



Two Foot Tour CBD History Walk

16 Coal Bunker Wharf

Coal from the Bimbimie Mine was stored here for the provision of the dredge and steamers on the Clyde, it is now under re-development consideration.

17 Fisherman's Wharf

This wharf was erected by the Public Works Department for the fishing fleet that used to catch prawns off Long Beach.

18 Bridge

A hand operated Ferry/Punt service was established to cross the Clyde in 1871, over the years being replaced with steam-powered and then from 1915 to 1954 modernised motor-powered punt's with improved carrying capacity. The bridge was officially opened to traffic on the 21st Nov 1956. A lifting span is used to service the river traffic.



19 Smoke Point

Called Smoke point from the sawmill's that operated here from the late 1800's to 1952. This mill known locally, as *Fenning's Mill* was burnt to the ground during the bush fires of *Black Friday* the 25th January 1952.



Bridge Plaza

This shopping complex opened its doors for trading on the 27th November 1984.

20 Ned Kelly's Bargain Shop

Built c1875 by Francis Guy as a store, and possibly the oldest building in the main street. Mr George Guy, his son, operated a general store from these premises for many years prior to selling the business to Mr and Mrs Karl Thomsen, a storekeeper of Mogo. Mrs Elizabeth Thomsen continued operating the store alone after her husband's death in 1922, also operating a butcher shop. Retiring from the store, she sold to Mr Don Maskall c1946.

21 Clyde River Motor Inn

A Courthouse and Police residence was constructed on this site in 1885, it was a two storey wooden structure. In 1903 this building, and the adjoining premises, of Mr C Latta, occupied by his brother, Mr J Latta, were destroyed by fire. Mrs Devlin's premises on one side and Mr George Guy's large store on the other were saved. The "Clyde River Lodge" Motel was erected here c1965. The shopping complex on the corner replaced a B.P. service station and car wash, originally the site of the *Illawarra South Coast Steam Ship Company* shed which was moved across the road and the "*Clyde Hotel*" also known as Judd's and Brookes' Hotel.

22 Northcourt Arcade

A dwelling was erected here for the use of a hospital in 1935 by Mrs Elizabeth Thomsen. Extensions were added as the need arose until the 1960's, when it could be expanded no further. The hospital remained in use, under very difficult circumstances until the communities long fought battle for a new hospital was realized, with the patients being moved on the 25th of July 1970 to the new hospital in Pacific Street.



23 Blandford House

A Guest House erected in 1906 and run by Mrs Ada Ryan for many years, was later owned and operated by her niece Mrs Dorothy Laura Knight nee Austin. The building was demolished by the Shire Council in April 1988. "Dolly" as she was so fondly known devoted the whole of her life in the service of others, succouring to the need-ing and the afflicted, her door and heart always open to the needy and homeless. She was a devout supporter of all issues pertaining to the betterment of the Bay.

24 Citi-Centre Arcade

Mr Ken Annetts opened a picture theatre here in 1931, and resided in a large two-storey home alongside. The building was demolished to make way for the present commercial development in June 1983.



25 Bayview Hotel

Mr W F Fisher was granted a conditional publicans licence for the erection of a hotel here on the 18th October 1892. Since completion in mid 1893, the hotel has been in the hands of several publican's, the most memorable being Mr Wilfred Percy Bill, a most generous benefactor of all fundraisers, and community projects. Still retaining it's original concept the hotel has had many renovations.

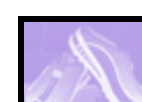
26 ANZ Bank

On land previously owned by the Ryan's, Cath and Les Grimson built and conducted a bakery here from December 1961, to 3 March 1984. Selling to Fred Powell of the Bayview Hotel a bottle-shop operated here until the erection of this present building.



27 Courthouse

This was the site of the *California Boarding House*, run by Mrs J Egan and the *California Red Star Café* taken over in 1948 by Mr and Mrs Dehaviland and Gladys Bill and also run by Ivy Wray. These were then replaced by Vidgeon's Caltex garage. Demolished in 1918, Milton's Boarding House was also in this vicinity.



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Pioneer Cemetery



This land was dedicated to the Presbyterian Church on the 1st of June 1880. It is the final resting place of the Wesleyan, Presbyterian and Methodist pioneers. Among the many unmarked graves within this cemetery are Doctor Frederick William Ladmore, who died on 25th July 1890 at the age of 69, he had resided in the district for 30 years, tending to those who required his services. His second wife Barbara, who died on the 17th August 1914 aged 84, was a mid-wife and had also tended the sick for many years.



The *Catholic Church* opened at No 1 Bent Street, on the 26th March 1882, it was dismantled and removed to the corner where the National Bank now stands in May 1911. Making way for the bank the little church was moved down the street to the grounds where St. Joseph's Primary School was situated. Relocated to Batehaven the new modern St. Bernard's Catholic Church was opened on the 24th May 1987.

