

## 10. Austral Building

Cnr Wollumbin Street and Commercial Road

The Austral Building was built by Cornelius Constantine Vlismas ('Con') in 1934 and designed by architects F J Board. Board also designed the Marville Building next door. The pressed metal panels displayed in the awning of the Austral building are one of the most significant Art Deco examples of ceiling design in Murwillumbah. They feature geometric patterns and the iconic Deco "Sunburst" design, which complements the same design feature found in the building's stained glass windows.



## 11. Marville Building

9 Wollumbin Street

The Marville building was designed in 1938 by architect F J Board (who also designed the Austral building next door). It features a Wunderlich geometric patterned Art deco pressed metal awning. F J Board designed a number of buildings in Murwillumbah, many of which feature Wunderlich ceiling panels spanning the Art Nouveau and Art Deco decorative periods. The Marville building and the Austral building next door sport many Art Deco architectural features, such as lovely stained glass windows.



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19. Photo of Austral Building awning.  
20. Detail of Austral awning from Wunderlich catalogue.  
21. Photo Marville Building awning.

## Map: Look up! Wonderful Wunderlich



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# Murwillumbah Town Centre Heritage Walks

## Wonderful Wunderlich



**Murwillumbah is full of hidden wonders; you just need to know where to look. Come with us on a tour of secret Murwillumbah, easily discovered by simply looking up!**

Many buildings in Murwillumbah feature beautiful pressed metal Art Nouveau and Art Deco ceiling designs, all made by the Wunderlich Ltd Company.

Wunderlich was one of Australia's most significant building companies, creating architectural elements for many iconic Sydney buildings including the Sydney Town Hall and the terracotta facade of the Commonwealth Bank in Martin Place.

Over the lifespan of the company, Wunderlich produced materials in many styles including ornate Neoclassical Victorian, Art Nouveau, Art Deco and Gothic designs, often being ahead of movements and trends.

Wunderlich was part of the very fabric of the Australian building industry and their designs help to tell the story of the stylistic and social change in Australia through much of the 19th and 20th centuries.

## 1. Tweed Regional Museum

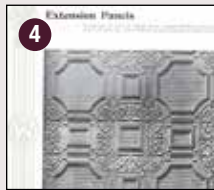
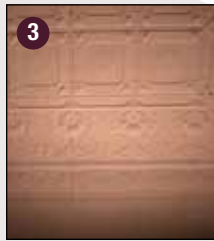
2 Queensland Road



The building the Museum now occupies was constructed in 1915 to house the Tweed Shire Council and was the first Shire Hall. Although renovated in 2014, many original architectural features remain, including two impressive examples of Wunderlich pressed metal ceilings. The ceilings in the original Council Chambers and the staff kitchen can be found in Wunderlich Catalogues of 1908.



The design of the ceiling in the kitchen (ask staff to let you in) is linked to French artist Lucien Henry, who was commissioned by Wunderlich in the late 1800s to design panels for the ceiling of the Australian Hotel and the Town Hall, in Sydney. Henry was well known for his exploration of Australiana, particularly native flora, in architectural features and produced the iconic book of plates called "Australian Decorative Arts". The ceiling in the kitchen features beautiful Art Nouveau florals such as waratahs in the square designs; the middle indentations represent the head of a waratah flower.



## 2. St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies)

138 Murwillumbah Street



The awning of the Vinnies building features one of the more decorative Art Nouveau ceilings in Murwillumbah. The floral pattern can be found in a 1912 Wunderlich catalogue.

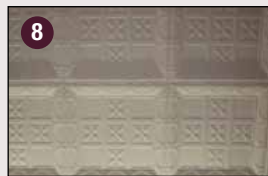


## 3. Murwillumbah Pharmacy (Whittles)

108 Murwillumbah Street



The Murwillumbah Pharmacy was once called Whittles Pharmacy and features an impressive Wunderlich pressed metal ceiling. Whittles was originally located where the Imperial Hotel is, but moved to this site in the early 1920s. You can see the ceiling in original form in this 1924 photograph of Whittles interior.



## 4. New Releases Antiques

94 Murwillumbah Street

The building at 94 Murwillumbah Street has an Art Deco pressed metal awning.



## 5. Verela and Swift Pharmacy

80 Murwillumbah Street

It's worth popping your head into the pharmacy to see the lovely ceiling design that can be found in the 1912 Wunderlich catalogue (below).



## 6. Work 'n' Country Gear

74 Murwillumbah Street

Work 'n' Country Gear also have a Wunderlich pressed metal ceiling inside the shop as seen in the 1912 Wunderlich catalogue.

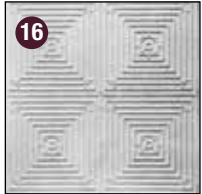


## 7. Dinki Di Discounts

58 Murwillumbah Street



The building Dinki Di now occupies used to be the Woolworths store. The awning pattern at 58 Murwillumbah Street appears in a 1929 Wunderlich catalogue and features an Art Deco geometric pattern. In the 1954 photo (above) you can just glimpse the original awning pattern.



## 8. National Australia Bank

48 Murwillumbah Street

Wunderlich also produced architectural features and flourishes in copper and bronze. You can see examples on the NAB building such as column capping, paterae and metal grills.



## 9. Astor Flats

10 Commercial Road

This 1930s building sports an Art Deco geometric patterned pressed metal awning.



14. Woolworths during Murwillumbah flood, 1954. Tweed Regional Museum Collection M16-36.

15. Photo of Dinki Di awning.

16. Detail of Dinki Di awning from Wunderlich catalogue.

17. Photo of Wunderlich detail on National Australia Bank.

18. Photo of Astor Flats awning

1. Tweed Regional Museum, original Council Chambers.

2&3. Tweed Regional Museum, staff kitchen ceiling.

4. Detail of Council Chambers ceiling from Wunderlich catalogue.

5. Detail of St Vincent de Paul awning from Wunderlich catalogue.

6. Photo of St Vincent de Paul awning.

7. Whittles Pharmacy, 1924. Tweed Regional Museum Collection MUS1998.22.74

8. Photo of Murwillumbah Pharmacy ceiling.

9. Detail of Murwillumbah Pharmacy ceiling from Wunderlich catalogue.

10. Photo of New Releases Antiques awning.

11. Detail of Verela Pharmacy ceiling from Wunderlich catalogue.

12. Photo of Verela Pharmacy ceiling.

13. Photo of Work 'n' Country Gear ceiling.