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## Country Women's Association, The Caves, Queensland



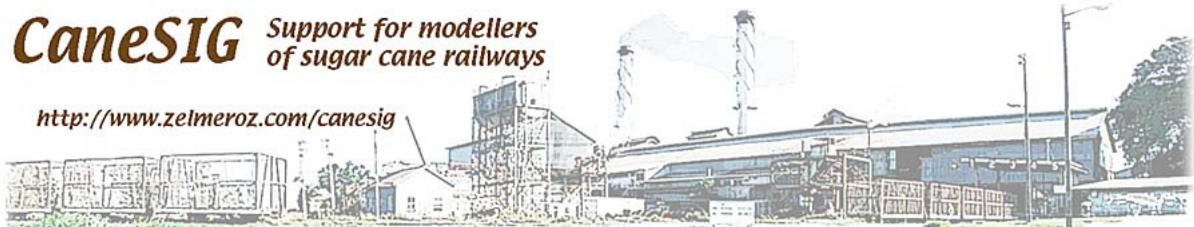
The Caves is a small community just a few kilometres north of what is now the Rockhampton Regional Council.

While it is likely best known for the area's tourist-oriented caves, the town centre includes a pub, a shop or two, and a community centre.

The community centre consists of two interconnected buildings, one of which is a restored CWA building.

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The CWA provided an organisational meeting place as well as a safe haven for women, particularly when travelling from far-flung properties.

Large towns and cities likely had room for dozens of women to stay for a few hours (breast feeding infants or waiting for the train, for example) or even overnight. A smaller town like The Caves would normally have a couple of private rooms, a

kitchen/dining area, and toilet facilities (not necessarily within the building. Some also had a veranda or garden area for sitting outside.

The building is now part of the community centre and has a passageway connecting it with the building next door. For scaling purposes, the front door opening is 31" x 79" (ie portion of the door that is visible, the door is likely 32" wide).



Front 3/4 views (above and below) showing small roof over entry, main hip roof, stumping and stairs. Originally the building likely had timber stumps and may have been closer to the ground.



Rear view showing door offset from centre. The site slopes from the back to the front, thus the back stairs are lower than the front.



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