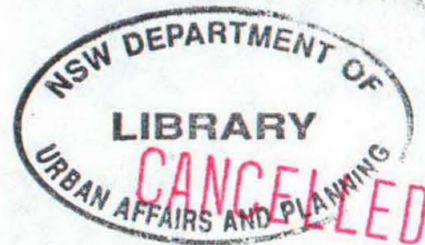


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URALLA HISTORICAL SOCIETY INCORPORATED

PROJECT NUMBER : 42

PROJECT : Restoration of Chaff Cutting Shed adjacent to McCrossin's Mill, Uralla.

REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE RESTORATION

INTRODUCTION

Whilst the Uralla Historical Society Inc. has experienced numerous setbacks during this restoration project, mainly due to adverse weather conditions, it nevertheless persevered with the project. To the extent that, at the writing of this report, there only remains restoration work which is basically of a cosmetic nature. This will be undertaken as funds become available from the Society's activities.

SUMMARY OF WORK UNDERTAKEN

During the period of restoration the following works have been undertaken and completed.

The subsidence of the floor and building was remedied and the structure stabilised.

The rotting columns and joists were removed and replaced with new timber.

The timber columns were securely fixed, by steel stirrups, to massive concrete footings.

The building was braced and squared with galvanised pipe and turnbuckle fittings.

The rotting timber on the mezzanine floor was replaced with new flooring timber.

A Timber staircase was constructed and mounted to the mezzanine floor.

Glazing, where required, has been undertaken.

The floor was excavated to a solid base and replaced with a bed of compacted crushed granite.

An extensive drainage project was undertaken and agricultural piping laid with blue metal to dissipate water problems.

The rotting rafters were removed and replaced with new timber.

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The roofing iron has been painted to prevent further deterioration.

The preliminary work for an electrical system necessary for public safety and display purposes was installed.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Restoration work begun but not yet completed includes:

Further work on the roof, including flashing and guttering.

Installation of windows in the back wall.

CONCLUSION

All structural work required in preventing the deterioration of the building has been completed along with most of the work required to enable the building to function as an integral part of our museum display space. The building is now ready for the final cosmetic treatment and this work will be carried out as Society funds become available. It is envisaged that at least an additional six months will be required to complete the work required on this project to achieve complete and faithful restoration.

1. The Chaff shed, adjacent to McCrossin's Mill, Uralla.



2. One of the main, most expensive and time consuming jobs that needed to be completed was the stabilising of the building and replacement of rotting columns and joists. This photograph shows the new timbers in place. It also shows the new crushed granite flooring and the position of the staircase.



3. Part of the stabilising process was the inclusion of galvanised pipe and turnbuckle braces. These can be seen in this photograph of the mezzanine level. New raft timbers are shown here.



4. The rotting flooring timbers, shown in this photograph standing against the wall, were replaced by "new" floor boards.



5. The mezzanine access staircase is shown in these two photographs, also note the crushed granite floor.



6. Where required the glazing was replaced.



7. To stop further deterioration the roofing iron was painted.



8. To allow light into the display area a section of glass wall is currently under construction at the rear of the Chaff Shed.



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