

# Bowen Courthouse



Client	Department of Justice and Attorney-General
Number of artworks commissioned	1
Public Art project budget	\$68,000

## Bowen

Location	Façade glass of Courthouse, Herbert Street, Bowen
Artist	Ron McBurnie
Medium	Etched Glass
Size	4 Glass panels 2.5m (h) x 2.5m (w) each
Artwork fabrication cost	\$50,235
Completion date	2007
Photos by	Glen O'Malley



## Artwork statement

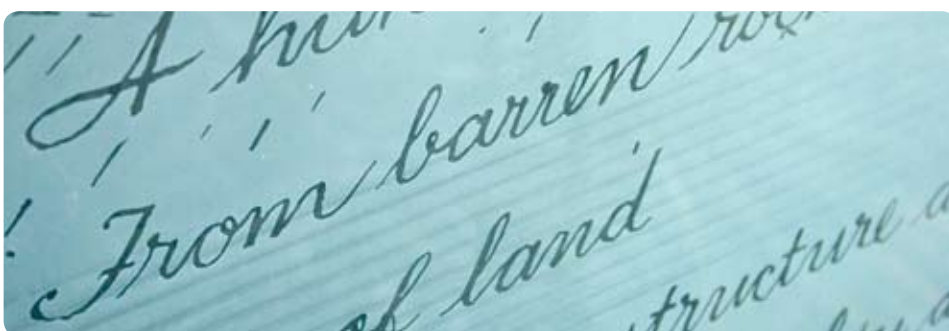
Window One features sections from the 1879 architectural plans for the Bowen Courthouse. They are framed with the image of Lady Liberty used on the front page of The Port Dennison Times, the early Bowen newspaper.

Window Two features a view of the Bowen landscape prior to development with a segment from the poem "Looking Ahead" written by resident botanist and poet Eugene Fitzalan (1830 – 1911).

Window Three depicts people and events captured outside the courthouse in early photographs – a wedding, the Municipal Band and the Light Horse Brigade. The original wrought iron work and front fence of the Courthouse are also included with images of local flora and fauna.

Window Four contains an image of Bowen's developing port with an excerpt from a letter to Governor George Ferguson Bowen from George Elphinstone Dalrymple favourably describing future possibilities in the region. These are framed by the Lady Justice of The Port Dennison Times.

Assistance on the drawing and scanning of the panels by Jonathan McBurnie and Don Stewart. Glass etching completed by Warwick Pascoe of Clearlight Designs.



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