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4. A slab hut, first home for the Sisters of Joseph who arrived in Cargo in 1880 was nearby.

5. Cargo Methodist Church of corrugated iron was also nearby.
If you proceed over the crest and downhill the Recreational Ground is on the right. Turn right into Wall Street and then right into Brooks Street.

6. The first St Patrick's Catholic Church in Cargo was built in 1875 of weatherboard with shingled roof on the site of the present church. The current brick church was opened in 1907 and the first weatherboard convent school was built in 1882, demolished in 1939 and replaced with a brick building opened in 1940 together with extensions to the church. The convent school closed in 1965 and the building is now Chi Cargo and provides accommodation in the old convent.

Turn right into Church Street.

7. Site of the second Post Office on left.
8. Village green, public park area is on corner of Church & Belmore Streets.
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 12. Site of Royal Hotel (Mayne's)
 13. Shop and Residence. Formerly Fishers', now Miners Rest.
 14. Former Hicks' shop for Ladies & Menswear, Boot Repairs, now a private home.
 15. Site of Hutton's shop (two storeys) later John Hamilton's.
 16. Site of Byrne's Butchery. *Turn left into Hamilton Street.*
 17. St John's Anglican Church built 1880 replacing earlier church of stringybark built in 1871 used for the first Cargo Public School.
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 19. Cargo Common.
Return to Canowindra Road end of the main street. This section officially Court Street. Head towards Canowindra.
- Gum Flat was over the hill on Canowindra Road. Remains of old mullock heaps of goldmining days still visible.
20. Butter Factory site on right opposite the Common.
 21. Cargo Race Course was on the right of Barragan Road.
Turn and proceed in Orange direction and note on left:
 22. Iron Clad Mine at top of hill. Mine still worked but private property.

23. Hennessy's Blacksmith's was on vacant block at junction of Court & Barrack Streets reserved for Public Building. A tree once stood here where police chained prisoners awaiting transfer by coach to orange
24. The Cargo Inn building 1874 as the Commercial Hotel
25. Former bakery, now private home.
Turn into Forbes St to view Cargo from heights. Return same way.
26. John's Store and Post Office. Built 1982 by Blundells. Former tennis courts here.
27. Site of Collins' Hotel, later Power's Burnt Down. ~~Mr & Mrs Pewers~~ *Mr & Mrs Car, m o d e y* died in fire, trying to save their money.
28. Site of early Post Office. First PO established in 1868.
29. Cargo Community Centre
30. Cargo Bushfire Brigade Depot.
31. CWA Hall used for health services.
32. Cargo Cemetery along Cudal Road (Molong Street) on right.

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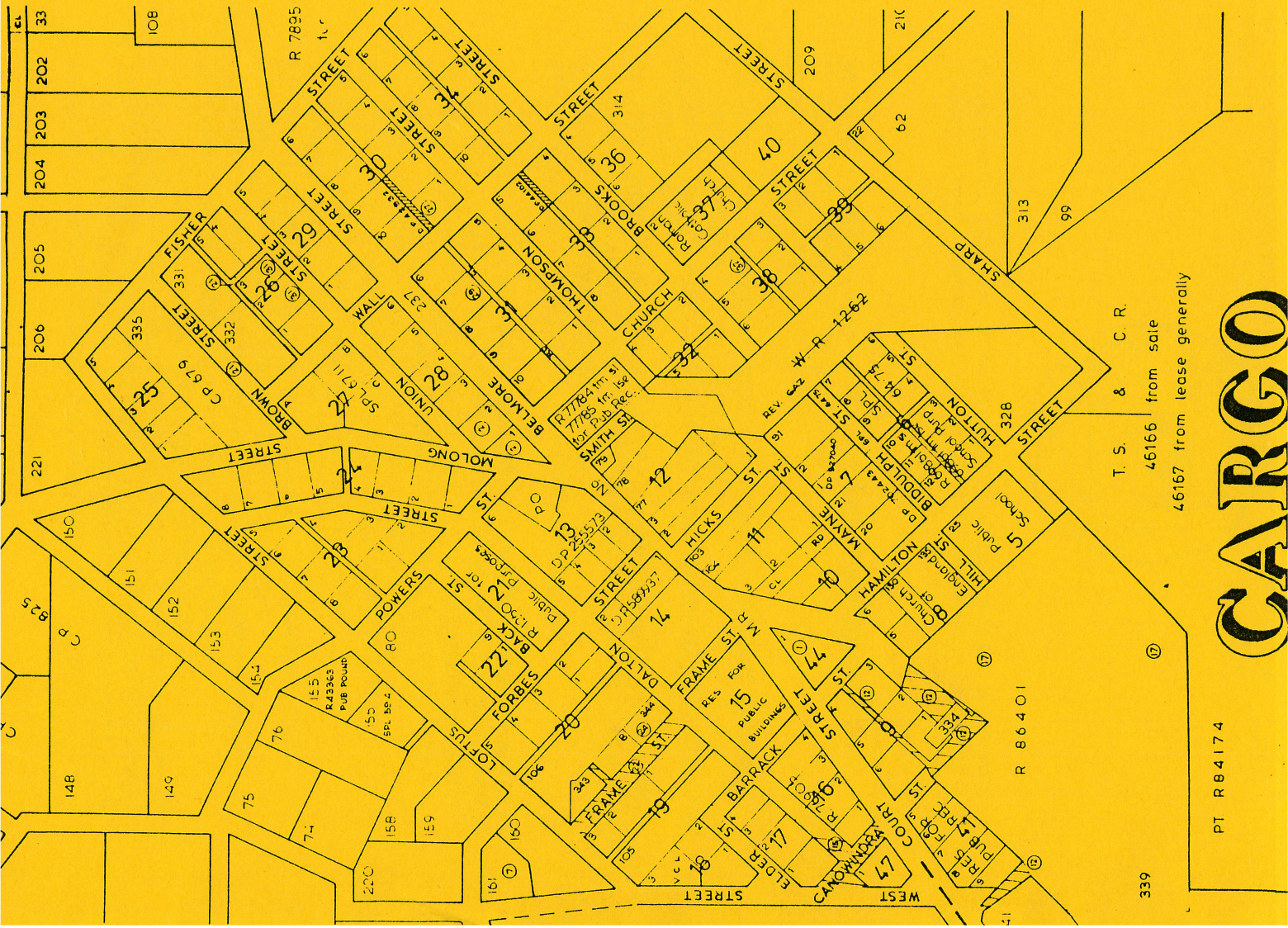


