

Stroll down memory lane of town's key places

HISTORIC images and paintings of Sunbury landmarks and events have been placed throughout the heart of the town.

The collection, A Stroll Through History, is part of a Hume Council project supported by the Sunbury Historical and Heritage Society, Sunbury Community Health Centre and Sunbury StreetLife Festival.

The pictures in the collection are from various stages of Sunbury's past, many depicting the town's original

buildings or layouts. The exhibition in itself celebrates the current layout of the town, with many of the pictures found in the quiet lanes between Evans and O'Shanassy streets.

Sunbury Historical and Heritage Society president Peter Free said 28 pictures were retrieved from its collection, blown up in proportion and placed as near as possible to where they were originally taken.

"Some go right back to the 1900s and the images really

illustrate what the town used to be like," Mr Free said.

"There is an aerial picture from the 1960s which really illustrates how much Sunbury has changed, but even a picture from 2008 reveals quite a change."

Two original paintings by Sunbury artist Philip Gray are part of the exhibition – one depicting the original Ashes game at Rupertswood and the other the first Sunbury Pop Festival.

Mr Gray said he had

researched both of the subjects meticulously.

"I like to paint whimsical images which are very true to the period and anecdotal, but a little off the wall as well," he said.

"I have a keen interest in local history and both of these events are pretty big in the life of Sunbury."

People can pick up a map that outlines the historical walk at the Sunbury Visitor Information Centre, 43 Macdon St, while markers are placed by all of the images.



Peter Free and artist Philip Gray in front of one of the works.