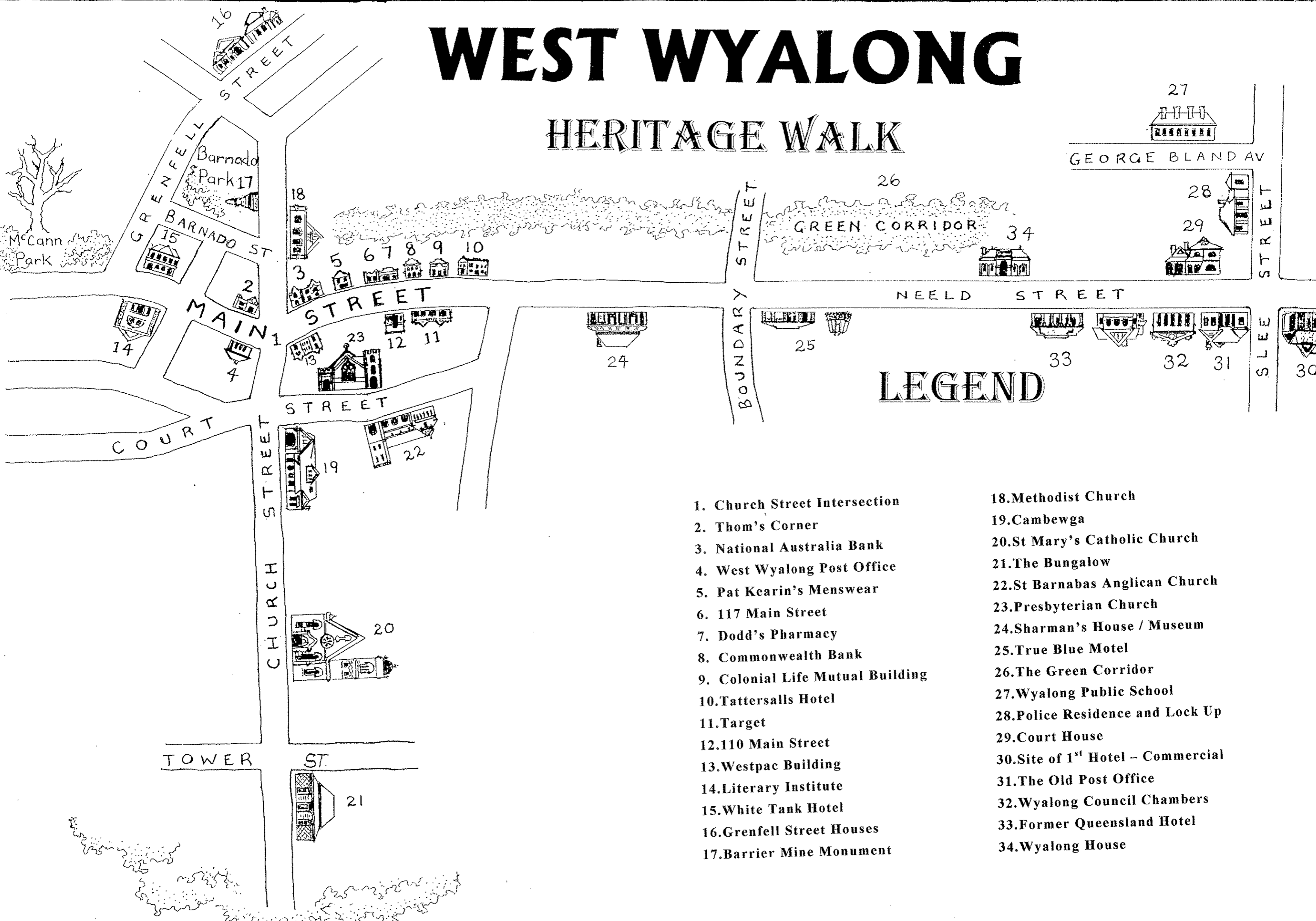


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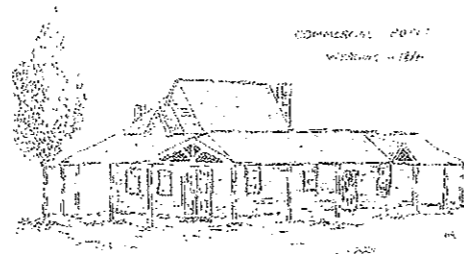
LEGEND

