GOLD MINING

HOMES:

O'MEALLY'S SHACK

The building that is named O'Meally's was used as a GROG SHOP in the gold
days and it relates to O'Meally, one of the bushrangers in the Ben Hall gang.
It was up in the Weddin mountains not far from here and had been reconstructed
from drawings. O'Meally was shot down on a farm not far from the actual build-
ing in the Weddin Mountains. Nobody is really quite sure that it is O'Meally
of O'Melly. It is spelt and sounds both ways. Preliminary research pointed
towards a spelling that is quite different and the official records probably
do not agree with local records. The construction is slab and bark roofed.
It is very typical of the area, large trees that could be cut down for raw
material for the slab and bark.
Pioneering people must have been very used to this type of dwelling whereas
it is a novelty these days. The general operations of this pub was typically
from barrels brought in, probably on waggons. The barrels were dumped down
outside and were gradually dragged in as needed. The wine, or spirit or beer
was served from outside the tethering rails.