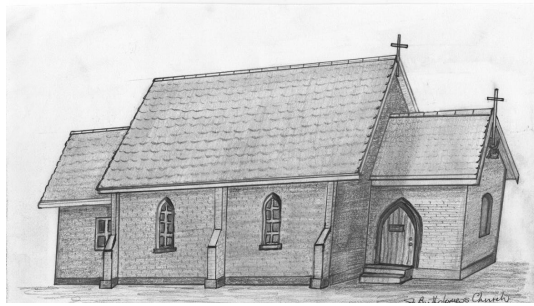


**St.Bartholomew's Anglican Church
Dulcie Street**



The present brick and tile church was built in 1929 at a cost of £618 and was dedicated and licensed on 16 September 1929. The altar is a memorial to Mr John Bowerman. The church was re-attached to Cooma Parish in 1936.

All Saints Catholic Church

Walker Street - All Saints was established in 1889 and extended in 1910.

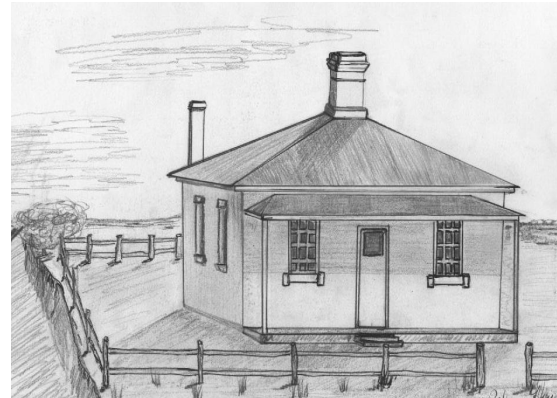


Railway Station Cottage

Dulcie Street - The railway line from Goulburn to Cooma, including bridges and buildings were designed by engineer, John Whitton. The overseer was William Hutchinson, who during the construction, lived with his family at "Wrens Nest" on Church Road, Cooma.

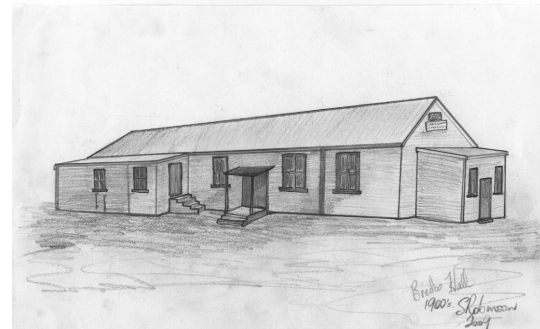
The contract for construction of the Michelago to Cooma railway line, including Bredbo railway

cottage, was signed in August 1885, with contractors Messrs Walker and Swan. The project came in under budget at £1,327,600. The works were completed by May 1889.



**Bredbo Community Hall
Cooma Street**

The original building was situated opposite the hotel and was burnt down. The foundation stone for the present building was laid in 1938 and was completed in 1939, with the extension completed in 1953. Our Hall is well used for a range of community events.



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**BREDBO
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Village of Poplars

Situated between Canberra and the NSW snow fields, Bredbo offers travelers a tranquil place to take a break and enjoy old fashioned hospitality.

Bredbo is an aboriginal name meaning "Joining of Waters", so named due to the Bredbo and Murrumbidgee rivers junction.

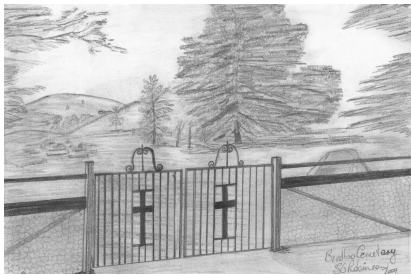
**Population in 2006 – 166 with 68 houses
Elevation 718m**

History of Bredbo

First sighting of the Monaro Plains by explorers Wild, Currie and Ovens was in June 1923. It is said, that the intervening hills prevented Captain Currie and his companions from following the course of the Murrumbidgee River. When they came across a 45' wide river, they "assumed it was the one along whose bank they had been travelling for some days" ie the "Morumbidgee". After crossing the river they, "went on for some miles almost due South". This would indicate that they in fact crossed the Bredbo River, and having reached the neighbourhood of what afterwards became Billilingra Hill, Captain Currie wrote 'It was strangely treeless, and had a great expanse of rolling rich grass lands.' It was no wonder that squatters rapidly settled the area. Bredbo village would have developed to support the squatter's runs.

