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Pubs of the Tablelands

The Peeramon Hotel, built in 1911, is a fine example of one of the oldest pubs built in the settlement era of the Tablelands.

Mine hosts, Tom and Mavis Young, are constantly working to bring it back to its former splendour, and are succeeding admirably.

The timber used in its construction would be worth a fortune these days, being white beech, black bean and oak.

The Hotel lies on a site opposite the position that used to be occupied by the Peeramon Railway Station, now defunct and demolished.

That station had the biggest log loading ramp on the Tablelands, and must have brought on some mighty thirsts.

The locals, and in fact, people from all over the Tablelands, still bring their thirsts here to be assuaged and Tom, with the help of bar attendants Caroline Steele and Pamela Rowe, make a good fist of it.

Peeramon has much to interest the tourist as well as the local with a thirst for knowledge as well as for good beer.

Just down the road is a paddock, marked on a copy of the old town plan. Tom keeps in the pub, that was gazetted as a grazing block for horses used by the local Constabulary. The plan also shows many residential blocks and sites for shops, but the town has now reverted to a quiet country village where people can relax.

Inside the pub, the walls are covered with pieces of harness used by the horses and wagons that were used for conveyances up to the end of the last war.

When you go there, ask Tom to show you the photo of the end of the wheelbarrow race, (an old Tableland tradition that is still being kept up, although not for such a distance) that took place from Topaz to Peeramon. It took three days.

What a thirst they must have had at the end of that.

Speaking of thirsts, reminds one of what should go with it, and that is food, and you can’t go wrong if you turn up on Friday evening for Tom’s smorgasbord, when you can eat sizzling steaks and as much of a variety of salads etc., as you can get into yourself for only $3.50.

If you feel like a romantic evening, how about, booking for his Candlelight Dinner on Saturday evening, you won’t be disappointed with the results — anyhow — from the food that is — but with atmosphere like that, the rest is up to you. Phone No. 7173, but you had better book early.

Peeramon Hotel

Built in 1911 of local timbers, white beech, blackbean and oak, the Peeramon Hotel displays old photographs and artifacts of harness, wagon parts and hand tools. It is the social centre of Peeramon on Friday nights.

The licensee is J. Carne.