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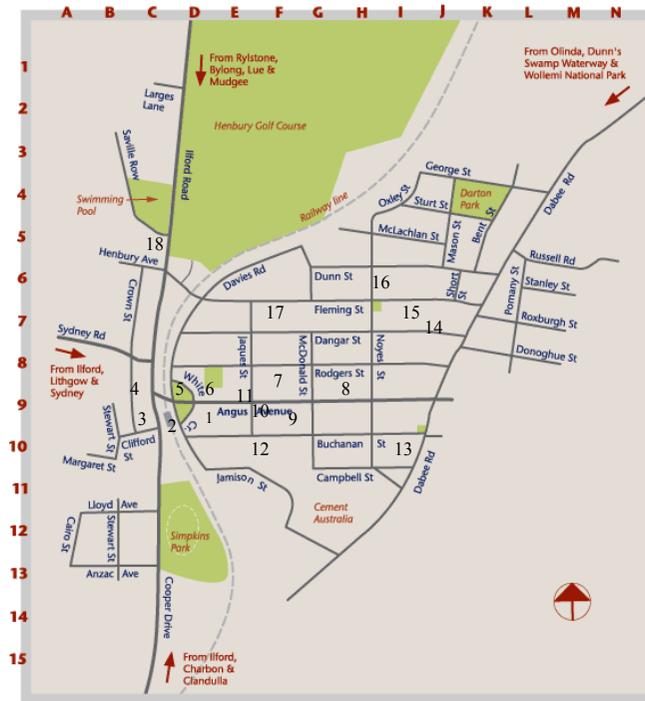
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Learn about Kandos History and Architecture



The town of Kandos began as a private village to service the cement company (which closed in 2011). It is one of only a few twentieth century towns in Australia. As you explore the town note these features:

- Arches and Greek columns on public buildings.
- A diversity of housing - in ash brick, fibro, cement render, hardiplank, timber and brick.
- Original fencing in ash brick, concrete and wire.
- Craftsmen's symbols on the front of some houses.
- Distinctive and curious house names, letter boxes and garden pieces; interesting gardens and plants.



1. Kandos Hotel 1916

cnr Angus Ave and White Cres (See map 9D)

The Kandos Hotel is the oldest commercial building in Kandos. Tooth and Co paid a high price for the land in the belief that a caveat on all land titles would prevent the building of another hotel in the town.

2. Railway Station 1919

Davies Rd (10C)

This hand-me-down railway station (transported from Locksley on the Central Tablelands) was, at one time, one of the busiest stations on the Mudgee line.

3. Railway Hotel 1927

cnr Ilford Rd and Clifford St (10C)

Because it was built on private land this second hotel was unaffected by the cement company's caveat. Note the exposed brickwork, verandahs, ornate parapet, awnings, pillars and French doors. The Kandos Hotel had similar features until the 1950s.

4. Court House 1929

Ilford Rd (9C)

Until this charming brick and tile building with its enclosed verandah and Greek columns was completed, the first court room in Kandos was located in McGrath's premises (see 6. The Kandos Stores). The court closed in 1970 and it is now a police residence. The police station beside it was built in 1961.

5. The Rotunda 1930

White Cres (9D)

This handsome temple-like structure with its domed roof, Greek columns, octagonal shape, wrought-iron balustrade and steps, awaits a Sunday afternoon brass band.

6. The Kandos Stores 1918

Angus Ave (9E)

Built as a business and residence by J P McGrath, this is a spacious, two-storey, double-fronted building with cantilevered verandah. Over the years it has housed a bank, court house, café, draper, milliner, TAB, dress shop and professional rooms.

7. Church of England 1921

cnr Angus Ave and Jaques St (9F)

Evolving over decades this simple, charming, gothic-style church has walls of rough-hewn stone and a roof of corrugated iron. Note the bell and belfry between the church and rectory.

8. Angus Memorial Hall 1917

Angus Ave (9H)

Named after the Chairman of the cement company, this hall was the centrepiece of Kandos social life in the first two decades. Benefits, concerts, balls, church services, meetings and carnivals were all held here. For many years it also housed the cinema, public library and hairdresser. It is now a florist and Harley-Davidson museum.

9. Kandos Community Centre 1956

Angus Ave (9F)

Set back from the main street this imposing building can hold 700 to 800 people. It is constructed of cement-rendered ash brick with a corrugated fibro roof. Accommodated beneath it, in what was once the kitchen and supper room, is the Kandos Library.

10. Post Office 1926

cnr Angus Ave and Jaques St (9E)

This red brick building, with its classical revival features, added a proud, solemn air to Angus Avenue when it was built. Note the Greek columns, unadorned roof-line, lintel (depicting the name Post Office Kandos), and formal steps.

11. The Clock 1958

cnr Jaques St and Angus Ave (9E)

Sixteen immigrants, who were naturalized at the first citizenship ceremony to be held in Kandos, presented this obelisk and clock to the town. The name Kandos and ornate wrought iron were added in 2008.

12. Kandos Bicentennial Industrial Museum 1919

22 Buchanan St (10E)

This former Methodist Church was the first religious building in Kandos. The Superintendent of the cement company, Floyd S Richards, had it built in the Californian mission style of his home-town church in America.

13. The Scout Hall 1942

Dabee Rd (10J)

A gift of the cement company, the scout hall has provided scouting skills for generations of children who have dashed through the turnstile, down the cement path and up the steps to the entrance, framed by the cement awning and pillars.

14. Catholic Church 1922

Dangar St (7J)

This church was built to serve the dual purpose of church and school. Every week the altar was curtained off with green velvet curtains. The moveable blackboards and desks (which converted to high-backed seats for Sunday Mass) were arranged to form classes.

15. The Good Samaritan Convent 1930

Fleming St (6J)

An architectural gem in the Spanish Mission Style, this former convent, with its handsome arches, Greek columns and wide verandahs, was designed to catch the sun in winter and the shade in summer.

16. Uniting Church 1927

cnr Noyes and Dunn Sts (6I)

Dedicated and opened as a Presbyterian Church, it became a Uniting Church in 1970. It is a plain somewhat austere concrete building with arched lancet windows, a pitched roof and buttresses.

17. Kandos School 1929

Fleming St (7E)

Despite the Progress Association wanting a concrete building, the government chose this two-storey brick design with sash windows and a tiled roof. Now connected to other buildings you can identify it by the foundation stone. From Jaques Street, you can see the first weatherboard school, built in 1924.

18. Truswell's Palais de Dance 1936

cnr Ilford Rd and Henbury Ave (6D)

Now a vehicle workshop, this hall once had navy and gold drapes, padded seats, and modern appointments. It was the venue of choice for many district balls.