Cargo, was the name of an early pastoral station, part of the older *Davy's Plains* Run, taken up by William Lawson, with headquarters close to the old Orange-Nanami Road north of the town of Cargo.

Gold mining in the late 1860s led to the establishment of the township. The Cargo goldfield, 7 miles by 5 miles, was proclaimed in 1869 and mines were opened in all gullies leading from the Ironclad Range overshadowing Cargo. The two main periods of mining activity were from 1869 - 1879 and from 1885-1899, when the town boasted three hotels, a bank and several businesses lining Belmore Street; three churches, Anglican, Catholic and Methodist; two schools, a flour mill, a hall, a racecourse and sporting grounds for tennis, cricket and football.

Cargo was a stopping place for Cobb & Co Coaches from Orange to Canowindra. Surveys in the early 1870s tried to impose a grid plan on the unplanned growth of the goldfield but the winding main street and gullies defied such order. Cargo was proclaimed a town in 1885. Closer land settlement coincided with the mining period and many miners and businessmen settled on farms around Cargo or worked on larger pastoral stations. Gum Flat, over the hill from Cargo, on the Canowindra Rd was closely settled mainly by Irish selectors on blocks of 40-50 acres. There was a butter factory at Gum Flat and the racecourse.

By 1969, Cargo's population had dwindled to 160 but there has been renewed interest in the town in the 1980s and 1990s as people are attracted to its peaceful, rural beauty within easy commuting distance from Orange. Population in 1991 is 200 and growing. Cargo retains its charm as an early mining town and most buildings in Belmore Street are from the 19th Century goldmining era.



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6. Cargo Recreation Ground.
Return towards Cargo to Church Street
7. Site of Worralls Flour Mill, built 1880. Closed and transferred to Manildra in 1907 when plans for railway link to Cargo unsuccessful.
Proceed south in Church Street to Catholic Church and former convent school buildings. Note old prise cottage(Barclays')
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This Walking Tour, a guide to Cargo, past and present, was prepared by Canowindra & District Historical Society for the second Cabonne Shire Festival of Arts & Tourism in Cargo, 14 September 1991.





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CUDAL RD. GARAGES BLACKSMITH SHOP

HALL.

LOT R.O.

POST OFFICE

POWERS HOTEL
LARGE

Collins Hotel

TWO TENNIS
COURTS.

FORBES ST

BAKERS SHOP

COFFAGE

COMMERCIAL
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BLACKSMITHS

ORANGE RD.

FLOUR
MILL
(WORMS)

R.C
CHURCH

CHURCH ST

TENNIS
COURTS

BANK
OF
N.S.W.

ROYAL HOTEL

~~MEAT~~
Butcher Shop

FISHERS STORE

BELMORE ST.

HICKS SHOP

HUTTONS SHOP
THEN
JOHN HAMILTONS
HOUSE

TWO STOREY
TEMPERED & EDWARDS

BURNES BUTCHERY.

FISHERS HOUSE

HAMILTON ST.

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