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Smithfield

Smithfield was originally the name of a township on the Barron River, named after William Smith (Bill) in 1876. Smith was a prospector, packer and track finder to the Hodgkinson Field. It was known locally as Smithville, to avoid the association with the London cattle market where witches and martyrs were burnt at the stake. Unknowingly located on flood plains, the township declined and was deserted by 1881. The town was re-sited on higher ground where the current suburb is now located.

Stratford

Named after the AIF enlisted man, Harry Stratford, who holds the sad distinction of being one of the first men ashore at Gallipoli, and also the first soldier to perish at that landing. That Stratford was named after Stratford-on-Avon is discounted.