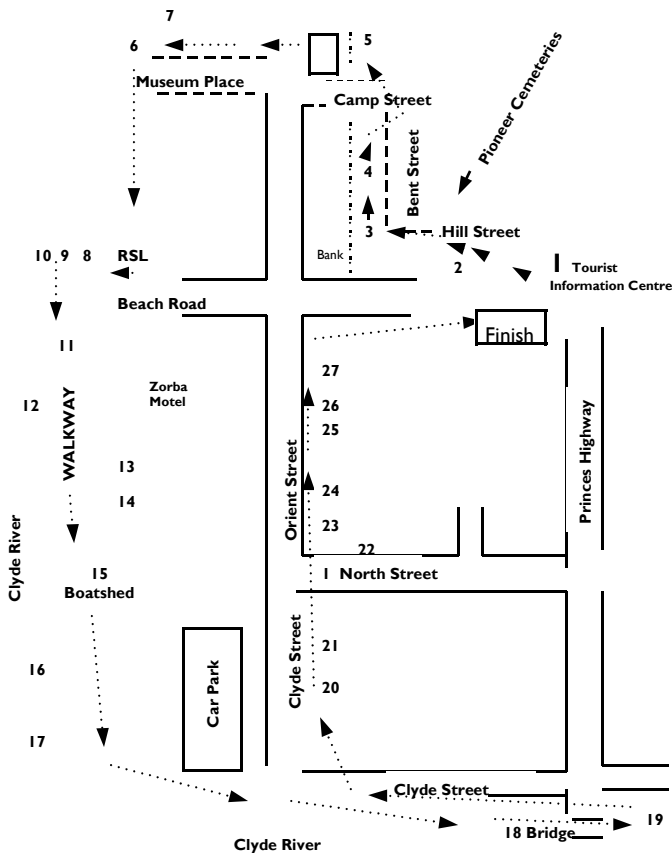


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3 Catholic Cemetery

This land was dedicated to the Catholic Church on the 11th of September 1874. There are a far greater number of graves within this cemetery than the existing headstones indicate. Among them being many infants and children. Mr Patrick O' Heir, a prominent land-owner of the existing CBD, and Postmaster, also went to his eternal rest in this cemetery on the 25th of June 1890, aged 79 years.

4 Emerald Gardens Units

A new Methodist Church was built here and opened c1916, with larger premises being available at the disused squash courts for the growing congregation, the last service was held in the small timber church on the 13th of October 1986.

5 Camp Street Laneway & Car park

This is one of the few surviving pieces of laneway that were typical behind the old residences for the use of the *Night-Cart*. The Pan-System was gradually replaced by the Septic System in the 1950's. The *Town Well* which was in this vicinity [since filled in] was the main town water supply for many years from which townspeople carted their water. Permanent town water was turned on in November 1955.

6 Clyde River & Batemans Bay Historical Society Museum

Built in 1905, comprising of Policeman's quarters, Court House, CPS office, Lock-up and stables, this building was occupied by the Batemans Bay Police Service until c1985, moving to temporary quarters on the corner of Beach Road and Herarde Street. The building was given to the Clyde River & Batemans Bay Historical Society to be used as a public museum, which opened in August 1986.

The Museum was moved in 1993 to its present location in Museum Place, to make way for the new Police Station which was officially opened on the 15th March 1995.



7 The Water Gardens a bird-lovers paradise

Created by Bob Rolfe, Buck Buchanan and local volunteers, this land was a travelling stock reserve and swamp.

8 School Residence

Now solicitor offices this building was the original teacher's residence completed on the 4th March 1895 by Mr. C B Smith at a cost of £567.



9 Batemans Bay Public School 1867— 1954

A new school built of sawn slats with battened and shingled roof was completed on the 13th June 1874 at a cost of £140 by contractor George Alexander Wright.

On the 15th January 1894, the pupils moved into a new brick school which contained two classrooms, it was built by Mr. Isley at a cost £470.



In 1956 the land and buildings were transferred to the Eurobodalla Shire Council, on the understanding that it be made available to the CWA who then strove to establish a Baby Health Clinic. Adding extensions which were opened in March 1965, they ran the clinic until 1972, when the Health Commission took over. The CWA rooms relocated to Batehaven in 2004.

10 The Peaks

The first Church of England, *St. Paul's*, with a cemetery attached was built in 1878 on top of the hill now "*The Peaks*" A few of the remaining headstones are preserved in the "*St. Paul's Garden of Remembrance*" within the church grounds in Herarde Street.

A new church was built on a site below on Beach Road, which was dedicated on the 14th of February, 1915 as the first *Church of the Ascension of Our Lord*. On Sunday the 10th of August 1986, the final service was held in this small church, replaced by a modern brick rectory and *Church of the Ascension*, in Herarde Street.



11 Murra Mia Walkway

Officially opened on the 9th November 1991 by Mrs Innes. The walkway was instigated by the then Shire Engineer, Mr Peter Abbottsmith.

12 Public Baths

The tidal shark-proof public baths which were fifty metres long and extended for sixty-five yards into the Clyde River were officially opened on the 11th of December 1939



13 Peppercorn Tree

Arbour Day 1929 was celebrated by the community with the planting of Peppercorn Trees from the Ferry to the I. S. S. N. Co.



14 Annetts Arcade

Mr Richard Annetts bought land and erected a General Store on this site c1905. In 1906 his son, Alfred Herbert and his wife Ethel, took over the store. Alfred was later succeeded by his son Kenneth. Beside the store was the Annetts residence, Alfred and Ethel lived in the residence, until their passing in 1953 and 1958 respectively. The building was sold to Mr Terrence Smith, who named the present development in honour of the Annetts' family.

15 Boatshed

The only remaining wooden building left on the water-front, under threat from advancing "progress"

Still run by the Innes family since 1955, as a boat-hire, fishing and seafood business, the Boatshed has a long history of its own.



Owned by Merv and Robyn Innes it has expanded from a boat-hire business in the 1950's to the popular tourist attraction it is today. Local seafood and daily river cruises help to entertain the many visitors to the Bay.

One of the very few reminders of the beginning of this quaint fishing and timber village, local's and tourist's alike watch and wait for the arrival of the fishing trawler regally returning from sea.