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GOLD MINING

HOMES:

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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 building 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.