



Corner Country Mining Heritage

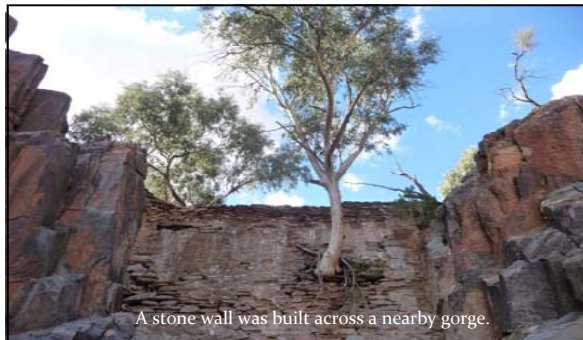
Euriowie Township

Tin discovered near Euriowie

In 1884 tin ore was discovered in the Barrier Ranges, amongst the rugged rocks of the Byjerkerno gorge (believed to be Aboriginal for “plenty of moaning lizards”). Abandoned mine shafts indicate the places where mining took place.

The township of Euriowie developed not far from Byjerkerno, adjacent to the current Silver City Highway. Its population grew to around 700, with more than 80 men employed in the tin mines.

The buildings of the township were mostly of galvanized iron, and included two banks, three stores, perhaps as many as six hotels and other businesses.

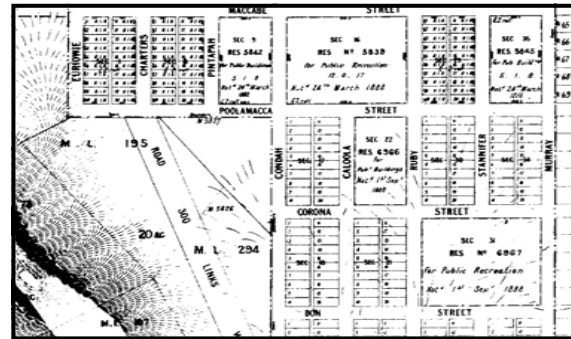


A stone wall was built across a nearby gorge.

The township prospers briefly

By the end of 1887 there was a police station, even a race course, but no church. The local school closed in 1918, but after protests from the local community it reopened on a part-time basis.

The teacher was stationed at Tarrawingee and alternated between the communities.



Map of Euriowie township

A coach service operated to connect the two communities and link with the Tarrawingee Tramway.

Of the hotels, only the Euriowie continued to function until the 1930s when it was abandoned. The post office closed about the same time.



The ruins of Euriowie township

Ruins remain today

Early shareholders in the Euriowie tin-field were rewarded with new found wealth, but these were not rich mines, raising just three or four tons of ore in 1899.

By 1901 there were just twelve men employed in the mine known as Wheel Byjerkerno .

Significant ruins of the town remain today, especially stone underground tanks and other walls. The cemetery is located on the north-eastern side of Euriowie Creek .