



ORIGINAL NARRABURRA HALL (1899 – 1960)

The purchase of two roods of land from the recreation reserve at the intersection of Baldwin and Muir's Roads, was made by A D Donald, James Mills and Thomas Rapley in 1899 to construct a community hall to serve the area.

At a meeting of the Narraburra Hall Committee on January 28, 1899, the Narraburra Farmers' Union gave a donation of £22/- towards the public hall to be built.

In May, 1899, a ball was held in the newly completed hall at Narraburra, with about 80 people from Temora, Deep Creek, Duck Creek and Grogan being represented. The hall could be let to "any responsible person for 5s per night".

The hall was used for Farmers' Union, Farmers and Settlers' meetings, Narraburra Progress Committee meetings and Wallundry School events as well as balls, Sunday School and community events.

Excerpt from Temora Independent – 18th October 1922

NARRABURRA SPORTS IN AID OF HALL

"A day's sports was held on Mr. W. Muir's property, Narraburra, on October 4th," (on which the Reserve and Halls were located) "in aid of the Narraburra Hall building fund. The morning was very cold and threatening, and no doubt this caused many to stay at home instead of venturing out, while shearing prevented quite a number from attending, also influenza, which is rather prevalent. At night a social was held in Narraburra Hall and though small the crowd who gathered endeavoured to make the best of it and spent a happy time. The total receipts were £86/16.10 and £61/5/0 will be cleared."

SECOND NARRABURRA HALL (1923-1973/4)

The construction of a new hall which would better suit the needs of the district occurred in 1923. It also was constructed of corrugated walls and iron roof, as was the original hall.

Excerpts from Temora Independent Saturday, March 3, 1923 - "OPENING OF NEW HALL"

Some few months ago a number of residents of Narraburra, realising the need of a new hall, organised themselves into a committee with that object in view. Their old hall, which had been built some 20 years ago, was hopelessly inadequate for the needs of the district. The hall which would be a credit to any district, is 55ft long, with a breadth of 21 ft, and a 9 ft stage. The contract was carried out by Mr W Smith of Temora. The Wizard Gas Lighting System is fitted in the building, which is highly satisfactory. Mr. R. Warren, President of the committee, called upon Mr. W. Dew to officially declare the hall open. Mr. Dew said he had very much pleasure in opening the hall, which the residents might well be proud of. This new building was distinct progressive step and would serve them for many years to come. He then declared the hall open. When the doors of the building were opened much enthusiasm and applause prevailed."

This hall continued to be used for concerts, dances and parties of all types, public meetings, several farewells and gatherings were held for men going off to war, as well as sporting events. Presbyterian and Methodist Church services were held monthly, as well as Sunday School.

Electricity was connected to the new hall in 1954. The old hall was sold and removed in 1960.

In about 1973-74 a violent windstorm completely demolished the building.

