

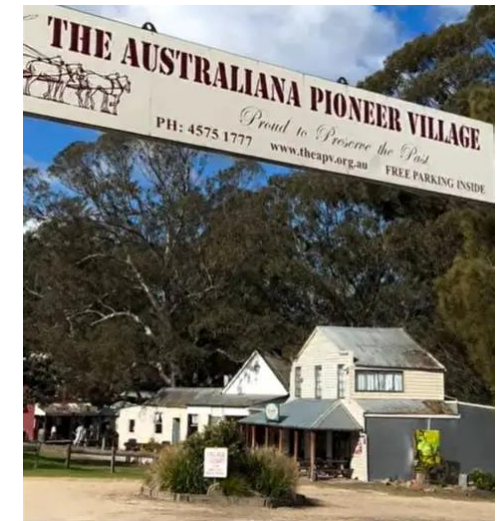
Australian Pioneer Village & Rose Cottage, Wilberforce NSW 2756

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The Australian Pioneer Village at Wilberforce is a living history museum established in 1969 to preserve Australia's colonial heritage. Its collection of authentic nineteenth-century buildings provides an insight into the lives of early settlers in the Hawkesbury district. Among its most important structures is Rose Cottage, built circa 1811 by former convict Matthew Everingham. Considered one of Australia's oldest surviving timber slab homes, the cottage demonstrates the simple building techniques and rural lifestyle of the colony's earliest farming families.

Rose Cottage remains on its original site at Wilberforce, which is one of the reasons it is considered so historically significant. According to the heritage listing, the cottage was built between 1810 and 1820 by Thomas Rose and has retained its relationship to the surrounding land associated with the early Hawkesbury farming settlement. Descendants living in the house continuously until 1961 when it became a house museum. The property is owned by the Thomas and Jane Rose Family Society Inc. It was added to the New South Wales State Heritage Register on 2 April 1999

The HWMM visited the site and met with one of the original Rose family descendants.



Installed at the front of the site is a **50mm Itron Flo-Star Multijet Water Meter**, prior to it is a Davies-Shephard Dirt box filter.

