



1A JQUES STREET MASTERPLAN AND LOCAL CENTRE PUBLIC DOMAIN PLAN

SEP 2023

INTRODUCTION

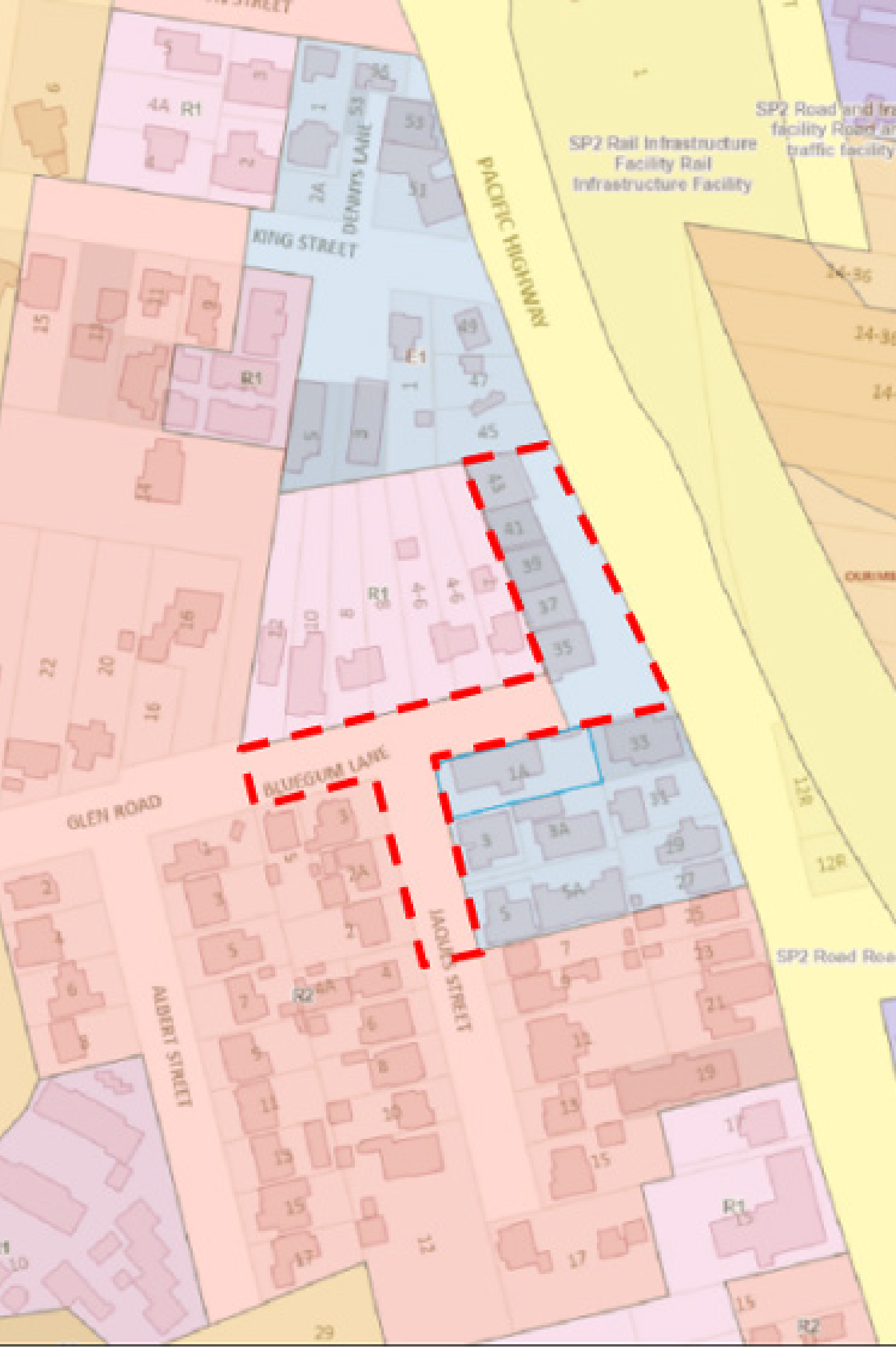
THE PROJECT

The objectives of the masterplan and public domain plan are to:

- Produce a masterplan for the proposed development of 1A Jaques Street in close consultation with internal stakeholders and the community that is attractive, accessible and active with a focus on community, social enterprise, and/or open space and recreation uses
- Identify uses that complement current zoning, encourage activity and connectivity and improves the viability of the Ourimbah centre.
- Identify potential linkages within the Ourimbah centre.
- Enhance the character and urban form of the Ourimbah centre through a public domain plan and urban design guidelines.

