

## Hall's Cottage

Leighton Road, Halls Head

*Hall's Cottage* was built around 1832-1833 on the 200-acre property Henry Hall obtained as part of his original allocation.

There is no record of the construction of the cottage, though it is likely that it was built with the assistance of the tradesmen and servants originally brought out by Hall on the *Protector*. The five-roomed cottage is a perfect example of a pioneer home built entirely from local materials and represents an early European settler's cottage.



Over the years several different families leased or lived in the house:

- Henry Edward Hall lived in the cottage, which he called *Dedallumup* until 1836.
- It was leased to Thomas Watson, an original pioneer-surveyor, the first mail contractor and ferry keeper.
- In 1843 John and Eleanor Sutton rented a small block of Henry E. Hall's property and occupied the cottage. John Sutton spent money on improvements to *Hall's Cottage* for *cont.*
- the accommodation of travellers and applied for a free publican's licence for a 'house of entertainment' which he wished to open.
- When John was running the ferry one of his employees, William Robinson and his wife lived in the cottage.
- Henry Hastings Hall returned to *Hall's Cottage* after his parents died in the late 1850s.
- Newly married Dora Peel and Henry Hastings Hall lived in *Hall's Cottage* from 1870 until 1871 when they were forced to sell.
- Henry Sutton bought the property in 1871 and turned it into a dairy farm. John Sutton's son, Henry and his family moved into the cottage.
- In the late 1800s the Suttons rented *Hall's Cottage* to Thomas Charles Hosking while his house was being built.
- In 1926 the farm was sold to Joe Cooper under the condition that the Sutton family would have the first option for buying it back if it went to market.
- In 1947 Hal and Tony Sutton bought the property.
- In 1975 Hal and Tony Sutton leased *Hall's Cottage* to the Mandurah Historical Society.

