where he lived for the remainder of his life. He died in 1873 and is buried alongside his wife, Elizabeth.

Return along Irvine Dr turning left on Hanley Pl (Riverview Est). A short distance on the left is:

(3) Thomas Laidlaw's grave. An early shop keeper and postmaster, Laidlaw was known as 'Honest Tom of Yass'. He arrived in Yass in 1840 aged 27 and became a successful businessman. He was buried in this private cemetery in 1876. This site provides a fabulous view over Yass Township.

Continue along Hanley Dr (one way traffic) then into Irvine Dr and left into Rossi St. Turn left at the roundabout at Comur St and cross the Hume Bridge. On the left you will see:

(4) Yass Town Railway Bridge. The Yass Tramline once connected the town with Yass Junction Railway Station on the main line between Sydney and Melbourne. Opened in 1892, passenger services ceased in 1958 with the line being fully closed in 1988. The original Port Phillip road crossed under the bridge.

