

Cobbora Hall welcomes cyclists

Cobbora once boasted five hotels and was the major service town for the region that now relies on Dunedoo. Today, few of its landmarks remain – the old schoolhouse, the old courthouse and jail, the Cobbora Santa Gertrudis cattle stud, and the much-loved Cobbora Hall which, for more than 100 years, has served as the “clubhouse” for the community’s social occasions.

Since 1915, Cobbora Hall has enjoyed a reputation for generous hospitality and enjoyment for locals and visitors alike. And today, the visitors are likely to be looking to give soft tissues a break from hard cycle saddles.

Strategically sited as the spot where coach and carriage traffic could safely cross the Talbragar River, Cobbora became a hub for coach routes in many directions. And today it remains a convenient hub for many options on the Central West Cycle Trail. Just 15km from Dunedoo on the Cobbora Road route to Mendooran (35km), Cobbora Hall is also 30km from Elong Elong, 35km from Birriwa, 48km from Gollan Hall, 52 km from Gulgong using the Spring Ridge Road, and 65km from Goolma.

The hall, at the junction of Schoolhouse Road and Dunedoo Street, can be left open for touring cyclists by prior arrange-



Rob Ingram of the Cobbora Hall discusses facilities with CWC committee member Sharon Nott.

ment. It has a toilet block and fresh rain-water tanks available outside, and an indoor kitchen area with tea-making facilities, tables and chairs and limited soft furniture inside.

Cyclists seeking overnight accommodation are recommended to book with Sal Dent at Cobbora Station (0498 542 689). Cobbora Station is just one kilometre (downhill) away.

For use of the hall, pay what you think we'll be sufficiently happy with to continue our warm welcome. Let us know you're coming on (02) 6375 1540.

Article by journalist Rob Ingram who with Penny Stevens owns the hall and have brought it back to life.