PUBLIC DOMAIN STUDY AREA

- This image displays the subject site outlined in blue, and the larger public domain study area that the Master Plan will address



SITE HISTORY

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Ourimbah is a railway station on the Main Northern railway line and it was built in 1886 and opened on 15 August 1887.

More than 1,000 passengers use the station per week.

1886



Ourimbah School of Arts Circa 1907

The structure replaced earlier community halls which were used as a School of Arts, then it had burnt down

1922

Second fire burnt down the School of Arts Halls

1949

1904

The site was occupied by the first School of Arts, with occasional picture/ auditorium/ theatre and other special community uses.

1923

The building was rebuilt and continue the use for School of Arts

- The historic School of Arts in Ourimbah has a storied and resilient history spanning over a century, showcasing the enduring spirit of the local community.

The Nissen Hut have been imported as war surplus from Manus Island at the cessation of WWII.

The site was owned by the Ourimbah School of Arts



Public toilet block was built in 1979

The building has been rendered vacant by the university

1951

2005

NEXT

1989

2023



The University of Newcastle began teaching at the hall with the property formerly transferred to the university on 10 December 1993



The University of Newcastle – Ourimbah Campus transfer the site to Council at the end of 2023

- Despite facing adversity, including two fires and the necessity to relocate the site, the residents of Ourimbah quickly united, embarked on reconstruction efforts, and ensured there would always be space for community gatherings.

OURIMBAH STATION UNDER CONSTRUCTION - 1886



- Strategically situated, the establishment of Ourimbah Station in 1886 marked a significant milestone in the history of Ourimbah, transforming it into a pivotal center for the timber industry that catered to the construction surges in Sydney and Newcastle.

