

The Miles Historical Village Museum was officially opened in 1971, and over the years has developed into one of the premier tourist attractions within the region: a place for connecting to memories of a disappearing country lifestyle.

There are currently over 35 buildings in a streetscape with amazing collections and links to a bygone era... if you remember it, we have it! Featured original buildings include the Hippong Slab Hut Homestead, Columboola Hall, Dalwogan Railway Siding, Andersen's Smithy, Jimbour CWA, Village School, Dairy, Gaol, Dulacca Presbyterian Church and the Australian Bank of Commerce. Recreated buildings in the streetscape include The Red Rose Café, a replica of the first Greek café built in Miles in 1925, the boot maker, union hotel, hospital, butcher, barber shop, laundry, garage, post office, bakery and printery – The Murilla Express.

Visitors are welcome at Miles Historical Village Museum every day except Christmas Day. Come along and explore a slice of history in this unique setting!

#### **Did you know?**

The name of the Miles Historical Village Museum main street, 'Dogwood Crossing', was the original name of the town of Miles until 1878 when the Railway went through. At this time it was renamed 'Miles' as a mark of respect to Sir William Miles, the owner of the famous Dulacca Station. He was elected to State Parliament in 1865 and took an exhibition of Queensland, and the Murilla Shire, to Philadelphia in 1876.

The Condamine Bell Collection features the most successful and popular bell first made in Condamine (a small town just south of Miles) by Mr Samuel William Jones, who had a Smithy by the Condamine River from early 1866 to late 1878. The 'Bull-frog' or 'Jones' bell, as it was first known, became famous under its better-known title of the 'Condamine Bell'. Designed to be hung from the necks of working bullocks, the bells ensured the stockmen were able to locate their cattle when left to roam and graze. It was claimed that these bells could be heard up to seven miles away.

#### **Miles Historical Village Museum**

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**Opening hours: Monday-Sunday 8am-5pm**

**Admission cost: Adult \$14, Concession \$12,  
School student \$6, Family \$35**

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#### **What the Standards Review Program has meant for our museum**

##### **Solid organisational policy and planning**

The Standards Review Program has enabled us to refocus, develop, review and adopt solid organisation policy and planning documents. There is a commitment to professional and up-to-date policies and plans that can guide the committee, staff, volunteers and ultimately the facility.

##### **Collection Management Strategies**

The Miles Historical Village Museum has massive and valuable collections that require focused and well planned management. The Standards Review Program has enabled us to review our Collection & Preservation Policy and its supporting documents. However most importantly our Reviewers were able to provide us with industry advice on improved and facility specific tasks, processes and procedures to help us address perhaps the most challenging area for us to deal with.



**Miles Historical Village Museum**

**Credit: Chris Sweetapple Photography**



**Condamine Bells**

**Credit: Claire Croft**