



HISTORY WALKS

Guide yourself through a town rich in history and discover the stories of the past. Remember to wear a hat & sunscreen and carry your water bottle, or stop and enjoy a coffee at a local cafe along the way.

Use the Central Business District (CBD) Map foldout (see over) for your self-guided historical tour.

- 1** **HARTLEY STREET SCHOOL** First government school opened 1930, extensions in 1940 and 1946. Used as government offices 1966 until 1980. Octagonal room is open as an education museum. **Open 10.30am - 2.30pm Monday - Friday**
- 2** **ADELAIDE HOUSE & THE REV. JOHN FLYNN MEMORIAL CHURCH** First hospital designed by Rev. John Flynn opened in 1926. Church built as memorial to John Flynn opened in 1956. **Check for open times**
- 3** **PIONEER YHA HOSTEL** is former walk-in picture theatre. Built by 'Snow' Kenna in 1942, closed as theatre in 1984. Last known example of old movie theatre in NT and prime example of adaptive re-use for business.
- 4** **WILLS TERRACE FOOTBRIDGE** was completed in 1957 bringing an end to isolation of Eastside suburb whenever the Todd River flowed. Intended as a temporary structure but continues in use today. **Open to public 24hrs**
- 5** **WILKINSON MEMORIAL** unveiled in 1934 to honor George Wilkinson who operated a general store on opposite site across road. Held in high regard by many people he helped in early settlement times. **Open to public 24hrs**
- 6** **TOTEM THEATRE** is housed in the Sidney Williams Huts that are the last remnants of an Australian Army camp during WW2. The buildings were converted into a small theatre in 1964, now maintained by Alice Springs Town Council and the Alice Springs Theatre Group.
- 7** **SITE OF MYRTLE VILLA** is marked by a tall date palm first planted in a garden at the front of a timber slab house early last century, which was the home of Ida Standley, the first school teacher. **Open to public 24hrs**
- 8** **CATHOLIC CHURCH PRECINCT** comprises four historic buildings, including the first Catholic Church opened in 1930. Also includes the Marist Brothers house, convent and a former boarding house. **Not open to the public**
- 9** **ANZAC MEMORIAL** was designed by Rev Harry Griffiths and unveiled on Anzac Day, 1934. Originally a memorial for the fallen of WW1, it now represents Australian servicemen and women of all conflicts. **Open to public 24hrs**
- 10** **CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN PIONEERS MEMORIAL** was unveiled in 1957 as a memorial for all Central Australian pioneers, including explorers, overland telegraph line workers and pastoralists. **Open to public 24hrs**
- 11** **RAILWAY HOUSES** Three were built in the late 1920s, prior to the arrival of the Central Australian Railway in 1929. More houses were built during WW2, of which two survive. **Not open to the public**
- 12** **OLD POST OFFICE** Opened in 1932 after being moved from the Alice Springs Telegraph Station. The post office led to the name of Alice Springs replacing the original name of Stuart for the town. **Not open to the public**

- 13** **FORMER POSTMASTERS RESIDENCE** Built for the town's postmaster in 1932, when the post office was built. It remained a residence until 1980. It was restored in 1988 and is now a business property. **Not open to the public**
- 14** **STUART TOWN GAOL** Built in 1908, now the oldest building in Alice Springs. Built from local materials, the gaol was in service until 1939, and saved from demolition in the 1970s. **Open by arrangement with National Trust**
- 15** **OLD COURT HOUSE** was built in 1928. It was used for administrative offices but from 1936 served as a court house until 1980. Was used as a museum from 1990 until 2007 but now used as offices. **Not open to the public**
- 16** **THE RESIDENCY** was built in 1927 as the home of the Government Resident of the Territory of Central Australia until 1931. It was the home of the Centre's senior public servants until 1973. **Open 10am - 3pm, March - Nov**
- 17** **LIZZIE MILNES WELL** was dug in the 1930s, a reminder of early settled life in town before WW2. They were a necessity before reticulated water existed. This well is believed to be the last surviving example in town.
- 18** **TUNCKS STORE** is the last remaining corner store, built in 1939 to cater for new residences in the Alice Springs Heritage Precinct. Ralph Tuncks owned the store from 1950 until retiring in 1979. **Not open to the public**
- 19** **86 HARTLEY STREET** One of the houses designed by architect Beni Burnett. This house was built in 1939 and is largely unmodified. It is in the Heritage Precinct and is now a private residence. **Not open to the public**
- 20** **LES HANSEN HOUSE** Built in 1942 for the Dept of Civil Aviation. Handed over to the NT Housing Commission in 1978, later transferred to the National Trust and is a part of the Heritage Precinct. **Not open to the public**
- 21** **OLD ALICE SPRINGS GAOL** Opened in 1939 and operated until 1996. Much of the original complex remains. It is now the home of the Women's Museum of Australia. **Open 10am - 5pm, Feb - Dec 25**
- 22** **ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE** was opened in 1939, with another building constructed in 1949. It accommodated the School of the Air for several years and part of the Heritage Precinct. **Open 9am - 5pm Mon to Sat**
- 23** **STUART MEMORIAL** was unveiled in 1939 by Governor-General, Lord Gowrie. It is the main feature of Stuart Park which is included in the Alice Springs Heritage Precinct. **Open to the public 24hrs**
- 24** **FORMER CWA BUILDING** Built during WW2 as a women's recreation facility, used as club rooms for the CWA 1946 to 1978. **Not open to the public**

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