

Lake Eucumbene Chamber of Commerce

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Construction in the post-war period was constrained by skills and material shortages, and the modest simple residences of Adaminaby reflect this situation.

Provision of shopping space was to ensure that businesses displaced from the old town were re-established. Restrictions were placed on new business entrants during a 3-year settling-in period, and occupancy has remained much as planned.

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The name of the original settlement is commemorated with the naming of Seymour Park (York St) after the former settlement which carried this name to the 1880's. The name was changed to Adaminaby to avoid confusion with Seymour in Victoria.

Please enjoy your journey through our historic past and make sure to share your experience with others.

More information on the history of Adaminaby can be discovered at the Cooma Visitors Centre, and online <u>www.visitadaminaby.com.au</u>



Lake Eucumbene from Old Adaminaby



Adaminaby Town Centre

Adaminaby township is a purpose built village constructed in the late 1950's to accommodate the residents displaced by the construction of Lake Eucumbene.

Adaminaby's layout closely follows the principles for the design of NSW towns proposed by John Sulman in 1897 and widely used up until the late 1960's. Professor Denis Winston of Sydney University was commissioned with the design task and his design features include:

- The main highway thoroughfare is removed to the south of the village
- A green belt separates the highway and town to buffer traffic & road noise
- A compact rectangular retail precinct with a central 'green-space' area
- A main street rising to a higher elevation with premises for commerce, professional services, civic institutions, and church removed from the retail centre but close to residential areas

Adaminaby adapted the standard design to incorporate modern features of the 1960's;

- Smaller residential block sizes (space for a cart horse, or milk animal was no longer required)
- Reticulated electricity, water & sewerage
- Streets are aligned to the contour for aesthetic effect (rather than as straight lines preferred by surveyors & engineers)
- Road paving, curb and gutters for all residential streets
- Planned public planting of trees in all streets

Not all features of this standard design were implemented.

Adaminaby & Eucumbene Heritage Trail



The trail begins at the Big Trout and proceeds through the Adaminaby Town Centre, and then on a short journey throughout the residential and cultural heartland of the township. The trail features 7 sites throughout the Adaminaby Village, and then continues on at the satellite villages of Angler's Reach & Old Adaminaby.

The walk through Adaminaby township Trail is approximately 40 minutes, with other site visits by car approximately 45 minutes return.



The Big Trout On your journey, please respect the privacy of residents and visitors should ask permission when taking photos of private residences.