

LACHLAN VINTAGE VILLAGE - FORBES

Lachlan Vintage Village is situated less than 1km south of Forbes on the Newell Highway in the Central West of NSW. It was in Forbes that the "Rush" for gold from the Lachlan River attracted thousands of Hopeful diggers and so helped to open up the west.

SECTION 1 - The journey to the LVV

- * Use your Eyes and Imagination: en route LOOK out for landscapes, forests, pastures, geological formations etc. Note these.
- * What are some of the names of the towns? the buildings in them? the dates of such buildings?
- * Try to imagine how the country was for the pioneers!

SECTION 2 - Lachlan Vintage Village

- * Use your EYES, EARS, NOSE, SENSE OF TOUCH to get the most information.'
- * If that fails, ASK the people on duty !!

(A) GOLD

1. When was the Forbes gold rush?
2. Approximately how many people came to Forbes in the early days of the "rush"?
3. What forms of accommodation would a new "digger" find?
4. What is a LEAD? (in connection with mining, pronounced LEED)
5. What is a stamper of batteries used for? (sketch it)
6. What is the DATUM post near the goldfields blacksmith shop?
7. Who was the Gold Commissioner - what was his job?
8. What is alluvial gold - and how is it obtained?
9. What is a cradle and how does it work? (sketch it)
10. What is a WHIM?
11. Find the original gold assayers hut. What was it used for?
12. TRY YOUR LUCK AT GOLD PANNING!!

(B) TRANSPORT

1. Describe the Cobb and Co shop. What was it used for? See if you can find out how much a journey cost in those days.
2. What methods of power were used to transport people in 1850's-1880's?
3. TAKE A RIDE ON A COACH!!

(C) PEOPLE

1. Who was Ben Hall and why is he "notorious"?
2. Who was German Harry and what did he do?

(D) CONSTRUCTION (PUBLIC BUILDINGS, SHOPS, HOUSING)

- * In this section look carefully at the construction of: roofs, walls, fire place and chimney, floors, windows, furniture, ceilings, inner walls.

1. What materials were used in the construction of:
 - (a) Public Buildings (i Medical Hall
(ii Telegraph Office
(iii Cobb and Co (SKETCH ONE)
 - (b) Shops (i Undertakers
(ii Bathurst Stores - what was sold?
(iii Shanty - what is it?
 - (c) Houses (i James Pugh
(ii James Twadell
(iii Schofields
(iv German Harrys - what is special about his home?
(v Ben Hall
2. What types of furniture are to be found in side these buildings, shops and houses? What is it generally made from?
3. What changes do you notice between the houses constructed earlier and those constructed later?