

# Mount Morgan Mud Map Site Information

- 1. Railway Museum and Explore Centre Built 1898. Rail Station operated between 1898 and 1987. Building is heritage listed and currently serves as the accredited Explore Centre and Railway Museum.
- 2. Victor Jones Suspension
  Bridge Built November 2000.
  Named after Pte Victor Jones,
  the first Australian soldier to die
  overseas in Imperial Service in
  the Boer War. Victor was the
  assistant paymaster at the Mount
  Morgan Mine before enlisting.
- 3. Mount Morgan No.7 Dam
  Built by Mount Morgan Gold
  Mining Company in 1902 for their
  operations. Today, a popular
  community shared aquatic
  playground includes picnic and
  BBQ areas, covered children's
  play area. Mountain bike and
  walking trails traverse the hills
  overlooking the dam and
  surrounds.
- **4. Ken Yee Kee building** Built in 1890. Originally a general store run by the same Chinese Family for generations.
- 5. Mount Morgan State High School Built 1908 as a Technical College. Opened in 1909. Converted to a High School in 1912 & is still open. It was used as an isolation clinic in 1919 to treat those who contracted the Spanish Flu during the epidemic.

- **6. Former Baptist Church** Built in 1902.
- **7. Former Presbyterian Church** Built in 1890.
- 8. Mount Morgan Historical Museum Built in 1898 originally a department store, then various other uses until it became the Historical Museum in 1979.
- **9. Leichhardt Hotel** Built in 1891. Oldest remaining hotel in Mount Morgan.
- **10. Mount Morgan Central State School** Opened in 1887 as a coed school.
- 11. National Trail Ride Marker
  Plaque to commemorate passing
  through town as part of the
  National Heritage Trail. Located
  on the former CBA Bank building.
- **12. Mafeking Bell** Cast at Mount Morgan Mine in 1900 with pennies donated by Mount Morgan School Children to celebrate the relief of the siege of Mafeking.
- **13. Running the Cutter Statue**Beer was bought in Billy cans by the mine workers and drunk behind the School of Arts Building in "Cutters Lane".
- **14. Grand Hotel** Built in 1901 and constructed of locally made bricks. Heritage listed.
- **15. School of Arts** Originally built in 1889, destroyed by fire on two occasions. The present building was built in 1924.
- **16. Mount Morgan Post Office** Built in 1911, historic building.

- **17. Fire Station: -** This building was opened in 1949.
- **18. Former QN Hotel** Built in 1899, Heritage listed. Tower used as a spotting tower during WWII. Hotel closed in 1992, now a private residence.
- **19. ANZAC Park home of** Mount Morgan's memorials to the fallen, and the Coronation Light commemorating the=coronation of King Edward VII.
- **20. Masonic Hall** Built in 1889 by Wesley Hall, the 1<sup>st</sup> General Manager of the Mine & the town's first Mayor.
- **21. Anglican Church** Built, consecrated & opened in 1903 & still operating. Heritage listed.
- **22. Catholic Church** This site was formally the town's Methodist Church established 1886. Catholic School is now the new Catholic Church.
- 23. Old Catholic Church Site Statue of the "Sacred Heart" all that remains of the original Catholic Church.
- **24. Uniting Church –** the first Uniting Church was built on this site in 1887. Was originally Wesleyan Methodist Church.
- **25. Old Mount Morgan Shire Council Chambers** built in the 1890's. Currently used as the Rockhampton Regional Council administration building and old Council Chambers.
- 26. Police Station Former Court House Built in 1900 this

- building is heritage listed. It served as a Magistrate Court until 1991. It now operates as the local Police Station.
- **27. Frank Golding Lookout** Excellent views of the Mount Morgan township. Mr. Frank Golding was a local historian and Rotarian. Picnic Area.
- 28. Cemetery The Linda
  Memorial was erected in memory
  of those who perished in the
  underground collapses at the
  mine between 1894 -1909. The
  Chinese Shrine is also located at
  the Cemetery Site.
- 29. Dee Bowls Club established in the 1960's, this club operated as a Bowls Club until 2020.
- **30. Arthur Timms Lookout**Stunning views of the former gold mine, named after the longest serving chairman of the Mount Morgan Shire Council.
- 31. Remnants of the old
  Suspension Bridge one of the original six suspension bridges over the Dee River in Mount
  Morgan. This bridge was constructed in the 1890's, partially destroyed in the 1928, was rebuilt in 1937 and finally collapsed in 2010.
- **32.** Tipperary Old Irish Quarter Tipperary Point was a former settlement for many Irish residents. Streets and laneways were named after their homeland and still found today.