William Branwhite Clarke was responsible for gold discovery, helping the area to thrive.

In 1875 the first post office opened. Bredbo was gazetted as a village in 1888 and in 1889 was linked to Sydney and Cooma by the Railway. There were 8 houses in Bredbo in that year.

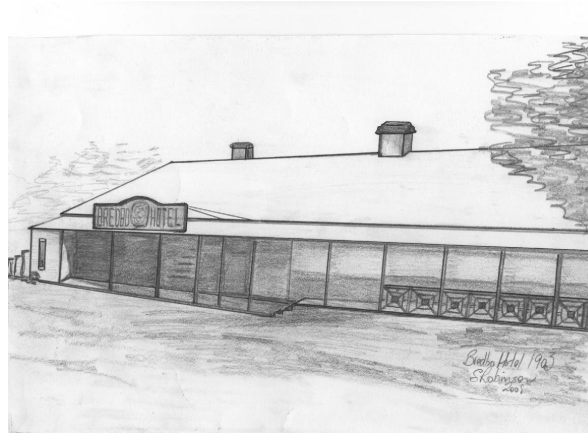


Bredbo Cemetery

Yayouk Street - The earliest burial listed is of **Ester May Bowerman** , d. 30 Jul 1897, age: 6

ys, however, there may be earlier burials here as there are several unmarked graves.

The Bredbo Inn Hotel (Pub) Cooma Street (Monaro Highway)



The Hotel was built for the convenience of stage coach travelers and established as an Inn in 1936. The present Hotel includes parts of the original building. The original stables can be seen at the rear of the present Hotel. Charlie McKeahnie was hurt on the old Bredbo Bridge and later died at the Bredbo Pub. Legend has it



that he was "The Man from Snowy River".

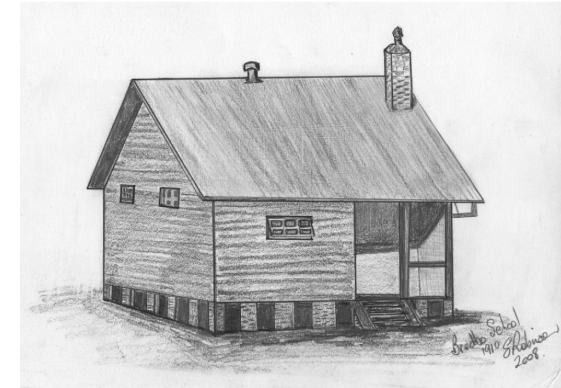
Bredbo General Store & Residence

Cooma Street - In 1903 the general store was built on the corner of Bunyan and Cooma Streets (Monaro Highway). It was opened by Mr Swan, one of the contractors for the

Railway. It is still standing today and is known as the *Bredbo Pancake & Crepe Restaurant*.

Bredbo Public School

Opened as the Village School in Sept 1882, Bredbo School had an enrolment of 24 pupils with Miss Julia Tully appointed as the first teacher. Over the next few years attendance was very poor, teachers came and went. A new school, made of corrugated iron lined with local pine, was built in 1887 at a cost of £138.



The enrolment increased to 40 and the school then became a Public School. In 1982 the school celebrated its Centenary. In 2009 the School has four buildings with two teachers and 28 students.

Old Bredbo Bridge

The old timber truss bridge, built in 1879, was an example of timber bridge construction, using Australia's then abundant supply of hard wood. The current bridge, measuring 128.4m was opened in March 1979 at a cost of \$565,000.