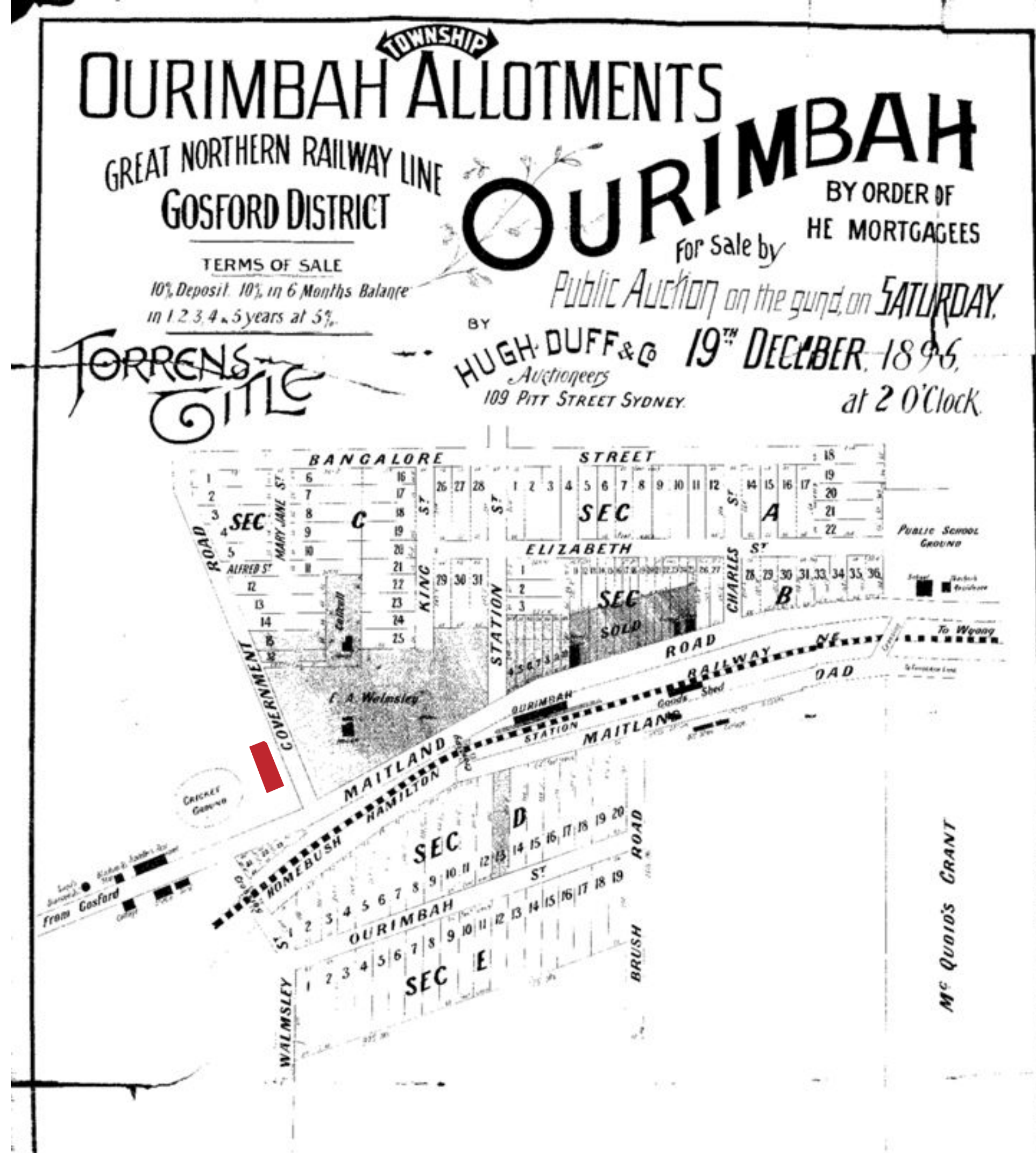
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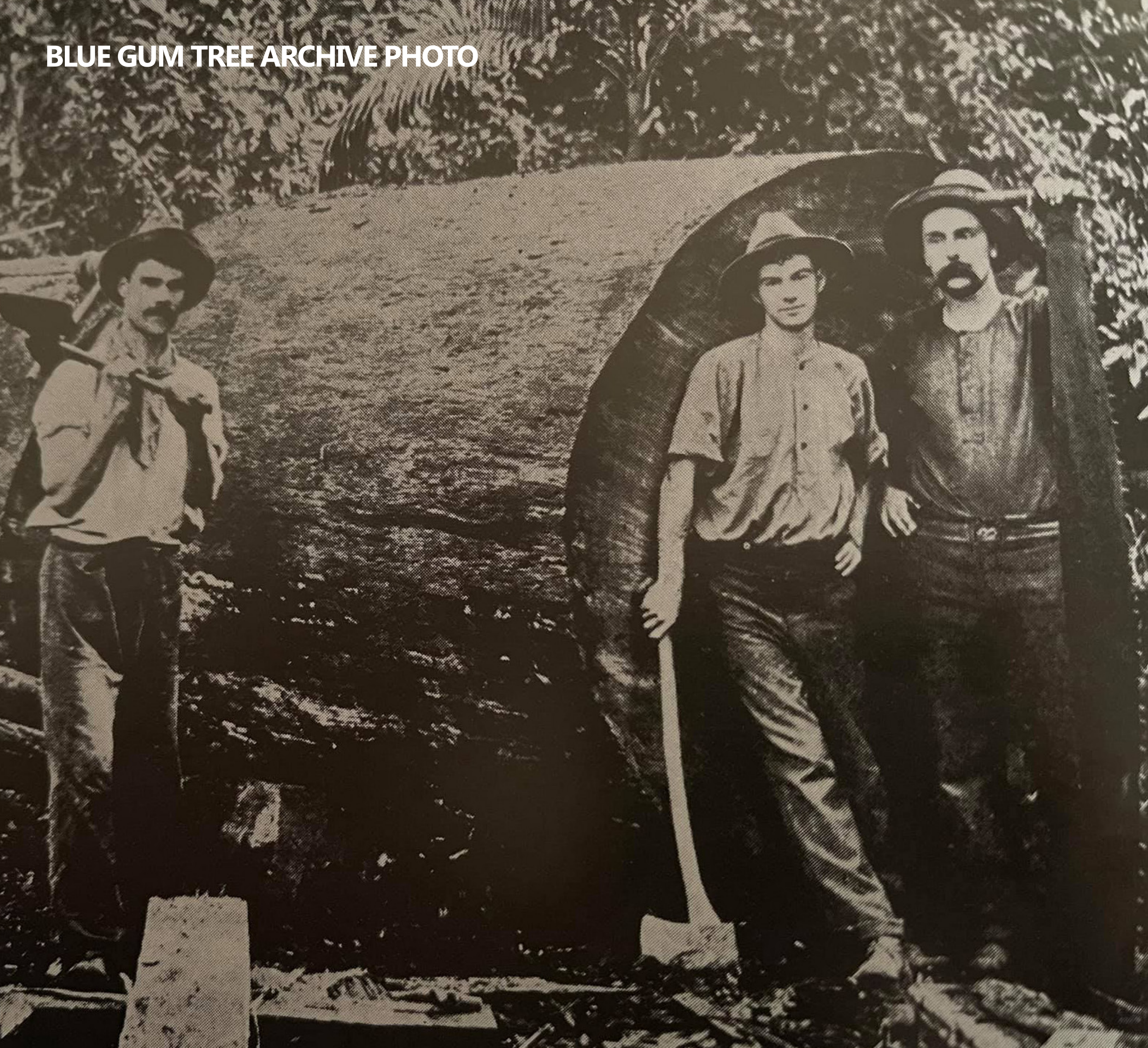
- Positioned as a pivotal intermediary between Newcastle and Sydney, Ourimbah fulfills a crucial role in connecting and servicing a broader population beyond its immediate local residents.

