



THE MEAN FIDDLER

Entertaining Since 1826

The Heritage Building fronting Windsor Road was designed by Sir Francis Greenway in 1826 as a half way house for Cobb & Co, to service the Parramatta to Windsor run. Sandstone was quarried in Parramatta and transported by oxen drawn carts to build the structure which today is listed on our National Heritage Register

With the demise of Cobb & Co the building has been used as a hotel, accommodation, reception hall and restaurant. It has been lovingly restored and attracts hundreds of visitors annually who have an interest in our heritage history.

One owner, John Seath suffered an accident with his horse and carriage and passed away in one of the rooms. Over the years we have had many reports of a presence which some believe is John Seath's ghost.

At the rear of the Heritage Building is the Woolshed known previously as The Vinegar Hill Woolshed, which for many years was the home of country and western music. Always a destination venue it attracts both young and old to good old-fashioned entertainment.

The Irish Bar built behind the Heritage Building was built in 1996 and features the best of Irish charm and ambience. The bar is decorated with a myriad of memorabilia from our early days with contributions from Ireland, England, France, United States and early Australia. One of the main features is a large bronze chandelier weighing 2.4 tonnes. The magnificent piece in its early life was raised and lowered by winch to change candles.

The building boasts magnificent timberwork and stairs much of which came out of an Irish Church where it is reported the previous owners, Larry & Briege Tuite were married. Dividing the wall at the rear of the bar feature convict handmade bricks. Hanging from the rafters is an authentic display of penny-farthing bicycles, marine lights, saddlery, and bric a brac typical of Irish culture at the turn of the last century.

Ownership of the hotel changed in 2002, which was followed by a comprehensive redevelopment program that remains ongoing. This redevelopment has included function rooms, food and liquor bar, stock and station store, ice cream shop, restaurant and bistro dining, landscaping, large courtyards and verandahs, outdoor movie screen, building and site sound proofing and last but not least our entertainment venue voted No.1 in NSW.

The Mean Fiddler Hotel is proudly Australian and always offers the warm hand of welcome to our patrons and their guests.