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| 1. Church Street Intersection | 18. Methodist Church |
| 2. Thom's Corner | 19. Cambewga |
| 3. National Australia Bank | 20. St Mary's Catholic Church |
| 4. West Wyalong Post Office | 21. The Bungalow |
| 5. Pat Kearin's Menswear | 22. St Barnabas Anglican Church |
| 6. 117 Main Street | 23. Presbyterian Church |
| 7. Dodd's Pharmacy | 24. Sharman's House / Museum |
| 8. Commonwealth Bank | 25. True Blue Motel |
| 9. Colonial Life Mutual Building | 26. The Green Corridor |
| 10. Tattersalls Hotel | 27. Wyalong Public School |
| 11. Target | 28. Police Residence and Lock Up |
| 12. 110 Main Street | 29. Court House |
| 13. Westpac Building | 30. Site of 1 st Hotel - Commercial |
| 14. Literary Institute | 31. The Old Post Office |
| 15. White Tank Hotel | 32. Wyalong Council Chambers |
| 16. Grenfell Street Houses | 33. Former Queensland Hotel |
| 17. Barrier Mine Monument | 34. Wyalong House |

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In the year of 1817, John Oxley, Explorer & General Surveyor passed through this area and prophesied "From want of timber, grass and water, it would never be inhabited by civilised man".

Mr. Fred Neeld and his son's first official report of gold was December 18th 1893. Soon after the towns of Wyalong and West Wyalong were gazetted and settled.



- 1. CHURCH AND MAIN STREET INTERSECTION** begin your walk here in the town centre.
- 2. THOM'S CORNER** One of the first general stores or merchants. It was divided into three separate entrances which can now be seen from the outside. Note also the original shop windows, tiled steps and high facade, the ceiling inside is seven metres high.
- 3. NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK** formerly the Commercial Bank of Sydney, grand offices with high ceilings, large safes and imposing brick facades. A residence upstairs for the manager and his family.
- 4. WEST WYALONG POSTOFFICE** has been altered many times and only parts of the facade are now original.
- 5. PAT KEARIN'S MENSWEAR** a good example of the shop on the ground floor and the house above for the shopkeeper. Note the separate gate at the side is for private access.
- 6. 117 MAIN STREET** a typical example of an original small shop with shiny tiles on the door step. Easily cleaned as the streets were of dirt. The original shop window and doors remain and inside is the original fireplace.
- 7. DODDS PHARMACY** (Brian Monahan) Note that the bend in the street is actually built into the building. Formerly Leadbitter's garage.
- 8. COMMONWEALTH BANK** Built in 1920 at a cost of 5,213 pounds. The manager and his family lived upstairs. The ground floor of the bank was renovated in 1994.
- 9. COLONIAL LIFE MUTUAL BUILDING** a grand building of neo-classical style. The layout is impressive with a central corridor leading to upstairs entrances.
- 10 TATTERSALLS HOTEL** was built in three stages - the corner, the middle and the far end. The building originally had a two storey verandah on Monash & Main Street.
- 11. TARGET COUNTRY** was originally the largest department store chain in Australia. Owned and occupied by John Meagher & Co. Again we have the original shop windows.
- 12 110 MAIN STREET** formerly the Rural Bank, the first bank in New South Wales set up in 1930 to support country area.
- 13. THE WESTPAC BUILDING** built for the Bank of N.S.W. in the 1920s. Now a Westpac agency and Harvey World Travel Agents.
- 14. THE LITERARY INSTITUTE** Formerly the Soldiers & Sailors Club dedicated to the ex-servicemen from the First World War. It opened in 1925, later becoming the Library then the Technical College and now the Community Health Centre.
- 15. WHITE TANK HOTEL** This hotel takes its name from the tank which was located nearby and was the town's water supply in the early years. Rooms on the right are from the original building.
- 16. GRENFELL STREET HOUSES** Streetscape: A mixture of Federation & Californian bungalow architecture, located between School & Barrier Streets.

