

Gerroa Town Hall 37 Stafford Street, Gerroa, NSW 2534.



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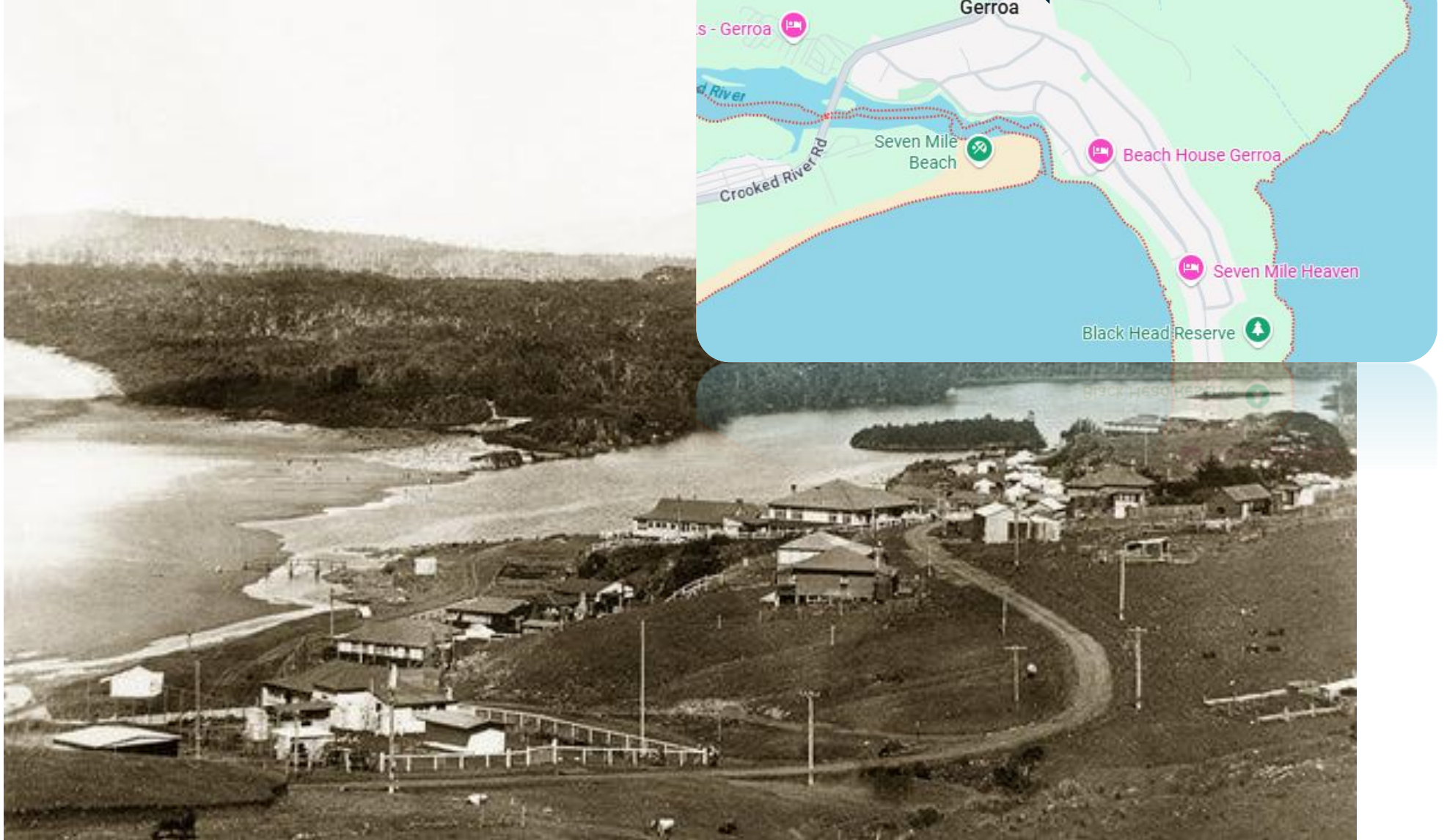
The Town Hall Building was constructed in 1945. The first Europeans to set foot in the Gerroa area were probably the survivors of the wreck of the Sydney Cove who, in 1797, made their way from Preservation Island in Bass Strait to Sydney. Only three of an initial seventeen survived the ordeal. Their reports prompted George Bass to undertake a southern voyage of exploration later that year. He sailed alongside Seven Mile Beach and crossed the shoals at the entrance to the Crookhaven river which he named the Shoalhaven.

The beach became a venue for horseracing as early as the 1860s and, later for car and bike races. With this history it is not surprising that it was the site upon which the speed of 100 m.p.h. was first attained, on land, in Australia. Gold was reputedly discovered amidst its black sand in 1894.

In 1933 Seven Mile Beach was used by Sir Charles Kingsford Smith as the runway for the first commercial flight between Australia and New Zealand. Flares were lit upon the beach to mark out the runway and several thousand people came from Sydney and the local area to witness the 2.30 am take-off, turning on their car headlights to provide the aviators with extra illumination.

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Gerroa area 1920's. <https://www.historicalencounters.org/>