OURIMBAH SUBDIVISION PLAN - 1896

- This early subdivision plan, dating back to late 1896, delineates the initial planning efforts in proximity to the recently inaugurated railway line.
- The highlighted area in red corresponds to the subject site along what was then Government Road, subsequently renamed Glen Road.
- Notably, Jaques Road had not yet been developed at the time of this plan.



BLUE GUM TREE ARCHIVE PHOTO



- These imposing Blue Gum trees have become an iconic emblem of Ourimbah.
- Owing to their rapid growth and impressive dimensions, the timber harvested from these trees played a pivotal role not only in the construction of Ourimbah but also in the development of Newcastle, Sydney, and the broader Central Coast region.

OURIMBAH SCHOOL OF ARTS CIRCA 1907



- The original Ourimbah School of Arts, dating back to approximately 1907, was situated on the opposite side of the highway, adjacent to the railway tracks and across from the Tall Timbers Hotel.
- Acting as the town's first community hub, the building unfortunately burned down in 1922.

Ourimbah



OURIMBAH TIMBER WORKERS 1909



COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL OURIMBAH 1970

CITRUS ORCHARDS IN OURIMBAH C1910

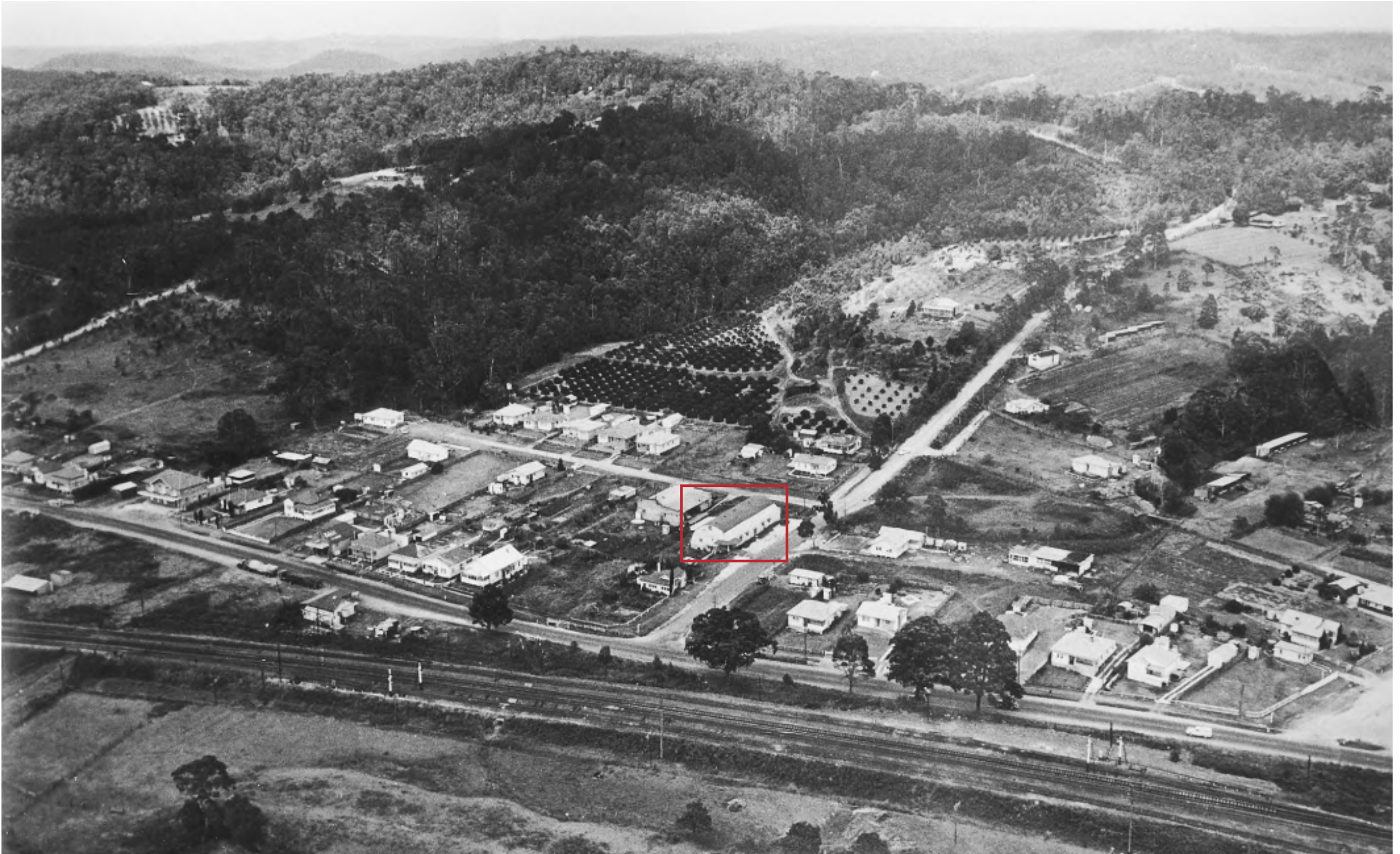


- As the demand for timber waned, Ourimbah underwent a significant transition, evolving into a prominent center for citrus fruit production. This circa 1910 photograph captures the early citrus orchards, with Glen Road discernible in the background on the right-hand side.

NIGHT DANCE CROWD, COMMUNITY HALL, OURIMBAH, 1938



AERIAL PHOTO AFTER 1951



- This aerial photograph, dating back to approximately 1951, provides an initial glimpse of the newly constructed Nissan Hut. Additionally, by this time, Jaques Street had been established, with residential properties emerging along the street. Notably, citrus orchards still graced the landscape behind the site and extended up Glen Road.

GOSFORD GAZETTE QUOTES

April 1951:

Mr. Robson expressed pride in the outcome, highlighting that Ourimbah now had a £4000 hall (with £2000 already paid), boasting the largest dancing area between Sydney and Newcastle, a well-equipped picture theatre with the latest sound equipment, and most importantly, a revived social centre in town.

Shire President Cr. R. Brownlee ~ "The committee would like to thank everyone who helped, either by donation or by working on the hall."

June 1954:

During a recent volunteer working bee held last Sunday, significant progress was made towards lining the walls with Masonite, as reported by Mr. Richmond, a committee member. Mr. Richmond stated, "We are planning another working bee for the upcoming Sunday. If we have a good turnout, as I anticipate, we should be able to complete the hall lining by Sunday evening."

27 August 1954:

The building's recent interior and exterior enhancements, including lining, ceiling, and painting, have significantly enhanced its overall attractiveness. It has been conservatively appraised at £6000.

Over the course of those four and a half years, volunteers consistently rallied on every third Sunday of each month. While they occasionally wished for additional hands, they persevered in their self-imposed mission to provide Ourimbah with one of the finest halls in the region.

THIRD SCHOOL OF ARTS BUILDING, OURIMBAH - 1978



TALL TIMBERS HOTEL OURIMBAH 1991



SCHOOL OF ARTS OURIMBAH - CIRCA 1985





Source: Facebook group - Stop the Glen Rd, Ourimbah 101 unit Development, 2014