17. BARRIER MINE MONUMENT This monument is located in Barnado Park and was erected to the memory of the victims of the disaster. On Saturday January 13th 1912, the worst tragedy on the goldfields occurred when 6 miners lost their lives in the mine through an inrush of carbon monoxide gas.

18. METHODIST CHURCH This fine building was erected in 1911... Although church services had taken place on the goldfields in April 1894 by Mr. & later Rev. J.J.Boyd.

19. "CAMBEWGA" The home of Mr. & Mrs. John Cattle which was completed in 1925. The name "Cambewga" represents the first initial of the names of the Cattle children. The home is now being restored to its former glory by Mr. & Mrs. Geoff & Shirley Funnell.

20. ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH This church was blessed and opened on July 21st 1929. It is Romanesque in design, stained glass windows & a domed ceiling are features inside the church. The bell was donated by Father Shannon, who had it brought out from Ireland.

21. THE BUNGALOW was built for Major General George Wootten in 1918. It was erected on three parcels of land which cost 16/8. The new home was used as a nurses quarters until the new home was built on the old hospital grounds.

22. ST. BARNABAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH Built with bricks from Mr. Tib Herridge's brick works in 1937. A feature is the beautiful stained glass windows designed by Christina Waller. The bell tower was completed and dedicated in November 1959.

23. THE PIONEER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH The Rev. John Auld M.A. was in charge of Presbyterian Home Mission activities in East & West Wyalong in 1896. The foundation stone for the present church was laid on 20th October 1937. As you step inside take note of the interesting ceiling structure.

24. SHARMAN'S HOUSE/MUSEUM Built in 1902 of tough local pine and was situated across the road from Sharman's Red Flag Store (now demolished). It was the first home to have a "real bathroom". The Bland District Historical Society purchased the home in 1976 for use as a museum.

25. TRUE BLUE MOTEL This motel is situated where the True Blue Mine was established. The mine was discovered by Mr. James Cusack and Mr. John Jones on January 5th 1894. It ceased production in 1920.

26. THE GREEN CORRIDOR 4.4 kms in length, a walking & cycling track joining West Wyalong & Wyalong. Along this track is the Memorial Walk which commemorates our fighting men & women with an avenue of trees & plaques.

27. PUBLIC SCHOOL WYALONG Built at a cost of 274 pounds the contractor being James Finney of Wyalong. The school opened in 1894 with an enrolment of 98 pupils.

28. POLICE RESIDENCE & LOCK-UP The first lock-up was erected in 1897. It contained five cells, an exercise yard for the prisoners, and the quarters for the lock-up keeper and his family.

29. WYALONG COURT HOUSE This building was designed by the Government Architect Mr. W. Vernon in 1900 and was built by Mr. Albert Brown at the high cost of 2,000 pounds. It ceased hearing cases in the late 1980s.

30. SITE OF THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL This hotel was one of the first hotels built in Wyalong. It was also the booking office for Cobb & Co. The hotel was de-licensed in 1926.

31. THE OLD POST OFFICE WYALONG It was built in 1901 and Mr. Curran was the first Post Master and it is now a private home.

32. WYALONG COUNCIL CHAMBERS The Wyalong Council Chambers were built in 1902. The Municipality was proclaimed in 1899. The Riot Act was read from the steps of the Hall in 1903 because of a disturbance over religion.

33. QUEENSLAND HOTEL Now the Top Town Tavern, the hotel was built in 1894. The first licensee boasted a 3 course meal in the dining room for 2/6. Mr. Prince was the first licensee.

34. WYALONG HOUSE This home was built in 1895, the first brick home to be built in Wyalong. The bricks were carted from Young for the two front rooms, impassable roads delayed the remaining bricks from arriving so the back portion had to be built in weatherboard. The window over the front door has "Wyalong House" printed on it. This was the home of the Neeld Family.