## 33. Boyd Park and Swimming Pool, Skate Park and Picnic

**Area** Named after Adam Boyd who was instrumental in the changeover from underground to open cut mining in the early 1930's.

#### 34. Welfare Bowls Club

Was constructed by Mount Morgan Limited (circa 1935) for the employees of Mount Morgan Mine. The club is now operated by a not-for-profit organisation.

#### 35. Newman Oval

This was established prior to World War II, this oval has been the venue for the many of the towns sporting activities.

- **36. Ambulance** established in the late 1950's, a new station was established in 2017.
- **37. Hospital** The Mount Morgan Hospital was established in the late 1890's. The existing building is the third building on the current location and was constructed in 2013.
- **38. Railway Hotel** built on the site of a former two-story structure, it was reduced to one story in the 1960's.

### **Morgan Street Attractions**

Centre Isle Walk – Historical Experience – all attractions have accompanying signage, detailing the significance.

## "Running the Cutter" Monument

This established for the Centenary of Mount Morgan in 1982 and officially opened by the Governor General Sir Zelwyn Cowan.

### **Abbie and Michael Rowe Arbor**

This was established during the Morgan Streetscaping project in 2017-18 and is representative of the various levels of the Open Cut.

#### **Elvet Lewis Memorial -**

This memorial was erected to honour Richard (Elvet) Lewis for services to the community as the superintendent of CREB (now Ergon). He was accidentally killed at aged 47 at the substation behind the Mount Morgan hospital.

## Mine Hooter Replica -

Established in the early 1990's as a symbol of the mining days. The original Mine Hooter was situated on the mine site and would sound to note shift changes or in times of emergencies and disasters.

## Semaphore Signal -

This type of fixed signal was used in the Mount Morgan Branch Rail System. The pivot arm/blade position indicated to the train driver specific traffic movements by day and was governed by light at night.

Rack Railway replica – the original Rack operated between 1898 and 1952 over the razorback section.

### **Other Sites**

## **Mount Morgan Mine Site**

Mine site is Heritage Listed.

Mount Morgan Mine is also the site of the Fireclay Caverns which were excavated for fireclay to line the smelter furnaces on the mine site. Dinosaur footprints were uncovered in the ceiling during this excavation but remained hidden until authentication in 1952.

#### **Old Gold Room**

Old Gold Room - Located on the left side, just before the main gate to the Mine. This building was built in 1886.

#### The Main Stack

Built in 1905 to direct fumes away from the town. Tower is 72 meters high, almost 750,000 bricks made at the mine were used to build the stack.

Open cut is 325 metres deep. Open cut mining ceased in 1981.

## Assay Office and Stack -

This building was the original powerhouse for the Mount Morgan Mine by Mount Morgan Gold Mining Company. On the opening of newly built powerhouse this building became

the assay office in 1912 to assist with the grading and classification of gold, copper and silver.

## • Interpretative Signage and QR Codes - Locations

The signs are located at:

- 1. Railway Station and Explore Centre (1)
- 2. Mount Morgan No. 7 Dam and Picnic area (3)
- 3. Mount Morgan Historical Museum (8)
- 4. School of Arts (15)
- 5. ANZAC Park (19)
- 6. Masonic Hall/Anglican Church (20-21)
- 7. Police Station Former Court House (26)
- 8. Cemetery (28)
- 9. Arthur Timms Lookout (30)
- 10. Remnants of old Suspension Bridge (31)
- 11. Morgan Street near lifeline
- 12. Mine Gates

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