

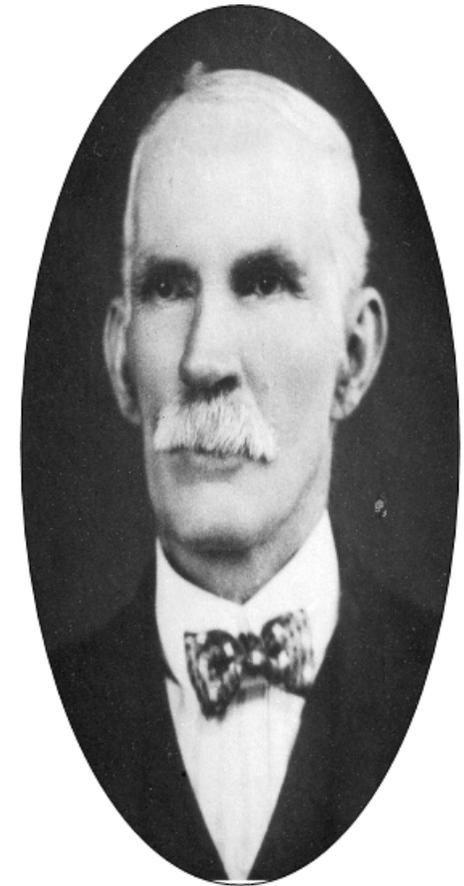
# NIXON PARK

With the establishment of the Temora Gold Field in 1880, this area became the Police Horse Paddock. When it was set aside in 1913 for a recreation area, it was given the name Nixon Park to honour William Nixon, one of the early pioneers, entrepreneurs, businessmen and civic leaders who established Temora as a town.

Nixon came to Temora in 1881 as a miner when only 19 years old. Along with his mate, they discovered the Mother Shipton Lead, which in less than 24 hours gave them a sackful of splendid gold specimens. In 1885 he tried his luck at Lower Temora, but got washed out in a record breaking rain. Not deterred, he turned to business, opening a newsagency in Hoskins Street and shortly afterwards acquired Eugene Perrot's stationery business next door to the Temora Hotel. Continuing this business for many years, he handed it over to his son Alf and went into a garage and agency operation which he continued until his death.

He was an alderman of the Temora Municipal Council for 30 years and Mayor (1911–1914), a pioneer of the local electricity and water services and on the board of the local hospital (1884–1922). He was involved in getting the first school, the post office, the police station and the railway to Temora. He also was one of the founders of Temora's first Presbyterian Church.

A staunch support of sport, William Nixon contributed to the Temora Rifle Club and with his interest in cricket, donated the Nixon Cup for Saturday competition. With his death in 1939, Temora lost a great man who believed that "it was the duty of each citizen to contribute his quota towards the good of all and the town".



WILLIAM NIXON  
1861–1939

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