

Farmyard

Wander through the original farmyard and appreciate life from the worker's perspective. Located adjacent to the riverine area of Werribee Park, enjoy an informative photographic exhibition showcasing farmyard activities of the early 1900s and an authentic collection of artefacts within the rustic bluestone buildings.

During the Chirside era, this farmyard was the working heart of the extensive Werribee Park estate. Once abuzz with workers, the remaining outbuildings provide a stark contrast from the elaborate craftsmanship of the Chirside Mansion.

The most significant building is the recently restored Homestead. It was built in the 1860s by the Chirside family as their first substantial residence at Werribee Park, and initially lived in by Thomas and Andrew's nephew, Robert Chirside, and his family. Robert was Property Manager and Lessee from 1859 to 1872. As the Manager's residence it was the centre from which the station's activities were planned and organised. This continued into the early 1900s when James Wood was Property Manager.

The Homestead now contains a superb photographic exhibition which highlights the array of activities once undertaken within and around the farm area. "Moving Forward Looking Back" encompasses a collection of photographs taken by James Wood during his employment as Manager, providing a rare insight into this richly diverse property.

Absorb this exhibition at your leisure then take some time to explore the six other buildings within the farm, as highlighted below. Additional images and historical information about these buildings are provided on standing posts throughout the area.





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Opening Hours:

November – April

10.00am – 5.00pm daily

May – October

10.00am – 4.00pm weekdays

10.00am – 5.00pm weekends

Closed Christmas Day.

Parking & Transport:

Free car parking is available,

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Shuttle service operates daily

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