

GILGANDRA RURAL MUSEUM

The Rural Museum is located on the Newell Highway on the southern entrance to the town of Gilgandra. It is easily identified by the large windmill at the front of the building. This large Southern Cross windmill is one of the biggest in NSW (7.3m (24') mill head).

An extensive and exciting range of agricultural plant and machinery is housed in the Museum. Items of interest include - Howard Rotary Hoe, Ridley Stripper, Rushton Proctor Steam Traction Engine, Titan Tractor, Ajax Gas Producer, McKay Harvester and McCormick Deering Tractor.

Within the grounds of the Rural Museum can be found – Tooraweenah Police Gaol, Uargon Subsidised School, the famous Berida Sheep Station bookkeeper's office and residence and the Bullagreen Station shearers' quarters. These buildings contain local items from bygone days from kitchenware to doctor's instruments and hospital equipment.

In the meeting room/toilet complex can be found many local photographs, musical instruments, sewing machines, etc. from past times. Local history books are also available for sale.

Entry to the museum - Adult \$5, Child \$3. Variations are negotiable for groups, with morning tea being available by prior arrangement.

REASONS FOR PARTICIPATING IN STANDARDS PROGRAM

- To assist members to formulate plans & policies for the future sustainability of the museum.
- Promote activities to attract a younger audience to visit the museum and become members of the Society.
- Increase and enhance our profile with the local community.



DETAILS

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Museum Opening Hours:

9am - 4pm daily (except Christmas Day)

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MAJOR OUTCOMES TO ACHIEVE BY PARTICIPATING IN STANDARDS PROGRAM

- Improve procedures to correctly preserve and exhibit the items available to us.
- To formulate a better collection policy.
- Compile a strategic plan.



1. Front Entrance of Rural Museum
2. Image caption 2 Pfitzner's 1920 Titan Tractor manufactured by International Harvester Co. 3. 1912 Ruston Proctor Steam Tractor